

St John's Clayton

Following Jesus, Making a Difference



"I am the vine; you are the branches.
If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit;
apart from me you can do nothing."
John 15 v5

Annual Report

Year Ending 31st December 2023

OPENING LETTER

By Revd Philippa Slingsby-Lunn and Mrs Penny Silson

As we look back on 2023 at St Johns, as Chair and Vice-Chair of the PCC we are privileged to get to see the overview, like standing on a mountaintop and appreciating the view.

Every year has its ups and downs, and last year was a hard one in many respects. We've had dear members of the church family come and go, we've felt loss and uncertainty, and yet the overriding sense is that God is at work, His Spirit is moving! We are growing in numbers, new people have joined the church family, new services and worshipping communities have thrived, our faith has grown deeper and people are serving in new roles. We are not standing still....things are thriving and we can see God's hand evident in this.

The Bible passage chosen for our Parish Brochure (for potential applicants for the role of Incumbent) speaks directly to this. God is the vine and we are the branches...and if we remain in God we will bear much fruit.

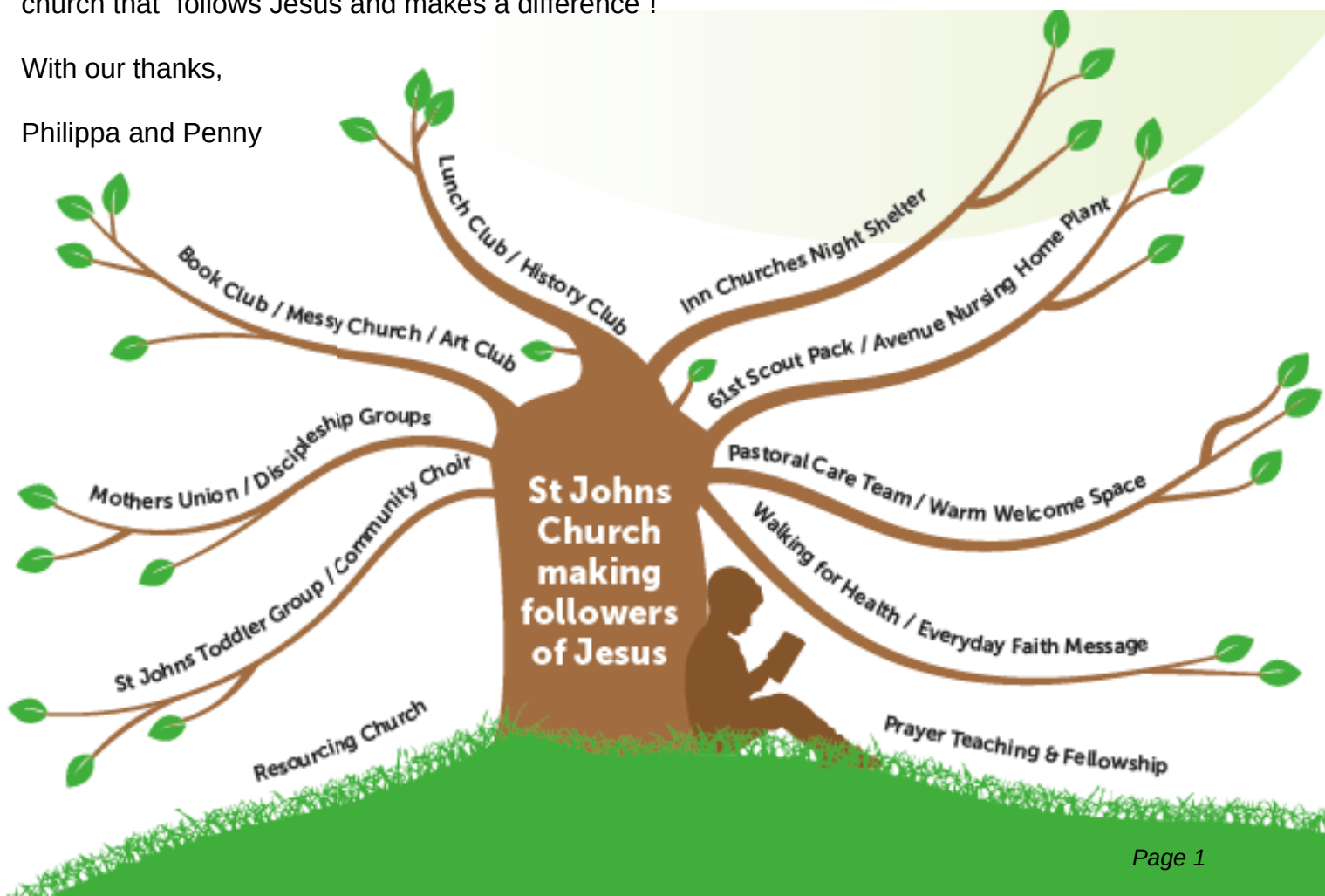
Whilst we are really enthusiastic and looking forward to the appointment of a new vicar, we trust that God will call the right person in His timing. We are so grateful for the strength of the team that we have at St Johns, both lay and clergy alike. Whilst you may not see the clergy every week, as they minister across 3 parishes (Clayton, Allerton and Fairweather Green), we are grateful for everyone who serves both in front and behind the scenes. So a big thank you to you all, as God uses each and every one of us!

As we look ahead at 2024, we are excited about the future because we can feel the Spirit moving. The beginning of 2024 was a culmination of much that happened in 2023 – a Vision Day for the PCC and Action Teams brought a renewed commitment to being a Resourcing Church...watch this space; and a wonderful service of baptism and confirmation welcomed new members into God's family.

As you read this report, we hope that you also will see God's fingerprints, let's continue to be a church that "follows Jesus and makes a difference"!

With our thanks,

Philippa and Penny



AIMS AND PURPOSES

St John the Baptist Clayton Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, currently vacant, in promoting, in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical. We exist to make Followers of Jesus who make a difference wherever they are. As part of the Church of England's national strategy of Renewal & Reform we are one of five designated Resourcing Churches in the Bradford Episcopal Area of the Diocese of Leeds.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The PCC is committed to encouraging as many people as possible to worship at our church and become disciples of Jesus Christ in and through the activities of St. John's.

Our objectives as a **Resourcing Church** over the coming years are:

- To see the continued growth of the church numerically, in faith and in service to our communities.
- To encourage, support and develop our leaders.
- To plant congregations in unreached areas of our parish and to help bring about the Revitalisation of other churches in West Bradford.
- To be a Resource to other churches in the Bradford Episcopal Area of Leeds Diocese.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of St. John's Church & Community Rooms. When planning our activities for the year, the Incumbent and the PCC have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit, and the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

The PCC extends a thank you to sponsors of the work of the parishes, both those who regularly give and one-off grants. The funds received from the Strategic Development Fund for Resourcing Churches has enabled the continued employment of an Administrator and the Mission Apprentice Programme.

