

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST PETER AND ST LEONARD, HORBURY WITH ST JOHN, HORBURY BRIDGE

England & Wales · Charity number 1147711

Details

Other names	PCC OF ST PETER'S, HORBURY WITH ST JOHN'S, HORBURY BRIDGE
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2012-06-15
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: We are a CofE Parish in Horbury, Wakefield, West Yorkshire with 2 churches. Our Vision includes reaching out to the community and offering a friendly welcome to the Christian way of life. We are heavily involved with local schools, British Legion and Horbury Churches Together as well as activities for all age groups. Further info at www.horburychurch.com.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- City Of Wakefield

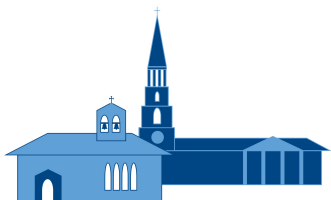
Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£206,768	£160,900	-	-
2024-12-31	£153,188	£164,972	-	-
2023-12-31	£164,529	£181,997	-	-
2022-12-31	£141,507	£142,678	-	-
2021-12-31	£59,194	£132,874	-	-
2020-12-31	£55,448	£59,375	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
CAROL HAZEL HOLDSWORTH		2012-06-12
Carolyn Margaret Oakes		2023-04-16
Father Daniel Heaton		2023-04-16
Gillian Stead		2023-04-16
JANET ANN RAMSDALE		2012-06-12
Katherine Brackley		2022-04-08
MAVIS WALSH		2012-06-12
MICHAEL FRANK WOOD		2012-06-12
Sheila Hudson		2025-05-25
TREVOR JONES		2025-05-25
The Reverend Christopher Johnson		2017-05-15
VALERIE CROWTHER		2012-06-12
bev gordon		2023-04-16
carol tattersfield		2023-04-16
richard bunn		2025-05-25

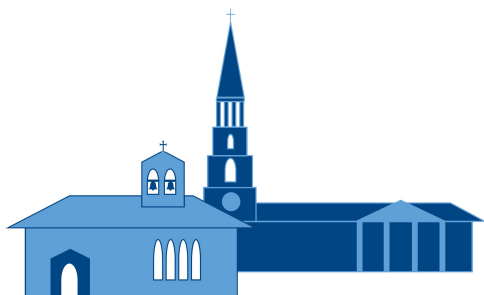
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ANNUAL REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2025



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Thursday, 26th March 2026

2025 began rather strangely for me, as I undertook a three-month sabbatical from my duties as parish priest. Clergy become eligible to apply for sabbaticals every 10 years, and so having celebrated my 10th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood (and therefore 11th anniversary of ordination to the diaconate) with you all in June 2024, I felt the time was right to take a period of leave, which enabled me to study, and be refreshed physically, emotionally, and spiritually. At the beginning of this report, then, I want to re-iterate my thanks to all the members of our parish who took on additional responsibilities during this time, especially Fr Daniel, Katherine, Leonard, Mavis and Valerie, and our retired or occasional clergy friends who support you in this time. I hope the fact that I felt confident to leave the parish for this period also shows just how much I value and trust all those who minister here with me. In our Annual Report I always try to express my gratitude to you all – but I want you to know how especially grateful I am for all you did last year to keep everything going in my absence.

During this three-month period, the aim of the game was simply to ‘keep things going’, and that is what everyone did. The regular round of daily offices, masses, baptisms and funerals, children’s work, groups, social activities, concerts, and Lent devotions, all continued, ensuring that the worship of God was at the heart of all we do, that people were being built up in their faith, and that we were continuing to reach out to our local community, whom we are here to serve.

I returned from sabbatical at the beginning of April, as the parish looked forward to hosting the Bishop of Beverley’s 2025 Chrism Mass, and was preparing for the celebration of the Sacred Triduum and Easter. It was a joy once again to host the Chrism Mass on behalf of our bishop, especially so as this was the first Chrism Mass we hosted for our new bishop, Bishop Stephen. As you will be aware, Bishop Tony retired from being Bishop of Wakefield not long before, and so the parish, having previously passed a resolution under the House of Bishops’ Declaration on the Ministry of Bishops and Priests, reverted to the episcopal care of the Bishop of Beverley, who provides sacramental and pastoral care for parishes such as ours. Although we knew Bishop Stephen when he was Rector of Barnsley, we have enjoyed getting to know him since as our own bishop, and I know he feels very welcome when he comes to visit us.

The Sacred Triduum and Easter went well, both in terms of execution of the liturgies and the numbers attending. In fact, 2025 was another year of growth for us, which is always something to celebrate. It is easy to become number-obsessed, and we must resist this temptation, but we must also remember that every person who walks through our doors to engage with the Lord is a soul whom he loves and with whom he desires to be in a relationship. Hence we must be grateful that our Holy Week and Easter attendances were yet again positive, that our Christmas figures saw nearly 5% growth, and that there was about 4% growth in attendance at Sunday worship across the year. Split by churches, however, we saw that St Peter's grew significantly (8%), whereas there was a similar decline at St John's, predominantly due to the size and age of the congregation, which is something about which we need to remain aware. Attendance at midweek sung masses was fairly static, but our children's Sunday attendance again grew – this year by 41% - meaning that there has been a growth of 332% since 2019.

Our growth in attendance, especially amongst children, demonstrates that the PCC's strategy for growth, with particular focus on children and families, is continuing to have an impact, and, as always, I want to thank Katherine and Leonard for the leadership in this area of our parish life, as well as the very large number of volunteers who help run our various groups and activities for these age groups. Your work is not only shaping the church of the present, making us younger, and more diverse, but is securing the church for the future as well, as we inculcate faith amongst our young people.

You will have come to appreciate that the way the PCC and I manage the parish is through a number of Committees and Focus Groups taking responsibility for different matters in our parish life. Practically-speaking, this spreads the workload, but it also says something about how our parish understands that calling God makes to each of us in our baptisms – that everyone is called to be an active part of the Body of Christ, and share their gifts for the good of all, and the building up of his Body on earth. And when I returned from sabbatical in April, our Committees and Focus Groups also recommenced their different work. Below you can read their reports – a report from Katherine about the work of our Children and Youth Focus Group, a report from Leonard about the work of our Organ Restoration Focus Group and general musical progress in the parish, a report from Fr Daniel about the work of the Evangelism Focus Group, a report from Mavis about the Fundraising Committee (rebranded in 2025 as 'Fundraising' rather than 'Social and Fundraising' to remind us that it's not just about having a good time, but raising much needed funds to keep things running!) and a report from myself about the work our Grant Applications Focus Group. Added to this we have a Finances and Premises Committee, whose efforts are summarized in the statutory reports and accounts provided by the Churchwardens and PCC Treasurer. Each of these groups, and those who work hard on them, show how things do not remain static in our parish, but that we keep reviewing, keep improving, and keep adapting, in order to fulfil our mission, make progress where we need to, and make our vision a reality.

My sabbatical enabled me to preach at a number of places across the country: at All Saints, Margaret Street, for the national celebration of the Decollation of Charles, King and Martyr; at St Helen's Hemsworth, where I was able to cover for Fr Robert Hart one Sunday; at St Stephen's House, Oxford, where the Principal and community welcomed me as I wrote up my research; and at Pusey House, also in Oxford. Later on, I also returned to Hemsworth for their patronal festival. By contrast, during the year we benefitted from others coming to preach for us, and I am very grateful to Fr George Nairn-Briggs, Fr David Nicholson, Fr Mark Naylor (sometime Reader and now curate of Ravensthorpe), Fr Ben Eadon (Priest Administrator at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham), Fr Carl Shaefer (Master of SSC and Vicar of Goldthorpe), and Fr Graeme Rowlands (Shrine Priest at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham), sharing in this teaching ministry in the parish during the year.

Our teaching during 2025 also had a particular focus, with it being the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea – the council of the church which gave us the Nicene Creed, which we use during mass. Our Advent course in 2024 prepared the way for a longer Lent course, focused on the Creed, which Fr Daniel mainly delivered (due to my sabbatical), but which I was involved in the production of through The Society. Our course in the summer, 'Do this in Memory of Me', took participants through the mass, whilst our Advent course in December looked at 'The Holy Family'. From the summer course, we also decided to move the in-person session at St Peter's to online, to enable more people to participate. This was done on a trial basis, but had the desired effect, and means that our courses can now be accessed by more people.

Celebrations during the year were many and varied, but of particular highlight was our Church Music Festival, held to coincide with our Patronal Festival Weekend. This was the second iteration of this festival in its modern guise – the original having been founded by Canon Sharp in the nineteenth century – and is not only a good thing to do missionally, drawing people from within and beyond our parish to worship, but enables us to celebrate all that music means to us as a church, and all that has been achieved in restoring music to its honoured place within our parish life. For this we have to thank Leonard, who continues to bring to us his high-quality musical expertise, together with a gentle, but firm and ambitious, drive.

Much of the work of the PCC and its officers and appointees, however, often goes unnoticed, and this year, I want to pay tribute especially to our PCC Treasurer who has fought two tiring battles on our behalf – the first to get us up to date with Gift Aid claims, and the second against our photocopier provider, who has re-paid to us a significant amount of money that we expended due to a lack of clear advice in recent years. These have helped us catch up in terms of our income, and together with careful accounting, have given us more stability in our finances, so that we can pay more of our parish share. I am grateful to Carolyn for this hard, and often unrewarding, work, as well as her tenacity at seeing things through!

A final point to highlight in this report is how much the church here contributes to the wider Church of England. This again is something probably not much appreciated, as we are often occupied with the humdrum of daily life on the ground. However, Leonard and Katherine have worked hard to support others beyond our parish: Leonard is now Diocesan Organ Adviser, and well plugged in to relevant networks; Katherine has supported other Society parishes in the area, and is involved in a network of children's and youth workers from Society parishes, offering mutual support to one another. I have continued to run the local Society chapter (the Chapter of the Resurrection), and the Society Vocations Group, of which three attendees come from our parish. I have also helped run and taught on the training for Society curates held in Walsingham in November, with the now-Principal of St Stephen's House, and I look forward to going back down to the House at the end of April to teach on the Leavers' Course there this year.

Within the Diocese I have continued to assist at the Cathedral as Priest Vicar, and this year was able to offer our best wishes to the Very Rev'd Simon Cowling on his retirement as Dean (and therefore Patron of our parish). It was a delight to us that Canon Philip Hobday succeeded him in both roles, and we look forward to welcoming our new patron to St Peter's on Ascension Day as our guest preacher. I continue also to serve as an Assistant Diocesan Director of Ordinands, showing that Horbury is committed to the flourishing of all within the Church of England.

In terms of trusteeships, in December I stepped down as trustee of the Number One Trust, but I continue to maintain my trusteeship of the Cleaver Trust, which supports Catholic ordinands within the Church of England, and of the Community of St Peter, Horbury, where, with the reduction in number of sisters, and because of their general health, I have been taking on much more responsibility, which has taken up a significant amount of time. I have also recently agreed to sit on the finance committee of the Fellowship of St John, who support our Children and Families Project in the parish. This shows, in fact, why these things are important – because they are about mutual fellowship, support and upbuilding – and the more we do outside the parish, the more we benefit as a parish, and *vice versa*.

For all of the above – for all that has been achieved in and for our parish, and for all that I have been blessed with personally in 2025 – I am profoundly grateful. My thoughts echo those of Canon Sharp, who wrote in his poem 'Horbury', penned just after the 22nd anniversary of his installation here:

'It is there, where we labour side by side,
With the Master, through whom we live,
That we find a happiness deeper far
Than the earth at its brightest can give.'

Fr Christopher

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The Parish of St Peter and St Leonard, Horbury, with St John, Horbury Bridge is a vibrant and living Christian community, on the edge of the city of Wakefield and part of the Anglican Diocese of Leeds. We are one church operating across two sites, and though parish life is both busy and varied, the worship of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, lies at its core. Since the days of Canon John Sharp (Vicar, 1834-99), Horbury has had a long and impressive history within the Catholic tradition of the Church of England, and displays all its hallmarks. The parish is led by Fr Christopher Johnson, who was appointed as Vicar in May 2017. Fr Christopher is supported by a Curate, Fr Daniel Heaton, two Churchwardens, Mrs Mavis Walsh and Mrs Valerie Crowther, and a Reader, Mrs Katherine Brackley.

AIMS AND PURPOSES

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Parish of St Peter and St Leonard, Horbury, with St John, Horbury Bridge, has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, Fr Christopher Johnson, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the two churches of St Peter and St Leonard, Horbury, and St John, Horbury Bridge.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship in our churches and to become part of our community. Our vision is:

- to see those in our pastoral cure come to worship God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, through regular attendance at mass and other public worship, and through daily personal prayer;
- to nurture a strong, welcoming and inclusive Christian community, whose values are underpinned by the teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ;
- for all members of our church to grow in their Christian discipleship through regular Bible Study, with preaching and teaching;
- to reach out to the local community, by recognizing and pledging our individual skills and talents for the benefit of all; and
- to act as sensitive stewards of the resources we have, so that God's work can continue to develop and meet the changing needs of our parishioners.

When planning our programme of activities for the year, the Vicar and PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance to charities for the advancement of religion by:

- offering people the opportunity to gather together for and participate in public worship, prayer and teaching at our range of Sunday and midweek services and events;
- providing pastoral care through baptism, wedding and funeral ministry as well as the visitation of the sick;
- providing a 'gathering place' for those in particular need or with particular circumstances, through our coffee mornings and social activities, children's groups and groups for adults, and by giving practical help to people in need;
- offering teaching to children and young people and providing opportunity for them to explore matters of faith;
- supporting our two church schools and local convent through regular pastoral contact;
- delivering catechetical programmes; and
- promoting and supporting mission partnerships with other churches, as well as other local organisations.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of our two churches. Our achievements for 2025 are detailed above in the opening letter from the Vicar, and below, in this collection of reports.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The Parochial Church Council is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2025), and a registered charity, number 1147711.

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Beaufort House
Brunswick Road
Gloucester GL1 1JZ

Architect: Mr Andrew Shepherd Dip. Arch., Dip. Cons., RIBA, FRSA, IHBC
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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The structure, governance and management of the parish is determined by the rules of the Church of England, in particular the Church Representation Rules 2025. This sets out the membership of the PCC, which consists of the incumbent (Vicar), other clergy licensed to the parish, and readers (all *ex-officio*), together with the two churchwardens (elected at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners) and members of the laity elected to serve on the Deanery Synod or Parochial Church Council (both of which are elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting).

Governance of the parish is provided by the Vicar, Churchwardens and PCC, whilst day-to-day management is the responsibility of the Vicar, Churchwardens and Officers of the Parochial Church Council. Whether *ex-officio* or elected, together, all PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

The following people served as members of the PCC for all or part of the year 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025:

Vicar and Chairman	*Fr Christopher Johnson SSC MA MSt MLitt
Curate	*Fr Daniel Heaton BA
Licensed Readers	Katherine Brackley
Churchwardens	*Mavis Walsh
	*Valerie Crowther
Deanery Synod Representatives	Carol Holdsworth
	AnneMarie Patterson
	Janet Ramsdale
	Gillian Stead
PCC Members	Richard Bunn (from APCM)
	Beverley Gordon
	Sheila Hudson (from APCM)
	Trevor Jones
	*Carolyn Oakes
	Joyce O'Neill (to APCM)
	*Carol Tattersfield
	Michael Turner (to APCM)
	Michael Wood

*Indicates member of Standing Committee

The following appointments were also made by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting or Parochial Church Council during the course of the year 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025:

Vice Chairmen	Mavis Walsh
	Valerie Crowther
Sidesmen	M Bamforth; P Beckett; S Dyson; D Haigh; D Maycock; J O'Neill; AM Patterson; K Ramsden (to 25 th May); M Smith; J Yarrow; G Allott (from 25 th May); M Allott; J Brooke; V Crowther; S Drake; C Fitzpatrick; M Goalby (to 25 th May); C Oakes; R Sutcliffe; and L Wigelsworth.
Secretary	Carol Tattersfield
Treasurer	Carolyn Oakes
Parish Giving Officer	Carolyn Oakes
Health and Safety Officer	Trevor Jones
Parish Safeguarding Officer	Carol Tattersfield
Safer Recruitment Officer	Lynda Wigelsworth
Electoral Roll Officer	David Holdsworth
Deputy Churchwardens	Beverley Gordon
	Janet Ramsdale

Organist and Director of Music
HCT Representatives
Foundation Governors (St Peter's)

Leonard Sanderman
Vacant
Fr Christopher Johnson (*ex-officio*)
Janette Skinner
Helen Sage
Fr Christopher Johnson (*ex-officio*)
Barbara Panton (to September)
Mary Catherine Fitzpatrick (from September)

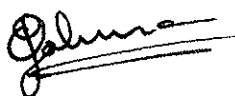
Foundation Governors
(Horbury Bridge Academy)

The existence of the Standing Committee is required under the Church Representation Rules. It meets prior to PCC meetings to set the agenda for the meeting and transact delegated business. The PCC has also continued to delegate its work to the following groups:

- Finances and Premises Committee;
- Fundraising Committee;
- Children and Youth Focus Group;
- Evangelism Focus Group;
- Organ Restoration Focus Group; and
- Grant Applications Focus Group.

The PCC understands that money given for the work of the parish should be spent on the upkeep of the parish, and only kept in reserves for specific reasons. These include planning for significant known financial obligations, having some capital available for unexpected financial obligations, as well as maintaining a commitment to those who are employed by the PCC. In accordance with these aims, it is the policy of the PCC to hold in reserves the equivalent of two months general running costs and an additional one month's salary cost. In order to keep our two church buildings in good working order, it is also our policy to hold an amount for unexpected building works in the Fabric Fund, which can be comprised of restricted or designated monies. The PCC aims to use any unspecified bequests in developing the fabric of our two church buildings or furthering the mission of the parish to ensure long-term sustainability and promote church growth.

The above information, and Statutory Reports and Financial Statements below, were approved by the PCC on 18th March 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



Fr Christopher Johnson SSC,
Chairman

STATUTORY REPORTS

Report on the Changes to the Electoral Roll

This is the first report after the revision of the Roll in 2025. Numbers have remained steady for the two churches. The total on the new roll is 80 people. This includes 62 individuals who regularly worship at St Peter's, and 18 who regularly worship at St John's. 32 people live outside the parish boundary, and the rest within. 3 individuals from our church community sadly died since the last APCM (only 1 of whom were on the roll): Jenny Scott, Mervyn Ellis, and Barbara Wilby. 4 new individuals have come onto the roll, Jack Foulds (on his 16th birthday), Annemarie Nicholson, Cian Gibson and Nadia Myshchyshyn. The numbers of children attending worship continues to grow, but obviously they are not eligible for inclusion on the roll until their 16th birthdays!

David Holdsworth, Electoral Roll Officer

Report on the Proceedings of the Parochial Church Council

The PCC has met six times since the APCM 2025. The meetings are well attended, with an agenda that includes regular reports from the various focus groups. Many of the long-term projects are now starting to become a reality. The Grant Applications Focus Group works hard to find suitable funding for the different projects. The parish is continuing to show growth, especially around children and young people.

Carol Tattersfield, Secretary

Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council

This report is on the 2025 fiscal year for the Parish of St Peter's and St Leonard's Horbury with St John's Horbury Bridge. It is based on the audit figures as presented to the PCC. Income overall, including restricted and non-PCC Accounts for the parish was £206,767.97 and the expenditure was £160,900.57. Which means our deficit of £11,783.83 in the previous year has been cleared. We have reserves held in the Yorkshire Building Society account which enables us to plan for future projects. Our funds are split into Unrestricted and Restricted and are kept in separate bank accounts, so they are used for the intended purposes.

After a two-year battle of numerous phone calls, e-mails and an official complaint, Arena Group have finally reimbursed us with an overpayment we had made of £3,182.71. This was in relation to having two contracts – one with Siemens and the other with Xerox – for the same photocopier. We are grateful they came to this decision, and I passed on the grateful thanks of the Parochial Church Council.

We have sent our usual monthly contributions for the year to the Diocese, totalling £18,000, and topped this up with a further £5,000, which makes a total of £23,000 for our Parish Share in 2025, representing 44% of the request. This is an increase of 2% on the previous year, or £3,000 in real terms. Increasing our contribution to the Parish Share is the PCC's continual aim, and because of the increased security of our finances, going forward the PCC has agreed to pay an extra £1,000 per quarter on top of the monthly contributions, and will continue to assess if any further contributions can be made through the year. For 2026, our Share request has increased to £57,426, and the PCC has budgeting for a contribution of £26,000 – 45% or an extra £3,000 in real terms.

To allow us to continue with our Children and Families Work and our Choral Project for our children we received the grants listed below, which cover wages, expenses, pension, and tax payments as the members of staff are employed on a full-time basis:

Fellowship of St John	£15,000
The Henry Smith Charitable Trust	£11,520
St Leonards Hospital Trust	£2,000
Ouseley Church Music Trust	£3,000
Williams Church Trust	£3,000

We remain extremely grateful to the above charities and trusts for their generous grants, which allow us to continue this work.

The Additional Curates Society gave us grants totalling £1,500 towards the work and expenditure of the Curate. We have also received the grants from Horbury Common Lands Trust of £8,000, and the St John's Guild for the Blind of £13,413.40, to enable our replacement sound system at St Peter's to go ahead. This is vast improvement on the sound system we had, and enables more people with hearing difficulties to visit the church, so we are grateful for the grants we received.

With regards to the ongoing Lighting Project, we have so far received the following grants into the account:

£10,000 from the Trustees of Ascot Priory
£19,990 from the National Lottery Awards for All
£2,000 from the John Booth Charitable Foundation
£2,500 from Earl Fitzwilliam Charitable Trust
£1,000 from the Community of St Peter

We are grateful for the above support with this project; more information on totals received and pledge is given below in the report from the Grants Application Focus Group.

The utility costs are continually monitored to ensure we keeps costs as low as possible.

Our card income streams and online donations from the church's website continue to bring a welcome source of revenue, as does the Parish Giving Scheme. Thank you to everybody who has signed up to us the scheme.

In 2025, we did the following events which raised money for either general or specific church funds – the Autumn Fair, the Street Fayre, Flower Arranging Demonstration, Shrove Tuesday Quiz, and monthly Coffee Mornings. We would like to thank everybody who continue to raise funds and contribute to the church, it is much appreciated. This enables us not only to keep both churches looking their best but also allows us to continue providing a place for worship, meetings and get togethers.

I took over doing Gift Aid in late 2024 knowing the claims for all of 2023 and 2024 were outstanding. As of the end of 2025 all the relevant details have been inputted onto the My Giving system. All of 2023 and 2024 have now been assessed and approved by the HMRC, and the funds were credited into the account throughout 2025. Thank you to everybody who has agreed to Gift Aid on their contributions to the church, it continues to help us do the work that we do.

Carolyn Oakes, Treasurer

The Independent Examiner's Report and Accounts can be found at the end of this booklet.

Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Churches of the Parish

St Peter's

In April there was an infestation of bees in St Peter's. After taking professional advice the nest was eradicated.

The wooden fencing between the churchyard and the vicarage was stained with preservative – as advised in the quinquennial inspection.

A new sound system was installed in June which works extremely well.

The old polycarbonate window protection covers had become unsightly and, after consultation with Ecclesiastical Insurance, and faculty being received, these and the retaining bars have been removed.

The same faculty allowed for the cleaning and restoration of the mediaeval grave stones on the north of the churchyard, which was carried out.

The gutters have been cleared.

The central heating boilers have been serviced and new parts fitted.

Services have been carried out on the fire extinguishers and the clock.

The following works have also been carried out by volunteers:

- Joinery and woodwork repairs;
- Clearing ivy in the churchyard;
- The regular cleaning of the interior of the churches;
- The regular cleaning and keeping in good repair of the brass and silver ornaments and communion vessels; and
- The laundering of altar linen.

Grateful thanks are given to the individuals and teams who carry out the vital work of making sure both our churches look inviting and function effectively.

St John's

The following works have been carried out on the church:

- Pointing work on the church and path has been completed as required by the quinquennial report;
- The heaters have been serviced;
- A flue guard has been replaced;
- The re-flueing of the heaters is ongoing;
- The damaged wall has been re-plastered; and
- PAT testing has been done.

A tree which was causing damage has been removed, following the obtaining of necessary permissions.

General cleaning and minor repairs have been carried out by volunteers for which we are very grateful.

Valerie Crowther and Mavis Walsh, Churchwardens

Report on the Proceedings of the Deanery Synod

The representatives to the Deanery Synod for the PCC are Carol Holdsworth, Janet Ramsdale, Annemarie Patterson, and Gillian Stead.

There have been three meetings since the last report was written, held in June, November and March. In June a joint Episcopal Area synod was held and the speakers were Erik Peeters, Lay Training Officer, and Jude Smith, Director of Mission and Revitalisation. The November meeting was with the Bishop of Wakefield, who he talked about his vision for the future through his ministry in the Leeds Diocese. Finally, in March, our final meeting was on the progress of the Church of England's Net Zero target for our churches and ways to improve our carbon footprint.

Carol Holdsworth, Janet Ramsdale, Annemarie Patterson,
and Gillian Stead, Deanery Synod Representatives

NON-STATUTORY REPORTS

Bell Tower

There are seven Horbury ringers and all are members of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers.

The bells are rung before the 10.30am Sunday Mass. Tuesday evening practice nights are well attended and ringers from Holy Trinity, Ossett and St Michael and All Angels, Thornhill regularly join us.

The ringers are pleased that they have added two more methods to their change ringing - Grandsire and Stedman. Both these are extremely old ringing methods.

Visiting teams who have rung our bells this year are the Archdeaconry of Halifax Ringers, the Leeds Ringers, the Central Branch and the Universities Association Ringers.

A good number of visitors came to view the clock and ringing rooms which were opened during Heritage Day.

Mavis Walsh, Tower Captain

Children and Youth

We have had another busy and fruitful year with our children's work as this work continues to grow.

We have had on average 16 children attending Sunday Mass across both churches. Children's activities are provided at St John's, with a Bible reading, craft and prayer. At St Peter's, Kids' Church has continued to grow and we have seen an average of 12 children attend Kids' Church each week. The sessions continue to follow the lectionary, mirroring what is happening in the main service. We have recently started to introduce an activity sheet for the children to complete as they arrive in church, which helps them to prepare themselves for worship. The volunteer team has continued to grow, and we now have 5 regular volunteers at Kids' Church who have begun to take a leadership role following recent training.

Kids' Church also now happens each time there is a special midweek mass as well as through school holidays, which encourages our children and families to attend these additional services. The children at St Peter's continue to sit at the front of church during mass and this has continued to encourage engagement in mass. The children's mass books continue to be used and liturgy bags and

books are provided for smaller children during the service if required, to support children's engagement with the mass.

Rock Solid, our weekly teenage youth group, has seen significant growth this year, with an average of 10 young people attending each week. Whilst some of these young people have made the transition from Peterites, some of these young people have come from outside of the church and are a result of purposeful invitation by our young people. The group has been on several trips, including bowling, shuffleboard and footgolf as well as taking part in an advent and youth retreat alongside other parishes of our tradition.

We have continued to see growth in our weekly baby and toddler groups this year, with an average of 12 families per week at both groups. We have also built a positive relationship with Little Small Steps Nursery, who bring up 6 children each week. The children continue to have a time free play, with a Bible-based craft, a Bible story and singing. We have also had 3 baptisms this year from people within our toddler groups. We once again ran our Teddy Bears Picnic, which was once again very successful and a really good way of keeping in touch with our toddler families throughout the summer.

Last year Peterites saw an average 15 children each week but unfortunately this has dropped to an average of 10 children per week. Some of the reason for this may have been a lack of weekly presence in school due to my maternity leave. We are trying to really push this group and increase attendance once again. We continue to do social activities with the Peterites, which included an end of year summer party, a Christmas film night, a trip to the mining museum and mini golf. We also celebrated 50 years of Peterites in September with mass and refreshments.

This year, we are taking 6 children on Children's Pilgrimage. 2 of these children have never been on pilgrimage before, so this will be a great opportunity for them. Last year we took 17 young people on Youth Pilgrimage in conjunction with St Helen's Hemsworth and St Mary's South Elmsall. We are hoping to increase this number again this year.

Due to the low numbers of children attending messy church, we made the decision to finish this in the summer. We also made the decision to stop baptism brunches, due to chaotic attendance at these, and myself and Fr Christopher have since met baptism families either at home or in church to prepare them for the sacrament.

Family events have continued to be run throughout the year. These have included a children's Good Friday liturgy, and a family fun day, which despite the poor weather had good attendance. Holiday club is once again planned for February half term with wrap around provision once again been provided.

Termly mass continues to happen at Horbury Bridge Academy, and Katherine goes into school to help prepare the children before each mass, by writing prayers, and rehearsing altar serving and reading. This year Leonard has selected the music and we have gone in to school to look at the readings with the children and consider how they relate to the music. Leonard has also begin playing at these masses and the children's choir have sung at these. The masses have also been attended by a number of parents.

At Horbury Bridge, Fr Christopher, Fr Daniel and Katherine continue to lead collective worship in both the main school and in EYFS on a rota basis. Stations of the Cross for each class will also take place this year.

At St Peter's School, Fr Daniel, Fr Christopher and Katherine continue to deliver weekly collective worship in the main school and in EYFS. In addition, Katherine and Fr Christopher have also been doing work alongside Helen Sage (one of our Foundation Governors) to deliver some collective worship training and to consider how we can support both staff and pupil-led worship. Katherine also spends time doing detached work in the playgrounds, with children and staff, which has been particularly important this year as the school has continued to recover from a difficult period.

We also support our schools through governance, and are very grateful to Helen Sage and Janette Skinner for their work at St Peter's, and to Catherine Fitzpatrick who succeeded Barbara Panton in September in representing the Foundation at Horbury Bridge Academy. Thank you to Barbara for all she brought to the role over the past few years.

Zoomers, our online study group, has continued this year meeting fortnightly. We also moved the in-person sessions of our summer, Advent and Lent courses to the Zoomers slot online, which has meant that these courses have been made more accessible to a wider group of people, and numbers have subsequently increased.

We have had the opportunity to meet as a group of children's leaders this year. This was an opportunity to remind ourselves of the vision for the project, consider how our groups are meeting this vision and also consider what is next for us. We also had some teaching on how we support children and young people with additional needs.

Finally, I would like to express my thanks. From July to November, I was on maternity leave and despite this, all our children's activities continued to run, and in many cases grow. I am extremely grateful to all of our volunteers who give up their time to support our project and I am especially grateful for all their hard work during my maternity leave. Without our volunteers our children's work would not be possible.

Katherine Brackley, Children and Families Worker

Curate's Report

As I said in my previous report, the Church is the 'congregation of faithful men, in the which the pure Word of God is preached, and the Sacraments be duly ministered according to Christ's ordinance' (Article 19), and that continues to be the brunt of my work as curate: keep gathering people to the Lord Jesus, keep preaching his Word, and keep celebrating his Sacraments. One of the differences this year was that because Katherine was on maternity leave last summer, I led the Wakefield Area's cohort of children to the Youth Pilgrimage for a time of faith, fun and fellowship down at Walsingham. A good time was had by all. This cohort continues to go from strength to strength, and recently I led for them their Lent retreat, looking at the Day of Atonement (Leviticus 16) and how this is fulfilled in the ministry of Jesus (Hebrews 9-10): they were having such a great time studying God's Word that we ran out of time to play games!

Whilst not particularly public, two big features of my final year in curacy have been Horbury Churches Together and applying for jobs. Since last Easter, I've been the acting Chairman of Churches Together as we go through a significant period of change in which Churches Together will be restructured and the Youth Project run independently, in order that both aspects of its work can best flourish. I've had four interviews and have currently two more lined up, but the Bishop's licence for me to be your curate expires on the 1st July, so please do keep my next steps in your prayers and do pray for wherever I will go to serve next.

Finally, I'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who has helped me throughout these four years of my curacy in whatever way, but particularly to those who have been praying for me. Your support has meant a great deal and I have learnt lots.

Fr Daniel Heaton, Curate

Evangelism Focus Group

The Evangelism Focus Group has organised a number of things over the last year. We've continued the three leaflet drops (All Souls, Christmas, Easter) to advertise our services – a big thank you to all our angels who help deliver them! We also had a stall at the Street Fayre again handing out free gospels and tracts. We hope to build on this. We also ran Christianity Explored: we had hoped that it would provide an opportunity for people to explore faith, and whilst it wasn't well attended from that perspective, it was well received by our existing congregation as a helpful reminder of the key things of our faith and increased their confidence to share it with others.

We also took part in Thy Kingdom Come last year. This is a global, ecumenical prayer initiative that was started by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York ten years ago about specifically praying between Ascension and Pentecost that the Holy Spirit might work in the lives of five people you know that they might come to follow Jesus. We took part in this through a votive mass on the Saturday after the Ascension of 'Our Lady in the Upper Room', asking for her intercession for this work, and also celebrated the Vigil of Pentecost, celebrating the work of the Spirit in Salvation History and praying particularly for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the lives of our five people. We hope to take part again this year.

Fr Daniel Heaton, Chairman

Grant Application Focus Group

The Grant Application Focus Group has been one of our most active groups in the calendar year, meeting 9 times in 2025 to discuss and make applications towards the new sound system and lighting and re-ordering projects. Grants from the Horbury Common Lands Trust and the St John's Guild for the Blind covered the entire cost of the new sound system at St Peter's which was installed around Easter time. Our focus then shifted to raising money for the new lighting. For this project to become a reality, we need to raise around £282,000, and at the time of writing, 51% of this has been raised or pledged from the following funders:

Number 1 Trust
St John's Guild for the Blind
John Booth Charitable Foundation
Horbury Common Lands Trust
Diocese of Leeds
Earl Fitzwilliam Charitable Trust
Awards for All
Benefact Trust
Ascot Priory
Congregational and General
Wakefield MDC
Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust

This was supplemented by our own fundraising campaign, launched following our public presentation on Heritage Day and coinciding with our Christmas leafleting campaign, which has so far draw in £3497.76, including claimable gift aid.

In a real blow to progress, at the beginning of 2026 the government closed the LPOWVAT Recovery Scheme, which would have contributed £25,000 to this project, leaving us 10% down on where we would otherwise have been. Nonetheless, having reached 51% from the above sources, we are now eligible to apply to Garfield Weston, Biffa and FCC Community Fund, who we hope will fund the remaining 49% of the project. Please pray for the success of these applications!

As we awaited the magic '50%' number, the Focus Group did have some time to begin to look at potential funders for the wider re-ordering, a project whose cost are roughly the same as the lighting. We intend to begin tackling this new list of potential funders as soon as we have secured the lighting. We hope securing funds will enable work to begin on the lighting in 2026, and the re-ordering in 2027.

Raising funds for our Children and Families Project and our Choral Development Programme and Organ Restoration are not managed by this group, though Fr Christopher, Katherine and Leonard have been working hard to ensure that funds for this work continue to come in as well, supporting the mission of the church – more about these is given in the introductory letter above, and in the relevant reports.

The PCC remains very grateful for all the external bodies which fund our work, and to those who are working hard in the parish to raise monies to help continue our mission and develop our buildings to make them bright, accessible and welcoming to everyone.

Fr Christopher Johnson, Chairman

Horbury Churches Together

Horbury Churches Together (HCT) brings together all the churches in the Horbury and Sitlington area. This year we have not had a representative on the HCT Business Committee, but Fr Christopher and Fr Daniel are trustees of the charity and attend trustees meetings, which are held several times throughout the year. Cllr Darren Byford stepped back as Chairman during the course of the year, but Fr Daniel was voted in again as Vice Chairman and so guided the trustees through our business, and especially as we began to consult and seek to change the constitution, to separate the work of the Breakthrough Youth Project from the wider work of HCT. This has not proved a quick process, but trustees believe it is in the best interests of the charity, will help us adapt to the present situation amongst the constituent churches, and give new life to both aspects of the charity's work. As you will know, the Breakthrough Youth Project provides regular groups, activities and opportunities for young people, though other events include joint services and the Whit Family event, as well as the annual quiz, which we hosted at St John's. Every year the PCC pays a small subscription to HCT for membership, but we have also supported the Youth Project financially, including by sponsoring Jackie Walter who runs the Great North run every year to raise funds for the work.

Fr Christopher Johnson, Trustee

Music and Organ Restoration

In the past years, we have been working on a project of rebuilding the choral tradition that was first established in Horbury by Canon Sharp in the early 1840s, and brought to Horbury Bridge by Baring-Gould in the late 1860s. We have seen the growth of the choristers in skill and number, the establishment of new choirs, the expansion of choral services, and the continued work towards the restoration of the Harrison and Harrison organ at St Peter's. These are not separate projects. They are constituent parts of a single shared endeavour: the rebuilding of a musical and liturgical tradition for the life of the parish and for future generations.

As we rebuild the choral tradition in our churches, my mind drifts to the biblical story of the rebuilding of the Temple in Jerusalem. Dr Pusey, preaching on this passage, reminds his congregation that God's work is not usually accomplished through sudden miraculous intervention, but through still, small beginnings, patient labour, and faith passed down from one generation to the next. Like those who rebuilt the Temple, we will probably not see the full and final results of our work, but only a small part of the fruits of our work. That's not a bad thing – it encourages hope and vision, to do these things 'not for yourselves alone, but for your children, and your children's children for ever.'

This year has been about labouring on that long-term vision. In many ways, it has been a year in which that rebuilding has become more visible: not a year of dramatic change, but a year of steady growth, deepening roots, and the continued, steady strengthening of what we had already begun.

Nowhere is this more visible than in our chorister programme. Over the past year, the number of choristers has grown significantly, and we now have 25 children regularly taking part in the musical and liturgical life of the parish. What began as a young, hopeful, and at times fragile initiative has become a firmly established and flourishing part of our common life. The choristers are not simply learning to sing – they are learning to worship. This participation in the heavenly liturgy is even more visible now that our choristers are clothed in new robes and white surplices, as the choir of heaven in the Revelation of St John the Divine. Many thanks to our donors who enabled this, and to the skilled work of the people of J&M Sewing in Newcastle, who made the vestments.

A particularly exciting development this year has been the launch of our teenage choir in September. Meeting on Fridays, this group is already gathering momentum, with six young people currently attending. It represents an important next step in establishing long-term pathways for our choristers, ensuring that their musical and spiritual formation can continue into adolescence and beyond.

This growth has gone hand-in-hand with a significant expansion in our choral provision. In May, the choristers began singing Evensong on Sundays, and in September, the teenage choir added a further service on Fridays. Our parish now celebrates five choral services each week. This means that the parish now sustains the most active parish music programme in the Diocese – busier even than some of our cathedrals. This is no small achievement, and it speaks to the remarkable commitment of all involved.

Such work depends not only on choristers, clergy, and musicians, but on a growing network of volunteers and supporters. I especially want to thank our choir parents and volunteers, and my heartfelt thanks go to our regular volunteers, Maxine, Barbara, Yeshurun, Bea, and Imogen, as well as our occasional volunteers Trevor, Carol, and Janet, for their generous support of our choristers. Many thanks also to our staff team – Katherine, Fr Daniel, and Fr Christopher – for their dedication, encouragement, and care. Together, they make it possible to create an environment in which children can flourish musically, personally, and spiritually.

Our musical life continues to play an important role in the mission and evangelistic work of the parish. We were delighted that Lucas was baptised and confirmed by the Bishop in December, laying claim to the faith which he had sung at Wednesday Evensong for over a year. We are encouraged that other choristers have expressed a desire to explore baptism and confirmation this year.

We have also seen an encouraging growth in attendance. What began as a small number of children at Sunday Evensong has developed into a consistent presence, increasing our average Sunday attendance of children by around 50%. Even when considering only services of Evensong, our children's attendance places the parish among the top 5% of churches in the wider context of the

Church of England. This growth has not been sudden or dramatic, but it has been steady and sustained, and based in the gradual development of our chorister programme: it is a renewal that was planned, carefully prepared, and is now beginning to be realised.

At major services and events, the impact of our expanded musical life has been especially evident. The Horbury Festival of Church Music, the Civic Service for All Souls, the Advent Procession, the Festival of Lessons and Carols, and the Chrism Mass have all seen strong and growing attendance. It was particularly moving to have fourteen choristers present at the Chrism Mass – a powerful sign of what our young singers can offer to the life of the wider Church community.

Our adult choir remains the bedrock of our liturgical life on Sundays and Solemnities. Their consistency, musical growth, and quiet faithfulness week by week sustain the parish's worship. Whether leading the liturgy on an ordinary Sunday or rising to the demands of our great festivals, they continue to offer their gifts with generosity and dedication. We are deeply grateful for all that they do, and are always delighted to welcome new members to their ranks.

Alongside our liturgical life, the Organ Restoration Concert Series continues to flourish. With eleven concerts each year and an average attendance of 28, these events have become an established and valued part of our parish calendar. They not only raise funds but also broaden our musical horizons, and invite the wider community to share in our musical life.

