

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, PONTEFRACT

England & Wales · Charity number 1137872

Details

Other names ALL SAINTS' PCC, PONTEFRACT

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2010-09-07

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

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

Activities: Regular Worship open to all. Pastoral work inc visiting the sick and bereaved. Teaching of Christianity. Taking of Religious Assemblies and R E lessons in school. Promoting the whole mission of the Church through provision of activities for senior citizens, parents and toddlers and other special needs groups. Supporting other charities in the UK and Overseas and Community Youth Projects.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Accommodation/housing, Religious Activities, Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£47,007	£50,949	-	-
2024-12-31	£61,150	£58,191	-	-
2023-12-31	£48,076	£48,095	-	-
2022-12-31	£54,726	£54,445	-	-
2021-12-31	£66,213	£65,755	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Ian Bullock BA Hons	Chair	2024-03-13
Anita Jane Hayes		2012-03-01
Christine Ellen Brown		2024-03-01
DAVID BROWN		2021-03-01
Kathryn Brown		2026-05-13
Madge Beaumont		2023-03-01
PATRICIA MARGARET WARD		2014-03-24
Rev Charles Mark Watkins		2018-03-01
Rev WAYNE PHILLIPS		2014-03-24

Accounts

The Parish of All Saints, Pontefract



**ANNUAL REPORT
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025**

The Benefice of Pontefract
All Saints ✕ St Giles' with St Mary's ✕ St Michael the Archangel ✕ St Stephen's
Strengthening Faith, Building Community

The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints' Church, Pontefract
is a charity registered in England and Wales (1137872).

Bank

Lloyds Bank PLC

Independent Examiner

KJA Kilner Johnson Ltd

Objectives

All Saints PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, The Reverend Ian Bullock in promoting in the ecclesiastical Parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for All Saints' Church and its church hall.

Structure, governance and management

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.

The PCC held eight meetings during the year, and four meetings of the Standing Committee.

PCC Membership

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2025) and registered with the Charity Commission.

PCC members are elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules 2025 and during the year, in addition there are a number of officers who are Ex-Officio.

During 2025, the following served as members of the PCC

Incumbent	<i>The Reverend Ian Bullock (Ex-officio)</i>
Associate Priests	<i>The Reverend Wayne Phillips** (Ex-officio)</i> <i>The Reverend Kate Reynolds** (Ex-officio)</i> <i>The Reverend Rod Walker** (Ex-officio)</i> <i>The Reverend Mark Watkins** (Ex-officio)</i>
Readers	<i>Mrs Anita Hayes (Ex-Officio)*</i>
Churchwardens	<i>Mrs Madge Beaumont (Ex-Officio)*</i> <i>Vacant</i>
Deanery Synod	<i>Mr David Brown (Ex-Officio) (Appointed Sept 25)</i> <i>Vacant (Ex-Officio)</i>

Elected Members

Mr Vic Maranian	(Term of Office Expires 2026)(<i>Resigned Dec 25</i>)
<i>Mrs Christine Brown*</i>	(Term of Office Expires 2027)
Mr David Brown	(Term of Office Expires 2027)
	(<i>Became Ex-Officio as Deanery Synod rep – Sept 25</i>)
Mrs Brenda Hall	(Term of Office Expires 2027)(<i>Died Jan 26</i>)
<i>Ms Paddy Ward*</i>	(Term of Office Expires 2028)
<i>Vacant</i>	(Term of Office Expires 2028)

*Names in *italic* denote members of the Standing Committee

**As Clergy licensed to The Benefice of Pontefract, they have the right to attend all PCC meetings, but in practice this doesn't always happen.

Standing Committee

This the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the council. It also meets to discuss other matters to be put before the PCC and prepare the agenda.

It consists of the Vicar, churchwardens, PCC Secretary, and in the absence of a permanent PCC Treasurer, up to two elected members of the PCC

Electoral Roll

After the creation of the new roll there were now 40 people on it at the APCM in March 2025

Review of the Year

Report from The Reverend Mark Watkins

2025 saw the continued consolidation of the extended Pontefract Benefice with the four Churches plus St Mary's congregation in the Community Hall growing closer together.

Ministry has been shared across the various local churches so at All Saints we have seen a variety of Clergy and other Ministers taking part and / or leading worship over the year and we do thank them all for their work amongst us.

Our local Schools continue to visit All Saints, both as a curriculum resource and also to hold their own worship events and special times, like Easter, Harvest Festivals and of course, Christmas. Christmas in particular saw an increased attendance at most of the special services and carol services, and nearly 1000 just from the schools, as well as increased attendance at our own Community Carol Service and the Christmas Eve Torchlight Children's service and midnight Services. Neither should we forget the Pet Service, which continues to be a popular event in October as part of the Harvest Season, and our Harvest Festival, when a substantial donation of food and etc. was able to be made to the local Foodbank this year.

Ministry to the three Care Homes - Priory Gardens, Willow Park and Millfields continues as well and those attending the services and Carol Services during the year in these Homes are an important part of our Church Family and can I please take this opportunity to ask you all to pray for this ministry and for these and other Care-Based provision in our Community and for those who work there and support what is sometimes a forgotten section of our Church Family.

During the year there have been 15 Baptisms, including 1 Adult, and just three Weddings and just over 20 funerals. These numbers are all significantly reduced over previous years for some reason.

Once again, we have run a number of Bible Studies and we also ran the second All Saints Afternoon Tea and Fun evening on All Saints Weekend and our Patronal Festival.

Finally, as very big and heartfelt thank you for your ongoing and prayerful support in the past year for me and my ongoing ministry amongst you. It is, as always, a wonderful privilege to have been amongst you and also an enormous thank you for all of you who serve All Saints and support our ministry in Pontefract in every way, and without which this fellowship could not continue to exist.

Thank you again and may I wish you all God's Very Best Blessings now and always.

Matters discussed by the PCC

The full PCC has met throughout the year. As always, the PCC have discussed a range of issues, these have included:

- Safeguarding
- Parish Finances

- Building Maintenance
- Operation of the Church
- Disability and Inclusivity issues
- Approving new and existing policies (Local and Benefice wide)
- Updates on activities across the Benefice
- Deanery matters
- APCM Preparations

Financial Activities

2025 saw a decrease of our income by approximately £14,000, and we also saw a decrease in our expenditure by approximately £7,000 this gave us a net deficit of £4000, so while the overall outturn was a reduction in our unrestricted reserves, this still allowed us to maintain our Parish Share contribution at the same level as 2024 - £24,000

There was no movement in the restricted accounts for the Church Gates or Hall.

All Saints' continues to depend on its members for support, both practical and monetary, for its continued existence and outreach to the community.

The Church can claim an extra 25p for every £1 given if donated by a tax payer who has signed a "Gift Aid" declaration or completes and signs a one-off gift aid envelope, available from the welcome team.

This is paid by the Inland Revenue (at no extra cost to you); if you are a tax payer and would like to help boost the Church income, please have a word about gift aiding your donations.

Thank you to all who support the Parish in all your various ways; your generous giving of time and money is greatly valued.

We are fortunate to have an accountant who acts as our treasurer, Mrs Sam Hutton, who during this year has made the decision to give her skills and expertise to us freely, we are grateful for her support. Fr Ian has continued to meet with her regularly, and they continue to ensure that we remain fiscally secure for the future.

A copy of the parish accounts are appended to the back of this report for inspection and have been independently examined by KJA Kilner Johnson Ltd, to whom we are grateful for their continued support.

Fabric

Downpipe above the NE corner of the Nave was re-fixed & painted by Dream Heritage.

The lightning protection system was tested and passed by PTSG Castleford.

Portable Appliance Testing (PAT) was carried out by Hawkesworth with 55 items all passing.

The SW churchyard gates were re-fixed by Wakefield Council.

The church organ humidifier was serviced by Watkins & Watson.

The church clock was serviced by Smiths of Derby.

Fire extinguishers serviced by CFS Pontefract with one extinguisher being replaced in the South Transept & a new CO2 extinguisher fitted in the boiler room.

The sump pump in the boiler room was replaced.

The double doors leading from the nave to the office/vestry/kitchen areas were refurbished.

Virtually all light bulbs in the church have been replaced by LED bulbs. Some areas eg Nave entrance CFL bulbs are being replaced by LED bulbs as they become faulty.

There had been a mains circuit electrical fault in the main body of the church which was repaired by Alpha Electrics.

The church boiler received its yearly service which was carried out by Ed Dale who also issued our yearly gas safety certificate. Ed is new to us at All Saints and was recommended to us by St Giles who also have their 3 boilers serviced by him.

Study

During Lent 2025 All Saints joined the other parishes within the Benefice for a study course focussed upon Discipleship. The course was run over the five weeks of lent and each week there were six sessions hosted around the Benefice on different days and times to enable everyone the opportunity to engage. Fr Mark has already talked about the other studies undertaken during the year.

Worship

Regular Worship at All Saints is as follows:

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion

6.30 p.m. Evensong (4th Sunday of Month Holy Communion)

9.30 a.m. Wednesday – Midweek Holy Communion

In addition to our regular worship there have been other services conducted through the year during Holy week and Christmas, as well as the memorable Pet service which was received very positively.

