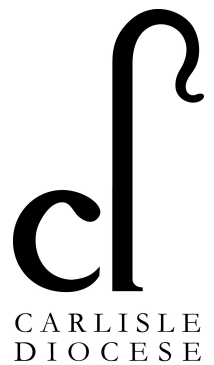


The Parochial Church Council
of
The Parish Church
of
Saint James, Arnside *with* Storth



Annual Parish Report
and
Financial Statements
for the year ended
31st December 2022

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

for the year ended 31st December 2022

Reference and Administration Information

The Parish Church of St James, Arnside is situated in Church Hill, Arnside.

It is part of the Diocese of Carlisle within the Church of England and is closely involved with the two Church of England Schools in the parish: Arnside National Primary and Storth Primary, electing Foundation Governors to serve on their respective Governing Bodies.

The church enjoys strong relationships with Arnside Methodist Church and Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church as members of Arnside Christians Together. And, as part of the Diocesan vision of 'God for All' sits within the Kent Estuary Mission Community, working collaboratively in mission and ministry with the local church communities – Church of England and Methodist – within Arnside, Beetham, Heversham, Levens, Storth and Milnthorpe.

The church is a Registered Charity in England and Wales (Registered Charity No. 1143293).

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	Beetham,	
	Milnthorpe,	Email: stephs.mail@hotmail.co.uk*
	Cumbria, LA7 7AS	*(PCC Secretary)

Ex-Officio Members of the PCC

Those who have served during 2022 are:

Incumbent <i>(Priest-in-Charge)</i>	The Reverend Andrew B Norman	
Assistant Curate	The Reverend Hannah Wallace	
Lay Readers	Ian Service Jenny Skinner	
Churchwardens:	Ian Service Edgar Shepherd	Elected APCM 2022 Elected APCM 2022

Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

Annette Brown	Elected APCM 2020
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Representatives of Storth Village Church (co-opted APCM for one year)

Barbara Holdsworth	Co-opted
Beth Hay	Co-opted

ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The following are elected members of the PCC on a three-year cycle unless otherwise stated.

John Edwards	Elected APCM 2020
Sandra Humphery	Elected APCM 2020
Edward G Taylor	Elected APCM 2022 * 1 year
Stephanie Griffith	Elected APCM 2022 * 1 year

Sandy Felton	Elected APCM 2021
Delyth Langdon	Elected APCM 2021
Anne Jackson	Elected APCM 2022 * 2 years
Alan Mitchell	Elected APCM 2022 * 2 years

Roger Mashiter	Elected APCM 2022
Steph Woodburn	Elected APCM 2022
Tom Bradford	Elected APCM 2022

There is one vacancy on the PCC from the 2022 electoral cycle.

Members of the Standing Committee:

The Reverend Andrew B Norman
Mr Ian Service
Mr Edgar Shepherd
Mr Alan Mitchell
Mrs Steph Griffith
Mrs Anne Jackson
Mrs Sandy Felton

Bank:

Barclays Plc., 9 Highgate, Kendal, LA9 4DF
National Westminster Plc., PO Box 1, Morecambe, LA4 4BJ

Independent Examiner:

(Re-appointed APCM 2022)

Dr David Knox
Number 12
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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE and MANAGEMENT

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England, in accordance with the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measures 1956 as amended. Its members are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), in accordance with the Church Representation Rules (contained in Schedule 3 of the Synodical Government Measure 1969 as amended and Church Representation Rules 2006. The PCC has complied with the duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016.

The Priest-in-Charge, Assistant Curate, Lay Readers, Churchwardens and Deanery Synod representatives are ex-officio members of the PCC. The continuing relationship between the Benefice and the Methodist Church known as Storth Village Church (SVC) enables two further ex-officio members of the PCC from SVC, both of whom are registered on the Church Electoral Roll of the Benefice. All those attending public worship regularly are encouraged to register on the Church Electoral Roll and are then eligible to stand for election to the PCC.

Standing Committee: The PCC is required to appoint a Standing Committee by law. It has power to transact business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. Its membership is constituted as follows: Clergy, Chair/Vice-Chair PCC, Church Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary and two members of the PCC.

Objectives and Activities: St James PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, The Reverend Andrew B Norman, promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical as stated in the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956 as amended.

