

Parochial Church Council of St Oswald's Sowerby Annual Trustees Report for the year ended 31 December 2020

Incumbent: in vacancy
Assistant Priest: Revd Pauline Percy

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Administrative information

St Oswald's Church is situated in Sowerby in North Yorkshire. It is part of the Diocese of York within the Church of England. The current correspondence address is: 162 Front Street, Sowerby YO7 1JN

Members of the Parochial Church Council

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. In 2020 the APCM was on 22 November 2020.

During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Churchwardens (<i>ex officio</i>):	David Tucker (joint Vice Chair) Simon Birkbeck (joint Vice Chair)
Assistant Priest (<i>ex officio</i>):	Revd Pauline Percy
Reader	David Brooke
Recognised Parish Assistants	Cecily Rands Helen Irving Yvonne Bowling
Deanery Synod (<i>ex officio</i>)	Gayle Hartley Sue Binns Jill Drew

Elected Members from 22 November 2020

<i>Retiring 2021</i>	John Kennedy Maureen Carr Pauline Alderson (Standing Committee) Morna Stoakley
<i>Retiring 2022</i>	Yvonne Bowling Richard Halkyard Andrew McCormack Graham Merriam (Treasurer) (Standing C'tee)
<i>Retiring 2023</i>	Helen Irving (Standing Committee) David Brooke Jane Jackson

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. It operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is registered as a separate charity with the Charity Commission.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

In normal circumstances the full PCC meets six times a year or more as needed. (During the Covid-19 pandemic the PCC has met using Zoom.) The PCC is supported by the Standing Committee, consisting of Church-wardens, Treasurer and Secretary and Children and Youth Worker. In addition, there are a few working groups which report to PCC. Our Deanery Synod Representatives attend meetings during the year and report back to the PCC.

Objectives of the PCC

St Oswald's PCC works during the vacancy with the Area Dean the Rev Fiona Mayer-Jones in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also responsible for the management and maintenance of Sowerby Parochial Hall and Annexe. The Church, the Parochial Hall and the Annexe are normally well-used and valued community assets and a base for our service to members of the congregation and wider outreach to the parish as a whole. Sadly, during the pandemic, we have not been able to use the buildings to their normal extent.

Our Mission

At St Oswald's our Aims and Purposes are that we try to live out Jesus' call to love God and to love our neighbour.

Review of the year: Achievements and Performance

It can fairly be said that 2020 was a year unlike any other in living memory because of two factors: The Coronavirus pandemic and the continuing vacancy.

It was dominated by the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic which emerged at the start of the year. Almost all aspects of church fellowship, such as a greeting each other, sitting together, the peace, taking communion and singing, were potent spreaders of the virus and were, therefore, largely proscribed during the year. The national response to the pandemic imposed massive restrictions on the normal freedoms of movement, association and worship and disrupted normal church life immensely.

St Oswald's is normally open every day during daylight, but from 17 March 2020, following Government guidelines and on the advice of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, it was closed for all regular services, and later in the year only open for private prayer on Mondays and Thursdays. When services resumed, a socially distanced seating plan was implemented, no singing was allowed and all attending had to wear face coverings. Late in the year a small choir was permitted, pursuant to advice from the Diocese.

The St Oswald's weekly news-sheet and the monthly Saints Alive magazine, which had been circulated as paper copies, were very rapidly and effectively converted to email format, giving new opportunities for input. The news sheet was expanded to include reflections, prayers and internet links to hymns and songs in order to facilitate worship at home. Printed copies were delivered to those without internet access.

Several services were pre-recorded and published on YouTube. We then began live, on-line services using the Zoom video-conferencing service. We have held Zoom services at fortnightly intervals since September 2020. 'Morning Praise' on the 1st Sunday and 'Worship for All' on the 3rd Sunday. These are followed by 'virtual' coffee time in breakout rooms.

Many people have valued the opportunity to talk to each other which this provides. A special mention must be made of the work of Lay Reader David Brooke in organising this and in providing the leadership at many of these services. Christingle, Carol and Crib services were also held on Zoom in December.