In September we were delighted to support a member of our church who was received through the sacrament of Confirmation, along with other members of the Benefice by Bishop Malcolm, the new Bishop of Wakefield

Clergy

The Benefice of Pontefract is blessed with a team of clergy, which allows for a full schedule of services to be maintained, whilst also at times affording us the ability to support local parishes when there is a need.

As the new Benefice has bedded in, there is now a settled pattern of variety within the Benefice where there is the opportunity for all of the clergy to build relationships on a broader level.

Fr Ian has the responsibility of ensuring that worship happens within all our churches, and as such, their invaluable work and willingness to operate across the Benefice allows us to enjoy uninterrupted worship and we give thanks for their service.

We are also grateful for the support of other members of the clergy. The Reverend Michael Taylor is a retired member of clergy, who is Beneficed with us, and we are also fortunate to be able to call upon The Reverends Sue Hulme and Mike Marsh to supplement the team.

In addition to his duties inside the Benefice, Fr Ian also carries out his duties as the Assistant Area Dean of Pontefract, working with the diocesan Stewardship team, a mentor to other members of clergy, and a Member of the Diocesan Synod, Diocesan Board of Education, a trustee of Pontefract Civic Society, and Director and Trustee of Leeds Board and St Mary's Project.

Lay Ministers

The Benefice of Pontefract is blessed with five Local Lay Ministers (LLM's), Mr David Brooks (Permission to Officiate), Mrs Jill Clapham, Mrs Jackie Guest, Mrs Anita Hayes, and Ms Natalie Vause, who finished her training last year and was licenced.

In addition to this we have a Lay Worship leader, Mrs Barbara Pollard and a Lay Pastoral Minister Mr Alf Taylor at St Stephen's

Over the year, we have begun to see LLM's preaching and assisting in worship as the liturgical deacon, and as the Benefice develops, they are seeing more opportunity to explore their ministry. One notable way that this is happening is through their leading of Messy Church. While this is based at St Mary's, it is a specific service which is open to any who would like to attend, as an outreach to children and their families.

Fr Ian continues to work with them, offering constructive feedback and encouraging them to explore their ministry.

We are grateful for all the work that they do, and how they enhance our churches.

Deanery Synod

Pontefract Deanery Synod met twice during 2025, in January and September. Sandwiched in between these meetings a joint meeting of the Wakefield Episcopal Area was held in June.

Our January meeting was hosted by St Mary's Church, South Elmsall and led by the Area Dean Reverend Paul Cartwright. The meeting was split into three sections, a meeting of laity members, followed by a meeting including both laity and clergy and finally a meeting of clergy only.

The meeting was mainly based around official procedural matters, the welcoming of new members to Deanery Synod and the election of laity officers. Three posts were vacant, which included post of Chair and Treasurer. There were no takers at this point.

Following the election of officers, clergy joined the meeting which began with prayers, before the licensing of Fr Ian Bullock as Assistant Area Dean took place.

Once official business had been conducted an address was made by the Archdeacon of Pontefract, Cat Thatcher, who spoke about herself and her position. Following the address, laity departed the meeting whilst clergy remained to conduct their own elections and business.

June 2025, our Joint Synod meeting within the Wakefield Episcopal Area was held in Wakefield Cathedral. Dean of Pontefract, Paul Cartwright led us in prayer before an address by Jude Smith, Director of Mission was given on the 'Barnabas Project' an initiative by Leeds Diocese.

The Barnabas Project is aimed at providing support to Churches where it is required. There are four main areas of support available at present, which aim to provide confidence in mission, confidence in Church Wardens, confidence in Faith and confidence in the Future, all of which are required for a church to flourish. Here at St Michael's this initiative could be linked with our own Succession Planning initiative.

After discussions had taken place amongst those present, the evening closed with prayers and a blessing.

Our third Deanery Synod meeting of the year took place in September and was hosted by St Giles, Pontefract. The meeting opened with prayers, followed by procedural matters, the welcoming of new members, the introduction of the new Lay Chair person, Toni Crooks and the election of officers from the laity who had come forward to serve since the January meeting.

Following general procedures, the main business of the evening was to evaluate the results of a previously distributed questionnaire asking Deanery Synod members to suggest how they would wish future meetings to be conducted etc, including suggestions for future topics for discussion.

There followed an address on the Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage, an annual event which takes place in the summer. We were given an overview of the Pilgrimage, costings for the experience and the prospects for future pilgrimages. Updates were then given on our present position regarding meeting our Net Zero Carbon targets. The meeting closed with Compline.

Outreach and Activities

Social Media

Web address: <http://www.cofe-pontefract.co.uk>

2025 saw work continue on building our presence on the digital stage.

After moving across to one benefice platform in late 2024 which had just 2,600 unique visitors, 2025 saw the growth in web traffic reaching over 34,500 unique visitors accessing the new site.

In addition, the new Facebook pages for the five churches increased their following to 1,122 people, and with the shared information and the daily prayer focus we are seeing a good level of engagement.

Thanks to Jonathan Harris, Barbara Pollard and Natalie Vause who are all contributing to our social media feeds. We are always looking for others to become part of this team, which as we move forward will be crucial. If you are interested in getting involved, in the first instance please talk to Fr Ian.

The use of Hootsuite continues to be valuable as we set up streams of material for posting, and also for when we wish to post to all our social media to ensure that the messaging is shared far and wide. We have also seen an increase over the past year of different organisations re-posting and re-tweeting messages that we put on social media.

As always, if you have a news story or event taking place in one of our Churches and you would like it to be promoted on social media, please email jonathan.harris@cofe-pontefract.co.uk and we can put it on for you.

Schools work

Fr Ian has continued to build a strong relationship with St Giles', and Fr Mark has continued to work with schools within the parish.

Social Events

All Saints has again seen small number of social events.

It has been noted at the APCM in 2024 and 2025 that there was a need to look at how we can encourage the growth of coffee on a Sunday morning after the service, as this was lacking. This is a key element to our witness as a worshipping community, and an opportunity to grow in fellowship. This remains to be a weakness and will need to remain as an outstanding item until resolved.

Refreshments after worship on a Wednesday continue to happen, which are always welcomed by people who attend worship, and offer an opportunity to speak to people who may have joined us for the first time.

Good Causes

During 2025, All Saints was able to support the following organisation:

- Children's Society through the Christingle service

Safeguarding

The Church complies with Diocesan Safeguarding Policies and Practices, with regular updating of the Diocesan Safeguarding Dashboard and Safeguarding Hub. This guides the PCC in fulfilling its statutory obligations.

The PCC continues to commit to carrying out the Church of England Policy for Safeguarding; it also reaffirms that everyone is responsible for safeguarding children and vulnerable adults irrespective of their role within the church community, with any concerns being reported to the Safeguarding Officer, Clergy or a member of the PCC.

All members of All Saints Church who are, due to the nature of their post (Voluntary or otherwise) are currently in receipt of an enhanced DBS check and this information is confidentially stored with the parish administrator. Post holders and volunteers have all received the necessary clearance to fulfil their roles. All DBS checks are renewed every three years.

Actions completed:

- All necessary training has been completed together with some non-compulsory courses, which I feel help all matters of Safeguarding within our Community.
- Updates completed to the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard stand at 100%. The Safeguarding Dashboard helps to make sure everything is completed on time and if there are any matters outstanding then notification is received and can be completed asap.
- Updates completed to the Parish Safeguarding Hub. This facility helps keep Safeguarding on track. It also provides job descriptions, policies etc which are helpful in Safeguarding procedures.

I have not been present at Church over the last five months due to health issues but rest assured, I have dealt with all Safeguarding matters in the usual way.

I am in constant contact with Father Ian and would like to thank him for his support of Safeguarding Matters. My thanks also to Father Mark and all the Clergy, Church Wardens and anyone I've pestered for answers to my questions.

Safeguarding is not one person's responsibility; it is the responsibility of all. Please be Vigilant. If at any time you have any Safeguarding Concerns, please report it as soon as possible.

Christine Brown
Safeguarding Officer

Conclusion

This Report and the Attached Accounts were approved by the PCC on 24th February 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Bullock', written in a cursive style.

