THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL TEAM PARISH OF MIRFIELD

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Activities

Objects: PROMOTING IN THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE CHURCH.

Activities: An ecclesiastical parish within the Church of England. Pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical activities. Maintenance responsibilities for the Parish Churches of St Mary, Mirfield, St Paul, Eastthorpe and St John, Upper Hopton . Maintenanceof Church House building and Parish Hall in Church Lane , Mirfield.

Classification

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

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Geography

- Kirklees

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£240,390	£379,258	-	-
2023-12-31	£222,886	£274,779	-	-
2022-12-31	£174,369	£177,641	-	-
2021-12-31	£176,435	£153,531	-	-
2020-12-31	£145,747	£143,752	-	-

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Hugh Crispin Baker	Chair	2013-02-28
ANNE LESLEY HEELEY		2013-02-28
BARRY HAMBLING		2013-02-28
CHRIS BREARE		2013-02-28
DAVID MELLOR BROOKE		2013-02-28
HELEN FRANCES WALKER		2024-04-28
Katharine Margaret Crossley		2024-04-28
LAUREN MONTGOMERY-BELL		2013-02-28
RUTH ANNE EDWARDS		2013-02-28
RUTH MARGARET KING		2024-04-28
Rev HELEN CAROLE BUTLER		2013-02-28
Rosemary Elizabeth Durrans		2025-05-11
STEPHEN RICHARD BUTLER		2013-02-28
SUSAN AUCKLAND		2024-04-28
SUSAN PATRICIA WHEATLEY YOUNG		2024-04-28
TIMOTHY JOHN GRACE		2024-04-28
Tanya Bintcliffe		2025-05-11

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ANNUAL REPORT 2024

Please note that questions for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) to be held on Sunday 11th May 2025, at St Mary's, following the 10.30am Service, are to be submitted in writing prior to the Meeting.

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REVD HUGH BAKER - Report for the Year 2024 from the Vicar of Mirfield Team Parish

2024	St. Mary's	St. Paul's	St. John's	Crem	TOTAL
Baptisms	18	0	7		20
Weddings	5	0	0		5
Funerals	12	0	5	17	34
Confirmation	0	0	0		
Average Sunday attendance	57	0	25		82

As always, the detail of the highs and lows of our Parish life is to be found in the various reports that make up the rest of this document. I am very grateful to our Church Wardens and other group coordinators for their contributions, and I hope you will take the time to read and fully appreciate the amount of work that has been carried out over the past year.

2024 saw the beginning of plans for a year of Mission in 2025. Part of this was to start looking at the workings of the Parish through the eyes of 5 Mission Priorities. This was to try and force our attention into areas that are important for growth and development but which often get pushed to one side by the more immediately pressing matters of money and buildings. The Priorities identified are:

- Sharing the Good News
- Welcome and nurturing new believers
- Support our community around us
- Social justice
- The Planet, care for our environment.

I am going to try and frame my report within these 5 areas. There is some overlap between the categories so my apologies if you think something should more naturally fall under a different heading.

Sharing the Good news.

Week by week and day by day we share the good news in our churches and with one another, through our liturgy with its space for Bible readings, Sermons and intercessions. It seems fitting that we start with the Worship that we offer to God. My thanks go to all who make this work possible: The clergy, Helen, Graeme and Chris, our Assistants, servers and administrators, those who provide us with music and our choirs. For 2024 of course our organist and choir master was Scott Senogles and I record my heartfelt thanks to him but my thanks are also going out in early recognition to those who have stepped into the roles as Scott moved to Pontefract in early 2025: Garth, Owen, Chris and Mark. I would like to thank those who Read for us and those who offer up intercession on our behalf.

It naturally follows that this worship is more easily done in the familiar surroundings of our churches. Even when we turn our attention to Mission and Outreach it can't be totally at the expense of maintenance and buildings. Both St. Mary's and St. John's have been through major works over 2024, the Roofs at St. Mary's and the Tower at St. John's. For more detail, please refer to the respective reports. In this report I simply want to offer thanks those who have worked so hard as Wardens: Anne and Stephen at St. John's, Chris at St. Mary's and Tim at St. Paul's, I also need to thank the wider PCC, the respective

Business Teams and Friends groups for all they have contributed over the year, they have all done so much but I would like to mention St. Mary's Business Team under the chair of Stephen Durrans which has started to lift the load most effectively in like manner to its counterpart at St. John's.
I would also like to thank Tim for the work that he has done over 2024 as Warden at St. Paul's. The last service for St. Paul's took place on 8th of September and the building is now in the hands of the Diocese awaiting final sale. This has not been and easy road to follow for all sorts of reasons, but Tim's input has helped immensely to move this forward in the most positive way possible.

Again, with sharing the Good News in mind we are given opportunities to meet with people where they are through the Occasional Offices: Baptism, Weddings and Funerals. Once again it is our buildings that allow us to provide the space for these, and clean and tidy buildings speak clearly of our love for God and his world so my thanks to all who keep our churches in a tidy state and those that decorate them with flowers. We are also well blessed with the services of our two vergers for Weddings and Funerals, Ruth at St. Mary's and Annete at St. John's and those who support and uphold the Baptism Ministry, Sue at St. John's and Kath at St. Mary's.

Welcome and nurturing new believers.

Welcoming is something that we should all be involved with and my thanks go to everyone who do make visitors feel at home in our churches, especially my thanks to those who take on the official role of Sides people and Welcomers. The welcome and the nurture that we offer to children who we have contact with is extremely important and so my thanks go to Anne and her team at St. John's and Kath and hers at St. Mary's. Our statistics show that there were no confirmations in 2024, what they do not show is that preparation was taking place for the confirmations that were held in Wakefield Cathedral on the 9th February 2025. Nurturing and caring for new believers and indeed the whole of our congregation and wider community is extremely important. We try to keep everyone as safe as possible and this is most important when it comes to children and vulnerable adults. Safeguarding is at the heart of this and my thanks goes especially to Maggie Richardson and Kath Crossley for all that they are doing to make sure that we meet the high standards that are expected of us to ensure the safety of all.

Support our community around us

How do we connect and support those around us? We could mention the Occasional Offices but these have already been included in our first category. There are though many other ways we bring support.

1. <u>With our local Schools:</u>
   We have three Primary Schools: Crowlees, Crossley Fields, Lower Hopton; and one secondary school Castle Hall in our Parish and over 2024 we have had varying amounts of contact and interaction with them. We have invited them into our churches, we have visited them for assemblies on a weekly basis with Crowlees and, also with Crowlees we have been very active in the Governance with Helen as Chair of Governors and both Graeme and myself on the Governing Body.
2. <u>Pre-schools:</u>
   Both St. Mary's and St. John's have a good contact with preschool provision and have invited these children into our churches
3. Community Meeting spaces:
   At St. John's there is the Hall at Croft house that is run jointly by the PCC and the local Community and was a provision that became available for this use originally through the church. At. St. Mary's, we have the Community Centre which has a number of rooms and Halls for community use and meetings. My thanks goes to the small team that have looked after this resource especially my thanks goes to Lauren Montgomery for the work, she does to manage that team, thanks also go to Laruen for her wider Administration role and work with our wedding bookings. The financial gain from the Centre is very good but it also provides a lot for the community. It is the home for many of the Mirfield "Scouts" groups and at the last count some 17 other activities enjoyed by the local

community. It also means that the Mirfield Team Parish Pantomime can continue to entertain so many of us each year.

4. Warm Space/ Friendship café:
   Every Saturday morning throughout 2024 and into 2025 a group has provided warmth, companionship, food and welcome to local people. My sincere thanks to Ruth, Helen and the rest of the Team for this consistent and caring project which has benefited many over the years it has been running.
5. Walking group:
   This has proved to be a very popular activity run by the church for the benefit of the local community. My thanks to Chris Barker and his team for the organising and running of this much enjoyed group.
6. Graveyard Gang:
   Our graveyards are open spaces that are enjoyed by local residents but need to be constantly attended to if they are to be made best use of. Much effort and care goes into their maintenance and at St. Mary's much of this is carried out by the Graveyard Gang led by Chris Barker. In addition to the regular care for the environment and wildlife we also provide opportunities for a local charity to involve their users in outdoor activities.
7. Pay Back scheme:
   The Pay Back scheme involves those who have been given community orders by the courts and are ordered to do so many hours work for the community. This work is supervised by the Probation service and we provide opportunities for them to work at St. Mary's Churchyard.
8. Drop in for chat and cake:
   In addition to the Friendship café on a Saturday mornings we also offer times when both our churches are open for anyone to come in, share in some refreshments and conversation and enjoy the peace of the buildings. It is surprising how many do take advantage of this and the variety of reasons people have for wanting to visit the local church. Over 2024 this work was organized by Marjory Utterly and my thanks goes to her for this.
9. Craft group:
   The craft group is open to anyone to enjoy and meets at St. John's, another opportunity for people to meet together and to learn new skills.
10. Hand bell ringers:
    The hand bells were restored to their former glory using money given by Margaret Richardson for this purpose and they are being well used and to good effect by a dedicated band of ringers who have now performed at a number of services and are really mastering the art.
11. The Young singers group:
    This group for local children was set up by Scott and assisted by Chris Shedd and gives the opportunity for children to enjoy singing together. It is to be hoped that we will be able to revive this group when a replacement for Scott is found later this year.

Social Justice

We hold the world and the imbalances we see all around us in our prayers each week asking God to guide us in ways that will help to address these. We actively support Christian Aid, the Children's Society and the local food banks with our donations. Over 2024 one of the major thrusts of our support has been in sending aid to Ukraine, my thanks to Ruth for all that she has done to keep this important project in our hearts and minds over the year.

The Planet, care for our environment.

Some of the things that have already been mentioned in the Community section above could easily fit here, particularly the work done in our graveyards. I would highlight the care for the wildlife that is taken when decision are made about how the spaces are managed. However, I would in addition like to mention

the work that has been done by Tanya who has taken on some of the work of an Environment Officer for us. Her work has meant that we are now registered with the Eco Church scheme that helps churches think through what they can do to be more Eco friendly. There are surveys that are being completed at both churches and to spur us on our way there are different levels of achievement that can be recognised with bronze, silver and gold awards. We are well on our way to Silver at the moment but there is much to do.

Just one additional note, all of the above needs to be financed in one form or another, so my thanks to all who gave so generously over the year, to those who remember the Parish in their will, those who worked so hard on our Fundraising Team and especial thanks to David Brooke for his work as treasurer keeping all of this in fine order.

From all the above you will see that there is quite a lot going on and I commend all that is there, with my apologies if something is missing or misrepresented. God calls us to his work in the world. Mission 25 is an attempt to make sure that we are responding and responding in the right areas and in the right way. Please hold all that is being done in your prayers and, in addition, look carefully at the 5 areas of Mission that have been identified and ask what more we could be doing, and, in a more focused way, what is your part in that.
With every blessing.

Hugh.

THE BUSINESS OF THE FULL PCC

Membership of the PCC

The PCC consists of:

Clergy	Revd Hugh Crispin Baker (Vicar and Chair)	
	Revd Helen Butler	
	Revd Graeme Blackwell	
	Revd Chris Shedd (retired and stepping in on a regular basis)	
Wardens	From St Mary's	Chris Barker
	From St John's	Anne Heeley
		Stephen Bulter
	From St Paul's	Tim Grace
PCC Members	From St Mary's	Lauren Montgomery-Bell
		Ruth Edwards
		Helen Grace (Walker)
	From St John's	Chris Breare
		Susan Auckland
		Susan Young
	From St Paul's	David Brooke
		Rachel Copley
		Barney Blackwell
Deanery Synod Reps		Barry Hambling
		Ruth King
Ex Officio Child Protection Officer		Maggie Richardson

Health & Safety Advisor	Stephen Butler

There were 6 PCC meetings and 6 Standing Committee Meetings held in 2024.

The officers to the PCC were:	Lay Chair	Ruth King
	Secretary	Tanya Bintcliffe
	Treasurer	David Brooke

ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT – Lauren Montgomery-Bell [Electoral Roll Officer]

Every 6 years the old Electoral Roll is discarded in favour of a new one and a new Roll was created for 2025 to be effective at the Annual Meeting in May 2025.

At the 9th April 2025 the new Roll stands at 42 for St John's, 66 for St Mary's with a further 6 joint registrations, giving a total Roll of 114. These includes no new enrolments

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FINANCIAL REPORT – David Brooke

2024 was another 'challenging' year financially for the Parish. Income decreased by nearly £4,000 on 2023 – and expenditure increased by over £5,000.
There was a decrease in income from planned giving, gift aid, collections and donations, etc of £2,800 and income from fees decreased by £3,800. However, income from fundraising increased by nearly £2,800.
The Parish Centre contribution to general funds was again £10,000 – and income received from the letting of St Paul's Church brought into general funds nearly £5,000 in the year. Income into general funds was £108k (2023: £112k).

In expenditure - there was an increase in running costs (gas, electricity, water and insurance) of over £3,000 and Office and other Costs increased by nearly £2,000. Expenditure from general funds (before the parish share contribution) was £60.5k (2023: £55.5k).
All of this resulted in a surplus in general funds (before the parish share contribution) of £47.5k (2023: £56.5k). Parish share paid in 2024 £30,000 (2023: £64,200).
In previous years, reserves had been used to increase the parish share contribution resulting in reserves being almost used up in 2024. This was a situation that could not be maintained. To remain within our budget and replenish our reserves, a reduced contribution of the parish share was made in 2024. In 2025 we are hoping to increase our contribution while remaining in budget.
Going forward - the fundraising group are hoping to raise about £12k of income and it is hoped that the Parish Centre income will also be increased to £12k.
Restricted funds have been used during the year for major repairs to St Mary's Church and St John's Church (with funds provided by the Friends of Upper Hopton Church).
Thank you to all the people who give regularly and generously to Mirfield Team Parish so that the work of Mirfield Team Parish can be maintained and our Churches can be open for all to be made welcome!

David Brooke
Treasurer

SAFEGUARDING REPORT – Maggie Richardson

Maggie Richardson remains as Safeguarding Officer with Kath Crossley working alongside. We both meet regularly to discuss the challenges presented by safeguarding and the enormity of the task especially the rapid changing of policies and procedures. Due to this we have now started to meet regularly with the clergy to discuss these issues, how to implement them as well any other business concerning Safeguarding within the parish.

Progress has been made this year with the PCC and their approval of Safeguarding policies and procedures. The Safeguarding Policy, the Action Plan and the policy for the Recruitment of Ex Offenders were all approved by PCC in September.
Safeguarding procedures including; Responding to Allegations, complying with the Church of England guidance on Appropriate Boundaries and the Lone Working policy were all agreed by the PCC in the Autumn.

In addition, great strides have been made by PCC members undertaking the required Safeguarding Training. Last summer three group training sessions were organised by Hugh and Maggie for those who preferred this option. We ended the year with the majority having completed their training which was a very positive step forward.

DBS applications have been a large task throughout the year and is time consuming on everyone, however we end the year with the majority who require a DBS having completed their applications.

In the Autumn we started to focus our attention on MTP activities and the policies that need to be in place. This is a huge task as it will require Risk Assessments for all activities and Safer Recruitment processes as per the Church of England's Safer Recruitment and People Management Guidance. This area will be the main focus in 2025.