These fortnightly services alternated with services of Holy Communion every other week in church. We are tremendously grateful to both Rev Pauline Percy and Rev Sandra Howells in being able to hold these services along with a mid-week communion service.

Funerals were only able to take place with very limited numbers of people attending, at one stage at the graveside only, in order to reduce the chance of transmission of the virus. Crematoria were similarly extremely restricted in how many people were allowed to attend. Grateful thanks are due to Rev Pauline Percy, Rev Sandra Howells and other visiting clergy for conducting these services and to John Kennedy for his commitment and service in the role of sexton, and to the sidespersons who assist.

Confirmations, baptisms and weddings were entirely deferred.

Youth work and work with children and families has always been a strength of St Oswald's, and this was very much the case during the pandemic. Pauline Alderson and Helen Irving along with their supporting team were responsible for maintaining this work to a very high degree, and even to increase contacts. Making use of Zoom, delivering bags with craft materials, Bible stories and creative prayer resources for each youth & kids club member, and even running the annual Holiday Club by Zoom. We held a Messy Church in a bag at Pentecost, a family Treasure Hunt around Sowerby and a celebration of Saints as our alternative to Halloween in October which ran alongside a Saints & Light Treasure Hunt in Sowerby village.

The Little Wonders toddler group set up meetings on Zoom for parents or carers with pre-school children and a private Facebook group for keeping in touch. Craft & activity bags were delivered to all the families who meet weekly during term time. Some new families have joined.

'Open The Book', taking Bible stories into primary schools in the form of short acted-out dramas, continued in Sowerby, Sessay and Keeble Gateway Schools through January and February. This was then suspended as no visitors were allowed in schools. However, the 'Open The Book' team managed to record a Nativity in December 2020 which was then shown in four primary schools.

Godly Play, which makes use of the new Godly Play room in the Annexe and also by visits to schools, was unable to function in this form. However, the Godly Play leaders from Sowerby Methodist Church have led two of the Kids Club sessions per month via Zoom, using Godly Play stories and Feast sessions.

A number of events which are both a means of contact with the wider parish and a source of income were impossible during 2020. The Daffodil Festival at Easter and the autumn Coffee Cakes and Crafts event both had to be cancelled. There was however an outdoor, socially distanced Summer Fair held on the field near the annexe on 31 August.

Although there was no public service on Remembrance Sunday 8 November a small Act of Remembrance took place at the war memorial and the church was beautifully decorated with flowers and the outside walls with knitted poppies. Many thanks to Barbara Thornton and her team for continuing to provide flower arrangements and to Kath Reynard for tending the outdoor planters.

A Lent course was commenced in Orchid House, but this had to be curtailed as the pandemic intervened. A small study group amongst members from the 5 parishes was held in the autumn using Zoom which proved to be successful and will continue in 2021.

The annual meetings, which should normally take place early in the year, were postponed and eventually took place by Zoom on 22 November.

Giving, Mission and Community

We continued to support Jigsaw Kids Ministries in the Philippines through regular gifts to CMS (to support their mission partner Tim Lee) and to Jigsaw directly. This project was also adversely affected by Covid-19, and the support of churches in the UK was vital to their continuance. We were inspired to hear from Tim Lee at one of our Zoom services about the ways in which Jigsaw had responded and adapted during the pandemic to meet the needs of the community it serves.

We regularly support Thirsk Community Works in their service to the wider community. Our harvest gifts and occasional offerings on special services (e.g., Christmas) have been given to them. We have a box in church available for non-perishable food donations towards their food bank.

A diocesan mission weekend was held between 13th and 15th March with the title, 'Come and See'. We organised or participated in various events in the parish including an event with Bishop John at Orchid House, a Men's Breakfast, a special Messy Church and a 'Ladies Pamper Evening'.

The Parochial Hall is a valued community asset. During the pandemic almost all activities there, both church-related and community bookings, ceased. The 100 Club which raises funds towards the running costs was able to continue.