The Reverend Ian Bullock (PCC Chair)
Vicar of Pontefract

All Saints Church, Pontefract

Independent Examiners Report to the PCC of All Saints Church

I report to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and S1.44 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act and the Church Guidance 2006 Edition.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records

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

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All Saints Church, Pontefract

Receipts and Payments Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	TOTAL 2025 £	TOTAL 2024 £
Receipts						
Voluntary receipts						
Planned givings		12,131	-	-	12,131	19,615
Collections at services		12,072	-	-	12,072	12,264
All other giving/voluntary receipts	4a	442	-	-	442	1,597
		<u>24,644</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,644</u>	<u>33,476</u>
Activities for generating funds						
Investment income	4b	-	-	-	-	-
Church activities	4c	22,363	-	-	22,363	27,674
Total receipts		<u>47,007</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,007</u>	<u>61,150</u>
Payments						
Church activities						
Diocesan parish contribution		24,000	-	-	24,000	24,000
Ministry expenses		639	-	-	639	414
Church running expenses	4d	26,310	-	-	26,310	33,021
Missions giving and donations	4e	-	-	-	-	187
		<u>50,949</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,949</u>	<u>57,621</u>
Costs of generating funds		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>570</u>
Total payments		<u>50,949</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,949</u>	<u>58,191</u>
Excess of receipts over payments		<u>-</u>	<u>3,942</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,942</u>
Transfer between funds		<u>-</u>	<u>3,942</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,959</u>
Cash at bank and in hand at 1 January		40,238	2,096	16,767	59,101	56,142
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 December		<u>36,296</u>	<u>2,096</u>	<u>16,767</u>	<u>55,159</u>	<u>59,101</u>

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2025

		Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	TOTAL 2025 £	TOTAL 2024 £
Cash funds						
Lloyds TSB Current Account		36,296	2,096	16,767	55,159	58,319
Cash in hand		-	-	-	-	782
		<u>36,296</u>	<u>2,096</u>	<u>16,767</u>	<u>55,159</u>	<u>59,101</u>
Other monetary assets						
Saviour Trust		1,023	-	-	1,023	991
		<u>1,023</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,023</u>	<u>991</u>
Assets Retained for church use	2	<u>149,544</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>149,544</u>	<u>149,544</u>
Liabilities						
Trade creditors		-	-	-	-	354
Accountancy		1,320	-	-	1,320	1,260
		<u>1,320</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,320</u>	<u>1,614</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

2. Fixed assets

Fixed assets retained for church use is made up of the Church Hall. The assets are recorded at cost.

3. Movement in restricted funds

The movements in restricted funds during the year were:

	Balance B/fwd £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfer £	Balance C/fwd £
Restricted					
Church Gates	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
Church Hall	6,767	-	-	-	6,767
	<u>16,767</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,767</u>

The church gate fund represents accumulated donations for the maintenance of the church gates.

The church hall fund represents accumulated funds from the renting out of the hall which has been allocated for the maintenance and upkeep of the property.

4. Movement in designated funds

The movements in restricted funds during the year were:

	Balance B/fwd £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfer £	Balance C/fwd £
Designated					
Building Maintenance fund	2,096	-	-	-	2,096

The building maintenance fund represents accumulated donations for the maintenance of the church building.

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Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	TOTAL 2025 £	TOTAL 2024 £
Receipts						
a) All other giving/voluntary receipts						
		151	-	-	151	380
		-	-	-	-	562
		-	-	-	-	187
		291	-	-	291	402
		-	-	-	-	66
		<u>442</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>442</u>	<u>1,597</u>
b) Investment income						
		-	-	-	-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
c) Church activities						
		6,930	-	-	6,930	11,024
		-	-	-	-	28
		105	-	-	105	600
		250	-	-	250	-
		78	-	-	78	54
		15,000	-	-	15,000	15,967
		<u>22,363</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,363</u>	<u>27,674</u>
Payments						
d) Church running expenses						
		3,800	-	-	3,800	4,239
		636	-	-	636	1,675
		-	-	-	-	1,040
		1,320	-	-	1,320	1,260
		1,093	-	-	1,093	4,480
		1,228	-	-	1,228	2,312
		825	-	-	825	825
		5,082	-	-	5,082	7,397
		-	-	-	-	50
		6,676	-	-	6,676	6,222
		138	-	-	138	-
		5,512	-	-	5,512	3,520
		<u>26,310</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,310</u>	<u>33,021</u>
e) Mission giving and donation						
		-	-	-	-	187
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>187</u>

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Objectives

All Saints PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, The Reverend Ian Bullock in promoting in the ecclesiastical Parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for All Saints' Church and its church hall.

Structure, governance and management

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.

The PCC held seven meetings during the year, and four meetings of the Standing Committee.

PCC Membership

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2022) and registered with the Charity Commission.

PCC members are elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church representation Rules 2022 and during the year, in addition there are a number of officers who are Ex-Officio.

During 2024, the following served as members of the PCC

Incumbent	<i>The Reverend Ian Bullock (Ex-officio)(Chair from March 2024)</i>
Assistant Curate	<i>The Reverend Sam Fletcher** (Finished Curacy August 2024)</i>
Associate Priests	<i>The Reverend Wayne Phillips** (Ex-officio)</i> <i>The Reverend Kate Reynolds** (Ex-officio)</i> <i>The Reverend Rod Walker** (Ex-officio)</i> <i>The Reverend Mark Watkins** (Ex-officio)(Chair until March 2024)</i>
Readers	<i>Mrs Anita Hayes (Ex-Officio)*</i>
Churchwardens	<i>Mrs Madge Beaumont (Ex-Officio)*</i> <i>Ms Paddy Ward (Ex-Officio)* (Resigned December 2024)</i>

Deanery Synod Mr Vic Maranian (Ex-Officio)(Resigned January 2025)
Vacant (Ex-Officio)

Elected Members

Ms Louise Livesley (Term of Office Expires 2025)
*Ms Paddy Ward** (Term of Office Expires 2025)
Mr Vic Maranian (Term of Office Expires 2026)
*Mrs Christine Brown** (Term of Office Expires 2027)
Mr David Brown (Term of Office Expires 2027)
Mrs Brenda Hall (Term of Office Expires 2027)

*Names in *italic* denote members of the Standing Committee

**As Clergy licensed to The Benefice of Pontefract, they have the right to attend all PCC meetings, but in practice this doesn't always happen.

Standing Committee

This the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the council. It also meets to discuss other matters to be put before the PCC and prepare the agenda.

It consists of the Vicar, churchwardens, PCC Secretary, and in the absence of a permanent PCC Treasurer, up to two elected members of the PCC

Electoral Roll

After the annual update of the Electoral Roll there were 40 people on the electoral roll at the APCM in April 2024

Review of the Year

Report from The Reverend Mark Watkins

2024 has been very much a year of change both at All Saints and in the Benefice as a whole. We began the year as part of a Benefice of two parishes - our own and that of St Giles (with St Marys) - and with an interregnum, which was filled around Eastertide as we welcomed Fr. Ian Bullock as Vicar of Pontefract. Not long after that our Benefice grew again with St Michaels Church, Carleton and St Stephens Church, East Hardwick becoming part of our growing Christian Family in the Pontefract Area.

Our own local ministry to the community where we are based has continued, with contacts in local schools, both visiting the schools themselves and also welcoming the children and teachers, and at Easter and Christmas, their parents and carers as well. Christmas Services for Schools alone saw some 500 plus people come through our doors, which, when added to other special services for the season, saw about 1000 people join us for Christmas Worship.

We also have regular services in three local Care Homes, with monthly Communion Services and also Carol Services at Christmastime, (So nearly 40 services per year) all of which are always very much appreciated.

Baptism numbers continue to recover since COVID, with 25 baptisms during the year. We now hold baptisms every other week and usually a maximum of two families per service and I want to thank all those who help and assist in this ministry.

Weddings do seem to have reduced in the past few years, with just 5 couples choosing to come and make their promises to each other and celebrate their Weddings in Church this year.

Funerals continue to be an important part of our ministry with 21 in church and at least 7 services taken by clergy directly at Crematoria, but there were a good number of other funerals that our clergy will have taken in other local churches and for families from other churches where our clergy have helped out. Our Clergy have also provided cover in churches outside our Benefice throughout the year in regular services where Interregnum and illness have left them without Clergy of their own.

We have studied God's Word in a series of Bible Studies held on Thursdays on and off during the year, and enjoyed Film-Nights - again usually on Thursdays.

This year we enjoyed fellowship together in a new way with the first (But hopefully not the last) Afternoon Tea being held, with Music and Entertainment all provided 'In House' and excellent catering via the Prince of Wales Hospice catering services.

I was very pleased to see that our Finances continue to improve, and we were able to increase our Parish Share contribution and still end up showing a small increased balance of income over expenditure.

We look forward this coming year to exploring what the extended Benefice will mean as we all grow together in Worship and Mission and Service for our communities as we seek to be more and more our part in the Body of Christ in Pontefract.

Finally, I want to say a big 'Thank You' to you all for your support this past year for me in my ministry amongst you and for your prayers and love - especially in my health concerns. And of course, an enormous Thank You to every one of you for your help and support of the Mission of All Saints here in Pontefract - without that we could do nothing!

God's Richest Blessings in the coming years.

Matters discussed by the PCC

The full PCC and the Standing Committee has met throughout the year. As always, the PCC and Standing Committee have discussed a range of issues, these have included:

- Safeguarding
- Parish Finances
- Building Maintenance
- Operation of the Church
- Disability and Inclusivity issues
- Approving new and existing policies (Local and Benefice wide)
- Works by the council
- Social Media and New Website
- Updates on activities across the Benefice
- Deanery matters
- APCM Preparations

Financial Activities

2024 saw an increase of our income by approximately £13,000, and whilst our expenditure also rose by approximately £10,000 this gave us a net increase of £3000, which is good news, considering we were also able to increase our Parish Share contribution by £5,000 to give a total £24,000

There was no movement in the restricted accounts for the Church Gates or Hall, although due to work being done by the council, we were able to widen the gates on South Baileygate, which means that a hearse has easier access to church.