The re-founded Horbury Church Music Festival continues to go from strength to strength. Last year's festival was a great success, not least through the keynote contribution of the Rev'd Dr Hanna Rijken. Planning is already well underway for the next festival, which will feature Fr Adrian Daffern, Senior Cathedrals and Major Churches Officer for the Church of England, as speaker. This developing event continues to establish Horbury as a place of musical, liturgical, and theological engagement.

The plans for the organ restoration project remain stable, though rising costs present some challenges, driven by inflation and the end of the VAT reclaim scheme for Listed Places of Worship. However, we are delighted that the first of our major grant applications has been successful. We can look at the future with joy, hope, and confidence.

At the same time, it is important to speak honestly about the pressures we face. The finances of the choral programme remain stretched, often operating on a very limited budget, and the demands on staff time are considerable. As Fr Daniel prepares to conclude his curacy, the need to expand our volunteer base and build more sustainable structures becomes increasingly important. Without this, there is a real risk that the current pace of growth may prove difficult to sustain. These challenges are real, but they are not insurmountable.

And yet, there is every reason for hope. What we are witnessing in the parish is not simply the growth of a music programme, but the rebuilding of a culture of worship, music, beauty, discipline, and prayer that shapes the lives of our children and young people in profound ways. It is something that has the potential to shape this parish and community. It can shape the lives of 'your children, and your children's children for ever', of which we are beginning to see the very first fruits. This may seem like a lofty ambition for a parish church in a time when our national narrative on faith is about decline and loss, but it is possible, if the work is offered to God in faith, hope, and love.

Pusey writes that it is often a lack of these qualities – especially hope – that prevents us from attempting those ambitious things which could alter the narrative of decline: we do not begin because we cannot see how the work could ever be finished, or we fear that what we do will be too small to

matter. But the rebuilding of the Temple reminds us of our calling – we are simply asked to ‘trust and obey’: to begin faithfully, to labour patiently, and to prayerfully commit the result to God. Again and again, God accomplishes his will through our weakness, as he sanctifies the imperfect work we offer to him in faith.

Much has been achieved this year. Thank you – and thanks be to God! But there is much still to do: the chorister programme must continue to grow, new volunteers must be found and trained, finances must become more secure, and the organ restoration must move forward. But if this work is offered to the glory of God and the sanctification of his people, then we may trust that he will continue to sustain it.

To all then, who labour – however imperfectly – God commands his servant Haggai to speak in blessing: ‘Be strong, and work: for I am with you.’

Prof Leonard Sanderman, Director of Music

Over 50s

Our group continues to meet every fortnight. We had an enjoyable trip to Whitby in the summer and our usual Christmas dinner, followed by entertainment from the school children in December.

Valerie Crowther

Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults

The PCC has continued to comply with its duty of care of parishioners and to have regard to House of Bishops guidance in relation to safeguarding. The parish takes safeguarding seriously and is constantly ensuring that all protocols are in line with diocesan guidelines. DBS checking is monitored and where necessary the individual is approached regarding renewal of DBS checking. New DBS checks are made when applicable. Safeguarding remains a regular item on the PCC agenda to ensure that all updates and changes that may affect the work being done within the parish are current. All notices and documents related to safeguarding are up to date, and where appropriate, displayed on the churches’ notice boards. All policies continue to have a renewal date and are reviewed regularly to keep them compliant. Safeguarding is monitored for those members of the parish who require it. PCC members have all completed their renewal of compulsory training regarding safeguarding, and the Churchwardens and Parish Safeguarding Officer are up to date with their face-to-face training for safeguarding. The PSO and Fr Christopher now meet on a regular basis to monitor all safeguarding issues and training. Safeguarding incidents are now reported directly online via the parish reporting form and forwarded to the diocesan safeguarding team. The PSO now has a dedicated email address for all safeguarding matters.

Lynda Wigelsworth, Safer Recruitment Officer, and Carol Tattersfield, Parish Safeguarding Officer

Serving Team

The server numbers continue to grow, allowing us to spread duties more evenly across our 6 serving teams. The children are the main reason for this, and Issy, Evie, Francis, Olivia and Thea have progressed to the role of acolyte. Evie and Issy are also having a go with the thurible. Our other servers are also taking up new roles, with Richard and Josh taking up the thurible. We now have 6 fully trained MCs with Richard, Josh and Lucas taking up the challenge of making sure the books are on the right pages. The Sever’s Guild of St Tarcisius meets once a month and has been invaluable in preparing our servers. It provides training for new roles and reminds us how to keep doing our existing roles correctly. As we approach Easter, we again have the honour of hosting the Chrism Mass on 22nd March. The Paschal Triduum of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil gives our servers another chance to be involved in these different and wonderful services. Thank you to all the

parents for your help and support with the young ones. There is always room for more servers, so if this is something that interests you, please have a chat with me or Fr Christopher.

Paul Taylor, Head Server

Fundraising Committee, including Community Coffee Mornings

The Fundraising Committee meets to organize events that will raise much needed funds for our churches. Equally importantly it works to provide ways of bringing our congregations, and the wider community, together in a relaxed and enjoyable way.

In 2025 the two big fundraising events of the year took place: the Horbury Street Fayre in June, and the Autumn Fair in October.

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party and Quiz, the Assumption Barbecue and the Flower Arranging evening were, as always, successful and enjoyable event. Equally enjoyable was the St John's Day patronal festival of Soup and Christmas treats.

The Lent Lunches of 2025 raised money for the Additional Curates Society and the Harvest Lunch raised money for Wakefield Hospice.

The Fundraising Committee also organises the drinks and nibbles after special services during the year which include St Peter's patronal festival and the Chrism Mass.

Following the APCM of 2025 Valerie Crowther stepped down from the position of Chairman. She has worked extremely hard for many years for the fundraising committee and we owe her our grateful thanks.

Thanks are also due to the members of our congregation who willingly help: moving tables and chairs, providing delicious food and working hard with the inevitable clearing away after events have taken place. This includes the teams of volunteers who run the monthly Saturday Community Coffee mornings at St Peter's.

Mavis Walsh, Chairman



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

The Parochial Church Council of St Peter and St Leonard, Horbury,
with St John, Horbury Bridge

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1147711

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2025.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of
the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011
("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out
under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have
followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under
section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**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 which gives me
cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the
Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:

Date: 06/03/2026

Name: Richard Squires

Address: 17, Chesterton Court

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Wakefield WF4 5QU

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Receipts and Payments Account

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts							
Donations and legacies	3a	53,111.02	-	25,728.58	-	78,839.60	50,011.46
Income from charitable activities	3b	10,405.75	-	1,272.15	-	11,677.90	14,067.98
Other trading activities	3c	8,724.64	-	-	-	8,724.64	10,334.94
Investments	3d	16.78	-	-	-	16.78	17.16
Other income	3e	6,160.94	10,582.48	90,765.63	-	107,509.05	78,757.12
Total Receipts		78,419.13	10,582.48	117,766.36	-	206,767.97	153,188.66
Payments							
Raising funds	3f	2,706.00	-	-	-	2,706.00	3,303.83
Expenditure on charitable activities	3g	80,561.27	-	54,117.75	-	134,679.02	141,007.15
Other expenditure	3h	741.51	-	22,774.04	-	23,515.55	20,661.51
Total Payments		84,008.78	-	76,891.79	-	160,900.57	164,972.49
Excess of receipts over payments before transfer		(5,589.65)	10,582.48	40,874.57	-	45,867.40	(11,783.83)
Transfers:							
Gross transfers between funds - in		9,779.88	-	68,586.94	-	78,366.82	13,330.51
Gross transfers between funds - out		(6,679.65)	-	(71,687.17)	-	(78,366.82)	(13,330.51)
Excess of receipts over payments before other gains		(2,489.42)	10,582.48	37,774.34	-	45,867.40	(11,783.83)
Net movement in funds		(2,489.42)	10,582.48	37,774.34	6.23	45,873.63	(11,802.61)
Reconciliation of funds							
Excess of receipts over payments at beginning of the year		24,970.02	-	51,742.42	405.54	77,117.98	88,920.59
Excess of receipts over payments for the year		22,480.60	10,582.48	89,516.76	411.77	122,991.61	77,117.98

Balance Sheet (detailed)

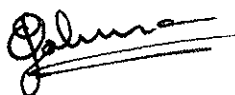
Class and code	Description	As at 31/12/2025	As at 31/12/2024
Fixed assets			
0300	Herbert and Ann Shaw Trust Fund	411.77	405.54
	Total Fixed assets	411.77	405.54
Current assets			
0400	Barclays Current Account	7,235.23	5,443.89
0401	Restricted Account	91,435.79	48,234.29
0402	Building Society Account	23,908.82	23,034.26
	Total Current assets	122,579.84	76,712.44
	Net Asset surplus (deficit)	122,991.61	77,117.98
Reserves			
	Excess/(deficit) to date	45,867.40	(11,783.83)
Z01	Starting balances	77,117.98	88,920.59
Z02	Gains/(losses) on investment assets	6.23	(18.78)
	Total Reserves	122,991.61	77,117.98
Represented by Funds			
	General (Unrestricted)	22,480.60	24,970.02

Designated	10,582.48	-
Restricted	89,516.76	51,742.42
Endowment	411.77	405.54
Total	122,991.61	77,117.98

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code)

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Fixed Asset - Investments						
0300: Herbert and Ann Shaw Trust Fund	-	-	-	411.77	411.77	405.54
Total	-	-	-	411.77	411.77	405.54
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
0400: Barclays Current Account	2,111.17	-	5,124.06	-	7,235.23	5,443.89
0401: Restricted Account	(3,539.39)	10,582.48	84,392.70	-	91,435.79	48,234.29
0402: Building Society Account	23,908.82	-	-	-	23,908.82	23,034.26
Total	22,480.60	10,582.48	89,516.76	-	122,579.84	76,712.44
Net total assets	22,480.60	10,582.48	89,516.76	411.77	122,991.61	77,117.98

Approved by the PCC on 18th March 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



Fr Christopher Johnson SSC,
Chairman

Notes

- 1 The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.
- 2 The endowment fund, known as the Herbert and Ann Shaw Trust Fund, has to be retained, but the income is for general parish expenses. It is invested in Black Rock.
- 3 Analysis of Receipts and Payments Accounts

					Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:						
a Donations and legacies						
0100 - Standing Order Planned Giving - gift aid	5,908.00	-	-	-	5,908.00	6,473.00
0101 - Standing Order Planned Giving - non gift aid	885.00	-	-	-	885.00	940.00
0102 - Envelope Planned Giving - gift aid	1,986.60	-	-	-	1,986.60	2,627.80
0103 - Envelope Planned Giving - non gift aid	1,496.50	-	-	-	1,496.50	659.00
0104 - Parish Giving Scheme	28,671.78	-	-	-	28,671.78	24,943.40
0105 - Cash Collections	2,611.37	-	-	-	2,611.37	3,839.80
0106 - Gift Aid	8,653.81	-	-	-	8,653.81	523.12
0108 - General Donation	2,128.02	-	-	-	2,128.02	3,028.96
0109 - Online Giving via Sum Up	363.22	-	-	-	363.22	205.65
0110 - Contactless Machine via EMS	406.72	-	-	-	406.72	854.28
0116 - Organ Project - All Donations - gift aid	-	-	202.16	-	202.16	1,625.42
0117 - Organ Project - Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-	405.00
0118 - Organ Project - All Donation - non gift aid	-	-	835.00	-	835.00	250.15
0119 - Fabric - All Donations - gift aid	-	-	3,268.02	-	3,268.02	3,635.88
0120 - Fabric - Gift Aid	-	-	10.00	-	10.00	-
0121 - Legacies	-	-	-	-	-	-
0160 - Grants - Sound System	-	-	21,413.40	-	21,413.40	-
Donations and legacies Totals	53,111.02	-	25,728.58	-	78,839.60	50,011.46

b Income from charitable activities

0122 - Magazine	750.20	-	-	-	750.20	747.97
0123 - Fundraising Activities	6,488.30	-	-	-	6,488.30	5,089.31
0125 - Fees - Weddings - Statutory PCC Fee	280.00	-	-	-	280.00	1,188.00
0126 - Fees - Weddings - Non-PCC Fee Items	-	-	-	-	-	911.00
0127 - Fees - Funerals - Statutory PCC Fee	877.95	-	-	-	877.95	2,101.40
0128 - Fees - Funerals - Non-PCC Fee Items	-	-	1,272.15	-	1,272.15	2,069.75
0130 - Candle Sales	2,009.30	-	-	-	2,009.30	1,960.55
Income from charitable activities Totals	10,405.75	-	1,272.15	-	11,677.90	14,067.98

c Other trading activities

0124 - Rental Income	8,724.64	-	-	-	8,724.64	10,334.94
Other trading activities Totals	8,724.64	-	-	-	8,724.64	10,334.94

d Investments

0132 - Dividends	16.78	-	-	-	16.78	17.16
Investments Totals	16.78	-	-	-	16.78	17.16

e Other income

0107 - VAT Recovery	1,282.00	-	-	-	1,282.00	1,214.00
0111 - Grants - General	-	-	-	-	-	6,000.00
0112 - Grants - Children and Families Project	-	-	28,520.00	-	28,520.00	33,459.20
0113 - Grants - Lighting Project	-	-	35,490.00	-	35,490.00	-
0114 - Grants - Heating Project	-	-	-	-	-	-
0115 - Grants - Curate	-	-	2,250.00	-	2,250.00	1,500.00
0129 - Collections for Other Charities	-	-	647.45	-	647.45	750.05
0131 - Pilgrimage Income	-	-	10,195.50	-	10,195.50	10,897.82
0133 - Transfer from Closed Accounts	-	-	-	-	-	-
0134 - Flower Money	-	-	1,032.20	-	1,032.20	1,288.66
0135 - Peterites Group - funds and activities	101.90	-	-	-	101.90	261.85
0136 - Special Collection - Bishop Tony	-	-	-	-	-	245.00
0137 - Reordering/lights	-	-	681.17	-	681.17	658.27
0138 - Visit to Ripon	-	-	-	-	-	527.00
0139 - Lectionaries	-	-	579.93	-	579.93	1,693.71
0140 - Visit to York	-	-	-	-	-	607.43
0141 - Chrism Mass	-	-	297.32	-	297.32	168.83
0142 - Sabine Baring Gould Whit Weekend	-	-	-	-	-	4,566.30
0143 - Men's Group	-	-	-	-	-	275.00
0144 - Electric - return of overpayment	-	-	-	-	-	6,265.08
0145 - Transfer from Yorkshire Building Society	-	-	-	-	-	-
0146 - Children and Families Project activities	-	-	567.50	-	567.50	96.50
0147 - Interest received from Barclays	719.77	-	-	-	719.77	637.67
0148 - Interest received gross from Yorkshire Building Society	874.56	-	-	-	874.56	1,075.08
0149 - Wedding Fee	-	-	-	-	-	-
0150 - Musical Outreach	-	-	6,213.05	-	6,213.05	1,000.00
0151 - Fabric Five	-	-	1,220.00	-	1,220.00	618.75
0152 - Miscellaneous Income	3,182.71	-	-	-	3,182.71	200.00
0153 - Clip and Climb - Children	-	-	40.00	-	40.00	170.00
0154 - Gas - returned payment	-	-	-	-	-	533.02
0155 - Choral Project	-	-	450.00	-	450.00	3,000.00
0156 - Listed Places of Worship	-	-	-	-	-	971.40
0157 - Children - Lazerzone	-	-	-	-	-	76.50
0158 - Evangelism	-	-	928.00	-	928.00	-
0159 - Confirmation Gifts	-	-	253.94	-	253.94	-
0161 - Bequest	-	10,582.48	-	-	10,582.48	-
0162 - Harvest Lunch 2025 - Hospice	-	-	413.00	-	413.00	-
0163 - Refund - HMRC	-	-	986.57	-	986.57	-
0164 - Grant - Stonework	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other income Totals	6,160.94	10,582.48	90,765.63	-	107,509.05	78,757.12

Income and endowments Grand totals	78,419.13	10,582.48	117,766.36	-	206,767.97	153,188.66
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EXPENDITURE ON:**f Raising funds**

0226 - Social Events	2,349.02	-	-	-	2,349.02	3,083.67
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0237 - Lottery Licence	20.00	-	-	-	20.00	20.00
0240 - Contactless Device	336.98	-	-	-	336.98	200.16

Raising funds Totals	2,706.00	-	-	-	2,706.00	3,303.83
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g Expenditure on charitable activities

0200 - Parish Share	23,000.00	-	-	-	23,000.00	20,000.00
0201 - Clergy Expenses	2,000.86	-	-	-	2,000.86	2,882.73
0202 - Children and Families Project - Salaries	-	-	28,948.42	-	28,948.42	30,125.96
0203 - Children and Families Project - Expenses	-	-	372.08	-	372.08	513.12
0204 - Organist - Salaries	7,879.80	-	-	-	7,879.80	9,036.75
0205 - Visiting Clergy - Salaries	42.87	-	-	-	42.87	-
0206 - Visiting Clergy - Expenses	298.22	-	-	-	298.22	608.71
0209 - Flowers	-	-	1,205.00	-	1,205.00	1,303.71
0212 - Utilities - Water	674.24	-	-	-	674.24	537.48
0213 - Utilities - Gas	5,599.35	-	-	-	5,599.35	6,317.61
0214 - Utilities - Electricity	2,152.31	-	-	-	2,152.31	10,748.43
0215 - Insurance	11,185.73	-	-	-	11,185.73	10,657.32
0216 - Maintenance - Gas	1,165.20	-	-	-	1,165.20	2,175.60
0217 - Maintenance - Fire Extinguisher	333.51	-	-	-	333.51	345.06
0218 - Maintenance - Electrician	709.44	-	-	-	709.44	268.80
0219 - Maintenance - Builders	5,147.20	-	-	-	5,147.20	3,747.84
0220 - Maintenance - Painters	280.00	-	-	-	280.00	3,888.00
0221 - Maintenance - Organ	816.00	-	-	-	816.00	834.00
0222 - Maintenance - Lightening Conductor	-	-	-	-	-	680.40
0223 - Maintenance - Security	670.80	-	-	-	670.80	334.80
0224 - Lighting Project	-	-	-	-	-	9,252.00
0225 - Maintenance - Other Minor	3,136.66	-	-	-	3,136.66	5,273.64
0227 - Children and Families Project expenses re activities	-	-	1,116.41	-	1,116.41	741.58
0228 - Evangelism Expenditure	1,148.96	-	-	-	1,148.96	928.00
0229 - Admin - Photocopier	4,141.75	-	-	-	4,141.75	4,231.85
0230 - Admin - Copyright Licences	650.55	-	-	-	650.55	635.09
0231 - Music	-	-	-	-	-	1,638.11
0232 - Liturgical Expenses	5,747.82	-	-	-	5,747.82	6,650.03
0233 - Advertising	-	-	-	-	-	146.92
0234 - Other Stationery	-	-	-	-	-	48.34
0235 - Subscriptions - Forward in Faith	60.00	-	-	-	60.00	60.00
0236 - Subscriptions - Horbury Churches Together	70.00	-	-	-	70.00	60.00
0238 - Architect Fees	3,650.00	-	-	-	3,650.00	1,106.40
0243 - Misc. Refunds	-	-	-	-	-	200.00
0245 - Organ Project	-	-	265.33	-	265.33	450.58
0247 - Sabine Baring-Gould Anniversary Weekend	-	-	-	-	-	4,322.29
0256 - Father Daniel Heaton expenses	-	-	798.11	-	798.11	256.00
0268 - Sound System	-	-	21,412.40	-	21,412.40	-
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	80,561.27	-	54,117.75	-	134,679.02	141,007.15

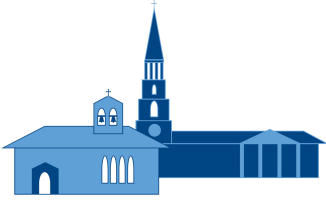
h Other expenditure

0207 - Choir Fee	-	-	-	-	-	120.00
0208 - Bellringers Fee	-	-	-	-	-	480.00
0210 - Vergers Fee/Organist Fee	-	-	254.00	-	254.00	270.00
0211 - DBF Wedding Fee	-	-	-	-	-	482.00
0239 - Pilgrimage	-	-	9,469.19	-	9,469.19	10,460.00
0241 - Special Collection - Additional Curates Society	-	-	647.45	-	647.45	605.34
0244 - Special Collection - Mary's Meals	-	-	-	-	-	543.98
0246 - Non-PCC Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-
0248 - Special Collection - Dementia Uk	-	-	-	-	-	41.75
0249 - Admin- Data Development Fee	120.00	-	-	-	120.00	120.00
0250 - Administration - Website renewal	-	-	-	-	-	144.00
0252 - Lectionaries	-	-	692.89	-	692.89	1,881.03
0253 - Trip to Ripon	-	-	-	-	-	495.00
0254 - Non PCC - Chrism Mass	-	-	-	-	-	45.22
0255 - Barclays Bank	-	-	-	-	-	2.00
0257 - Bishop Tony - Leaving Gift	-	-	-	-	-	300.00
0258 - Subscription - Society of St Gregory	38.00	-	-	-	38.00	38.00
0259 - Ordination Gift	-	-	-	-	-	261.64
0260 - York Trip	-	-	-	-	-	550.00
0261 - Administration - Leeds DBF Fees	324.00	-	-	-	324.00	259.20

0262 - Churchwarden expenses	33.90	-	-	-	33.90	57.80
0263 - Clip and Climb - Children	-	-	185.00	-	185.00	100.00
0264 - Laserrzone	-	-	-	-	-	148.50
0265 - Director of Musical Outreach - wages pension, tax and expenses	-	-	10,402.68	-	10,402.68	3,256.05
0266 - Safeguarding	16.00	-	-	-	16.00	-
0267 - Church Website Renewal	37.61	-	-	-	37.61	-
0269 - Grants - General Admin	72.00	-	-	-	72.00	-
0270 - Choir Robes	-	-	304.79	-	304.79	-
0271 - Fabric	-	-	405.04	-	405.04	-
0274 - Subscriptions - Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust	-	-	-	-	-	-
0275 - Stonework	-	-	-	-	-	-
272 - Harvest Lunch 2025 - Hospice	-	-	413.00	-	413.00	-
273 - Unpaid Cheque	100.00	-	-	-	100.00	-
Other expenditure Totals	741.51	-	22,774.04	-	23,515.55	20,661.51
Expenditure Grand totals	84,008.78	-	76,891.79	-	160,900.57	164,972.49

- 4 Having begun to use MyFundAccounting accounting software in the 2024 financial year, in 2025, the PCC Treasurer was able to standardize the coding so that, for the first time, figures for last year and the present year are comparable.

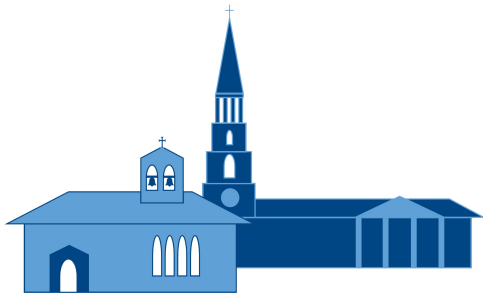
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Friday, 1st May 2025

Unusually for our parish, I am writing this introductory letter to the Annual Report after Easter, as we have pushed our annual meeting in to May to avoid the sabbatical I undertook from the beginning of January to the end of March. St John's account of the resurrection, which we heard on Easter Sunday, is therefore still in my mind, and I think of how the Evangelist presents the resurrection of Jesus as happening on 'the first day of the week'. John had begun his Gospel with words which intentionally echoed the opening of Genesis, 'In the beginning', and therefore the creation of the world. In chapter 20 he likewise intentionally sets the resurrection on the same day – the 'first day' – showing us that Jesus' resurrection is the dawn of a new creation. The great Tractarian and friend of our own Canon Sharp, John Keble, saw each day as a sort of new creation, when he penned his famous hymn, 'New every morning is the love'. In that hymn, he writes of how 'new mercies' come around 'each returning day', and he encourages us simply to get on with the work that is entrusted to us, as it is in and through this that we draw 'daily nearer God'.

Well you might think that with this being the eighth annual report I am writing to you, that I might have run out of things to say, but I have not! Because each year brings its new developments – shows forth its particular mercies – and there was a lot for which we must be thankful to God which took place during the course of 2024. Here are some highlights.

Growth in Numbers

You know me well enough by now to appreciate that I believe growth in numbers is important for the parish, and it is important because we have the cure of souls of all those who live within our parish boundary, and we should desire every single one of them to come to faith in Jesus Christ. A commitment to growth in numbers is a testimony to how we are being driven by that evangelistic principle. So what story do the figures tell? The two positives which stand out are that attendance at St Peter's on Sundays increased last year by nearly 6%, and that the number of children worshipping in our churches has continued to expand, with average Sunday attendance increasing by over 8%. In addition, we saw Christmas attendance increase by 5%, fuelled by a huge increase at the toddler nativity, but also other services too. For all of these we need to be thankful. But we also need to ask ourselves, frankly, where are our weak spots? Where do we need to improve? Two areas were clear from the statistics, the first is Sunday attendance at St John's. Over 2024, Sunday attendance fell by 11%, which

meant that across our two churches, we remained more or less static in Sunday attendance. We can identify a number of causes of this, and of course in a smaller community, small numbers make big percentages, but these figures should continue to inspire us to do our very best to build up the church in terms of numbers, whether that's by delivering leaflets to the parish we are here to serve, or inviting a friend to join in worship. We most definitely need to work for a culture where this is the case, particularly where we see figures declining: the future of church communities depends on our boldness in invitation, which is everyone's responsibility. Secondly, we did see our Easter figures drop in 2024 by about 8%, though the number of communicants on Easter Sunday was up significantly, and I believe the 2025 figures showed a bounce back, which was great to see. The overall story of numbers in our parish is a really positive one, with overall Sunday attendance up 10% since 2017, despite a drop during Covid, and attendance by children up 206% since 2019. But as the above mixed results show, we cannot rest on our laurels. Evangelistic prayer must be accompanied by practical invitation if we want to continue to expand as a worshipping community.

Our growth strategy is not just about Sunday attendance, however, though the weekly offering of the mass is the pinnacle of our offering. Hence we have continued to develop new ways of attracting individuals to join our church community at services, groups and events midweek. In particular in 2024, we launched our new children's choirs. You can read all about the Choristers of St Peter's and the Choristers of St John's in the music report below, but suffice it to say here that these (so far after-school) gatherings have attracted good numbers of children, many of whom are from non-church backgrounds, who are engaging in weekly worship. It is a delight to see. Please keep this work in your prayers as we seek to find funding for the next five academic years. Our wider children's work is likewise producing amazing fruit, as the Sunday statistics show. But the Sunday statistics are just one element of an immense programme which incorporates two toddler groups, a messy church, two youth groups, visits to and teaching in schools, collective worship, family events, sacramental preparation, holiday clubs, and the new 'Zoomers' group for adults, and numbers continue to increase, and commitment strengthen, as these individual aspects of our project embed. I am grateful for all those whose ministry makes this possible.

In terms of 'big events', the great highlight of the year, which attracted and engaged thousands of people over a single weekend, was the re-enactment of the Whit Walk. Thanks to Covid, this was my first Whit Walk here in Horbury, and this time we decided to expand the number of people with whom we worked, to incorporate large numbers of community groups as well as our two schools. We couldn't have asked for better weather, as the servers, Lord Lieutenant, Bishop of Wakefield and Horbury Victoria Band led the throngs of people through the streets of Horbury marching and singing to 'Onward Christian Soldiers'. Former Archbishop of York and Bishop of Wakefield, David Hope, preached for us, and a wonderful celebration was enjoyed by all. To bolster the event, a very successful concert was arranged at the Cluntergate Centre, as we listened to some of Baring-Gould's collected folk songs the

same weekend. It was a real delight, and I am appreciative to all those from the church and wider community who helped organize the event, as well as our funders.

Increased Confidence in Faith

Once individuals are evangelized, they need catechizing, that is, teaching the faith. Learning is something that we should all be engaging with, however long we have been a Christian. Each of our children's groups have at their heart a level of catechesis appropriate for that particular group, and we can see the fruit of this in the way that our children now come to multiple activities, and participate not only in Sunday, but weekday worship too, often taking on responsibilities in the liturgy alongside the adults. We continue to produce an annual crop of confirmation candidates, who, unlike in many places in the Church of England, stick with us after their confirmation, and continue to deepen their discipleship. Much of our adult catechetical programme this year has been led by Fr Daniel, who introduced us to the 'Bible Course', which took us through Lent and summer 2024. He also re-branded our Bible reading group as 'Read, Mark, Learn', and I know the individuals who regularly attend that on Saturday mornings are grateful for the opportunity to explore the Scriptures. Perhaps this is something you might consider coming to, to help you in your own faith? For Advent 2024, we undertook a course on 'Faith, the Creed and the Liturgy', which was a preparatory course for the 1700th anniversary year of the Nicene Creed which is this year, 2025. Our most recent Lent course, aided by resources from The Society (which I was pleased to help put together), went through the Creed and what those words, which we recite each Sunday, mean.

As our musical life develops, we were delighted to be taught by Leonard in two courses over the course of 2024, which also attracted a handful of people from outside the parish too (another way in which people can be drawn in). These were on the 'Histories of English Church Music' and 'Thinking about Church Music'. I am no expert in church music, and so I found these extremely helpful, and I know others did too.

I try my best to invite visiting preachers, so that both you and I are exposed to a variety of (sound) perspectives on the scriptures and teaching of the church throughout the year, and in 2024, we were pleased to welcome Fr Andrew Wadsworth (former Vicar of St Wilfrid's, Bognor Regis) for the Triduum and Easter, Fr Gary Waddington (St Wilfrid's, Harrogate) for the Ascension, Fr Harri Williams (St Mary's, Walsingham) for Corpus Christi, Fr Peter Anthony (All Saints, Margaret Street) for St Peter's Day, Fr John Hall (formerly Vicar of Fleetwood) for the Assumption, Fr Robert Hart (St Helen's, Hemsworth) for All Saints, Fr Andrew Sage (Archbishop Holgate's Hospital) for All Souls, Fr Paul Hutchins (Holy Family, Failsworth) for the Immaculate Conception, and Fr Kyle McNeil (St Mary's, Horden) for St John's Day. More preachers will be forthcoming this year, including, shortly, Fr Mark Naylor, who until Petertide 2024 was our Reader, but who was ordained deacon last year and is now serving his curacy at Ravensthorpe. Vocations are a sign of a healthy church, and we are delighted that Fr Mark explored his calling with us, and that we can continue to benefit from his ministry, albeit on occasion, as he pursues his curacy under Fr Spencer.

Investment in Buildings

A large part of my own work last year, and that of the Churchwardens, was spent dealing with our buildings. As you will see later in this Annual Report, we spent a significant amount of money on our buildings last year. This was for two reasons. The first is that we made a concerted effort to implement recommendations from our Quinquennial Reports. The Churchwardens' beautifully-succinct lists in their reports below fail to show exactly how much time and energy gets expended on things like this, but I can assure you it is considerable, and necessary to prevent long-term issues arising. To this end, I was pleased with the response for our Harvest 'Fabric Five' appeal, where we asked individuals to increase their monthly contribution by just £5 a month, dedicated specifically to the fabric, and this has really helped ease the financial pressures we endured during the year trying to get these things done. Thank you if you responded to our appeal. Thank you also to the individual who secured for us the Pulham Organ, which was purchased and imported from Burgess Hill in the Chichester Diocese, and is proving a valuable asset as our musical life develops.

My own time was also spent furthering the various plans we have for St Peter's, in particular the new lighting, the new sound system, the re-ordering, the conservation of the mediaeval grave slabs, and the removal of the window shields. The lighting, sound and re-ordering have been especially arduous as we have been the central point of contact between a huge number of stakeholders ensuring that plans move forward in a considered way, but also as quickly as possible, so that all our building users might benefit. The great joy of the year was obtaining the required faculty and permissions, which marked an important milestone on this journey. Knowing this work to be well beyond our own reach financially, the PCC also established a Grants Application Focus Group, whose task it is to write grant applications to draw in money for these missional projects. The group has great fervour, and as 2025 dawned, and you will see in next year's report, we can confirm that we have fully fundraised for the sound system (c. £20,000), and can be confident of over 20% of the money needed for the lighting (which is costing us £262,000). We continue to await detailed plans for the re-ordering. Our desire is that 2025 will be a year of fundraising, and that both the lighting and re-ordering work will be able to commence from summer 2026 at the latest. Please pray that the funders we are approaching will be generous in their grant-making, as this is not work we could achieve on our own, however many events we put on!

Increased Professionalism

A fourth area where I want to commend the parish is in its increased professionalism. Over the course of the past eight years, steps have been taken to regularize and strengthen our financial procedures and policies, and we are now seeing some significant results. One change you will notice from this report, is the different way the accounts are presented compared to previous years. This is because from 1st January 2024, we began to use new accounting software. Although containing the same information as before, the presentation you see here makes our report more akin to other charitable bodies, and therefore easier to decipher by those who wish to scrutinize our accounts, be that, for example, the diocese, or potential

funders. More people have also joined the Parish Giving Scheme, which is just what we need – regular givers, yes, but giving regularly *through the scheme*, therefore saving the parish a large amount of administration. Thank you if you have switched, and please consider doing so if you haven't, or joining if you don't already give regularly. You will see from this report just how much money it takes to run a church, and how dependent we are on the giving of others outside our organization. We need to do our best to put into practice the principles of giving we see in Scripture and so pull our own weight as best we can. We must still bear in mind that we do not pay our parish share in full.

Although it may have passed many of you by, the PCC has also begun to use Google Workspace, with PCC officers having parish e-mail addresses, access to a shared calendar and drive. All of this mitigates various risks, which churches actually experience quite a lot. Various documents such as Disaster Plans have also been updated, and the PCC is now aware of its obligations under the CDM Regulations, which might make employing contractors a little more cumbersome, but protects the parish legally. We have also signed an agreement with Horbury Bridge Academy to establish a clearer relationship in shared use of space.

Other Matters

Of other developments to which I need to draw your attention, you will see below that we have said goodbye to two Foundation Governors at St Peter's and welcomed two new governors in their stead. We also said goodbye this year to our Bishop, Tony. Bishop Tony has been a constant source of encouragement to me and our parish well beyond the eight years I have been here, and we do miss him. However, we are also pleased to resume our part in the See of Beverley, under Bishop Stephen's sacramental and pastoral care, and the bishop's Northern Provincial Festival in July was a delight to attend. It is also worth noting the arrival of the new lectionaries. The Roman Rite, which is in use in the parish, now uses this ESV (dubbed the 'extremely sound version') translation, and the new books, paid for entirely by donation, are extremely smart. Thank you again if you donated to this and made it possible.

There is much more that could be said as we reflect on the considerable new mercies we have received from God during the course of 2024, but let me finally thank individuals – not just those who get a mention above, by name or occupation, but all those who support the life of our parish in any way – and of course God himself. Another verse from Keble sums it all:

'If on our daily course our mind,
Be set to hallow all we find,
New treasures still, of countless price,
God will provide for sacrifice.'

Fr Christopher

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The Parish of St Peter and St Leonard, Horbury, with St John, Horbury Bridge is a vibrant and living Christian community, on the edge of the city of Wakefield and part of the Anglican Diocese of Leeds. We are one church operating across two sites, and though parish life is both busy and varied, the worship of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, lies at its core. Since the days of Canon John Sharp (Vicar, 1834-99), Horbury has had a long and impressive history within the Catholic tradition of the Church of England, and displays all its hallmarks. The parish is led by Fr Christopher Johnson, who was appointed as Vicar in May 2017. Fr Christopher is supported by a Curate, Fr Daniel Heaton, two Churchwardens, Mrs Mavis Walsh and Mrs Valerie Crowther, and a Reader, Mrs Katherine Brackley.

AIMS AND PURPOSES

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Parish of St Peter and St Leonard, Horbury, with St John, Horbury Bridge, has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, Fr Christopher Johnson, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the two churches of St Peter and St Leonard, Horbury, and St John, Horbury Bridge.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship in our churches and to become part of our community. Our vision is:

- to see those in our pastoral cure come to worship God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, through regular attendance at mass and other public worship, and through daily personal prayer;
- to nurture a strong, welcoming and inclusive Christian community, whose values are underpinned by the teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ;
- for all members of our church to grow in their Christian discipleship through regular Bible Study, with preaching and teaching;
- to reach out to the local community, by recognizing and pledging our individual skills and talents for the benefit of all; and
- to act as sensitive stewards of the resources we have, so that God's work can continue to develop and meet the changing needs of our parishioners.

When planning our programme of activities for the year, the Vicar and PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance to charities for the advancement of religion by:

- offering people the opportunity to gather together for and participate in public worship, prayer and teaching at our range of Sunday and midweek services and events;
- providing pastoral care through baptism, wedding and funeral ministry as well as the visitation of the sick;
- providing a 'gathering place' for those in particular need or with particular circumstances, through our coffee mornings and social activities, children's groups and groups for adults, and by giving practical help to people in need;
- offering teaching to children and young people and providing opportunity for them to explore matters of faith;
- supporting our two church schools and local convent through regular pastoral contact;
- delivering catechetical programmes; and

- promoting and supporting mission partnerships with other churches, as well as other local organisations.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of our two churches. Our achievements for 2024 are detailed above in the opening letter from the Vicar, and below, in this collection of reports.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The Parochial Church Council is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2025), and a registered charity, number 1147711.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The structure, governance and management of the parish is determined by the rules of the Church of England, in particular the Church Representation Rules 2025. This sets out the membership of the PCC, which consists of the incumbent (Vicar), other clergy licensed to the parish, and readers (all *ex-officio*), together with the two churchwardens (elected at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners) and members of the laity elected to serve on the Deanery Synod or Parochial Church Council (both of which are elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting).

Governance of the parish is provided by the Vicar, Churchwardens and PCC, whilst day-to-day management is the responsibility of the Vicar, Churchwardens and Officers of the Parochial Church Council. Whether *ex-officio* or elected, together, all PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

The following people served as members of the PCC for all or part of the year 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024:

Vicar and Chairman	*Fr Christopher Johnson SSC MA MSt MLitt
Curate	*Fr Daniel Heaton BA
Licensed Readers	Mark Naylor (to 29 th June 2024) Katherine Brackley
Churchwardens	*Mavis Walsh *Valerie Crowther
Deanery Synod Representatives	Carol Holdsworth AnneMarie Patterson Janet Ramdsale Gillian Stead
PCC Members	Richard Bunn (to APCM) Beverley Gordon (co-opted until APCM; elected at APCM) Margaret Holwell (to APCM) Trevor Jones (from APCM) *Carolyn Oakes Joyce O'Neill *Carol Tattersfield Michael Turner Michael Wood

*Indicates member of Standing Committee

The following appointments were also made by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting or Parochial Church Council during the course of the year 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024:

Vice Chairmen	Mavis Walsh Valerie Crowther
Sidesmen	M Bamforth (from 6 th June); P Beckett; S Dyson; D Haigh; D Maycock (from 6 th June); J O'Neill; AM Patterson; K Ramsden (to 6 th June); J Yarrow; G Allott; M Allott; J Brooke; V Crowther (from 6 th June); S Drake; C Fitzpatrick (from 6 th June); M Goalby; C Oakes (from 6 th June); R Sutcliffe (from 6 th June); and L Wigelsworth.
Secretary	Carol Tattersfield
Treasurer	Carolyn Oakes
Parish Giving Officer	Michael Turner (to APCM) Carolyn Oakes (from APCM)
Health and Safety Officer	Trevor Jones
Parish Safeguarding Officer	Carol Tattersfield

Safer Recruitment Officer
Electoral Roll Officer
Deputy Churchwardens

Organist and Director of Music
HCT Representatives
Foundation Governors (St Peter's)

Foundation Governors
(Horbury Bridge Academy)

Lynda Wigelsworth
David Holdsworth
Beverley Gordon (from APCM)
Janet Ramsdale
Leonard Sanderman
Margaret Holwell
Fr Christopher Johnson (*ex-officio*)
Neil Cudworth
Kevin McGetrick (to 14th July)
Helen Sage (from September)
Fr Christopher Johnson (*ex-officio*)
Barbara Panton

The existence of the Standing Committee is required under the Church Representation Rules. It meets prior to PCC meetings to set the agenda for the meeting and transact delegated business. The PCC has also continued to delegate its work to the following groups:

- Finances and Premises Committee;
- Social and Fundraising Committee;
- Children and Youth Focus Group;
- Evangelism Focus Group;
- Organ Restoration Focus Group; and
- Grant Applications Focus Group (new in 2024).

The PCC understands that money given for the work of the parish should be spent on the upkeep of the parish, and only kept in reserves for specific reasons. These include planning for significant known financial obligations, having some capital available for unexpected financial obligations, as well as maintaining a commitment to those who are employed by the PCC. In accordance with these aims, it is the policy of the PCC to hold in reserves the equivalent of two months general running costs and an additional one month's salary cost. In order to keep our two church buildings in good working order, it is also our policy to hold an amount for unexpected building works in the Fabric Fund, which can be comprised of restricted or designated monies. The PCC aims to use any unspecified bequests in developing the fabric of our two church buildings or furthering the mission of the parish to ensure long-term sustainability and promote church growth.