Pastoral work: The disruption caused by the pandemic, including the postponement of some hospital operations and radical changes in GP and dental services, together with loneliness caused by being unable to have visitors or get out to socialise, contributed to a high level of anxiety and distress in the community. Our pastoral Recognised Parish Assistants (RPA), Cecily Rands and Yvonne Bowling continued their support of elderly and vulnerable people as far as the Coronavirus restrictions allowed. A telephone support line was set up to keep in regular touch with members of the congregation during the first lockdown.

The 'Singing for Joy' sessions at Orchid House, Sowerby took place in January and February and a 'This is my story, this is my song' event (part of the 'Come and See' weekend in March) was enjoyed and well attended. Sadly, these sessions had to be stopped as a result of pandemic restrictions, but an out of doors half hour of carol singing brought a bit of Christmas cheer to residents in December.

The Mothers' Union remained in touch with members by letter. Meetings were not possible. The Prayer Circle continued to operate throughout 2020 to support those in particular need of prayer. Many thanks to Jill Drew for coordinating this.

Farming chaplaincy: Yvonne Bowling continued her work as an assistant chaplain working under Rev Dianne Gamble to provide support to the farming community at the Auction Mart located in the parish.

Ecumenical relations: St Oswald's values the covenant with the Methodist Church, but the pandemic prevented most ecumenical activities, including the Easter and Harvest parish leaflet distribution. However, a joint Christmas card (with the Salvation Army) was distributed using the delivery team. The children and youth team have continued to work ecumenically and joint online services were produced to celebrate Pentecost and Harvest.

Churches Together: the normal Easter Walk of Witness and Christmas carol service could not take place. There was however a community drive-in carol service held at Thirsk Auction Mart on 20 December. This was very well supported with up to 100 cars attending each of two sessions.

Safeguarding

Elizabeth Allen continues as our Safeguarding Officer. All PCC members are DBS checked and must complete a Confidential Declaration Form and complete an on-line safeguarding training course. St Oswald's PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishop's guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Financial review: 2020 has been a challenging year. The PCC recognised early on that Covid-19 was likely to impact heavily on not only the PCC's finances but our ability to meet our Freewill Offering of £61,200 to York Diocese. An appeal to the congregation raised just over £15,000 including Gift Aid. This enabled us to meet all our commitments with the consequence that our normal operating surplus for the year is £322 (2019 - deficit £9,703).

Our portfolio, in medium to low-risk investments, suffered a downward re-valuation of £3,250 but we still derived £1,286 dividend income. Our Hall income fell by some £7,000 and Plate Collections and Fees for occasional services also suffered. However, the finances at the end of the year are on an even keel although the Freewill Offering for 2021 has had to be significantly reduced in the light of ongoing COVID-19 restrictions. The congregation have, as ever, risen to this challenge most generously.

Reserves Policy

It is the PCC's intention to spend those Reserves that are Restricted on their defined purposes, in due course. Unrestricted Reserves include an amount that is Designated for the Parochial Hall and the PCC aims to safeguard these for an ongoing plan of refurbishment. The remainder of Unrestricted Reserves represent approximately three months income which the PCC feels is the minimum that it should aim to hold for normal levels of activity.

The Vacancy

Advertising and interviewing for an incumbent took place twice during 2020, despite pandemic restrictions, and on each occasions the successful candidate declined the offer of the incumbency. The parish was without an incumbent for the entire year. A review towards the end of the year identified that the pattern of a large "urban" or non-rural church with one set of activities and aspirations linked to a cluster of smaller rural churches with different aims is problematic. The deanery has now proposed a re-shaping of parish ministry within this area as the present arrangement of multiple smaller benefices is no longer working effectively. A decision was taken that a priest in charge (PIC) should be sought, as part of that reshaping process. It is proposed that the new PIC will work with the 5 parishes of this plurality and within the deanery to work towards a new, larger team structure.

The Vicarage remained unlet throughout the year as estate agents failed to find a tenant. In extremely difficult circumstances the Area Dean, Revd Fiona Mayer-Jones, provided frequent and valued support to the leadership team. We are very grateful also to the Revd Pauline Percy (Assistant Priest) and the Revd Sandra Howells (Retired Priest) for their ministry to us.