All Saints' continues to depend on its members for support, both practical and monetary, for its continued existence and outreach to the community.

The Church can claim an extra 25p for every £1 given if donated by a tax payer who has signed a "Gift Aid" declaration or completes and signs a one-off gift aid envelope, available from the welcome team.

This is paid by the Inland Revenue (at no extra cost to you); if you are a tax payer and would like to help boost the Church income, please have a word about gift aiding your donations.

Thank you to all who support the Parish in all your various ways; your generous giving of time and money is greatly valued.

We are fortunate to have an accountant who acts as our treasurer, Mrs Sam Hutton, who during this year has made the decision to give her skills and expertise to us freely, we are grateful for her support. Fr Ian has been building a close working relationship with her, and between them they are ensuring that we remain fiscally secure for the future.

A copy of the parish accounts are appended to the back of this report for inspection and have been independently examined by KJA Kilner Johnson Ltd, to whom we are grateful for their continued support.

Fabric

The church clock was serviced in January by Smiths of Derby.

In February Hawkesworth did the PAT testing all was fine on checking.

March/April PTSG from Castleford checked the Lightning Protection System and 2 faults were found which resulted in the termination box being replaced by the outside tower door and also the renewal of the earth connection at the SE corner of the building due to a high resistance reading.

In May CFS from Pontefract checked our fire extinguishers resulting in 2 being exchanged. One in the Kitchen and the other in the North Transept.

In May anti-climb paint was renewed.

In June some leaks were repaired on the flat office/vestry roof and 3 bags of rubbish removed. The lead around the main entrance windows was repaired and that of the chutes to the flat office/vestry roof. The church toilet was blocked and unblocked by rodding.

July: Vegetation was removed from the South Porch roof.
The LED lights in the church Nave were replaced for higher wattage ratings which improved the lighting.

September:

The church organ stopped working due to a faulty power unit to the blower. This was replaced by Andrew Carter organ builder from Wakefield.

In October the church gas boiler was serviced and checked by Jonathan Carter from Rothwell and a yearly gas certificate issued.

November: Paths near both church gates were re-tarmacked and the SW gate opening was widened by Wakefield council.

The assistance alarm in the church toilet was found to be not working. This was repaired by Alpha Electrics.

In December a loose downpipe SE corner of the old Nave above the boiler room roof was repaired, painted and re-fixed by Dream Heritage.

Also, all Parapet gutters, sumps, rain goods etc cleared and cleaned by Dream Heritage.

Study

Fr Mark has already talked about the studies undertaken during 2024, and we look forward to enhancing the study of the Benefice in 2025.

Worship

Regular Worship at All Saints is as follows:

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion

6.30 p.m. Evensong (4th Sunday of Month Holy Communion)

9.30 a.m. Wednesday – Midweek Holy Communion

In addition to our regular worship there have been other services conducted through the year during Holy week and Christmas, as well as the memorable Pet service which was received very positively.

Clergy

In March 2024 All Saints welcomed The Reverend Ian Bullock as the Vicar of Pontefract, and on 1st May 2024 the Pastoral Scheme to create the New Benefice of Pontefract came into operation, the parishes of All Saints, Ss Giles' with St Mary's, Michael the Archangel and Stephen all operate under the authority of The Vicar of Pontefract.

This scheme also altered the licences of the clergy team with the four Associate Priests now being authorised to work across the new Benefice, their invaluable work allows us to enjoy worship across the Benefice and we give thanks for their service,

As the long-term view is to increase the level of co-operation through the Benefice, there has been the beginning of much more interaction with all of the clergy team within the parishes. Fr Ian has the responsibility of ensuring that worship happens within all our churches, and as such, the allocation of clergy resources reflects this new way of working.

We are also grateful for the support of other members of the clergy The Reverend Michael Taylor is a retired member of clergy, who is Beneficed with us, and we are also fortunate to be able to call upon The Reverends Sue Hulme and Mike Marsh to supplement the team.

In August at a Benefice service, we said goodbye to Fr Sam Fletcher as he completed his curacy and moved to Exeter to work on a Doctorate.

In addition to his duties inside the Benefice, Fr Ian also accepted the invitation to become the Assistant Area Dean of Pontefract, working with the diocesan Stewardship team, a mentor to other members of clergy, and a Member of the Diocesan Synod.

Lay Ministers

The Benefice of Pontefract is blessed with a number of Local Lay Ministers (LLM's), with Mrs Anita Hayes and Mrs Jackie Guest, based at All Saints, Mrs Jill Clapham and Mr David Brooks (Permission To Officiate) at St Giles and Ms Natalie Vause (currently in her final training year) at St Michael the Archangel.

In addition to this we have a Lay Worship leader, Mrs Barbara Pollard and a Lay Pastoral Minister Mr Alf Taylor at St Stephen's

In the same way that the clergy licences changed with the new Benefice, the LLM's did as well, primarily this affects the Local Lay Ministers with them having the opportunity to grow and develop their ministry more widely. However, as we continue to develop other opportunities will be available for all Lay Ministers to be involved on a Benefice scale.

We are grateful for all the work that they do, and how they enhance our churches.

Social Media

Web address: <http://www.cofe-pontefract.co.uk>

2024 saw a lot of changes to the way the social media is run following Fr Ian's arrival.

We now have a Facebook page for all five churches in the Benefice which allows for all the churches to share news and events for what is happening in their Church and for news and events at all five churches to be shared between Facebook pages so that people don't have to navigate from one page to another.

Thank you to Natalie Vause at St Michael's and Barbara Pollard at St Stephen's for their input in promoting events on the St Michael's and St Stephen's Facebook pages, we are looking for others to become part of this team, which as we move forward will be crucial. If you are interested in getting involved, in the first instance please talk to Fr Ian.

Due to a donation, a licence for Hootsuite was purchased which means that posts can be scheduled in advance and shared on the Facebook pages quickly and easily rather than having to post content one page at a time.

The other big change in 2024 was the launch of the Benefice website which Fr Ian put hours of work into. It is still very much a work in progress but it will be a great asset to the Benefice once it is fully up and running. All the old websites have now been shut down, but for the time being we have retained ownership of the addresses, and a review of whether to keep these will happen later.

We are already seeing a good amount of traffic on the site, and are looking forward to seeing how this develops as the site grows.

The social media will continue to be developed and improved as we move into 2025. We will make more effective use of X (formally known as Twitter) and look into developing an Instagram account to allow for content to be shared with a younger audience.

During 2024 we have developed a new daily cycle of Prayer, #PrayerforEveryone, which was launched in January. A prayer goes out each morning at 8.00 a.m. for a different group or industry in society across the Facebook pages and X account.

As always, if you have a news story or event taking place in one of our Churches and you would like it to be promoted on social media, please email jonathan.harris@cofe-pontefract.co.uk and we can put it on for you.

Jonathan Harris
Benefice Digital Lead

Outreach and Activities

Schools work

Fr Mark has continued to work with schools within the parish, and Fr Ian has begun to forge a strong connection with St Giles', where he has also taken up his post as a governor.

Social Events

All Saints is slowly starting to see growth with social events.

During 2025 we are looking to grow these further.

It was noted at the APCM in 2024 that there was a need to look at how we can encourage the growth of coffee on a Sunday morning after the service, as this was lacking. This is a key element to our witness as a worshipping community, and an opportunity to grow in fellowship.

Presently there are refreshments after worship on a Wednesday, which are always welcomed by people who attend worship, and offer an opportunity to speak to people who may have joined us for the first time. It is hoped that we can build a team in 2025 who will be able to allow us to offer the same hospitality as we look outwards.

Good Causes

During 2024, All Saints was able to support the following organisation:

- Children's Society through the Christingle service

Safeguarding

The Church complies with Diocesan Safeguarding Policies and Practices, with regular updating of the Diocesan Safeguarding Dashboard and Safeguarding Hub. These guide the PCC in fulfilling its statutory obligations.

The PCC continues to commit to carrying out the Church of England Policy for Safeguarding; it also reaffirms that everyone is responsible for safeguarding children and vulnerable adults irrespective of their role within the church community, with any concerns being reported to the Safeguarding Officer, Clergy or a member of the PCC.

All members of All Saints' who are, due to the nature of their post (Voluntary or otherwise) currently in receipt of an enhanced DBS check and this information is confidentially stored with the parish administrator. Post holders and volunteers have all received the necessary clearance to fulfil their roles. All DBS checks are renewed every three years.

Actions completed:

- All necessary training has been completed together with some non-compulsory courses, which I feel help all matters of Safeguarding within our Community.
- Updates completed to the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard stand at 100%. The Safeguarding Dashboard helps to make sure everything is completed on time and if there are any matters outstanding then notification is received and can be completed asap.
- Updates completed to the Parish Safeguarding Hub. This facility helps keep Safeguarding on track. It also provides job descriptions, policies etc which are helpful in Safeguarding procedures.