Safe Storage of records has now moved from St Johns to a locked filing cabinet in
St Mary's. The Filing cabinet offers more space than the safe at St John's.

We would like to express our thanks to everyone who has complied with our requests to undertake training and producing ID documentation for DBS checks.

Maggie Richardson Safeguarding Officer

Kath Crossley

CHURCH WARDEN'S REPORT – ST MARY'S CHURCH – Chris Barker

I began last year's report with how Graeme Blackwell and his very talented family had joined us like a whirlwind. Graeme immediately raised the profile of the Team Parish on social media – Facebook, Mirfield Matters, our own church website and also settling into all aspects of parish life – Sunday and midweek services, baptisms, marriages, funerals, school worship, confirmation classes, PCC meetings, Business Team, Pastoral work and much more. This continued through his first year as Deacon, then on Saturday 22nd June he was duly ordained to the Priesthood by Bishop Smitha at Dewsbury Minster. Graeme celebrated Sung Eucharist the next day, followed by a Faith lunch or banquet more like. Graeme has continued to be heavily involved in the Team Parish as well as in services at Christ the King; a real treasure!

Congratulations to Ruth Edwards on her British Empire Medal, which is richly deserved, for her services to the community in Mirfield where she works tirelessly in too many projects and activities to list. She does so much for St Mary's, as verger, flower arranger, organising the Friendship café, collecting to send lorries and their contents to the Ukraine, tribute nights, Christmas lunches – like a stick of rock, Ruth's name goes right through the middle.

Some stalwarts have resigned or moved away. In February Scott Senogles finished as Director of Music, his last service was on Ash Wednesday (5th March) but after a joint service on 2nd March he was presented with a cheque and framed picture of our three churches. Scott has put together a full programme of recitals for 2025. He has served faithfully for 20 years, travelling from Castleford to take services at both churches, organise choir practices, starting Mirfield Junior Singers, putting together organ recitals, playing for weddings and funerals, as well as being on the PCC. A very talented musician and singer he demanded very high standards of himself and his choirs.
We are fortunate to have the services of four organists who have volunteered to fill the breach following Scott's resignation:

- Garth Robinson, who was once organist and choirmaster here at St Mary's and already playing and organising the choir.
- Chris Royle, who lives locally.
- Owen Ryder, who plays the organ regularly at St John's and is no stranger to our organ.
- Mark Jennings, who played the organ at St Paul's.

The choir is singing at St Mary's and St John's on alternate Sundays until we can recruit more members. Susan Smith is moving to the North East to be closer to Stephanie and Andrew. She has been long time PCC secretary and choir member. She is very organised and knowledgeable in both church and musical matters and does so much behind the scenes. In preparation for her move she is already beginning to master the Geordie dialect and is learning about local footballing legends, which will boost her credibility!!

Tanya Bintcliffe has 'hit the ground running' and is doing a great job as Parish Secretary, for which we are very grateful. Tanya is also working hard to improve our standing as an Eco Church and also looking at how we can move forward with Mission 2025. This includes:

- Improving facilities so that we can welcome and nurture present and future members, including those with disabilities.
- Ways of supporting and including our community around us.
- How we care for our environment.
- Social justice/

We are also grateful to Maggie Richardson for stepping into the role of Safeguarding Officer, which involves making sure everyone in responsible positions has completed the required safeguarding training to make our church a safe place for children, young people and vulnerable adults particularly.

We are indebted to our clergy, lay ministers and pastoral team for their leadership, all they do in services throughout the year, baptisms, weddings, funerals, visiting the sick and housebound members, working in schools and Children's Church and in so many ways that go un-noticed.

Huge thanks must go to our treasurer, David Brooke, for the way in which he manages and accounts for the church's finances. Especially this year when he has to manage the Parish Share, balance rising energy and maintenance costs, the large cost and bills for our restoration work with our increasingly smaller income. Helping with this are our Budget and Strategy Team and our Fundraising Committee.

It is very heartwarming to see increasingly growing numbers of regular and new worshippers, visitors and new faces who come through our doors for services Carol concerts, brass bands, school concerts, special services at Christmas and Easter, organ recitals, Open Days, Remembrance and we thank especially those who organise, prepare them and clear up afterwards. We have a great team here at St Mary's that will step up and help to make events and activities go smoothly. One exceptionally hard-working group are those who help at the Friendship Café, collecting food from supermarkets, preparing meals, organising activities

and tidying away afterwards, dispensing unused food. The same can be said for the volunteers who help run the Christmas Day meal specially for those who might be or live on their own.

Building work started at St Mary's on the 29th of July and was due to be completed 12 weeks later on the 25th of October. On removing slates on the lower south roof a layer of tar and horsehair was found, this was removed and replaced with felting. The West door was restored, Yorkshire stone slabs were set where stone slabs had been stolen, coping stones were cemented where there were leaks on the upper roof, down pipes replaced and much work was done to the roofs and valleys above the choir vestry, windows were removed in the West End around the font and also in the clergy vestry. The organ was covered with a plastic sheet for when the organ roof was to be repaired. Unfortunately, during this period, the roof subcontractors were called to other work for two to three weeks, also young apprentices were left to do work found later not to be up to the standard. The work could not be finished on time, the long-drawn-out process contributed to a late completion and severe weather caused further delays into 2025.
Snow melt, Storm Bert and heavy rain caused water ingress which damaged a section of the organ. Work on the church continued through January and was finally completed and signed off by the architect on the 28th February.

This now leaves Phase two which includes fixing the organ roof, dealing with dry rot, protecting the organ while this happens. The Business Team have investigated possible ways forward whether to protect the organ in situ or move it until the work is complete. This will be very expensive, so the team are looking into future fund raising. The dry rot will have to be dealt with and the organ roof made good. They decided that creating a 'Friends of St Mary's' group was needed. This would increase St. Mary's income and also church attendance, they are exploring options of how this could be done. A project to improve the lighting in church may have to be put on hold.

In October we had a Mission 25 meeting to evaluate how we need to progress from our Communication, Confidence and Connections 24 (areas in which we are doing well and areas where we need to improve). It links conveniently with Chapter 2 which is looking to maximise capital coming into church through inclusion and involvement of the wider community. We had a very successful Pilgrimage when our Team Parish joined with Christ the King walking from St. John's to St Paul's then to St Mary's and on to Christ the King with refreshment at each church and a celebration of the Eucharist at Battyeford. The Pilgrimage gave the opportunity for reflection, worship, discussion and social interaction. It should be noted that St Paul's has now closed, an Open Day was followed by a service led by Bishop Smitha.

In the months leading up to Christmas we had some very well attended concerts by the Hammond's and Black Dyke Brass Bands, Honley Male Voice Choir also Organ Recitals including one by Gordon Stewart. The Christingle Service was also well attended as was the Live Nativity (an emergency prevented the donkey from being there but we had two lively goats and the Uniformed Organisations provided more than enough angels, shepherds and wise men). Our Carol Concert was well supported by a full congregation and our Crib, Midnight and Christmas Day services went wonderfully well. Crowlees, Crossley Fields and Castle Hall schools had their concerts. Huge thanks and appreciation must go to all our clergy for leading these inspirational and meaningful services and for the super singing by the choir and organ playing by Scott. In and amongst these events our handbell group gave excellent performances at Kirkheaton, Hopton Cottages Care Home and at both carol services. Andy Muckle gave a very moving and inspiring talk about the work at St George's Crypt. Thanks must go to those who organised the very enjoyable Christmas Lunch, which gains in popularity. Our cleaning team did sterling work to clear the dust and cobwebs following the building work.

The Graveyard Gang are a small group of volunteers looking after a huge 9-acre site. They take pride in creating a graveyard where visitors can find peace, access neat, tidy graves, sit and enjoy a wide range of flora and fauna and discover the heritage of Mirfield's past. We have achieved 'Outstanding' in the Yorkshire in Bloom Competition and the judges recommend we step up to the Parks and Open Spaces category. The charity Open Country have helped us on regular occasions, they work with those who have learning difficulties. Payback teams come for weekly sessions and we have help from Duke of Edinburgh pupils. We hope to initiate a Wellness Project from the local community and those recommended by the

Health Centre. At a recent meeting we have looked into recruitment, risk assessment and safeguarding, fundraising to cover the cost of fuel, machine servicing, tree maintenance. Future projects include drainage of the lower churchyard and fencing/hedging for the graveyard extension. We have received advice from Wakefield and Bradford Cathedrals on their Peregrine Projects. Peregrines have been seen on and around St Mary's and we are looking at the pros, cons and benefits that installing a box/table on the tower would bring.

We had a super Open Day. After two rain affected ones, we could not have had a better day. People streamed in to find activities inside and out: Irish dancing, karate and Tai Chi demonstrations, organ and piano playing, handbells, displays, stalls, raffle, tombolas, tower tours, games, Katie Philpott dancers. It was a superb team effort and an excellent result financially.

We have a large number of groups or teams which include members who may not necessarily attend church services but still have a deep feeling and calling to be associated with St Mary's. This reflects the mission and outreach that we extend to our local community and which we hope to maximise in the near future. Well established is the Welcome Café; the Handbell Group is steadily recruiting new members and have signed up to an increasing number of performances. Healthy Walks continues to put on walks from St Mary's and St John's. Each month a cleaning group springs into action; each Sunday a small group support Open Church allowing visitors a time to pray, meditate, admire the architecture, discover our heritage or chat over a cup of tea. Thanks to all who participate, organise or help to keep these groups functioning. There are many others who do valuable work and who we rarely mention but who deserve our hugest gratitude.

Our Parish Magazine continues to flourish, reaching out to the community and far-flung places, and manages to make a small profit for church funds thanks to generous donations, many of which are Gift Aided.

One notable event was the Confirmation Service at Wakefield Cathedral lead by Bishop Nick. It was a wonderful service and a joy to see Jon, Elliot and Struan being confirmed.

In September we had an energy expenditure assessment by Mondes Project Ltd. as part of our pathway to Net Zero. This Net Zero Carbon Audit was followed by a webinar to aid in planning for decarbonisation.
A very moving film, 'Silent Night' was shown in church highlighting a convoy of vehicles taking supplies to war-torn Ukraine. Ruth Edwards was responsible for raising money and obtaining sponsorship for this expedition.
On a sad note, we reflect on the passing of our friend, chorister, stalwart of St Mary's, Chris Hargrave and the beautiful service, music and singing at his funeral. In October a number from church attended the funeral of Rev'd Canon Jim Mellors at Leyburn.

We had an instructional evening on the use of a defibrillator by an ex-member of the Royal Marines. These important instructions, when seconds are vital, can save lives in the event of an emergency.
Last but certainly not least we are indebted to the work done in church by Helen Butler and Kath Crossley. Helen for her work with children from our local schools, for all the activities and visits she does with them and also the visit by U3A who toured the church and churchyard to explore and discover our history and heritage. Kath for her work with Children's Church but also for her work in visiting parents and preparing them for their child's baptism. She is heavily involved in organising and promoting Cursillo.
I am very, very much aware of all those that I haven't mentioned by name but who do so much valuable work for St Mary's – you deserve our gratitude and are very much appreciated.

ST MARY'S BUSINESS TEAM – Stephen Durrans

Following a meeting between Hugh Baker and myself in April 2024, the need for a dedicated St Mary's Business Team was formally established, with myself appointed as Chair. The Team's primary purpose is to take full responsibility for the care and maintenance of the fabric of St Mary's Church building. As an immediate priority, the outstanding 2019 Quinquennial Report needed to be addressed.
My first objective was to gather a good team of volunteer members with the necessary skills to achieve the new Business Team goals. I was pleased to be enthusiastically supported over the following months, with members joining to create the great Team that we now have.

The founding members of the Business Team are:

Stephen Durrans - Chair
Hugh Baker
Chris Barker
Graeme Blackwell
David Brooke
Rosemary Durrans
Tim Grace
Peter King
Ruth King
Jayne Law
Fraser Turner
Helen Walker
Our first meeting took place on 2nd May 2024, and we have since held 10 productive meetings, working steadily toward our goals.
Key Decisions and progress made to date:

Quinquennial report
Tenders were received to address major repairs to the Tower and Roof outlined in the Quinquennial report. After a full tendering process the contract was awarded to Pinnacle at a projected cost of £222,986. Stephen Dixon was appointed as Chief Architect to manage the scheme. This project is now satisfactorily 95% complete but has had to come to a managed halt due to ingress of water damaging the organ, which is the subject of an insurance claim. It has also become clear that there is a risk to the organ if repairs are made to the roof without further consideration.

Organ
Quotes to disassemble the organ, store and reassemble have been received from Spinks & Co suggesting costs in excess of £100k. This solution has to-date been discounted as unaffordable.
The Team has since appointed James Northing as our incumbent repairs and maintenance builder. We are now working on a scheme prepared by James and Fraser to produce a scheme of works that will allow the repair of the roof without moving the organ. Both James and Fraser are optimistic this is possible. This will be presented to Stephen Dixon shortly.

Northern Gas
A deal has been struck with Northern Gas to sell a plot of land below the Community Centre for a NG gas equipment upgrade. The price agreed was £10k for a complete freehold purchase and was subject to NG replacing FOC the rusty Gas Monitor cover in the grounds. This is all progressing and is very near legal completion.

A Bat survey has been carried out at a cost of £500 with no evidence of Bats found.

Church Lighting.
A project to upgrade the church lighting has been approved and awarded to Alectrifix. Work is ongoing.

Electrical Condition report.
A contract has been awarded to Testing Services to carry out the latest Electrical Condition report.
Other Key Initiatives

- A database of suitable grant-making bodies is being developed.
- A new "Maintenance Programme" is in development to support future budget planning.
- A Capital Asset Register is being created to improve record-keeping.

Community Centre and Church Hall management.
It has been agreed that management of the Community Centre and Church Building will be combined under the Business Team. This will streamline operations and budgeting. A full financial review of the Community Centre's income and expenditure is currently underway.
Chapter Two Project Group
Given ongoing discussions about the future use of our large, beautiful building and the ongoing costs of its upkeep, a new working group—Chapter Two—has been established.
Its purpose is to brainstorm and develop a "Ten-Year Roadmap" for St Mary's. This group consists of the Business Team members, with the addition of Helen Butler, representing the wider parish. The group has met twice so far and is gathering ideas. Site research visits to four local churches have been planned to learn from similar challenges elsewhere.
One of the most impactful early outcomes, approved by the PCC, is to form a new Friends of St Mary's group. Its main focus will be fundraising for the Church building's maintenance. We are currently seeking volunteers for key roles: Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. A new logo and branding are also in development. If you're interested in supporting this group, please get in touch. We're thrilled to report that Helen Brooke and local MP Kim Leadbeater have already signed up—an encouraging start!

Note. This report is a summary of the actions and decisions of the Business Team and does not attempt to record every detail of all the decisions and actions made. If any further information is required or clarity sought, please do not hesitate to ask.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Business Team for their fantastic support and professional dedication. Their enthusiasm has allowed the new management Team to hit the ground running and achieve significant progress in just under a year. It's a pleasure to work alongside such a capable and committed team.