Deanery Synod met twice during the year, March and September. In March the CEO of the Children's Society gave an inspirational presentation on the work of the society, and in September we heard from Theo Sheridan-Watts from Wellsprings Together, Jemima Parker, the Diocesan Environment Officer, and Ian Fletcher, the Environment Champion.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Throughout the year the PCC has promoted, encouraged, facilitated, and supported a wide variety of activities:

In our **Worship** we have continued to provide services and experiences that are relevant to the community of Clayton. Festival Services at **Harvest, Remembrance and Mothering Sunday** are times when St Johns welcomes many people into church who are not regular attenders. **Messy Church** has gone from strength to strength and is a valued expression of worship for families, gathering once a month on a Saturday, for craft-based activities, interactive worship and a meal together. Christmas brought our usual wonder plethora of services and events, from the school led **Christingle**, to **Blue Christmas, Carols by Candlelight** and **Nativity** services. Christmas Eve is always special, and our Christmas Day service was no exception. A new monthly service called **Be Still** has taken off, a beautiful space for quiet reflection, with many people watching online afterwards.

The **Community Rooms** continue to be well used, and in the autumn the PCC undertook a review of the community room usage, charges and processes, to ensure the process was working well, was reasonable and worked well for both St Johns and the groups using the space.

Messy Church is now well established and takes place approximately once a month on a Saturday 16.00-18.00. We have had the opportunity to look at the stories of Joshua, Noah, Festivals, Kings, Easter and The Nativity. There are six craft activities, games, interactive videos, and worship songs which has made this a truly special time with families. The session culminates in eating a hot meal together. Great atmosphere, fellowship, and spreading the good news of Jesus occurs. Thanks to the team of 15 leaders, helpers, biscuit and bun bakers who make this such an amazing event. *Penny Silson*

Outreach. Thy Kingdom Come night prayers were hosted again in the church building for the 10 days before Pentecost, and one discipleship group tried a new initiative to connect with young people in Clayton, offering pop and cake with conversation on a Friday evening in the churchyard.

Alpha - Last year we had 18 guests consistently attend the Alpha course each week. We had some great conversations and received some encouraging feedback, including the request for longer discussion time, which was very encouraging that guests were engaging with all aspects of the course!

The Chosen - We watched Season 2 of The Chosen, the average number was 15. We found the following, 100% said they feel like they know more about Jesus and his disciples. 93% agreed that it makes a difference that we watched it together. 7% not. 93% would be interested in watching Season 3. 7% not sure. Comments included, "Watching TV can often feel lonely". Season 3 ASAP! Cliffhanger Ahh".
Pat Harrington

GOODBYES AND HELLOS

Vaughan retired July 2023, after 12 and a half years' service at St Johns. Past, present friend colleagues and parishioners attended a celebratory service to say goodbye and have a really happy retirement!

Revd Daniel Furlong joined us as Curate in July also, and with his family Jo, Ariella and Ezra have become a valued part of the church family.

Our administrator Paul Cowgill left us in October, and we are grateful for all his work. We were fortunate in being able to have a temporary administrator appointment with Christine Pilkington, and we are grateful for her stepping in at very short notice. A permanent role will be advertised in 2024.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING AND PERSONAL GROWTH

The **Little Stars baby and toddler group, (now known as St John's Playgroup)** meets in our Community Rooms every Tuesday morning, and is well attended, often having over 40 babies and toddlers; together with their parent/carers. Kay, our lay-reader, and Lucinda, our Mission Apprentice, go along to every session, to interact with the adults and the children, playing games and singing songs, and building up friendships with this important group of our community.

Playgroup has been very busy as usual lately. We have had visits from Early Years Alliance and Bradford under-fives who come and provide sensory activities for the children. Lucinda has also attended to read to the children. There has been lots of things to celebrate in the last few months, Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day to name but a few. We usually centre a craft activity and are incorporate the theme for our snack time. Since the start of last term, we have acquired some new resources which the children are really enjoying, and we now have a dedicated area cordoned off at the back of the room for ride on bikes and scooters. *Gemma Kehoe*

Kidzone: Over the past year we have had to adapt our teaching on a Sunday morning to the children who come, this has meant either we prepare an activity table at the back of church or a leader takes the children out to undertake a short child friendly scriptural session, because of smaller numbers we only run one group but it has been well received by the children and gives us an opportunity to help them learn and get to know Jesus. Every Sunday during the service the children are taken into the community rooms for a time of teaching appropriate to them. Bible stories, crafts and games help the children get to know Jesus. It is a joy teaching them. Thanks go to all the leaders who regularly forgo their teaching time in the main service so our children get theirs. A training session occurred for all the leaders in April 2024. *Penny Silson*

Our Mission Apprentice, Lucinda, is involved with our **Children's and Youth Ministry**, and works together with others, ecumenically, on the **Pulse** initiative, which has a weekly girl's group, and a weekly boys group, of 11-16 year olds, who get together to have fun, and discuss life issues.

Our **Uniformed Organisations** meet together on a weekly basis, helping the young people to develop physically, mentally and spiritually. The different groups wholeheartedly participated in our services at Remembrance.

Our daytime and evening **Discipleship Groups** continue to meet every week, where lively discussion, prayer and fellowship occurs. One group comments that "we learn such a lot from each other as we explore God's word together. There is always space for new members!" Discipleship Groups are a key way we grow in faith, so if you aren't part of one and think you might like to be, please have a chat to Kay Holden, our lay minister. There are various groups that meet on different days and times, some in people's home and others in church. Do join one! *Penny Silson*

Mother's Union - In 2023 we had a Scripture Market in March. In April we had 5 new members enrolled by Jean Thurman. Dianne Excell joined us in May talking about pilgrimages to Assisi and Oberammergau. Our speaker in June was Maureen Colbert and our speaker in October was Lucinda Cook. We had a group meeting showing our favourite things in November. *Olive Midgley*

Clubbercise gathers for exercise every Wednesday evening and is very popular. Clubbercise is an exercise class completed in the dark with disco lights and glowsticks. Imagine dancing to the latest hits plus some retro tracks to really work up a sweat. Clubbercise is totally inclusive and open to all ages, you can choose the level of workout you complete to fit your fitness level. Mostly female, but there are some men who enjoy a good dance too! The health benefits are exhaustive, from the releasing of endorphins to enjoying a sing-a-long to really pep you up. This year the Clubbercise class is going well ☐ We have a class of about 20 regular 'Clubbers' each week and we regularly welcome in new faces. *Louissa McFarlane*