The above information, and Statutory Reports and Financial Statements below, were approved by the PCC on 1st May 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Fr Christopher Johnson SSC,
Chairman

STATUTORY REPORTS

Report on the New Electoral Roll

A brand new roll has been put together for the 2025 Annual Parochial Church Meeting. The revision of the roll takes place every six years and ensures that the number of people on the roll generally matches the number of people attending church, which is important, as our Parish Share is calculated partly on the numbers on our electoral roll.

The total on the new roll is 77 people, with 1 additional individual eligible for entry on his sixteenth birthday later this year. Of the 77 people already entered on the new roll, this includes 60 individuals who regularly worship at St Peter's, and 18 who regularly worship at St John's. 31 people live outside the parish boundary, and the rest within.

2 individuals from the last roll have sadly died since last year, Joyce Line and Diana Grudgings, and 1 individual, Mark Naylor, was ordained, and so is no longer eligible to be on the electoral roll. 9 new individuals have come onto the roll, with 30 individuals from the previous roll not making it onto the new roll, for one reason or another.

Though the numbers on the new roll are lower than the previous roll, we should remember that those under the age of 16 cannot be on the roll. This leads to the strange situation that we are a growing church with a slightly smaller electoral roll.

David Holdsworth, Electoral Roll Officer

Report on the Proceedings of the Parochial Church Council

The PCC has met six times since the APCM 2024. The PCC has continued to work hard with the day-to-day running of the parish. This was especially true whilst Fr Christopher Johnson was on sabbatical from the beginning of January to the end of March. Work is still continuing with the lighting and reordering projects. The strong signs of growth shown in the previous year continue, especially with the children and youth work.

Carol Tattersfield, Secretary

Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council

This report is on the 2024 financial year for the Parish of St Peter's and St Leonard's Horbury with St John's Horbury Bridge. It is based on the audit figures as presented to the PCC. Income overall, including restricted and non-PCC accounts for the parish, was £153,188.66, and the expenditure was £164,972.49. This left a deficit of £11,783.83, which we will look to improve on in the next financial year. We have reserves held in the Yorkshire Building Society which enable us to plan for future projects, as per our Reserves Policy. Our unrestricted and restricted funds are kept in separate bank accounts, so we ensure the restricted monies are used for their intended purposes.

We have continued to try and increase our Parish Share, and whilst this year, we were able to send a further £2,000.00 on top of our regular monthly contribution – making a total for the year of £20,000.00 – this represents a £4,000.00 drop in contribution. Nonetheless, because the Share Request had itself dropped, our contribution in 2024 represents the same, proportionally, as the previous year – 42% of the amount requested. We nonetheless hope to improve on this in 2025, when we have budgeted for 49% of the amount requested, £26,000.00.

Because of the pressures on our finances, we are extremely grateful to a number of charities who have helped support our expanding mission work during 2024. We received the following grants, which

cover wages, expenses, pensions, and tax payments for our Children and Families Project, and for our new Choral Development Programme (begun September 2024):

Fellowship of St John	£15,000.00
The Henry Smith Charitable Trust	£11,000.00
PCC of St Giles-in-the-Field	£5,000.00
St Leonards Hospital Trust	£2,000.00
Prayer Book Society	£1,000.00

We remain extremely grateful to the above charities and trusts for their generous grants received this year, together with grants received in previous financial years from the Bishop's Development Fund, the Community of St Peter, Horbury, the St Leonard's Hospital Trust, the Liz and Terry Bramall Foundation, and the Williams Church Music Trust, which have allowed us to undertake this important missional work.

In addition, Horbury Common Lands Trust provided grants totalling £6,000.00 to go towards the running cost of both churches, and the Additional Curates Society gave us grants totalling £1,500.00 towards the work and expenditure of the curate. We are extremely grateful for their continued support as well.

The utility costs are continually monitored to ensure we keep costs as low as possible, and the gas and electricity were changed to a different provider, when the previous contracts expired.

Our card income streams and online donations from the church's website continue to bring a welcome source of revenue. Also, the Parish Giving Scheme continues to grow, with income increasing by over £3,000.00 in 2024. The PGS reduces administrative costs, so thank you to everybody who has signed up to this scheme. If you haven't, please consider doing so: it is the best way to give to support your parish church and all we do.

In 2024, we did the following community and fundraising events: a weekend in honour of former curate Fr Sabine Baring-Gould; an Easter Raffle; the Street Fayre; the Autumn Fair; and monthly coffee mornings, whose proceeds go to the Fabric Fund.

I took over doing Gift Aid late last year. It has taken a while to get the new system in place, which explains the drop in Gift Aid income in 2024, though we should therefore see a large uplift in 2025 as we reclaim what we are owed back from HMRC. We would like sincerely to thank everybody who continues to raise funds for the church, and all who support us by ticking the gift aid option. They both continue to help us to do the work we do.

Carolyn Oakes, Treasurer

The Independent Examiner's Report and Accounts can be found at the end of this booklet.

Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Churches of the Parish

St Peter's

The Parish Room and Lady Chapel gutters have been cleaned. The main church downspouts and drains have been cleaned. In June some vandalism took place on the Parish Room roof when a ladder was taken up and left. The ladder was removed and minor roof repairs carried out.

Repairs were carried out to the lightning conductor to improve the earthing.

The boilers have been serviced. Two repairs have been carried out: electrodes and flame sensing probes have been replaced and a boiler fan has been replaced.

The tower clock has been serviced and the fire extinguishers have been serviced.

The following works identified in the Quinquennial Report have also been carried out:

- External pointing of cracked stonework;
- External painting of hoppers and downspouts;
- Painting of the gate and railings adjoining the vicarage garden;
- Internal painting of wall/clock ties in the tower; and
- Internal painting of two west window frames.

Following faculty process, the Pulham Organ was brought from the church of St Edward the Confessor, Burgess Hill, in the Diocese of Chichester, and re-built in the chancel at St Peter's. This hard work was carried out by our Director of Music, Prof Leonard Sanderman. Our grateful thanks are due to him, those who helped him transport and construct the organ, and to the anonymous donor who made this possible.

St John's

The following work has been carried out on the church:

- The heaters have been serviced;
- The outside doors and gates to the church have been painted;
- A tree survey has been carried out and the maintenance work advised has been completed; and
- The path to the back door has been pointed, plus small areas of the outside walls, identified in the Quinquennial Report.

We have also had several minor repairs done by volunteers for which we are very grateful

The following works are regularly carried out by volunteers at both our churches:

- Joinery and woodwork repairs;
- The regular cleaning of the interior of the churches;
- The regular cleaning and keeping in good repair of the brass and silver ornaments and communion vessels; and
- The laundering of altar linen.

Grateful thanks are given to the individuals and teams who carry out the vital work of making sure both our churches look inviting and function effectively.

Valerie Crowther and Mavis Walsh, Churchwardens

Report on the Proceedings of the Deanery Synod

The representatives to the Deanery Synod for the PCC are Carol Holdsworth, Janet Ramsdale, Annemarie Patterson, and Gillian Stead.

The May meeting focused on finances. There were discussions on the new giving scheme and how the central office deals with the donations. This new process will make things easier for PCC finance officers. At the time of the meeting it had only been taken up by six of the parishes. Those present

were asked to promote the scheme in their parishes. The meeting was also shown how and where money is spent in the wider church by the Church Commissioners.

The November meeting heard from the new Archdeacon, and received various updates on news.

At the January meeting there was a talk by the Prayer and Spirituality Co-Ordinator, Henrietta Haworth. She spoke about her work supporting parishes and the importance of prayer and spiritual guidance. Also at the January meeting the Vicar of Horbury Junction, Hannah Hobday, was installed as Assistant Area Dean.

Carol Holdsworth, Janet Ramsdale, Annemarie Patterson,
and Gillian Stead, Deanery Synod Representatives

NON-STATUTORY REPORTS

Bell Tower

There are seven Horbury ringers and all are members of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers.

The bells are rung before the 10.30am Sunday Mass. Tuesday evening practice nights are well attended and ringers from Holy Trinity, Ossett, St Michael and All Angels, Thornhill and St Helen's, Sandal, regularly join us.

One of our much loved and experienced ringers, Chris Maynard, died in June. The tower was open to all ringers on the day of his funeral for ringing on half muffled bells.

Visiting teams who have rung our bells this year are The Leeds Minster Ringers, The Barnsley and District Ringers, The Yorkshire Tykes (a young ringers' group) and ringers from Holy Trinity Church, Ossett, who rang a quarter peal in celebration of an 80th birthday.

The Leeds Branch of the Yorkshire Association held their meeting at St Peter's.

The bells have been rung for two weddings and also for a funeral.

The Netherton Guides and St Peter's Rock Solid group have visited the tower and ringing room as part of a church visit.

Mavis Walsh, Tower Captain

Children and Youth

Our children and families work has continued to move forwards this year, with an introduction of our Zoomers group and children's choir. We have also strengthened links with other parishes within our tradition.

Kids Church continues to grow and happens each Sunday mass at St Peter's. Since Autumn we have had an average of 10 children at St Peter's per week, an increase of 2 from last year. We have 2 children regularly attending at St John's each week. Kids Church continues over the school holidays and we have begun to provide Kids Church for special mid-week services, in addition to Sunday mornings. These sessions have seen an average of 4 children attending Kids Church each time, with others assisting in the serving team. The group continues to follow lectionary-based material, with the aim to mirror the readings happening in the main church service. The sessions include a game, a Bible reading, a short discussion around the reading and a craft or reflection activity based on the

passage. Kids Church has 3 regular volunteers who continue to support Katherine with these sessions and where possible the group is split based on age group to ensure children of all ages and abilities are catered for in the best way possible. At St John's a weekly pack is created for the children present during the mass, which includes a bible reading, simple craft and prayer.

The Children's Area at the back of St Peter's continues to be used by children and families at various services, including baptisms. New updated books have also been bought for the bookcase, for a range of ages. Mass bags have also been created for both St Peter's and St. John's with activities that link into specific parts of the mass.

The children at St Peter's continue to sit at the front of church during mass and this has continued to encourage engagement in the liturgy, with many children now joining in with the responses. The children's mass books also continue to support the children's engagement.

We have seen significant growth with our weekly Baby and Toddler Groups this year, especially at St John's where we are seeing an average of 10 families per week. The numbers have also remained good at St Peter's with an average of 10 families per week. Within both groups, the children have enjoyed time to play, a craft activity, singing, a Bible story and a biscuit. Last year saw us run a successful farm trip for both our toddler groups and a very enjoyable 'Teddy Bears' Picnic. Once again we ran our Toddler Nativity Service: numbers increased significantly from the previous year, with 41 adults and 15 children in attendance.

Peterites is continuing to go very well and has on average 19 children each week. The group continue to enjoy games, craft and a time of worship, and the split between the older and younger group continues to work well and has allowed us to retain our older children. We continue to do social activities with the Peterites, which included an end of school year summer party, a Christmas film night, a trip to a local zoo, and a climbing trip. The trips, particularly the summer trips, have allowed us to keep in contact with the children over school holidays, maintaining relationships.

This year we took 12 children on the National Children's Pilgrimage to Walsingham, which is an increase of 2 from last year. The feedback from both parents and children about this experience was overwhelmingly positive.

Our older youth group, Rock Solid, continues to meet weekly on a Sunday evening and is a mix of games and teaching. There are up to 8 young people that attend this group, with an average of 4 young people attending each week. The group has engaged in a number of social activities including a summer camp fire, laser quest and baking evenings. In addition to this, several youth retreats have been organised, which have also been opened up to children from other parishes. Last year we took 7 young people on Youth Pilgrimage to Walsingham in the summer and we are looking forward to repeating the pilgrimage again this year.

Messy Church continues to happen every Tuesday at St John's. It includes a talk and then an exploration of the theme through craft. Katherine leads this along with a team of volunteers.

Baptism Brunches continue to happen bi-monthly and continue to provide an opportunity to deliver baptism preparation in a relaxed setting.

Family events have continued to be run throughout the year, and have included a children's Good Friday event, and a Family Fun Day. Holiday Club was run each morning during February half term, with 18 children attending this. Wrap-around provision was provided for the first time this year, which enabled more children to attend.

A termly school mass happens at Horbury Bridge Academy. Preparation happens with the children before each mass, helping the children to choose music, write prayers, and rehearse altar serving and reading. The masses have also been attended by a number of parents. Fr Christopher, Fr Daniel and Katherine continue to lead Collective Worship in both the main school and in EYFS on a rota basis.

At St Peter's School, Fr Daniel, Fr Christopher and Katherine continue to deliver weekly Collective Worship to KS1 and KS2, and Katherine continues weekly Collective Worship with EYFS. In addition, Katherine also supports the Collective Crew and attends their weekly meetings, as they seek to build on the school's Christian ethos. Katherine also spends time doing detached work in the playgrounds, with children and staff. By the end of the academic year, each year group will have received an RE lesson in church. On St Peter's Day a mass was held for Year 5 and Year 6 students.

We also continue to support our two church schools through governance. Barbara Panton and Neil Cudworth served for the duration of the year, representing the foundation, at Horbury Bridge Academy and St Peter's Schools respectively. Just before the summer break, Kevin McGetrick stood down as a governor at St Peter's. We were very sad to lose Kevin as a Foundation Governor and note his deep commitment to the school over the past few years – thank you, Kevin, for all you have done. In Kevin's place, the PCC nominated to the DBE Helen Sage. Helen recently moved to Hemsworth with her husband, Fr Andrew, who is Master of Archbishop Holgate's Hospital. Neil Cudworth also decided that he would not renew his governorship when his term of office ended in January 2025. Like Kevin, he has been an exceptionally-dedicated member of the governing body at St Peter's, and we are grateful for all he has done in the post. In his stead, the PCC nominated Janette Skinner to the DBE for appointment. Janette had recently retired as Headteacher of Horbury Bridge Academy, and is known to many of us. We are pleased to have both Helen and Janette on board at this time, as they bring considerable expertise from the world of education, and church education in particular, as we seek to support St Peter's School through present difficulties.

Zoomers has been a new venture this year, an online study group for young adults and those with families who find it hard to access other parish courses due to childcare. We have an average of 6 people attending these sessions fortnightly. Throughout the sessions, we have looked at key teachings of the church, the church service and why we do what we do, and the Passion narrative.

Our children, youth and families work continues to grow and would not happen without the fantastic team of volunteers who give up so much of their time to enable us to support, grow and disciple our children, youth and families. I am extremely thankful for all they do and all their support.

Katherine Brackley, Children and Families Worker

Curate's Report

I don't know if you noticed but, as Fr Christopher will probably mention in his report, he went on sabbatical this year. A really big thank you to every who helped out while he was away. Particular thanks go to the Churchwardens for their support and to Fr George and the Rev'd Hannah Hobday who took over Fr Christopher's role of supervising my training. In many ways everything continued as normal and this is entirely what we should expect. As we looked at in our Lent course, the Church is that 'congregation of faithful men, in the which the pure Word of God is preached, and the Sacraments be duly ministered according to Christ's ordinance'; whatever circumstances befall her, her job is to keep gathering people to the Lord Jesus, to keep preaching his Word and to keep celebrating his Sacraments. I think we managed this while Fr Christopher was away. And so we had the normal round of offices and mass; preaching and teaching continued, on a Sunday morning we

looked at 1 Corinthians 12–15, thinking about Spiritual Gifts and the Resurrection; we continued looking at John in ‘Read, Mark, Learn’; we did the life of Jesus from the Transfiguration to Easter Sunday in Collective Worship at the two schools and the history of God’s Promises with the Peterites; we continued to celebrate the sacraments, people were baptised, anointed and had their sins absolved in the confessional. Again, a big thank you to everyone who enabled this to happen, I couldn’t have done it without you all.

This is probably my final report to the APCM having now been with you 34 months of a 3-4 year curacy. As of 1st March I have been able to apply for posts and have met with Bishop Stephen to explore some opportunities. I have really enjoyed being your Curate, but please do keep the next steps in your prayers as this time comes to an end.

Fr Daniel Heaton, Curate

Evangelism Focus Group

The Evangelism Focus Group has organised a number of things over the last year. We’ve continued the three leaflet drops (All Souls, Christmas, Easter) to advertise our services – a big thank you to all our angels who help deliver them! We also had a stall at the Street Fayre for the first time, getting people to think about what Jesus means to them and handing out free Gospels and tracts. We hope to do something similar this year as well. We’re going to be running ‘Christianity Explored’, looking at the Good News of Jesus for both people exploring faith and also as a reminder to us all of the key things of our faith, so that we might be more confident to share it with others. We’re also going to be taking part in ‘Thy Kingdom Come’ this year. TKC is a global, ecumenical prayer initiative that was started by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York ten years ago about specifically praying between Ascension and Pentecost that the Holy Spirit might work in the lives of 5 people you know, so that they might come to follow Jesus.

Fr Daniel Heaton, Chairman

Grant Application Focus Group

The Grant Application Focus Group came into existence after the last APCM, as the PCC decided that this was a strategic focus for us at present, the anticipated work would be significant and so needed to be shared, and skills needed to be fostered so that the burden of moving forward with our various projects, which are dependent on external funding, did not fall on one or two people. Various potential risks to the PCC have therefore been mitigated. The first meeting of the group discussed these terms of reference, and in the second, the group received training from Janet Edmonds from the Stewardship Team at the Diocese. At further meeting in December, members were updated on the status of our various projects made a strategic plan for grant applications. In spring 2025, the first applications were made, from which, as we will see in the next Annual Report, we have achieved some positive results. The PCC remains very grateful for all the external bodies which fund our work, particularly those who are funding the mission initiatives of our Children and Families Project and our Choral Development Programme pilot year, begun September 2024, but also those who have helped fund the development work for our lighting, support the curate’s expenses, and contribute to the building or general running costs of the parish.

Fr Christopher Johnson, Chairman

Horbury Churches Together

Horbury Churches Together (HCT) brings together all the churches in the Horbury and Sitlington area. Our representative on the HCT Business Committee this year was Margaret Holwell, whilst Fr Christopher and Fr Daniel are trustees of the charity and attend trustees meetings held several times throughout the year. This year, Fr Daniel was also elected to serve as Vice Chairman, with Cllr Darren Byford voted in again as Chairman. Our main work on the ground supports the Breakthrough Youth

Project which provides regular groups, activities and opportunities for young people, though other events include joint services and the Whit Family event, as well as the annual quiz, which we host at St John's. Every year the PCC pays a small subscription to HCT for membership, but we have also supported the Youth Project financially, including by sponsoring Jackie Walter who runs the Great North run every year to raise funds for the work. Thank you if you supported her this year.

Fr Christopher Johnson, Trustee

Music and Organ Restoration

'We will rejoice and be glad', we sang at the Easter Vigil – and what a year for rejoicing it has been! 2024–2025 has been a remarkable year of musical growth, joyful surprises, historic milestones, and renewed purpose in the life of our parish. The spirit of resurrection has been alive and well in our music-making – and I can't help but feel that we're standing on the brink of something truly transformative.

Let's start where the joy has been most palpable – our children. This time last year, we were still at the preparatory stages of a bold new Choral Development Programme. We raised funds. We prayed. We planned. And now – it's happening. Over two dozen choristers joined us during the pilot year, and although numbers dipped slightly after the initial excitement (as we fully expected), the heart of the project beats stronger than ever. Our choristers now sing two Evensongs a week, and we're preparing to add a third, weekend choral service from May. Their voices are growing in confidence, depth, and beauty. Katherine is doing a fantastic job teaching them about the liturgy, about saints and seasons, and helping the children to become confident at leading parts of our worship. And perhaps most powerfully of all – the kids are drawing others in. We've seen parents arriving early just to sit quietly in church, soaking in the sacred music their children help lead. We've seen children from non-church families raise the cross, light candles, read Scripture, and sing ancient prayers with dignity and devotion. It is hard to put into words just how moving this has been to witness. We will be running further recruitment drives this spring in both St Peter's and Horbury Bridge Academy, because we believe there are many more children in Horbury and Horbury Bridge who could thrive in this. And yes – we're dreaming big: the goal remains to reach thousands of children, to establish long-term progression routes (including a choir for our teenagers), and to nurture a generation of young people who know their voice matters – to the church, and to God.

In the midst of this exciting work with children, we were thrilled to welcome the Roger Pulham Choir Organ into our parish life this past summer. The instrument arrived from the parish of St Edward the Confessor, Burgess Hill, in August and has already begun to transform our musical life, especially in choral liturgies. Though originally built for a different space, careful adaptation works – now nearly complete – are tailoring this remarkable instrument to the acoustic and liturgical needs of St Peter's. We cannot wait to showcase it fully, and to use it more extensively in rehearsals and worship. It is already proving to be a vital companion to our beloved (and still in-need-of-restoration) Harrison and Harrison organ.

Our adult choir continues to be the bedrock of our musical offering. I want to thank each and every one of our singers: your dedication, patience, and musicality have been a great blessing. The highlights this year have been many, but the Advent Procession and Christmas Carol Service were particularly powerful. With the children joining for the first time, in a church that was packed to the rafters, it was an extraordinary experience – a real musical milestone for the parish. We are proud of what our choir continues to achieve week after week – and always delighted to welcome new singers – whether you've sung for years or are just curious to give it a go!

Our Organ Restoration Concert Series continues to grow. With an increasingly varied offer of performers, branching out beyond the organ, the first-Saturday-of-the-month recitals are becoming a cherished part of our parish calendar. These concerts don't just entertain – they educate, inspire, and help shine a light on the treasure that is our musical heritage. Thank you to all our performers, and to those who help with publicity, hospitality, and behind-the-scenes logistics. We are so grateful for all your hard work.

The Horbury Church Music Festival was re-founded in June 2024, with a new academic conference and a service of Evensong sung by St Peter's Consort on Saturday. We were delighted that over fifty people attended – from the village, from the region, and even from abroad! On Sunday, we celebrated the Patronal Festival in the morning with a joint mass, and an Evensong celebrating new church music drew significant numbers from across Yorkshire to the parish in the afternoon. Re-founding this Festival, begun by Canon Sharp in 1867, is a huge achievement, and something we can all be very proud of. The 2025 festival promises to build on this success – a weekend of learning, worship, and joyful singing that brings people together from across the country and beyond.

Our Church Music Courses at St Peter's have also continued this year, offering thoughtful, engaging sessions for everyone from curious beginners to seasoned church musicians. In the autumn of 2024, we considered 'Histories of English Church Music'. Moments of learning like this enrich our whole community.

I want to thank Fr Christopher for his unwavering support, vision, and belief in the power of music as mission. We are truly blessed to have a Vicar who sees how sacred music can evangelise, catechise, and inspire. Thank you also to Fr Daniel for all the support in our work with the choristers, and to Fr George for his constant encouragement.

To the whole parish: thank you. Your prayers, your encouragement, your showing-up matters more than you know. Please keep praying for our children, our choir, our organ projects, and this musical mission. And if you've been watching from the sidelines – come and be part of it. There is room in our song for you.

This has been a transformative year – now is time for celebration, but not complacency. There is much work to be done – and it's going to be very hard at times. But we may rest assured that if we do it prayerfully, sacramentally, offering it back to the God who gives us the strength and skills required, it will be fruitful and blessed work. 'Rejoice' then, 'and be glad' for 'this is the Lord's doing: and it is marvellous in our eyes.'

Professor Leonard Sanderman, Organist and Director of Music

Over 50s

Our group continues to meet twice monthly. We had an enjoyable trip to Cleethorpes and our usual Christmas lunch followed by entertainment from the school.

Valerie Crowther

Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults

The PCC has continued to comply with its duty of care of parishioners and to have regard to House of Bishops guidance in relation to safeguarding. The parish takes safeguarding seriously and is constantly ensuring that all protocols are in line with diocesan guidelines. DBS checking is monitored and where necessary the individual is approached regarding renewal of DBS checking. New DBS checks are made when applicable. Safeguarding remains a regular item on the PCC agenda to ensure that all updates and changes that may affect the work being done within the parish are current. All

notices and documents related to safeguarding are up to date, and where appropriate, displayed on the churches' notice boards. All policies continue to have a renewal date and are reviewed regularly to keep them compliant. Safeguarding is monitored for those members of the parish who require it. PCC members have all completed their renewal of compulsory training regarding safeguarding and the Churchwardens and Parish Safeguarding Officer have been able to complete their face-to-face training for safeguarding, which had been delayed due to the pandemic and the diocese's temporary suspension of the face-to-face training. The PSO and Fr Christopher now meet on a regular basis to monitor all safeguarding issues and training. Safeguarding incidents are now reported directly online via the parish reporting form and forwarded to the diocesan safeguarding team. The PSO now has a dedicated email address for all safeguarding matters.

Lynda Wigelsworth, Safer Recruitment Officer, and Carol Tattersfield, Parish Safeguarding Officer

Serving Team

Another year and our six serving teams are working well. Thanks to the great work going on with the children we now have Rose, Issy, Evie, Francis, Olivia and Thea helping the thurifer with the boat. Sophie, who is now an experienced acolyte, is now having a go with the thurible. Among the acolytes, Theo and Lucas have recently joined Josh and Olivia to further strengthen the serving team. We also had help from the children as vimps to assist the bishop when he came. It was a great honour once more to host the Chrism Mass and wonderful to have so many servers to help.

The Servers' Guild is going really well, teaching us new things and also reminding us how to do the old things! It's also been really useful for training all the new servers.

Easter and the Paschal Triduum of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil are upon us again. We recently had a rehearsal at which Fr Christopher kindly provided lunch. The services are quite different to the usual so it's helpful for all of us to rehearse properly. It will be good to see some of the new servers having a go at these services.

There is always room for more servers. Many hands make light work, so if this is something that interests you, please have a chat with me or Fr Christopher. Thank you to all the parents for all your help and support with the young ones. I run a dad's taxi service myself so it is greatly appreciated.

Paul Taylor, Head Server

Social and Fundraising Committee, including Community Coffee Mornings

We have had several fundraising events during the course of the year, including:

- Monthly Coffee Mornings;
- Shrove Tuesday Pancakes and Quiz;
- Lent Lunches;
- Easter Raffle;
- Refreshments for the Chrism Mass;
- Fr Christopher's 10th anniversary;
- Street Fayre;
- Assumption Barbecue;
- Autumn Fair; and
- Flower demonstration.

Concerts have held by St Peter's Consort and our Saturday Community Coffee Mornings remain very popular. Thank you to all who supported these events.

Valerie Crowther, Chairman



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

The Parochial Church Council of St Peter and St Leonard, Horbury,
with St John, Horbury Bridge

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1147711

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of
the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011
("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out
under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have
followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under
section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 which gives me
cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the
Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:

Date: 17/04/2025

Name: Richard Squires

Address: 17, Chesterton Court

Horbury

Wakefield WF4 5QU

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Receipts and Payments Account

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts							
Donations and legacies	3a	44,095.01	-	5,916.45	-	50,011.46	64,375.00
Income from charitable activities	3b	11,087.23	-	2,980.75	-	14,067.98	13,409.36
Other trading activities	3c	10,334.94	-	-	-	10,334.94	3,259.00
Investments	3d	17.16	-	-	-	17.16	4.29
Other income	3e	16,896.25	-	61,860.87	-	78,757.12	84,166.97
Total Receipts		82,430.59	-	70,758.07	-	153,188.66	165,214.62
Payments							
Raising funds	3f	3,303.83	-	-	-	3,303.83	3,871.69
Expenditure on charitable activities	3g	93,848.22	-	46,902.93	-	140,751.15	110,282.65
Other expenditure	3h	621.00	-	20,296.51	-	20,917.51	14,581.41
Total Payments		97,773.05	-	67,199.44	-	164,972.49	128,735.75
Excess of receipts over payments before transfer		(15,342.46)	-	3,558.63	-	(11,783.83)	36,478.87
Transfers:							
Gross transfers between funds - in		244.01	6,543.25	6,543.25	-	13,330.51	-
Gross transfers between funds - out		-	(6,543.25)	(6,787.26)	-	(13,330.51)	-
Excess of receipts over payments before other gains		(15,098.45)	-	3,314.62	-	(11,783.83)	36,478.87
Net movement in funds		(15,098.45)	-	3,314.62	(18.78)	(11,802.61)	36,478.87
Reconciliation of funds							
Excess of receipts over payments at beginning of the year		40,068.47	-	48,427.80	424.32	88,920.59	52,441.72
Excess of receipts over payments for the year		24,970.02	-	51,742.42	405.54	77,117.98	88,920.59

Balance Sheet (detailed)

Class and code	Description	As at 31/12/2024	As at 31/12/2023
Fixed assets			
0300	Herbert and Ann Shaw Trust Fund	405.54	424.32
	Total Fixed assets	405.54	424.32
Current assets			
0400	Barclays Current Account	5,443.89	8,109.29
0401	Restricted Account	48,234.29	48,427.80
0402	Building Society Account	23,034.26	31,959.18
	Total Current assets	76,712.44	88,496.27
	Net Asset surplus (deficit)	77,117.98	88,920.59
Reserves			
	Excess/(deficit) to date	(11,783.83)	-
Z01	Starting balances	88,920.59	88,920.59
Z02	Gains/(losses) on investment assets	(18.78)	-
	Total Reserves	77,117.98	88,920.59
Represented by Funds			
	General (Unrestricted)	24,970.02	40,068.47
	Designated	-	-
	Restricted	51,742.42	48,427.80
	Endowment	405.54	424.32
	Total	77,117.98	88,920.59

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code)

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Fixed Asset - Investments						
0300: Herbert and Ann Shaw Trust Fund	-	-	-	405.54	405.54	424.32
Total	-	-	-	405.54	405.54	424.32
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
0400: Barclays Current Account	1,298.09	-	4,145.80	-	5,443.89	8,109.29
0401: Restricted Account	637.67	-	47,596.62	-	48,234.29	48,427.80
0402: Building Society Account	23,034.26	-	-	-	23,034.26	31,959.18
Total	24,970.02	-	51,742.42	-	76,712.44	88,496.27
Net total assets	24,970.02	-	51,742.42	405.54	77,117.98	88,920.59

Approved by the PCC on 1st May 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Fr Christopher Johnson SSC,
Chairman

Notes

- The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.
- The endowment fund, known as the Herbert and Ann Shaw Trust Fund, has to be retained, but the income is for general parish expenses. It is invested in Black Rock.
- Analysis of Receipts and Payments Accounts

					Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:						
a Donations and legacies						
0100 - Standing Order Planned Giving - gift aid	6,473.00	-	-	-	6,473.00	6,943.00
0101 - Standing Order Planned Giving - non gift aid	940.00	-	-	-	940.00	780.00
0102 - Envelope Planned Giving - gift aid	2,627.80	-	-	-	2,627.80	2,638.20
0103 - Envelope Planned Giving - non gift aid	659.00	-	-	-	659.00	825.00
0104 - Parish Giving Scheme	24,943.40	-	-	-	24,943.40	21,816.10
0105 - Cash Collections	3,839.80	-	-	-	3,839.80	3,228.39
0106 - Gift Aid	523.12	-	-	-	523.12	3,403.11
0108 - General Donation	3,028.96	-	-	-	3,028.96	2,693.44
0109 - Online Giving via Sum Up	205.65	-	-	-	205.65	2,010.01
0110 - Contactless Machine via EMS	854.28	-	-	-	854.28	1,817.95
0116 - Organ Project - All Donations - gift aid	-	-	1,625.42	-	1,625.42	2,680.00
0117 - Organ Project - Gift Aid	-	-	405.00	-	405.00	1,565.00
0118 - Organ Project - All Donation - non gift aid	-	-	250.15	-	250.15	446.20
0119 - Fabric - All Donations - gift aid	-	-	3,635.88	-	3,635.88	1,528.60
0120 - Fabric - Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-	-
0121 - Legacies	-	-	-	-	-	12,000.00
Donations and legacies Totals	44,095.01	-	5,916.45	-	50,011.46	64,375.00
b Income from charitable activities						
0122 - Magazine	747.97	-	-	-	747.97	582.40
0123 - Fundraising Activities	5,089.31	-	-	-	5,089.31	7,555.01
0125 - Fees - Weddings - Statutory PCC Fee	1,188.00	-	-	-	1,188.00	1,020.00
0126 - Fees - Weddings - Non-PCC Fee Items	-	-	911.00	-	911.00	-
0127 - Fees - Funerals - Statutory PCC Fee	2,101.40	-	-	-	2,101.40	3,576.90
0128 - Fees - Funerals - Non-PCC Fee Items	-	-	2,069.75	-	2,069.75	-
0130 - Candle Sales	1,960.55	-	-	-	1,960.55	675.05
Income from charitable activities Totals	11,087.23	-	2,980.75	-	14,067.98	13,409.36

c Other trading activities

0124 - Rental Income	10,334.94	-	-	-	10,334.94	3,259.00
Other trading activities Totals	10,334.94	-	-	-	10,334.94	3,259.00

d Investments

0132 - Dividends	17.16	-	-	-	17.16	4.29
Investments Totals	17.16	-	-	-	17.16	4.29

e Other income

0107 - VAT Recovery	1,214.00	-	-	-	1,214.00	6,581.04
0111 - Grants - General	6,000.00	-	-	-	6,000.00	6,000.00
0112 - Grants - Children and Families Project	-	-	33,459.20	-	33,459.20	32,852.00
0113 - Grants - Lighting Project	-	-	-	-	-	4,800.00
0114 - Grants - Heating Project	-	-	-	-	-	4,000.00
0115 - Grants - Curate	-	-	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	1,500.00
0129 - Collections for Other Charities	-	-	750.05	-	750.05	1,662.63
0131 - Pilgrimage Income	-	-	10,897.82	-	10,897.82	10,808.80
0133 - Transfer from Closed Accounts	-	-	-	-	-	15,962.50
0134 - Flower Money	-	-	1,288.66	-	1,288.66	-
0135 - Peterites Group - funds and activities	-	-	261.85	-	261.85	-
0136 - Special Collection - Bishop Tony	-	-	245.00	-	245.00	-
0137 - Reordering	-	-	658.27	-	658.27	-
0138 - Visit to Ripon	-	-	527.00	-	527.00	-
0139 - Lectionaries	-	-	1,693.71	-	1,693.71	-
0140 - Visit to York	-	-	607.43	-	607.43	-
0141 - Chrism Mass	-	-	168.83	-	168.83	-
0142 - Sabine Baring Gould Whit Weekend	-	-	4,566.30	-	4,566.30	-
0143 - Men's Group	-	-	275.00	-	275.00	-
0144 - Electric - return of overpayment	6,265.08	-	-	-	6,265.08	-
0145 - Transfer from Yorkshire Building Society	-	-	-	-	-	-
0146 - Children and Families Project activities	-	-	96.50	-	96.50	-
0147 - Interest received from Barclays	637.67	-	-	-	637.67	-
0148 - Interest received gross from Yorkshire Building Society	1,075.08	-	-	-	1,075.08	-
0149 - Wedding Fee	-	-	-	-	-	-
0150 - Musical Outreach	-	-	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	-
0151 - Fabric Five	-	-	618.75	-	618.75	-
0152 - Miscellaneous Income	200.00	-	-	-	200.00	-
0153 - Clip and Climb - Children	-	-	170.00	-	170.00	-
0154 - Gas - returned payment	533.02	-	-	-	533.02	-
0155 - Choral Project	-	-	3,000.00	-	3,000.00	-
0156 - Listed Places of Worship	971.40	-	-	-	971.40	-
0157 - Children - Lazerzone	-	-	76.50	-	76.50	-
158 - Evangelism	-	-	-	-	-	-
159 - Confirmation Gifts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other income Totals	16,896.25	-	61,860.87	-	78,757.12	84,166.97

Income and endowments Grand totals

82,430.59	-	70,758.07	-	153,188.66	165,214.62
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EXPENDITURE ON:**f Raising funds**

0226 - Social Events	3,083.67	-	-	-	3,083.67	3,671.69
0237 - Lottery Licence	20.00	-	-	-	20.00	20.00
0240 - Contactless Device	200.16	-	-	-	200.16	180.00
Raising funds Totals	3,303.83	-	-	-	3,303.83	3,871.69

g Expenditure on charitable activities

0200 - Parish Share	20,000.00	-	-	-	20,000.00	24,000.00
0201 - Clergy Expenses	2,733.84	-	148.89	-	2,882.73	2,262.52
0202 - Children and Families Project - Salaries	-	-	30,125.96	-	30,125.96	16,240.81
0203 - Children and Families Project - Expenses	(44.80)	-	557.92	-	513.12	2,324.33
0204 - Organist - Salaries	9,036.75	-	-	-	9,036.75	7,707.89
0205 - Visiting Clergy - Salaries	-	-	-	-	-	984.68
0206 - Visiting Clergy - Expenses	608.71	-	-	-	608.71	70.00
0209 - Flowers	-	-	1,303.71	-	1,303.71	38.50
0212 - Utilities - Water	537.48	-	-	-	537.48	443.60

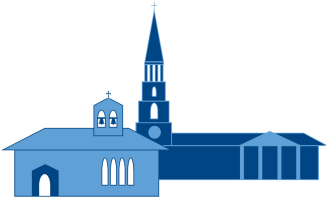
0213 - Utilities - Gas	6,317.61	-	-	-	6,317.61	2,663.28
0214 - Utilities - Electricity	10,748.43	-	-	-	10,748.43	3,036.74
0215 - Insurance	10,657.32	-	-	-	10,657.32	10,295.77
0216 - Maintenance - Gas	2,175.60	-	-	-	2,175.60	12,443.88
0217 - Maintenance - Fire Extinguisher	345.06	-	-	-	345.06	205.48
0218 - Maintenance - Electrician	268.80	-	-	-	268.80	480.00
0219 - Maintenance - Builders	3,747.84	-	-	-	3,747.84	1,055.20
0220 - Maintenance - Painters	3,888.00	-	-	-	3,888.00	1,314.00
0221 - Maintenance - Organ	834.00	-	-	-	834.00	434.40
0222 - Maintenance - Lightening Conductor	680.40	-	-	-	680.40	222.00
0223 - Maintenance - Security	334.80	-	-	-	334.80	400.80
0224 - Lighting Project	-	-	9,252.00	-	9,252.00	4,584.00
0225 - Maintenance - Other Minor	5,273.64	-	-	-	5,273.64	2,237.35
0227 - Children and Families Project expenses re activities	-	-	741.58	-	741.58	-
0228 - Evangelism Expenditure	928.00	-	-	-	928.00	1,615.13
0229 - Admin - Photocopier	4,231.85	-	-	-	4,231.85	4,749.81
0230 - Admin - Copyright Licences	635.09	-	-	-	635.09	600.58
0231 - Music	1,638.11	-	-	-	1,638.11	614.20
0232 - Liturgical Expenses	6,650.03	-	-	-	6,650.03	4,896.17
0233 - Advertising	146.92	-	-	-	146.92	117.00
0234 - Other Stationery	48.34	-	-	-	48.34	592.58
0235 - Subscriptions - Forward in Faith	60.00	-	-	-	60.00	150.00
0236 - Subscriptions - Horbury Churches Together	60.00	-	-	-	60.00	60.00
0238 - Architect Fees	1,106.40	-	-	-	1,106.40	2,900.00
0243 - Misc. Refunds	200.00	-	-	-	200.00	541.95
0245 - Organ Project	-	-	450.58	-	450.58	-
0247 - Sabine Baring-Gould Anniversary Weekend	-	-	4,322.29	-	4,322.29	-
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	93,848.22	-	46,902.93	-	140,751.15	110,282.65

h Other expenditure

0207 - Choir Fee	-	-	120.00	-	120.00	200.00
0208 - Bellringers Fee	-	-	480.00	-	480.00	135.00
0210 - Vergers Fee	-	-	270.00	-	270.00	275.00
0211 - DBF Wedding Fee	-	-	482.00	-	482.00	218.00
0239 - Pilgrimage	-	-	10,460.00	-	10,460.00	12,355.00
0241 - Special Collection - Additional Curates Society	-	-	605.34	-	605.34	724.66
0242 - Special Collection - Leaving Gift	-	-	-	-	-	200.00
0244 - Special Collection - Mary's Meals	-	-	543.98	-	543.98	-
0246 - Non-PCC Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-
0248 - Special Collection - Dementia Uk	-	-	41.75	-	41.75	41.75
0249 - Admin- Data Development Fee	120.00	-	-	-	120.00	-
0250 - Administration - Box subscription	144.00	-	-	-	144.00	432.00
0251 - Trip to York	-	-	-	-	-	-
0252 - Lectionaries	-	-	1,881.03	-	1,881.03	-
0253 - Trip to Ripon	-	-	495.00	-	495.00	-
0254 - Non PCC - Chrism Mass	-	-	45.22	-	45.22	-
0255 - Barclays Bank	2.00	-	-	-	2.00	-
0256 - Mens Group	-	-	256.00	-	256.00	-
0257 - Bishop Tony - Leaving Gift	-	-	300.00	-	300.00	-
0258 - Subscription - Society of St Gregory	38.00	-	-	-	38.00	-
0259 - Ordination Gift	-	-	261.64	-	261.64	-
0260 - York Trip	-	-	550.00	-	550.00	-
0261 - Administration - Leeds DBF Fees	259.20	-	-	-	259.20	-
0262 - Churchwarden expenses	57.80	-	-	-	57.80	-
0263 - Clip and Climb - Children	-	-	100.00	-	100.00	-
0264 - Laserrzone	-	-	148.50	-	148.50	-
0265 - Director of Musical Outreach - wages pension and tax	-	-	3,256.05	-	3,256.05	-
Other expenditure Totals	621.00	-	20,296.51	-	20,917.51	14,581.41
Expenditure Grand totals	97,773.05	-	67,199.44	-	164,972.49	128,735.75

4 At the beginning of 2024, the PCC began to use MyFundAccounting accounting software. As such, in the above Analysis (Note 3), sub-category headings from the previous year's accounts may not translate exactly to sub-category headings for 2024.