The date of the next Chapter Two meeting will be 12th of June 6.30pm. Venue Tim and Helens

The date of the next Business Team meeting will be 19th of June 6.30pm. Venue Stephen and Rosemary's

Stephen Durrans
St Mary's Business Team Chairman
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CHURCH WARDEN'S REPORT – ST JOHN'S CHURCH – Anne Heeley and Stephen Butler

Wardens' Reports – St John's Church January to December 2024
The Business Team, consisting of Revd Hugh Baker (Chair), Revd Graeme Blackwell, Anne Heeley, Stephen Butler, Wardens, Sue Auckland, Chris Breare, Linda Hutchinson, John Sykes, and Sue Young with Owen Ryder attending when he could, met on six occasions in 2024, the January meeting by Zoom and then at St John's.

Graeme's priesting on the 22 June at Dewsbury Minster was a lovely occasion as was the whole weekend.

OUTREACH INTO THE COMMUNITY
Pre-school staff and some of the parents and children came to St John's church on Monday 18 March at 9.30. when Hugh told them the Easter story, followed by an Easter egg hunt in Church. Preschool also came to services of Harvest festival and to celebrate the Christmas story.
Book Group on Monday afternoons 2pm for refreshment and 2.30-3.30 to share discussion.
The first Book Group started on February 12th and ended on March 18th and was followed by two others, one in June and then in September. There have been some lively discussions and interesting books to discuss. Thanks to Chris Shedd for leading the group.

Craft Group The newly formed Team Parish craft group meets in the meeting room on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month with 12 plus members at the start up meeting. They have made items to sell at Fundraising events for MTP. The group were at the Mirfield Show and St Mary's Fete and raised £92.00.for MTP and made poppies for Remembrance Sunday for both Churches. The craft group finished the year on a high. We had a stall at Christ the King and raised £75.00 for MTP and £150.00 plus for the tower fund. We will be back in January weather permitting and everyone is welcome to join us.

On Good Friday, visitors of all denominations participated and much appreciated the outdoor readings for the Stations of the Cross which were placed through the churchyard, culminating at the Easter Garden.
Prayer Station in a Gazebo at the Village Fete on July 29th was great success and will be held again this year. UHCA donated £250 from money raised at the Fete
The walking group met at St John's in July, September and October and came back foe refreshments after their walk.

September 14 Heritage Open Days – National Yorkshire Churches at St John's was a trial run for one next year to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Millennium Window.

FOOD BANK at St John's is still going and food donated to the Salvation Army and to Ukraine when it is needed.
OPEN CHURCH
Each Wednesday 2-4 pm, the church is open for tea and cakes and we regularly have 14+ visitors

Sunday October 6th Harvest Festival 11.15 St John's was a lovely service with the harvest gifts going to the food bank

Harvest Hail at 3pm Club which was not the success it had been in previous years but we hope for better times next year.

Dedication Festival
The Dedication Service in October went well and we were pleased to welcome Bailey Wilcock-Pickett from Halifax who preached a most wonderful sermon. A buffet lunch was enjoyed in church following the service.

Baptism
Two adult members of our congregation are preparing to be baptised during the morning Eucharist in February and hope to prepare for confirmation later next year.

November 3rd at 2.30pm Service to "Remember those we have Loved and Lost" in the churchyard was attended by 23 people who all came into church for refreshments afterwards. Roses were given out the place on the memorials to loved ones.

Posada
After last year's success, on Advent Sunday, December 1st two Posadas with 30 knitted sheep in each for the families to keep, was sent round the village and then they was brought to the Crib Service on Sunday December 24th at 6pm.

Carol Service was held on Sunday December 15h at 3pm with members of the Community reading the lessons and the newly formed Handbell ringers entertaining us beautifully in their first engagement.

Carols Round the Tree Saturday December 14th.
Hugh led the carols round the tree, a joint event hosted by Upper Hopton Community Association and St Johns, on Saturday December 16th at 6 pm. Thanks to Richard Haigh who provided the Christmas Tree, Clifton and Lightcliffe Band for leading the carols, members of both UHCA and St John's who provided the mulled wine and mince pies and to Roger for setting it all up.

Midnight Mass were well attended and enjoyed. We were grateful to Chris Royle who played the organ for the Crib Service and Midnight Mass and he is booked to play again next Christmas.
We had a problem with the service sheets at Midnight Mass as we had to use old ones, which did not fit the readings or carols. Well done to Graeme for guiding the congregation through the service.
Chris Shedd very kindly stepped in to lead the Service on Christmas morning, as Graeme was unwell. However, there was no large print service sheet and she struggled with the black print on red paper.
We need to address these issues with the service sheets before next year so it does not happen again.
Chris and Anne spent ages sorting out all the service sheets, which are now in the correct boxes for the year.

Anne and Chris were exhausted after all the Christmas service and we need more help with opening and closing the church especially in the dark. A rota has been suggested for next year.
We also need an understudy sacristan to step when in Linda is not available.

James Walker kindly donated another microphone and transmitter to improve our sound system.

TOWER RESTORATION PROJECT.
The most time-consuming project this year has been the long awaited first phase of Tower Restoration to remedy the bulging south and west walls.
The List B was granted in June.

"Containment of bulging to the south and west walls of the tower, working in vertical bands to remove outer face and rubble before rebuilding with addition of double needling and propping to transfer vertical load from the string course level to the sound masonry below the bulge. The southwest buttress is to be taken down with the building wall masonry and reconstructed as the walling courses rise with tying to the inner facings. Internal masonry, plasterwork and decoration to be reinstated once rebuilding works are complete.

The methodology for works is as set out in Brian Jones appendix A remedial work and drawing, as agreed with James Northing of Monolith Building & Restoration, who will undertake the work."

Works by Monolith Construction began on the south elevation of the tower on 5 August 2024, the scaffolding having been erected the previous week. To prevent need for Wardens and others to be present throughout the project, James Northing has been loaned a key to the church for access, the rear shed padlock for tools storage and more recently, a key to the tower for access inside.

James Northing has been in close liaison with Brian Jones, Structural Engineer, who is kindly working for us on a 'pro bono' basis. Brian has made two interim inspections of the works in progress on 12th and 15th August. It was found that the effect of the water ingress was less than first thought, but that the bulge was as much to do with a design fault that allowed a slight rotation of inadequately supported string course stone slabs.
This has meant that additional concrete blockwork was required to support the rear of the string course slabs which have been skilfully rotated back to horizontal, at additional time and cost. Resin anchor ties have been installed between the blockwork and the inner skin and stainless-steel ties between inner and outer skins have also been installed. Happily, the structure was more substantial than expected, thus reducing the need for additional concrete reinforcement.

This work to repair the bulge to the south elevation is almost complete and props have now been removed so that they can be re-used during imminent repair work on the west (window) elevation of the tower.
Stephen Butler Warden has been liaising frequently with James Northing and has received an additional estimate of £6000 inc VAT for the additional works, which includes a contingency for potential problems that may occur when work commences on the west elevation.
The Chancellor and Stephen Dixon, the MTP architect have been kept informed and has raised no additional concerns.
Work on the west elevation at the beginning of September

Brian Jones visited on the 15th October, when he inspected the work completed so far, including the new and repaired sections of the visors carved by James Northing.
Brian identified a need for some additional a localised dental repair work to the tracery that it would be advantageous to complete while the glass is removed.
An additional List B application has been approved by an emergency online vote of the PCC and the Archdeacon has granted the application.
PCC Resolution by electronic vote 28.10.2024

The MTP PCC is asked to agree to the carrying out of a localised dental repair to the vertical rib and the head of the quatrefoil tracery of the West Window in St John's Church by James Northing (t/a Monolith Building Restoration) at this time, before the glazing is reinstated. The inserts would extend back to the glazing line and to make the necessary List B application to the DAC.
The vote was unanimously in favour for agreeing the work and make the list B application to the DDC. All who voted were in favour (15) there were no objections or abstentions.

Quote from Monolith
Carving of new tracery stone £1,300.00 VAT @ 20% £260.00 TOTAL £1,560.00

James reports that all works, including the carving and installation of the new pieces of tracery stonework should be completed by Wednesday of next week and the scaffolding will be removed by the scaffolding contractor probably at alter date.

Brian Jones also called at St John's out on Friday 1 November to discuss potential next steps to complete phase two of the tower repairs.
The main priorities will be

- To correct the collapsed arch on the north side of the tower.
- To rectify the water ingress into the upper stages of the tower and divert the piping which is a problem
- To contain the movement to the north side by some form of banding. The tower has a 5-inch lean to the north.
- The adequately support the well-structured roof
- To create safe access out onto the roof
- To make the spiral staircase to the tower safe.
- To restore the cock and install a motor (Eric Robinson 01924 2663130 has serviced our clock for many years and is willing to undertake this work).

James was thanked buy everyone for the brilliant way he has restored the bulging walls. Our warden Stephen is to give him a token of our appreciation. James would be happy to meet architect, Stephen Dixon.
We owe a huge debt of gratitude to both Brian Jones, Structural Engineer and James Northing, Contactor that the major task of stabilising the lower stage of the tower has now been completed. There is still much more to do but potential disaster of collapse has thankfully been averted.

James completed his work on the tower and we are grateful to the Friends for paying his final invoice of £11,760.00 which included VAT 20% £1,960.00. The total for the whole project was £41,600

He has identified further problems eg collapsing arch, broken louvres, leaking roof and internal access and clock.
James was asked to quote for the minor project to re-plaster the toilet now that he has cured the damp

Quote for plastering toilet. James has quoted £590 +VAT = £708.
Hopefully, the Friends will fund this. Lime plaster is to be used as was originally on the wall but this is more time consuming.
PCC approval is needed before we are able to spend this money.
Action Resolution to PCC
To allow St John's Business Team to instruct James Northing to replace the peeling plaster on the toilet walls with lime plaster at a cost of £708, which will be funded by the Friends.

Following completion of the initial phase of the Tower repair, a working party to clean the church met on Saturday November 16th at 10 a.m. Several members of the community as well as the congregation, did a marvellous job of removing the dust from the pews and floors and everywhere else.

Stephen Dixon wrote to note that the next Quinquennial Inspection is due at St Johns Upper Hopton in 2025.This is an opportunity for the PCC to consider the position of Church Architect and the role going forward.
We decided to appoint Stephen Dixon as our architect,

HEALTH AND SAFETY
Graveyard Headstone survey has been completed on 9th January 2024
Just 2 that rock; the third one has a wooden cross for now. There are 2 or 3 which are leaning but safe.
Notices have been displayed on both notice boards and on the headstones
Paths in Graveyard.
Haigh's Tarmac has been completed the replacement of the leaning concreate slab a cost of £1140, which has been paid by the Friends.
Path to Vestry has now been completely dug out. Thanks to Hopton in Bloom. It was decided to order 3 bags of slate.

The 2 poplar trees which came down in the storm were felled and Lewis also removed the branches of the damaged oak tree. Permission from Kirklees had been granted.

The front and back doors were by Alex Gill after the front door almost fell off. Thanks to the Friends for paying the invoice of £120.

The Annual Boiler Service was completed in April by Dave Dolby
A new post box for the church has been placed on the Stone gatepost to the churchyard nearest Croft House. Royal Mail have been informed.
Anne has one key, and the other key is labelled and kept in the vestry.

Dan Knutton has cleaned the gutters out at a cost of £270.00 invoice paid by the Friends.

The flushing mechanism in the toilet cistern was repaired by Alex Thompson, who came the day after the telephone call, and invoice for £79.00, sent to David.

Lewis Wroe has been to clear the churchyard in preparation for the funeral of the late Charles Kilner.
Lewis Wroe's invoice for £280, for the work done earlier in the year, has been paid by the Friends.

Friday November 8th.The 4 DelSol Gas heaters were given their annual service,

Trip hazard and disabled access to meeting room.

To allow wheelchair access to the meeting room, the pew frontal from the first pew on the left side of the nave aisle has been temporarily moved to the tower and replaced by four moveable funeral stools from St Paul's.

Flamstop came to service the fire extinguishers on the 15th December. Certificate has been issued and is on display in the notice board.

Alectrifix came to replace a failed tube lighting in the north aisle and the invoice of £79.20 was paid by the Friends

PAT test Extra electrical items in the loft have been visually inspected and Stephen has added them to the of all appliances to tested this year.

A place to belong Survey for churches for people with extra needs has been completed by Tanya. Tanya guided us through some of the issues raised as the survey was completed and one action was decided To put a five-lever lock on the front porch door as primary access.

Trees Fallen Poplar
Lewis Wroe came promptly to remove the fallen poplar which fell in storm Darragh at 1 pm on December 7th'as it was across the sunray arch and resting on several monuments.
We have Kirklees Planning permission to remove the tree and plant a similar one, birch, in its place.
The List B has been granted for the removal of the fallen poplar and the remaining stump,

PROJECTS IN HAND.
Adam Goodyear mentioned that the pointing of the millennium window is starting to fail and whilst the window is secure and the Polycarbonate will keep the rain away it is something that you should consider replacing either in the autumn or spring as both frost and hot weather are detrimental to fresh lime mortar.
Frame for Mother's Union Banner
Linda has completed the repairs to the embroidery on the Banner

Toy and resources cupboard Anne Heeley has raised £2063.00 by knitting toys and wishes this to be placed in a restricted fund in the Friends to pay for the cupboard.
Cleaning the Paintings in the Sanctuary
The humidity in the Sanctuary is being monitored and recorded.

Air grates mesh grids to be installed in the spring.
Need to clear all the vegetation growing round the church building.

Replastering toilet. James has quoted £590 +VAT = £708.
Hopefully, the Friends will fund this. Lime plaster is to be used as was originally on the wall but this is more time consuming.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS
Gill Hawksworth raised £1055 for the Tower fund by doing a sponsored swim.
Linda's Easter Quiz raised £410 for the Tower fund and the Yorkshire Place names quiz raised £626.00
Harvest Quiz on fruit and vegetables drawn on October 30th was won by Judy Green and raised £534.
The Dog Breeds Christmas Quiz, which raised another £345 for the Tower Appeal. Lynda Auty of Lower Hopton won.

The craft group raised £420 on the stall at the Spring Fair for the Mirfield team parish funds.
We raffled Miss Honey Bunny which was made and donated by Anita Green to raise money for the tower. This will be drawn on Sunday June 2nd.

Tea and cake Afternoon Wednesday June 26th 2-4pm raised £342.20 for the tower fund.
Thanks to Chris for being brave and dying her hair pink. It was a great success and raised £720.
Organ recital Owen and Scott will organise on the Saturday September 28th

UHCA Donated £400 from the profits made at the Prosecco afternoon tea and this will be paid into the Friends.
The organ recital by Scott Senogles on September 21st was a lovely evening enjoyed by all and raised £700 for the tower.
On Tuesday 24th of September we hosted a Macmillan coffee morning organised by Deanne Breare which raised £230.

Tea and cake afternoon on Wednesday October 2nd, raised £168.10 (£87.00 came from the craft group) for MTP funds.
The Christmas coffee/tea and cake afternoon on December 11th was well attended and a really enjoyable community event and raised £263.00 for the tower fund.