The **St John's Art Group** meets in our Community Rooms every Thursday morning, from 10am – 12pm, to enjoy art. People are free to paint, draw, or produce any topic they wish. Two hours of complete relaxation and general chatter. New members are always welcome. The art group ran very successfully until the back end of 2023. Since then, membership has reduced, and we have been helped by free room rent by the church which has been very helpful! We have advertised in local press, shops, church news to start a craft club with no success at all. We collect £4 a week from members and this is generally felt to be enough to pay when you consider we also have to buy paper, paint and various other art supplies. With our current membership we are struggling to exist on the present subscription of £30 a week. We would like to continue if we can. *Stuart Downey*

The **Clayton History Group** which meets in St. John's Community Rooms, was founded by Vera Jacques in the late 20th Century. The aim was to investigate and record the past history of

Clayton, its geography, its people, social, ecological and economic and to relate that history to its surroundings. Clayton History Group began on 29th October 1996 with eight founder members. Over the past 28 years the group has steadily grown until our present membership numbers 66. We meet on the second Tuesday of every month, except August, originally in the village library, itself an important part of Clayton's history, having housed the first village school, opened in 1819. When we restarted our meetings after Covid the library was not large enough to house us together with our archive. As a result, we moved to the community rooms in the church, meeting in the afternoon. After support from the Parish Council we changed the times and met for two hours, 1-30 to 3-30 providing refreshments before listening to the speaker for that day. We try to cover a wide range of subjects for our speakers, not just historical, but local topics are well supported. The list of speakers can be found on our website. (<https://e-voice.org.uk/claytonhistorygroup>). On the site are many of the activities that we have done over the years and together with the archive cover a wide range of subjects. Our next aim is to make the archive available for use to provide a permanent history of the local area which will help anybody to research the history of Clayton. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, except August and welcome new members to come and join us. *Hedley Smith*

Clayton Community Choir. The community choir meet on a Thursday in the Community Rooms and have taken part in many concerts and events throughout the year, including Christmas and special services at The Avenue Nursing Home concerts with joint choirs and socials. We are approximately 30 in number and have many events scheduled for this year. *Rowan Russell*

The **Praise Band** is a fantastic asset to Sunday Worship, we are small in number with singers, a saxophonist, a pianist and a drummer. We are learning new worship songs to use in the services and we are always up for welcoming new members. *Rowan Russell*

The church continues to be involved in the life of our local **Primary Schools**. Representatives from the church play their part on Local Governing Bodies at both Clayton St John CofE Primary and Clayton Village Primary School, although since Revd Canon Vaughan Pollard retired there hasn't been a church member on the governing body of Clayton St John CofE Primary. Anyone interested in representing the church in that role please get in touch with a member of the clergy.

Work with **St John's Primary School** is going well. From January our Mission Apprentice, Lucinda, picked up the engagement with the school, with members of the church supporting for school visits to St Johns. From October half-term this passed to curate Revd Daniel Furlong. This has involved regular weekly worship assemblies, alongside a wider programme of worship assemblies headed up by Lucy Brown from Clayton Baptist Church. There has also been good engagement with the church at Harvest, Remembrance, Christmas and plans for school-based Easter services as well. We have also had some RE engagement around welcoming ceremonies within the Christian Tradition. We have engaged with **Clayton Village Primary School** upon their request for major Christian festivals with Revd Daniel providing assemblies on Advent and Christmas and Revd Philippa planning to visit for an Easter assembly. *Daniel Furlong*

St. John's Church Walking Group. We've been going for about 2 years, and certainly the Friday group is going from strength to strength, with up to 20 participants each month. We just do local walks, Ogden, Shibden Park, Roberts Park, Cycle track to Thornton and back, each time trying to finish with a cake and coffee stop, usually walking about 1 -2 miles. The objective of Friday walks is to get people out in the fresh air and in pleasant company. The pace is adjusted to the group walking at the pace of the slowest, stopping and chatting on the way. Soon after we started there was a request for a longer walk and for those working Monday to Friday, so our Saturday group started. These walks are 5-6 miles over slightly more taxing terrain and we go further afield, we have been locally up to Withins Ruins of Bronte fame but also into the lower parts of the Yorkshire Dales. We are very fortunate to have such beautiful countryside on our doorstep and slightly further afield. It is beneficial to escape to the countryside and helps us all recharge both mentally

and physically. If you would like to join us please chat to one of the group or just sign up on the Sign-Up Sheets at the back of Church. *Glyn Tompkins*

St John's Lunch Club has been going for 10 years and continues to thrive, providing a locally sourced, nutritious 3 course meal for up to 40 people for £5 including a free raffle and a quiz. We are a welcoming and caring group, the highlight of many people's week and where many friendships have been formed. We thank Bradford Council Access Bus for transporting some guests in all weathers. The group is run by two teams of amazing volunteers who cook and serve the meals, we thank them for their continued support. We always have a need for relief helpers to cover leave and breaks, so if you would like to help then please do get in touch. We always pray before we serve lunch and trust we show Christ's love in all we do.

Kath Jones and Yvonne Bates

Welcome and Refreshments Teams: How blessed and grateful we are to have a rota of seventeen individuals welcoming people into church every Sunday morning and serving refreshments after the service. People new to St John's have said how welcome they have been made to feel, and having the opportunity to invite someone to join us for coffee enables us to show them what a special place St John's is. Also, as the Access Bus arrives pretty early on a Sunday morning we provide a hot drink to those who want one. Refreshments are also served every Thursday morning after the service of Holy Communion or the time of reflection.

'Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God'. Romans 15:7

Yvonne Bates

Pastoral care at St John's reveals itself through a whole host of individuals in the life of the church. Alongside our ministry team and discipleship group leaders we seek to love and care for our precious church family, in Jesus' name. We offer prayer, friendship and support to those who are ill, bereaved, housebound or just want someone alongside. If there's anything we can help with please feel free to speak to any one of us in confidence.

Remembering with love Margaret Cook who very recently passed away, Margaret was a valued member of The Pastoral Care Team for many years until she needed a bit of TLC herself. Rest in peace dear Margaret ☐☐

'.....love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. If you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples' John 13 : 34-35

Yvonne Bates, Alison Birkinshaw, Pat Harrington, Thelma Horsfall, Penny Silson, Sue Tomkins.

Warm Welcome Space. By definition a Warm Welcome Space is just that - warm, welcoming, inclusive, safe and free of charge, we offer all of that and loads more. We provide endless hot drinks, home baking and fresh fruit. We have had craft tables and sharing of skills and there is an assortment of games but the jigsaw table, chess, quiz and entertainment have become non-negotiable! We have 19 volunteers, with ages ranging from 21-90, all giving so generously of their time and talents, all bringing something unique to these sessions. Warm Welcome Space was a direct response to the energy and cost of living crisis and was planned to cover the winter months, but the energy and cost of living crisis continues and the initiative was so successful that we carried on. The only week we closed was when we were hosting our guests at the Winter Shelter, such is the commitment from our volunteers. There are about 20-25 people attending each session. It really is a very special afternoon, people chatting and getting to know each other, welcoming those coming for the first time, making no judgments, I've been moved on many occasions as I've witnessed acts of real care and kindness. Warm Welcome is a neutral space but our guests know we who run it are all part of St John's and have a heart for Christ and for us who follow Him I would say there is a real sense of God's presence at our Warm Welcome and I pray that for those who don't yet know Him they will catch a glimpse of Him in us.