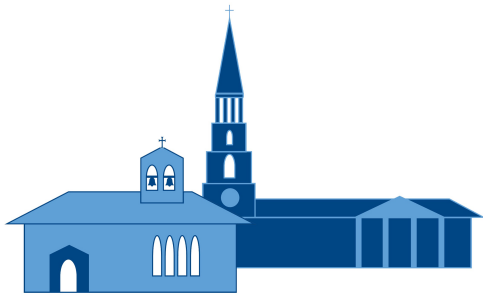
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Sunday, 17th March 2024

When I arrived in the parish in 2017, one of the things I got to quite quickly on my 'to do list' was a new website, and one of the most important tasks in getting the website up and running was to think about how I would describe our parish to the outside world. If I could choose just a small number of words to make a first impression on people, what would those words be? I opted for the words 'vibrant' and 'living'. These were accurate at the time, but perhaps they are even more accurate now, as our churches have an impressive quality of life to them. Our two churches are busy churches. Individuals gather to worship Almighty God daily and to share in the sacrifice of the New Covenant renewed for us at the altar. Our work within and for the local community is multifaceted and inclusive. We engage with male and female, young and old, religious and not-so religious, residents and visitors. We show particular concern and pastoral care for our local schools and convent, whilst not forgetting our involvement in groups such as the Royal British Legion, local history and civic societies, and much more too.

Pope Benedict XVI, in one of the last public addresses he gave before his retirement, captured something which I believe explains why our churches seem so 'vibrant' and 'living'. He wrote: 'One receives one's life precisely when one offers it as a gift.' And the pages of this report tell this story. They show just how much people give towards the life of the church, and therefore explain why, by the grace of God, life is produced.

And so I look at our work with children and families, and the ministry of Katherine amongst us, leading a huge team of volunteers, and I look at how the church has grown and flourished in this area of our parish life because of this. I look to the progress we have made in our musical life, to the choir and what a super job they are doing at leading our worship and how they are growing in skill and confidence, and I think of Leonard guiding and teaching them, and using the gifts God has given him to accompany our services to God's greater glory. I look to my colleagues, Fr Daniel and Mark and see how God has given them, and continues to give them, his gifts to enable their ministries of teaching, pastoral care and prayer. I see daily the love that is poured into our church buildings to keep them in good order, and I note particularly the work of our two churchwardens, Mavis and Valerie, though I also include in this category people who clean the buildings, change the altar frontals and lamps, fix minor building issues, and much more besides. Last but by no means least I see the work of individuals involved in governance, such as our Treasurer, PCC members, and Deanery

Synod reps, and the commitment of time they put in to ensuring that our parish runs legally and efficiently.

A little while ago, the Church of England commissioned a report entitled 'Setting God's People Free'. The sceptic in me says that this report was a justification for asking lay people to do more, as the number of clergy serving parishes continued to decline. And you look at some dioceses and you see that is exactly the case – that the Commissioners and diocesan authorities between them are strangling the system to deprive it of parochial clergy. Yet the underlying theological vision of this report was neither radical nor new, but simply that all the baptized have a vocation to serve. And when I look at our churches, I am confident that this is something that we do here in Horbury. Indeed, nearly every able parishioner contributes to the life of our church. We are all engaged in gift-giving, and because of this, the church flourishes. Every one of you reading this report, please know how precious your contribution is to the whole, and how grateful I am for this.

So what did we accomplish in 2023? Certainly one of the biggest extraordinary events we put on during the year was the celebration of the 300th birthday of John Carr, architect of St Peter's, when we welcomed huge numbers of people through the doors of church for a 'Night at the Church' children's event on the Friday night, a heritage day on the Saturday culminating in a splendid lecture from Andrew Morrison (CEO of York Civic Trust), and celebratory concert on the Sunday evening with Horbury Victoria Band, where we received a large number of dignitaries including the Lord Mayor of York, a Deputy Lieutenant of West Yorkshire, the Bishop and Dean of Wakefield, and others, to celebrate the life of one of Horbury's most famous sons. And then only a week later, I think it was, St Peter's was packed again, this time as we celebrated the Coronation of The King with a short service and social, showing just how much the church is intertwined into our local community as well our national life. Again, in quick succession – it really was an exhausting time! – we turned our attention to Fr Daniel's ordination. The ordination of a priest, and his first mass, are unforgettable events for both the priest and parish, and I was very proud of both Fr Daniel for coming to this stage of his vocation, and for the parish for nurturing him during his diaconal year, getting him there, and making the events run so smoothly, from the serving to the music, and the food and drink which followed. These events saw two more occasions when St Peter's was full, as we welcomed visitors from far and wide to celebrate with our curate. Thank you to all those who helped contribute to these events and make them such memorable occasions.

Evangelism of course remains a top priority, and I reiterate here what I write about constantly in the Parish Magazine and preach about from the pulpit – that numbers of people attending things matter, and that we must not become complacent about the size of our congregations. We are constantly battling against the death of those whom we love and cherish -and we have lost many treasured members of our church communities this year – sickness, and the distractions which the world throws at us, so the faithfulness you have to Sunday worship,

and the other services, groups and events we put on, really matters. As does your willingness to go out and drop a leaflet through a door, to invite a friend or family member along to something, or how you might prompt someone to seek baptism or confirmation. Never give up on being faithful, and never give up on this task of inviting others to share the Good News! This caution out of the way, we must pause in this report to celebrate what God has done for us in 2023, when growth in Sunday attendance was over 10%, attendance at Easter was up 2.5%, attendance at Christmas was up 38%, attendance at midweek solemnities was up nearly 22%, and attendance by children at Sunday worship was up 30%. By the end of 2023, we had not only returned to pre-pandemic levels of attendance in our usual Sunday attendance, but grown further: Holy Week and Easter was our best-attended since I began collecting statistics in 2017; and our children's attendance since 2019 (when we began our children and families project) has risen 182%, with an average of 10 children attending worship each week by December. Indeed, sometimes the number of under 18s worshipping has been a significant proportion of the overall attendance, and this is something for which we must be thankful.

2023 has also been a year where there has been a lot of 'behind the scenes' work going on. People expect vicars to have loads of free time to have tea and coffee with people. How I wish this were the case! Indeed, on top of dealing with compliance matters with our church officers – things like financial management, fundraising, safer recruitment, safeguarding, and health and safety – we have also this year been trying to make strides forward implementing the recommendations of the latest Quinquennial Inspection Reports for both churches. We have responded to unexpected building matters such as a visit from our 'furry friends' and the falling off the wall of a marble tablet at St Peter's. And yet we don't simply want to fix things that are broken. We have a strong vision for our church buildings, and want to make progress with them to aid the mission of the church. Hence we have been working with our architect on designs for the re-ordering of St Peter's, to create new vestry spaces for clergy, servers and choir, a new social space at the back of church with accessible facilities, and a semi-permanent arrangement for choir seating in the chancel. Additionally we have appointed a lighting consultant to make a proposal for a new scheme at St Peter's which will dramatically improve the functionality of the lighting that presently hangs in the building, and in itself be fitting to Carr's beautiful neo-classical interior. The introduction of a new sound system is also on the cards, and we are desirous of conserving the two mediaeval grave covers to the north of the building – our only link to the pre-Georgian church which sat on the site. The major work at St John's this year was the installation of the new heating system, though with this work now completed, our focus there has turned to carrying out the Quinquennial works.

The Parish Giving Scheme, of which we are now a member, is proving to be a great way in which individuals can donate to the church. If you are not a member already, please can I recommend you give them a call and register? People forget their envelopes all the time, they don't review their contribution each year meaning their contribution is worth less as inflation increases and our costs increase, and the extra work we have to do to claim gift aid on non-PGS donations is significant. Joining the PGS would really help us: please consider doing so,

and please consider, as things hopefully become better, if you can give just a little extra to support your local church. The reality is, however, that even with people giving, donations from parishioners do not cover the significant costs we face for buildings and mission, and I just want to take a moment to highlight how grateful I am to the various charities who have made significant donations to enable us to continue this work during 2023. Without their support, we simply would not be able to achieve the work that we are doing. On which note, we were overjoyed that funding was forthcoming from a selection of charities who have enabled us to employ our Children and Families Worker on a full-time basis from September 2023. Our focus is now on finding the remaining funding for the pilot project for our Choral Development Programme, in which we will employ our (since September 2023, permanent) Director of Music to a greater degree. Please keep us in your prayers as we seek to find this funding which will open up a huge range of possibilities in our music life.

To conclude this report, I just want to alert you to all the other work that I do which connects us to the wider Church of England and Catholic movement. This is important as it shows how we collectively play our part in the wider church. Amongst such work I list my work as an Assistant Director of Ordinands for the Diocese of Leeds, as Priest Vicar of the Cathedral, and as a Training Incumbent (which is a responsibility not just to the curate and parish but to the Diocese and wider Church of England). I convene the Chapter of the Resurrection, which is the chapter of Society clergy in the Diocese of Leeds, and run the Society vocations group for the bishop. Sometimes I have to head off to meetings in London, generally for trustees' meetings of the Cleaver Trust or Number One Trust Fund, the former supporting ordinands and the latter supporting parishes and other organisations in our constituency in the Church of England. Two individuals come to me for formal spiritual direction and I have taught again this year on the Leeds School of Ministry. Between us, and since his priesting, Fr Daniel and I have been able to support parishes in the area who are in interregnum or whose priests have been on holiday – St Chad's Toller Lane in Bradford, St Thomas's Huddersfield, St Hilda's Cross Green, St Wilfrid's Harehills, and All Saints' North Street in York are just some examples. I have also been able to respond positively to invitations to preach at Holy Trinity Southport and St Columba's Anfield, where I also led a PCC away day, and we have benefited in return from preachers including Fr Darren Smith, Fr Stephen Edmonds, Fr Paul Cartwright, and Fr Adam Gaunt. All of this reminds us that the church is bigger than just the people who 'sit next to me in the pew', that we are part of a family in our Church of England, and especially in The Society. Again, none of this external work would be possible if the support were not there from colleagues, lay and ordained, on the ground, so please know that this work is your contribution to the life of the wider church as much as it is mine.

Pope Benedict said that 'One receives one's life precisely when one offers it as a gift.' Or to put that another way, life comes from gift-giving. Thank you for the gifts you have given in 2023, and thank you for the life that your gift has created, which, by the grace of God, from whom ultimately every gift comes, is our living and vibrant church communities.

Fr Christopher

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The Parish of St Peter and St Leonard, Horbury, with St John, Horbury Bridge is a vibrant and living Christian community, on the edge of the city of Wakefield and part of the Anglican Diocese of Leeds. We are one church operating across two sites, and though parish life is both busy and varied, the worship of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, lies at its core. Since the days of Canon John Sharp (Vicar, 1834-99), Horbury has had a long and impressive history within the Catholic tradition of the Church of England, and displays all its hallmarks. The parish is led by Fr Christopher Johnson, who was appointed as Vicar in May 2017. Fr Christopher is supported by a Curate, Fr Daniel Heaton, two Churchwardens, Mrs Mavis Walsh and Mrs Valerie Crowther, and two Readers, Mrs Katherine Brackley and Mr Mark Naylor.

AIMS AND PURPOSES

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Parish of St Peter and St Leonard, Horbury, with St John, Horbury Bridge, has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, Fr Christopher Johnson, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the two churches of St Peter and St Leonard, Horbury, and St John, Horbury Bridge.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship in our churches and to become part of our community. Our vision is:

- to see those in our pastoral cure come to worship God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, through regular attendance at mass and other public worship, and through daily personal prayer;
- to nurture a strong, welcoming and inclusive Christian community, whose values are underpinned by the teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ;
- for all members of our church to grow in their Christian discipleship through regular Bible Study, with preaching and teaching;
- to reach out to the local community, by recognizing and pledging our individual skills and talents for the benefit of all; and
- to act as sensitive stewards of the resources we have, so that God's work can continue to develop and meet the changing needs of our parishioners.

When planning our programme of activities for the year, the Vicar and PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance to charities for the advancement of religion by:

- offering people the opportunity to gather together for and participate in public worship, prayer and teaching at our range of Sunday and midweek services and events;
- providing pastoral care through baptism, wedding and funeral ministry as well as the visitation of the sick;
- providing a 'gathering place' for those in particular need or with particular circumstances, through our coffee mornings and social activities, children's groups and groups for adults, and by giving practical help to people in need;
- offering teaching to children and young people and providing opportunity for them to explore matters of faith;
- supporting our two church schools and local convent through regular pastoral contact;
- delivering catechetical programmes; and

- promoting and supporting mission partnerships with other churches, as well as other local organisations.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of our two churches. Our achievements for 2023 are detailed above in the opening letter from the Vicar, and below, in this collection of reports.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The Parochial Church Council is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2020), and a registered charity, number 1147711.

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Beaufort House
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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The structure, governance and management of the parish is determined by the rules of the Church of England, in particular the Church Representation Rules 2020. This sets out the membership of the PCC, which consists of the incumbent (Vicar), other clergy licensed to the parish, and the readers (all *ex-officio*), together with the two churchwardens (elected at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners) and

members of the laity elected to serve on the Deanery Synod or Parochial Church Council (both of which are elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting).

Governance of the parish is provided by the Vicar, Churchwardens and PCC, whilst day-to-day management is the responsibility of the Vicar, Churchwardens and Officers of the Parochial Church Council. Whether *ex-officio* or elected, together, all PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

The following people served as members of the PCC for all or part of the year 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023:

Vicar and Chairman	*Fr Christopher Johnson SSC MA MSt MLitt
Curate	*Fr Daniel Heaton BA
Licensed Readers	Mark Naylor Katherine Brackley
Churchwardens	*Mavis Walsh *Valerie Crowther
Deanery Synod Representatives	Carol Holdsworth Trevor Jones (to APCM) AnneMarie Patterson Janet Ramdsale Gillian Stead (from APCM)
PCC Members	Ivy Beckett (to APCM) Richard Bunn (from APCM) Pauline Fallas (to APCM) Barry Goalby (to 29 th November 2023) Janice Hammerton (to APCM) Margaret Holwell *Carolyn Oakes (from APCM) Joyce O'Neill (from APCM) *Carol Tattersfield Michael Turner Susan Twohig (to APCM) Michael Wood
Co-Opted Members	*Richard Squires (to APCM) Beverley Gordon (from APCM)

*Indicates member of Standing Committee

The following appointments were also made by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting or Parochial Church Council during the course of the year 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023:

Sidesmen	P Beckett; P Bunn (from APCM); R Bunn (from APCM); S Dyson; D Haigh; T Jones (to APCM); J O'Neill (from APCM); AM Patterson; M Shaw (to 31 st December 2023); K Ramsden (from APCM); P Taylor (to APCM); B Wilby (to APCM); J Yarrow; G Allott; M Allott; J Brooke (from APCM); A Cole (to APCM); S Drake (from APCM); B Goalby (to 29 th
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Secretary
Treasurer

Parish Giving Officer
Health and Safety Officer
Parish Safeguarding Officer
Safer Recruitment Officer
Electoral Roll Officer
Deputy Churchwardens

Interim Organist and Director of Music

HCT Representatives
Foundation Governors (St Peter's)

Foundation Governors
(Horbury Bridge Academy)

November 2023); M Goalby; and L Wigelsworth
(from APCM).

Carol Tattersfield
Richard Squires (to APCM)
Carolyn Oakes (from APCM)

Michael Turner
Trevor Jones
Carol Tattersfield
Lynda Wigelsworth
David Holdsworth

Barry Goalby (to 29th November 2023)
Janet Ramsdale (from APCM)

Leonard Sanderman (becoming Organist and
Director of Music on 1st September 2023)

Margaret Holwell
Fr Christopher Johnson (*ex-officio*)

Neil Cudworth
Kevin McGetrick

Fr Christopher Johnson (*ex-officio*)
Valerie Crowther (to 3rd November 2023)
Barbara Panton (from 21st November 2023)

The existence of the Standing Committee is required under the Church Representation Rules. It meets prior to PCC meetings to set the agenda for the meeting and transact delegated business. The PCC has also continued to delegate its work to the following groups:

- Finances and Premises Committee;
- Social and Fundraising Committee;
- Children and Youth Focus Group;
- Evangelism Focus Group; and
- Organ Restoration Focus Group.

The PCC understands that money given for the work of the parish should be spent on the upkeep of the parish, and only kept in reserves for specific reasons. These include planning for significant known financial obligations, having some capital available for unexpected financial obligations, as well as maintaining a commitment to those who are employed by the PCC. In accordance with these aims, it is the policy of the PCC to hold in reserves the equivalent of two months general running costs and an additional one month's salary cost. In order to keep our two church buildings in good working order, it is also our policy to hold an amount for unexpected building works in the Fabric Fund, which can be comprised of restricted or designated monies. The PCC aims to use any unspecified bequests in developing the fabric of our two church buildings or furthering the mission of the parish to ensure long-term sustainability and promote church growth.

STATUTORY REPORTS

Report on Changes in the Electoral Roll since the last APCM

Once again this year many of our names remain constant. We have new additions to our parish including families, who are getting involved in parish life, including with children taking an interest in the running of the services. We are also pleased to see that both our churches are becoming stronger, with transference of people to St John's boosting the congregation, and new people coming in to St Peter's. Sadly we have seen six deaths: Sr Jean Clare CSPH, Sr Gwyneth Mary CSPH, Barry Goalby, Ruby Lee, Mary Shaw and Anne Squires, all sadly missed. Our revision this year therefore gives:

Total names on roll 2023	105
RIP	6
Moved away	1
Removed from roll	2
Additions	5
Total names on roll 2024	101

Of the 101 names on the roll, 62 live within the parish and 39 live outside the parish.

David Holdsworth, Electoral Roll Officer

Report on the Proceedings of the Parochial Church Council

The PCC has met seven times since the APCM 2023, including for a training afternoon at St Peter's. The PCC has continued to work hard with the day to day running of the parish. Many of the proposed projects are now in the process of coming to fruition in the next twelve to twenty-four months. The parish is showing strong signs of growth in all areas of activities.

Carol Tattersfield, Secretary

Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council

This report is on the 2023 financial year for the PCC of St Peter and St Leonard, Horbury, with St John, Horbury Bridge. It is based on the audit figures as presented to the PCC. Income overall including restricted and non-PCC Accounts for the parish was £164,529.12 and the expenditure was £181,997.38, leaving a deficit of £17,468.26, which we will look to improve on in the next financial year. We have reserves held in the Yorkshire Building Society account which enables us to plan for future projects should and when this be required. We have now split the Unrestricted Funds and Restricted Funds in to separate accounts to ensure we use them for the intended purposes.

We have received the following grants: £10,000 from The Henry Smith Charitable Trust, £5,000 from the Bishops' Development Fund, £15,000 from The Fellowship of St John, and £2,390 from The St Leonards Hospital Trust, which covers the wages, expenses, pension and tax payments for our Children and Families Worker, whom we now employ on a full-time basis.

Horbury Common Lands Trust also provided us with grants totalling £6,000 to go towards the running costs of both churches. We are extremely grateful for their continued support.

The Additional Curates Society gave us grants totalling £1,500 towards expenditure for the Curate.

The J Booth Charitable Trust provided a grant of £4,800 towards the Lighting Project at St Peter's.

The Bernard Sunley Foundation provided a grant of £4,000 towards renewing the heating at St John's.

We would like to thank all the above for their generous grants to enable us to continue our work with children and families in the parish, as well as keeping both churches in good working order.

We have continued to increase our parish share and this year besides our monthly contribution we were able to send a further £7,000 which makes a total for the year of £24,000.

There was an issue with the pensions we pay for our two employees. Thankfully this did not cost the church a great deal to rectify.

We have been paying two contracts for the photocopier we use for the church. When the new contract was signed, the previous one should have been terminated. It has taken since April to have this matter partly resolved, though the old contract has now been cancelled. We are still looking to try and obtain a refund of the overpayments.

The utility costs are continually monitored to ensure we have the correct contracts in place for both churches to keep the costs as low as possible, despite the increase in energy costs in general.

Our card income streams and online donations from the church's website continue to bring a welcome source of revenue. Also, the Parish Giving Scheme continues to grow, which reduces administrative costs, so thank you to everybody who has signed up to this scheme.

We would like to thank everybody who continues to raise funds for the church. This much appreciated income helps us remain financially viable and is a vital part of the work we do as a church.
Carolyn Oakes, Treasurer

The Accounts and Independent Examiner's Report can be found at the end of this booklet.

Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Churches of the Parish

St Peter's

In the first half of this year St Peter's had an infestation of rats, mainly in and near the sacristy and also in a kitchen cupboard. A hole found in the rear of the meter cupboard was concreted over but the infestation continued and the sound system wiring was gnawed through twice.

A survey was carried out by Rentokil Pest Control and the remedial action of meshing over small gaps, mainly in woodwork, was carried out. The outside drains were cleared of roots and re-lined. This work was covered and overseen by Ecclesiastical Insurance. The church is now rodent free.

An electrical test was carried out on the lighting and repairs have been made to the emergency light in the north transept and to faulty light switches.

The north transept walls and two wall panels in the Lady Chapel have been painted. The John Taylor memorial tablet in the north transept fell from the wall as a result of the previous year's water damage. The stone was undamaged and has been re-fixed by Historic Building Restoration.

Repairs have taken place on the glass porch doors.

Faulty window panes have been replaced in one of the west windows.

The central heating boilers have been serviced and new parts fitted.

The gas meter has been exchanged.

Services have been carried out on the lightning conductor, the fire extinguishers and the clock.

The following works are carried out by volunteers:

- Joinery and woodwork repairs;
- Repairs and adjustments to the speaker system and microphones;
- The regular cleaning of the interior of the churches;
- The regular cleaning and keeping in good repair of the brass and silver ornaments and communion vessels; and
- The laundering of altar linen.

St John's

The following work has been carried out in the church:

- The car park gate has been repaired;
- A new gate has been installed at the back entrance;
- Repairs have been made to the roof;
- Fire extinguishers have been serviced;
- The electrical system has been tested; and
- The organ has been tuned.

We have had several minor repairs done by the school maintenance man for which we are very grateful.

Grateful thanks are given to the individuals and teams who carry out the vital work of making sure both our churches look inviting and function effectively.

Valerie Crowther and Mavis Walsh, Churchwardens

Report on the Proceedings of the Deanery Synod

The representatives to the Deanery Synod for the PCC are Carol Holdsworth, Janet Ramsdale, Annemarie Patterson, and Gillian Stead. Two meetings of the synod have been held to date this year.

The first meeting was on 27th June 2023 at Wakefield Cathedral, the main speaker being Canon Dr Phillip Hobday, Canon Missioner at the Cathedral, who introduced a group session by speaking on 'What is the Cathedral and what can it do to help parishes?' This led on to group discussions with themes 'What has changed in the way we watch TV in the last 20 years?', noting the church's need to continue to adapt to changing patterns in modern life and remain available and present for 'on demand' future generations, and 'What does the Cathedral do day to day?' in which we discussed how the Cathedral offers up its space for a variety of purposes and encourages people who may not otherwise have entered, giving Cathedral staff the opportunity to engage with many on different stages of their journey of faith.

The second meeting was on 8th November 2023 at St Helen's, Sandal, with a presentation from Mr Nick Drayton and Mrs Vivian Drayton from CAP (Christians Against Poverty), initially founded by John Kirby. Following the presentation Nick and Vivian noted this service not only helps people who are struggling to manage debts, but debt advisors will ask to pray for the clients and offer to link them up with a local Christian Community.

Carol Holdsworth, Janet Ramsdale, Annemarie Patterson,
and Gillian Stead, Deanery Synod Representatives

NON-STATUTORY REPORTS

Bell Tower

The bells are rung before the 10.30am Sunday service. Tuesday evening practice nights are well attended and ringers from Holy Trinity, Ossett, St Michael and All Angels, Thornhill, and St Helen's, Sandal regularly join us.

Visiting teams who have rung our bells this year are The Mid Pennine Ringers, The Chiltern Ringers and St Mary's, Bathwick ringers.

We have a new ringer who is learning campanology as his skill for the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.

On 6th May the bells rang with other towers throughout the country to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III.

Mavis Walsh, Tower Captain

Children and Youth

Our children and families work has continued to grow this year, most notably with an increased number of children attending mass.

Kids Church continues to grow and happens each Sunday mass at St Peter's. Since Autumn we have had an average of 8-9 children at St Peter's per week and we currently have 15 children on roll at St Peter's and 2-3 children attending at St John's each week. Kids Church continues over the school holidays. The group continues to follow lectionary-based material and includes a game, a Bible reading, a short discussion around the reading, and a craft or reflection activity based on the passage. Kids Church has 4 regular volunteers who continue to support Katherine with these sessions, and as a result of this, when there are older children present, the group is able to be divided into 2 groups. Each week children are provided with a take-home sheet to allow them to consider what they have learnt at home.

The Children's Area at the back of St Peter's Church continues to be used by children and families at various services, including baptisms. New updated books have been bought for the bookcase, for a range of ages. The children continue to sit at the front of church during mass and this has continued to encourage engagement in mass, with many children now joining in with the responses in the mass. The children's mass books have also supported their engagement with the mass.

At St John's a weekly pack is created for the children present during mass, which includes the Bible reading, a craft and a prayer.

Weekly toddler groups happen at both St Peter's and St John's. At St Peter's toddler group there has been an average of 8 families each week. The children have enjoyed free play, a craft activity, a Bible story and a biscuit. At St John's toddler group, there has been an average of 8 families each week. The children have enjoyed free play, a Bible story and a craft. Good links have begun to develop with families attending these groups and we are beginning to see some of our toddler families engage in other aspects of church life, such as Messy Church and activity afternoons. This year the toddler service was re-introduced on the Sunday before Christmas. We saw around 7 families attend this service and toddler families gave positive feedback.

Peterites is continuing to go very well and has on average 17 children each week. The group continues to enjoy games, craft and a time of worship. The split between the older group and younger group is working well and we have retained all our children from last year. Peterites have enjoyed games and craft, and exploring the Bible together. We continue to do social activities with the Peterites, which included an end of year summer party, a Christmas film night, and a trampolining trip. In addition to our termly Peterites sessions, in order to keep in touch with our Peterites during the summer, we organised a trip to the cinema, which was very well attended.

This year we are taking 10 children on the National Children's Pilgrimage to Walsingham, which is an increase from last year.

This year we have encouraged Peterites families to attend our special masses and as a result we had a significant number of children attend our masses for the Immaculate Conception, Candlemass, Harvest and Mothering Sunday. The children take part in ministries of welcome, offertory, readings and prayers.

It was decided that Fusion, our family service, would stop this year. The numbers attending this service had been low, with only an average of 2 families each month, which influenced this decision. In its place Rock Solid was started to engage our older youth. Rock Solid meets weekly on a Sunday evening and is a mix of games and teaching. There are up to 6 young people that attend this group, with an average of 3 young people attending each week. The group has engaged in a number of social activities including a bonfire and ice skating. A youth retreat afternoon followed by pizza is planned for March and we are hoping to take a number of young people to youth pilgrimage again this year.

Messy Church continues to happen every Tuesday at St John's Church. Katherine leads this along with a team of volunteers. Fr Daniel now also assists with this service on a weekly basis. Messy Church has grown this year and we have seen an average of 8 people attending this service on a weekly basis, including our toddler families.

Baptism Brunches continue to happen bimonthly. These have been well attended and provide an opportunity to deliver baptism preparation in a relaxed setting.

Family events have continued to be run throughout the year. These have included a children's Good Friday liturgy, an Advent reflection afternoon, and a family fun day. Holiday Club was run each morning during February half term with an average of 10 children attending daily.

Half-termly school masses continue at Horbury Bridge Academy. Preparation happens with the children each half term, helping them to choose music and write prayers. The masses have also been attended by a number of parents and members of the wider community. Fr Christopher, Fr Daniel and Katherine continue to lead collective worship and make weekly visits to EYFS on a rota basis.

At St Peter's School, Fr Daniel, Fr Christopher and Katherine continue to deliver weekly collective worship and Katherine has begun weekly visits to EYFS. In addition, Katherine also now supports the Collective Crew and attends their weekly meetings, as they seek to build on the school's Christian ethos. By the end of the academic year each year group will have received an RE lesson in church. On St Peter's Day a mass was held for Year 6 students.

We also continue to support our two church schools through governance, and pay special tribute to Valerie Crowther, who stood down this year having been a foundation governor at Horbury Bridge Academy for a number of years. We were pleased to recommend the appointment of Barbara Panton in Valerie's place and are grateful to Barbara for taking on this responsibility as we seek to support the schools in maintaining their Christian character and ethos.

Overall, over the last year, our children and families work has once again continued to grow and develop. This would not be possible without a team of volunteers who give up so much of their time. I am extremely grateful for all their support and all they bring. Thank you for your support.

Katherine Brackley, Children and Families Worker

Curate's Report

This is my second and likely penultimate report to the APCM having been with you 21 months now of a 3-4 year curacy. The most notable thing about the last year for the curate was my ordination to the priesthood and first mass. A big thank you again to all who took part either serving or in the choir or who helped in any way. They were very special and moving occasions to me. This year has been a year all about growing into that ministry.

The primary duty of the ministry of a priest is the preaching of the Word of God. God promises to the church that he will give her 'shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding' and then instructs Peter to 'feed his sheep' (Jn 21:15) with knowledge and understanding of the Gospel. Deacons were first called in Acts because it was not fitting that the Apostles 'should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables' (Ac 6:2) and the priest's work is to 'labour in preaching and teaching' (I Tim 5:17). The most obvious part of this ministry is sermons on a Sunday morning, but preaching and teaching the Bible runs throughout my ministry to you. I have been involved with teaching Revelation and Psalms to our Bible Reading Group (soon to be rebranded as 'Read, Mark, Learn'), and Mark's Gospel on Parish Pilgrimage and then to our new youth group Rock Solid and this last term to the older group at Peterites. In Collective Worship in school we have been teaching Exodus this term, looking at how God's deliverance of the people of Israel from slavery points forward to his deliverance of us from sin. With Early Years, we've taught the Christmas and Easter stories as well as about what happens in Church and Creation and the Fall. I think every child in the parish has heard me use the SIN acronym: 'Shove off God, I'm in charge, Not you' at least once by now!

One of the ways you might not have considered that I exercise this ministry of preaching is the celebration of the Sacraments, but Augustine calls the sacraments 'visible words' – they're like little paintings of the Promises of God and seals of the grace of those promises – Paul tells us that whenever we celebrate mass, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes (I Cor 11:26). Celebrating mass for you is one of the greatest privileges of my ministry, getting to represent regularly upon the altar the one sacrifice of Christ to the Father and confidently entreat the forgiveness of sins and all other benefits of the Lord's Passion for you and for the whole Church, and something that I've really been growing into over this past year. Celebrating mass has been a very different experience from deaconing it, and whilst Fr Christopher and I did many rehearsals nothing quite prepares you for doing it for the first time or for it becoming a regular part of your ministry. Other than mass, this year has had a number

of sacramental firsts for me in the parish: I solemnised Holy Matrimony for the first time during the summer and also administered Last Rites for the first time in November (please do keep Mr & Mrs Atha and Anne Squires in your prayers); as is normal, I continue to undergo training before hearing Confessions.

Fr Daniel Heaton, Curate

Evangelism Focus Group

The Evangelism Focus Group has run a number of events this year to carry out its aims and objectives. In the Summer we ran the Forty Hours Devotion to pray particularly to pray for the parish's evangelistic efforts. We have launched a Men's Group in the parish which has met twice, once for a BBQ and then for Curry and Carols at Christmas. In January the group ran the short course Hope Explored for those interested in exploring the Hope, Peace and Purpose that the Christian Faith offers. Over Christmas, we ran Posada with our toddler groups and rejigged the Carol Service into a Christmas Sing-a-long which was very successful. Part of LYCIG (Leading your Church into Growth) training was also run with the PCC. Whilst we were unable to run a Wedding Fair this year owing to insufficient uptake by stall holders, the group continues to look at ways to increase the number of weddings in the parish.

Fr Daniel Heaton, Chairman

Horbury Churches Together

I was once again appointed to represent our two churches on Horbury Churches Together (HCT). This organisation brings together all the churches in the Horbury and Sitlington area. Also included is the Methodist church on Thornes Road, Wakefield and the Salvation Army citadel in Ossett. Our Business Manager is John Walter, whom many of you will know, and our Chairman is Councillor Darren Byford.

Through our different churches we have different approaches and traditions of Christian worship but we are all united by our single purpose.

Our main object is to support the Breakthrough Youth Project which provides activities and opportunities in youth work.

Business meetings have been held on the first Monday of every month with the exception of January. These usually take place at St John's. We are grateful for the support we receive there. We have also met at St Andrew's once when St John's was unavailable due to maintenance work.

We enjoy the support of Horbury Co-op where we are always made welcome for fundraising when we take our collection buckets along to raise the funds we need for our valuable work. We also take our hymn books at Easter, Harvest and Christmas and sing the traditional hymns for the customers and ask them to join us. This is always well-received and reminds everyone of the real meaning of these Christian festivals. We also give away chocolates and Easter eggs to make it fun as well.

We have the support of Horbury Academy and the use of their facilities for much of our youth work. We hold a big Whit Family event there on the Saturday of the May Bank Holiday with lots of activities for all age groups. This also provides a main source of income.

We have held joint services at our various churches and have always been grateful for the support we receive from the clergy in organising these opportunities to worship together.

We hold a Forum lunch each February at Horbury Methodist church when we get together to enjoy

good food and a key speaker. In 2023 we enjoyed a talk by Canon Philip Hobday about his work as Canon Missioner at Wakefield Cathedral, and just recently in 2024 Pat Langham, who is a former headmistress of Wakefield Girls High School, was the key speaker.

In December as we approached Christmas we had a new innovation from Gary who leads the youth workers in that we were invited by the team to meet at the Cherry Tree for pizza and the exchange of Secret Santa gifts. This was a lovely idea as we got to meet the individual youth workers and exchange ideas. We only usually see Gary at meetings or in passing when he is busy with his work. Also we only see the others in passing when they are working at the various projects with the young people.

John Walter's wife Jackie does the Great North run every year to raise funds and St Peter's and St John's are the designated sponsors from HCT. You will all have met her when she visits our churches to appeal for sponsorship. She does a sterling job and helps in many other ways to support her husband John. Thank you for your support of her.

Horbury Churches Together has had another very busy year and I know I have missed out some things on this report and I apologise for that. However, as you can see we are all working together to do our best.

I would like to thank you in our two churches for the support you give me and also the support you give to HCT.

Over the time I have been your representative I have made many new friends and worked very happily with everyone involved. It is good to come together with a common purpose.

Margaret Holwell, HCT Representative

Music

I am very grateful to everyone who has contributed to the musical life of our parish. I am especially thankful for the choir – for Christina, Ivy, Janice, Carol, Margaret, Michael, Janet and Barbara. Many of you have commented on their progress to me, and I am very aware of the hard work this takes. Their work is really paying off, and I am very pleased and proud of their commitment. The carol services at Advent and Christmas were an absolute highlight for me personally, and I was delighted with the significant increase in attendance at these. Please continue to support us by attending these special services which require so much preparation from the choir.

Thank you also to the various organists who have contributed to our musical life: not only by covering Sunday services during my holidays, but also those who contributed to our Organ Restoration Concerts. It has been very encouraging to see a steady climb in the attendance at these recitals. If you don't already come to them, please do consider attending them: they're always on the first Saturday of the month at 7pm, and help us to raise appreciation of the wonderful instrument we have at St Peter's, and awareness for the need for restoration.

I am very grateful to the clergy and laity in the parish for their continued trust in me, especially Fr Christopher, who is working so hard to develop music as a significant prong of our missional work. It is taking us some time to raise the funds to start this properly – but please be assured that the finger is on the pulse, and that the Vicar and I are hoping to make significant progress in this field in the year ahead.

In the year ahead, we will be offering two courses or lecture series on Church Music at St Peter's on Thursday evenings in April/May and October/November. The first is a general introduction entitled

‘Thinking about Church Music’, while the second focuses on our national approaches to church music from a historical perspective, and is entitled ‘Histories of English Church Music’. These are very much designed to be accessible to any parishioner, while also remaining interesting to those who know quite a bit about church music already. There will also be a celebration of church music through a Church Music Festival Weekend which includes our Patronal Festival service in June. I very much hope to see you all there!

Thank you all for your support in the past year. Please continue to keep the choir, the clergy, and myself in your prayers in the year that lies ahead of us. I hope it will be a year in which our celebration of the liturgies will grow more beautiful, our understanding of the words and sounds of our music grow deeper, and that through our music, God will reveal something of his mystery to us which words cannot contain.

In one of his poems, Canon Sharp outlines (at some length) how God rejoices in all beauty, and encourages us to offer back to God our worship – beautifully.

Thou teachest us thus, most Glorious Lord,
That beauty delights Thee in all thy ways;
And the worship we bring Thee must meetly accord
With the Beauty that dwells in Thyself always
We bring of Thine own, and bending low
In the place where Thy Presence vouchsafes to rest,
We give Thee of things in this earth below
Whatever is costliest, brightest, and best: –
Whatever in Nature and Art combine
To manifest Beauty to ear or eye,
The work of the SON and the SPIRIT Divine,
With that do we honour Thee, Lord most High.

Professor Leonard Sanderman, Organist and Director of Music

Organ Restoration Focus Group

Since the last meeting of the Organ Restoration Focus Group in November 2022, Fr Christopher and Leonard have been trying to obtain funding for the year-long pilot of our Choral Development Programme. We have had some success. Grants have been received or promised from the Bishops’ Development Fund (£1,500), Brammall Foundation (£2,500), Williams Church Music Trust (£3,000), and Prayer Book Society (£1,000), whilst the complete funding of our full-time Children and Families Worker from September 2023 means we have £3,485 in matched funding as well. This leaves a deficit of £8,307 which we are still trying to find from funders. Once this amount is raised, we will be in a position to employ our Director of Music to begin the pilot project, in which we hope to start a children’s choir and progress matters to do with the organ restoration.

As Leonard has highlighted in his own report above, our series of Organ Restoration Concerts has continued, and in 2023 we were pleased to welcome Dick Sanderman (Rijssen, The Netherlands), Graham Thorpe (Bradford), Alana Brook (Lincoln), Chris Bragg (St Andrews), Matthew Lazenby (Leeds), Anthony Gray (Harrogate), Maximillian Elliot (York), and Scott Senogles (Mirfield) as visiting organists. Attendance at these monthly events has risen, but we would love to encourage more support from members of the parish. Come along on the first Saturday each month to hear some super pieces and organ playing. As ever, my thanks go to the members of the Organ Restoration Group for helping put on the concerts.

Fr Christopher Johnson, Chairman

Over 50s

Our group continues to meet twice monthly and maintains its numbers. We had an enjoyable trip to Bridlington in the summer and our usual Christmas lunch followed by entertainment from the school.

Valerie Crowther

Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults

The PCC has continued to comply with its duty of care of parishioners and to have regard to House of Bishops guidance in relation to safeguarding. DBS checking is monitored and where necessary the individual is approached regarding renewal of DBS checking. New DBS checks are made when applicable. Safeguarding remains a regular item on the PCC agenda to ensure that all updates and changes that may affect the work being done within the parish are current. All notices and documents related to safeguarding are up to date, and where appropriate, displayed on the churches' notice boards. All policies continue to have a renewal date and are reviewed regularly to keep them compliant. Safeguarding training is monitored for those members of the parish who require it. This year 95% of the PCC have completed their renewal of compulsory training regarding safeguarding. 100% of the volunteers working within the children and youth sector of the parish have completed their renewal training for working with young people. The Parish Safeguarding Officer and the two Churchwardens are on the list for their compulsory renewal of the Safeguarding Leadership face-to-face course. They will complete the course within the next six months.

Lynda Wigelsworth, Safer Recruitment Officer, and Carol Tattersfield, Parish Safeguarding Officer

Serving Team

Another year and another server's rota! The months are flying by and the six serving teams are working well. The Servers' Guild is going really well teaching us new things and also reminding us how to do the old things! It also allows us to introduce and train new servers.