I am in constant contact with Father Ian and would like to thank him for his support of Safeguarding Matters. My thanks also to Father Mark, our Church Warden Madge, Paddy the Church Administrator and anyone I've pestered for answers to my questions.

Safeguarding is not one person's responsibility; it is the responsibility of all. If at any time you have any Safeguarding Concerns, please report it as soon as possible.

Christine Brown
Safeguarding Officer

Conclusion

This Report and the Attached Accounts were approved by the PCC on 4th February 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



The Reverend Ian Bullock (PCC Chair)
Vicar of Pontefract

All Saints Church, Pontefract

Independent Examiners Report to the PCC of All Saints Church

I report to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and S1.44 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act and the Church Guidance 2006 Edition.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records

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

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Receipts and Payments Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
Receipts						
Voluntary receipts						
Planned givings		19,615	-	-	19,615	11,387
Collections at services		12,264	-	-	12,264	8,546
All other giving/voluntary receipts	4a	1,542	55	-	1,597	7,313
		<u>33,421</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,476</u>	<u>27,245</u>
Activities for generating funds						
Investment income	4b	-	-	-	-	-
Church activities	4c	27,674	-	-	27,674	20,831
Total receipts		<u>61,095</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>61,150</u>	<u>48,076</u>
Payments						
Church activities						
Diocesan parish contribution		24,000	-	-	24,000	19,000
Ministry expenses		414	-	-	414	-
Church running expenses	4d	32,686	335	-	33,021	29,095
Missions giving and donations	4e	187	-	-	187	-
		<u>57,286</u>	<u>335</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>57,621</u>	<u>48,095</u>
Costs of generating funds		570	-	-	570	-
Total payments		<u>57,856</u>	<u>335</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58,191</u>	<u>48,095</u>
Excess of receipts over payments		3,239	-	280	-	2,959
Transfer between funds		499	-	499	-	-
		<u>3,738</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>779</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,959</u>
Cash at bank and in hand at 1 January		36,500	2,875	16,767	56,142	56,161
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 December		<u>40,238</u>	<u>2,096</u>	<u>16,767</u>	<u>59,101</u>	<u>56,142</u>

All Saints Church, Pontefract

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
Cash funds					
Lloyds TSB Current Account	39,456	2,096	16,767	58,319	54,534
Cash in hand	782	-	-	782	1,607
	<u>40,238</u>	<u>2,096</u>	<u>16,767</u>	<u>59,101</u>	<u>56,141</u>
Other monetary assets					
Saviour Trust	991	-	-	991	967
	<u>991</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>991</u>	<u>967</u>
Assets Retained for church use	2				
	<u>149,544</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>149,544</u>	<u>149,544</u>
Liabilities					
Trade creditors	354	-	-	354	304
Accountancy	1,260	-	-	1,260	1,260
	<u>1,614</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,614</u>	<u>1,564</u>

All Saints Church, Pontefract

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

2. Fixed assets

Fixed assets retained for church use is made up of the Church Hall. The assets are recorded at cost.

3. Movement in restricted funds

The movements in restricted funds during the year were:

	Balance B/fwd £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfer £	Balance C/fwd £
Restricted					
Church Gates	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
Church Hall	6,767	-	-	-	6,767
	<u>16,767</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,767</u>

The church gate fund represents accumulated donations for the maintenance of the church gates.

The church hall fund represents accumulated funds from the renting out of the hall which has been allocated for the maintenance and upkeep of the property.

4. Movement in designated funds

The movements in restricted funds during the year were:

	Balance B/fwd £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfer £	Balance C/fwd £
Designated					
Building Maintenance fund	2,565	55 -	335 -	190	2,096
Children Fund	155	-	-	155	0
Flower fund	154	-	-	154	0
	<u>2,875</u>	<u>55 -</u>	<u>335 -</u>	<u>499</u>	<u>2,096</u>

The building maintenance fund represents accumulated donations for the maintenance of the church building.

The children fund represents accumulated donations for the purchase of resources for the children in the congregation.

The tower fund represents accumulated donations for the maintenance of the church tower.

All Saints Church, Pontefract

Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
Receipts						
a) All other giving/voluntary receipts						
Tower fund		325	55	-	380	210
Flower fund		562	-	-	562	441
Building fund		-	-	-	-	40
Christingle collection		187	-	-	187	-
Votive candle collection		402	-	-	402	199
Faculty fee refunded		-	-	-	-	322
Donations		66	-	-	66	6,102
		<u>1,542</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,597</u>	<u>6,991</u>
b) Investment income						
Bank interest		-	-	-	-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
c) Church activities						
Fees for weddings and funerals		11,024	-	-	11,024	5,707
Open day refreshments		28	-	-	28	-
Afternoon tea		600	-	-	600	-
Book sales		-	-	-	-	31
Parish magazine income		54	-	-	54	93
Church hall lettings		15,967	-	-	15,967	15,000
		<u>27,674</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,674</u>	<u>20,831</u>
Payments						
d) Church running expenses						
Organist fees		4,239	-	-	4,239	3,208
Administrative services		1,675	-	-	1,675	2,098
Treasurer		1,040	-	-	1,040	620
Accountancy		1,260	-	-	1,260	1,200
Costs of services		4,480	-	-	4,480	4,097
Printing, stationery and telephone		2,312	-	-	2,312	1,835
Equipment rental		825	-	-	825	1,036
Church building running expenses		7,397	-	-	7,397	5,608
Legal and professional fees		50	-	-	50	-
Insurance		6,222	-	-	6,222	5,054
Church repairs and maintenance		3,185	335	-	3,520	4,339
		<u>32,686</u>	<u>335</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,021</u>	<u>29,095</u>
e) Mission giving and donation						
Third party donations		187	-	-	187	-
		<u>187</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>187</u>	<u>-</u>

Accounts

All Saints Church, Pontefract

Receipts and Payments Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

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Trustees Annual Report

The Parochial Church Council of the Parish of All Saints, Pontefract (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the Vicar, the Reverend Canon June Lawson and with the Reverend Mark Watkins as Associate Priest with particular care for All Saints in the ecclesiastical parish, the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England and the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical and to carry this forward as part of the Benefice of Pontefract which includes the Parish of St. Giles with St. Marys.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and become part of the parish community at All Saints. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within the parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, music and sacrament and through our lives in the wider community.

The PCC has adopted and will continue to review and follow the Safeguarding Policy as found in the Church of England's published document, 'Protecting All God's Children - 2010' as amended during 2017 and taking into account any current or future amendments. In 2021 the PCC adopted the Parish Dashboard system in order to have a better overview of Safeguarding needs and policies at All Saints, and during 2023 we continued to progress this process. Every PCC meeting has an item in the agenda to review progress and update the Dashboard. PCC members have been working through the three levels of OnLine training that is now prescribed for PCC members and all have completed the first two levels and are looking at the third, Domestic Abuse module.

The church hall continues to be occupied by the Saviour Trust, who do invaluable work in housing the homeless people not only in this community but in Leeds and other localities as well. The building is in a state of good repair and they pay an annual rent for the use of the building. The rental is subject to a formal agreement between the PCC and the Trust. The building is in good order inside and out.

The perimeter walls are now all repaired on the North, West and East sides but the work on the South side has had to be held in abeyance as it would involve the partial closure of South Baileygate, which the Highways Authority will not allow until the works on the A1 are completed. The Council have been made aware during the year of various defects and problems with the paths within the Church Grounds and have remedied all of these and also conducted an audit of the state of the various trees around the perimeter of the grounds.

During the year the Quinquennial was carried out by David Barker as Architect. Once received the report from that inspection will be used to update our existing Maintenance Plan. As yet, at the end of the year, we have not received this report. The cleaning of roofs and gutters, downpipes and drains, etc. has been subject of a program of works and should prove a good investment going forwards. All the Rainwater Goods and drains are now working along with soak-aways, etc. This work will be ongoing and should be checked annually.

The Church Building in general is good overall condition but there is now some urgency to begin work on the stonework above the Apse and lower part of the tower, and the East Corner of the South Transept.

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Portable Appliance Testing, Fire precautions and Extinguisher checks, Gas supply and Boiler checks have been carried out as necessary and no problems found in these areas. The new heating boiler continues to work well, with no problems in 2023 other than the replacement of a condensate pump.

The Parish Giving Scheme has continued through 2023. This has also enabled the recovery of significant Gift-Aid tax reclamation, and in most cases giving has been increased in line with inflation via the scheme's review of personal giving process. The Electronic Point of Sale type terminal in Church and an Online Giving button on the Parish Website have also been of help in this area, enabling contactless and online giving.

There have been no serious and reportable incidents under the Charities Commission requirements during 2023.

Towards the end of the year we were sad to have to say goodbye to our Vicar of Pontefract, Rev Canon June Lawson and her husband, Canon John. As of the end of the year we are looking forward hopefully to the Collation of a new Vicar of Pontefract sometime in the early part of next year.