Remembering with love 'our Barry' and David Bland, two beautiful souls, sadly missed ☐☐ *Yvonne Bates*

A member of our **Clock Winding Team**, Keith, Tim, Mick, Dave, Sue, or Glyn, visits the tower every day to wind the clock, by raising the weights which run it. Spare a thought for them when the clocks go back, as they have to disengage the mechanism, and wait a whole hour, before re-engaging it.

Jean Butterfield is always busy, producing those amazing **flower arrangements** you see each week in church. Money is made available from our church family, who donate for specific Sundays, quite often in memory of a loved one.

St. John's Winter Shelter - In 2022, sadly Inn Churches had to cancel their Winter shelter programme last year due to restrictions imposed by Housing Justice in response to the Covid pandemic. This came at very short notice and we already had 32 volunteers signed up and eager to participate, so we were delighted to be able to host a Winter Shelter at St. John's in 2023, from Mon. 30 Jan. – Mon 6 Feb.

Each night we again hosted up to 12 guests, who would otherwise have been sleeping rough on Bradford's streets, all of whom were very appreciative of the hospitality, good food and warm welcome they enjoyed.

Everything ran very smoothly, apart from long waits experienced for the taxis prebooked by Inn Churches. Midweek Steve changed the taxi firm used and the service was much better.

Many thanks to all who cooked, acted as evening or night shift hosts, all who baked, donated cash or clothing, gave prayer support, cleaned up, locked and unlocked or helped in so many ways to make this possible. Particular thanks also for wider community support, from Clayton W.I. from our Rainbow pack, who made colourful placemats, from Scout and Brownies who generously supported, from local hairstylists Dean and Kath, who offered guests haircuts on Monday evening, from St. John's Community choir, who entertained us on Thursday evenings, and from Katie and Rachel, who offered free benefits advice on the Saturday evening. Last but not least a big thank you to local folk group, The Wild Geese, who gave us a wonderful concert to close our week, as a thank you to all who participated. This event showed off to full effect our newly remodelled and beautifully lit staging at the front of church and was very much enjoyed by guests and volunteers alike. *'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'* Matthew 25:40 – Steve Wood

Our local Care Homes. There are a number of care homes in Clayton. We support **Holly Park** and **Rowanberries**, as requests occur for visits. This year ministry at **The Avenue Nursing home** really took off. We established a New Worshipping Community in February 2023, so *St. John's at The Avenue* was born! As a Resourcing Church within the Bradford Episcopal Area, St. John's has been pleased to offer times of worship, prayer, activities and pastoral and practical support to The Avenue Nursing Home residents, their families, staff and management. The services are monthly and vary between small quiet services of Holy Communion to larger and more vibrant gatherings and activities for special occasions where family members come to join their loved ones.

We have celebrated the gift of Love together on St. Valentine's Day, offered Posies from our Mothers Union on Mothering Sunday, made an Easter Garden recalling our Lord's passion and resurrection, enjoyed Afternoon Tea with a concert from St. John's Community Choir and given thanks at our first Harvest Festival with generous contributions for the Bradford MDC Food Bank. Our Remembrance Sunday Service at The Avenue, another first, was extremely poignant with wreath laying, contributions from Residents and photographs and displays of their military achievements. Carol Singing and a Christmas Service was followed in Epiphany by a Christingle Service, welcoming Jesus as the Light of the World, at the start of the New Year. There have been visits by staff and residents to 'Warm Welcome' in our Community Rooms, visits for activities such as Flower Arranging and the Harvest Festival Service to St. John's Church. Pastoral and end of life spiritual care are regularly requested and responded to, as required.

None of the above would have been possible without the volunteers, clergy and laity at St. John's and the generous 'Welcome' from Ada and the Management at The Avenue, together with the creative, enthusiastic and excellent Activities Co-ordinators Pete, Chloe, Beth and most recently Becky. The residents and families of The Avenue are truly blessed with such caring, skilful, innovative, and professional leaders and St. John's appreciates the continued opportunities to bring together this New Worshipping Community, in Christian fellowship. *Angela Hamilton*

Through the Activity of the **Thornaby Hub** we have played our part in facilitating a Foodbank which eventually developed into a Social Supermarket. We also supported a community initiative to provide emergency food to families in need over Christmas. Following an emergency meeting at the beginning of March with representatives from Clayton churches and Carol and Amanda from The Hub, it was agreed that the churches in Clayton would redirect their Food Bank donations to The Hub which is serving some of our neighbours who have found themselves in need. The Hub has been in receipt of funding from The Household Support Fund which was to be withdrawn at the end of March. The chancellor announced in the budget that this fund would be extended for a further six months, not quite what charities were asking for but it will at least give the Food Bank and other groups a bit of breathing space. The Food Bank is open on Friday afternoons and is serving between 45-55 people a week, a donation of £3 is made where possible. The funding enables a wide range of foodstuffs to be offered, fresh as well as non-perishable, plus toiletries. It's run by a great group of volunteers and there's good rapport between the clients who are supportive of each other.

Thrive at Thornaby Hub - Clayton Baptist Church started **Thrive** in September 2022 which takes place every Tuesday afternoon (3.15pm-5.00pm) in term time. Children, young people and families attend for fun, crafts, games and a delicious meal. Thrive is based on 4 key principles of Fun, Faith, Friendship and Food. A volunteer from St John's supports this work on a weekly basis.
Kay Holden

Bereavement Support. During the past year the staff team has conducted 11 funerals and many burials of ashes. It has been a privilege to meet and minister to people at these sad times immediately after the death of loved ones and in helping to prepare the funeral services. Ongoing pastoral care is given, as appropriate, and families receive a card 6 weeks after the death and on the anniversary. The Annual Memorial Service and Blue Christmas Service has served to give more opportunities to meet and minister.

During 2023 we were sad to record the passing from our church family of Ruth Baldwin, Brian Horsfall, Marian Townsend, and Barry Rushworth. In early 2024 we also lost Margaret Cook, Ann Grimshaw. Our **condolences** to the families and friends of each one. *Pam Coles*

MISSION GIVING

We have continued to support **Bradford Metropolitan Foodbank** with donations of food collected in Church and on the doorstep.

