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All Saints Church, Pontefract									1
Trustees Annual Report									
<p>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.</p>									
<p>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.</p>									
<p>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.</p>									
<p>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.</p>									
<p>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.</p>									
<p>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.</p>									
<p>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.</p>									
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<p>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.</p>									

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.

Special thanks too to Chris Brown and Brenda Hall for their work with Safeguarding matters and to all PCC members and other officers for the time they have given completing and updating their Training Modules for Safeguarding and other matters too.

Thanks too are due to Neil Aspland, our organist, and to our Worship Group for their musical offerings, and their music during the services has been especially a blessing to us all.

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.

Proceedings of the PCC

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The PCC has met during the year but on a reduced frequency to reduce the workload on our volunteers. The full PCC meet once every two months with the Standing Committee meeting alternate months to set the agenda for the next meeting and deal with any immediate concerns between meetings. Again, this year 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. The level of Share requested by the Diocese for 2024 is in fact a small reduction on the previous year.

Financial Statements of the PCC

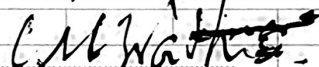
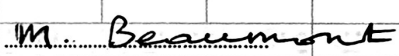
The financial statements that form part of this report have been examined as required in line with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and etc. and we thank Sam Hutton for her work for the PCC as Treasurer this year.

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:

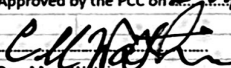
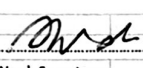
1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records

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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Receipts and Payments Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2023							
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 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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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	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						

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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
	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.

AML REVIEW

Partner risk assessment (H/M/L)

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Longstanding client - no historic or current issue

Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
a) All other giving/charitable receipts					
Bank Fund		750	750	750	750
Pew Fund		600	600	600	600
Building Fund		0	0	0	6,000
Charitable collection					0
Other funds collection	100		100	100	100
Grants for education	500				
Donations	25,000		25,000	25,000	25,000
	<u>25,600</u>	<u>1,350</u>	<u>25,450</u>	<u>25,450</u>	<u>31,350</u>
b) Investment income					
Bank interest					
c) Church collection					
Bank for buildings and funds	5,707		5,707	5,707	5,707
Bank sales	0		0	0	0
Grants - religious income	0		0	0	0
Church hall letting	15,000		15,000	15,000	15,000
	<u>15,707</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>15,707</u>	<u>15,707</u>	<u>15,707</u>
Payments					
a) Church running expenses					
Repairs - Gen	1,000		1,000	1,000	1,000
Administrative services	2,000		2,000	2,000	2,000
Telephone	0		0	0	0
Miscellaneous	1,000		1,000	1,000	1,000
Costs of services	6,007	0	6,007	6,007	6,007
Printing, stationery, and telephone	1,000		1,000	1,000	1,000
Equipment - other	1,000		1,000	1,000	1,000
Church building running expenses	1,000		1,000	1,000	1,000
Light and professional fees					0
Insurance	1,000		1,000	1,000	1,000
Church - repairs and maintenance	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>13,007</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13,007</u>	<u>13,007</u>	<u>13,007</u>