Activities include: Regular **public worship** open to all; The provision of **sacred space** for personal prayer and contemplation; **pastoral work**, including visiting the sick and bereaved; **teaching** of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups; promotion of Christianity through the staging of **events and meetings** and the distribution of literature; promoting the **whole mission** of the Church with activities for people of all ages; supporting other **charities** in the UK and overseas.

These objectives are encapsulated and progressed through the Diocesan Strategy 'God for All'. This vision encompasses four themes: follow daily, speak boldly, care deeply, tread gently. In the coming years we will seek to ensure that the parish church is fully aligned to seeking this vision for our church and community. This will be done in collaboration with our ecumenical partners in Arnside village, through Arnside Christians Together, and with fellow church communities across the Kent Estuary Mission Community. Further information about the 'God for All' vision can be found here: www.godforall.org.uk and www.kentestuarymissioncommunity.com.

The PCC has ensured that a robust risk assessment is in place, which has been regularly reviewed and updated.

HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT

As of 1st January 2023, there were **105** on the Church Electoral Roll. A completely new Electoral Roll was formed in 2019, carried out in the months leading up to the 2019 APCM and the New Roll Number at that time was 107. Subsequently, several members have moved away.

In the month of October, the average adult Sunday attendance over the four Sundays was 56.

During the week 120 children attend on Wednesday for School Church accompanied by 13 adults.

Weekly attendance numbers have been regular over the year with an average of 175 different people recorded attending over that period.

Occasional Offices:

Baptisms:	8
Weddings:	1
Funerals in Church:	4
Funerals at Crematorium	1

The appointment of PCC Roles for 2022 was placed on the notice board at the back of the church.

During the year (2022) the PCC / Standing Committee met on the following dates:

- 19th January PCC (15 present, 1 apology)
- 8th February Standing Committee (6 present, 1 apology)
- 16th March PCC (14 present, 2 apologies)
- 4th May APCM & PCC (13 present, 3 apologies)
- 13th June Standing Committee (6 present, 1 apology)
- 13th July PCC (14 present, 4 apologies)
- 10th August Standing Committee (6 present, 1 apology)
- 14th August Extraordinary PCC meeting (10 present, 8 apologies)
- 14th September PCC (11 present, 7 apologies)
- 9th November PCC (17 present, 1 apology)

During the course of the year the Standing Committee met regularly to conduct the business of the PCC and deal with any pressing issues that needed to be addressed. The minutes of these minutes were circulated to the full PCC for their approval and agreement. The PCC met regularly bi-monthly. The PCC has complied with the duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (see Safeguarding report page 19).

Stephanie Griffith

REPORT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The 2022 accounts have been produced on a receipts and payments basis as in previous years.

Following two years of Covid uncertainty, with difficult financial predictions, we have entered a more stable year, and were able to commit to some improvements to our church. We have completely upgraded the entire lighting system to all new LED fittings which will help to offset an increase in electricity tariff that came in from Nov 2022. In addition, a major repair was made to the east window protection screen to prevent leaks, and a new ventilation hopper fitted to one of the west windows. Both these upgrades were paid for by the fabric fund. In addition, we have bought all new pew runners for the main body of the church, paid for by the general fund but the costs have been partly offset by appeal donations. Our total expenditure on these projects was £13.3K.

Our freewill offering increased slightly by 1% to £27043, plate collections were £2656 up from £1755, St James Day donations fell but at the back end of the year the response to the pew runner appeal has netted £1450 which with gift aid will provide a gross £1800. Our Patronal Festival BBQ was well supported by all the local churches. We are grateful for 2 legacies during the year which provided £3500. Fees from funerals fell, and receipts from use of the church for other activities have not got back to pre-Covid levels. Despite a lot of work on the magazine, advertising revenue has fallen off.

Due to falls in equity values our Church of England Fund shares held by the CCLA show a fall in value of 9% compared to the end of 2021. More important, however, the dividend income from the shares is being maintained, and has increased by around £5K per annum due to the investment last year of the proceeds of the sale of 1 Woodclose Cottage. The Woodclose Maintenance account has now been closed.

Discussion arose in the year concerning the Anglican Storth Mission Fund, and it was agreed that the fund could support a contribution of a sixth of the Parish Offering on an ongoing basis. In 2022 units to the value of £4k were sold to facilitate this.