We gave financial and prayer support to several **missionary agencies**. Our local charities were Hope Housing and Christians Against Poverty. National charities: Youth for Christ and the Children's Society. International charities: Open Doors and the Kinkiizi Trust.

MISSION APPRENTICE

In 2023, I started doing weekly assemblies at one of the local schools. It was definitely a learning curve for me but it was a great privilege to have that opportunity. I've been leading services around once a month for over a year now. I also did the Occasional Preachers course at the end of last year which I've been putting into practice, not just at St John's, but also at the churches we resource. *Lucinda Cook*

FABRIC, GOODS & ORNAMENTS

Repairs outlined in the Quinquennial Inspection of 2022 have been started and are ongoing. During the last year all basic repairs to the fabric of the building have been dealt with as deemed necessary and required. This includes work to repair damage to the community room roof that has

caused internal damage to the decor and electrics in the cupboards. Some of this work is still ongoing. Other necessary roof repairs will be completed soon. Safety tests and annual maintenance work to alarms, electrical equipment and fire safety equipment as well as the heating systems have been carried out as required. The main notice board on the Avenue side of church was damaged during the January storms. The works to repair and possibly relocate are ongoing. It was reported to PCC that the Garden of Remembrance walls are now full, and it was agreed to pursue what was needed to extend the facility. On advice from the Diocese, we are having to apply for a faculty that must go directly to the chancellor. This work will now fall into the year 2024/25 and PCC will be kept updated on how the request is proceeding. Please feel free to ask PCC or any member of the estates team about the progress of this very important project. The estates team and PCC would like to thank all those who volunteer to help maintain our church building and grounds. *David Evans and Tim Russell*

SAFEGUARDING

Penny Silson & Rachel Wilkinson are our designated Safeguarding Officers. We are fully compliant on all matters to do with safeguarding, and all appropriate people have a DBS as directed by the Church of England. There has been a change in how often they need renewing for lay personnel from 5 years down to 3 years. All members of PCC, as trustees, must have a DBS and we have complied with this. Training is now available 'online', which means most people find it easy to access.

A comprehensive policy was agreed by PCC in November 2023. PCC representatives have undertaken appropriate training and DBS checks have been done for all appropriate personnel.
Penny Silson

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The **Parochial Church Council (PCC)** met six times during the year.

PCC members who have served since the last APCM are:

Incumbent:	Revd Canon Vaughan Pollard
Interim Associate Minister:	Revd Philippa Slingsby-Lunn (Chair)
Associate Priest:	Revd Pamela Coles
Assistant Curate:	Revd Daniel Furlong
Churchwardens:	Tim Russell
Elected Members:	Lynn Hammill. Rachel Rhodes. Simon Russell (Treasurer). David Evans. Rachel Wilkinson. Lynne Winter (PCC Secretary from November 2022). John Lynch.
Deanery Representatives:	Angela Hamilton. Penny Silson (Vice-Chair)
Reader:	Kay Holden
Ex Officio Minute Secretary:	Paul Cowgill (Until October 2022)

The three **Action Teams**, Mission & Ministry, Estates, and Governance, met regularly throughout the year and continue to feed into the PCC agenda.

ELECTORAL ROLL

There are exactly 100 members on the 2024 Electoral Roll.
65 Women & 35 Men. 78 live in the Parish.

Additions – 2

Removals – 2, 1 due to death and the other leaving the Parish.

Meeting of Parishioners & Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 2nd April 2023

Agenda

Appointment of Chair and Secretary for both meetings

Opening Prayer

Meeting of the Parishioners

Election of Churchwardens for 2023/24

APCM Meeting

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Approval of Minutes of Annual Meeting 2022
3. Elections of PCC Representatives
4. Presentation of the Annual Report
5. Presentation of Church Accounts for year ended December 2022
6. Appointment of Examiner for 2023 Church Accounts
7. Any Other Business
8. Close in Prayer

Meeting of Parishioners & Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 2nd April 2023

Minutes

Appointment of Chair and Secretary for both meetings

We need, in the absence of Rev. Canon Vaughan Pollard and of Rev. Philippa Slingsby-Lunn - who is taking a service over at St. Peter's, Allerton today, to appoint someone to the role of Chair. The PCC has asked Penny Silson to take that role, and to 'Chair' the meeting. David Evans proposed this, and Paul Cowgill seconded that proposal.

Opening Prayer

Penny Silson opened the meeting with thoughtful prayer.

Meeting of the Parishioners

Election of Churchwardens for 2023/24

The meeting for the election of churchwardens was declared "Open."

Heartfelt thanks were given to David Evans who is now stepping down as the Churchwarden, for all his hard work over the years.

It was explained that Churchwardens serve for a period of up to six years, being re-elected every year. St. John's, Clayton can have two. However, this year we are re-structuring so that alongside a named churchwarden, there are a team of deputy churchwardens, so that this becomes more of a team role. The churchwarden is a nominated and elected role, whereas the deputy churchwardens are informal roles by invitation of the vicar.

For churchwarden we have one nomination, namely for Tim Russell. The attendees at the meeting were asked if there were any other nominations, but there were not. Since there were no more than two nominations, there was not a requirement for an election, and Tim Russell was appointed to the named role of Churchwarden. Tim Russell was proposed by Penny as the new churchwarden and the proposal was carried unanimously.

David Evans gave thanks for Tim Russell being prepared to take on the role of Churchwarden but mentioned that he has done so on the proviso that he will act in conjunction with these deputy churchwardens.

The Deputy Churchwardens were named as:

Yvonne Bates
David Evans
Pat Harrington
John Lynch
Glyn Tompkins

The Election of Churchwardens meeting was declared "Closed."

APCM Meeting

The APCM meeting was declared “Open.”

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from:

Rev Canon Vaughan Pollard
Rev Philippa Slingsby-Lunn
Adrian Hamilton
Angela Hamilton
Lynn Hammill
Kay Holden
Peter Holden
Charles Wilkinson
Rachel Wilkinson
Steve Wood

2. Approval of Minutes of Annual Meeting 2022

The minutes from last year were proposed to be accepted as an accurate record. Rowan Russell, proposed John Lynch seconded. No matters were arising from last year's minutes.

3. Elections of PCC Representatives

Deanery Synod

There is one vacancy for a Deanery Synod representative, (they serve for 3 years), and there are two meetings per year, one in September and one in March. No nominations have been received, and Penny Silson asked if anyone might be interested in having a position on the Deanery. There was no immediate response.

PCC

We have four vacancies for PCC representatives, and have received two nominations, namely David Evans, and John Lynch. Since there are less than four nominations, no election is required, and these two persons are duly nominated. John Lynch was accepted onto the PCC. Pat Harrington proposed, Rowan Russell seconded. David Evans was accepted onto the PCC. Rowan Russell proposed, Olive Midgley seconded.