Thanks

Grateful thanks are expressed to all at St Oswald's who have worked so hard, sometimes in different ways from normal, and with so much dedication for the benefit of the church and wider community. May we continue to love God and our neighbours near and far as we seek to serve Christ in this place.

As the year ended, the prospect of a mass vaccination programme to suppress the spread of the virus and the further advertising of the vacancy offer hope for better in 2021 and our hope is always in Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

Approved by the PCC on 16th March 2021, and signed on their behalf.

David Tucker
Simon Birkbeck

Churchwardens

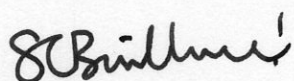
Parochial Church Council of St Oswald's Sowerby
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December 2020

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
Incoming and endowments from:				
Voluntary Income				
Giving through Gift Aid	40,395	-	40,395	39,384
Tax Refunds	10,971	-	10,971	12,858
Other planned Giving	4,399	-	4,399	5,307
Collection Plate	1,953	-	1,953	4,615
Occasional & Other Services	3,203	3,451	6,654	12,734
Donations				
General	15,112	1,554	16,666	783
Income from CandY account & Gift Aid	9,563	-	9,563	12,933
Wall box & Bookstall	13	-	13	99
Photocopying	353	-	353	832
	85,963	5,005	90,968	89,545
Other				
Fees Received				
PCC	9,574	-	9,574	10,378
Organist & Choir	840	-	840	1,570
Bell Ringers	110	-	110	682
YDBF	4,533	-	4,533	5,184
Income from Events				
Sunday Coffee	95	-	95	370
Fund Raising & Sale of Furniture	1,860	-	1,860	4,127
Sowerby Music	88	-	88	516
Other Concerts	640	-	640	680
CandY Activity Income	270	-	270	653
Recurring Grants				
Wayleave & Rent	121	-	121	120
Sowerby Parish Council	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
	19,131	0	19,131	25,280
Other trading activities				
Parochial Hall Income (note 12)	5,517	-	5,517	12,453
Parochial Hall Earnings from 100 Club	1,071	-	1,071	843
Parochial Hall Donations Received	480	-	480	0
Donations into CandY account	2,708	-	2,708	13,444
Saints Alive income	-	1,201	1,201	0
Luncheon Club earnings	-	268	268	1,604
	9,777	1,469	11,246	28,344
Investments				
Dividends (Gross) & Bank Interest	1,286	-	1,286	1,648
	1,286	0	1,286	1,648
Total Incoming Resources	116,158	6,474	122,632	144,817
Expenditure on				
Charitable activities (see note 3)	115,219	7,092	122,311	154,520
Net income/(expenditure) before gains/(losses) on investments	939	-618	321	-9,703
Net gains/(losses) on investments	-3,250	0	-3,250	5,809
Net movement of Funds	-2,311	-618	-2,929	-3,894
Balances b/fwd 1 January 2020	35,807	6,171	41,978	45,872
Balances c/fwd 31 December 2020	33,496	5,553	39,049	41,978

Parochial Church Council of St Oswald's Sowerby
Balance Sheet
as at 31 December 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed Assets	1	3,248	3,653
Current Assets			
Investments	4	28,329	31,695
Debtors	5	3,292	4,453
Bank Accounts	6	12,416	5,466
Prepayments		86	916
Cash Balances		450	673
		44,573	43,204
Creditors			
Sundry Creditors - YDBF		0	119
100 Club Deposits for following year		2,772	1,620
CandY donations received in advance	11	6,000	3,140
	7	8,772	4,879
Net Current Assets		39,049	41,978
Represented by:			
Unrestricted Funds	9	33,496	35,807
Restricted Funds	10	5,553	6,171
Net Funds		39,049	41,978

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 16 March 2021 and signed by:



Simon Birkbeck - Churchwarden

Parochial Church Council of St Oswald's Sowerby
Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2020

1 Accounting Policies

1.1 Accounting Convention

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 – (Charities SORP (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets which are shown at market value.