As mentioned earlier the Fabric Fund paid for the new lights and window upgrades. This mopped up all the deposit funds but we did not have to touch the income shares in the Church of England Fund held by the CCLA

Looking ahead there will be challenges facing us. Energy costs are a concern, and our very favourable gas tariff will terminate in Feb 2024. Our Parish Offering rises by 5% in 2023 to £46.2K. In addition, our Quinquennial Inspection could involve building costs of £17-£25K over the next 5 years.

Yet again we have been well supported this year by Kay Crabtree and John Edwards, in respect to the Freewill offering scheme, the HMRC Gift Aid recovery Scheme, and our bespoke Spreadsheet System that has to supply a surprising amount of financial data to the Charity Commission and C of E financial database for parish returns, not forgetting Sandy Felton who compiles the annual parish report. As always, we are grateful to Dr David Knox our Independent examiner for voluntarily doing our examination of accounts over the last 15 years.

Alan Mitchell

Policies: All policies reside in the church vestry and can be viewed by anyone who wishes to see them. The PCC does not believe that The Parish of St James is subject to any substantial risks beyond the liabilities disclosed in the financial statements. The PCC has no employees who are paid for their work. It holds public and liability insurance policies.

Risk Assessment Policy: The PCC has a Risk Assessment policy and a Risk Assessment Register, which is reviewed on a regular basis. All financial activities are carried out according to the Charity Commission's guidance. The PCC also has a Bribery and Corruption Policy that ensures financial transactions are fully transparent.

Health & Safety: The PCC's Health & Safety Officer reviews the maintenance of the premises on a regular basis and reports any concerns to the PCC. An **Accident Book** and **First Aid** equipment is located in the kitchen.

Reserves Policy: PCC has agreed to invest any surplus funds balances with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund. Balances of the funds held are shown separately against each fund in the financial report of this APCM pack.

Safeguarding People Policy: The PCC has adopted in full the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy. The last review updated the policy and was approved by the PCC In January 2022. The Parish Safeguarding Handbook (Version 2: October 2018) is kept in the Vestry. All those required to do so have undergone the statutory training - C3 for the incumbent, Lay Readers and the Parish Safeguarding Officer and C0 and C1 for all PCC members. All recruitment happens within a Safer Recruitment framework. Our Parish Safeguarding Officer is Yvonne Service, who attends regular Diocesan Briefings as they arise.

Summary and looking forward:

In the coming financial year, the continuing and increasing challenge to work with the churches around the Kent Estuary to meet the costs of ministry locally, in the Deanery and across the Diocese. There will also be financial implications surrounding the development of the Kent Estuary Mission Community. Our obligations as a charitable body will continue to adhere to Charity Law as it continues to be amended and develop.

Connected organisations and charities

The PCC is responsible for the activities and management of the Annie Pickering Charity No. 500252, details of whose assets and their management are shown in the Financial Statements.

ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES

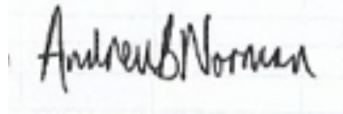
The PCC is responsible for preparing financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of The Parish of St James financial activities during that year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the PCC should follow best practice and:

- * Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- * Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- * State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- * Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the PCC will continue in operation.

The PCC is responsible for: 1) keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Parish of St James and enable it (the PCC) to ensure that the annual financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006. 2) Safeguarding the assets of St James and taking reasonable steps for prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This Annual Report and Financial Statement was approved by the PCC on 8th March 2023

The Revd Andrew B Norman:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Andrew B Norman", written on a light-colored background.

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 on a receipts and payments basis. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Fund accounting

Endowment Funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the PCC's discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted Funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor, and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific PCC activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted Funds are income funds which are to be spent on the PCC's general purposes.