THANKS
We are grateful to Rev'd Hugh Baker, Rev'd Helen Butler, Rev'd Graeme Blackwell and retired priest Revd Christine Shedd for ministering to us in Upper Hopton; and to Scott and the choir, our Sacristan Linda and all assistants, readers and sides-people, who contribute to our Sunday worship and to all who have supported us with regular giving.
We are also grateful to the Friends who fund so many of our projects and in particular the £41,600 for the Tower Restoration and to Hopton in Bloom for digging out the churchyard path and for maintaining the churchyard.

We are grateful to all the work our Wardens, Anne and Stephen have carried out this year. -

Chris Breare. Secretary to St John's Business Team

CHURCH WARDEN'S REPORT – ST PAUL'S CHURCH – Tim Grace

It is with sadness that I have to report that after 143 years, St Paul's church officially closed on 8 September 2024. For a number of years the clergy and business team at St Paul's have undertaken many initiatives to sustain the work of the church. Unfortunately, the financial burden has become untenable. For the last two years the church has been mainly used for community events which provided income to help maintain the building.

To commemorate the 'life and work 'at St Paul's church, a celebration was held on 7 September 2024, including an exhibition during the day and a concert in the evening. The concert, titled 'Last night at the proms, Last night at St Paul's', featured performances by the Lindley brass band and opera singer Nicola Mills. This was a great success.

The final service on Sunday 8 September was conducted by the Bishop of Huddersfield, Bishop Smitha, and was attended by a large number of Church and community members.
We hope and pray that the new owner will take care of the church and that it will continue to be a valuable asset for the community.
My lasting very happy memory of St Paul's is taking part in the Christingle services surrounded by generations of families who have worshipped at the church for many years.

Tim Grace
Churchwarden
St Paul's, Eastthorpe, Mirfield

BUDGET AND STRATEGY REPORT – Chris Breare

The Budget and Strategy Team consisting of Hugh, Graeme David, Chris, Helen, Peter, Tim and Lauren, met by Zoom at monthly intervals except for March, August and November, to review the financial situation of the Parish at each meeting.

A Forecast Budget was compiled at the beginning of the year aiming to pay £ 64,200 towards our Parish Share and the actual budget reviewed at each meeting, along with the income and expenditure each month for each church. However, by May it became apparent that there was not going to be enough income to maintain this and pay all the other expenditure. As there were no funds in reserve to use, from May to October, only £350 was paid each month and at the end of the year we had paid £30,000.

The income from giving through standing orders, Planned Giving, weekly and gift aid envelopes was £46,172 (in 2023 £46,844).

The establishment of St Mary's Business Team has greatly facilitated the budgeting on the fabric of St Mary's Church following discovery of dry rot in the north aisle, replacing the roof of the south aisle and the storm damage to the organ. The team have appreciated Margaret Richardson's legacy, the remainder of which will go towards funding these projects.

The Fundraising Committee had a fundraising target of £10k per annum and over the year raised a valuable £7,197, thanks to much planning and hard work.

The PCC is grateful for the contribution of £10,000 from the Parish Centre; to those who give regularly by Planned Giving, standing orders and envelopes.

The sad closure of St Paul's in September will have impact on both our expenditure of its upkeep and insurance and our income from the many fundraising activities held there, thanks to Tim.

Following a slight loss of £196 from our excellent Magazine this year, Janice requested donations rather than subscriptions for the coming year.

We must thank David Brooke and Peter King for their excellent accounts and budgets and for keeping us on track and hopefully a better year in 2025.

MINISTRY TEAM REPORT – Kath Crossley

There are two Ministry Teams which help to determine parish vision and planning for the future as well as endeavouring to provide the best possible pastoral care.

Ministry and Mission Team

The team has met three times and was then disbanded as it was to be replaced by another team formed from Action '23. The team shared responsibility for certain areas of the church's life such as future planning, outreach and children's work.

The Pancake party organised by the Blackwells had been very successful and enjoyed by all.

A start was made on making a Prayer station and Lending Library near to the newly position tablet at St Mary's.

A very well-attended Craft group was started at St John's.

Confirmation preparation sessions were held at St Mary's.

House groups:

Were not held, but were replaced by the Book Group meeting at St John's.

Community links and ways of strengthening links between 'fringe' and 'mainstream':

- *Children*: Details are covered under the report of Our Work with Children.
- *Baptisms:* Nineteen baptisms were held with thirteen being at St Mary's and six being at St John's.
- *Healthy walkers*: Healthy walks continued starting in turn from each of the churches.
- *Men's group*: The Men's group had met occasionally.
- *CAP (Christians against Poverty)*: This had not been able to progress.
- *Social lunches* Three social lunches were held at the Golf Club.
- *Community groups:* Team members continued to report on other community groups, such as Mirfield in Bloom, so that the Team Parish can inform their members of other services and events in the Team Parish.
- *Junior Singers:* Started again; ten attendees gave a short performance for their parents.
- *Handbell ringers:* This was going well.

Pastoral Team

Members of the Pastoral Team have met six times.

Members of the Pastoral Team have visited members of our congregations in their homes or care homes; support has also been given via phone calls. Chris Shedd and Graeme Blackwell have held monthly services at Royd Court on a Sunday afternoon.

Kath Crossley

OUR WORK WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH – Revd. Helen Butler

Children's Church – Kath Crossley
Sadly, numbers attending Children's Church at St Mary's have declined, but activities for those who do come are available each week apart from over the school summer holidays when materials are still available for use in the pews. The children work alongside the congregation stressing the importance of their being very much a part of the church family. They enjoy completing crafts, puzzles and colouring which help them to understand the Gospel story each week. They specially enjoy showing and talking about the result of their efforts and gaining praise from the congregation.

Families were welcomed into St Mary's for a workshop at Easter and also a family service at Harvest.

Kath Crossley

Sunday School – Anne Heeley
St John's Sunday School continues to meet each
Sunday during the morning service.

The number of children attending varies as the numbers have decreased over the past year.
We share what we do at the end of the service with the congregation which is always enjoyable and always end with a prayer.

Anne

CHOIR SECRETARY'S REPORT – Susan Smith

Choir: 2024 unfortunately saw the decline of membership, the biggest emotional loss for me personally was that of Chris Hargrave who died after a prolonged illness on the 30th July, he had been a member continuously since 1956 and had been my "buddy" when I joined the choir. RIP.

The beginning of the year saw the retirement of Bronwyn Myers due to ill health; she had been a member since November 1999. Both of them had been committed and dedicated members of the choir who are sorely missed by all those who were proud to have had them as their friend and choral colleague.

As the year progressed a consistent level of attendance was increasingly difficult to maintain. It was therefore, proposed by Scott that we sang one service, alternatively at either church, in the hope that this would engender sufficient numbers, to enable us to sing an anthem at that church each week. This unfortunately did not yield the result that he had hoped it would as some members preferred to sing only at their regular place of worship.

The first quarter of 2025 saw further losses, the most major being the resignation of Scott Senogles who had been our Director of Music, Organist and Choir Master for almost 20 years. His move to St Giles, Pontefract, is most assuredly their gain, he goes with our love and best wishes for his future well-being. Following on from Scott's departure, for personal reasons, was that of Denise Cooper who had been a member since January 2006.

The Team Parish Choir continues to attend Choir Practice on a Wednesday evening, as and when their family commitments allow. Occasionally, when attendance levels were sufficient, they would sing the traditional service of Compline. Attendance levels, however, remain stubbornly low which makes it extremely difficult for those planning the musical content of each service and selecting an appropriate anthem. The hymn choice is usually pre-determined, over a 3-year cycle, by the RSCM Sunday by Sunday quarterly publication, the details of which are kept on file.

<u>Organ Recitals:</u>
Continue to be held once a month from March until November, excluding August, and are supported by about forty attendees, the range of compositions performed by these extremely talented organists, who are prepared to travel considerable distances to play on this extraordinary organ always amaze me. Our sincere thanks are extended to all those who support this event such as producing programs and serving the refreshments which are so generously provided by our members.
MJS: Mirfield Junior Singers, led by Scott Senogles and supported by Chris Shedd, met on Wednesday evenings before choir practice. On average eight girls aged between 6 and 11 attended, none of whom had prior connection with church other than a school visit or for their own baptism.
Their most recent performance was an abridged version of" Joseph and his Technicolour Dream Coat" at which parents/carers were invited to come and listen or to join in. They have joined the adult choir to sing at

St Mary's Carol Service and at a wedding. Also, with some parents they went to "An Introduction to the Opera" at Huddersfield Town Hall.

Choir Vestry & the Organs:
I'm not qualified to comment on the damage that has been inflicted on St Mary's organ following the ingress of water from storm damage to the roof of the choir vestry. It had been obvious for quite some time, when entering the choir vestry and choir stalls, that something would have to be done to remedy the situation in the not-too-distant future. The stone dust that constantly rained down was plain to see, it was as if we were in a permanent snow storm! With regard to the organ at St John's I believe all is well and good, going by the comments Scott had made recently.

Farewell:
As I write this, I am also preparing for my move up to Northumberland, I hope and pray that the Team Parish Choir is able to surmount what I perceive will be a difficult period. May God's blessing be on you all as you navigate the difficulties of developing the Musical Worship for the future ministry to the wider community.

Susan Smith.
27/04/2025

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT FOR 2024 – Barry Hambling & Ruth King

2024 Annual Report for the Dewsbury and Birstall Deanery Synod
The Synod has held three meetings during 2024 which have been held at various locations. The first of these meetings took place in the new refectory at the Mirfield Centre on the 6th February. As at every meeting of Synod, evening prayers are said and these were led by the Rev Canon Hugh Baker. A presentation was made by Bishop Mark Sowerby, Principal of the Collage of the Resurrection Mirfield and also Dr Janet Williams Vice Principal of St Hild Collage. The Bishop spoke about the training, which is vocational, and ordination training and how it has changed a great deal over the years. As the church has changed so therefore training has had to change. Lay training has very much increased, so the courses for Lay leadership have increased with leadership skills and leading prayer amongst the courses offered. As for ordination training, the courses used to be mainly residential but these days many of the applicants are young and have to work for a living and therefore today the training is mainly part time. Dr Janet Williams than spoke about St Hild's Collage, St Hild's collage was formed about six years ago to replace the Northern Ordination Course. St Hild's organise and operate the ordination and vocational courses at the collage here in Mirfield and the Candidates come mainly from the North, but some come from further afield such as Chester and Peterborough. David Ashton (Lay chair) than gave a brief report on the last General Synod meeting. He said the mood at the meeting was tense due to the intensity of the debate over the "Living in Love and Faith" issues. LLF is about issues such as same sex marriage, blessings for same sex relationships and whether clergy should be able to have same sex relationships. These issues are a very difficult area for the church at this time due to the entrenched views
many people hold, he also said the standard of behaviour during the debate was not good.

Other points made by David were that Diocesan Synod elections were due and also Electoral role returns were required. A meeting was held on the 6th June at Thornhill Parish Church, prayers were led by Elaine Wilks, a Reader at Thornhill. The main speaker was Keith White a licensed Lay Minister and also has been a local councillor and a council leader in various places. His theme was "Life in Politics as a Christian" his talk was very interesting and enlightening and also fully engaged the audience. He shared his way of adhering to his faith in a world where tribalism rules and results matter are seen as more important than ideals. A lack of integrity is commonplace is in all parties; he tried to hold people to account for their actions. He also tried to "Turn down the heat" by remembering that we have more in common than divides

us. Finally, he talked about our electoral system and stressed the need to build a system that reflects the Kingdom of God. Many questions were asked during his talk. Diocesan Synod minutes were circulated and the results of the elections for Synod were announced. It was noted that all Deanery Stipendiary positions were now filled. The meeting closed with the Grace.
Our final meeting was held on the 10th October at St John's church Carlinghow.
After opening the meeting, the Rural Dean asked the Vicar of St John's Father Jay to talk about the church and also conduct a full Eucharist service for the Synod. The Eucharist was carried out in the Anglo Catholic style of worship and was followed by the clergy and laity holding separate meetings in each end of the church. The main purpose of the separate meetings was to elect one laity member for the diocesan synod and one clergy member for the diocesan synod.
Elaine Wilkes (Thornhill) was elected as the laity representative and the Rev Debbie Nash was elected as the clergy representative.

There was also a vacancy for a laity member on the Episcopal Area Mission and Pastoral Committee and after a secret ballot Ian Grange (Battyford) was elected.
After the elections the Rural Dean Hugh Baker gave a report on the Pilgrimage to Taizé which he and his wife Janet had been on. The Pilgrimage was led by Bishop Smitha; Hugh said we all know about the Taizé chants but what is it like in practice? He went on to say that although they had enjoyed the visit Taizé was geared up mainly for younger people. Taizé was a small village in central France and had a small church. The Monastery started from small beginnings after World War two and had grown ever since. At its height (Before Covid) it had about three thousand pilgrims a week but since Covid it was now about two thousand a week. Taizé is now a large site and the church can hold about three thousand people, another trip is hopefully being organised for 2025. Minutes from the previous meeting at Thornhill were passed as correct; a report from General Synod was also given and accepted. David Ashton thanked St Johns for hosting the meeting and also Father Jay for conducting the service. Father Jay gave the blessing and the meeting closed at 9.00pm

Barry Hambling and Ruth King

(Deanery Synod Representatives)

DISABILITY REPORT – Tanya Bintcliffe

I would like to thank both churches for their support in supporting the processes that enable our Team Parish becoming more accessible and communicating initiatives at Diocesan and National level, as well as third sector organisations in relation to disability in our Team Parish. In addition, to relevant legislation such as the Equality Act 2012 implementing reasonable adjustments. Thus, affirming diversity of humanity, that, "God created humankind in his image, in the image of God" (Genesis 1:27), being implemented and discerned in the spirit of The Faith and the gospel lived out in the everyday.

<u>What has been achieved:</u>

- 'A place to belong' the accessibility audits that has been completed as part of the process for accessibility for both churches.
- Large print liturgy is visible and available.
- The disability officer attends pastoral care meetings.
- The mat at the front of St John's has been removed as people with walkers are struggling navigating it.
- To allow wheelchair access to the meeting room at St John's, the pew frontal from the first pew on the left side of the nave aisle has been temporarily moved to the tower and replaced by four moveable funeral stools from St Paul's.

Going Forward:

- Securing funding for lighting works to be undertaken at St Mary's
- Large print hymn books.
- Awaiting a lock put on the main South door so we can lock and unlock the church without having to use the steps at the back.

In conclusion:
Areas that have been identified in the 'place to belong' have been actioned to meet the needs of the current congregation as well as being anticipatory for future needs. It is important to recognise, although our building can have some limitations, these can be mitigated by creative solutions and the universalism preached in the gospel, that we are called to "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another (John: 13.34); and that 'we one in Christ Jesus." (Gal. 3:28).