1.2 Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body or those that are informal gatherings of church members.

1.3 Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received. Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when received. Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for when received. Funds raised by events are accounted for gross. Sales of books and magazines are accounted for gross.

Other income

Income from the Parochial Hall is recognised when due.

Income from bank investments

Bank interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue and appear gross.

1.4 Resources expended

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when it is paid. The PCC has paid its full share within the year.

1.5 Balance Sheet – Fixed Assets

Consecrated property and moveable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by S10(2a) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected at any reasonable time. For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts.

Expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £1000 or on the repair of movable church items acquired before 1 January 2000 is written off.

Other Fixtures and Fittings

Depreciation is provided at 10% of cost on Hall Furniture and Equipment which is calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its useful life. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1000 or less will be written off as the asset is acquired.

2 Net Incoming/Outgoing Resources

This is stated after charging:

Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible fixed assets

Reporting accountant's fees

2020	2019
£	£
405	405
250	250

3 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
Freewill Offering	61,200	0	61,200	60,000
Salaries, Honoraria and YDBF				
YDBF	4,533	-	4,533	5,184
CandY Salaries and on-costs	11,332	-	11,332	11,095
Administrator and on-costs	965	-	965	905
Organist and Choir - inc Occ. Services	1,165	-	1,165	3,325
Bellringers - Occ. Services	90	-	90	705
	18,085	0	18,085	21,214
Expenses of Clergy and CandY Staff				
Vicarage Costs	1,127	-	1,127	913
Mileage Allowance	243	-	243	815
Expense for CandY work	381	-	381	784
Gifts	20	-	20	68
Visiting Vicars	36	-	36	98
Mission Outreach	264	-	264	282
Training & Resources	77	-	77	440
	2,149	0	2,149	3,400
Church Running Costs				
Cleaning	1,357	-	1,357	1,150
Insurance	1,808	-	1,808	3,762
Candles and Service Costs	272	-	272	260
Repairs	1,016	-	1,016	1,978
Organ	100	-	100	100
Churchyard	1,498	-	1,498	4,498
	6,050	0	6,050	11,748
Church Utilities				
Gas	3,702	-	3,702	2,731
Water Rates	366	-	366	201
Electricity	494	-	494	1,470
	4,562	0	4,562	4,402
Church Administration				
Computer, Phone & Broadband	1,154	-	1,154	454
Professional Fees	738	-	738	734
Brokerage and Commission Fees	276	-	276	452
Licences and Subscriptions	900	-	900	870
Postage and Stationery	218	-	218	659
Copier Costs	3,347	-	3,347	4,105
	6,633	0	6,633	7,274
Donations to Charities				
Overseas Mission - from own Funds	3,800	-	3,800	3,850
Other - special and funeral collections	-	3,451	3,451	5,756
	3,800	3,451	7,251	9,606
Costs of generating funds				
Parochial Hall (note 12)				
Operating costs	10,814	-	10,814	11,650
Exceptional expenditure	862	-	862	5,536
CandY money paid to Church	-	2,708	2,708	8,196
Cost of Copying Saints Alive	-	301	301	0
Luncheon Club Costs	-	232	232	1,264
Lunch Club paid over to Hall	-	400	400	0
	11,676	3,641	15,317	26,646
Fabric Costs				
Architect's Fees	1,064	-	1,064	0
Fabric Costs	0	-	0	10,230
	1,064	0	1,064	10,230
Total charitable activities	115,219	7,092	122,311	154,520

4 Investments

During 2009 the Church became entitled to the Arthur Dreyheller Thompson Trust Fund following the death of the residuary life tenant. The investments are quoted in the accounts at market value as at 31st December 2020. The use of this fund is unrestricted.