Simon and Shane are now having a go at being MCs and Tia is going to have a go with the thurible. Servers often find the missal daunting but a few coloured ribbons help and we often forget how familiar we all are with the words of the mass which we use every week. Training the servers to carry out all the roles gives us greater flexibility to cover for any unexpected absences.

Easter and the Paschal Triduum of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil is a great experience for our team with some notable differences in those services. It will be good to see some of the servers having a go at these in their new roles.

There is always room for more servers. Many hands make light work, so if this is something that interests you, please have a chat with me or Fr Christopher.

Paul Taylor, Head Server

Social and Fundraising Committee, including Community Coffee Mornings

We have had several fundraising events during the course of the year, including:

- Epiphany Punch and Galette des Rois;
- Shrove Tuesday Pancakes and Quiz;
- Lent Lunches;
- Celebrations for the John Carr weekend;
- Street Fayre;
- Fr Daniel's Ordination;
- Margaret's Garden Party;

- Assumption Barbecue; and
- Autumn Fair.

Concerts have held by St Peter's Consort and our Saturday Community Coffee Mornings remain very popular. Unfortunately two fundraising events had to be cancelled due to lack of interest, but we now have two young enthusiastic members on our committee who are eager to try new things. Thank you to all who have helped in any way with these events.

Valerie Crowther, Chairman

**The Parish of St Peter and St Leonard, Horbury,
with St John, Horbury Bridge**
Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st. December 2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner.

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- * Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act)
- * to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- * to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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

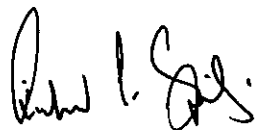
An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiners statement:

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act and the Regulations have not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name: Mr Richard Squires

Address 17, Chesterton Court
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Wakefield WF4 5QU

RECEIPTS	
Voluntary Income	
St Peter's - Covenanted	30,930.30
St Peter's - Non Covenanted	780.00
St Peter's Open Collections	2,186.54
St John's - Covenanted	467.00
St John's - Non Covenanted	825.00
St John's - Open Collection	711.20
Christmas Card Sales	578.95
Collections-Funerals, Weddings etc.	330.65
Gift Aid Giving	3,403.11
Donations	0.00
Income Tax Recovered	6,581.04
Sub Total	46,793.79
Other Voluntary Income	
Leeds DBF Energy Fund	
Common Lands Trust	6,000.00
Sub Total	6,000.00
Legacies	
Name on request-restrict to specific items R *	0.00
Sub Total	0.00
Donations for Missions (Not PCC Income - see note 1)	
See 2 items in NON PCC income section **	822.13
Sub Total	822.13
Donations	
British Legion	
St John's - ABC Group Donation	408.60
St Peter's - Brownies	0.00
St Peter's - JAMS Donation	100.00
Cherry Tree Donation	0.00
Atkins	0.00
Cheryl Foulds	0.00
Ian Panton - Memorial	0.00
Christinas Crafts	0.00
Horbury Singers	0.00
EMS Device giving	1,817.95
Sum Up Payments	49.01
Verger refund of fees	120.00
Donations Misc.	20.05
Sub Total	2,515.61
Events and Advertising	
Magazine Advertising	200.00
Christmas Card Sales - L Wigelsworth	115.00
Amazon & Jams	431.41
St Peters Consort	120.00
St John's - Garden Party Margaret	720.00
Craft Sale - Christina	70.00
Carr Weekend	510.00
Pancake Party and Mardi Gras	320.00
Heritage Weekend	213.55
Autumn Fayre	1,347.00
Cinema	90.00
Mary Shaw Crafts	88.50
Horbury Street Fayre income (incl Cookery Books)	2,228.05
All Souls Service Donations	
All Souls Day - Candle Dedications	632.00
Sub Total	7,085.51
Other Income	
Nest pension	51.40
refund Blaydon Comms	38.94
Overpayment Leonard Sanderman	40.00
repayment from C Holdsworth	20.00
	0.00
Sub Total	150.34

PAYMENTS	
GRANTS	
Overseas Missions and Relief Agencies	
Children's Society see NON PCC Accounting **	0.00
Sub Total	0.00
Missions and Church Societies	
Additional Curates Society see NON PCC Accounting **	652.66
Sub Total	652.66
Church Societies	
Horbury Churches Together	60.00
Sub Total	60.00
RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE CHURCH	
Ministry	
Forward in Faith Subscription	150.00
Diocesan Quota & Awake	24,000.00
Sub Total	24,150.00
Clergy	
Father Christopher - expenses	2,626.29
Father Daniel - expenses	1,184.25
Sub Total	3,810.54
Church Running Expenses	
Water - St Peter's	113.17
Water - St John's	330.43
Gas - St Peter's (SSE)	904.21
Gas - St John's (SSE) Crown	1,759.07
Gas - Boiler Contract - St Peter's	257.88
Electricity - St Peter's (Positive) 215252	2,761.88
Electricity - St John's (Positive) 215251	274.86
Insurance - St Peter's	7,520.57
Insurance - St John's	2,775.20
Sub Total	16,697.27
Upkeep of Services	
Hays & Finch - Wine Wafers and Candles	2,011.26
Redemptorists -Service Readings	770.27
C Farris Church Supplies	1,425.15
Liturgical Expenses	227.45
Agnus Church Supplies	285.29
	0.00
Cassocks - Ormsby & Scarisbrick	176.75
Music Expenses	282.94
Ecclesiastical	0.00
Luzar Vestments	2,525.00
Lockie - Covenant Envelopes	59.27
Michael Tumer - re Envelopes	127.99
Visual Impact - Banners	0.00
Sub Total	7,891.37
Church Maintenance & Building Repairs	
St John's - Heaters (Oldroyd)	12,186.00
St John's - B Goalby - refund maintenance purchases	90.20
St John's - RB Electrical - wiring testing	480.00
St John's -Organ Tuning (Wood)	271.20
St Peter's - Brass Top Safe - M Wood	273.60
St Peter's - Brian Totty Signs	744.00
St Peter's - Rentokil	951.60
St Peter's - Organ Tuning etc (Wood)	163.20
St Peter's - Lighting Conductor Service (Osborne Delta)	222.00
St Peter's - Lights CBG Consultants	4,584.00
St Peter's - Calder Security	400.80
St Peter's - Hoyles Fire Ltd	205.48
St Peter's - Organ	95.46
St Peter's - Door Repairs	174.00
St Peter's - Plumtel	1,314.00
St Peter's - D Lumb Trading & Charlesworth	791.00
St John's - Fencing (Holden)	450.00
St Peter's - Gutter Cleaning (A Airstone)	70.00
Sub Total	23,466.54
Parish Room and Kitchen Maintenance and Repairs	
Purchases re Yarrow and Dyson	39.92
Sub Total	39.92
Trading	
Added Curates Society - Magazine Inserts	189.00
Sub Total	189.00

RECEIPTS (continued)	
Restricted Funds *	
St Peter's organ Appeal etc	4716.20
St Peter's Lights project	4800.00
WCTA - Shrine grant	430.00
ACS	1500.00
Vestment	630.00
Childrens Worker Fund	30000.00
Heating	4000.00
Various other donations and grants	18752.10
Sub Total	64,828.30
Income from Sales	
St John's Candle Sales	64.00
St Peter's Candle Sales	281.05
Sponsor a Lamp	330.00
Church Magazine & Diaries Sales	382.40
Coffee Sales	764.50
Sub Total	1,821.95
Income from Trading	
St Johns Hall Rent	2,161.00
St Peter's Rent	978.00
St John's - Hall rent Elections WMDC	
St Peter's - Hall Rent Elections WMDC	
St Peters - St Peters Consort	
Sub Total	3,139.00
Church Fees	
PCC Portion - Funeral	1,099.00
Church Running Costs - Wedding Funeral	760.00
Banns	85.00
Church Fees PCC Portion - Wedding	276.00
Wedding - DBF Portion	229.00
Sub Total	2,449.00
	2,135.00
	5,274.00
Bank Account Transfers etc.	
Bank Transfer from Fabric Fund *	15,966.79
Sub Total	15,966.79
Entries for items NOT PCC Income see Note 1 **	
Funeral - Organist, Verger, Clergy Expenses	1,585.90
Wedding - Organist Fee	115.00
Wedding - Verger Fee	40.00
Funeral - Choir	100.00
Wedding - Choir	100.00
Funeral - Other Expenses	72.00
Walsingham Payments 2023	8,602.80
Walsingham Deposits - Chidren's Pilgrimage	2,206.00
Wedding - Bell Ringers	135.00
Sub Total	£ 12,956.70
Total	164,529.12
Uncleared cheques as at 31st December 2023	0.00
Bank Balance at 1st Janaury 2023	25,577.55
Total Receipts 2023	190,106.67
Fabric Fund Transfers & Restricted Funds Receipts *	£ 70,933.35
Entries for items NOT PCC Income see Note 1 **	£ 14,007.83
Income (excl funds * and **)	£ 105,165.49
Actual Income (excl Bank b/f from 2022)	£ 79,587.94

Non PCC Funds
Restricted Funds

PAYMENTS (continued)	
Salaries, Wages, Honarariums	
Organist - St Peter's and St John's(includes Funeral Paymen	6,943.80
Organist and Childrens Worker - HMRC Tax payment	2,943.32
Leeds DBF Payroll Admin Fee	599.80
Church Childrens Leader - K Brackley Payroll	11,105.00
Church Childrens Leader - K Brackley Expenses	1,546.80
Church Childrens Leader - NEST Pension	1,592.69
St Peter's Organ Fund	100.00
Verger fee - Funeral	275.00
Wedding Bell Ringers and Choir	235.00
Leeds DBF - Wedding Fee	218.00
Visiting Clergy - expenses	70.00
Organist Fee - Funeral	140.00
Visiting Organist Payment	764.09
Visiting Clergy payment	984.68
Sub Total	27,518.18
Administration	
Arena - Photocopier charges	2,368.75
Siemens - Photocopier Lease	935.06
Xerox	1,446.00
BOX iCloud Monthly Fee - M Wood refund	396.00
Administration	45.10
Christian Copyright - St John's	183.30
Christian Copyright - St Peter's	417.28
St Gregorys	38.00
Evangelism	161.53
Printing - Aldersons	1,453.60
Lottery Licence	20.00
Sub Total	7,464.62
Other Expenditure	
Children	1,048.60
V Crowther - reimburse re purchases	286.01
Blaydon comms & M Wood reimburse	144.30
A & J Wilson re St Johns	80.00
M Turner re iceland	301.95
R Bunn	100.00
S Dyson refund Brasso	4.25
Father Daniel Ordination expenses	1,723.94
Horbury Street Fare expenses	153.74
Refund M Wood supplies (Macro/Costco)	214.78
S Brackley Mans Club	25.00
Other Expenses	1,033.17
Payment to Townley	200.00
Horbury Vistoria Band	400.00
Event Payments	180.94
Organ Restricted	197.80
	0.00
Good will Devices	180.00
A Shepherd - Architect Fees	2,900.00
Sub Total	9,174.48
Non PCC Accountable - Payments **	
Walsingham Children's Pilgrimage	1,599.00
Walsingham Children's Pilgrimage - C Tattersfield Expenses	460.00
Walsingham Coach	3,150.00
Walsingham Payment (Deposits etc.)	6,468.00
Walsingham Refunds	488.00
St Leonards Trust	150.00
Coach Hire for Trips	0.00
Actua Transport	40.00
Uncleared Cheques from previous month(s)	0.00
Sub Total	12,355.00
Total	133,469.58
uncleared cheques from 2022 as at 1st January 2023	0.00
Total Payments 2023	133,469.58
	£ 133,469.58
Total	£ 133,469.58
Fabric Fund Transfers & Restricted Funds Payments *	£ 48,527.80
Entries for items NOT PCC Payments see Note 1 **	£ 20,166.80
Community Account balance 31st december 2023	£ 8,109.29
Actual Expenditure (excl fund trans & restricted items)	£ 64,774.98

Note 1 - Items marked ** are entries for amounts that were banked/paid out that were NOT part of the PCC's Income/Expenditure.

The Parish of St Peter and St Leonard, Horbury, with St John, Horbury Bridge

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2023

	General Fund	Tuesday Fellowship	250 Club	Fabric Funds	Yorkshire B Soc - Saver Account	H&A Shaw Trust Fund	2023	Totals #	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£		£
Monetary assets									
Bank Community Accounts	8,109.29		178.17	48,427.80			56,715.26	34,869.19	
Saver Account					31,959.18		31,959.18	31,444.89	
Bank Business Premium Account								0.00	
Bank Business Base Rate Tracker								0.00	
Cash in Hand	0.00		60.00				60.00	24.00	
Total cash and bank	8,109.29		238.17	48,427.80	31,959.18	0.00	£88,734.44	66,338.08	
Other assets									
Debtors									
	0.00						0.00	0.00	
Investment assets									
286.041 BLK Charities UK Bond Fund A Inc 31/12/23 Held by the Diocese	424.32						424.32	417.42	
Total investment assets							£424.32	417.42	
Liabilities									
Uncleared cheques at 31st Dec 2022	0.00								
Total Liabilities	0.00						£0.00	0.00	
			Restricted Funds *						

**The Parish of St Peter and St Leonard, Horbury,
with St John, Horbury Bridge
Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st December 2023**

	2022 £	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds
		2023 £	£
RECEIPTS			
Voluntary Income	46397.81	46793.79	
Other Voluntary Income	4750.00	6000.00	
Restricted Funds	45450.00		65650.43
Donations/Legacies	6619.89	2515.61	
Events and Activities	9991.89	7085.51	
Other Income	2595.07	150.34	
Non PCC Income	14258.81		12956.70
Income from Sales	1921.63	1821.95	
Income from Trading & Church Fees	9522.04	5588.00	
Income from Investments & A/C Transfers etc		15966.79	0.00
Sub Totals 2022		85921.99	78607.13
Total Receipts	£141,507.14		£164,529.12
PAYMENTS	£	£	£
Grants	0.00	0.00	
Missions and Church societies	60.00		712.66
Relating to the Work of the Church	20222.00	24150.00	
Church Running Expenses	21025.98	16697.27	
Upkeep of Services	9666.39	5366.37	2525.00
Church Maintenance	44852.07	23466.54	
Parish Room and Hall	0.00	39.92	
Major Works	0.00	0.00	
Trading	0.00	189.00	
Salaries/Wages/Honoraria	14529.23	30430.72	
Administration	6571.66	7464.62	
Non PCC Expenditure	19880.12	13253.00	
Other Expenditure	5870.90	7172.48	50529.80
Sub Totals 2022		128229.92	53767.46
Total Payments	£142,678.35		£181,997.38
<i>Uncleared Cheques from previous period</i>	£0.00		£0.00
Surplus for Year	2022 -£1,171.21	2023 -£42,307.93	£24,839.67
Bank Deposit and Current Accounts 1st January	£26,748.76		£25,577.55
<i>Uncleared cheques as at 31st December</i>	£0.00		£0.00
Bank Deposit and Current Accounts 31st December	£25,577.55		£8,109.29

Fabric Fund Account

	2022	2023
	£	£
RECEIPTS		
QS4 Payments	8,049.55	6,439.64
Trans from Yorkshire BS Charity a/c	0.00	0.00
Trans from Comm a/c	0.00	48,427.80
Trans from Comm a/c - St Peters Choir Fund	0.00	0.00
Trans from Comm a/c - St Peters Bell Fund	0.00	0.00
VAT Refund - Bell Payments	0.00	0.00
Interest Payments	6.64	108.79
	8,056.19	54,976.23
PAYMENTS		
St Peter's - Comm a/c	0.00	14,978.30
St Peter's - 2nd Payment to Taylors re Bells	0.00	0.00
St Peter's - 3rd Payment to Taylors re Bells	0.00	0.00
St John's - Organ Repairs & Survey	0.00	0.00
Quota Payment to Leeds DBF (August 2022)	3,000.00	
Part QS4 Payments to Community A/C (2019/20)		0.00
	3,000.00	14,978.30
	2022	2023
Surplus for Year	5,056.19	39,997.93
Fabric Fund - 1st January	3,373.68	8,429.87
Fabric Fund - 31st December	8,429.87	48,427.80

Herbert and Ann Shaw Trust Fund Receipts and Payments Account

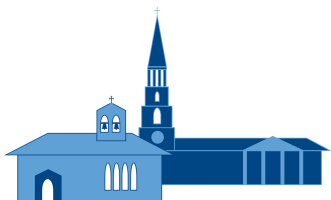
		2022		2023	
		£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS					
Investment Income		30.06			22.43
Interest		0.12			
Total			30.18		0.00
PAYMENTS					
To St Peters Community Account - to close H&A Shaw		0.00		0.00	706.03
Base Rate Tracker Account		0.00		0.00	
Total			0.00		0.00

		2022		2023	
Surplus for Year			30.18		0.00
Bank Business Premium Account 1st January			653.42		683.60
Bank Business Premium Account 31st December			683.60		£0.00

250 Club Account

	2022		2023	
RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£
Membership subscriptions (Cash)	264.00		276.00	
Membership subscriptions (Cheques to Bank)			0.00	
Cash in Hand from previous year			24.00	
Total		264.00		300.00
PAYMENTS				
Prize Draws Cash	240.00		240.00	
Choir Robes Donation (Cash)	0.00		0.00	
Gift to Church (Cheque)	0.00		0.00	
Cheques to Bank				
Total		240.00		240.00
	2022		2023	
Surplus (Cash in Hand)		24.00		60.00
Bank Deposit and Community Account 1st January		166.17		178.17
Bank Deposit and Community Account 31st December		178.17		£178.17
Bank + Cash in Hand		202.17		£238.17

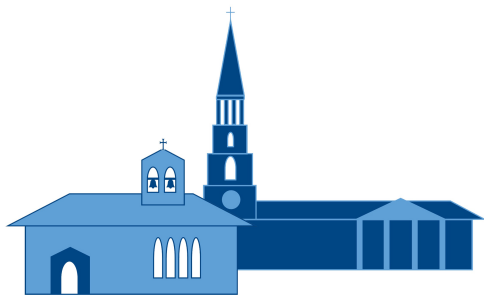
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ANNUAL REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2022



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Wednesday, 29th March 2023

It is interesting reading scripts submitted for this Annual Report, as the pandemic continues to loom large in people's minds, and yet 2022 really saw the parish return to a normal way of operating, with the final restrictions being removed at Pentecost. This included the restoration of the chalice, and importantly, the return of the obligation to attend mass on all Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation throughout the year. Our groups too have now all returned to normal, and God willing, that awful period will now be behind us, and we can re-focus on being a 'priority-led parish', that is, a parish where our priorities are shared and pursued together in all we do. These priorities are evangelism, work with children and families, our organ restoration project, finances and premises, and our social and fundraising work, and I am pleased and proud that this report for the financial year 2022 details how we have moved forward in each of these areas over the course of the past twelve months.

What, though, are the headline figures? The clearest raw data for our success in the field of evangelism comes from attendance at mass, and over 2022, the parish grew by 6% overall, which equates to roughly four additional attendees each Sunday. This returns overall attendance to an average of 78 per week. The key now will be recapturing the success of pre-pandemic growth, to return to – and exceed – the figures in 2018 and 2019, building up our congregations year on year. Christmas and Easter figures in 2022 also demonstrated a 'return of the masses', with Christmas attendance up 13% and Easter attendance up nearly 30%, both of which were pleasing figures.

Some of the success of our work with children and families can also be garnered from statistics, and since the beginning of our Children and Families Project, attendance by children has risen by 120%. On Mothering Sunday recently we had 21 children in church over three masses, which represents a phenomenal change from just three years ago. Such growth would not have happened, however, if it were not for Katherine Brackley's leadership in this area of our parish life. Supported by many willing and able volunteers – many of you will be reading this report, you know who you are! – the parish has developed its offering to make it much more inclusive of different ages, and our churches are much younger than they were, giving hope for long-term sustainability. Thank you if you have played a part in this journey.

The exciting news is that this journey is not over yet. There is much more work to do, and over the past year, I have been working to secure external funding to enable our project to move into a second three-year phase. We have so far raised £64,000 which will mean our Children

and Families Worker can continue in post; but if we raise another £37,000 we can increase her hours to full-time. Please pray for the remaining applications currently being considered by five charities, that their trustees may see the impact of, and value in, this work, and support us in this endeavour.

The beautifully-succinct reports given by our churchwardens below perhaps hide the fact that an awful lot of work has gone into our buildings this past year, from them and others. We started the year questioning how we might raise sufficient funds to repair the faulty roof at St Peter's. But God was good, and through generous support from those who live in our parish, together with grants from charitable bodies, along with careful project management, we were pleased to raise the necessary funds within about a month. It truly was an answer to prayer, as this necessary work could then be completed to keep us all dry. Heat is also a basic need, and much time and energy was spent over the course of 2022 speaking to the diocese on the replacement of the heaters at St John's. Most of these had broken – the others were on their way out – and yet the DAC was concerned that an energy-efficient solution needed to be employed. Yet this was prohibitive in various ways, and we argued our case in order to be granted faculty towards the end of the year, with the heaters now (early 2023) having been replaced. 2023's annual report will show that this too was achieved through the obtaining of external funding, without which we would simply be lost. Thanks go to our churchwardens for their continued careful management of our beautiful churches, fixing little issues whilst pursuing larger projects too. They also go to our PCC Treasurer, Richard Squires, who has worked really hard not only keeping on top of, but also developing, our finances since he took over the reins. Richard is stepping down from this role this year, but I do want to thank him profusely for all he has done to look after this important aspect of our church life.

On those larger projects I mentioned above, the PCC and Finances and Premises Committee have also been pursuing the reordering of St Peter's, which will see the Victorian vestry (i.e. present Parish Room) re-instated to its original purpose to house our choir, servers and clergy, stalls introduced to the chancel to seat the choir, kitchen and storage facilities built at the west end of church underneath the gallery, and accessible facilities installed in the present sacristy. We are also seeking to change the lighting, which long-standing parishioners will remember caused a headache to at least two of my predecessors, and which the end result was entirely unsatisfactory, as none of us can see, and the beauty of Carr's building remains hidden. A new approach to the lighting is being pursued by Bruce Kirk of Light Perceptions Ltd. Bruce's portfolio is mightily impressive and includes most Anglican cathedrals up and down the country, a number of historic royal palaces, and more: we are very fortunate to have him on board. So watch this space for major developments over the next year or so.

A lot of the questions which led to the proposals to re-order St Peter's arose from our musical developments over the past few years, and our aim of restoring our Harrison and Harrison organ. Admittedly, progress with this in 2022 has been slow. The Organ Restoration Focus Group was one of the last to be resurrected following the pandemic, though our thinking on this matter has developed over the course of the year, with us realising that to secure

sufficient funds for the organ's restoration, we need to pursue a people-led project, rather than a heritage-led project. Yet this is no bad thing, and plans are afoot to develop a children's choir as part of a pilot project, which will also tie in with our intentional missional focus on children and families. Again, watch this space for further developments.

Whilst the organ project has been slower than I would have hoped, I cannot say the same about our wider musical life. In December 2021 we appointed Leonard Sanderman as a Temporary Organist and Director of Music. Leonard began with us a PhD student, but has already risen to the dizzy heights of a professorship! He has fitted in so wonderfully in our parish, and brings with him tremendous skills and talents from which we are benefiting. In particular, his training of the choir is really paying dividends, and our musical offering at the sung mass at St Peter's has developed accordingly. Whilst this perhaps gives a slightly different feel to the mass than before, it makes St Peter's stand out in the locality as a place at the forefront of musical trends in the Anglo-Catholic world. It also means that whilst the substance of the masses in our two churches is exactly the same – the same liturgy, same readings, and same homily, as we are the same family – our offering in Horbury Bridge can cater for slightly different tastes. Thank you must go to Leonard for all he has brought to the parish over 2022. We hope he is able to continue with us for the near future, and especially as we hope to develop our organ project and children's choir in the ways described above.

Having mentioned our two employees and our two churchwardens it would be remiss of me not to mention Fr Daniel. Fr Daniel joined us as Curate following his ordination to the diaconate at Petertide 2022, and has settled into parish life really well. In his report below he talks about being receptive to comments from parishioners, but this nervousness disguises the immense skills which he brings to our church family, notably in preaching, teaching, and with children and young people. Of course we were privileged to see those skills when he came on placement with us over summer 2021 – little did we know then that we would be welcoming him back less than a year later to be part of the Horbury and Horbury Bridge family – but we are glad to have done so. Fr Daniel's particular work involves him becoming familiar with the day-to-day life of a parish priest, and so he is involved in supporting the liturgy in various ways, preaching and teaching, working in schools, building up relationships with worshippers and the wider community, and contributing in an increasing capacity to the management of our parochial life – he has recently become a Community Governor at St Peter's School, and taken over the chairmanship of the Evangelism Focus Group, for instance. He has already brought new ideas to the table, and I know that, supported by you as he grows into his ministry, he will continue to do so. Please do come and support him for both his ordination and first mass this coming Petertide, and keep him in your prayers as he prepares to receive the gift of priesthood from God.

Vocational work is very important. As you know, one of the jobs I do for the diocese is as an Assistant Diocesan Director of Ordinands. I am also a trustee of the Cleaver Trust, which provides book grants and financial support to ordinands in the Catholic tradition of the Church of England. But the most important work we have with vocations is on the ground,

and I am delighted that our Reader, Mark Naylor, has continued his training towards ordination over the course of the year. This has, unfortunately for us, meant that he is often away from the parish on Sundays as he has to complete placements, but we are able to benefit from his ministry as Reader when he is with us, and assure him of our continued support and prayers as he journeys towards ordination in 2024.

Other things which take me away from the parish include my work as Priest Vicar of Wakefield Cathedral, as well as my work as a trustee of The Number One Trust, who kindly helped us with our roof (before I was a trustee!). Fr Daniel and I also attend deanery chapters and synods, and the Chapter of the Resurrection, which is the chapter for Society clergy in the Diocese, which I chair. In return for this work for the diocese and others, we also benefit in the parish from support given, and in 2022, we were pleased to receive our tri-annual visitation from the Archdeacon of Pontefract, support from the diocesan stewardship team in introducing the Parish Giving Scheme – which, if you haven't joined, please consider doing so, it really makes a difference to the workload our PCC Officers have to deal with – and the Diocesan Education team, who helped us in the appointment of Mr Richard Tuddenham as Headteacher of Horbury Bridge Academy in Easter 2022 – and it has been great getting to know Richard and working with him in the school since. Towards the end of the year we also received our Quinquennial Inspection reports, and we will be considering how best to implement these in the near future to keep our buildings in top shape. We are pleased also to receive the pastoral care and sacramental ministry of the Bishop of Wakefield, who preached for our fantastic celebration of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee – which saw a pack St Peter's Church with many community leaders and groups in attendance – celebrated his Chrism Mass here, and came to confirm later on in Advent. Sadly, of course, our beloved Queen died during the year, but we were able to support the people of Horbury as they grieved their long-standing monarch, by the provision of a Book of Condolence, a church open for individuals to come and pray, and a beautiful requiem mass, at which Fr George Nairn-Briggs DL preached. In terms of visitors, we were also delighted to welcome a huge crowd in October for the Society of Mary October Devotion. This included the former Bishop of Beverley, Fr Graeme Rowlands from the SOM, the Bishop of Wakefield, ordinands from Mirfield and St Stephen's House, the Horbury Victoria Band and other musicians, and many more too. A super day was had by all. We also attended the consecration of the new Bishop of Beverley at York Minster later in the year, and we continue to keep Fr Stephen in our prayers.

As you can see, there was much in 2022 for which we need to be thankful, be that people in our church family, new worshippers, signs of growth, charitable bodies who have supported our work, members of our wider community whom we have welcomed to our buildings and activities, or plans that are slowly or quickly coming to fruition, as we seek to build up the church in this place committed to our care. Thank you for sharing the responsibility of this with me as your parish priest. Thank you for all you do sharing our priorities and working on them together. Thank you for being faithful to God. I look forward to another exciting year ahead working with you.

Fr Christopher

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The Parish of St Peter and St Leonard, Horbury, with St John, Horbury Bridge is a vibrant and living Christian community, on the edge of the city of Wakefield and part of the newly formed Anglican Diocese of Leeds. We are one church operating across two sites, and though parish life is both busy and varied, the worship of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, lies at its core. Since the days of Canon John Sharp (Vicar, 1834-99), Horbury has had a long and impressive history within the Catholic tradition of the Church of England, and displays all its hallmarks. The parish is led by Fr Christopher Johnson, who was appointed as Vicar in May 2017. Fr Christopher is supported by a Curate, Fr Daniel Heaton, two Churchwardens, Mrs Mavis Walsh and Mrs Valerie Crowther, and two Readers, Mrs Katherine Brackley and Mr Mark Naylor.

AIMS AND PURPOSES

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Parish of St Peter and St Leonard, Horbury, with St John, Horbury Bridge, has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, Fr Christopher Johnson, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the two churches of St Peter and St Leonard, Horbury, and St John, Horbury Bridge.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship in our churches and to become part of our community. Our vision is:

- to see those in our pastoral cure come to worship God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, through regular attendance at mass and other public worship, and through daily personal prayer;
- to nurture a strong, welcoming and inclusive Christian community, whose values are underpinned by the teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ;
- for all members of our church to grow in their Christian discipleship through regular Bible Study, with preaching and teaching;
- to reach out to the local community, by recognizing and pledging our individual skills and talents for the benefit of all; and
- to act as sensitive stewards of the resources we have, so that God's work can continue to develop and meet the changing needs of our parishioners.

When planning our programme of activities for the year, the Vicar and PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance to charities for the advancement of religion by:

- offering people the opportunity to gather together for and participate in public worship, prayer and teaching at our range of Sunday and midweek services and events;
- providing pastoral care through baptism, wedding and funeral ministry as well as the visitation of the sick;
- providing a 'gathering place' for those in particular need or with particular circumstances, through our coffee mornings and social activities, two toddler groups and fellowship groups, and by giving practical help to people in need;

- offering teaching to children and young people and providing opportunity for them to explore matters of faith;
- supporting our two church schools and local convent through regular pastoral contact;
- delivering catechetical programmes; and
- promoting and supporting mission partnerships with other churches, as well as other local organisations.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of our two churches. Our achievements for 2022 are detailed above in the opening letter from the Vicar, and below, in this collection of reports.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The Parochial Church Council is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2020), and a registered charity, number 1147711.

Our correspondence address is: St Peter's Vicarage
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Architect: Mr Andrew Shepherd Dip. Arch., Dip. Cons., RIBA, FRSA, IHBC
453, Glossop Road
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South Yorkshire S10 2PT

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The structure, governance and management of the parish is determined by the rules of the Church of England, in particular the Church Representation Rules 2020. This sets out the membership of the PCC, which consists of the incumbent (Vicar), other clergy licensed to the parish, and the readers (all ex-officio), together with the two churchwardens (elected at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners) and members of the laity elected to serve on the Deanery Synod or Parochial Church Council (both of which are elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting).

Governance of the parish is provided by the Vicar, Churchwardens and PCC, whilst day-to-day management is the responsibility of the Vicar, Churchwardens and Officers of the Parochial Church Council. Whether ex-officio or elected, together, all PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

The following people served as members of the PCC for all or part of the year 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022:

Vicar and Chairman	*Fr Christopher Johnson SSC MA MSt MLitt
Curate	*Fr Daniel Heaton BA (from 2 nd July 2022)
Licensed Readers	Mark Naylor Katherine Brackley
Churchwardens	*Mavis Walsh *Valerie Crowther
Deanery Synod Representatives	Carol Holdsworth Trevor Jones AnneMarie Patterson Janet Ramdsale
PCC Members	Ivy Beckett Pauline Fallas Barry Goalby Janice Hammerton Margaret Holwell *Carol Tattersfield Michael Turner Susan Twohig Michael Wood
Co-Opted Members	*Richard Squires

*Indicates member of Standing Committee

The following appointments were also made by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting or Parochial Church Council during the course of the year 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022:

Sidesmen	P Beckett; S Dyson; D Haigh; T Jones (from APCM); AM Patterson; S Turner (to APCM); M Turner (to APCM); M Shaw; J Squires (to APCM); R Squires (to APCM); P Taylor (from APCM); B Wilby; J Yarrow; G Allott (from APCM); M Allott; A Cole; B Goalby; M Goalby; and M Walton (to APCM).
Secretary	Carol Tattersfield
Treasurer	Richard Squires
Parish Giving Officer	Michael Turner
Health and Safety Officer	Trevor Jones
Parish Safeguarding Officer	Carol Tattersfield
Safer Recruitment Officer	Lynda Wigelsworth
Electoral Roll Officer	David Holdsworth
Deputy Churchwardens	Barry Goalby, Janet Ramsdale (from APCM)
Interim Organist and Director of Music	Leonard Sanderman
HCT Representatives	Margaret Holwell
Foundation Governors (St Peter's)	Fr Christopher Johnson (ex-officio) Neil Cudworth Kevin McGetrick
Foundation Governors (Horbury Bridge Academy)	Fr Christopher Johnson (ex-officio) Valerie Crowther

The existence of the Standing Committee is required under the Church Representation Rules. It meets prior to PCC meetings to set the agenda for the meeting and transact delegated business. The PCC has also continued to delegate its work to the following groups:

- Finances and Premises Committee;
- Social and Fundraising Committee;
- Children and Youth Focus Group;
- Evangelism Focus Group; and
- Organ Restoration Focus Group.

The PCC understands that money given for the work of the parish should be spent on the upkeep of the parish, and only kept in reserves for specific reasons. These include planning for significant known financial obligations, having some capital available for unexpected financial obligations, as well as maintaining a commitment to those who are employed by the PCC. In accordance with these aims, it is the policy of the PCC to hold in reserves the equivalent of two months general running costs and an additional one month's salary cost. In order to keep our two church buildings in good working order, it is also our policy to hold an amount for unexpected building works in the Fabric Fund, which can be comprised of restricted or designated monies. The PCC aims to use any unspecified bequests in developing the fabric of our two church buildings or furthering the mission of the parish to ensure long-term sustainability and promote church growth.

STATUTORY REPORTS

Report on Changes in the Electoral Roll since the last APCM

Once again this year many of our names remain constant. We have new additions to our parish including families, who are getting involved in parish life, including with children serving. Sadly though we have seen five deaths: Pat Brooke, Doreen Driffill, Jean Butler, Derek Johnson and Joyce Turner, all sadly missed. Our revision this year therefore gives:

Total names on roll 2022	107
RIP	5
Moved away	1
Removed from roll	3
Additions	7
Total names on roll 2023	105

Of the 105 names on the roll, 67 live within the parish and 38 live outside the parish.

David Holdsworth, Electoral Roll Officer

Report on the Proceedings of the Parochial Church Council

PCC meetings have been able to resume to full face-to-face meetings over the past year. The PCC has met six times since the APCM of 2022. The work of the PCC has been able to maintain normal activity this year after nearly two years of periods of national lockdowns due to the COVID pandemic. The hard work that was carried out during the various lockdowns has been maintained and built upon with the parish showing signs of regrowth. Most of the parish's regular activities are now able to be run in the formats they did pre-pandemic.

Carol Tattersfield, Secretary

Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council

This report is on the 2022 financial year for the Parish of St Peter's and St Leonard's, Horbury, with St John's, Horbury Bridge, and is based on the audit figures as presented to the PCC. The overall income including restricted and non-PCC Accounts items for the parish was £141,507 and overall expenditure was £142,678. Despite a small deficit we have managed to fund some significant projects and once again increased our parish share. Again, running the accounts on a cash basis, we had some balances brought forward from the previous year and hold some income for the next year but the churches have continued to be financially sound and have reserves held in the building society account to enable planning for future projects should and when this be required.

Some extremely pleasing news is that yet again we have continued to increase our parish share and this year have been able to offer up a further £7,000 from the same period of the previous year: our total payment for the financial year 2022 was £23,000 as we continue to increase this to the level we had before the pandemic struck.

We should once again thank all those who have continued to raise funds for the church. Without this valued income we would struggle to remain financially viable. Fundraising is a vital part of

what we do as a church. We managed to have an Autumn Fair, Street Fayre, and Garden Party amongst other income streams which have continued to be an excellent way to bring in finances.

Despite inflation now creeping up, alongside cost of-living increases and significant increases in gas and electricity prices we remain in a comfortable position financially. The work done before the utilities price increases has ensured that the increases have so far had an insignificant impact on the running of the churches. However, we need to remain committed to try to increase our income wherever possible to at least match these price increases going forward.

We continue to thank all those who support parish events and provide us with much needed income, as well as those who continue to give as generously as they can. Anyone who feels they can afford to donate more to the church would be gratefully appreciated, as an increase of even £2 per month per giver would increase the income annually by an estimated £1700 which is the cost of heating the church at St John's for a year.

We continue to maintain our card income streams that are growing in popularity. Online donations from the church's website, and from the donation station situated within St Peter's, are continuing to bring much needed revenue and income from these sources.

The new giving scheme was launched in 2022 and despite a slow start is continuing to grow in its use and ensures a significant reduction in administrative overheads. A huge thank you to those who so far have signed up to the scheme and we hope this continues to develop in the next financial year.

Going forward work around replacing the heaters in St John's is looking to be successful and the generosity of varying organisations in grants for work being done continues to ensure that large scale expenditure in the main is well funded.

Richard Squires, Treasurer

The Accounts and Independent Examiner's Report can be found at the end of this booklet.

Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Churches of the Parish

At St Peter's:

- Minor electrical repairs have been carried out on the Parish Room lights and the WC extractor fan;
- The repairs to the North Transept roof, which had begun in 2021, were completed in March;
- A leaking water pipe under the sacristy floor was repaired;
- Wakefield Council's Listed Buildings Team levelled and re-grouted the outside paving;
- The sacristy door has been repaired;
- Repairs have been carried out to the North Transept glass porch following damage;
- The water-damaged plasterwork in the North Transept has been repaired;
- The central heating boiler was serviced;
- The Lady Chapel and Parish Room gutters were cleaned in March and December;
- The fire extinguishers have been serviced; and
- The Lightning Conductor has been tested.

The following works were carried out by volunteers:

- Joinery and woodwork repairs;
- Repairs and adjustments to the speaker system and microphones;
- The regular cleaning of the interior of the church and parish room;
- The regular cleaning and keeping in good repair of the brass and silver ornaments and communion vessels; and
- The laundering of altar linen.

At St John's:

- Minor repairs to the roof, boiler and lighting have been undertaken;
- Fire extinguishers have been serviced and replaced; and
- The heating system has been replaced.

Grateful thanks are given to the individuals and teams who carry out the vital work of making sure St Peter's and St John's look inviting and function effectively.

Valerie Crowther and Mavis Walsh, Churchwardens

Report on the Proceedings of the Deanery Synod

The representatives to the Deanery Synod for the PCC are Carol Holdsworth, Janet Ramsdale, Annemarie Patterson, and Trevor Jones. Three meetings of the synods were held this year.

The first meeting was on 29th June at Sharlston with a presentation from Theo Sheridan-Watts, Lead Development Worker of The Wellsprings Together Project, which is an initiative of the Church Urban Fund and local dioceses, which supports faith communities in meeting social need via parish-based engagement.

The second meeting was on 29th November at St James, Chapelthorpe, where synod members heard a presentation from Liz Morton, Children, Young People and Families Team Leader for the Diocese of Leeds. During this session, Liz encouraged us in our work with children, and we were pleased that much of what was being proposed is already in place in this parish thanks to our Children and Families Project.

The third meeting of the synod was on 21st February at Wakefield Cathedral and was a joint deanery synod with the wider episcopal area. The main item was a presentation from Jude Smith on the Barnabas Project, with encouragement to be 'confident Christians, growing churches, transforming communities'.

Unfortunately, the first meeting above was held on St Peter's Day and the last on Shrove Tuesday, when parish commitments prevented attendance at the synods from our representatives. However, we were pleased to be kept informed via minutes. Members attended the second meeting in Chapelthorpe. Synod representatives are up for election this year, and we have pleased to serve the parish in this way over the past three years.

Carol Holdsworth, Janet Ramsdale, Annemarie Patterson,
and Trevor Jones, Deanery Synod Representatives

NON-STATUTORY REPORTS

Bell Tower

The bells are rung before the 10.30am Sunday Service. Tuesday evening practice nights are well attended and ringers from Holy Trinity, Ossett, St Michael and All Angels, Thornhill and St Helen's, Sandal regularly join us.

Visiting teams who have rung our bells this year are The Leeds University Ringers, The Huntington Ringers and The Yorkshire Association Central Branch.

On 2nd June St Peter's bells rang out with others across the country to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Following the death of Her Majesty on 8th September the bells were rung fully muffled for service ringing and no practice night took place. On 20th September St Peter's bells again rang with others across the country before the state funeral. None of the ringers had ever experienced this before.

The ringers are looking forward to the honour of ringing for the Coronation of King Charles III in May 2023.

Mavis Walsh, Tower Captain

Children and Youth

Over the past year our children and families work has continued to grow in numbers of families engaging with the parish, but also in depth of faith, with a number of families now engaging with worship as well as our more missional activities.