One Faculty had to be applied for this year for the retrospective permission to inter a collection of Medieval human remains that had been found during excavations on the Priory site near the Hospital into the grounds of All Saints. This was approved but only at a not insignificant expense to the PCC for legal fees and a lot of hard work by Canon Lawson and others in ascertaining the facts of this matter and progressing it through the process. The local Archeological Society had mistakenly arranged the interment of the remains with local clergy at the time, some years ago, and the matter came to a head when they asked for a memorial stone to be laid, which brought the matter to the attention of the Authorities. We must stress at this point that All Saints Churchyard is a 'Closed Burial Site' and there can be no burials, interments or scatterings of human remains in or on it.

I wish to say a big thank you to everyone who has been involved in the running of our Parish during this very difficult year, - especially to the PCC members for their time and input and to all who have helped by welcoming and directing visitors and looking after their safety as they come for Worship. Thanks too to our PCC Secretary, Paddy Ward, for her continued support, in the preparation of weekly readings, magazines, etc. and supporting the PCC in their work and to both Paddy and Madge for their work as Church Wardens.

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And many thanks to our Lay Clergy - Rev. Wayne Phillips- and Reader - Anita Hayes, for their help with services in Church during the year and to others who from time-to-time cover services and funerals for us, in particular Rev Sue and Rev Mike.

Rev. Mark Watkins - Associate Priest.

Disability and Inclusivity

There have been no areas of concern this year in our provision for accessibility to our building and around the site.

Electoral Roll Report

At the close of 2023 there were 40 in total on our Electoral Roll.

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Proceedings of the PCC

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Financial Statements of the PCC

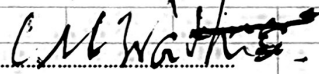
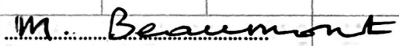
The financial statements that form part of this report have been examined as required in line with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and etc. and we thank Sam Hutton for her work for the PCC as Treasurer this year.

List of the PCC Membership and Officers

The following people were members of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2023:

Rev. Canon June Lawson - Vicar (for part of the year - post	Madge Beaumont - Electoral Roll Officer & Church Warden
Reverend Mark Watkins - Associate Priest	David Brown - Disability and Inclusivity
Reverend Wayne Phillips - Curate	Brenda Hall - Safeguarding DBS Officer
Sam Hutton - Treasurer	Chris Brown - Safeguarding Officer
Paddy Ward - Hon Secretary & Church Warden	Vic Maranian - Church Buildings and Health & Safety and Deanery Synod
Anita Hayes - Reader	Lousie Livesley

Approved by the PCC on and signed on its behalf by:

	
Rev. Mark Watkins, Chair	Madge Beaumont, Church Warden

Independent Examiners Report to the PCC of All Saints Church

I report to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 3 to 6.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and S1.44 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act and the Church Guidance 2006 Edition.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records

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

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All Saints Church, Pontefract						5
Receipts and Payments Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2023						
	Note	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	TOTAL	TOTAL
		£	£	£	2023	2022
					£	£
Receipts						
Voluntary receipts						
Planned givings		-	-	-	-	11,573
Collections at services		-	-	-	-	6,785
All other giving/voluntary receipts	4a	26,554	691	-	27,245	11,318
		26,554	691	-	27,245	29,676
Activities for generating funds						
Government Grants		-	-	-	-	2,663
Investment income	4b	-	-	-	-	-
Church activities	4c	20,831	-	-	20,831	22,390
Total receipts		47,385	691	-	48,076	54,728
Payments						
Church activities						
Diocesan parish contribution		19,000	-	-	19,000	15,200
Ministry expenses		-	-	-	-	-
Church running expenses	4d	28,330	765	-	29,095	39,246
Missions giving and donations	4e	-	-	-	-	-
		47,330	765	-	48,095	54,446
Costs of generating funds		-	-	-	-	-
Total payments		47,330	765	-	48,095	54,446
Excess of receipts over payments		55	74	-	19	282
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-	-
		55	74	-	19	282
Cash at bank and in hand at 1 January		36,445	2,949	16,767	56,161	55,879
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 December		36,500	2,875	16,767	56,142	56,161

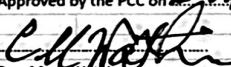
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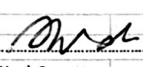
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	TOTAL 2023	TOTAL 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash funds					
Lloyds TSB Current Account	34,892	2,875	16,767	54,534	55,248
Cash in hand	1,607	-	-	1,607	913
	36,499	2,875	16,767	56,141	56,161
Other monetary assets					
Saviour Trust	967	-	-	967	-
	967	-	-	967	-
Assets Retained for church use	2	149,544	-	-	149,544
Liabilities					
Trade creditors	304	-	-	304	-
Accountancy	1,260	-	-	1,260	1,200
	1,564	-	-	1,564	1,200

Approved by the PCC on 21.01.2024 and signed on its behalf by:


 Rev. Mark Watkins


 P Ward, Secretary

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

2. Fixed assets

Fixed assets retained for church use is made up of the Church Hall. The assets are recorded at cost.

3. Movement in restricted funds

The movements in restricted funds during the year were:

	Balance B/fwd £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfer £	Balance C/fwd £
Restricted					
Church Gates	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
Church Hall	6,767	-	-	-	6,767
	16,767	-	-	-	16,767

The church gate fund represents accumulated donations for the maintenance of the church gates.

The church hall fund represents accumulated funds from the renting out of the hall which has been allocated for the maintenance and upkeep of the property.

4. Movement in designated funds

The movements in restricted funds during the year were:

	Balance B/fwd £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfer £	Balance C/fwd £
Designated					
Building Maintenance fund	2,650	250	-	335	2,565
Children Fund	155	-	-	-	155
Flower fund	143	441	-	430	154
	2,949	691	-	765	2,875

The building maintenance fund represents accumulated donations for the maintenance of the church building.

The children fund represents accumulated donations for the purchase of resources for the children in the congregation.

The flower fund represents accumulated donations for the purchase of flowers displayed in the church.

The tower fund represents accumulated donations for the maintenance of the church tower.

5. Government Grants

The government grants received in the year relate to VAT recovered in respect of the building works completed in the year. The grants received in 2021 relate to government support in respect of the Covid 19 pandemic.

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Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments

	Actual	Approved	Approved	2016	2015
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
a) All other groups/activities receipts					
Meal fund			700	700	100
Phone fund			600	600	200
Building fund			0	0	6,000
Charity collection					100
Worship music collection		100		100	0
Funds for education		500			
Reserves		20,000		20,000	4,000
		<u>20,600</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>20,400</u>	<u>11,300</u>
b) Investment income					
Bank interest					
c) Church activities					
Fees for weddings and funerals		1,700		1,700	4,000
Bank aids		0		0	
Funds - regular income		0		0	70
Church hall letting		10,000		10,000	10,000
		<u>11,700</u>		<u>11,700</u>	<u>14,070</u>
Payments					
a) Church running expenses					
Brought over		1,000		1,000	1,000
Administrative services		1,000		1,000	1,000
Taxes		0		0	
Miscellaneous		1,000		1,000	1,000
Costs of services		4,000	0	4,000	1,000
Printing, stationery, and telephone		1,000		1,000	1,000
Equipment costs		1,000		1,000	1,000
Church building running expenses		1,000		1,000	1,000
Legal and professional fees					4,000
Insurance		1,000		1,000	1,000
Church - repairs and maintenance		4,000	0	4,000	0,000
		<u>15,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>11,000</u>

Accounts

All Saints Church, Pontefract

**Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

All Saints Church, Pontefract

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Trustees Annual Report

The Parochial Church Council of the Parish of All Saints, Pontefract (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the Vicar, the Reverend Canon June Lawson and with the Reverend Mark Watkins as Associate Priest with particular care for All Saints in the ecclesiastical parish, the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England and the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical and to carry this forward as part of the Benefice of Pontefract which includes the Parish of St. Giles with St. Marys

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and become part of the parish community at All Saints. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within the parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, music and sacrament and through our lives in the wider community.

The PCC has adopted and will continue to review and follow the Safeguarding Policy as found in the Church of England's published document, 'Protecting All God's Children - 2010' as amended during 2017 and taking into account any current or future amendments. In 2021 the PCC adopted the Parish Dashboard system in order to have a better overview of Safeguarding needs and policies at All Saints, and during 2022 we continued to progress this process. Every PCC meeting has an item in the agenda to review progress and update the Dashboard. PCC members have been working through the three levels of OnLine training that is now prescribed for PCC members and most have completed the first two levels and are looking at the third, Domestic Abuse module.

The church hall continues to be occupied by the Saviour Trust, who do invaluable work in housing the homeless people not only in this community but in Leeds and other localities as well. The building is in a state of good repair and they pay an annual rent for the use of the building. The formalisation of this Rental Agreement has been completed now. The building is in good order inside and out.

There has been no more work on the perimeter walls of the churchyard during the year under the works of Wakefield Council, who are responsible for the Graveyards which are closed to burials. The plan is still to continue this work until the whole perimeter has been made safe and repaired. To this end the Council will be contacted to remind them of the outstanding work and of any other concerns with the grounds and trees, etc..