Designated Funds are general funds set aside by the PCC for the use in the future. Project funds are designated for particular projects for administration purposes only. Funds designated as invested in fixed assets for the PCC's own use are abated in line with those assets' annual depreciation charges in the SOFA. Designated funds remain unrestricted and the PCC will move any surplus to other general funds.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and similar donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and Legacies are accounted for when the PCC is entitled to the use of the resources, their ultimate receipt is considered reasonably certain and the accounts due are readily quantifiable. Dividends are accounted for when declared receivable, interest as and when accrued by the payer. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share expected to be paid over is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011. Movable church furniture held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

ST. JAMES CHURCH, ARNSIDE
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2022

GENERAL ACCOUNT - UNRESTRICTED FUND

2021	Receipts	2022	2021	Payments	2022
24,229	Gift Aided Planned Giving	23,881	-	Cost of generating funds	14
2,558	Other Planned Giving	2,562	313	Charitable Donations	448
1,755	Collection at Services	2,656	32,312	Arnside Parish Share	36,632
1,335	Gift Day Donations	1,102	836	Salaries & Support	1,129
120	Other Voluntary Giving	10	1,611	Incumbent Expenses	2,030
348	Donations Non-Recurring	1,775	-	Assistant Clergy Expenses	345
7,209	HMRC Tax Recovered	7,111	117	Mission & Evangelism costs	218
-	Legacies	3,500	7,193	Church Running Expenses	7,864
-	Grants Recurring	-	2,964	Church Utilities	3,799
-	Grants Non-Recurring	-	-	Bookstall	-
-	Fund Raising Events	-	508	Magazine	838
4,564	Investment Income	5,025	-	Governance Costs	-
955	PCC Fees	872	-	Major Works	5,482
290	Use of Church Facilities	785			
-	Bookstall	-			
809	Magazine	845			
44,171	Total Receipts	50,124	45,854	Total Payments	58,798
(1,684)	Excess of Receipts over Payments	(8,674)			
8,475	Transfers between funds	12,988			
-	Transfers between funds - Storth	-			
-	Transfers between funds	288			
6,791	Net Movement of Fund	4,601			
19,534	Bank Accounts as at 1/1/22	26,326			
26,326	Bank Accounts as at 31/12/22	30,927			

Purpose: The General Unrestricted funds of the PCC.

WOODCLOSE ACCOUNT - DESIGNATED FUND

2021	Receipts	2022	2021	Payments	2022
623		-	-	Repairs	-
-		-	-	Insurance	-
-		-	1,760	Major Works - improvements	-
623	Total Receipts	-	1,760	Total Payments	-
(1,138)	Excess of Receipts over payments	-			
250	Transfers from Annie Pickering fund	-			
(250)	Transfers between funds	(488)			
(1,138)	Net Movement of Fund	(488)			
1,626	Bank Accounts as at 1/1/22	488			
488	Bank Accounts as at 31/12/22	-			

Purpose: A designated fund for the repairs and maintenance of the Woodclose property which has now been sold and this account has now been closed.

FLOWER ACCOUNT- RESTRICTED FUND

2021 Receipts	2022	2021 Payments	2022
<u>282</u> Donations	<u>260</u>	<u>298</u> Cost of Flowers	<u>233</u>
282 Total Receipts	260	298 Total Payments	233
 (16) Excess of Receipts over Payments	 27		
- Transfers between funds	-		
<u>(16) Net movement of Fund</u>	<u>27</u>		
 72 Bank Accounts as at 1/1/22	 55		
<u>55 Bank Accounts as at 31/12/22</u>	<u>82</u>		

Purpose: A Restricted fund for flowers and floral arrangements in church

STORTH EXPENDABLE ENDOWMENT FUND

2021 Receipts	2022	2021 Payments	2022
<u>10,224</u> Income from CBF Investment Units	<u>2,157</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
10,224 Total Receipts	2,157	- Total Payments	-
 10,224 Net movement of Fund	 2,157		
- Purchase/Sale of CBF Investment units	4,000		
- Transfer to General Fund	-		
<u>(10,224) Transfer to Storth Fund</u>	<u>(6,157)</u>		
- Net Movement of Fund	-		
 - Bank Accounts as at 1/1/22	 -		
<u>- Bank Accounts as at 31/12/22</u>	<u>-</u>		

Purpose: A Expendable Endowment fund being the sale proceeds of the former Storth Church Building.
To provide funding for Storth Church

ANNIE PICKERING ACCOUNT PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND

Registered Charity in England & Wales. Charity No: 500252

2021 Receipts	2022	2021 Payments	2022
<u>8,475</u> Income from CBF Investment Units	<u>12,988</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
8,475 Total Receipts	12,988	- Total Payments	-
 8,475 Net movement of Fund	 12,988		
<u>(8,475) Transfer to General Fund</u>	<u>(12,988)</u>		
- Net Movement of Fund	-		
 - Bank Accounts as at 1/1/22	 -		
<u>- Bank Accounts as at 31/12/22</u>	<u>-</u>		

Purpose: A Permanent Endowment fund being the Legacy Estate of Annie Pickering, for the mission and work of the church in Arnside.