5 Debtors	2020	2019
	£	£
Hall Hire	785	2,623
Gift Aid and Tax Credits from HMRC	780	652
Due from Benefice parishes & others for administrative costs & copying	809	1,178
Due from electricity as a result of excess direct debit payments	918	0
	3,292	4,453

6 Bank Accounts

	£	£
Church	1,578	2,179
Parochial Hall	1,834	147
Deposit	3,004	0
"Sowerby CandY" (Note 10)	6,000	3,140
	12,416	5,466

7 Creditors: Falling due within one year and more

	£	£
Sundry Creditors – YDBF	0	119
Hall 100Club – 2021 Subscriptions	2,772	1,620
Donations from Thirsk Methodist Circuit to be spread over 5 years commencing 2017 (see note 10)	6,000	3,140
	8,772	4,879

8 Analysis of Net Assets by Funds

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	3,248	0	3,248
Current Assets	33,020	11,553	44,573
Current Liabilities	2,772	6,000	8,772
Fund Balance	33,496	5,553	39,049

9 Unrestricted Funds

Designated funds are included in unrestricted funds and are for the maintenance and improvement of the Parochial Church Hall. See note 11

10 Analysis of Restricted Funds

	1/1/2020	Movement In	Movement Out	31/12/2020
	£	£	£	£
Bells	898	0	0	898
Charity	0	3,451	3,451	0
Saints Alive	0	1,201	301	900
Mexico 2021 Trip	0	1,168	0	1,168
Oakes Weekend	0	386	0	386
Martin Ridsdale Lighting Fund	1,951	0	0	1,951
Lunch Club	614	268	632	250
Sowerby "CandY"	2,708	0	2,708	0
	6,171	6,474	7,092	5,553

Saints Alive is the residue of money handed over from the Saints Alive account that has not been used for production costs in 2020. The Bells account is a long-standing fund from which repairs are taken over time. Mexico 2021, The Oakes weekend, Lunch Club and the Lighting Fund are all held as fund-raising income or deposits against projects suspended by Covid-19 which will be spent in due course.

11 Sowerby Candy

This account is a joint venture between St Oswald's Church and Sowerby Methodist Church. It is a vehicle for raising money to support children's and youth work. The activity is reflected in St Oswald's accounts as a restricted fund for convenience and transparency.

Gifts have been received from the Thirsk Methodist Circuit which, for prudence, have been spread over current and future years. A gift of £5353.75 received in 2018 was used in full for the development of the Annexe. As at 31/12/2020 the status of these gifts is as follows:

Year in which Gift Received	2017	2020	Total
Gift Received	5,197	5,177	10,374
Paid over to St Oswald's by 31/12/20	4,197	177	4,374
To pay over in 2021 and beyond	1,000	5,000	6,000

12 Parochial Hall

		2020 £	2019 £
Income			
Lettings		5,518	12,453
Earnings from 100 Club	1,071	843	
Donations received		480	0
Total Income		7,069	13,706
Operating Costs for the year			
Caretaker		5,026	4,965
Cleaning Materials		147	357
Gas		1,788	2,243
Electricity		583	763
Water		310	278
Insurance		672	408
Miscellaneous repairs		935	1,077
Gas certificate and boiler repairs		324	432
Fire Protection & PAT Testing		36	109
Grass Cutting		588	613
Depreciation of Equipment		405	405
Total Operating Costs	10,814	11,650	
Exceptional Expenditure for the year			
New Kitchen – not transferred to Fixtures and Fittings		748	5,296
Remainder of expenditure in Annexe		114	240
Total Exceptional Costs		862	5,536
Deficit for the year	-4,607	-3,480	
Fund Balance at 1 January 2020		7,599	14,732
Sub-total		2,992	11,252
Kitchen equipment transferred to Fixtures and Fittings at Net Book Value		0	3,653
Residual Fund Balance at 31 December 2020		2,992	7,599

This fund is designated but not restricted.

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St Oswald Sowerby

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 which are set out on pages 7 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

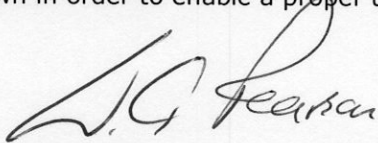
An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with s.130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
- statutory fees were not accounted for correctly

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



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