Kids Church continues to happen during Sunday morning Mass at St Peter's. There are currently twelve children on roll and there have been between three and eight children attending St Peter's each week and two children attending St John's each week. Kids Church continued over the summer holidays and during this time, we had several visitors with children who accessed Kids Church. The group continues to follow lectionary-based material and includes a game, a Bible reading, a short discussion around the reading, and a craft or reflection activity based on the passage. Kids Church has four regular volunteers who support Katherine with these sessions and as a result of this, when there are older children present, the group is able to be divided into two groups. To encourage faith at home, children are provided with take home sheets that allow them to continue to explore the Bible reading. Children have also been provided with their own Lent and Advent sheets to aid worship at home.

The Children's Area at the back of St Peter's Church continues to provide an area for children and young people to use both during mass and throughout the week. Themed colouring sheets and a themed display is present at the back of church, allowing children of all ages to engage in worship, through prayer, story and colouring. The children continue to sit at the front of church during mass and this has continued to encourage engagement in mass, with many children now joining in with the responses in the mass.

At St John's a weekly pack is created for the children present during mass, this includes the Bible reading and an activity to help the children explore the reading. We continue to see a positive impact of the provision and as well as growth in numbers of children and young people engaging in worship, we have also seen a deepening of faith.

Weekly toddler groups happen at St Peter's and St John's. At St Peter's toddler group, JAMS, there has been an average of ten families each week. The children have enjoyed free play, a craft activity, story and a biscuit. At St John's, or ABC toddler group, there has been an average of six families each week, which is a little lower than the previous year as we have lost a number to school, though we are pleased new families have found us and are becoming regular attendees. The children have enjoyed free play, a Bible story and a craft. Good links have begun to develop with families attending these groups and we are beginning to see some of our toddler families engage in other aspects of church life, such as messy church, activity afternoons and holiday clubs.

Peterites is continuing to go very well and has on average twenty children each week, with more on the roll. The group continue to enjoy games, craft and a time of worship. Since September, in order to cater for older children, the group meets together and then splits into two smaller groups for a time of games and teaching. Peterites have enjoyed various projects, including a project on the Lord's Prayer. Peterites had another great end of year party, and in January we ran a bowling trip for them.

In March a group of five children from the Peterites attended the Children's Pilgrimage to Walsingham and another group of young people will be attending the Youth Pilgrimage to Walsingham in the summer.

This year we have encouraged Peterites families to attend our special masses and as a result we had a significant number of children attend our Harvest mass and take part in the welcome, offertory, readings and prayers.

There has also been greater engagement with our Peterites families, with a number of the children's parents and guardians attending a social event.

Fusion, our family service, continues but on a half-termly basis. The numbers of families attending this service have been lower than before, with on average two families attending this service, which influenced the decision to run it less frequently, however, there has been increased attendance at mass by children and families, which is encouraging.

Messy Church continues to happen every Tuesday at St John's Church. Katherine leads this along with a team of volunteers. Fr Daniel now also assists with this service on a weekly basis. Messy Church has grown this year and we have seen there are an average of twelve people attending this service on a weekly basis.

Baptism Brunches continue to happen bi-monthly, these have been well attended and provide an opportunity to deliver baptism preparation in a relaxed setting.

Family events have continued to be run throughout the year. These have included a children's Good Friday event, an advent reflection afternoon, and a family fun day. Holiday Club was run each morning during February half-term. This was the first time we had tried Holiday Club then, and it was very successful with an average of twenty children attending this.

School Masses have continued at Horbury Bridge Academy, and these are now half-termly. The students participate in the masses in various ways, from writing and reading prayers, to choosing the music and serving at the altar. The masses have also been attended by a number of parents. Fr Christopher and Fr Daniel continue to lead collective worship and make weekly visits to EYFS.

At St Peter's School, Fr Christopher and Fr Daniel continue to deliver weekly collective worship and by the end of the academic year each year group will also have received an RE lesson in church. Katherine also delivered a session in school during mental health week. On St Peter's Day a mass was held for year six students.

We also continue to support our schools through governance, and are grateful to our Foundation Governors for all the 'behind the scenes' work they do in their roles.

As our children's work continues to grow and develop, I am extremely grateful to all our volunteers who give so much to support the growth of faith of children and families within the parish, this work would not be possible without your hard work.

Katherine Brackley, Children and Families Worker

Curate's Report

This is my first report to the APCM having now been with you since July. One of my most obvious jobs has been deaconing at Mass – reading the Gospel and assisting at the altar. One of my favourite things about this job is pouring the drop of water into the chalice. The different viscosities make it go all swirly for a moment as the water is taken into the wine and it's really beautiful. Combined with the prayer, 'By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity', it's a really powerful image of us being taken wholly into Christ to be offered on the altar. This ministry is an important preparation for my ordination to the priesthood when I shall no longer just assist at the Holy Sacrifice, but also offer it for you. Another particularly public aspect of my ministry is that of preaching and teaching. You have all probably heard me preach by now (if you haven't, come to church more often) but I have also been teaching on our summer course looking at Holy Order, and the Lent course looking at the Exsultet, as well as leading our Tuesday Bible Reading Group and a study on 'Mountains in Scripture' during our parish pilgrimage to Walsingham.

Slightly less obvious is my work in saying the Daily Office. Prayer is a really important part of the ministry and while the church does not obligate me to assist at Mass every day, I am required to say Morning and Evening Prayer to the glory of God and for all of you. We are joined by a faithful few in this work of prayer but there is always room for more; Fr Christopher and I are always willing to talk you through how to say the Office.

One of the parish's priority areas is our work with children. I alternate assemblies with Fr Christopher but have given assemblies on, inter alia, Christ the King, advent, the Ethiopian eunuch

(studiously avoiding using that word!), the conversion of Paul, the prophet Jeremiah and the resurrection of Christ. Assemblies are often the first encounter children have with the story of salvation; I plot the Bible story we are looking at that day on our Big Bible Timeline, tell the story, often with the help of The Child's Story Bible by Catherine Vos (if you are looking to buy a story Bible for your children/grandchildren, this is the one I recommend), think about what it means for us, and pray. My other main role in school has been teaching the RE curriculum to the reception children at Horbury Bridge with Fr Christopher. With them, I've looked at the nature of God, how Jesus saves us, the Christmas story and things Christians do in church (prayer, reading our Bibles, celebrating Holy Communion). Our children's work isn't just limited to schools though, I have also been helping out with Peterites, Messy Church and dropping into the toddler groups as well.

The Bible tells us that 'Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another' (Prov. 27.17), and the purpose of a curacy is for me to hone my skills before becoming a parish priest. To that end feedback is really useful for me, positive as well as negative; I'm very unflappable so don't worry that I might be offended if you tell me you didn't like something, I'm here to learn after all!

Fr Daniel Heaton, Curate

Evangelism Focus Group

For most of the year, the Evangelism Focus Group has consisted of Annemarie Patterson, Janet Ramsdale, Trevor Jones and Fr Christopher, with Fr Daniel joining us at his ordination. Towards the end of the year, however, membership of the group changed slightly. Trevor Jones decided to step back, and we thank him for his enthusiasm, commitment and hard work in giving a positive lead on evangelism within the church community. At the same time, we welcomed Paul Beckett to the group, who was able to join us for our most recent meeting. At this meeting, Fr Daniel also took over the chairmanship of the group.

Over the course of the year, there have been four meetings of the group. In these meetings we made plans for our Movers and Seekers initiative, where we asked regular worshippers to invite a friend on various coach trips throughout the year. The first trip to the Great Yorkshire Show occurred in the summer, and was a great success, with lots of non-regular worshippers joining us, and a good day was had by all. The second trip, to Durham, was less well attended by non-regular worshippers, but many of our regular crowd were joined by individuals from outside the parish, which made a success of the day.

The group also discussed having a presence at the 2022 Street Fayre, and thought about the evangelistic potential for The Queen's Jubilee, about which we fed back to those organising the celebrations liturgical and social – and it was very pleasing to note that on the day, our service, followed by Pimm's and Puddings was exceptionally well-attended and enjoyed by many non-regular worshippers. Much encouraging, positive feedback was received.

Plans were also made for a heritage weekend and back-to-church Sunday, although we realised that we would be unable to take part in the wider heritage weekend this past year due to the Society of Mary event hosted at St Peter's. Nonetheless, our outdoor procession with Horbury Victoria Band, laity and clergy, made a real impact on our community and was a witness of our faith to the people who live and work in the village.

It was thought that monthly requiem masses would provide an ongoing opportunity to engage with those who had been bereaved, and we were pleased to begin these in November after the annual All Souls service, which again was very well attended by bereaved families.

A new welcome pack has also been designed this year to be distributed to individuals who perhaps have visited our churches once or twice and need to know more about what we offer and how they can get more involved in our parish life. This includes information on our regular services, getting involved in worship, the availability of sacramental and pastoral care, and our social life, and also includes forms to sign up for the mailing list and electoral roll, and information on joining the giving scheme. These packs are currently being printed and will be available shortly.

Publicity was distributed at All Souls and Christmas, and will be so at Easter this year, as we return (following the disruption of the pandemic) to this very easy way of inviting those who live in our parish to engage in church life. We are grateful for those who took piles of leaflets to push through letter boxes in October and December, and would encourage all members of our church community to continue to invite friends, family and other contacts to services, groups and events in our churches, as this is how our churches will continue to grow.

Paul Beckett, Fr Daniel Heaton, Fr Christopher Johnson, Trevor Jones,
Annemarie Patterson and Janet Ramsdale

Horbury Churches Together

I am pleased to be the representative of our two churches on Horbury Churches Together. As many of you will be aware HCT runs the Breakthrough Youth Project which provides tremendous opportunities for our young people in Horbury and Sitlington. HCT also provides the opportunity to meet in our various churches and share joint worship reflecting our Christian values.

We have held joint worship at St Andrew's, Netherton last Good Friday, 15th April 2022, a united service at St John's for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity conducted by Fr Daniel on Sunday 22nd January where congregation members of all our churches were represented. A Good Friday service for this coming Easter will be held at St Luke's, Overton.

We have had opportunities to share meals together which have also helped with fundraising when our friends and supporters have come together. One such was the youth lunch on Sunday 20th November held at the Methodist Church. This was an occasion to celebrate the achievements of our young people when their various achievements were recognised. We also acknowledged the tremendous work carried out by Gary our operations manager and his team of youth workers. Also, Les and Diana from the Salvation Army who contribute so much.

We also shared another lunch at the Methodist Church recently when we held a Forum, which was very well attended and provided an excellent lunch followed by a talk given by Dr Philip Hobday, Canon Missioner at Wakefield Cathedral, who tasked us all with missionary purpose in our own lives and contacts with others. In view of the decline in Christian worship shown in the most recent census this is very important now. The Forum lunch was chaired by Councillor Darren Byford. A welcome and grace was said by Fr Christopher and a dismissal and blessing by Fr Daniel. Canon Hobday is the husband of the Rev'd Hannah Hobday, Vicar at St Mary's, Horbury Junction, whose

installation earlier in the year Fr Christopher and Fr Daniel were pleased to attend. Everyone concerned worked hard to provide a good meal and a meaningful event.

Our stalwart congregation at St John's hosted a lunch during Christian Aid Week. This was our parish contribution to Christian Aid, and again it was good to see the various churches under auspices of HCT come together in their various endeavours.

Many of us will have supported Jackie Walter when she asked for sponsors for the Great North Run and we have welcomed her husband John to our church alongside other members of the youth project to keep us informed of the activities undertaken.

HCT has had tremendous support from Horbury Co-op. We have had a presence there on various Saturday mornings to rattle the buckets for fundraising or to engage in community singing with the customers for Easter, Harvest and Christmas. These events have provided an outreach to the community at large and have been very enthusiastic with John Walter informing everyone who we were and why we were there. We were grateful for the Methodist Hymn Books for providing the words when we could not quite remember all the verses!

Another great contribution to the outreach has been the support of Horbury Academy. Not only does the Academy make access available during the daytime for youth work activities and support but also provide facilities out of school hours for sporting activity etc.

Horbury Academy also hosts the Whitsuntide party when the school and grounds are open to the public and HCT can run a major fundraising event. This takes a great deal of organisation but is well worth it. Cake stalls, bouncy castles, face painting, balloons, kite flying, food stalls are all enjoyed by all the attendees.

I hope I have given an interesting summary of Horbury Churches Together and the many and various things I have been involved with on behalf of our parish. I am grateful to all of you who have supported HCT especially our two churchwardens Mavis and Valerie. St John's has hosted many of the business meetings which take place on the first Monday of every month. Valerie, Mavis, Margaret, Maxina and Barry have always attended the lunches held at the Methodist Church. Many of you have given generously in the Co-op. Thanks also to John Walter, Business Manager, for his tremendous organisation of all HCT activities, and to all the friends I have made from other churches and finally Fr Christopher and Fr Daniel.

Margaret Holwell, HCT Representative

Music

I am very grateful to the choir for their commitment to singing the music of the mass at St Peter's. I am particularly grateful to Barbara Panton and John Cuttall, who have been generous in giving of their time and talents to cover my holidays.

Last year, we introduced the singing of psalms to plainsong during Lent at St Peter's, which was successful, and has been repeated in 2023. I am also very grateful to the clergy for introducing the singing of more of the parts of the rite which are normatively sung, especially the Gospel and Dismissal.

In the autumn, we began singing the Our Father congregationally to the plainsong set by the Missal. This has been a tremendous success, and I am grateful to everyone for 'giving it a go' initially, and then embracing it so wholeheartedly. It is a powerful testament to the universality of the Church to join in one voice with worshippers from across the last ten centuries, and from across the world.

The gradual introduction of the Propers has been a valuable addition to the Liturgy. Pedagogically, it has helped the choir to push its boundaries, as it becomes more comfortable with more complex forms of music. In Lent 2022, we began by just singing the three short antiphons at every mass, but since 2023, the proper psalm verses have also been added for the Offertory and Communion antiphons. Bringing more Scripture into the service was a core priority of the reformers of the Second Ecumenical Council of the Vatican. However, the texts set are not random: the Church gives us these verses for good reason. It is not by chance that we frequently find words like 'O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him' (Ps. 24.8) at Communion, when the gathered congregation finishes its preparations to receive God in the Blessed Sacrament. The Propers serve as a comfort and pastoral encouragement – expanding upon the liturgy of the day with God's own words from scripture. It could be argued that singing the Propers allows the Vox Ecclesiae (voice of the Church – which set these texts for our use and our benefit) to be heard more clearly, as it employs the Vox Dei (voice of God – using his own words from Holy Scripture) to explain, to comfort and to encourage us at the most pivotal moments in our worship.

Over the past year, I have been particularly pleased with the wonderful singing at the Christmas carol services, the expansion of the repertoire, the growth in both quality and quantity of singing at mass, and also the growing social life of the choir, which builds trust, commitment, and love between the members of Christ's body.

The introduction of the Merbecke setting at St John's has been a partial success. The Kyrie, Sanctus, Benedictus, and Agnus Dei, which we continued to sing during Advent and Lent, have been sung really well. However, I did not time the introduction of the setting well, as the longer, more complex Gloria was only sung for a few weeks before its suppression in Advent. This meant it was not sufficiently familiar when it returned at Christmas. A more familiar setting will be introduced at Easter 2023 to avoid this issue.

Much has been accomplished this year. Much is left to be done. Please keep the clergy, the choir, and me in your prayers in the year ahead as we continue to develop music as part of the mission of God's kingdom in Horbury and Horbury Bridge. Our own priest-poet, Sabine Baring-Gould, offers this encouragement:

My Lord a song is teaching
The Angels choirs on high;
They strike their harps and cymbals,
And sound the psaltery.
A song to greet the wandered,
To Heaven's gate drawing near;
'Tis mine, 'tis mine, the welcome,
If I but persevere.

Professor Leonard Sanderman

Organ Restoration Focus Group

The Organ Restoration Focus Group held three meetings during 2022, a year in which we have been able to clarify how we needed to approach the restoration of the organ. Previously, it was envisaged that funding would be sought for the restoration of the instrument on its own merit, however, the cost of such a project quickly led us to realise that we would have to do a whole host of community engagement in addition if we were to secure funds of £250,000 to complete the restoration of the instrument. Leonard's input on this has been extremely valuable, bringing to the parish a wealth of experience in, and enthusiasm for, using music for outreach and mission. We therefore began to reconceive our project as a larger-scale initiative which totalled c. £500,000, with half the money needing to be spent on operational costs, and half on the restoration of the instrument. The Focus Group then engaged in discussions with the Hamish Ogston Foundation and Bramall Foundation, and eventually we wrote to both charities to seek support for a pilot project of a year which would enable us to advance plans for a children's choir, concerts, and applications for further funding. Unfortunately, the HOF haven't got a suitable avenue open for us at present, though we are keen to continue talking to them about the possibility of this, whilst Bramall kindly sent a cheque of £2,500 to kick-start our work. This is in addition to £1,000 from the Bishops' Development Fund who have given the money for the purchase of choristers' robes. Meanwhile, in September, a series of organ recitals was begun, and in 2022 we were pleased to hear a selection of music from our own Director of Music Leonard, Dr Robert Pecksmith (now at Buckfast Abbey), and James Bowstead (Wakefield Cathedral), with more to come during the present academic year. I would encourage all our parishioners to come to these concerts to hear such a wonderful variety of music on our impressive organ, and to invite friends and family to come too. Part of the reason of introducing this series is to foster an interest and appreciation of the organ ahead of future planned work, as well as to raise a little money in the process. Larger donations are also now being invited, if you feel you would like to sponsor this project as it begins. Yet again, I would perhaps have hoped for more progress on the organ development this year, but we do continue to make progress, albeit sometimes slowly. Please pray for this project as it continues to grow and develop, so that we can achieve both of our goals – to restore the organ, and to use this project in the service of the mission of the church. Thank you finally to all those who sit on our Focus Group – though we might mentioned specifically John Cuttell, who decided to step back as he marked a significant birthday recently – your work on this project on behalf of our parish is much appreciated.

Fr Christopher Johnson

Over 50s

This has been our first full year since the pandemic. Sadly we have had a few bereavements this year but also a few new members. We had an enjoyable trip to Scarborough in the summer and our usual Christmas lunch with entertainment from the school children.

Valerie Crowther

Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults

The PCC has continued to comply with its duty of care of parishioners and to have due regard to House of Bishops guidance in relation to safeguarding. DBS checking is monitored and where necessary the individual is approached regarding renewal of DBS checking. New DBS checks are made when applicable. Safeguarding remains a regular item on the PCC agenda to ensure that all updates and changes that may affect the work being done within the parish are current. All notices and documents related to safeguarding are up to date, and where appropriate, displayed on the churches' notice boards. All policies continue to have a renewal date and are reviewed regularly to

keep them compliant. Safeguarding training is monitored for those members of the parish who require it. This year 95% of the PCC have completed their renewal of compulsory training regarding safeguarding. 100% of the volunteers working within the children and youth sector of the parish have completed their renewal training for working with young people. Due to the pandemic the safeguarding officer was unable to complete the face-to-face renewal training, but is now awaiting confirmation from the diocese of a place on the training course.

Lynda Wigelsworth, Safer Recruitment Officer, and Carol Tattersfield, Parish Safeguarding Officer

Serving Team

Another year has flown by and it's all happening in the serving world. The Servers' Guild is going really well, teaching us new things and also reminding us how to do old things! It also allows us to introduce new servers to the fold. This year, and following on from confirmations, we were able to bring in four new servers – Shane, Josh, Francis and Michael. This has allowed us to create six serving teams, as opposed to the usual four, and provides the opportunity to spread the load a little while also giving people the opportunity to try out new roles.

Sheila and Jack have now been trained as MCs and Simon, Shane and Sheila are now able to be thurifer. We also have a lot more flexibility with acolytes with Tia and Josh linking up here. Indeed, the serving teams are getting younger as I found recently when I was the oldest on my team by around 40 years!

We now look forward to Easter and the Paschal Triduum of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. These will bring exciting opportunities for our new teams.

It really is a great team and there is always room for more servers. We have roles for all from young to old so if this is something that interests you, please have a chat with me or Fr Christopher.

Paul Taylor, Head Server

Social and Fundraising Committee, including Community Coffee Mornings

We have had several fundraising events during the course of the year, including:

- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party and Quiz;
- Pimm's and Puddings celebrating The Queen's Platinum Jubilee;
- Street Fayre;
- Drinks and nibbles for St Peter's Day;
- Drinks to welcome the new curate;
- Margaret's Garden Party;
- BBQ on the feast of the Assumption;
- Beetle Drive;
- Autumn Fair; and
- Flower demonstration.

Concerts were also held by the St Peter's Consort and Horbury Singers. The Community Coffee Mornings on the last Saturday of the month are also very popular. A big thank you to anyone who helps in any way.

Valerie Crowther

RECEIPTS	
Voluntary Income	
St Peter's - Covenanted	19,308.00
St Peter's - Non Covenanted	1,654.00
St Peter's Open Collections	5,406.09
St John's - Covenanted	2,353.00
St John's - Non Covenanted	1,315.00
St John's - Open Collection	413.50
Christmas Card Sales	55.00
Collections-Funerals, Weddings etc.	1,792.10
Gift Aid Giving	2,846.60
Donations	450.00
Income Tax Recovered	10,804.52
Sub Total	46,397.81
Other Voluntary Income	
Leeds DBF Energy Fund	1,900.00
Common Lands Trust	2,850.00
Sub Total	4,750.00
Legacies	
Name on request-restrict to specific items R *	0.00
Sub Total	0.00
Donations for Missions (Not PCC Income - see note 1)	
See 2 items in NON PCC income section **	528.51
Sub Total	528.51
Donations	
British Legion	57.00
St John's - ABC Group Donation	642.50
St Peter's - Brownies	160.00
St Peter's - JAMS Donation	651.00
Cherry Tree Donation	150.00
Atkins	94.00
Cheryl Foulds	173.00
Ian Panton - Memorial	123.00
Christinas Crafts	70.00
Horbury Singers	59.55
EMS Device giving	1,034.86
Sum Up Payments	567.68
Parish Giving Scheme	2,168.75
Donations Misc.	668.55
Sub Total	6,619.89
Events and Advertising	
Magazine Advertising	145.00
Christmas Card Sales - L Wigelsworth	120.00
Saturday Coffee Mornings	1,790.00
St Johns - Flower Evening	190.00
St John's - Garden Party Margaret	800.00
St Peter's - Organ Recital	312.00
Beetle Drive	112.00
Pancake Party and Mardi Gras	371.00
Butterworth Party	52.50
Autumn Fayre	1,308.50
Chrism Mass Expenses Income	127.40
Recovery of Expenses relating to SOM October Devotion	1,456.95
Horbury Street Fayre income (incl Cookery Books)	2,401.24
All Souls Service Donations	20.30
All Souls Day - Candle Dedications	785.00
Sub Total	9,997.89
Other Income	
Bishop's Development Fund	1,500.00
Conference Expenses Paid in	25.00
Confirmation Gifts	262.28
Utilities refund (SSE)	757.79
Mrs Skinner Retirement	50.00
Sub Total	2,595.07

PAYMENTS	
GRANTS	
Overseas Missions and Relief Agencies	
Children's Society see NON PCC Accounting **	0.00
Sub Total	0.00
Missions and Church Societies	
Additional Curates Society see NON PCC Accounting **	0.00
Sub Total	0.00
Church Societies	
Horbury Churches Together	60.00
Sub Total	60.00
RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE CHURCH	
Ministry	
Forward in Faith Subscription	222.00
Diocesan Quota & Awake	20,000.00
Sub Total	20,222.00
Clergy	
Clergy Expenses, additional items marked as FrC Expenses	2,635.07
Paid by Clergy (non Clergy related)	2,741.51
Sub Total	5,376.58
Church Running Expenses	
Water - St Peter's	1,152.15
Water - St John's	237.83
Gas - St Peter's (SSE)	2,702.67
Gas - St John's (SSE) Crown	1,848.12
Positive Energy	158.64
Electricity - St Peter's (SSE)	608.33
Electricity - St John's (SSE)	449.66
Insurance - St Peter's	6,609.65
Insurance - St John's	1,882.35
Sub Total	15,649.40
Upkeep of Services	
Hays & Finch - Wine Wafers and Candles	1,771.44
Redemptorists -Service Readings	368.91
C Farris Church Supplies	1,854.52
Purchases St Pauls York	158.90
Immaculate Conception Wine	24.00
J&M Sewing	77.63
Christingle Oranges Refund C Holdsworth	0.00
Christingle Candle Purchase	0.00
Ecclesiastical	679.29
Luzar Vestments	3,630.00
Lockie - Covenant Envelopes	313.90
Aldersons - Leaflets and signs	639.00
Visual Impact - Banners	148.80
Sub Total	9,666.39
Church Maintenance & Building Repairs	
Fire Extinguisher Service - St Peters	240.97
St John's - Roof Repairs (Heaton Wilson Roofing)	1,500.00
St John's - B Goalby Boiler Repairs	215.90
St John's - B Goalby Lock	28.80
St John's - Roof Work etc (Hardy Builders)	192.00
St John's - Refund V Crowther, Weedkiller, Expenses	174.45
St John's - V Crowther refund keys etc	92.42
St Peter's - Organ Tuning etc (Wood)	526.80
St Peter's - Lighting Conductor Service (Osborne Delta)	222.00
St Peter's - Roof Repairs (Martin-Brooks)	19,867.44
St Peter's - Insurance Claim (Omate Interiors Ltd)	19,618.80
St Peter's - Hoyles Fire Ltd	342.31
St Peter's - Electrical Repairs (RB Electrical)	819.89
St Peter's - Electrical Repair (Hoyles)	130.00
St Peter's - Premier Engineering	288.00
St Peter's - Repairs (BGB Services)	217.90
St Peter's - Eden eCommerce	214.39
St Peter's - Gutter Cleaning (A Airstone)	160.00
Sub Total	44,852.07
Parish Room and Kitchen Maintenance and Repairs	
	0.00
Sub Total	0.00
Trading	
Added Curates Society - Magazine Inserts	0.00
Sub Total	0.00

RECEIPTS (continued)	
Restricted Funds *	
St Peter's - Roof Appeal donations (restricted)	4395.00
St Peter's - Roof Grant (restricted)	8000.00
St Peter's Window Fund	5000.00
Music Fund	755.00
Vestment	3000.00
Childrens Worker Fund	19000.00
External Lighting (Common Land Trust) Grant	5000.00
WCTA - Shrine Grant	300.00
Sub Total	45,450.00
Income from Sales	
St John's Candle Sales	58.50
St Peter's Candle Sales	278.60
Sponsor a Lamp	125.00
Christinas Crafts	252.70
Church Magazine & Diaries Sales	241.20
Coffee Sales	965.63
Sub Total	1,921.63
Income from Trading	
St Johns Hall Rent	1,437.00
St Peter's Rent	770.00
St John's - Hall rent Elections WMDC	576.00
St Peter's - Hall Rent Elections WMDC	594.00
St Peters - St Peters Consort	470.00
Sub Total	3,847.00
Church Fees	
PCC Portion - Funeral	3,823.04
Panton Funeral Fees	180.00
Banns	48.00
Church Fees PCC Portion - Wedding	1,624.00
Wedding - DBF Portion	279.85
Sub Total	5,954.89
	5,627.04
	9,474.04
Bank Account Transfers etc.	
Bank Transfer from Fabric Fund *	0.00
Sub Total	0.00
Entries for items NOT PCC Income see Note 1 **	
ACS Boxes	55.00
Leaving Collection	50.00
Wedding -Verger Fee	35.00
Curates Collection	139.00
Jubilee Collection	329.45
Walsingham Payments 2022	7,402.00
Walsingham Payments 2023	445.00
Walsingham Deposits - Children's Pilgrimage	1,755.00
Walsingham and York trip Money	1,677.00
Durham Trip	570.00
Great Yorkshire Show Trip	313.00
Ukraine Appeal	680.00
Sub Total	£ 13,450.45
Total	149,057.68
Uncleared cheques as at 31st December 2022	0.00
Bank balance at 1st January 2022	26,748.76
Total Receipts 2022	175,806.44
Fabric Fund Transfers & Restricted Funds Receipts *	£ 57,197.97
Entries for items NOT PCC Income see Note 1 **	£ 14,258.81
Income (excl funds * and **)	£ 104,349.66
Actual Income (excl Bank b/f from 2021)	£ 77,600.90

Non PCC Funds
Restricted Funds

PAYMENTS (continued)	
Salaries, Wages, Honarariums	
Organist - St Peter's and St John's(includes Funeral Payment)	6,703.60
Organist and Childrens Worker - HMRC Tax payment	2,172.00
Leeds DBF Payroll Admin Fee	194.40
Church Childrens Leader - K Brackley Payroll	6,946.72
Church Childrens Leader - K Brackley Expenses	1,215.46
Church Childrens Leader - NEST Pension	1,002.18
St Peter's Organ Fund	295.00
Verger fee - Funeral	385.00
Wedding Bell Ringers	135.00
Leeds DBF - Wedding Fee	272.00
Mileage - Naylor	178.20
Organist Fee - Funeral	205.00
Visiting Organist Payment	400.00
Visiting Clergy payment	2,125.27
Sub Total	22,229.83
Administration	
Arena - Photocopier charges	1,499.87
Siemens - Photocopier Lease	2,673.12
Xerox	660.00
BOX iCloud Monthly Fee - M Wood refund	396.00
Printer Ink and Paper	62.96
Christian Copyright - St John's	169.89
Christian Copyright - St Peter's	385.17
Stephen Parker - St Gregory org membership	38.00
Batteries for Microphone	9.65
Printing - Aldersons	37.00
Lottery Licence	40.00
Catering	600.00
Sub Total	6,571.66
Other Expenditure	
Confirmation Candidates - Bowling	168.02
UNP	50.00
Childern - S Twohig - Refund	100.36
Refund Father Christopher - Stamps/Gift	39.91
The Cross Project	9.70
R Atkins	14.10
S Dyson Refund - Flowers	14.35
J Hammerton Refund Cleaning Products	7.92
Catering Reimbursement - V Crowther	244.80
Refund M Wood supplies (Macro/Costco)	266.34
T Jones Refund BBQ expenses	61.58
Payment to R Squires Gifts for organists	50.00
Payments to C Holdsworth	73.00
Horbury Vistoria Band	200.00
Event Payments	400.00
N Thistethwaite	274.15
James Bowstead	50.00
Good will Devices	195.17
A Shepherd - Architect Fees	3,651.50
Sub Total	5,870.90
Non PCC Accountable - Payments **	
Walsingham Children's Pilgrimage	910.00
Walsingham Children's Pilgrimage - C Tattersfield Expenses	516.92
Walsingham Coach	850.00
Walsingham Payment (Deposits etc.)	5,575.60
Walsingham Refunds	577.00
Great Yorkshire Show	605.00
Coach Hire for Trips	3,095.00
Actua Transport	50.00
Uncleared Cheques from previous month(s)	0.00
Sub Total	12,179.52
Total	142,678.35
uncleared cheques from 2021 as at 1st January 2022	0.00
Total Payments 2022	142,678.35
	£ 142,678.35
Total	£ 142,678.35
Fabric Fund Transfers & Restricted Funds Payments *	£ 43,116.24
Entries for items NOT PCC Payments see Note 1 **	£ 19,880.12
Community Account balance 31st December 2022	£ 33,128.09
Actual Expenditure (excl fund trans & restricted items)	£ 79,681.99

Note 1 - Items marked ** are entries for amounts that were banked/paid out that were NOT part of the PCC's Income/Expenditure. For example The Christingle Service Collection is paid directly, via the PCC bank account, to The Children's Society but in no way benefits the Parish Funds. The items are shown in this report for accounting purposes only. Also the balance of the 1 years further income for the Family Officer.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2022

Restricted Funds

The Parish of St PETER and St LEONARD HORBURY
with St JOHN HORBURY BRIDGE
Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st. December 2022

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds
	2021	2022	2022
	£	£	£
RECEIPTS			
Voluntary Income	40831.93	46397.81	
Other Voluntary Income	2890.00	0.00	4750.00
Restricted Funds	41115.22		45450.00
Donations/Legacies	3063.56	5951.34	668.55
Events and Activities	3710.00	6305.54	3686.35
Other Income	1541.05		2595.07
Non PCC Income	1973.95		14258.81
Income from Sales	2891.44	1921.63	
Income from Trading & Church Fees	11042.75	9474.04	48.00
Income from Investments & A/C Transfers etc			0.00
Sub Totals 2022		70050.36	71456.78
Total Receipts	£109,059.90		£141,507.14
PAYMENTS			
	£	£	£
Grants	0.00	0.00	
Missions and Church societies	50.00	60.00	
Relating to the Work of the Church	17878.31	20222.00	
Church Running Expenses	14252.11	21025.98	
Upkeep of Services	24920.35	6036.39	3630.00
Church Maintenance	38223.29	5365.83	39486.24
Parish Room and Hall	0.00	0.00	
Major Works	0.00	0.00	
Trading	0.00	0.00	
Salaries/Wages/Honoraria	16361.37	14529.23	
Administration	5400.24	6571.66	
Non PCC Expenditure	15606.62		19880.12
Other Expenditure	15833.83	5870.90	0.00
Sub Totals 2022		79681.99	62996.36
Total Payments	£148,526.12		£142,678.35
Uncleared Cheques from previous period	£0.00		£0.00
Surplus for Year	2021 -£39,466.22	2022 -£9,631.63	£8,460.42
Bank Deposit and Current Accounts 1st January	£66,214.98		£26,748.76
Uncleared cheques as at 31st December	£0.00		£0.00
Bank Deposit and Current Accounts 31st December	£26,748.76		£25,577.55

**The Parish of St PETER and St LEONARD HORBURY
with St JOHN HORBURY BRIDGE**
Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st. December 2022

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 1 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner.

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed

It is my responsibility to:

- * Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act)
- * to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- * to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiners statement:

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act and the Regulations have not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: *Carolyn M Oakes*

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PARISH of St PETER HORBURY with St JOHN HORBURY BRIDGE
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Fabric Fund 2022 (restricted)

	2021	2022
	£	£
RECEIPTS		
QS4 Payments	4,834.55	8,049.55
Trans from Yorkshire BS Charity a/c	0.00	0.00
Trans from Comm a/c - Parish Organ Fund	0.00	0.00
Trans from Comm a/c - St Peters Choir Fund	0.00	0.00
Trans from Comm a/c - St Peters Bell Fund	0.00	0.00
VAT Refund - Bell Payments	0.00	0.00
Interest Payments	0.66	6.64
	4,835.21	8,056.19
PAYMENTS		
St Peter's - 1st Payment to Taylors re Bells	0.00	0.00
St Peter's - 2nd Payment to Taylors re Bells	0.00	0.00
St Peter's - 3rd Payment to Taylors re Bells	0.00	0.00
St John's - Organ Repairs & Survey	0.00	0.00
Quota Payment to Leeds DBF (August 2022)	0.00	3,000.00
Part QS4 Payments to Community A/C (2019/20)	6,448.00	0.00
	6,448.00	3,000.00
	2021	2022
Surplus for Year	-1,612.79	5,056.19
Fabric Fund - 1st January	4,986.47	3,373.68
Fabric Fund - 31st December	3,373.68	£8,429.87

St Peter and St Leonard

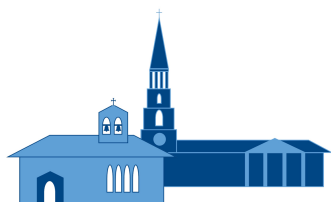
Herbert and Ann Shaw Trust Fund Receipts and Payments Account

	2021		2022	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Investment Income	0.00		30.06	
Interest	0.00		0.12	
Total		0.00		30.18
PAYMENTS				
To St Peters Community Account	0.00		0.00	
Base Rate Tracker Account	0.00		0.00	
Total		0.00		0.00
	2021		2022	
Surplus for Year		0.00		30.18
Bank Business Premium Account 1st January		653.42		653.42
Bank Business Premium Account 31st December		653.42		£683.60

250 CLUB

	2021		2022	
RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£
Membership subscriptions (Cash)	346.00		264.00	
Membership subscriptions (Cheques to Bank)	12.00		0.00	
Cash in Hand from previous year	51.00		0.00	
Total		409.00		264.00
PAYMENTS				
Prize Draws Cash	240.00		240.00	
Choir Robes Donation (Cash)	0.00		0.00	
Gift to Church (Cheque)	0.00		0.00	
Cheques to Bank	12.00		0.00	
Total		252.00		240.00
	2021		2022	
Surplus (Cash in Hand)		157.00		24.00
Bank Deposit and Community Account 1st January		166.17		178.17
Bank Deposit and Community Account 31st December		178.17		£178.17
Bank + Cash in Hand		335.17		£202.17

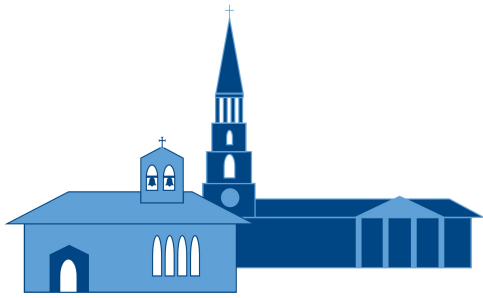
Accounts



THE PARISH OF ST PETER & ST LEONARD, HORBURY,
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ANNUAL REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2021



THE PARISH OF ST PETER & ST LEONARD, HORBURY,
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Friday, 8th April 2022

2021 was a year where we continued to feel the disrupting effects of the pandemic, and yet began to return to a more normal way of operating. This encompassed the return to a vision-led or priority-led approach to our work. During the pandemic, those priorities necessarily had to adjust, and we had to be responsive to quickly-changing circumstances. Pastoral care, and sustaining the faith of our regular worshippers in the adverse climate in which we found ourselves, became more important. But in 2021 we began to re-engage with priorities including evangelism, our organ restoration project, and our wider social and fundraising work. These three areas, together with our children and families work (which remained a priority for the duration of the pandemic), are so important to our life and work as a parish, as they are all connected to our engagement with the community of Horbury and Horbury Bridge which we are here to serve. They each help the church to look outwards rather than being self-serving, which is a challenge for any organization, and a tendency we must always be fighting against.

In our evangelistic work, we try to share the Good News of Jesus with those among whom we live and work, helping them to come to know the God who loves them as much as he loves us. In our organ restoration project, our discussions have become more mission-focused as we have talked about community engagement and our plans for a Choral Development Programme to take place alongside the capital works needed to restore the organ. Our social and fundraising work has seen us re-engage with the community as well as drawing us together, while simultaneously providing much-needed financial support to plug the significant financial hole left by the pandemic. And our work with children and families remains overtly evangelistic in both its conception and working out: we eagerly desire to see the children and families of our parish come into a living and life-long relationship with Jesus Christ, and we are making bold steps forward to achieve this.

So what was achieved during the course of the year as these priorities were pursued? The most notable achievement I think was in our work with children and families, which has seen an expansion of the range of activities being offered, and which has resulted in more children and families engaging in church. This is due in no small way to the hard work of our Children and Families Worker, Mrs Katherine Brackley, together with the scores of people who now support our offering to families, including at our toddler groups, Peterites, baptism brunches, family services, family fun days, Messy Church, Kids Church and much more. We can rejoice further that mass attendance amongst children rose by 18% during 2021, adding to a 12% increase the previous year, and an 8% increase the year before that.

We were also treated to a number of new and exciting events and activities through the course of the year. For example, for the first time, we held a May Crowning at St Peter's at the beginning of May, honouring Our Lady in the month which is dedicated to her. This joyous service replaced

our usual jaunt to Walsingham for the National Pilgrimage, though parishioners were pleased to return to the Shrine for a really enjoyable pilgrimage later in the season. This was complimented more recently by our sending seven children on the children's pilgrimage, six of whom encountered the wonders of Walsingham for the very first time.

Once again, during 2021, we were honoured to be asked to host Bishop Tony's Chrism Mass, which, unusually, took place later in the year rather than in Holy Week due to the restrictions that were in place last Easter. Bishop Tony returned to bless the new tabernacle, altar frontals and vestments later in the year, which have really smartened up the sanctuary and altars at St Peter's, and returned the Presence of Our Lord to the centre of our beautiful church, making a bold theological statement. Thank you to all who supported this major project we undertook.

In December we were pleased to welcome two bishops to St Peter's. The Bishop of Beverley kindly offered mass for us as part of his farewell tour in the province, and we were delighted to welcome him to celebrate the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Only a few days later, Bishop Tony returned to celebrate the sacraments of baptism and confirmation for eight individuals, who had undergone their preparation during the autumn. Finally, whilst talking about bishops, we mustn't forget our day trip to York in January to bid farewell to Bishop Glyn at a special service in York Minster. A good day was had by all!

The Bishop of Beverley is not, however, the only individual who has moved towards retirement, and in our own parish, we are sad to see Mrs Janette Skinner retire from her post at Horbury Bridge Academy at Easter 2022. Janette has been a great supporter of the church, and we will very much miss her. We also extend our thanks to the governing body, including our foundation representatives, who have worked hard to make an appointment: Mr Richard Tuddenham will arrive for the start of the summer term and I am sure we will get to know him during the next few weeks and months as he settles in to life in Horbury Bridge.