STORTH ACCOUNT - DESIGNATED FUND

2021 Receipts	2022	2021 Payments	2022
600 Gift Aided Planned Giving	600	11,688 Storth Parish Share	7,368
- Other Planned Giving	-	41 Charitable Donations	-
150 HMRC Tax Recovered	150	- Church Running Expenses	-
1,275 Donations	-		
- Legacies	-		
1 Investment Income	17		
2,026 Total Receipts	767	11,729 Total Payments	7,368
(9,703) Excess of Receipts over Payments	(6,601)		
10,224 Transfers between funds	6,157		
522 Net Movement of Fund	(444)		
2,180 Bank Accounts as at 1/1/22	2,701		
2,701 Bank Accounts as at 31/12/22	2,257		

Purpose: A designated fund for the work of the Anglican church in Storth.

FABRIC ACCOUNT - RESTRICTED FUND

2021 Receipts	2022	2021 Payments	2022
150 Fund Raising Events	-	- Fund raising costs	-
- Donations	250	- Church Maintenance	-
2 Investment Income	20	- Major Works and Fees	7,790
- Legacies	-		-
152 Total Receipts	270	- Total Payments	7,790
152 Excess of Receipts over Payments	(7,520)		
- Transfer between funds	200		
152 Net Movement of Fund	(7,320)		
-			
7,461 Bank Accounts as at 1/1/22	7,613		
7,613 Bank Accounts as at 31/12/22	292		

Purpose: A Restricted fund for the maintenance and major repairs to the church building and roof, and also including the organ, heating, plumbing and electrical systems within the church.

SCHOOL BIBLE ACCOUNT- RESTRICTED FUND

2021 Receipts	2022	2021 Payments	2022
211 Donations	227	177 Grants of school bibles	101
- HMRC Tax Recovered	-		-
211 Total Receipts	227	177 Total Payments	101
34 Excess of Receipts over Payments	126		
- Transfers between funds	-		
34 Net movement of Fund	126		
8 Bank Accounts as at 1/1/22	42		
42 Bank Accounts as at 31/12/22	168		

Purpose: A Restricted Fund to provide a bible to children leaving Arnside National School and Storth Church of

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	Unrestricted General Fund	Designated Woodcose Fund	Designated Storlh Fund	Designated Fabric Fund	Restricted Fabric Fund	Restricted School Bible Fund	Restricted Flower Fund	Expendable Endowment Storlh Fund	Permanent Endowment Annie Pickering Charity	TOTALS	
										2022	2021
Cash held	-	-	-	-	-	-	82	-	-	82	55
Current account	9,665	-	801	-	89	168	-	-	-	10,722	9,233
CBF Deposit Account	21,282	-	1,457	-	203	-	-	-	-	22,942	27,936
	30,947	A/c Closed	2,257	A/c Closed	292	168	82	-	-	33,746	37,224
Debtors											
Income Tax recoverable as at 31/12/22	5,232	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,232	4,964
Other Assets											
CBF Income shares (1)	158,406	-	-	-	-	-	-	71,582	436,683	666,671	759,861
No: of Units	7666.77							3464.53	21135.19		
CBF Accumulation shares (2)	-	-	-	42,747	-	-	-	-	-	42,747	47,061
No: of Units	-	-	-	805.82	-	-	-	-	-		
Liabilities											
Agency Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Creditors	600	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	600	527
Fund Balance as at 31/12/22	193,985	A/c Closed	2,257	42,747	292	168	82	71,582	436,683	747,796	848,584

FUNCTIONAL ASSETS

de-mountable staging	printer / copier	large barbecue	piano	tree stand	projector screen
microwave cooker	water boiler (new)	carpet cleaner	4 ladders	electric organ	
overhead projector	television set	workmate bench	3 kettles	electronic projector	

NOTES

Investment funds unit price as at 31st December 2022

(1)	CBF Income investment fund units	20.6614	per unit
(2)	CBF Accumulator investment fund units	53.0480	per unit

Signed on behalf of Arnside Parochial Church Council on 2023

The Revd. A B Norman



(chair)

A J Mitchell



(Treasurer)