4. Presentation of the Annual Report

Thanks were given for all those who have helped to produce the Annual Report and that report represents a testament to all the hard work of the people in the church of St. John's, Clayton.

Rowan Russell gave thanks to all of those who have contributed and who help with the work of the church. Penny Silson declared that there is an ‘army of volunteers’ who

make the church run from day-to-day. The PCC would also like to place on record their gratitude to Godfrey Turner, our recently retired organist, for his many years of service to the church.

As a church family we have lost several highly beloved members this year, and we grieve for their loss.

5. Presentation of Church Accounts for year ended December 2022

Simon Russell presented the accounts and highlighted a few points. Overall, it has been a good year in terms of income over expenditure, although there have been some expenses as new work has been done on the church.

The combined salaries of the Mission Apprentices and the Operations Administrators come from the Strategic Development Fund and the church must contribute £1000 a year.

Our mission-giving this year so far is only £250 whereas the previous year it was £5000 for the entire year. As such we ought to ensure our giving is on a more regular basis throughout the year. As it stands, our mission partners will get more money later in the year. £23,000 of the Share was paid in December. The figure of sundries of £2,619 covers a broad range of expenses - it is the bits and pieces that are needed for the day to day running of the church. Energy costs are expected to rise and to be substantially higher this year.

The stone tablets in the Garden of Remembrance need invoicing, although those invoices are indeed ready to be verified and to go out, they are long-overdue, and need a covering letter of apology for this delay. They need to be sent out as swiftly as possible. The Garden of Remembrance itself is limited, in as much as it only has four stones left available. There was a proposal to extend the Garden of Remembrance, and Estates will begin this process.

Simon Russell expressed his thanks to John Lynch who has worked extensively with him in this his first year as treasurer. Thanks, were also expressed for Jo Royal who is the independent assessor and has offered her services for no fee. Penny Silson gave thanks to Simon Russell as the treasurer for all the challenging work that he has done this year and extended to him the full assurance of the support of the PCC. for him in his role.

6. Appointment of Examiner for 2023 Church Accounts

Jo Royal will be appointed the independent examiner for next year.

7. Any Other Business

Heartfelt thanks were expressed to Pam Coles for all the hard work that she does.

David gave thanks to the church congregation for all the extra help that they bring to the smooth running of St. John's at Clayton. He also gave thanks to Lucinda Cook, our Mission Apprentice for all her hard work over the past year.

The Rev. Canon Vaughan Pollard is expected to be back at work soon. The PCC has learned a lot this year and will take forward those lessons learned. Penny Silson mentioned that Lucinda Cook is due to finish as our mission apprentice in November, but there will be an opportunity to have more mission apprentices soon. In July our new curate, Daniel Furlong will be starting.

Our community projects this year have been very successful. David Evans mentioned that the Clayton Community Choir is appreciated by the church, and that a new keyboard has been bought with money which has come from Clayton Parish Council.

Penny Silson reiterated the vision of the Community Rooms, that they were there to provide an engagement with the community, and that the PCC is fully committed to a revisioning of that purpose with the community. Humility is a big part of being a church, and the PCC want people to inform them of any innovative ideas or enhancements that they may have, and of ways in which they can take the love of Christ out into the community.

The date of the next ordinary PCC meeting was set as Tuesday the 9th of May, at which meeting the Treasurer needs to attend, and that the scheduled day for the regular meetings of the PCC may well change to accommodate the attendance of the Treasurer.

8. Close in Prayer

Penny Silson closed the meeting with reflective prayer.

List of Attendees

David Allan	David Evans	David Prosser
Janet Bailey	Pat Harrington	Rachel Rhodes
Joyce Broughton	Margaret Heaton	Rowan Russell
Jean Butterfield	Frank Hiley	Tim Russell
Pam Coles	Thelma Horsfall	Simon Russell
	Maureen	Florence
Lucinda Cook	Kershaw	Russell
Paul Cowgill	Brenda Lee	Michael Silson
David Crowther	Brian Lee	Penny Silson
Kate Crowther	John Lynch	Freda Topham
Angela Dobson	Molly Malone	Lynne Winter
Carol Evans	Olive Midgley	John Winter

St John's Church Clayton PCC

End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 2023

Treasurers Report

We have had big increases in our gas and electricity over the year, and quite a lot of our costs have risen. We also continue to work with the other churches as part of the resourcing network, and this will continue.

We made the decision to hold off some of the share payment, as we are aware there is some work needed on both the building and the rooms, and we need to make sure we have a contingency in place for this. We aim to pay more of the share in 2024 if circumstances allow. We have acknowledged our commitment to our mission partners and will be sending some money across to all 5 of our partners to help support the incredible work they do.

The generosity of people in the church community is inspiring, and this forms the basis of everything we are able to do financially. I want to personally thank all of you for your kindness, and support of the church, and look forward to this continuing into 2024.

Simon Russell.

Treasurer

Bank account descriptions

HSBC Current Account 1 - Code 6501

This is an HSBC Community Current Account for the combined General Fund, Development fund and Garden of Rest income and expenditure.

HSBC Current Account 2 - Code 6502

This is an HSBC Community Current Account for the accumulated interest from Harrison Benn Trust Fund and Wilman Clock & Tower fund.

Nat West Current Account – Code 6506

The Vicars Discretionary fund was opened at the same time as Harrison Benn Trust Fund in 1917 to be run by the incumbent Vicar. This was continued until August 1998 when the Treasurer was asked to take over the accounting.

Active Trust Funds

HARRISON BENN TRUST Fund [Restricted]

In March 1917 Mr. Harrison Benn presented the Church with a Trust Deed for the sum of £12,000. This was duly invested in 2.75% Irish Land Stock. In 1964 the then Treasurer, Mr. Fred Kershaw in conjunction with the Diocesan Board of Finance put forward proposals to re-invest this Trust and by January 1965 the stock had been sold raising £10,148.80p. This sum was transferred to the Central Board of Finance Investment Fund and purchased 12,746 shares.

The capital cannot be withdrawn, however the interest from the sum invested is apportioned, at the benefactor's request for the benefit of the church as follows:

A & B each of 5/30ths - These were joined together in 1985 making 10/30th's to be used towards the Expenses of the Vicar, Curate or Assistant Curate or any other person employed in carrying out the duties or some of the duties usually undertaken by a Vicar or Curate.

C - 4/30th's to augment the Salary of the Organist & Choirmaster after a Salary of £25 per annum has been provided by the Vicar and Churchwardens.

D - 2/30th's to be used for the cleaning and repairing of the Robes for the Clergy, Choir and Organist, also for the purchase of Cassocks & Surplices to be used by Choir.