Tanya Bintcliffe

Disability officer

MODERATOR'S REPORT FROM THE CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MIRFIELD AND DISTRICT – Chris Breare

Report Churches TOGETHER in Mirfield for APCM

Reports:
a) Moderator:
Philip Cooper gave his report.
I took on the position of Moderator, in May, after the previous Moderator, Pastor Adrian Roberts, stood down in April, 2024. We are grateful to Adrian and the work he did during his time as Moderator. He became Moderator in January, 2023. We are sorry that, at this present time, Zion Baptist Church has withdrawn from the group. We hope that, in the future, the church will, once again, become an active member. At our Leadership Meeting, in May, I was elected Moderator and Ian Wilson was elected Deputy Moderator. It is hoped to co-opt a new Treasurer, when a volunteer comes forward.

Welcomes & Goodbyes:
We have welcomed the following new people onto the Leadership Team: -
Rev Dr David Barker, a Methodist Minister, who has taken charge of St Andrew's Methodist Church & Trinity Methodist Church, as well as being responsible for Batley Central & Long Causeway Dewsbury Methodist churches.
Majors Andy & Val Spivey from Mirfield Salvation Army.
And we have said goodbye to the following people:
Andrea Still (Mirfield Salvation Army)
Sheena Grills (Mirfield Salvation Army)
Al Henry (Methodist Church)
Erik Peeters (C of E - Christ the King)

Finance
At our Leadership Meeting, in November, it was agreed that the Matrix money, held in our bank account, would be given to three charities. The Matrix money amounts to £9,760.62. It was agreed that £2,000 would be given to the Bubble Church; £1,000 would be given to Crowlees C of E School, to develop their

Forest School; and the remaining balance of £6.760.62 would be given to Kirklees Community Hub. The Bubble Church and the Forest School are MTP projects.

Facebook Page
Due to unwelcome contributions to the site, our Facebook Page has now been made a members only page.

Events & Activities
On 21st January, Zion Baptist Church hosted our Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service, followed by their Pastor Adrian Roberts, conducted the service, gave the sermon and chaired the AGM.

On 1st March, the World Day of Prayer Service took place, at the Salvation Army. We are grateful to Antonia Baldwin and those who organised and took part in the service. The material for the service had been prepared by women in Palestine. The service was particularly moving, in the light of the conflict in Palestine at the time. The service was well attended. The collection at the service amounted to £240.10, almost twice the amount last year, and went to support projects both abroad and in the UK.

On 29th March, Good Friday, we held a Walk of Witness. This began at 1pm, from Royd Court, and finished at St Paul's C of E, where we shared in the Last Hour Service. We stopped at various places en route, for short acts of devotion. Hot cross buns were distributed to members of the public along the way.

Two Easter banners were placed in the town centre.

During Christian Aid Week, on 17th May, from 9am to 5pm, we collected money for Christian Aid, at the Mirfield Co-op store. The collection raised £463.23. All churches received posters and some churches received envelopes to distribute. Wellhouse Moravian Church organised a Christian Aid Lunch on 14th May.

We were represented at the event to mark Remembrance Sunday, in the centre of Mirfield, and we laid a wreath.

Some of the churches in the group have been able to support Focus for Hope, which collects warm clothing, sleeping bags, etc. for homeless people. Donations for the Rainbow Baby Bank, in Heckmondwike, which accepts used baby things, were, also, collected as part of this initiative. This involved a 12 Days of Christmas event, with some churches in the group taking responsibility for certain days.

On 14th December, we held a Christmas Carol Service, outside Mirfield Library. We are grateful to Revd Hugh Baker, and all those helped and took part.

The Easter and Christmas services of all the churches were advertised in the Mirfield magazine – the Mirfield Word.

Conclusion
There are many other elements of our work that could be mentioned in this report. I could mention Warm Spaces, the Shoe Box Appeal or the distribution of the knitted angels. Again, I could mention the meetings that our Secretary, other members of the group and I have attended on behalf of the group.

Quite clearly, Churches Together in Mirfield & District is a very activity group, seeking to further the work of God's kingdom and share the love of Christ in a multitude of ways. As we share in this work, together, we proclaim, in word and deed, the message of love, reconciliation, peace and unity that Christ came into the world to share with all people.

Revd Philip Cooper
January, 2025

Christine Breare said she had occasion to speak to Zion's secretary Eric Freeman, and told him that Zion would be very welcome to re-join us.
Christine Sykes moved a vote of thanks to Philip Cooper for stepping into the breach last Easter and for fulfilling the role of Moderator so well.

b) **Treasurer:**

Ian Wilson said that when the last paid Youth Worker resigned several years ago, Matrix was run by volunteers; then closed down altogether before Lockdown. Since then, £9,760.62 had been held in the Matrix account. A decision to spend it was made; and as a result, £2,000 was paid to Mirfield Team Parish for their Bubble Church, £1,000 to the Forest Chapel at Crowlees School and £6,760.62 given to The Mirfield Youth Hub administered by Kirklees. The balance in the bank is £926.37. HSBC seem to have re-opened the account, but are still charging a monthly fee for administering it. After a discussion, Richard Bland proposed that the account be closed, Christine Sykes seconded, and the meeting agreed unanimously. Meanwhile the CTMD money will be held in Trinity's bank account under a separate tab.
The Moderator thanked the Treasurer for his efforts

c) **Press Officer:** Christine Sykes said that individual church activities have been circulated, posters made for CTMD events and the Facebook page facilitated. There has been no necessity to contact the local press. There is a vacancy for this post

d) **Christian Aid:** Christine Sykes said that Christian Aid Week 2024 was 12th to 18th May: Mirfield Co-op was thanked for letting us have a store collection which amounted to £463.23. The grand total collected was £1,166.32, with church envelopes and a meal. Each church has been notified of its collections. This was a little more than last year. Well done everyone. This year's Christian Aid week is 11th to 17th May

Confirmation of Appointments:

As is the custom, the Moderator & Deputy's appointments cover two years.
The Secretary took the chair whilst it was confirmed that Philip Cooper would serve year one of two, and Ian Wilson would deputise for the same period.

Appointment of Officers:

a) **Secretary:** Christine Sykes proposed by Philip Cooper, seconded by Kenneth Evans, and re-appointed unopposed.

b) **Treasurer:** Ian Wilson proposed by Christine Sykes, seconded by Philip Cooper, and re-appointed unopposed.

c) **Publicity Officer:** No nominations. Christine Sykes agreed to continue covering the post until the next meeting when it was hoped that one of the team would take on the role.

The Moderator thanked everyone who had made a contribution during the last year

Any Other Business:

- Antonia Baldwin said that The World Day of Prayer Service would be at the Salvation Army on Friday 7th March at 2pm. This has been prepared by the people of the Cook Islands. Kenneth Evans said that the Moravian Church rep had been very ill, thus the reason for her absence at the recent planning meeting. He asked if men could be on the team as well as attending the services, and was told they could.
- The green hearts to be issued on Valentine's Day will be tagged at Trinity on Monday 10th February at 2pm.

MARA/TANZANIAN LINK REPORT – Chris Breare

FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S CHURCH Upper Hopton – Chris Breare

Financial Report
John confirmed that the funds were at £102,000 before the tower project began and had since decreased to £69,000.

The order in which works will be done was discussed, agreeing that there was little point in commencing any cleaning work (e.g. on the paintings) until any building work that would create a mess was completed and the West window reinstalled.
There is also likely to be a need to include more ventilation to reduce the damp levels in church. No further details at this time but support for this may be requested from The Friends.
The walls of the toilet require re-plastering due to water ingress higher up. This will cost £708 and The Friends are being asked to fund this. Funding this was agreed unanimously.
There is an outstanding bill for tree work from Lewis Wroe, likely to be in the region of £2,000.
There have been donations made to the Friends for churchyard upkeep, so the Friends should pay this.
There is still another tree to fell to add to the bill.
If the invoice is less than £2,000, treasurer will pay. If it is more than £2,000, then a proposal by email will be circulated for discussion and approval.

We don't yet know how much money will be requested from the Friends by the PCC for supporting the work on the tower so we are unable to allocate any further funds to other projects at this time as the tower is the primary priority.

Chris will send out membership forms to get funds from members' subscriptions. There were some new members last year. The membership year was previously thought to run from AGM to AGM, but it was considered that membership is more easily tracked when done by calendar year.

The Hon Secretary's Report
This year has been a busy year for the Friends, St John's church and our Community, all coming together to raise funds for the Tower Repair, which after a really wet winter and spring was at a critical stage, with increased bulging in the West and South walls.

In June, the Archdeacon granted the List B application, for the repair of the bulges in the South and West walls. A new quote of £30,000 from James Northing in relation to the amended method and extent of works was approved by the PCC. We are extremely grateful to Brian Jones, Structural Engineer, who has offered his services to oversee the project, free of charge but with reimbursement of his expenses. Brian has been involved in surveys of the tower since 2020. All expressed delight that the work is going ahead at last.
The total cost of the tower repair was £46,700.

The St John's business team and MTP PCC are grateful that the following essential work in the church has been funded by the Friends.

Alectrifix came to replace a failed tube lighting in the north aisle and the invoice of £79.20 was paid by the Friends

Following months of continuous rain, both the main church door and the vestry door became swollen and difficult to open. An emergency arose on Sunday morning February 11th, when the main door and frame became detached and had to be propped open. We are grateful to the Friends for paying the invoice of £120 to repair both of them.

Churchyard The PCC approved the felling of the two stricken poplar trees which came down in Storm ISHA on January 21/22 2024 and any work to the damaged oak tree into which they fell as directed by

Kirklees Tree Officer and to engage Lewis Wroe, Tree Surgeon, to carry out the work to be funded by the Friends. (The poplars fell into the oak tree)
All three trees have TPOs on them. We have yet to receive the invoice.

Paths in Churchyard.
D M Haigh's completed the removal of the sloping concrete slab and constructed a replacement one with a non-slip surface at a cost of a cost of £1140, and the PCC are very grateful that this has been paid for by the Friends.

Path to Vicar's Vestry was been completely dug out by members of Hopton in Bloom. We discussed what type of aggregate to lay on it. It was decided to order 3 bags of slate, at a cost of £316.80 and this invoice has been sent to the MTP treasurer.

Lewis has also worked hard with regular gardening and grass cutting and has sent an invoice for June 2024 for £280.

Fundraising

- Linda composed and sold Chocolate Quiz sheets, which was drawn on Easter Sunday and raised £410 for the Tower fund.
- Linda compiled another Yorkshire place names quiz, which was drawn on Sunday August 4th, and raised £626.
- Gill Hawksworth completed her sponsored swim and raised £1055 for the tower appeal.
- Sales of Helen's Jams and Honey have raised valuable funds for our Tower fund.
- John McMullan and Hugh has completed their sponsored walk and raised £120 for the tower appeal. This has been paid into the MTP restricted fund for St John's Tower.
- Chris has raised £720 by dyeing her hair pink for the tower appeal.
- Tea and Cake Afternoon June 26th. Raised £342.20. This has been paid into the MTP restricted fund for St John's Tower.
- Organ recital on September 21st by Scott was a lovely evening enjoyed by all and raised £700 for the tower. Thanks to Owen for sponsoring the programmes, publicity and tickets and to those who provided the food and the wine.
- ❖ The Christmas coffee afternoon on December 11th was well attended and a really enjoyable community event and raised £263.00 for the tower fund.

Membership.
At present, we have 61 active members of the Friends with several new members being recruited this year.

Future projects
- ❖ Mother's Union Banner.
- ❖ The cleaning of the paintings is ongoing as is the construction of a toy and resources cupboard.

The council of Friends met on 4 occasions this year.

The Friends are grateful to all the members who subscribe regularly and support our beautiful church building.

Officers and Members of the Council for 2024 – 2025,

President	Sue Young
Vice President	Colin Ryder
Chairman	Rev Hugh Baker
Hon Secretary	Owen Ryder

Hon Treasurer	Mr John McMullan
Assistant Secretary + Membership Sec	Chris Breare.
Wardens	Anne Heeley
Wardens	Stephen Butler
Members of the Council	
	Mike Hewson until 2027
	Linda Hutchinson Until 2026
	Julie McMullan Until 2026
	John Sykes until 2025
	Tim Grace until 2025
	Sue Auckland until 2025

Election of Auditor
David Brooke was proposed by John McMullan, seconded by Mike and all voted in favour
We discussed whether David Brook is an independent Auditor as he is MTP Treasurer.

Chris Breare Assistant Secretary.

CROFT HOUSE ROOMS CHARITY – Roger Leedham

January to December 2024

At the formation of the Team Parish in 2007 a document was drawn up to ensure Croft House continues to be managed effectively, and the new PCC proposed that the Managing Trustees of Croft House Rooms Charity be the Croft House Rooms Management Committee, the eight members of which are determined as follows:

1. The two Wardens of St John's shall be members.
2. Four UHCA members which includes the Treasurer of the UHCA. Two UHCA members are elected on alternate years, and each serve for two years.
3. The PCC of the Mirfield Team Parish shall elect two representatives.

A quorum for any meeting shall comprise two members representing the UHCA, two representing the PCC and one other member.

The Management Committee of Croft House Rooms Charity, the Managing Trustees, is responsible for letting the Rooms and for the recurrent expenditure involved in running the Rooms. The UHCA have free tenure of the Rooms and are responsible for the maintenance of the building and grounds and for capital expenditure.

The membership of the Management Committee of Croft House Rooms Charity is as follows:

1. Christine Breare - co-opted as Chair (Trustee)
2. Anne Heeley - elected Church Warden by PCC
3. Stephen Butler - elected Church Warden by PCC
4. Sue Young - elected by PCC.
5. Sue Auckland - elected by PCC.
6. Roger Leedham - (Secretary) (Trustee) UHCA
7. Kathryn Cockerill - Treasurer of UHCA
8. Gail Auty - (Trustee) elected by UHCA.
9. Joan Hemmingway - (Trustee) elected by UHCA.
10. Andrea Leedham - co-opted as Booking Secretary
11. Peter Crane - co-opted as Treasurer.

The impact of the energy costs has reduced in 2024 but still remain at a high level. The energy costs were reviewed at the CHRMC meeting as well as other running costs on the 9 January 2024, and a decision was made to make some minor reductions but maintain the majority of the 2023 the charge rates for room hire at Croft House.
The accounts for the year 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024, were approved at the committee meeting in January 2025. These showed an income of £16,281 against an expenditure of £13,271. Included in this expenditure was a donation of £5777 to the UHCA to help with essential maintenance and regular safety related costs. (It was agreed that it was more appropriate that CHRMC should pay the regular safety related costs of £777).
The opening cash balance on the 1 September 2023 was £26,722, and the closing balance on 31 August 2024 was £29,732. Details of the accounts were submitted to the Charity Commission in April 2025.

Croft House maintenance carried out in 2024:

- Bollard lighting was installed in the Croft House car park
- New garage doors installed on the Pre-School storage facility
- Regular safety checks such as gas, Portable Appliance Testing and fire equipment.
- Refurbishment and cleaning of Croft House roof.
- Replacement of external lighting.
- Resurfacing of two footpaths leading from the Croft House car park.

On the 8 November 2024 updated versions of the Croft House 'Health & Safety Policy' and 'Fire Risk Assessment' were issued.

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S COMMUNITY HERITAGE SITE – Helen Walker

Following a committee meeting in March 2024, it was decided that the Friends of St Mary's Community Heritage Site (FSMCHS) Group Mirfield would be disbanded. This is due to the resignation of committee members and the lack of interest in the group. The group is not registered as a Charitable Organisation. Donations with Gift Aid to the group has been dealt with by the church treasurer under the church's charitable status.