8th March 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Parochial Church Council of St James, Arnside with Storth:

CHRISTIAN GIVING REPORT 2022

Freewill Offering:

Gift Aid Contribution	£19,859.00	April to December 2021
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Tax Claimed	£4,965.16
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Gift Aid Contribution	£6,275.00	January to March 2022
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Tax Claimed	£1,568.80
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GIFT AID SMALL DONATION SCHEME: £727.50	April 2021 to March 2022
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Total Tax Refund for 2022 £7,261.46

Membership in the Freewill Offering Scheme

Non-Gift Aid	4
Gift -Aid	14
Standing Order	29 {including 4 not gift aided}

Kay V Crabtree

ORGAN and CHOIR

Choir membership at St. James' Church Arnside currently numbers 12, with average Sunday attendances being in the region of eight. Rehearsals are usually held in church on Wednesday afternoons at 2.30 pm. These take place in a relaxed and informal atmosphere and are generally regarded as being both useful and enjoyable. If anyone feels they would like to come along and either listen or, better still, join us they would be most welcome. Advanced singing skills or musical knowledge not required!

Following the return to near-normality after the Covid pandemic, a start has been made on reintroducing Choral Matins on an occasional basis. One such service was held at the end of October '22 and was judged to be very successful, particularly as it had been 3 years since it was last undertaken. We hope to follow this with three more during 2023, in April, July and October.

I would like to add my thanks to all the choristers for the enthusiasm and support that you have shown week by week throughout the year. Sunday worship is undoubtedly enriched by your efforts and dedication.

Charles Humphery

HEALTH and SAFETY

There have been no Health and Safety issues in the last year and no major issues. PAT testing was carried out on seventeen items, all were found to be in good working order. All firefighting equipment was checked and replenished as necessary. Recently, small new plans of the church building showing fire exits have been sited around the building.

Roger Mashiter

CHURCH FABRIC

(under Section 50 of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018)

Works completed during 2022:

East Window checked for leaks and Perspex screen cleaned.	April 2022
West End South Aisle window remade with opening hopper.	April 2022
Painting walls and pipes around the main Altar.	May 2022
Pipe organ serviced and small repairs carried out.	May 2022
Church room heaters and kitchen water boiler serviced.	August 2022
Gents toilet leak repaired.	August 2022
Hamsworthy boilers in cellar serviced.	September 2022
2 carbon monoxide detectors placed in kitchen and cellar.	September 2022
All light fittings in the church replaced with LED lights.	October 2022
Main nave and chancel supplied with pew cushions.	November 2022
Kitchen taps repaired.	January 2023

Overall, the church building is in very good condition. All work done is recorded in the church log book, with names of contractors and the cost of the work. We are currently considering the priorities of the initial report from our Quinquennial Architect Mr Paul Groot. We are also considering improvements to lower our carbon footprint and lowering our maintenance costs.

Ted Taylor

SAFEGUARDING

All members of the PCC from St James have completed basic Safeguarding Training, in line with guidance from the Church of England and the Diocese of Carlisle. Those co-opted members of the PCC from Storth Village Church Storth complete the training with the Methodist Circuit. Several members have also completed the Domestic Abuse Safeguarding Training. The Reverend Andrew Norman (Priest-in-Charge), The Reverend Hannah Wallace (Assistant Curate), Ian Service (Churchwarden) and Yvonne Service (Parish Safeguarding Officer) have completed basic, foundation, recruitment, domestic abuse, and leadership safeguarding courses. Enhanced DBS (with Barring Information) certificates have been approved for seven church members assisting with the Village Messy Church. There have been no Safeguarding incidents or referrals during 2022. Safeguarding information posters are placed the notice boards of the church, together with other associated information.

Yvonne Service

DEANERY SYNOD and MISSION COMMUNITY

Kendal Deanery Synod

There were three meetings of the Kendal Deanery Synod during 2022. The parish Deanery Synod representative is Annette Brown. At the APCM in 2022 Anne Jackson, who has served as a Deanery synod representative for several years decided to stand down, we record our thanks to Anne for the years she has represented the parish at Deanery level. In response to this decision, Sand Humphrey indicated her willingness to also attend Deanery Synod meetings to ensure a better representation from the parish.