E - 2/30th's to be used for the repair and improvement of the organ and its accessories, if the Interest accumulates to £500 over 25 years it is up to the Vicar, Organist & Choirmaster at the time to decide its use

F - 1/30th to repair of the Church Fabric including the lychgate and pathways appurtenant to the Church

G - 3/30th's for the polishing, repairing, and renewing of the marble, onyx, alabaster, precious stones and mosaic work in the Church including mural tablets. Once the interest has accumulated to £400 over 25 years the interest has to be used for the purpose of sub - clause [F].

H - 3/30th's for the upkeep of the Church House. In 1967 Church House was sold and therefore the interest was transferred to sub - clause [F] and F, G & H were combined to make 7/30th's of Interest apportioned to the repair of Fabric.

I - 2/30th's for carrying on of Sunday school attached to the Church.

J - 3/30th's for the poor of the Church to be administered by the Vicar and used at his or her sole discretion.

K - No portion to be used for paying of the Church Insurance.

12,746 Shares held in Central Board of Finance Investment Fund @ £22.6053 at 29th December 2022

Shares	2023	2022	2021
12,746	£288,127	£264,542	£300,261

WILMAN CLOCK & TOWER FUND [Restricted]

A trust Deed was opened for Clock maintenance by Ernest Wilman and is held by the Church Commissioners in the Central Board of Finance Investment Fund as 65 Shares. Interest is paid quarterly into the bank where it is left to accumulate until it is required.

Shares	2023	2022	2021
65	1.469	£1,348	£1,531

CHURCH HOUSE TRUST ACCOUNT [Restricted]

The Trust Deed was made on the 2nd March 1967 and was based on the sale of the Church House, Nursery Road, Clayton (now The Village Hall) and the Funds that the administrative Trustees had accumulated. This amounted to £6,910 and was invested in various Corporations. As they matured, they were re-invested in the Central Board of Finance.

2,709 Shares held in Central Board of Finance Investment Fund @ 1032.60 at 31st December 2011 and 3,184 Shares in CCLA Fixed Interest Securities Fund @ 163.77 at 31st December 2011.

In 2011 the trustees applied to the Charity Commission for the trust aims to be widened to include new building works at the church. The shares were subsequently sold and the proceeds used towards the building of the Community Rooms. The P.C.C received the income of £31,263.95 after legal costs, on 19 October 2011. The trust remains in place with the trust assets invested in the Community Rooms, representing approx. 6.73% of the building cost of £465,000 for the Community Rooms.

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St. John's Clayton Annual Accounts 2023
Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestrict ed funds	Restrict ed funds	Endowme nt funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds	-	-	-	-	-
Voluntary income	99,843.77	-	-	99,843.77	95,504.84
Activities for generating funds	160.00	-	-	160.00	971.10
Investment income	9.93	7,905.99	-	7,915.92	7,872.38
Incoming resources from charitable activities	15,647.60	-	-	15,647.60	8,713.90
Other incoming resources	1,722.80	-	-	1,722.80	-
Total income	117,384.10	7,905.99	-	125,290.09	113,062.22
Resources used					
Cost of generating funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cost of generating voluntary income	2,625.00	-	-	2,625.00	-
Fundraising trading cost of goods sold and other costs	277.00	-	-	277.00	-
Charitable activities	103,781.17	60.00	-	103,841.17	149,161.06
Governance costs	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	106,683.17	60.00	-	106,743.17	149,161.06
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	10,700.93	7,845.99	-	18,546.92	(36,098.84)
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	-	-	-	10,181.24
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	-	-	-	(10,181.24)
Net movement in funds	10,700.93	7,845.99	-	18,546.92	(36,098.84)
Total funds brought forward	5,095.04	14,232.95	-	19,327.99	55,426.83
Total funds carried forward	15,795.97	22,078.94	-	37,874.91	19,327.99

Balance Sheet detailed

Class and code	Description	As at 31/12/2023	As at 31/12/2022
Current assets			
6501	HSBC Current account 1	17,864.42	7,173.42
6502	HSBC Current Account 2	20,219.80	12,363.88
6506	Nat West Current Account	2,706.23	2,706.23
6590	Petty Cash	286.57	286.57
	Total Current assets	41,077.02	22,530.10
Liabilities			
6601	Loans received	-	-
6699	Agency collections	3,202.11	3,202.11
	Total Liabilities	3,202.11	3,202.11
	Net Asset surplus (deficit)	37,874.91	19,327.99
Represented by Funds			
	General (Unrestricted)	6,020.44	(4,680.49)
	Designated	9,775.53	9,775.53
	Restricted	22,078.94	14,232.95
	Total	37,874.91	19,327.99

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code)

Class and nominal code	General	Designate d	Restrict ed	Endowment	Total	Last year
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
6501: HSBC Current account 1	5,550.58	10,068.03	2,245.81	-	17,864.42	7,173.42
6502: HSBC Current Account 2	(1.71)	(292.50)	20,514.01	-	20,219.80	12,363.88
6506: Nat West Current Account	-	-	2,706.23	-	2,706.23	2,706.23
6590: Petty Cash	471.57	-	(185.00)	-	286.57	286.57
Total	6,020.44	9,775.53	25,281.05	-	41,077.02	22,530.10
Liability - Agency Accounts						
6699: Agency collections	-	-	3,202.11	-	3,202.11	3,202.11
Total	-	-	3,202.11	-	3,202.11	3,202.11
Net total assets	6,020.44	9,775.53	22,078.94	-	37,874.91	19,327.99
Represented by						
General (Unrestricted)	6,020.44	-	-	-	6,020.44	(4,680.49)
Designated - GardenRest	-	7,562.03	-	-	7,562.03	7,562.03
Designated - ORGAN	-	140.00	-	-	140.00	140.00
Designated - Roof	-	408.45	-	-	408.45	408.45
Designated - Scouts	-	1,665.05	-	-	1,665.05	1,665.05
Restricted - HarBenn	-	-	18,333.40	-	18,333.40	10,517.64
Restricted - Lunch	-	-	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Restricted - Sick-Poor	-	-	2,314.93	-	2,314.93	2,314.93
Restricted - Wilman	-	-	430.61	-	430.61	400.38
Total	6,020.44	9,775.53	22,078.94	-	37,874.91	19,327.99

Analysis of income and expenditure

					Total	
	Unrestrict ed	Designat ed	Restrict ed	Endowme nt	This year	Last year
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
0101 - Gift Aided Donations - Bankers Orders	44,412.00	-	-	-	44,412.00	50,104.50
0110 - Gift Aided Donations - Envelopes	1,520.00	-	-	-	1,520.00	654.00
0201 - Weekly Envelopes, SO's & Other Planned D	360.00	-	-	-	360.00	2,146.50
0301 - Loose plate collections	2,547.77	-	-	-	2,547.77	3,679.68
0401 - Regular gift days	-	-	-	-	-	-
0501 - One-off Gift Aided gifts	1,798.44	-	-	-	1,798.44	619.40
0502 - One-off Non Gift Aided gifts	-	-	-	-	-	860.60