The Friends group was established in 2012 with the primary goal of supporting St Mary's Community Heritage site. Their efforts focused on the maintenance of Castle Hall Hill, the medieval motte and bailey, as well as fundraising for the reconstruction of the collapsed Dunbottle Lane church wall. Over the years, the group organised archaeological summer digs on site, historical talks, graveyard tidy days, installed information boards, and hosted annual Heritage Open Days to showcase the bell tower, roof, and church artefacts. They also produced history booklets and a DVD (developed by Frances Stott) highlighting the church's history and its connection to historical figures and the graveyard.

The group received generous donations from members and the public, with many individuals volunteering their time and skills to maintain the site. The collapsed Dunbottle Lane wall was successfully rebuilt in the summer of 2023 at a cost exceeding £40,000, funded through donations, fundraising efforts, and a substantial legacy. The rebuilt wall now offers a view of Castle Hall Hill from the roadside. Additionally, the group planted native daffodils on the Hill, allowing people to buy bulbs in memory of loved ones, leading to a beautiful display every early spring as the daffodils naturalise.

As stated in the group's constitution, an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) will be organised this year to finalise the decision for closure. Approximately £400 remains in the FSMCHS bank account. A New group called Friends of St Mary's Mirfield is currently being established (overseen by St Mary's Business Team),

with a mandate similar to that of FSMCHS. According to the FSMCHS constitution, the funds will be transferred to the new group.

Helen Walker
Secretary

Steve Bell
Chairman

Lauren Montgomery-Bell
Treasurer

ST MARY'S COMMUNITY CENTRE – Lauren Montgomery-Bell

St Mary's Community Centre Report 2025:

St Mary's Community Centre continues to provide the church and the community with a comfortable space for events and weekly classes.

We continue to be the home of:

- Pre school
- Two Pilates groups
- Yoga
- Dog training classes
- Baby massage
- Brownies, Rainbows and Guides
- Beavers, Cubs and Scouts
- Painting classes
- Karate
- Dancing schools
- Ballroom dancing classes
- Church Pantomime
- Mirfield in Boom
- Men's Probus
- Saturday Friendship group
- Crochet Group
- Pop up shops
- Church Fundraising/ Church meetings
- Crochet group.
- Postnatal baby Yoga
- Prenatal baby yoga
- Hand Bell ringers
- Power hoops
- Painting Classes

New Groups:

- 2 Tai Chi classes
- Meditation and wellbeing classes
- Sewing classes
- Pop up Shops
- Fundraising Quizzes

- Baby Bloomers Classes

If anyone would like more information on any of the groups, all the information and contact details can be found at the back of the Parish Magazine.

Lost Groups:

- No Lost Classes

Improvements made this year:

- New flooring in the meeting room
- Decorations in both meeting rooms, large hall, and corridor areas
- Areas of plumbing, new radiators and new water boilers replaced. Thermostatic values added to all radiators.
- Pantomime committee have added a new costume storage Area in the hall car park.

Planned improvements:

- New flooring to the small hall, and wall decorating.

Regular maintenance:

- Fire procedures/ and testing.
- Risk assessments.
- Maintenance of 5 starts rating in both kitchen areas.

Going forward

We need to continue updating the centre, so we can offer quality facilities to our ever-growing user groups.

The Hall Management Team

ECO CHURCH – Tanya Bintcliffe

Since the meeting on 'Mission 25' the PCC have been exploring the five missions of the church in relation to the work of the PCC. The relevance of this aspect of mission is a continual theme throughout scripture, developed within doctrine of the church and emerging scientific research.

- God calls us to care for creation, which in virtue of being created by God is both intrinsically and instrumentally 'good': *'God took man and placed him in the garden of Eden to till and tend to it' Gen 2:15. Adam's mission indicated in Genesis is one of not just agricultural tasks but also to one of tending (protecting) creation. (Bergsman and Pitre, 1997).*
- In the Gospel Jesus often used natural world as a metaphor of God's kingdom and faith, in his ministry, for example in Luke's Gospel in the parable of the fig tree. Where Jesus says to the *man 'Let it alone, sir this year, also dig and till about it and put on manure'. Luke 13:8.*
- Nature in its abundance, reveals God's good and universal providence in all things, *'for if we trust the superlative wisdom and truth of scripture, the things of God are revealed to each mind in proportion and capacity...divine goodness.... [and] out of concern for our salvation' Pseudo Dionysius.*

I would like to take the opportunity to thank clergy, churchwardens and all who have helped in making headway on the surveys for Eco Church. As our team parish is conscious of the need to care for the natural environment we have come together: -

- St John's has just achieved 'Silver Eco Church Award'.
- St Mary's is on the way as the survey is in the process of being completed.

Caring for the natural world is one of the five missions of the church, *'The earth is the Lord's and all that it holds, the world and its inhabitants' Psalm 24:1*: -

Within our grounds: -

- Chris Barker and the graveyard crew at St Mary's the care and maintenance of our church and graveyard.
- Helen Walker St Mary's Community and Heritage site, providing information on the side and the wildlife in residence and can be appreciated by visitors.
- The friends of St John's in their contribution in caring for the grave yard at St John's.

In the wider community: -

- Chris Breare with Churches Together in Mirfield distributed 'green hearts' to raise awareness for the care of the environment.
- Ruth Edwards BEM in her work with Mirfield in Bloom and raising awareness with school children on the care and appreciation of the natural world.

Going forward:

- To complete the survey for St Mary's for a Silver Award.
- Ordering wooden plaque for St John's at Upper Hopton to be displayed.
- For the lighting to be assessed at St Mary's to be upgraded making use of Bishop Development Fund grant for energy efficiency.

Tanya Bintcliffe BA (Hons) Phil and Psych. MPhil

PANTOMIME COMMITTEE – Laura Brown

UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

8TH MIRFIELD SCOUT GROUP – Chris Wilding

2ND & 14TH MIRFIELD BROWNIES – Tracey Riley.

2ND & 3RD MIRFIELD RAINBOWS – Wendy Banks

2024 saw a year full of fun and laughter as well as achieving lots of badges.

In February we went with the rest of Mirfield Guiding to the Mirfield Parish Pantomime to see Cinderella. and we had a fun filled night. We also celebrated Chinese New Year and as well as trying Chinese food we filled the guiding notice board with a Chinese dragon made from the girl's hand shapes.

We enjoyed a visit to Mirfield Library to help complete out Book lover badge.

In April we spent a night looking at amazing women with a night celebrating Amelia Earhart and the girls got the chance to play various games with planes as well as dress in aviation clothing.

In July, we did a 'Faith, trust and fairy dust' badge where the girls got to do Fairy themed activities as well as learn about friendship and teamwork. We completed the badge with a fairy fancy dress party.

In September, we enjoyed a Cheer leader evening and as we met on November the 11th the girls created fingerprint Poppy Pictures on canvases to cover the notice board.

We finished the year with a traditional Christmas Party and the girls were lucky enough to get a visit from Santa Claus.

2ND MIRFIELD GUIDES – Wendy Banks

In 2024, we have continued following the Guides programme and girls have been working on their Have Adventures theme.

- We went to St Mary's Parish Pantomime again to see Cinderella with other guiding groups in Mirfield, which the girls loved.
- We visited Bradley Woods to go on the climbing wall for an evening. We also had another night there where we cooked on open fires and did games in the outdoors.

In the summer:

- we went ten pin bowling to end the term.
- We enjoyed a train journey to Brighouse as part of the Navigator interest badge.
- One of our girls achieved her Gold award which is the highest award in guides and we had a party for her to celebrate.

At Christmas we went roller blading for our end of year party.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
MIRFIELD TEAM PARISH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Voluntary Income	2	86,106	44,671	130,777	130,653
Activities for Generating Funds	3	70,079	37,969	108,048	76,105
Investment Income	4	1,499	66	1,565	3,373
Other Incoming Resources	5	-	-	-	12,755
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		157,684	82,706	240,390	222,886
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Fundraising Costs	6	-	23,318	23,318	8,655
Charitable Activities	7	95,451	220,481	315,932	193,391
Governance Costs	8	39,805	203	40,008	72,733
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		135,256	244,002	379,258	274,779
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS		22,428	(161,296)	(138,868)	(51,893)
TRANSFERS					
Gross Transfers Between Funds		38,369	(38,369)	-	-
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS		60,797	(199,665)	(138,868)	(51,893)
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS (LOSSES)					
Gain(Loss) on Investment Assets	11	-	46	46	85
NET MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS		60,797	(199,619)	(138,822)	(51,808)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total Funds at 1st January 2024		55,472	419,225	474,697	526,505
Total Funds at 31st December 2024		116,269	219,606	335,875	474,697

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	Notes		2024 £		2023 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	12		1,616		1,530
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	9,735		14,317	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		326,908		462,650	
		336,643		476,967	
CREDITORS: Amounts Falling Due Wthin One Year	14	(2,384)		(3,800)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			334,259		473,167
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			335,875		474,697
CREDITORS: Amounts Falling Due After More Than One Year			-		-
			335,875		474,697
The Funds of the Charity:					
RESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS	16		219,606		419,225
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
General Funds	16	116,269		55,472	
			116,269		55,472
			335,875		474,697

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Gifts, Donations and Legacies	10,016	44,106	54,122	33,461
Gift Aid and Planned Giving	46,173	360	46,533	58,926
Income Tax Recoverable	12,234	90	12,324	15,580
Collections	6,027	-	6,027	6,868
Fees, etc	11,656	115	11,771	15,818
	86,106	44,671	130,777	130,653

3. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Fund-raising	7,197	3,558	10,755	4,648
St Paul's Events	4,886	-	4,886	4,928
Parish Centre and Room Hire	49,596	-	49,596	43,834
Flat Rent	7,400	-	7,400	6,800
Pantomime (including Grants)	-	26,828	26,828	13,380
Parish Centre Donations and Grants	1,000	-	1,000	2,515
Contribution for Outreach	-	7,583	7,583	-
	70,079	37,969	108,048	76,105

4. INVESTMENT INCOME	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Bank and Building Society Interest	1,499	25	1,524	3,340
Dividends Received	-	40	40	33
	1,499	66	1,565	3,373

5. OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Insurance Claims	-	-	-	12,755
Energy Grant	-	-	-	-
VAT Claim	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	12,755

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YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

6. FUNDRAISING COSTS	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Sundry Events	-	-	-	-
Pantomime (including Storage Container)	-	23,318	23,318	8,655
	-	23,318	23,318	8,655

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Upkeep of Services	9,032	420	9,452	9,839
Church Running Expenses	36,736	-	36,736	33,049
Church Maintenance	3,137	11,589	14,726	2,687
Charities	774	-	774	444
Parish Centre Expenses	44,522	-	44,522	31,365
Flat Expenses	350	-	350	759
Repairs (SM)	-	199,164	199,164	8,406
Organ Repairs (SM)	-	1,725	1,725	1,304
Audio System (SM)	-		-	6,859
Tablet Relocation (SM)	-		-	11,982
Dunbottle Wall Repairs	-		-	42,281
Stocks Wall Repairs	-		-	12,395
CCTV and Nest (SM)	-		-	2,741
Car Park Resurfacing	900	-	900	29,280
Church Outreach	-	7,583	7,583	-
	95,451	220,481	315,932	193,391

8. GOVERNANCE COSTS	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Parish Share	30,000	-	30,000	64,200
Clergy Costs	1,021	-	1,021	595
Administration Costs	8,784	203	8,987	7,938
	39,805	203	40,008	72,733

9. STAFF COSTS	2024 £	2023 £
Musical Director	6,000	6,000
Office	3,180	2,834
	9,180	8,834

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.
The Musical Director and Office Staff are engaged on a self-employed basis.

10. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

The PCC hold an endowment property at Church House, Church Lane, Mirfield, it consists of a first floor flat and a ground floor meeting room, office and storage. There are also small and large halls. The property has an insurance value of over £1,000,000.

11. GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENT ASSETS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Gain (Loss) on investments from:	£	£	£	£
Change in Market Value	-	46	46	85
Disposals	-	-	-	-
	-	46	46	85

12. INVESTMENTS

All the investments are quoted investments listed on a recognised stock exchange.
All the investments are held primarily to provide an investment return for the charity.

	2024	2023
	£	£
Market Value at 1st January 2024	1,530	1,412
Additions at Cost	40	33
Disposals	-	-
Gain (loss) on Investment Assets	46	85
Market Value at 31st December 2024	1,616	1,530

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YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

13. DEBTORS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Income Tax Recoverable	9,735	13,433
Prepayments	-	884
	9,735	14,317

14. CREDITORS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals and Deferred Income	2,384	3,800
	2,384	3,800

15. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	General Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
Investments	-	1,616	1,616
Current Assets	118,653	217,990	336,643
Current Liabilities	(2,384)	-	(2,384)
Net Assets at 31st December 2024	116,269	219,606	335,875

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1st Jan 2024	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	At 31st Dec 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds						
Choir Guild	5,529	775	(623)	-	46	5,727
Bells	1,243	125	-	-	-	1,368
Charity	408	-	-	-	-	408
Pantomime	13,463	26,828	(23,318)	-	-	16,973
Richardson Legacy	388,076	3,584	(13,314)	(300,000)	-	78,346
SM Business Team	-	500	(199,164)	305,870	-	107,206
Flags (St Mary's)	5,870	-	-	(5,870)	-	-
St John's Tower	4,118	1,627	-	-	-	5,745
Tablet at St Mary's	518	-	-	-	-	518
St Paul's Cinerarium	-	315	-	-	-	315
Legacies (MTP)	-	38,369	-	(38,369)	-	-
Bubble Church	-	2,000	-	-	-	2,000
Crowlees School	-	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
Church Outreach	-	7,583	(7,583)	-	-	-
	419,225	82,706	(244,002)	(38,369)	46	219,606
Unrestricted Funds						
General Funds	55,472	157,684	(135,256)	38,369	-	116,269
	55,472	157,684	(135,256)	38,369	-	116,269
TOTAL FUNDS	474,697	240,390	(379,258)	-	46	335,875

Restrictions Imposed and Purposes of Restricted Funds

Choir Guild	Expenditure on Choir and Music
Bells	Maintenance of St Mary's Bells
Charity	For Gifts to Charities
Pantomime	Pantomime Costs
Richardson Legacy	Repairs and Maintenance at St Mary's Church
Saint Mary's Business Team	Managing Major Repair Work at St Mary's Church
Flags (St Mary's)	Fund for stolen flags at St Mary's Church
St John's Tower	Repairs to the Tower at St John's
Tablet at St Mary's	Relocation of Tablet to inside of Church
St Paul's Cinerarium	Maintenance of Cinerarium in St Paul's Grounds
Legacies (MTP)	To support any costs across Mirfield Team Parish
Bubble Church	For work with young families
Crowlees School	For development of a Forest Chapel at Crowlees School
Church Outreach	Allocation of costs of Outreach to the Community

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL TEAM PARISH OF MIRFIELD

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MIRFIELD TEAM PARISH

St Mary's

St John's

St Paul's

Serving the communities

of Mirfield and Hopton

ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Please note that questions for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) to be held on Sunday 28th April 2024, at St Mary's, following the 9.30am Service, are to be submitted in writing prior to the Meeting.