We were also sad to say goodbye to our own Organist and Director of Music, Mr Stephen Parker. Stephen had been with us since Advent 2017, and in this time completely transformed our musical life, resurrecting our choir, and the Harrison and Harrison organ at St Peter's. Under his direction, the breadth of music increased, and our musical capital developed, with our two organs being admirably cared for. Latterly, a new clavinova was also purchased. We thank Stephen for all he did for our parish during his time here, and wish him well in his new position. We were also delighted to welcome in his stead Mr Leonard Sanderman, who joined us in November as Temporary Organist and Director of Music. This post is time-limited, to Autumn 2022, in order for us to make progress with our organ project, and so that we can offer a more attractive position to candidates from the summer. We are very grateful for Leonard taking on this position, and have already benefited from his youthful enthusiasm, excellent choral and organ-playing skills, and experience and wisdom when it comes to our organ development. Leonard, it is good to have you with us!

Consideration of the organ development leads me to all the work our buildings demanded over the course of 2021 – and there was a lot of work! We have already mentioned the altar frontal project, and discussions surrounding the organ development. The two west windows at St Peter's were also replaced at significant expense. However, a real worry was the collapse of part of the north transept ceiling at St Peter's, and the dampness of the west wall of the same. Investigations

took some time, and scaffolding was up for much of the year. Whilst the falling ceiling can be put down to overflowing pipes, the architect and contractors eventually ascertained the cause of the damp wall was an incorrectly-laid roof, installed some twenty years ago. Without going into detail, as you will be aware, a quarter of the roof on St Peter's needed replacing, and I can only describe it as miraculous that the money to complete this work came together over the course of about a month, so that work could begin early 2022. Thank you again to those who donated, including regular worshippers, members of our local community, and the Horbury Common Lands Trust and Number One Trust. On a more positive note, the chancel area has begun to be redeveloped and the external lighting work has been completed at St Peter's. St John's has remained much less problematic, though there is now an urgent need to replace the heaters – work we are currently on with, in discussion with the Diocese. Plans are also coming together for a larger development at St Peter's to coincide with the organ project. With evidence supplied in surveys completed both by parishioners and other building users, the PCC is now considering an overhaul of the facilities in the church: relocating the sacristy to the Parish Room (which was originally a vestry) and designating two spaces there, an inner vestry for clergy, and an outer vestry for choir and servers; moving the kitchen facilities to the rear of the building; and installing accessible facilities in the base of the tower. Adaptations to the lighting are also being thought through, as the lighting is poor in the chancel and sanctuary areas. None of this will happen quickly, but could breathe new life into the church and solve many issues which we have to deal with on a day-to-day basis. I will keep you up to date with any developments.

Vocations work has also played an important role in the parish this year. We have received two term-time placement students from Mirfield, and one summer placement from St Stephen's House. It is really important to welcome placement students, and I know you made them all welcome, especially Daniel, who unbeknownst to anyone at the time, ended up accepting an offer from the Bishop of Leeds to return to Horbury as our curate from his diaconal ordination at Petertide, when he will become Fr Daniel. Being entrusted with a curate is an important responsibility: it will be our job, collectively, to care for and nurture him, to encourage him and not to be too proud to learn from him either. Do keep him in your prayers as he prepares to join us in the summer. At this point, I should also like to say a huge thank you to the clergy and lay ministers who support me in my role, especially when I am away on holiday or called to meetings near or far, in particular Fr George (whose special anniversary we celebrated in 2021), Fr John and Fr Des, as well as Mark (whose own vocational journey is progressing) and Katherine. We also welcome Fr Mark Lyon who has arrived from the Chichester Diocese to be chaplain at HMP Wakefield, and we look forward to getting to know him as he begins to worship with us.

Before concluding this wide-ranging analysis of the past year, I want to mention another success story, namely the breadth of our catechetical work. This encompassed some things already mentioned, including confirmation preparation, our work with children and families, and the teaching surrounding the introduction of the new tabernacle to St Peter's. But this year we have also conducted a number of courses, 'Living the Faith' in Lent 2021, 'The Mystical Gifts' in Advent 2021, 'Heresies and How to Avoid Them' in summer 2021, and most recently, 'Practising Christians' in Lent 2022. By popular demand, we also gathered together to consider the Old Testament, with this group developing into a regular, fortnightly, Bible study group, which is currently working its way through St Paul's Letter to the Romans. I have also been privileged to continue teaching outside the parish, delivering the Clumber Lecture last summer, and teaching for St Stephen's House, both remotely and then in-person. Regular trips have also been made to Mirfield, where I

have worked with the Diocese of Leeds' Leeds School of Ministry, teaching on the Old Testament, the Gospel of Mark, and Catholic Theology. Most recently, the LSoM came for the inside of a day to St John's to explore themes associated with Catholic Spirituality, and there was some lovely feedback from the group.

In terms of my own time, as well as conducting the regular round of services, visiting the sick and housebound (which has returned to a more normal pattern in recent months), and arranging and conducting baptisms, weddings and funerals, this is also taken up with spiritual direction for a number of individuals, supporting the vocations work in the diocese, serving at the Cathedral, and sitting on various charitable bodies as a trustee. For a couple of years, these charities have included the Cleaver Trust, which supports ordinands in the Catholic tradition of the Church of England, and from 1st April 2022, it will also include the Number One Trust, which supports parishes in the same tradition. (Indeed, as mentioned, we were pleased to receive a good grant from Number One to help with our roof work only a few months ago.)

I could not do any of this, of course, without the support of our two churchwardens, to whom I owe a great debt of gratitude, for their practical, on-the-ground support, as well as their wise counsel and advice. And they, of course, are just two of a host of lay people, some of whom have named jobs, including our PCC Secretary and Treasurer, and some of whom carry on their work without any title, or indeed reward. And I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who have supported the life of the parish during 2021. We have yet again achieved a lot, and it could not be achieved without you all playing your vital part.

So where now? Two things strike me as important at the present time. Firstly, we will continue to advocate a return to normal, including in our priority areas, which the PCC has identified and is confidently pursuing. These will take us to new and exciting places, and we look forward to stepping out in faith as we see these areas of parish life and community engagement develop. Secondly, and perhaps as an aside to the strategic work, but certainly no less important, we really need now to recapture that sense of Sunday attendance as a priority for all faithful Christians. As we explored on our current Lent course, the earliest Christians lived in a culture where Sunday was just another day of the week, with work and activities to do, and yet, they went out of their way to gather together to sing the praise of the Lord, often meeting early in the morning in order to do so, before the hubbub of the day took over. As the world returns to its own busyness post-pandemic, and as Sunday becomes once again a time where other entertainments are possible, we need to remain steadfast in an adherence to weekly Sunday mass attendance – not one in four, or one in two, but weekly, as we celebrate the Lord's Day *as* the Lord's Day. And I would really like to take this opportunity to encourage you to make that weekly Sunday attendance a priority in your own life once again, especially if that habit has, through one reason or another, dropped off.

So thank you all for what has been achieved together. Thank you for being the body of Christ here in Horbury and Horbury Bridge in 2021. Let's now recommit ourselves to deeper faith for ourselves, to sharing faith with others, and to living faith out in our lives. May God bless you, and the work of our parish, throughout this next year, as he has done so clearly in 2021.

Fr Christopher

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The Parish of St Peter and St Leonard, Horbury, with St John, Horbury Bridge is a vibrant and living Christian community, on the edge of the city of Wakefield and part of the newly formed Anglican Diocese of Leeds. We are one church operating across two sites, and though parish life is both busy and varied, the worship of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, lies at its core. Since the days of Canon John Sharp (Vicar, 1834-99), Horbury has had a long and impressive history within the Catholic tradition of the Church of England, and displays all its hallmarks. The parish is led by Fr Christopher Johnson, who was appointed as Vicar in May 2017. Fr Christopher is supported by two Churchwardens, Mrs Mavis Walsh and Mrs Valerie Crowther, and two Readers, Mrs Katherine Brackley and Mr Mark Naylor.

AIMS AND PURPOSES

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Parish of St Peter and St Leonard, Horbury, with St John, Horbury Bridge, has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, Fr Christopher Johnson, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the two churches of St Peter and St Leonard, Horbury, and St John, Horbury Bridge.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship in our churches and to become part of our community. Our vision is:

- to see those in our pastoral cure come to worship God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, through regular attendance at mass and other public worship, and through daily personal prayer;
- to nurture a strong, welcoming and inclusive Christian community, whose values are underpinned by the teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ;
- for all members of our church to grow in their Christian discipleship through regular Bible Study, with preaching and teaching;
- to reach out to the local community, by recognizing and pledging our individual skills and talents for the benefit of all; and
- to act as sensitive stewards of the resources we have, so that God's work can continue to develop and meet the changing needs of our parishioners.

When planning our programme of activities for the year, the Vicar and PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance to charities for the advancement of religion by:

- offering people the opportunity to gather together for and participate in public worship, prayer and teaching at our range of Sunday and midweek services and events;
- providing pastoral care through baptism, wedding and funeral ministry as well as the visitation of the sick;
- providing a 'gathering place' for those in particular need or with particular circumstances, through our coffee mornings and social activities, two toddler groups and fellowship groups, and by giving practical help to people in need;
- offering teaching to children and young people and providing opportunity for them to explore matters of faith;
- supporting our two church schools and local convent through regular pastoral contact;

- delivering catechetical programmes; and
- promoting and supporting mission partnerships with other churches, as well as other local organisations.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of our two churches. Our achievements for 2021 are detailed above in the opening letter from the Vicar, and below, in this collection of reports.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The Parochial Church Council is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2020), and a registered charity, number 1147711.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The structure, governance and management of the parish is determined by the rules of the Church of England, in particular the Church Representation Rules 2020. This sets out the membership of the PCC, which consists of the incumbent (Vicar), other clergy licensed to the parish, and the readers (all *ex-officio*),

together with the two churchwardens (elected at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners) and members of the laity elected to serve on the Deanery Synod or Parochial Church Council (both of which are elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting).

Governance of the parish is provided by the Vicar, Churchwardens and PCC, whilst day-to-day management is the responsibility of the Vicar, Churchwardens and Officers of the Parochial Church Council. Whether *ex-officio* or elected, together, all PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

The following people served as members of the PCC for all or part of the year 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2021:

Vicar and Chairman	*Fr Christopher Johnson SSC MA MSt MLitt
Licensed Readers	Mark Naylor Katherine Brackley (from 1 st November 2021)
Churchwardens	*Mavis Walsh *Valerie Crowther
Deanery Synod Representatives	Carol Holdsworth Trevor Jones AnneMarie Patterson Janet Ramdsale
PCC Members	Ivy Beckett Pauline Fallas Barry Goalby Janice Hammerton Margaret Holwell (from APCM) *Carol Tattersfield (from APCM) Michael Turner Susan Twohig *Lynda Wigelsworth (to APCM) Michael Wood
Co-Opted Members	*Richard Squires

*Indicates member of Standing Committee

The following appointments were also made by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting or Parochial Church Council during the course of the year 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2021:

Sidesmen	P Beckett; S Dyson; D Haigh; AM Patterson; S Turner; M Turner; M Shaw; J Squires; R Squires; B Wilby; J Yarrow; M Allott; A Cole; B Goalby; M Goalby; and M Walton.
Secretary	Carol Tattersfield (from APCM) Lynda Wigelsworth (to APCM)
Treasurer	Richard Squires
Parish Giving Officer	Michael Turner
Health and Safety Officer	Trevor Jones
Parish Safeguarding Officer	Carol Tattersfield
Safer Recruitment Officer	Lynda Wigelsworth

Electoral Roll Officer
Deputy Churchwardens
Organist and Director of Music
Temporary Organist and Director of Music
HCT Representatives
Foundation Governors (St Peter's)

Foundation Governors
(Horbury Bridge Academy)

David Holdsworth
Barry Goalby
Stephen Parker (to 21st November 2021)
Leonard Sanderman (from 22nd November 2021)
Margaret Holwell (from APCM)
Fr Christopher Johnson (*ex-officio*)
Neil Cudworth
Kevin McGetrick
Fr Christopher Johnson (*ex-officio*)
Valerie Crowther

The existence of the Standing Committee is required under the Church Representation Rules. It meets prior to PCC meetings to set the agenda for the meeting and transact delegated business. The PCC has also continued to delegate its work to the following groups:

- Fabric and Finances Committee;
- Social and Fundraising Committee;
- Children and Youth Focus Group;
- Evangelism Focus Group;
- Discipleship Focus Group (not convened during the year); and
- Organ Restoration Focus Group.

The PCC understands that money given for the work of the parish should be spent on the upkeep of the parish, and only kept in reserves for specific reasons. These include planning for significant known financial obligations, having some capital available for unexpected financial obligations, as well as maintaining a commitment to those who are employed by the PCC. In accordance with these aims, it is the policy of the PCC to hold in reserves the equivalent of two months general running costs and an additional one month's salary cost. In order to keep our two church buildings in good working order, it is also our policy to hold an amount for unexpected building works in the Fabric Fund, which can be comprised of restricted or designated monies. The PCC aims to use any unspecified bequests in developing the fabric of our two church buildings or furthering the mission of the parish to ensure long-term sustainability and promote church growth.

More information about the work of the PCC during the course of the year can be found in the Report on the Proceedings of the Parochial Church Council, found below.

STATUTORY REPORTS

Report on Changes in the Electoral Roll since the last APCM

This year has seen our parish getting back to near normal, and how pleased we are for that. Our numbers are being maintained with a slight drop. Sadly, we saw three deaths, Catherine Meekin, Lionel Max Parkin, and most recently Arnold Tattersfield. All will be sadly missed. We still have a fair number opting to stay away from church; hopefully this will rectify itself. Two individuals have moved away, Jane Sutcliffe and Stephen Parker, and four names have been added to the roll, Joyce O'Neill, Gillian Stead, Linda Phoenix and Margaret Williams, whom we warmly welcome. Our roll therefore stands at 107 names: 68 live in the parish and 39 outside the parish; 90 regularly worship at St Peter's and 17 worship at St John's.

David Holdsworth, Electoral Roll Officer

Report on the Proceedings of the Parochial Church Council

Normal face-to-face PCC meetings were able to resume after the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of 2021. The PCC has met seven times since the APCM of 2021, including for one extraordinary meeting in October. The work of the PCC gradually returned to normal activity after the third national lockdown ended. The PCC has worked throughout all three national lockdowns to ensure that the essential church work was still maintained. Fr Christopher worked hard to keep things running smoothly while having the unenviable task of keeping up with the many changes which occurred during this time, many changing on a weekly/monthly basis, taking advice from the government and the Diocese so that the parish was able to run within the law and fulfil its spiritual and pastoral work.

Carol Tattersfield, Secretary

Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council

This report is on the 2021 financial year for the Parish of St Peter's and St Leonard's, Horbury, with St John's, Horbury Bridge, and is based on the audit figures as presented to the PCC. The overall income including restricted and non-PCC Accounts items for the parish was £109,059.90 and overall expenditure was £148,526.12. We brought a surplus forward from the previous year's accounts and this, with further expenditure in 2021, has seen a loss on the figures. This money however has been to fund some significant purchases in the year: replacement windows cost £25,974 and the altar project with Luzar Vestments cost £20,775. The income for some of this was received in the previous financial year, so without this expenditure the accounts look to have recovered a little from the previous year.

The accounts continue to show a reduction in our quota payment but we have made a slight increase in this from the previous year's accounts, and we will hope to continue to increase this in the coming year. The quota itself has seen a reduction going forward which is encouraging after a review has been completed.

Once again we thank all those who have tried, wherever possible, to continue to raise funds: fundraising is a vital part of what we do as a church. We managed to have an Autumn Fair which was a huge success and helped recover some of the income that continues to be lost through the cancellation of the Street Fayre, which is normally a huge source of income. With inflation beginning to creep up, alongside cost-of-living increases and increases in gas and electricity, we must try to increase our income wherever possible to at least match these price increases. We should also thank all those who continue to support parish events and provide us with much needed income, as well as those who continue to give as generously as they can.

We are pleased to observe new income streams that are growing in popularity. Online donations from the church's webpage, and now from the donation station situated within St Peter's, are starting to bring much needed revenue and income from these sources and appear to be on the increase.

Going forward, costs around the repair to St Peter's roof looks to be covered by donations and grants, which is extremely encouraging, and work around replacing the heaters in St John's has started to be looked at. Again, we are hopeful of securing grants to help fund this expenditure.

The PCC has agreed to sign up to a new giving scheme in 2022 which will hopefully secure the immediate financial future and improve processes around gift aid recovery, reducing the work for the PCC. Details of this will be available later in the year.

Richard Squires, Treasurer

The Accounts and Independent Examiner's Report can be found at the end of this booklet.

Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Churches of the Parish

At St Peter's:

- The lightning conductor has been serviced;
- The fire extinguishers have been tested;
- The tower clock has been serviced;
- The recess behind the crucifix has been re-painted and the crucifix cleaned;
- Gutters and drainpipes have been cleared;
- Wall plaster in the north transept has fallen because of water ingress; and
- A defect has been found with the tiles and underlay of the north section of the roof and re-roofing work has begun on the affected area.

We are very grateful to the volunteers who have carried out minor repairs.

Mavis Walsh, Churchwarden

At St John's:

- Minor repairs have been carried out throughout the year;
- The fire extinguishers have been serviced; and
- We have had to replace the water heater in the kitchen.

The heating system continues to cause concern.

Valerie Crowther, Churchwarden

Report on the Proceedings of the Deanery Synod

The representatives to the Deanery Synod for the PCC are Carol Holdsworth, Janet Ramsdale, Annemarie Patterson, and Trevor Jones.

There has been three meetings this year, one on Zoom and two in-person. Heather Burge, the Assistant to the Diocesan Secretary and Diocesan Electoral Registration Officer, led the Zoom meeting. The meeting focused on synodical structure of the Church of England.

In November 2021, the meeting was held at Altofts. Members were asked to talk about church growth and each representative was asked to share with the meeting ways they were encouraging this in their churches.

In March 2022, the Reverend Jude Smith gave a talk on ways to revitalize our churches now most churches are open again after the pandemic. Small group discussions took place and ideas were put forward to the meeting. This was followed by a talk from Jemima Parker, the Diocesan Environmental Officer, who gave a PowerPoint presentation on the way churches can work to reduce their carbon footprint.

Carol Holdsworth, Janet Ramsdale, Annemarie Patterson, and Trevor Jones

NON-STATUTORY REPORTS

Bell Tower

The bells are rung before the 10.30am Sunday service. Tuesday evening practice nights are well attended and ringers from Holy Trinity, Ossett, St Michael and All Angels, Thornhill and St Helen's, Sandal regularly join us. The bells have also been rung for weddings, for a funeral, and as part of the Heritage Weekend events.

Mavis Walsh, Tower Captain

Children and Youth

Over the past year our children and families work has continued to grow and develop. With the lifting of restrictions, we have been able to have regular face-to-face sessions and we have also been able to develop new provision for our children and families within the parish.

This year, all those involved with our children and families work were invited along to a vision day which enabled us to develop a vision together, which was:

Belief: To grow to know Jesus and have a faith

Connect: To become a regular part of what we do in the parish

Life transforming: To live faith throughout all aspects of life.

Through the vision day we also evaluated the various aspects of our children and families work and developed action points for each of these areas.

Kids Church has continued to develop. It continues to happen during Sunday morning mass at St Peter's. There are currently 12 children on roll and there have been between 3 and 8 children attending each week. The group continues to follow lectionary-based material and includes a game, a Bible reading, a short discussion around the reading, and a craft or reflection activity based on the passage. The children enjoy sharing what they have learned with the rest of the congregation and have grown in confidence in sharing their faith. Kids Church has four regular volunteers who support Katherine with the running of these sessions. Two of these volunteers also lead sessions, which has enabled Kids Church to be split into two separate groups, an older group and a younger group. Each child on record received an Advent reflection calendar and a Lent calendar to encourage worship at home as well as in church.

A Children's Area at the back of St Peter's provides an area for children and young people to use both during mass and throughout the week. This area has been developed with the introduction of the tent and a larger table, which caters for older children. At the start of mass children sit together in this area at the back of church and during mass the children sit at the front of church so they can observe what is happening during the mass, and gain a deeper understanding of the liturgy. We have seen a positive impact of the provision and over the course of 2021, across both churches, church attendance from

children has increased by 18%, with more children and young people regularly attending church and wanting to find out more about God.

Weekly Toddler Groups happen at St Peter's and St John's. At St Peter's toddler group, JAMS, there has been an average of 15 families each week, as well as a group from One Small Step nursery. The children have enjoyed free play, a craft activity, story and a biscuit. At St John's, or ABC Toddler Group, there has also been an average of 15 families each week. The children have enjoyed free play, a Bible story and a craft. Our toddler families were invited to a joint crib service, where the children participated in a nativity service.

Peterites is thriving and now has on average 25 children each week. The group continue to enjoy games, craft and a time of worship. Peterites have enjoyed various projects, including a project on prayer, which ended with the Peterites attending the September family service Fusion, where they were presented with a prayer book. Peterites had another a great end of year party by turning the back of church into a cinema, complete with popcorn and hot chocolate with all the trimmings. January saw the group develop an older group, which runs alongside the younger Peterites. The children all gather together for the first half of the session, and then split into different groups, which caters for the varying age groups. In March, a group of 7 children from Peterites attended the children's pilgrimage to Walsingham. 6 children out of the group had never been on children's pilgrimage before, and found the experience very powerful.

September saw us run confirmation classes for children and young people and, in December, 5 children were confirmed.

Fusion, our family service, was relaunched at the end of April. The aim of this service is to encourage families to engage in worship and learning in an informal way. It includes games, a short talk, reflection and prayer. Although when Fusion was relaunched attendance was initially low, this is gradually increasing and our September service, saw 40 people attend, and in February, Peterites helped to plan and lead the service. On average there are around 4 families attending this service on a monthly basis.

A weekly Messy Church has also been launched this year. Messy Church happens every Tuesday at St John's. Katherine leads this along with a volunteer. Messy Church includes a Bible reading, talk, a craft and a time of prayer along with a light tea. There are an average of 10 people attending this service on a weekly basis.

Baptism Brunches have been developed this year. The baptism brunches provide families who wish to get their children baptized with an opportunity to meet together for brunch on a Saturday and to engage in baptism preparation. This not only provides families with the relevant teaching necessary for baptism, but also provides them with the opportunity to build greater links with other families and the wider church community. The baptism brunches happen every two months.

Family events have continued to be run throughout the year. These have included a children's Good Friday liturgy, an Advent reflection afternoon, and a family fun day. Holiday Club was run for two days in the summer and we had on average 20 children attend this. Katherine also hosted a session for the Holiday Club at Horbury Bridge Academy in church.

Throughout the course of the year various lessons and assemblies have been delivered within Horbury Bridge Academy. Katherine has led Stations of the Cross reflections for each class within the school. Visits have also been made to EYFS by both Katherine and Fr Christopher. In January, following a term of preparation with students and staff, the school had their first whole school mass. Students were

involved in various roles within the mass, including serving, bell ringing, choosing music, reading and writing prayers. The school mass was very well received by both staff and students, and will be repeated termly. At St Peter's School, both remote and in-person collective worship has been delivered by Fr Christopher and Katherine weekly. Each year group has also received an RE lesson in church. Our two schools also continue to be supported through foundation representatives on the governing body.

Looking ahead to the next year, the Focus Group will continue to review the children and families work and explore how we can further support and encourage families within our parish in their faith journey. We are very thankful for all our volunteers who seek to support the children and families within the parish.

Katherine Brackley, Children and Families Worker

Crafty Group

The Tuesday craft group has been active now for two years. starting just before Covid, which closed us and other people down. There were six of us initially, but because of Covid, three people discontinued. We design and hand make all of our things, from cushions to toys and Christmas baubles, and have been very successful in selling them at St Peter's events, making substantial amounts of money.

Mary Shaw

Evangelism Focus Group

The group welcomed Annemarie Patterson as the new member, and she is a very welcome addition to us. The group now consists of Annemarie, Janet Ramsdale, Fr Christopher, and Trevor Jones. We have held two meetings thus far in 2022 at St Peter's Vicarage. The group has brought together a number of ideas that have been circulating for some time, plus some new ones, as a way of getting people back to worship following the pandemic or who would be new to the church.

We have decided to start a new initiative, taking day trips out from Horbury – though the trips have a twist, which is that whilst all at St John's and St Peter's are welcome, we are asking individuals or families to bring a friend who either used to attend church or someone who may like to attend church in the future. We feel this is of particular importance as much evangelism is done on a one-to-one basis, by inviting people and making them welcome. Our first trip will be to the Great Yorkshire Show in Harrogate, in July 2022. We can purchase discounted tickets for adults and children and a bus has been booked. This will be an all-day event. Trip number two will be to Durham Cathedral when the Statue of Our Lady of Walsingham is moved there for a short period of time in the Autumn. Again, a bus has been booked for this all-day event. The third trip is only in its very early stages, but we will be looking to attend a local pantomime, with a coach being sourced for this activity. We are hoping to include some children and their parents who regularly attend the Peterites Youth Club at St Peter's on a Friday night. We will do all we can to keep the costs of these exciting events to an absolute minimum!

Other work we plan includes in and around the Horbury Street Fayre, where we are hoping some of the newer members of our congregation will be welcomers, welcoming people entering church for the first time. The aim is to make all new people to our church welcome, and to give those newer members of our congregation an opportunity to join in this welcome and be part of the larger community we share. There is still a lot of work to be done to achieve our goals as written above, but these are very achievable. The next meeting in May will bring together some of these ideas with the GYS and Street Fayre taking priority due to the timescales.

Trevor Jones, Annemarie Patterson, Janet Ramsdale and Fr Christopher Johnson

Horbury Churches Together

Horbury Churches Together ceased meeting in person when the pandemic hit, but during 2021, in-person meetings resumed. Our representative this year has been Margaret Holwell. The major work of HCT is with the youth project, which has continued to adapt considerably over the year to support young people. It is a joy for me to attend trustee meetings to see the work that is going on, and the positive impact it is having for the young people of Horbury as well as the wider area. This year, sadly, we said good bye to two fellow Anglican clergy involved in HCT, Karen Campbell from St Mary's, Horbury Junction, and John Geary, from Middlestown and Netherton. The Diocese has now appointed a successor to Karen and John, the Rev'd Hannah Hobday, who will look after both benefices, and whom we look forward to meeting in due course.

Fr Christopher Johnson, Trustee

Music (to November 2021)

Special Services

The choir returned in full after Easter 2021, having had to work with reduced numbers for singing at the services. In May, as we were unable to go to Walsingham on the National Pilgrimage, we held our first 'May crowning' service, at which the choir sang. Low Sunday was a particular highlight with the blessing of the new altar frontals, vestments and tabernacle: the choir worked really hard for this and sang a very impressive psalm for the occasion. Due to the pandemic, the Bishop's Chrism Mass was held in June at St Peter's, again with the choir singing.

Clavinova

A new clavinova was purchased following a successful fundraising campaign to 'buy a key'. Thanks to everyone who gave towards this new instrument, which is used by our own choir and others at practices.

Seating

New neo-classical choir stall fronts were purchased from churchantiques.com, having previously been in a church in London. To compliment these, the PCC took the decision to move two of the back pews from the nave to the chancel. Although the arrangement is not perfect, the choir is much happier now, having somewhere to rest music and a more clearly permanent position in the chancel.

Hymathon

When congregational singing was permitted, we held a 'Hymathon', asking people to send in their favourite hymns. This was a great success and gave us chance to sing many of those favourite hymns which we had been unable to sing together for so long.

Music at St John's

A new mass setting was introduced at St John's, and the propers for the day are now said rather than sung.

Organs

The organ at St John's has been tuned and has caused no problems. It is a reliable instrument. The organ at St Peter's has also been more fault free this year, with only one call out to adjust the action. It has been tuned and the restoration project is now gathering pace again.

Choir and Organists

The choir has had a difficult year with restrictions changing, especially around the number of singers permitted at various times. Members have nonetheless remained committed, and have adapted to all the changes, always providing some form of singing at the mass, for which the clergy and congregation have

been grateful. Jenny Scott and Susan Drake have both retired from the choir and we thank them for all they have given over many years to church music. John Cuttall and Barbara Panton have always covered my holidays and we are very grateful and thank them for giving of their time and talents.

Concerts

Various concerts are planned nearer Christmas, not least of all the Horbury Ladies Choir, three of whom are also members of our own parish choir. St Peter's Consort put on a concert of Purcell's music, which was also well received. They continue to rehearse at St Peter's on Wednesday evenings.

Change of Organist and Director of Music

In November Stephen left the parish as Director of Music, and a new Temporary Director of Music was appointed.

Stephen Parker, Organist and Director of Music

Music (from November 2021)

Acknowledgements

I am very grateful to everyone for making me feel so welcome during my time here so far as your Temporary Organist and Director of Music. It has been a real joy to get to know many of you over the last months. I'm especially grateful to Fr Christopher and the churchwardens for their support and encouragement, and to the members of the choir for their contribution to the life of the church.

Status Quo

While I am getting to know the parish and its music, we haven't changed very much. The introduction of sung propers during Lent has helped the service to flow a bit more smoothly, but otherwise things have remained stable. That stability gives us the opportunity to think constructively about what we want to do, musically, in the future, and sketch out a road to get there. An important part of this will be the hiring of a permanent Director of Music who will realise such a vision.

Preparation

However, in the meantime, there is a lot of preparatory work to do. I have been building up our relationships in the community: especially with our primary schools, but also with other local musical groups and people. Developing a larger music programme in the parish requires a lot of funding, both to improve the facilities (incl. organ, choir room, more cassocks, sheet music) and to cover associated personnel costs. This is not cheap, but it is likely we can achieve considerable successes in external fundraising. Fr Christopher writes in more detail on this in the following section.

Vision

As we look to the future with faith and confidence, it is important to ground ourselves: why are we doing this? Why invest in church music?

When our church was built in the late eighteenth century, there was a Dutch society for the promotion of church music called 'Laus deo, salus populo'. The name captures something of the core purpose of church music: the praise of God, and the salvation of people.

The latter half reminds us that music is a powerful mission tool. We must employ this further in the years to come. Music is a great way to develop our children's ministry, and give them an active role in the liturgies of our church.

The first half of the name reminds us that church music is one of the core parts of the *Laus Dei*: the glorification of God. It is easy to think that this is something else entirely to the missional aspect. However, this is not the case. St Thomas Aquinas argues, 'We need to praise God with our lips, not indeed for his sake, but for our own sake; since by praising him our devotion is aroused towards him.' (*Summa Theologiae*, II.ii.91) Every single one of us is called to sing praise to God. This is not optional, but it is our very purpose, and through it, we are brought closer to who we are meant to be. Being closer to our divine purpose, in turn, makes it less likely for us to miss our goal, or sin. In other words, the music of the liturgy is not sung for God's sake, but because it brings us closer to him. Church music is not just an outward missional tool: a way of drawing new people into the church family. Music, as part of the *Laus Dei*, also works inwardly, as a 'road to bring us daily nearer God' (Keble), nearer each other, and nearer our true self.

Church music, seen in theological perspective, is not about singing the hymns we like, or having the best choir with the most wonderful singers. It is about drawing people to the faith, and enabling each and every member of the congregation to grow as a Christian. Such growth is always a little uncomfortable, but it is essential. Church music is about offering our best to God, following the example of the Psalmist: 'I will sing and give praise with the best member that I have' (Psalm 108). Music, in this perspective, is communal, missional, and normative.

Developing and growing church music is not a luxury. It is a core part of our vocation to evangelism and spiritual growth.

Leonard Sanderman, Temporary Organist and Director of Music

Organ Restoration Focus Group

The Organ Restoration Focus Group resumed meeting during 2021 once the Lottery Fund re-opened applications. (These had been suspended due to the pandemic.) Our initial approach was to plan to obtain Lottery funding, and an initial enquiry form was submitted. We responded to feedback by obtaining evidence (around late 2020) from the community to demonstrate need and demand. We also chose which Lottery Fund outcomes we felt our project could achieve.

Advice was sought at this time from various individuals concerning the project. These included contacts at Merton College, Oxford, and previous Lottery applicants who had been successful in their bids. Fresh quotations were obtained, considering the length of time from the initial contact with firms. The most useful consultant was Prof William McVicker, who encouraged us to apply to the Hamish Ogston Foundation for the work and accompanying education programme. He talked through budgeting matters with us, provided suggestions for other sources of income too, and inspired us to consider the importance of the education work *vis-à-vis* the restoration itself.

Following the appointment of Leonard Sanderman as our Temporary Organist and Director of Music, the group was presented with a paper Leonard had put together. This gave us a much more concrete plan going forward. It also opened up questions considering the breadth of the project. It was agreed that our main education thrust (in what needed to be a people-led project to satisfy potential funders) would be the foundation of a Choral Development Programme. The ascertaining of costings for this as well as accompanying educational resources has taken up our time most recently. Leonard had also researched the history of choral music in the parish, as we start to pull together the narrative which we hope will inspire potential funders.

Although the project seems to move at a slow pace, not helped of course by the intrusion of the pandemic, it is important that we get the details right and apply to the right people at the right times for

the right amount of money. The benefits for the parish could be significant: not only are we looking to restore the organ, which is much needed, but we hope to be able to inspire a new generation of choristers, and secure the future of music within the parish. Please continue to pray for this project as it grows and develops.

Fr Christopher Johnson

Over 50s

Our group recommenced in September, and members were very pleased to return. We had a very enjoyable Christmas lunch with excellent entertainment from the children from school.

Valerie Crowther

Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults

The PCC has complied with its duty to have due regard to House of Bishops guidance in relation to safeguarding. DBS checking is monitored and where necessary the individual is approached regarding renewal of DBS checking. New DBS checks are made when applicable. Safeguarding remains a regular item on the PCC agenda to ensure that all updates and changes that may affect the work being done within the parish are current. All notices and documents related to safeguarding are up to date, and where appropriate, displayed on the churches' notice boards. All policies continue to have a renewal date and are reviewed regularly to keep them compliant. Safeguarding training is monitored for those members of the parish who require it. When appropriate they are reminded of the renewal/refresher courses needed. Due to the pandemic, there have been some restrictions for some members of the parish not been able to complete face-to-face training or updates. These are gradually being addressed, now that face-to-face training is being phased back. The parish follows the current recommendations from the Diocese for this type of training.

Lynda Wigelsworth, Safer Recruitment Officer
Carol Tattersfield, Parish Safeguarding Officer

Serving Team

Another year has flown by and with pandemic restrictions now being removed we are starting to return to our more normal serving practices. It seems an age since we were able to prepare the altar for communion and turn the pages of the missal. Fortunately, the servers' guild is there on the first Sunday of the month to remind us how to do things! It also allows us to refresh our existing serving as well as introducing new servers to the fold. We have had a couple of new additions this year. Tia has recently joined us and Simon has taken to it like a duck to water. We now look forward to Easter and the Sacred Triduum of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. These are always challenging services for servers. A year seems a long time to remember things, but through the servers' guild and the patient guidance of Fr Christopher we get there. It's a privilege to serve at these services and they make the joy of Easter Day even greater. It's really a great team and there is always room for more servers. We have roles for all from young to old (I'm getting there!) so if this is something that interests you, please have a chat with me or Fr Christopher.

Paul Taylor, Head Server

Social and Fundraising Committee, including Community Coffee Mornings

We have been able to have three very successful social events during the course of the year, a 'Mini-Market' in July, the Autumn Fare in November, and a flower demonstration in December. Community Coffee Mornings have started again on a monthly basis and have been very well attended. Thank you to anyone who has helped in any way to make our social events a success.

Valerie Crowther

**The Parish of St PETER and St LEONARD HORBURY
with St JOHN HORBURY BRIDGE**
Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st. December 2021

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 1 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner.