The next Quinquennial Inspection is due in 2023 and will be carried out by David Barker as Architect. Once received the report from that inspection will be used to update our existing Maintenance Plan. The cleaning of roofs and gutters, etc. is due to be carried out again this winter.

The Church Building is in overall good repair but problems with plasterwork degradation due to porous stonework and moisture ingress continue. The loose plaster has all been removed internally and has been left to dry out, which will take many months. Before repairs inside can be carried out there will need to be further work on the outside with the Rainwater Goods and facilities.

In the Belfry the replacement of Bell Hanger Bolts has been completed and the belfry area has had a quick tidy up at the same time.

Portable Appliance Testing, Fire precautions and Extinguisher checks, Gas supply and Boiler checks have been carried out as necessary and no problems found in these areas. The new heating boiler continues to work well, with no problems in 2022.

In 2022 the national COVID restrictions have been lifted but we continue to be vigilant and provide facilities for those who wish to continue to follow social distancing and continued provision of Disinfectant Sprays for those who wish to use them and for those involved in the distribution of Communion. This year however there have been no further COVID related grants but weekly giving has begun to return at services although numbers attending are not yet back up to pre-COVID levels with some still nervous about public spaces like churches.

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Electoral Roll Report

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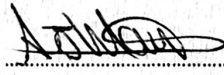
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Samantha Hutton - Treasurer	Patricia Pilkington
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Madge Beaumont - Electoral Roll Officer	Lousie Livesley

Approved by the PCC on March/April 23 and signed on its behalf by:


 Rev. Mark Watkins, Chair


 A Hayes, Church Warden

* Approved via email

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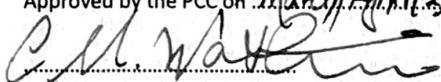
Receipts and Payments Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
Receipts						
Voluntary receipts						
Planned givings		11,573	-	-	11,573	10,911
Collections at services		6,785	-	-	6,785	6,621
All other giving/voluntary receipts	4a	6,596	4,721	-	11,318	1,861
		24,954	4,721	-	29,676	19,394
Activities for generating funds						
Government Grants		1,463	1,200	-	2,663	18,417
Investment income	4b	-	-	-	-	13
Church activities	4c	22,390	-	-	22,390	28,299
Total receipts		48,807	5,921	-	54,728	66,123
Payments						
Church activities						
Diocesan parish contribution		15,200	-	-	15,200	32,077
Ministry expenses		-	-	-	-	-
Church running expenses	4d	28,142	7,497	3,607	39,246	33,678
Missions giving and donations	4e	-	-	-	-	-
		43,342	7,497	3,607	54,446	65,755
Costs of generating funds		-	-	-	-	-
Total payments		43,342	7,497	3,607	54,446	65,755
Excess of receipts over payments		5,465	(1,575)	(3,607)	282	368
Transfer between funds		(2,907)	2,907	-	-	-
		2,558	1,332	(3,607)	282	368
Cash at bank and in hand at 1 January		33,888	1,617	20,374	55,879	55,511
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 December		36,445	2,949	16,767	56,161	55,879

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
Cash funds					
Lloyds TSB Current Account	35,532	2,949	16,767	55,248	55,879
Lloyds TSB Covenant Account	-	-	-	-	-
Cash in hand	913	-	-	913	-
	<u>36,445</u>	<u>2,949</u>	<u>16,767</u>	<u>56,161</u>	<u>55,879</u>
Assets Retained for church use	2	<u>149,544</u>	-	-	<u>149,544</u>
Liabilities					
Accountancy		1,200	-	-	1,200
		<u>1,200</u>	-	-	<u>1,200</u>

Approved by the PCC on March/April '23 and signed on its behalf by:


 Rev. Mark Watkins


 P Ward, Secretary

* Approved via e-mail

Notes to the Financial Statements

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3. Movement in restricted funds

The movements in restricted funds during the year were:

	Balance B/fwd £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfer £	Balance C/fwd £
Restricted					
Church Gates	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
Church Hall	10,374	-	(3,607)	-	6,767
	<u>20,374</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,607)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,767</u>

The church gate fund represents accumulated donations for the maintenance of the church gates.

The church hall fund represents accumulated funds from the renting out of the hall which has been allocated for the maintenance and upkeep of the property.

4. Movement in designated funds

The movements in restricted funds during the year were:

	Balance B/fwd £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfer £	Balance C/fwd £
Designated					
Building Maintenance fund	-	5,270	(4,620)	2,000	2,650
Children Fund	-	155	-	-	155
Flower fund	-	340	(297)	100	143
Tower fund	1,617	156	(2,580)	807	-
	<u>1,617</u>	<u>5,921</u>	<u>(7,497)</u>	<u>2,907</u>	<u>2,949</u>

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The children fund represents accumulated donations for the purchase of resources for the children in the congregation.

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5. Government Grants

The government grants received in the year relate to VAT recovered in respect of the building works completed in the year. The grants received in 2021 relate to government support in respect of the Covid 19 pandemic.

Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
Receipts						
a) All other giving/voluntary receipts						
		-	156	-	156	117
		-	340	-	340	-
		-	4,070	-	4,070	-
		-	155	-	155	-
		286	-	-	286	-
		6,311	-	-	6,311	1,744
		<u>6,596</u>	<u>4,721</u>	-	<u>11,318</u>	<u>1,861</u>
b) Investment income						
		-	-	-	-	13
		-	-	-	-	13
c) Church activities						
		6,359	-	-	6,359	11,972
		71	-	-	71	7
		15,961	-	-	15,961	16,320
		<u>22,390</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,390</u>	<u>28,299</u>
Payments						
d) Church running expenses						
		5,260	-	-	5,260	5,134
		1,938	-	-	1,938	1,959
		1,200	-	-	1,200	300
		1,297	297	-	1,594	1,149
		2,187	-	-	2,187	1,561
		1,306	-	-	1,306	1,306
		5,450	-	-	5,450	5,490
		3,388	-	3,607	6,995	-
		5,138	-	-	5,138	4,902
		977	7,200	-	8,177	11,879
		<u>28,142</u>	<u>7,497</u>	<u>3,607</u>	<u>39,246</u>	<u>33,678</u>

Accounts

All Saints Church, Pontefract

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Trustees Annual Report

The Parochial Church Council of the Parish of All Saints, Pontefract (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the Vicar, Reverend Canon June Lawson and with Reverend Mark Watkins as Associate Priest with particular care for All Saints, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England and the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical and to carry this forward as part of the Benefice of Pontefract which includes the Parish of St. Giles with St. Mary's.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and become part of the parish community at All Saints. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within the parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, music and sacrament.

The PCC has adopted and will continue to review and follow the Safeguarding Policy as found in the Church of England's published document, 'Protecting All God's Children - 2010' as amended during 2017 and taking into account any current or future amendments. The PCC has adopted the 'Parish Dashboard' system as a method of monitoring progress with Safeguarding systems, and this will continue to be explored during 2022.

The church hall continues to be occupied by the Saviour Trust, who do invaluable work in housing the homeless people not only in this community but in Leeds and other localities as well. The building is in a state of good repair and they pay an annual rent for the use of the building. The formalisation of this lease (rental agreement) has been an ongoing project of the PCC for the past 18 months or so, in consultation with the Leeds Diocese due to the DBF having an interest in the property, and in consultation with the local community. This looks like it will be completed early in 2022.

Work on the perimeter walls of the churchyard has continued during the year under the works of Wakefield Council, who are responsible for the graveyard as it is closed to burials now, and this work will continue into 2022, until the whole perimeter has been made safe and repaired. So far the whole of the north wall has been completely rebuilt and repaired and work on the east end and south side will begin in spring 2022. The west wall is actually in good repair, having been the subject of extensive work a few years ago.

The next Quinquennial Inspection is due in 2023 but with the retirement of Peter Pace as Architect there was a need to appoint another Architect this year to take us to the next inspection and beyond. The PCC have therefore appointed David Barker of AHR, as the Inspecting Architect - <https://www.ahr-global.com/David-Barker> if you wish to find out more about them, but they are an established firm with strong connections to ecclesiastical buildings and experience over many years of the Church of England Faculty processes and etc.

The church building is in overall good repair but there are some problems with plasterwork degradation due to porous stonework and moisture ingress. This will need to be addressed, with the stonework and rainwater goods being attended to first. The works carried out on the stonework and guttering/downpipes in 2018 would not appear to have addressed this problem. It is planned to address the loose plasterwork early in 2022 and a suitable contractor is in process of being appointed to carry this work out. The intention is to bring down all the loose plasterwork and then to give the fabric time to breathe and dry out, and to that end some work has been carried out around the whole building with regard to rainwater goods and drainage in order to help the walls dry out and the old boiler flue has been topped off to prevent rain entering it.

There is some maintenance work needed to the mechanics of the Belfry Bell Ringing arrangements, and some work to a small area of the flooring in that area. This is in hand and should be completed in 2022 first quarter.