REVD HUGH BAKER
Vicar of Mirfield Team Parish
Report for the Year 2023

2023	St. Mary's	St. Paul's	St. John's	Crem	TOTAL
Baptisms	30	0	2		32
Weddings	13	0	1		14
Funerals	15	0	7	15	37
Confirmation	2	0	4		
Average Sunday attendance	52	0	27		79

VICAR'S REPORT Revd Hugh baker

Mirfield Team Parish is a busy place to be as you will be very aware as you read the various reports that have been brought together for this APCM. There are things that have been done by our individual churches, things by groups connected to the Parish and things that we as a church are involved with but which are connected more to the wider community around us. I commend each one of the following reports to you and I hope you will take the time to read them and feel heartened that so much is being done with and through God's church in this place.

I am of course deeply grateful for all that has been done and a general thank you goes to everyone contributing to this report and mentioned in it. I would just like to mention a few in more detail:

We are well blessed with clergy here in our Parish and my thanks goes to our SSM Assistant Priest Helen Butler whose contribution to the life of the Parish cannot be overstated, her ministry with us brings a wealth of local knowledge and her warmth, empathy and humour bring so much to the work she does among us. Chris Shedd who is retired but has happily taken on a very useful supportive role in the Parish has been busy covering some services on Sundays and midweek and has also taken a leading role with the book club and services like the Graveyard Service of remembrance at St. John's. We have been well served by our Curate Graeme Blackwell who joined us this year. It has been great to work alongside him as Deacon and we pray for him now as he moves towards his Priesting which should take place on 22nd June 2024. We also give thanks for the enthusiastic involvement in Parish life of his family: wife Sally, children Barny and Willow and Sally's mum Val. It has additionally been good to benefit from the input from various Ordinands over the year as they complete their Parish Placement with us from Mirfield College. This is an extremely busy Parish and it is wonderful that we are so well supported by the clergy we have.

A lot of pastoral work in the Parish is done by our 3 Lay Pastoral Ministers: Barry Hambling, Kath Crossley and Val Walker. They along, with the clergy and other members of the Pastoral Team have done much to make sure that contacts have been maintained with some of our most vulnerable members. Under Pastoral work I would also like to draw attention to and give thanks for the work that has been going on to provide a warm space in our community centre at this time of high energy bills and lower income. This has proven itself to be a very valuable and valued part of God's work. It is a huge commitment by those who run it but it has managed to provide warmth, food and friendship to numbers consistently around 20 every Saturday morning winter and summer. I am also grateful to Chris Shedd and Graeme for responding to a call for help with Sunday worship at Royds Court, we now have a regular monthly presence there on Sunday afternoons.

A very special word of thanks goes to our Church Wardens
Tim Grace at St Paul's
Chris Barker at St. Mary's
Anne Heeley and Stephen Butler at St. John's
As you read the reports from each of the churches you will begin to appreciate just how important the role of Church Warden is to the life and work of the Church and it has been good to see just how well this particular team of wardens have supported and encouraged one another in the tasks with each bringing their own skills and abilities to the benefit of the whole team. They have also worked very well with the Business Groups to ensure that the PCC are active on a day-to-day basis at each of our churches.

Of course, the Wardens are not alone in the work they are called to, they are supported fully by the clergy and surrounded by the PCC who again have brought many talents and abilities to the work of the church. I am very grateful for all that they do especially those who take on added responsibilities within the team:

- our Lay Chair Chris Breare, involved in so much in the Parish and at St. John's.
- David Brooke who works so hard to keep our books in order and when you consider that our turnover of money is in excess of £100,000 a year this is no small task;
- Staying with finance my thanks goes to Peter King for his continuing work as a trustee with the Vicar's Charity and helping greatly with the administration of it.
- Susan Smith had to step back from the work of PCC Secretary and we thank her for the many years of service that she so willingly provided there. However, this has meant we have been without an official Secretary for most of the year. This has not been easy to manage, and it is to be hoped that we appoint someone to this work as soon as possible. In the meantime, I am extremely grateful to Chris Breare for stepping up and in effect doing much of the work of the PCC Secretary alongside her many other rolls and duties. It is due to her hard work that the functions of the PCC have been enabled.
- Denise Cooper had to step back from the position of Safeguarding Officer due to ill health and our thanks go to her for the work that she did in the position. I am very grateful to Maggie Richardson for stepping quickly into the Role. Safeguarding is vital in the life of the church as it is in society generally and it has been good to know that Maggie is taking this matter well in hand. In this she is ably assisted by Kath Crossley who we are also much indebted to.
- Our Administrations Officer Lauren Montgomery-Bell has put in many hours over the year, we are lucky to have many weddings in the Parish and among other things Laruen is the one who makes sure that all the legal requirements are being met and arrangements are in place for such important days. Lauren also heads up the Community Centre management team. We are now beginning to return to something like the bookings that we need to support the centre and to carry forward the maintenance and upgrade programmes that are being planned.

The children's work in our Parish has been headed up by Kath Crossley working with the young church at St. Mary's and taking the lead on Baptism bookings and contacts. In this work she is joined by Anne Heeley at St. Johns with the Sunday School team there. Our work with Crowlees School has continued to develop benefitting greatly from having both Helen Butler as Chair of Governors and Graeme Blackwell and myself as Governors. We have a church presence at their collective worship (assembly) sessions every Tuesday morning and work with them on a number of other things such as the outside spaces, visits, and the popular enacted weddings and Baptisms. We also have some visits over the year from Castle Hall School and an occasional input (Christmas and Easter) into Assemblies at Crossley Fields.

Music and choral work have always played an important part in the life of the church and we are very well led in this area by Scott Senogles our Organist and Choir Master. He has worked hard alongside the choir, and it is wonderful to see that steps are being taken to build up the young singers again. We have some lovely voices to listen to accompanied as always superbly by Scott. A huge thank you too for organising the Summer Organ recitals which seem to be going from strength to strength. We are also in the fortunate position of being able to call on a number of other very competent organists on those rare occasions that Scott is unable to be with us.

Staying in the area of worship it has been good to be able once again to use our teams of Servers and Assistants at St. Mary's and St. Johns. At St. Mary's we are fortunate in having Chris Barker who is extremely organised and hard working as Sacristan, making sure that everything we need for our worship is bought in, clean and in the right place and at the right time (including the servers). In addition, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Peter Gordzeijko for the work that he has done with the series of meditations that he has been running. And, mention the prayer team that continue to provide a place for individual prayer in the side chapel at St. Mary's during communion.

Rachel Walker has continued to provide us with the ringing teams that we need at St. Mary's. She has now accepted the position of Tower Captain and has worked very hard to keep the group together and ringing for Sunday worship, High Days, holidays and weddings when able. The group is continuing to grow although training is being done at other towers as we have no resident ringing trainer. If you know of anyone please let us know.

Communication is very important in any Parish and here we are fortunate to have skills of Janice Barker working for us. She gathers information to put together and print the newsletters every week and it is Janice who produces the excellent Parish Magazine which often elicits praise for content and design. It is wonderful to have such a record of Parish Life which we can enjoy and share so readily with those who visit us. The value of the magazine goes far beyond any monetary considerations. Janice is also the person who makes sure that our weekly newsletter is produced to such a high standard every week with the readings other service details and announcements that we need.
This year we have also seen work being done on the new Web Site design by Inspiration Computers and in particular Alison Grant who, you will remember, was with us on Placement. We have also had an upgrade to the Weekly Newsletter Emailing which is now through a server called Mail Chimp. On line we continue to have a virtual presence on Facebook both as a Private Group and an open Page and our Sunday morning services are still streamed to the world in this way (technology willing).

Both St. Mary's and St. Johns are well served by their respective Friends groups. At St. John's the money that is both raised and released from investment means a huge amount in terms of day to day maintenance and upkeep of both church and grounds. The Friends at St. John's have supported many projects over the year and will continue to do so, the most important issue at the moment is the Church Tower which without some very expensive works will almost undoubtably begin to disintegrate in the not too distant future. At St. Mary's the Friends have now finally managed to get the wall alongside the Castle Moat rebuilt. This work predated my arrival and I am very grateful to them for sorting this out. I am also grateful that the Tablet of names of Benefactors is now in the church at St. Mary's and removed from the effects of weathering that has been taking its toll for many years.

Staying with buildings. St. Mary's continues to have vital work done to the Tower and Roof to prevent deterioration through water ingress. St. John's is facing the major problem of a Tower that is in urgent

need of repair. Unless it is dealt with soon there is a danger that the outer stonework will collapse away leaving the inner core still standing but rendering the building unusable. Work has already begun to ensure that this does not happen and the West stained-glass window has been removed and stored pending completion of the work.

The areas around our churches are well used by members of the public and they are well maintained. At St. John's this is taken care of by the Council of Friends and Hopton in Bloom but at St. Mary's the extensive work is undertaken by a dedicated group of volunteers under the careful management of Chris Barker. So many people comment on the well-kept nature of the Churchyards and the joy they get from visits to them.

I am indebted to Tim Grace for all the work he has put in at St. Paul's. Work has continued over the year to use St. Paul's as much as possible. He has managed to put together a series of events there that have gone a long way to meet the Insurance and other costs of the building over the year. As I write we are moving to a date for closure of St. Pauls in August 2024 with the hope that it might get a new lease of life through a charitable body that has successfully worked with other closed churches in the area.

There have been a number of new initiatives over the year which I would like to mention. We now have a band of Hand Bell ringers who meet regularly and have performed at our Christmas Carol Services. I am sure they will go from strength to strength and we can look forward to hearing more from them in the near future. Secondly, my thanks to Anne Heeley and Sally Blackwell for starting a Craft Group. This meets up at St. John's and is a busy little group who enjoy meeting and engaging in many productive craft activities. This I am sure does them all a power of good and the work they produce is then sold for church funds, a win win if ever there was one. Speaking of funds, a much-needed Fund Raising group has now been convened and is beginning the task of upping the Fundraising events and activities across the Parish. It has set itself a target of £10,000 to raise over 2024 and we wish it every success. This work is of vital importance especially since the increase in the cost of living, especially energy, has been so severe. One calculation estimated that simply to stand still with the cost of heating our churches over the year would take an extra £5 per person per week. This would be a good way if anyone is able to do it, alternatively, if everyone supports and advertises the Fundraising events this will also help immensely.

Finally, over the year our PCC have been working closely with the PCC at Christ the King Battyeford. This has involved exchange visits to share best practice and encourage one another in the work that we do. We are exploring ways in which we can be of mutual benefit to each other by supporting the worship and social life of all our churches as part of the overall Ministry and Mission to Mirfield. We hope that this collaboration will continue to grow and develop to the benefit of all.

The report to the APCM and this short introduction indicates just how many people are involved in the day to day running of the church and its life. There are far more than I have manged to thank individually and if I have not mentioned you by name my apologies, the contributions of all are of great value and very much appreciated.

With every blessing.

Hugh.

THE BUSINESS OF THE FULL PCC

Membership of the PCC

The PCC consists of:

Clergy	Revd Hugh Crispin Baker (Vicar and Chair)	
	Revd Helen Butler	
	Revd Graeme Blackwell	
	Revd Chris Shedd (retired and stepping in on a regular basis)	
Wardens	From St Mary's	Christopher Barker
	From St John's	Anne Heeley
		Stephen Butler
	From St Paul's	Tim Grace
PCC Members	From St Mary's	Lauren Montgomery-Bell
		Ruth Edwards
		Susan Smith until APCM
		Helen Walker
		Rachel Copley
	From St John's	Chris Breare
		Susan Auckland
		Susan Young
	From St Paul's	David Brooke
Deanery Synod Reps	From St Mary's	Barry Hambling
		Ruth King
Ex Officio Child Protection Officer		Maggie Richardson
Co-opted Health & Safety Advisor		Stephen Butler

There were 6 PCC meetings and 6 Standing Committee Meetings held in 2023.

The officers to the PCC were:	Lay Chair	Chris Breare
	Secretary	Susan Smith until May 2023
	Treasurer	David Brooke

ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT – Lauren Montgomery-Bell [Electoral Roll Officer]
Every 6 years the old Electoral Roll is discarded in favour of a new one and a new Roll was created for 2019 to be effective at the Annual Meeting in 2019.
At the 31st March 2019 the new Roll stands at 41 for St John's, 117 for St Mary's and 2 for St Paul's with a further 5 joint registrations, giving a total Roll of 165. These include 16 new enrolments for St Mary's and none for the other two churches.

As of April 2024, the Roll stands at 163 broken down as 45 for St John's, 111 for St Mary's, 2 for St Paul's with a further 5 joint registrations. There are 6 new enrolments.
The existing roll will need to be discarded next year (2025) in favour of a new roll. New forms will be available for you to take, at the back of church from the AGM.
Thanks to Lauren Montgomery-Bell [Electoral Roll Officer]

FINANCIAL REPORT – David Brooke
2023 was a 'challenging' year financially for the Parish. Income decreased by £10,000 on 2022 – but expenditure decreased by only £5,000.

There was an increase in income from planned giving, gift aid, collections and donations, etc of just over £1,200 and income from fundraising and fees also increased by £2,400. The Parish Centre contribution to general funds was £10,000 – and income received from the letting of St Paul's Church brought into general funds nearly £5,000 in the year.

In expenditure - there was an increase in upkeep of services by £1,000, running costs (gas, electricity, water and insurance) increased by over £6,000! - fortunately maintenance (repairs) costs charged to general funds decreased by £10,000. The parish share contribution was maintained at £64,200 for the year and donations of money collected for charities was £444.

All of this resulted in a deficit in general funds of £7.5k (2022: £2.2k)

Going forward - a fundraising group has now been formed and it is hoped that this will help generate about £10,000 of income to help offset the impact of the large increase in 2024 of the costs of utilities, insurance, etc. However, this alone will not cover the large expenditure to be incurred and a modest increase from giving would help.

As always, we are grateful to all the people who give regularly and generously to Mirfield Team Parish so that the work of Mirfield Team Parish can continue and our Churches can be open for all to be made welcome!

CHURCH WARDEN'S REPORT – ST MARY'S CHURCH – Chris Barker
Cindy Sheard moved to pastures new at St John's, Cleckheaton; as well as her stimulating and thought-provoking services, she instigated some new initiatives including Messy Church and Stations of the Cross in the churchyards at Saint Mary's and St John's. We had no idea what was waiting over the horizon! And then it hit us, the whirlwind that was the Blackwells, Graeme, Sally, Barney and Willow and Val Jasper, who very quickly settled into all aspects of parish life, immediately raising the profile of the team parish on social media, Facebook, Mirfield Matters and the much-improved Church website as well as taking an active part in many initiatives, including a Pancake party and Craft & Fellowship group.