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed

It is my responsibility to:

- * Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act)
- * to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act: and
- * to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiners statement:

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act and the Regulations have not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Carolyn Oakes

Name:

CAROLYN OAKES

Address:

*9, JENKIN LANE
HORBURY
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The Parish of St PETER and St LEONARD HORBURY with St JOHN HORBURY BRIDGE

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2021

	General Fund	250 Club	Fabric Funds	Yorkshire B Soc - Saver Account	H&A Shaw Trust Fund	Totals	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Monetary assets							
Bank Community Accounts	26,748.76	178.17	3,373.68		666.35	30,966.96	72,249.44
Saver Account				31,293.99		31,293.99	31,250.74
Bank Business Premium Account						0.00	0.00
Bank Business Base Rate Tracker						0.00	0.00
Cash in Hand	0.00	0.00				0.00	411.21
Total cash and bank	26,748.76	178.17	3,373.68	31,293.99	666.35	£62,260.95	103,911.39
Other assets							
Debtors							
Total debtors	0.00					0.00	0.00
Investment assets							
286,041 Charinco income shares value at 31/12/20 Held by the Diocese	525.46					525.46	546.60
Total investment assets						£525.46	546.60
Liabilities							
Uncleared cheques at 31st Dec 2020	0.00						
Total Liabilities	0.00					£0.00	0.00

The Parish of St PETER and St LEONARD HORBURY
with St JOHN HORBURY BRIDGE
Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st. December 2021

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds
	2020	2021	
	£	£	£
RECEIPTS			
Voluntary Income	37130.36	41036.93	
Other Voluntary Income	5081.00	2890.00	
Restricted Funds	32059.58		40780.72
Donations/Legacies	2355.00	2934.63	328.93
Events and Activities	4120.83	3844.50	0.00
Other Income	3557.57	1271.05	
Non PCC Income	11898.00	1973.95	
Income from Sales	1742.36	2956.44	
Income from Trading & Church Fees	3555.20	4594.75	6448.00
Income from Investments & A/C Transfers etc	6982.80		0.00
Sub Totals 2021		61502.25	47557.65
Total Receipts	£108,482.70		£109,059.90
PAYMENTS	£	£	£
Grants	0.00	0.00	
Missions and Church societies	164.50	50.00	
Relating to the Work of the Church	18329.59	17833.31	45.00
Church Running Expenses	15501.72	14252.11	
Upkeep of Services	2923.57	25596.35	
Church Maintenance	7423.99	38223.29	
Parish Room and Hall	63.28	0.00	
Major Works	0.00	0.00	
Trading	279.96	0.00	
Salaries/Wages/Honoraria	10524.72	19510.49	
Administration	4770.44	5590.00	
Non PCC Expenditure	7385.27		12457.50
Other Expenditure	1695.41	14968.07	0.00
Sub Totals 2020		136023.62	12502.50
Total Payments	£69,062.45		£148,526.12
<i>Uncleared Cheques from previous period</i>	£0.00		£0.00
Surplus for Year	2020 £39,420.25	2021 -£74,521.37	£35,055.15
Bank Deposit and Current Accounts 1st January	£26,794.73		£66,214.98
<i>Uncleared cheques as at 31st December</i>	£0.00		£0.00
Bank Deposit and Current Accounts 31st December	£66,214.98		£26,748.76

Fabric Fund 2021 (restricted)

	2020 £	2021 £
RECEIPTS		
QS4 Payments	6,439.64	4,834.55
Trans from Yorkshire BS Charity a/c	0.00	0.00
Trans from Comm a/c - Parish Organ Fund	51.40	0.00
Trans from Comm a/c - St Peters Choir Fund	0.00	0.00
Trans from Comm a/c - St Peters Bell Fund	0.00	0.00
VAT Refund - Bell Payments	0.00	0.00
Interest Payments	5.15	0.66
	6,496.19	4,835.21
PAYMENTS (bank transfers to Community A/C)		
St Peter's - 1st Payment to Taylors re Bells	0.00	0.00
St Peter's - 2nd Payment to Taylors re Bells	0.00	0.00
St Peter's - 3rd Payment to Taylors re Bells	0.00	0.00
St John's - Organ Repairs & Survey	2,482.80	0.00
St Peter's - Choir Fund Robes	0.00	0.00
Part QS4 Payments to Community A/C (2019/20)	4,500.00	6,448.00
	6,982.80	6,448.00

	2020	2021
Surplus for Year	-486.61	-1,612.79
Fabric Fund - 1st January	5473.08	4,986.47
Fabric Fund - 31st December	4,986.47	£3,373.68

St Peter and St Leonard

Herbert and Ann Shaw Trust Fund Receipts and Payments Account

	2020		2021	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Investment Income	18.12		12.87	
Interest	0.50		0.06	
Total		18.62		12.93
PAYMENTS				
To St Peters Community Account	0.00		0.00	
Base Rate Tracker Account	0.00		0.00	
Total		0.00		0.00
Surplus for Year		18.62		12.93
Bank Business Premium Account 1st January		634.80		653.42
Bank Business Premium Account 31st December		653.42		£666.35

250 CLUB

	2020		2021	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Membership subscriptions (Cash)	0.00		0.00	
Membership subscriptions (Cheques to Bank)	0.00		12.00	
Cash in Hand from previous year	0.00		0.00	
Total		0.00		12.00
PAYMENTS				
Prize Draws Cash	0.00		0.00	
Choir Robes Donation (Cash)	0.00		0.00	
Gift to Church (Cheque)	0.00		0.00	
Cheques to Bank	0.00		0.00	
Total		0.00		0.00
Surplus (Cash in Hand)		0.00		12.00
Bank Deposit and Community Account 1st January		166.17		166.17
Bank Deposit and Community Account 31st December		166.17		£166.17
Bank + Cash in Hand		166.17		£178.17

**The Parish of St Peter and St Leonard, Horbury
with St John the Evangelist, Horbury Bridge**

Registered Charity No. 1147711



**Annual Report
and
Financial Statement
of the
Parochial Church Council**

For the year ended 31st December 2021

Incumbent:

Father Christopher Johnson

Bank:

Barclays Bank
Trinity Walk
WAKEFIELD

Independent Examiner:

RECEIPTS		
Voluntary Income		
St Peter's - Covenanted	18,310.00	
St Peter's - Non Covenanted	7,362.00	
St Peter's Open Collections	3,041.85	
St John's - Covenanted	277.00	
St John's - Non Covenanted	730.00	
St John's - Open Collection	494.70	
Collections-Funerals, Weddings etc.	1,741.45	
Gift Aid Giving	752.75	
Donations	195.00	
Income Tax Recovered	7,927.18	
Sub Total	40,831.93	
Other Voluntary Income		
Common Lands Trust	2,890.00	
Sub Total	2,890.00	
Legacies		
Name on request-restrict to specific items R *	0.00	
Sub Total	0.00	
Donations for Missions (Not PCC Income - see note 1)		
See 2 items in NON PCC income section **	328.93	
Sub Total	328.93	
Donations		
St John's - ABC Group Donation	433.00	
St Johns - Mr Ali	36.00	
St Johns - Brownies	50.00	
St Peter's - Brownies	88.00	
St Peters - JAMS	374.00	
EMS Donation Station	93.39	
Anon Donation -	1,213.70	
On Line Donations	446.54	
Sub Total	2,734.63	
Events and Activities		
Magazine Advertising	110.00	
Craft Sale	96.50	
Amazon-JAMS	5.00	
Autumn Fayre	2,180.00	
Quiz	67.00	
Chrism Mass	50.00	
Father George	50.00	
Hymnathon	181.50	
All Souls Service - Candles	895.00	
Card making	30.00	
Heritage Day	45.00	
Sub Total	3,710.00	
Income from Sales		
Sewing Sale	40.00	
St Peter's Candle Sales	454.42	
Sponsor a Lamp	922.96	
Magazine & Diary Sales	184.30	
Coffee Sales	553.76	
Gift Aid from Clavinova Donations	426.00	
Christmas Card Sale	310.00	
Sub Total	2,891.44	
Other Income		
Clarinova Sale	380.00	
Liturgical Gift Aid	125.00	
SSE Utilities Refund	442.72	
Duplicate payment Refund	493.34	
Refund from Add Curates	69.99	
Liturgical refund	30.00	
Sub Total	1,541.05	
Restricted Funds *		
St Peter's - Music Fund donations (restricted)	875.50	
Plinth Fund	2,150.00	
Heating Fund	1,000.00	
Payment Station Grant	1,000.00	
St Peter's Window Fund	25.00	
Altar Fund 2020	350.00	
External Lighting	4,241.69	
Payment Station Grant	500.00	
Clarinova Fund	355.53	
Ecclesiastical Insurance payment	21,698.00	
Pricket Rental Donation	200.00	
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PAYMENTS		
GRANTS		
Overseas Missions and Relief Agencies		
Children's Society see NON PCC Accounting **	0.00	
Sub Total	0.00	
Missions and Church Societies		
Additional Curates Society see NON PCC Accounting **	0.00	
Sub Total	0.00	
Church Societies		
Horbury Churches Together	50.00	
Sub Total	50.00	
RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE CHURCH		
Ministry		
Forward in Faith Subscription	60.00	
Occasional Offices Fees collected and paid to WDBF RESTRICTED	45.00	
Diocesan Quota & Awake	16,000.00	
Sub Total	16,105.00	
Clergy		
Clergy Expenses, additional items marked as FrC Expenses	1,773.31	
Sub Total	1,773.31	
Church Running Expenses		
Water - St Peter's	217.98	
Water - St John's	128.35	
Gas - St Peter's (SSE)	2,036.69	
Gas - St John's (SSE) Crown	1,825.41	
Gas Boiler Contract -St Peter's(British Gas)	85.41	
Electricity - St Peter's (SSE)	799.52	
Electricity - St John's (SSE)	632.43	
Insurance - St Peter's	6,278.55	
Insurance - St John's	2,247.77	
Sub Total	14,252.11	
Upkeep of Services		
Hays & Finch - Wine Wafers and Candles	642.78	
FA Dumont - Wine and Wafers	420.11	
Redemptorists -Service Readings	330.07	
C Farris Church Supplies	1,375.82	
Luzar Vestments	20,775.00	
Lockie - Covenant Envelopes	124.29	
Aldersons - Leaflets and signs	267.00	
Liturgical Expenses *	543.86	
Evangelism Expenses	380.28	
Refund M Turner - Giving Envelopes	61.14	
Sub Total	24,920.35	
Church Maintenance & Building Repairs		
St John's - B Goalby refund maint purchases	25.00	
St Peter's - RB Electrical	716.64	
St John's - Organ Tuning and Repairs (Wood, Harrogate)	244.80	
St John's - Vacuum Purchase B Goalby	99.00	
St John's Window Cleaning (RL Exterior)	60.00	
St John's - V Crowther refund keys etc	33.00	
St Peter's - Organ Tuning etc (Wood)	526.80	
St Peter's - Plumbing Repair (Aquaheat)	70.80	
St Peter's - Roof & Footpath Repairs (D Hardy - Builders)	216.00	
St Peter's - Insurance Claim (Ornate Interiors Ltd)	1,845.60	
St Peter's - Refund Key Cutting	57.00	
St Peter's - Hoyles Fire Ltd	274.08	
St Peters - Lightning Conductor Test & Cert (Osborne Delta)	222.00	
St Peter's - Electrical Repair (Hoyles)	610.00	
St Peter's - Vaccum Purchase B Goalby	99.00	
St Peter's - Repairs (BGB Services)	1,174.99	
St Peter's - Window Repairs (NRC Services)	1,873.20	
St Peter's - Replacement Windows	25,974.00	
St Peter's - K Mayhew	41.88	
St Peter's - Decorating (Beckett)	69.12	
St Peter's - Roof Repairs (MJB Roofing)	2,760.00	
St Peter's - Organ Expenses	10.38	
St Peter's - Gutter Cleaning (A Airstone)	1,220.00	
Sub Total	38,223.29	
Parish Room and Kitchen Maintenance and Repairs		
St Peter's - Parish Room Smoke Alarm replacement (M Wood)	0.00	
Refund M Wood - Boiler control relays	0.00	
Sub Total	0.00	
Trading		
Added Curates Society - Magazine Inserts	0.00	
Sub Total	0.00	
Salaries, Wages, Honarariums		
Organist - St Peter's and St John's (includes Funeral Fees)	4,939.55	

Restricted Funds Cont.		
Saturday Coffee Mornings		34.50
Childrens Worker Fund	8,385.00	
Sub Total	41,115.22	
Income from Trading		
St Johns Hall Rent	1,077.00	
St Peter's Rent	94.00	
Part of QS4 Mast payments (transfer from Fabric Fund)	6,448.00	
Sub Total	7,719.00	
Church Fees		
PCC Portion - Funeral	1,070.75	
Church Running Costs Funeral	13.00	
Order of Service - Funeral	0.00	
PCC Portion - Burial of Ashes	0.00	
Vows	295.00	
Banns Certificate	0.00	
Travel Expenses	0.00	
Church Fees PCC Portion - Wedding	1,145.00	
Church Running Costs Wedding	0.00	
Wedding - DBF Portion	0.00	
Sub Total	3,323.75	
Bank Account Transfers etc.		
Bank Transfer from Fabric Fund *	0.00	
Bank Transfer from Fabric Fund (Organ Section) *	0.00	
Sub Total	0.00	
Entries for items NOT PCC Income see Note 1	**	
Funeral - Organist Fee	0.00	
Funeral - Verger Fee	0.00	
Funeral - Visiting Clergy expenses	0.00	
Wedding - Verger Fee	0.00	
Wedding - Organist Fee	0.00	
Wedding Blessing - Organist fee	0.00	
Clergy Mileage	0.00	
Wedding Bell ringers	0.00	
Wedding Flowers	0.00	
Walsingham Payments 2021	1,507.70	
Walsingham Deposits - Chidren's Pilgrimage	0.00	
Walsingham Payments 2020 - via Fthr Christopher expense	0.00	
Lottery to Lent Appeal	466.25	
Funeral Collection - Additional Curates	0.00	
External Lights - HCLT repayment	0.00	
Sub Total	£ 1,973.95	
Total	109,059.90	
<i>Uncleared cheques as at 31st December 2021</i>		0.00
Bank balance at 1st January 2021	66,214.98	
Total Receipts 2021	175,274.88	
Fabric Fund Transfers & Restricted Funds Receipts	£ 47,563.22	
Entries for items NOT PCC Income see Note 1	£ 2,302.88	
Income (excl funds * and **)	£ 125,408.78	
Actual Income (excl Bank b/f from 2020)	£ 59,193.80	
* = Restricted Funds ** = NON PCC Funds		

Organist - St Peter's and St John's (includes Funeral Fees)	573.28
Organist and Childrens Worker - HMRC Tax payment	2,339.71
Organist - Leeds DBF Admin Fee	90.00
Church Childrens Leader - K Brackley	6,544.21
Church Childrens Leader - K Brackley Expenses	792.34
Church Childrens Leader - NEST Pension	570.28
Wedding Flowers	90.00
Leeds DBF - Wedding Fee	422.00
Sub Total	16,361.37
Administration	
Arena - Photocopier charges	1,696.61
Siemens - Photocopier Lease	1,810.12
Siemens - Agreement Termination Fee	0.00
BOX iCloud Monthly Fee - M Wood refund	468.00
Christian Copyright - St John's	162.66
Christian Copyright - St Peter's	367.58
Stephen Parker - St Gregory org	38.00
Printing	539.99
Admin Expenses *	171.65
Catering	145.63
Sub Total	5,400.24
Other Expenditure	
Wren Cabinets	4,750.00
Roots for Churches	208.00
Purchases for Childrens Groups	1,041.84
Visual Impact - Banners	38.40
R Atkins - Messy Church	15.75
Refund M Wood supplies	80.78
Purchase of Electric Piano (Pianoman)	2,299.00
Payment to V Crowther Church warden Publications	27.90
Payment to M Walsh Gift Token	30.00
Payment to M Walsh Baptism Food	16.30
Payment to C Holdsworth Kids Supplies	18.00
Payment to C Tatterfield Kids Hi-Viz jackets	68.00
Choral Fees - A Piplica	30.00
Choral Fees - B Heywood	30.00
Choral Fees - M Hayward	30.00
Choir Expenses	676.00
Goodwill Devices	1,500.00
A Shepherd - Fees	3,631.30
Covid 19 Expenses	189.76
Out of Pocket Expenses	1,152.80
Transfer to Fabric Fund (Organ) *	0.00
Sub Total	15,833.83
Non PCC Accountable - Payments **	
Walsingham Children's Pilgrimage	390.00
Walsingham Coach	1,740.00
Walsingham Payment (Deposits etc.)	3,778.20
Walsingham refund	1,023.50
Walsingham Expenses	40.00
St Peters ext lighting HCLT RB Elec	4,140.00
Choir Fund Purchase - Norwich Books	12.50
Funeral Collection - Additional Curates Soc	233.30
Verger fee - Funeral	405.00
Bell Ringers Fees	360.00
Choir Fees	100.00
Visiting Organist	205.00
Visiting Clergy payment	2,079.12
Hire of Coaches	1,100.00
Sub Total	15,606.62
Total	148,526.12
<i>uncleared cheques from 2020 as at 1st January 2022</i>	0.00
Total Payments 2021	148,526.12
	£ 148,526.12
Total	£ 148,526.12
Fabric Fund Transfers & Restricted Funds Payments *	£ 45.00
Entries for items NOT PCC Payments see Note 1 **	£ 15,606.62
Community Account balance 31st December 2021	£ 26,748.76
Actual Expenditure (excl fund trans & restricted items)	£ 132,874.50

Note 1 - Items marked ** are entries for amounts that were banked/paid out that were NOT part of the PCC's Income/Expenditure. For example Service Collections for third party charities is paid directly, via the PCC bank account, to The Charities accounts but in no way benefits the Parish Funds. The items are shown in this report for accounting purposes only. Be aware the Community Bank Account has liabilities of the balance of the 3 years Income for the Family Officer.

The Parish of St PETER and St LEONARD HORBURY with St JOHN HORBURY BRIDGE

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2021

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Gift to Church (Cheque)	0.00		0.00	
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Registered Charity No. 1147711



**Annual Report
and
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Parochial Church Council**

For the year ended 31st December 2021

Incumbent:

Father Christopher Johnson

Bank:

Barclays Bank
Trinity Walk
WAKEFIELD

Independent Examiner:

RECEIPTS		
Voluntary Income		
St Peter's - Covenanted	18,310.00	
St Peter's - Non Covenanted	7,362.00	
St Peter's Open Collections	3,041.85	
St John's - Covenanted	277.00	
St John's - Non Covenanted	730.00	
St John's - Open Collection	494.70	
Collections-Funerals, Weddings etc.	1,741.45	
Gift Aid Giving	752.75	
Donations	195.00	
Income Tax Recovered	7,927.18	
Sub Total	40,831.93	
Other Voluntary Income		
Common Lands Trust	2,890.00	
Sub Total	2,890.00	
Legacies		
Name on request-restrict to specific items R *	0.00	
Sub Total	0.00	
Donations for Missions (Not PCC Income - see note 1)		
See 2 items in NON PCC income section **	328.93	
Sub Total	328.93	
Donations		
St John's - ABC Group Donation	433.00	
St Johns - Mr Ali	36.00	
St Johns - Brownies	50.00	
St Peter's - Brownies	88.00	
St Peters - JAMS	374.00	
EMS Donation Station	93.39	
Anon Donation -	1,213.70	
On Line Donations	446.54	
Sub Total	2,734.63	
Events and Activities		
Magazine Advertising	110.00	
Craft Sale	96.50	
Amazon-JAMS	5.00	
Autumn Fayre	2,180.00	
Quiz	67.00	
Chrism Mass	50.00	
Father George	50.00	
Hymnathon	181.50	
All Souls Service - Candles	895.00	
Card making	30.00	
Heritage Day	45.00	
Sub Total	3,710.00	
Income from Sales		
Sewing Sale	40.00	
St Peter's Candle Sales	454.42	
Sponsor a Lamp	922.96	
Magazine & Diary Sales	184.30	
Coffee Sales	553.76	
Gift Aid from Clavinova Donations	426.00	
Christmas Card Sale	310.00	
Sub Total	2,891.44	
Other Income		
Clarinova Sale	380.00	
Liturgical Gift Aid	125.00	
SSE Utilities Refund	442.72	
Duplicate payment Refund	493.34	
Refund from Add Curates	69.99	
Liturgical refund	30.00	
Sub Total	1,541.05	
Restricted Funds *		
St Peter's - Music Fund donations (restricted)	875.50	
Plinth Fund	2,150.00	
Heating Fund	1,000.00	
Payment Station Grant	1,000.00	
St Peter's Window Fund	25.00	
Altar Fund 2020	350.00	
External Lighting	4,241.69	
Payment Station Grant	500.00	
Clarinova Fund	355.53	
Ecclesiastical Insurance payment	21,698.00	
Pricket Rental Donation	200.00	
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PAYMENTS		
GRANTS		
Overseas Missions and Relief Agencies		
Children's Society see NON PCC Accounting **	0.00	
Sub Total	0.00	
Missions and Church Societies		
Additional Curates Society see NON PCC Accounting **	0.00	
Sub Total	0.00	
Church Societies		
Horbury Churches Together	50.00	
Sub Total	50.00	
RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE CHURCH		
Ministry		
Forward in Faith Subscription	60.00	
Occasional Offices Fees collected and paid to WDBF RESTRICTED	45.00	
Diocesan Quota & Awake	16,000.00	
Sub Total	16,105.00	
Clergy		
Clergy Expenses, additional items marked as FrC Expenses	1,773.31	
Sub Total	1,773.31	
Church Running Expenses		
Water - St Peter's	217.98	
Water - St John's	128.35	
Gas - St Peter's (SSE)	2,036.69	
Gas - St John's (SSE) Crown	1,825.41	
Gas Boiler Contract -St Peter's(British Gas)	85.41	
Electricity - St Peter's (SSE)	799.52	
Electricity - St John's (SSE)	632.43	
Insurance - St Peter's	6,278.55	
Insurance - St John's	2,247.77	
Sub Total	14,252.11	
Upkeep of Services		
Hays & Finch - Wine Wafers and Candles	642.78	
FA Dumont - Wine and Wafers	420.11	
Redemptorists -Service Readings	330.07	
C Farris Church Supplies	1,375.82	
Luzar Vestments	20,775.00	
Lockie - Covenant Envelopes	124.29	
Aldersons - Leaflets and signs	267.00	
Liturgical Expenses *	543.86	
Evangelism Expenses	380.28	
Refund M Turner - Giving Envelopes	61.14	
Sub Total	24,920.35	
Church Maintenance & Building Repairs		
St John's - B Goalby refund maint purchases	25.00	
St Peter's - RB Electrical	716.64	
St John's - Organ Tuning and Repairs (Wood, Harrogate)	244.80	
St John's - Vacuum Purchase B Goalby	99.00	
St John's Window Cleaning (RL Exterior)	60.00	
St John's - V Crowther refund keys etc	33.00	
St Peter's - Organ Tuning etc (Wood)	526.80	
St Peter's - Plumbing Repair (Aquaheat)	70.80	
St Peter's - Roof & Footpath Repairs (D Hardy - Builders)	216.00	
St Peter's - Insurance Claim (Ornate Interiors Ltd)	1,845.60	
St Peter's - Refund Key Cutting	57.00	
St Peter's - Hoyles Fire Ltd	274.08	
St Peters - Lightning Conductor Test & Cert (Osborne Delta)	222.00	
St Peter's - Electrical Repair (Hoyles)	610.00	
St Peter's - Vaccum Purchase B Goalby	99.00	
St Peter's - Repairs (BGB Services)	1,174.99	
St Peter's - Window Repairs (NRC Services)	1,873.20	
St Peter's - Replacement Windows	25,974.00	
St Peter's - K Mayhew	41.88	
St Peter's - Decorating (Beckett)	69.12	
St Peter's - Roof Repairs (MJB Roofing)	2,760.00	
St Peter's - Organ Expenses	10.38	
St Peter's - Gutter Cleaning (A Airstone)	1,220.00	
Sub Total	38,223.29	
Parish Room and Kitchen Maintenance and Repairs		
St Peter's - Parish Room Smoke Alarm replacement (M Wood)	0.00	
Refund M Wood - Boiler control relays	0.00	
Sub Total	0.00	
Trading		
Added Curates Society - Magazine Inserts	0.00	
Sub Total	0.00	
Salaries, Wages, Honarariums		
Organist - St Peter's and St John's (includes Funeral Fees)	4,939.55	

Restricted Funds Cont.		
Saturday Coffee Mornings		34.50
Childrens Worker Fund	8,385.00	
Sub Total	41,115.22	
Income from Trading		
St Johns Hall Rent	1,077.00	
St Peter's Rent	94.00	
Part of QS4 Mast payments (transfer from Fabric Fund)	6,448.00	
Sub Total	7,719.00	
Church Fees		
PCC Portion - Funeral	1,070.75	
Church Running Costs Funeral	13.00	
Order of Service - Funeral	0.00	
PCC Portion - Burial of Ashes	0.00	
Vows	295.00	
Banns Certificate	0.00	
Travel Expenses	0.00	
Church Fees PCC Portion - Wedding	1,145.00	
Church Running Costs Wedding	0.00	
Wedding - DBF Portion	0.00	
Sub Total	3,323.75	
Bank Account Transfers etc.		
Bank Transfer from Fabric Fund *	0.00	
Bank Transfer from Fabric Fund (Organ Section) *	0.00	
Sub Total	0.00	
Entries for items NOT PCC Income see Note 1	**	
Funeral - Organist Fee	0.00	
Funeral - Verger Fee	0.00	
Funeral - Visiting Clergy expenses	0.00	
Wedding - Verger Fee	0.00	
Wedding - Organist Fee	0.00	
Wedding Blessing - Organist fee	0.00	
Clergy Mileage	0.00	
Wedding Bell ringers	0.00	
Wedding Flowers	0.00	
Walsingham Payments 2021	1,507.70	
Walsingham Deposits - Chidren's Pilgrimage	0.00	
Walsingham Payments 2020 - via Fthr Christopher expense	0.00	
Lottery to Lent Appeal	466.25	
Funeral Collection - Additional Curates	0.00	
External Lights - HCLT repayment	0.00	
Sub Total	£ 1,973.95	
Total	109,059.90	
<i>Uncleared cheques as at 31st December 2021</i>		0.00
Bank balance at 1st January 2021	66,214.98	
Total Receipts 2021	175,274.88	
Fabric Fund Transfers & Restricted Funds Receipts	£ 47,563.22	
Entries for items NOT PCC Income see Note 1	£ 2,302.88	
Income (excl funds * and **)	£ 125,408.78	
Actual Income (excl Bank b/f from 2020)	£ 59,193.80	
* = Restricted Funds ** = NON PCC Funds		

Organist - St Peter's and St John's (includes Funeral Fees)	573.28
Organist and Childrens Worker - HMRC Tax payment	2,339.71
Organist - Leeds DBF Admin Fee	90.00
Church Childrens Leader - K Brackley	6,544.21
Church Childrens Leader - K Brackley Expenses	792.34
Church Childrens Leader - NEST Pension	570.28
Wedding Flowers	90.00
Leeds DBF - Wedding Fee	422.00
Sub Total	16,361.37
Administration	
Arena - Photocopier charges	1,696.61
Siemens - Photocopier Lease	1,810.12
Siemens - Agreement Termination Fee	0.00
BOX iCloud Monthly Fee - M Wood refund	468.00
Christian Copyright - St John's	162.66
Christian Copyright - St Peter's	367.58
Stephen Parker - St Gregory org	38.00
Printing	539.99
Admin Expenses *	171.65
Catering	145.63
Sub Total	5,400.24
Other Expenditure	
Wren Cabinets	4,750.00
Roots for Churches	208.00
Purchases for Childrens Groups	1,041.84
Visual Impact - Banners	38.40
R Atkins - Messy Church	15.75
Refund M Wood supplies	80.78
Purchase of Electric Piano (Pianoman)	2,299.00
Payment to V Crowther Church warden Publications	27.90
Payment to M Walsh Gift Token	30.00
Payment to M Walsh Baptism Food	16.30
Payment to C Holdsworth Kids Supplies	18.00
Payment to C Tatterfield Kids Hi-Viz jackets	68.00
Choral Fees - A Piplica	30.00
Choral Fees - B Heywood	30.00
Choral Fees - M Hayward	30.00
Choir Expenses	676.00
Goodwill Devices	1,500.00
A Shepherd - Fees	3,631.30
Covid 19 Expenses	189.76
Out of Pocket Expenses	1,152.80
Transfer to Fabric Fund (Organ) *	0.00
Sub Total	15,833.83
Non PCC Accountable - Payments **	
Walsingham Children's Pilgrimage	390.00
Walsingham Coach	1,740.00
Walsingham Payment (Deposits etc.)	3,778.20
Walsingham refund	1,023.50
Walsingham Expenses	40.00
St Peters ext lighting HCLT RB Elec	4,140.00
Choir Fund Purchase - Norwich Books	12.50
Funeral Collection - Additional Curates Soc	233.30
Verger fee - Funeral	405.00
Bell Ringers Fees	360.00
Choir Fees	100.00
Visiting Organist	205.00
Visiting Clergy payment	2,079.12
Hire of Coaches	1,100.00
Sub Total	15,606.62
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Accounts



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Annual Report and Financial Statement of the Parochial Church Council

For the year ended 31st December 2020

Incumbent:

Father Christopher Johnson

Bank:

Barclays Bank
Trinity Walk
WAKEFIELD

Independent Examiner:

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Voluntary Income		GRANTS	
St Peter's - Covenanted	17,961.98	Overseas Missions and Relief Agencies	
St Peter's - Non Covenanted	550.00	Children's Society see NON PCC Accounting	0.00
St Peter's Open Collections	1,514.09		Sub Total
St John's - Covenanted	6,310.00		0.00
St John's - Non Covenanted	1,725.00	Missions and Church Societies	
St John's - Open Collection	185.00	Additional Curates Society see NON PCC Accounting	114.50
Crowther Card Sales	100.00		Sub Total
Collections-Funerals, Weddings etc.	219.77		114.50
Gift Aid Giving	274.50	Church Societies	
Donations	510.00	Parish Churches Together	50.00
Income Tax Recovered	7,760.00		Sub Total
			50.00
Sub Total	37,130.36	RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE CHURCH	
Other Voluntary Income		Ministry	
Commons Lands Trust	5,081.00	Forward in Faith Subscription	60.00
	Sub Total	Diocesan Quota & Awake	15,000.00
	5,081.00		Sub Total
Leagues			15,060.00
Name on request-restrict to specific items R *	0.00	Clergy	
	Sub Total	Clergy Expenses, additional items marked as PCC Expense	3,269.59
	0.00		Sub Total
Donations for Missions (Not PCC Income - see note 1)			3,269.59
See 2 items in NON PCC income section **	114.50	Church Running Expenses	
	Sub Total	Water - St Peter's	68.23
	114.50	Water - St John's	219.83
Donations		Gas - St Peter's (SSE)	2,163.29
St John's - ABC Group Donation	216.50	Gas - St John's (SSE) Crown	1,962.55
Donation towards Children's Books - Armitage Trust	216.00	Gas Boiler Contract - St Peter's/British Gas	1,050.10
St John's School - Childrens Donation	250.00	Electricity - St Peter's (SSE)	801.20
St Peter's - Donation Plant Sales C Holdsworth	100.00	Electricity - St John's (SSE)	616.24
St Peter's Roof - Thell Fine	65.00	Insurance - St Peter's	6,608.98
Toddlers donation towards K Brackley expenses	40.00	Insurance - St John's	2,440.23
Arvon Donation -	30.00		Sub Total
Christmas Raffle Raffle Donations	2,355.00		15,891.72
	Sub Total	Worship of Services	
	2,355.00	Hays & Finch - Wine Wafers and Candles	638.70
Events and Activities		Redemptorists - Service Readings	218.07
Magazine Advertising	240.00	C Parish Church Supplies	717.01
Saturday Coffee Mornings	1,637.63	Candles etc. - refund M Patterson	279.93
St Peter's - Events (incl specific)	96.40	Sunday School Books etc - Roots	124.82
Possible Party and March Cost	344.90	Choir Fund - Hymn Sheets etc.	17.99
Autumn Fayre	500.00	Christmas Oranges Refund C Holdsworth	30.00
Christmas Raffle	587.50	Refund C Holdsworth - various items	20.00
Teddy Bear Sales	250.00	Aldersons - Leaflets and signs	519.00
All Souls Day - Candle Dedications	475.00	Visual Impact - Banners	268.00
	Sub Total		Sub Total
	4,120.83	Church Maintenance & Building Repairs	
Income from Sales		Fire Extinguisher Service - St Peters	135.22
St John's Candle Sales	36.00	St John's - B Gashby refund paint purchases	14.00
St Peter's Candle Sales	456.51	St John's - Gutter Clearing (Robert Lums)	60.00
Sponsor a Lamp	834.36	St John's - Organ Tuning and Repairs (Wood, Harrogate)	244.80
Sale of Altar Cloth	150.00	St John's - RB Electrical wiring, lighting and update	252.00
Church Magazine & Diaries Sales	266.50	St John's - V Cropper refund lamp etc	61.35
	Sub Total	St Peter's - Organ Tuning etc (Sims)	2,482.80
	1,742.36	St Peter's - Organ Evaluation (Wood, Harrogate)	158.40
Other Income		St Peter's - Roof and Frosting Repairs (Hardy Builders)	1,484.00
Arson Group - Siemens refund 2019 overcharge	2,136.00	St Peter's - M Wood Loop Amp Repair	60.00
Furlough Grant - Organist pay	1,421.57	St Peter's - Refund M Wood Post Locks (G2)	19.97
	Sub Total	St Peter's - Refund V Cropper lock refund	37.45
	3,557.57	St Peter's - Caltors for Panacea (Chamberlain Music)	228.00
		St Peter's - Gutter Clearing (A Alnstone)	100.00
		St Peter's - Invoice 4 Taylors (Final Bell Invoice)	2,136.00
			Sub Total
			7,423.99
		Parish Room and Kitchen Maintenance and Repairs	
		St Peter's - Parish Room Smoke Alarm replacement (M V)	28.80
		Refund M Wood - Boiler control relays	34.40
			Sub Total
			63.28
		Trading	
		Added Curates Society - Magazine Inserts	279.98
			Sub Total
			279.98

RECEIPTS (continued)		PAYMENTS (continued)	
Restricted Funds -		Salaries, Wages, Honorariums	
St Peter's - Organ Fund donations (restricted)	61.40	Organist - St Peter's and St John's (includes Funeral Fee)	5,436.70
St Peter's - Bell Fund - (restricted within Fabric Fund)	0.00	Organist and Childrens Worker - HMRC Tax payment	865.80
St Peter's - Small Organ donation (restricted)	1,000.00	Organist - Leeds DBF Admin Fee	207.00
Bell Fund VAT refund	1,062.49	Church Childrens Leader - K Brackley	2,075.20
St Peter's Window Fund	4,214.00	Church Childrens Leader - K Brackley Expenses	125.12
Altar Fund 2020	13,591.98	Church Childrens Leader - NEST Pension	139.24
Choir Fund	299.71	Verger fee - Funeral	30.00
Childrens Worker Fund	12,000.00	Leeds DBF - Wedding Fee	211.00
	Sub Total	Visiting Clergy Funeral Expenses	264.00
	32,659.58	Visiting Clergy payment	717.61
Income from Trading			Sub Total
St John's Hall Rent	804.00		10,524.72
St Peter's Rent	954.00	Administration	
Part of 2024 meet payments (transfer from Fabric Fund)	0.00	Arms - Photocopy charges	963.07
	Sub Total	Siemens - Photocopyer Lease	1,810.12
	1,758.00	Siemens - Agreement Termination Fee	886.09
Church Fees		BOX Cloud Monthly Fee - M Wood refund	432.00
PCC Portion - Funeral	818.20	Christian Copyright - St John's	168.88
Church Running Costs Funeral	300.00	Christian Copyright - St Peter's	368.18
Order of Service - Funeral	69.60	Stephen Parker - St Gregory org	38.00
PCC Portion - Burial of Ashes	0.00	Christmas Raffle Tickets - Aldersons	74.00
Banns	0.00	Luttery Licence	20.00
Banns Certificate	0.00		Sub Total
Travel Expenses	60.10		4,770.44
Church Fees PCC Portion - Wedding	263.00	Other Expenditure	
Church Running Costs Wedding	60.00	Refund V Cropper - Purchases	25.00
Wedding - DBF Portion	215.50	Flowers M Holmes - M Walsh refund	25.00
	Sub Total	A Shepherd - Fees	1,694.01
	1,797.20	Transfer to Fabric Fund (Organ) *	61.48
Bank Account Transfers etc.			Sub Total
Bank Transfer from Fabric Fund *	4,500.00		1,695.41
Bank Transfer from Fabric Fund (Organ Section) *	2,482.80	Non PCC Accountable - Payments **	
	Sub Total	Walsingham Payment (Deposits etc.)	680.00
	6,982.80	Walsingham refund	1,591.50
Entries for items NOT PCC Income see Note 1 **		St Peters ext lighting HCLT BB Elec	4,800.00
Funeral - Organist Fee	650.00	Choir Fund Purchase - Noncash Books	288.72
Funeral - Verger Fee	315.00	Funeral Collection - Additional Curates Soc	25.00
Funeral - Visiting Clergy expenses	35.00		Sub Total
Wedding - Verger Fee	35.00		7,385.27
Wedding - Organist Fee	215.00		
Wedding Blessings - Organist fee	0.00		Total
Clergy Manse	0.00		69,062.45
Wedding Bell ringers	4.50		
Wedding Flowers	0.00		uncleared cheques from 2020 as at 31st January 2021
Walsingham Payments 2020	5,569.00		0.00
Walsingham Deposits - Children's Pilgrimage	0.00		Total Payments 2020
Walsingham Payments 2020 - via FHR Christopher exper	50.00		£ 69,062.45
Refund from Walsingham WCTA	120.00		
Funeral Collection - Additional Curate	25.00		
External Lights - HCLT repayment	4,800.00		
	Sub Total		
	£ 11,783.80		
Total	168,462.70		
Uncleared cheques as at 31st December 2020	0.00		
Bank balance at 1st January 2020	26,794.63		
Total Receipts 2020	136,727.33		
Fabric Fund Transfers & Restricted Funds Receipts	£ 41,136.31		
Entries for items NOT PCC Income see Note 1 **	£ 11,698.00		
Income (excl funds * and **)	£ 80,243.62		
Actual Income (excl Bank Bf from 2019)	£ 85,648.39		

* = Restricted Funds ** = NON PCC Funds

Note 1 - Items marked ** are entries for amounts that were banked/paid out that were NOT part of the PCC's Income/Expenditure.
For example The Christingle Service Collection is paid directly, via the PCC bank account, to The Children's Society but in no way benefits the Parish Fund.
The items are shown in this report for accounting purposes only.
Be aware the Community Bank Account has liabilities of Walsingham Pilgrimage deposits for the 2020 Pilgrimage and £10,000 Legacy from Ian White's £6.
Also the balance of the 3 years income for the Family Office.

The Parish of St PETER and St LEONARD HORBURY with St JOHN HORBURY BRIDGE

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2020

	General Fund	ABC Group	Tuesday Fellowship	JAMS Group	250 Club	Fabric Funds	Yorkshire B Soc - Saver Account	H&A Shaw Trust Fund	2020	Totals	2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Monetary assets											
Bank Community Accounts	66,214.88	216.50	0.00	0.00	178.17	4,986.47		653.42	72,249.44		33,068.68
Saver Account							31,250.74		31,250.74		31,095.27
Bank Business Premium Account									0.00		0.00
Bank Business Base Rate Tracker									0.00		0.00
Cash in Hand	0.00	0.00	0.00	254.21	157.00				411.21		338.21
Total cash and bank	66,214.88	216.50	0.00	254.21	335.17	4,986.47	31,250.74	653.42	£103,911.39		64,502.16
Other assets											
Debtors											
Total debtors	0.00								0.00		0.00
Investment assets											
286.041 Charinco income shares value at 31/12/2020 Held by the Diocese	546.60								546.60		558.07
Total investment assets									£546.60		558.07
Liabilities											
Uncleared cheques at 31st Dec 2020	0.00										
Total Liabilities	0.00								£0.00		0.00

Restricted Funds *

**The Parish of St PETER and St LEONARD HORBURY
with St JOHN HORBURY BRIDGE**
Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st. December 2020

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds
	2019	2020	
	£	£	£
RECEIPTS			
Voluntary Income	44119.03	37130.36	
Other Voluntary Income	3016.00	5081.00	
Restricted Funds	43445.70		32059.58
Donations/Legacies	12890.50	1889.00	466.00
Events and Activities	13491.15	2492.90	1627.93
Other Income	3335.03	3557.57	
Non PCC Income	13029.31	11898.00	
Income from Sales	912.10	1742.36	
Income from Trading & Church Fees	10998.19	3555.20	
Income from Investments & A/C Transfers etc	12078.00		6982.80
Sub Totals 2020		67346.39	41136.31
Total Receipts	£157,315.01		£108,482.70
PAYMENTS	£	£	£
Grants	0.00		
Missions and Church societies	150.00	164.50	
Relating to the Work of the Church	42847.86	18329.59	
Church Running Expenses	16584.33	15501.72	
Upkeep of Services	5390.38	2923.57	
Church Maintenance	42370.72	7423.99	
Parish Room and Hall	45.00	63.28	
Major Works	0.00	0.00	
Trading	279.96	279.96	
Salaries/Wages/Honoraria	7952.88	10524.72	
Administration	4907.25	4770.44	
Non PCC Expenditure	12951.60		7385.27
Other Expenditure	16232.23	1644.01	51.40
Sub Totals 2020		61625.78	7436.67
Total Payments	£149,712.21		£69,062.45
<i>Uncleared Cheques from previous period</i>	£0.00		£0.00
Surplus for Year	2019 £7,602.80	2020 £5,720.61	£33,699.64
Bank Deposit and Current Accounts 1st January	£19,191.83		£26,794.63
<i>Uncleared cheques as at 31st December</i>	£0.00		£0.00
Bank Deposit and Current Accounts 31st December	£26,794.63		£66,214.88

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2020 which are set out on pages 1 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner.

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed

It is my responsibility to:

- * Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act)
- * to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act: and
- * to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiners statement:

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act and the Regulations have not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Name:

Address:

Fabric Fund 2020 (restricted)

	2019 £	2020 £
RECEIPTS		
QS4 Payments	6,439.64	6,439.64
Trans from Yorkshire BS Charity a/c	0.00	0.00
Trans from Comm a/c - Parish Organ Fund	321.66	51.40
Trans from Comm a/c - St Peters Choir Fund	855.00	0.00
Trans from Comm a/c - St Peters Bell Fund	2,332.46	0.00
VAT Refund - Bell Payments	9,925.74	0.00
Interest Payments	24.24	5.15
	19,898.74	6,496.19
PAYMENTS (bank transfers to Community A/C)		
St Peter's - 1st Payment to Taylors re Bells	0.00	0.00
St Peter's - 2nd Payment to Taylors re Bells	0.00	0.00
St Peter's - 3rd Payment to Taylors re Bells	10,000.00	0.00
St John's - Organ Repairs & Survey	2,078.00	2,482.80
St Peter's - Choir Fund Robes	855.00	0.00
Part QS4 Payments to Community A/C (2019/20)	4,829.73	4,500.00
	17,762.73	6,982.80

	2019	2020
Surplus for Year	2,136.01	-486.61
Fabric Fund - 1st January	3337.07	5,473.08
Fabric Fund - 31st December	5,473.08	£4,986.47

St Peter and St Leonard

Herbert and Ann Shaw Trust Fund Receipts and Payments Account

	2019		2020	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Investment Income	22.84		18.12	
Interest	1.23		0.50	
Total		24.07		18.62
PAYMENTS				
To St Peters Community Account	0.00		0.00	
Base Rate Tracker Account	0.00		0.00	
Total		0.00		0.00
Surplus for Year		24.07		18.62
Bank Business Premium Account 1st January		610.73		634.80
Bank Business Premium Account 31st December		634.80		£653.42

JAMS Group

	2019		2020	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Membership subscriptions	595.10		7.00	
Cash in Hand b/f	159.27		287.21	
Total		754.37		294.21
PAYMENTS				
Materials/Toys/Misc	167.16		0.00	
To St Peter's & St John's Community Account	300.00		40.00	
Total		467.16		40.00
Surplus for Year		127.94		-33.00
Cash in Hand 1st January		159.27		287.21
Cash in Hand 31st December		287.21		£254.21

250 CLUB

	2019		2020	
RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£
Membership subscriptions (Cash)	284.00		346.00	
Membership subscriptions (Cheques to Bank)	48.00		12.00	
Cash in Hand from previous year	107.00		51.00	
Total		439.00		409.00
PAYMENTS				
Prize Draws Cash	240.00		240.00	
Choir Robes Donation (Cash)	100.00		0.00	
Gift to Church (Cheque)	500.00		0.00	
Cheques to Bank	48.00		12.00	
Total		888.00		252.00
	2018		2019	
Surplus (Cash in Hand)		51.00		157.00
Bank Deposit and Community Account 1st January		618.17		166.17
Bank Deposit and Community Account 31st December		166.17		£178.17
Bank + Cash in Hand		217.17		£335.17

ABC GROUP

	2019		2020	
RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£
Membership subscriptions	545.50		216.50	
Cash in Hand	0.00		0.00	
Grant (Community Chest and Donation)	0.00		0.00	
Total		545.50		216.50
PAYMENTS				
Catering/Materials	0.00		0.00	
St Peter's & St John's Churches	545.50		216.50	
Miscellaneous Expenditure	0.00		0.00	
Cash in Hand	0.00		0.00	
Total		545.50		216.50
	2018		2019	
Surplus for Year		0.00		0.00
Cash in Hand 1st January		0.00		0.00
Cash in Hand 31st December		0.00		£0.00