Portable Appliance Testing, Fire precautions and extinguisher checks, gas supply and boiler checks and a full testing and checking of the main electrical system have been carried out, and some repairs were necessary to the electrical system due to rodent damage to insulation of some cables near the meter.

The new heating boiler continues to work well, with no problems in 2021.

As with the previous year, 2021 continued to be a very unusual and difficult year in many respects due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and resulting restrictions and lockdowns. Although a return to worship in church has been possible this has continued to bring with it significant financial issues as giving income and income from fees has been affected, but this was somewhat mitigated by a number of Local Authority Covid Business grants.

Introduced towards the end of 2019, the Parish Giving Scheme has resulted in a continued boost to regular giving that has been maintained throughout the 2021. This has also enabled the recovery of significant Gift-Aid tax reclamation, and in most cases giving has been increased in line with inflation via the scheme's review of personal giving process. An Electronic Point of Sale type terminal in Church and an Online Giving button on the Parish Website have also been of help in this area, enabling contactless and online giving. A further addition of a downloadable 'QR Code' based instant access giving button has yet to see significant use as it has not really been possible to promote this method with either our congregation or other visitors.

As the year came to an end we were once more entering a lockdown period, albeit not as severe as some we have seen in the recent past, but we are looking forward to the opening up throughout the coming year of our more usual work in the community as we continue to be witnesses to the love of God in Christ to those around us and those who turn to us for help and support.

I wish to say a big thank you to everyone who has been involved in the running of our Parish during this very difficult year, especially to the PCC members for their time and input and to those who have taken on some of the extra responsibilities arising from the need to take extra precautions when the building has been open for public worship by directing visitors and looking after their safety as they come for worship. Thanks too to our PCC Secretary, Paddy, for her continued support, even whilst working from home, in the preparation of weekly readings, magazines, etc. and supporting the PCC in their work.

I also wish to say a big 'Thank You' to those members of the local Clergy and others who stepped up during my extended period of illness during the year, and to Canon June for chairing the PCC, giving direction, help and guidance to them and doing the lion's share of the planning of services, events, pastoral offices and organising the rota.

Thanks too are due to Neil, our organist, for his work in choosing and pre-recording many of the hymns we have used during the year, and to our Worship Group for their musical offerings, and their return to regular live music during the services has been especially a blessing to us all.

And many thanks to our Clergy: Revd Wayne Phillips and Reader(s) Anita Hayes and Jackie Guest

Rev. Mark Watkins - Associate Priest.

Disability and Inclusivity

Disability and Inclusion we can only report briefly -
Because of problems resulting from the pandemic, the PCC has not had the ability to assess how we have responded to the needs of people with disabilities. We will continue to review our policy, provision and identify any further action needed over the coming year.

Electoral Roll Report

At the close of 2021 there were 71 in total on our Electoral Roll.

Proceedings of the PCC

The PCC has met during the year and since the COVID-19 restrictions have been relaxed these meetings have been able to take place 'Face-to-Face' in the building. Significant Items discussed during the year in particular have continued to be the implications during the various lockdowns and restrictions, the provision of Online alternative services during those times, the reviews of policies and the level of payment of Parish Share in the light of the financial situation extant at the beginning of the year. We are pleased in particular this year that All Saints has been able to pay a significant portion of the Parish Share - a figure that reflects the cash in hand at the bank by the year end and the actual size and demographic of our worshipping congregation.

Financial Statements of the PCC


The financial statements that form part of this report have been examined as required in line with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.


List of the PCC Membership and Officers

The following people were members of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2021:

Rev. Canon June Lawson - Vicar	David Brown - Disability and inclusivity
Reverend Mark Watkins - Associate Priest	Brenda Hall - Safeguarding
Reverend Wayne Phillips - Curate	Patricia Pilkington
Brian Pilkington - Hon Treasurer	Anita Hayes - Church Warden
Paddy Ward - Hon Secretary	Madge Beaumont - Electoral Roll Officer
Jackie Hyde - Church Warden	Kristopher Hyde
Neil Aspland	Vic Maranian

Approved by the PCC on 6th April 2022 and signed on its behalf by:


Reverend Canon J Lawson, Chair


P Ward, Secretary

Independent Examiners Report to the PCC of All Saints Church

I report to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 3 to 6.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and S1.44 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act and the Church Guidance 2006 Edition.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records

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

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Receipts and Payments Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
Receipts						
Voluntary receipts						
Planned givings		10,911	-	-	10,911	13,196
Collections at services		6,621	-	-	6,621	3,076
All other giving/voluntary receipts	4a	1,744	117	-	1,861	21,917
		<u>19,277</u>	<u>117</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,394</u>	<u>38,188</u>
Activities for generating funds						
Government Grants		18,417	-	-	18,417	11,334
Investment Income	4b	13	-	-	13	38
Church activities	4c	28,299	-	-	28,299	17,149
Total receipts		<u>66,006</u>	<u>117</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>66,123</u>	<u>66,709</u>
Payments						
Church activities						
Diocesan parish contribution		32,077	-	-	32,077	2,500
Ministry expenses		-	-	-	-	-
Church running expenses	4d	33,368	310	-	33,678	27,991
Missions giving and donations	4e	-	-	-	-	350
		<u>65,445</u>	<u>310</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>65,755</u>	<u>30,841</u>
Costs of generating funds		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total payments		<u>65,445</u>	<u>310</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>65,755</u>	<u>30,841</u>
Excess of receipts over payments		<u>560</u>	<u>(193)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>368</u>	<u>35,868</u>
Transfer between funds		3,338	(3,338)	-	-	-
		<u>3,898</u>	<u>(3,531)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>368</u>	<u>35,868</u>
Cash at bank and in hand at 1 January		29,989	5,148	20,374	55,511	30,977
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 December		<u>33,888</u>	<u>1,617</u>	<u>20,374</u>	<u>55,879</u>	<u>55,511</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
Cash funds					
Lloyds TSB Current Account	35,505	1,617	20,374	55,879	19,838
Lloyds TSB Covenant Account	-	-	-	-	35,674
Cash in hand					-
	<u>35,505</u>	<u>1,617</u>	<u>20,374</u>	<u>55,879</u>	<u>55,511</u>
Other monetary assets					
Saviour Trust	-	-	-	-	5,920
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,920</u>
Assets Retained for church use	2	149,544	-	-	149,544
Liabilities					
Interest Free Loan - Boiler	-	-	-	-	5,333
Accountancy	1,200	-	-	1,200	300
	<u>1,200</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>5,633</u>

Approved by the PCC on and signed on its behalf by:

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Reverend Canon J Lawson, Chair

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P Ward, Secretary

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

2. Fixed assets

Fixed assets retained for church use is made up of the Church Hall. The assets are recorded at cost.

3. Movement in restricted funds

The movements in restricted funds during the year were:

	Balance B/fwd £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfer £	Balance C/fwd £
Restricted					
Church Gates	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
Boiler Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Church Hall	10,374	-	-	-	10,374
	<u>20,374</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,374</u>

The church gate fund represents accumulated donations for the maintenance of the church gates.

The church hall fund represents accumulated funds from the renting out of the hall which has been allocated for the maintenance and upkeep of the property.

4. Movement in designated funds

The movements in restricted funds during the year were:

	Balance B/fwd £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfer £	Balance C/fwd £
Designated					
Bell Fund	3,221	117	-	(3,338)	-
Clock Repair	1,927	-	(310)	-	1,617
	<u>5,148</u>	<u>117</u>	<u>(310)</u>	<u>(3,338)</u>	<u>1,617</u>

The bell fund represents accumulated donations for the maintenance of the church bells.

The clock repair fund represents accumulated donations for the maintenance of the church clock.

5. Government Grants

Government grants received relate to the COVID 19 pandemic. This income stream is not anticipated to continue in the 2022 financial year.

Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
Receipts						
a)	All other giving/voluntary receipts					
	Bell Fund	-	117	-	117	20
	Leeds Diocese	-	-	-	-	4,590
	Boiler Fund	-	-	-	-	284
	Donations	1,744	-	-	1,744	5,689
		<u>1,744</u>	<u>117</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,861</u>	<u>21,917</u>
b)	Investment Income					
	Bank interest	13	-	-	13	38
		<u>13</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>38</u>
c)	Church activities					
	Fees for weddings and funerals	11,972	-	-	11,972	2,087
	Sundry	-	-	-	-	1,366
	Parish magazine Income	7	-	-	7	15
	Church hall lettings	16,320	-	-	16,320	13,680
		<u>28,299</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,299</u>	<u>17,149</u>
Payments						
d)	Church running expenses					
	Organist and vocalist fees	5,134	-	-	5,134	8,489
	Accountancy	300	-	-	300	600
	Costs of services	1,149	-	-	1,149	127
	Printing, stationery and telephone	1,561	-	-	1,561	3,506
	Church building running expenses	13,657	-	-	13,657	11,822
	Church repairs and maintenance	11,569	310	-	11,879	3,447
		<u>33,368</u>	<u>310</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,678</u>	<u>27,991</u>
e)	Mission giving and donation					
	Children's society/Christingle	-	-	-	-	350
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>350</u>