The Rural Dean of Kendal is the Reverend Canon Anne Pettifor (Team Vicar in the Rainbow Parish around Kirkby Lonsdale), the Assistant Rural Dean is the Reverend George Briggs (Vicar of St Thomas', Kendal and St Catherine's Crook), the Secretary to the Deanery is Peter Clarke from Heversham and the Treasurer to the Deanery is Andy Denton from Sedbergh.

The first meeting of the year was held at St Thomas' Kendal, with a spotlight discussion on 'Follow Daily' and how we might live out our discipleship in everyday life. This was enabled through a panel conversation, with members including: Chris Hopwood (Pioneer Minister in Carlisle), Cameron Butland (Bishop's Chaplain and Diocesan Spirituality Adviser), Alison Fleetwood (Diocesan Healing Adviser) and Christopher Landau (Director of ReSource).

The second meeting of the year in July was held at Brigsteer Village Hall at which the synod was addressed by Nicky Smith (Diocesan Director of Ministry) regarding the new Diocesan lay training programme, 'The Discipleship Project' which was planned to begin later in September 2022

The third meeting of the year in October was held at Holy Trinity, Kendal, with a spotlight discussion on 'Speak Boldly'. The synod was addressed by Michael Manley (Canon Missioner at Carlisle Cathedral) reflecting on how we might have confidence in sharing and living out our faith in Jesus Christ publicly, practically and confidently. At this synod, the synod debated and gave their support for a motion to be proposed at Diocesan Synod regarding the funding (or lack of) available for maintaining the fabric of Grade 1 listed church buildings. It is hoped that this will be debated at Diocesan Synod in 2023.

The Deanery Ascension Day Eucharist was held at St Michael and All Angels, Beetham where we welcomed the Bishop of Carlisle as our preacher.

In the early months of 2022, the Deanery coordinated and offered three opportunities for people across the Deanery to come together to study the *Living in Love and Faith* material prepared by the Church of England to reflect on issues surrounding marriage, identity, gender, and the implications for our faith and understanding as a Church. These were very well attended and offered time for conversation, learning and prayer around these important issues which are of increasing significance to our common life and practice as the Church of England. It was recognised that there was great benefit to the Deanery in coming together to share in such learning opportunities, and it is hoped that these can be further promoted and enabled on future occasions.

Annette Brown

Kent Estuary Mission Community

The Mission Community Partnership continued to meet during 2022. The parish representatives on the Partnership are Annette Brown and Sand Humphrey. These meetings continued to offer an opportunity for the different communities of the Mission Community to meet and discuss, to foster connection and collaboration as the Mission Community continues to take shape.

During the year two 'twin' focuses seemed to emerge from these conversations, one relating to how the Mission Community engages with our local schools, and the other, how we relate to the spiritual and pastoral care of older people. From these discussions, it was decided that the re-launching of 'Open the Book' (a way of sharing Bible stories with children through drama and interaction) would be explored. Alongside this, work was also progressed regarding how the churches could work together on supporting those facing some of the difficulties and frustrations associated with old age.

Towards the end of the year, the idea was proposed that the Mission Community work together to support and fund a website to promote our shared mission and ministry together. This was launched towards the end of 2022 and can be found: www.kentestuarymissioncommunity.com.

In 2022, the Leadership Group of the Mission Community met bi-monthly to help strengthen and coordinate the joint work of the Mission Community. This has helped provide stronger definition and clarity as we respond to the encouragement from the Diocese and District to ensure that the Mission Community is understood as the primary unit for our shared mission and ministry as church communities, working ecumenically, to reach out to our communities with God's love revealed in Christ. Although there is still much to be done to make this a firm reality, we continue to ask for God's grace and strength as we look ahead to the new possibilities and opportunities that are offered through our shared work together. The arrival of Hannah Wallace as Assistant Curate to the Kent Estuary Mission Community in July 2022 has added further encouragement to this direction of travel, which we hope will bear fruit as we look to the years ahead.

Towards the end of the year two other emerging aspects of our shared life as a Mission Community also began to come together. First, the shared exploration of the Christian history of the Kent Estuary and its usefulness and appropriateness for helping to shape a future direction of travel for ministry and mission. And second, the proposal that the Mission Community explore ways of drawing together to explore 'pioneering' and new, fresh ways that the church might engage with those underrepresented in our church communities. With God's help, we hope that both projects will bear fruit in 2023.

**Annette Brown
Sand Humphery**