0550 - Donations, appeals etc	150.00	-	-	-	150.00	40.00
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	11,030.41	-	-	-	11,030.41	12,460.70
0701 - Legacies	-	-	-	-	-	-
0801 - Recurring grants	36,087.52	-	-	-	36,087.52	11,939.46
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	1,937.63	-	-	-	1,937.63	6,000.00
0901 - Other funds generated	-	-	-	-	-	7,000.00
0910 - Fundraising Activities	-	-	-	-	-	136.10
1220 - Bookstall sales - fund raising	-	-	-	-	-	-
1240 - Church hall lettings - fund raising	160.00	-	-	-	160.00	835.00
1001 - Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	9.93
1020 - Bank and building society interest	9.93	-	7,905.99	-	7,915.92	7,862.45
1030 - Rent from lands or buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Incoming resources from generated funds Totals	100,013.70	-	7,905.99	-	107,919.69	104,348.32
Incoming resources from charitable activities						
0560 - Fees for Events & Trips - Mission Relate	-	-	-	-	-	-
0570 - Fees for Mission Courses	-	-	-	-	-	-
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	6,340.00	-	-	-	6,340.00	2,439.00
1202 - Video's and Extras for Weddings	-	-	-	-	-	103.15
1203 - Verger and Organist fees	-	-	-	-	-	986.00
1230 - Church hall lettings - objectives	4,227.60	-	-	-	4,227.60	4,083.75
1330 - Garden of Rest - Income	5,080.00	-	-	-	5,080.00	1,102.00
Incoming resources from charitable activities Totals	15,647.60	-	-	-	15,647.60	8,713.90
Other incoming resources						
1310 - Insurance claims	1,722.80	-	-	-	1,722.80	-
Other incoming resources Totals	1,722.80	-	-	-	1,722.80	-
Incoming resources Grand totals	117,384.10	-	7,905.99	-	125,290.09	113,062.22
RESOURCES USED						
Cost of generating funds						
1710 - Costs of applying for grants	2,625.00	-	-	-	2,625.00	-
2510 - Books/Calendars/Publications for sale	277.00	-	-	-	277.00	-
Cost of generating funds Totals	2,902.00	-	-	-	2,902.00	-
Charitable activities						
1804 - Mission Giving	-	-	-	-	-	215.00
1910 - Parish share	24,000.00	-	-	-	24,000.00	54,801.00
2003 - Youth Worker Salary & Expenses	12,139.21	-	-	-	12,139.21	686.16
2040 - Caretaker Salary & Expenses	218.50	-	-	-	218.50	2,451.98
2050 - Salary of Parish Administrator	26,286.35	-	-	-	26,286.35	13,841.76
2100 - Vicar & Curates Expenses	1,868.96	-	-	-	1,868.96	1,573.66
2201 - Outreach Initiatives	864.71	-	-	-	864.71	505.98
2202 - Children	-	-	-	-	-	146.61
2203 - Sick and Poor	563.48	-	-	-	563.48	670.00
2205 - Youth	89.33	-	-	-	89.33	235.17
2230 - Mission & Evangelism (Alpha, DPYK etc)	394.27	-	-	-	394.27	265.00
2250 - Homegroups, Welcome Teas	-	-	-	-	-	146.42
2270 - Music, Licences and Sanctuary Costs	1,536.08	-	-	-	1,536.08	899.22
2301 - Church running - insurance	5,372.70	-	-	-	5,372.70	5,015.05
2310 - Stationary, telephone	3,596.59	-	-	-	3,596.59	3,085.29
2330 - Church maintenance	5,035.20	-	-	-	5,035.20	7,293.24
2340 - Quinquennial Repairs	-	-	-	-	-	-
2360 - Sundries	1,221.11	-	60.00	-	1,281.11	4,659.62
2370 - Care Club Stationery, Materials, Sundries	-	-	-	-	-	743.00
2380 - Garden of Rest Tablets and Upkeep	3,053.60	-	-	-	3,053.60	-
2401 - Church running - electric	5,396.80	-	-	-	5,396.80	2,789.55
2410 - Church running - gas	5,669.82	-	-	-	5,669.82	4,112.96
2420 - Church running - water	669.46	-	-	-	669.46	431.12
2700 - Major Repairs to Church Buildings	-	-	-	-	-	4,872.60
2900 - New Building work to Church, Hall etc.	5,805.00	-	-	-	5,805.00	39,720.67
3000 - Vicars Fees To Diocese	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities Totals	103,781.17	-	60.00	-	103,841.17	149,161.06
Governance costs						
2601 - Governance costs examination/audit fee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Governance costs Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other resources used						
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Harrison Benn Fund 2023

H Benn Trust

Income	Proportion	1/3	2/15	1/15	1/15	7/30	0/30	1/15	1/10	
	Purpose	Curacy	Organist	Choir	Organ	Fabric	Marble	Sunday Sch	Vicars Disc	
Carried Forward 2022		£2,858.22	£220.24	£404.98	£641.48	£1,786.04	£400.14	£990.08	£3,221.45	£10,522.63
Interest Feb 23	1990.93	663.64	265.46	132.73	132.73	464.55	0.00	132.73	199.09	
Interest May 23	1947.59	649.20	259.68	129.84	129.84	454.44	0.00	129.84	194.76	
Interest Aug 23	1947.59	649.20	259.68	129.84	129.84	454.44	0.00	129.84	194.76	
Interest Nov 23	1989.65	663.22	265.29	132.64	132.64	464.25	0.00	132.64	198.97	
Totals		<u>£5,483.47</u>	<u>£1,270.34</u>	<u>£930.03</u>	<u>£1,166.53</u>	<u>£3,623.72</u>	<u>£400.14</u>	<u>£1,515.13</u>	<u>£4,009.03</u>	£18,398.39
Expenditure		Curacy	Organist	Choir	Organ	Fabric	Marble	Sunday Sch	Vicars Disc	
Bank Charges		£60.00								
Total Expenditure		<u>£60.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	
H Benn Balances Carry Forward		<u>5,423.47</u>	<u>1,270.34</u>	<u>930.03</u>	<u>1,166.53</u>	<u>3,623.72</u>	<u>400.14</u>	<u>1,515.13</u>	<u>4,009.03</u>	<u>£18,338.39</u>

Independent Examiner's Report to the P.C.C. of Clayton Parish Church, Bradford.

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2023, in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993 ('the Act').

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 43(2) of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

No matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in all material respects the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act and, to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act, have been met.

Dated: 31st March 2023

Joanne Royle
Auditor

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Treasurer

Timothy Russell
Churchwarden

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