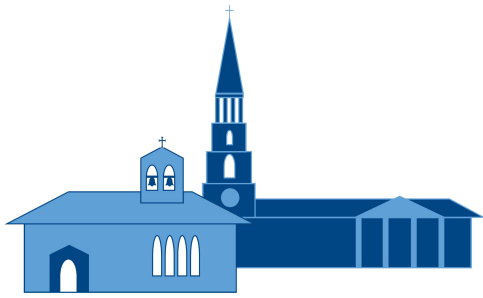


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Unusually for our parish, I am writing this introductory letter to the Annual Report after Easter, as we have pushed our annual meeting in to May to avoid the sabbatical I undertook from the beginning of January to the end of March. St John's account 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)

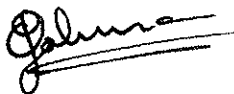
Lynda Wigelsworth
David Holdsworth
Beverley Gordon (from APCM)
Janet Ramsdale
Leonard Sanderman
Margaret Holwell
Fr Christopher Johnson (*ex-officio*)
Neil Cudworth
Kevin McGetrick (to 14th July)
Helen Sage (from September)
Fr Christopher Johnson (*ex-officio*)
Barbara Panton

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

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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	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.