COVID seemed a long way away, but many felt the aftereffects in long lasting coughs and colds. Nevertheless, it was highly encouraging to see the continuing rise in attendances and the number of events and activities encouraging visitors into our church. As always, we are indebted to our clergy for everything they do in all services, Baptisms, marriages, funerals, work in schools and the countless hours doing unlimited tasks behind the scenes which we don't hear about. Included in this are our Lay Ministers and Pastoral Team who do so much valuable, often unseen work visiting sick and housebound members. Church members continue to visit Wydale Hall for Cursillo weekends to strengthen their faith and grow in prayer, action and study. The prayer chain provides prayerful support for those in need. A team is always available to pray in the Side Chapel during the morning service with anyone who needs their support. A prayer tree and prayer board are also on hand.

Christingle, Live Nativity, Carol, Crib service and Midnight have been well supported as have All age and Uniformed Organisations. Holy Week and Easter services have been well supported, they have been inspirational, thought provoking and meaningful. Thank you to the clergy and to Scott for leading the beautifully executed music. We are lucky to have Scott (don't let on – but I think he knows!!) who quite apart from the music for hymns and anthems has

his work cut out with the choir, the Junior Singers, organising a programme of organ recitals and keeping our organ in tip-top condition and protecting it from the elements. Not to mention Compline on a Wednesday night.

At a PCC meeting, the Rev'd Jude Smith spoke to us about Barnabas, a scheme which sets out steps to potential funding and support to improve our church and Team Parish. This includes steps in prayer and mission, help with buildings, stewardship, help with governance and on-line technology. We seemed to be ahead in most areas.

We continue to hold meetings to look at ways in which we can become better at communicating our faith, connecting with our local communities and having the confidence to talk, witness and support in the community.

Outreach is very important at Saint Mary's, we want visitors to see, join us and discover what we do in our activities, events and services. It is very encouraging to note the increasing numbers who have come through our doors for special services concerts, events, Open Day, choirs and bands. The Roberttown Pop Choir gave three performances, The Honley Male Voice Choir, Black Dyke and Hammonds Brass Bands have all given entertaining evenings, all of which have inspired other choirs and bands to offer their services for the coming year. The Freddie Mercury and Céline Dion tribute evening, along with others, are always well supported. A team is already looking at organising events and activities to be spread throughout the year.

A very successful Open Day was held at St Mary's in early July. For the second successive year the weather was against us preventing most outdoor activities from taking place.

When we were organising the Open Day, we invited Dewsbury Minster Ringers to ring our lovely set of re-conditioned handbells donated by the late Margaret Richardson. Helen was quick to sign those interested. More ringers followed then thoroughly enjoyable practices leading to performances at the Christmas Carol Services. Practices are progressing well and more 'bookings' are hoped for during the year.

Ruth and Helen have worked hard with their teams to keep the very successful Warm Space, now Friendship Café going, such a lovely atmosphere; all involved can be proud of their efforts. Huge thanks must go to everyone who helped on Christmas Day to prepare the meal for those who might otherwise have been on their own. Sadly, the war in Ukraine is still continuing, collections of food and clothes organised by Ruth have been well supported and are desperately needed. Ruth is sponsoring a lorry to take donated supplies out to Ukraine and she needs sponsors. [If we could take Ruth out there everyone would be so organised there would be no energy left for fighting and there would be no litter, just Bloomers in every town!!] Ruth and her team also decorate the church for services, in Memory of, and weddings; the porch always looks stunning as do the pedestals.

The Parish Magazine is one of the ways we reach out and ours is widely read. A great many thanks must go to Janice for compiling such a first-class publication each month. Janice has been doing this for thirty years i.e. 300 issues. Our present, professionally printed publication goes a long way from the black and white Banda printed sheets collated and stapled by a small group of volunteers each month. Our magazine is much admired, distributed efficiently through the locality, to shops, libraries, nursing homes by a team of volunteers organised by Barry. Copies of the magazine are also posted to readers in other parts of the UK and can also be read online as a PDF file.

It is pleasing to see visiting groups of bellringers using our Tower. This year we have had Chapel Allerton, Bath Ringers, also East meets West Ringers, that included ringers from York, Norwich, St Paul's Cathedral and Derby Cathedral, who rang a peal lasting three and a half hours. Our own small group of bellringers ring for weddings and some regular services. Fraser Turner is trying hard to attract new members who want to learn how to ring and is desperately looking for an instructor to teach them.

A very dedicated band of church members attend monthly cleaning sessions after which energy reserves are replenished at a local hostelry afterwards. The smell of newly polished wood and the gleam of brass inspire a warm feeling of satisfaction.

We now have a Payaz machine, a contactless form of payment, to speed up donations and payments at services and especially events.

Team Parish lunches are very well attended and held regularly through the year; we must thank those who organise these.

Many thanks must also go to the many members of church who week in, week out, keep our services flowing – our welcomers, those who prepare and serve refreshments, those who read lessons, lead intercessions, the servers at the altar, those who administer the chalice, those who support people by prayer. We do really need people to volunteer to do these many tasks . . . . "many hands make light work" . . . . and spread the workload that often lands on the shoulders of the few.

Every Sunday for two hours, a team of volunteers are found welcoming visitors to St Mary's, serving refreshments, talking about our church, services and activities. Visitors can spend time discovering our heritage, admire our awesome building and architecture or spend some time meditating in quiet thought or prayer. Thanks go to Margery Uttley-Talbot for organising this.

It is very noteworthy how many who work or attend our activities don't actually worship here but thoroughly enjoy what they do, taking pride in being part of the heritage and churchyard of St Mary's. We are lucky to have a churchyard so rich in history and wildlife, an area to sit in, enjoy, meditate, walk through, work in a calm, quiet environment. The Graveyard Gang is a small group who maintain the nine-acre site. We are supported by Open Country, a group who work with those who have learning difficulties, and the Payback Team. We are also well supported by Mirfield in Bloom who donate funds for machinery, skips, equipment, noticeboards, bird boxes. Ruth entered us in Mirfield in Bloom – Heritage Site Competition; we achieved "Outstanding", a notable achievement. Areas for development included wildflower planting and a wildlife trail with noticeboards. Also tackling bracken on the motte, which we've already done. Bernard Walker was appointed as Conservation Officer. Two of our team visited St Stephen's Church, Bowling, for a day's course to look at aspects of churchyard care, use and maintenance.

Repair and maintenance unfortunately occupy our thoughts, time and finance a lot more than they should. The thought of finding funds for all the works and projects is quite mind-blowing and a fundraising team is already forming a list of events and activities spread throughout the year. Priority areas for repair and maintenance include repairing the vestry roof and leaks in other areas, eradication of dry rot; improved lighting; heating improvement; toilet area improvement; the graveyard will need extending over the next ten years. All this before many seemingly less important projects. Work on the vestry roof and treatment of dry rot in the same area should go ahead during the drier summer months. Improved lighting is to be carried out in two phases, the first being to replace existing bulbs with brighter energy efficient ones. We have investigated alternative forms of energy, also making the present boiler more powerful and efficient. Several of us went to Leeds Beckett University to look at fans that would prevent the warm air from escaping into the roof and circulate it downwards. Funds will need to be raised and grants found to fund these projects.

Our sound system has been completely upgraded with retuned frequencies, new antennae to ensure strong signals, new media system and the induction loop has also been repaired.

A block of stone from a window jamb in the Old Tower has been refixed.

The Dunbottle Lane wall has been at long last repaired thanks to the Friends of St Mary's; the wall near the stocks has been repaired after a police car crashed into it whilst in pursuit, filmed on our CCTV.

The cause of a pool of water on the North side of church threw up many theories - blocked drainage channels, soak-aways, wells, spring. An excavation supervised by our architect and an archaeologist proved inconclusive. An exploratory investigation by the Water Board revealed a stopcock, which when turned off caused the pond to disappear. Local houses were not affected.

A defunct, above ground gas governor kiosk needs to be removed and changed for one below ground and sited in the paddock behind the church halls.

Congratulations to Hugh who was made an Honorary Canon of Wakefield Cathedral; his installation took place in October.

The Coronation of King Charles III was celebrated over a long weekend in early May. A vigil was held at St John's on the Friday evening, the service from Westminster Abbey was streamed at St Paul's on the Saturday, a celebration service and street party were held at St Mary's on the Sunday and a Volunteering Day for members of the community led to many different projects on the Monday.

It is the tenth anniversary of the Mirfield Team Parish Health Walks which take place on two Saturdays each month exploring the local footpath network around St Paul's, St Mary's and St John's churches. Money for refreshments after the walks totalled £1250, which goes into Team Parish funds.

Peter Gordziejko continued his Stop the Month Meditation sessions; these culminated in our visiting the Community of the Resurrection to join with them in Evening Prayer.

Sadly, we have lot some stalwart members of our congregation – Graham Lamming, Pat Marhsall, 'Ted' Pugh and more recently, Margaret Prentice. They will be greatly missed.

CHURCH WARDEN'S REPORT – ST JOHN'S CHURCH January to December 2023

From January 2023, until May, Anne Healey and Linda Hutchinson were our wardens. At the APCM, Linda retired and Stephen Butler was elected in her place. We are grateful to all the work Linda carried out in her term as warden. She now devotes her time as our Sacristan and compiling excellent quiz sheets for our Tower fund.

The Business Team, consisting of Revd Hugh Baker (Chair), Rev Graeme Blackwell, , Anne Heeley, Stephen Butler, Sue Auckland, Chris Breare, Linda Hutchinson, John Sykes, and Sue Young met on six occasions in 2023, one meeting by Zoom and then at St John's.

OUTREACH INTO THE COMMUNITY

Pre-school staff and some of the parents and children came to St John's church on in Monday 27th March at 9.30 when Hugh told them the Easter story, followed by an Easter egg hunt in Church. Preschool also came to services of Harvest festival and to celebrate the Christmas story.

CORONATION

On Friday May 5th Vigil Service at was held at St John's St John's followed a Special Service on Sunday May 5th Garden Trail St John's was open for the Garden Trail and we organised a rota of helpers to steward the church July 1st 10-4 pm.

On Good Friday, visitors of all denominations participated and much appreciated the outdoor readings for the Stations of the Cross which were placed through the churchyard, culminating at the Easter Garden.

Prayer Station in a Gazebo at the Village Fete on July 29th was great success and will be held again this year. UHCA have donated £250 from money raised at the Fete

Harvest Songs of Praise.

Harvest Songs of Praise and Harvest Hail was held in a packed room at the Club at 3pm and Scott accompanied the hymn singing oh his keyboard

November 5th at 2.30pm Service to "Remember those we have Loved and Lost" was attended by over 40 people. Roses were given out the place on the memorials to loved ones.

Posada

In a new initiative on Advent Sunday, a Posada with 30 knitted sheep for the families to keep, was sent round the village and then it was brought to the Crib Service on Sunday December 24th at 6pm. After a slow start there was a waiting list for people wanting to have the Posada as it gave a feeling of Joy and peace, so next year we plan to have two Posadas with Anne and Sally making 60 sheep.

Carol Service was held on Sunday December 10th at 3pm with members of the Community reading the lessons and the newly formed Handbell ringers entertaining us beautifully in their first engagement

Carols Round the Tree
Hugh led the carols round the tree, a joint event hosted by Upper Hopton Community Association and St Johns, on Saturday December 16th 6 pm. Thanks to Richard Haigh who provided the Christmas Tree, Clifton and Lightcliffe Band for leading the carols, members of both UHCA and St John's who provided the mulled wine and mince pies and to Roger for setting it all up.

On 19th December at 6pm Quiet Christmas for those who do not look forward to Christmas was not as successful as it clashed with several other events. An afternoon service may be tried next year.

The meeting room at St John's with its independent heating is an asset to both the parish and the community, for group meetings, namely the bi-monthly meetings of the Pastoral Team, Ministry and Mission Team, the quarterly meetings of the Council of Friends and the Croft House Rooms Management Committee and the weekly coffee breaks of the Hopton in Bloom Team. It will be the venue for our newly formed Craft and Fellowship group.

On occasions, St John's is the venue for the Cursillo Services on a Saturday.

CONFIRMATION
Four (three children and one adult) candidates were confirmation on at a wonderful interactive service on Sunday January 29th at 3.30p.m by Bishop Tony at Wakefield Cathedral.

DEDICATION FESTIVAL
We celebrated our dedication Festival in October and thanks to Guest preacher, Revd Dr Janet Williams from St. Hild's College for a wonderful thought-provoking sermon, and following the service everyone enjoyed the buffet lunch in church.

BOOK GROUP
Chris Shedd hosted 2 Book Discussion groups at St John's for Lent Book, September on Monday afternoons 2pm for refreshment and 2.30-3.30 to share discussion.

FOOD BANK at St John's is still going and food donated to the Salvation Army and to Ukraine..
OPEN CHURCH
Each Wednesday 2-4 pm, the church is open for tea and cakes and we regularly have 14+ visitors

TOWER RESTORATION PROJECT.
The business team held a meeting with our architect on Monday January 9th at 10.30a.m.
The bulging of the tower walls have increased and the repair has become urgent and has occupied a large amount of time at our business meeting this year. We formed a Tower Project Group Revd Hugh Baker, Revd Graeme Blackwell, Stephen Butler, Mike Hewson, James Northing Stone Mason, of Monolith, (contractor), Tim Grace and Chris Breare. James proposed to repair the Tower in a Design and Build Project in 2 stages
1. Immediate stabilisation of the lower part of the Tower by placing the strengthening 20mm bars on three sides of the tower.
2. Restoration in Sections of the outer wall of the tower, removing the rubble infill and replacing with a stable mortar.

HEALTH AND SAFETY
To monitor our energy consumption more efficiently, a smart meter for Electricity was fitted. We already have one for the gas.

The Annual Boiler Service was completed in March
Headstone inspection was completed by John Sykes. Notices have been attached to the unsafe headstones.

The four heaters were serviced by DelSol on November 1st and are still running okay.
Fire extinguishers were serviced by FlamStop on Friday 15 December at 1.30p.m.
Parking for those with a Disability. We are grateful to Eric Wainwright who liaised with Kirklees to install 2 disabled parking spaces on Hopton Hall Lane.

PROJECTS COMPLETED
Following the granting of an Interim Faculty the West Window the stained glass panels and polycarbonate protection of the West Window were removed by Adam Goodyear and stored in secure storage in the mezzanine at St John's at a cost of £2850.00.This invoice, together with £950 for the architect fees for preparing the paper work for the DAC, were paid by a former member of the Council of Friends

Adam also cleaned the Millennium Window, Vicar's Vestry window, the Spider window and the two porch windows on August 25th. We are again grateful to the Friends for paying this invoice of £691.50. V.A.T. is not applicable.

Churchyard
We were grateful for a bequest of £1000 from the estate of the late Karin Brook and it was decided that this money should go towards the upkeep of the churchyard as Karin was a stickler for keeping the area round her parents' grave tidy
Regular Gardening and Grass cutting. Lewis Wroe regularly cuts the grass and the invoices paid by the Friends.
We are grateful to Paul Green and John Sykes who cut the hedge between the lower and upper churchyard so that it is now half the height easy to maintenance.

PROJECTS IN HAND.
Adam Goodyear mentioned that the pointing of the millennium window is starting to fail and whilst the window is secure and the Polycarbonate will keep the rain away it is something that you should consider replacing either in the autumn or spring as both frost and hot weather are detrimental to fresh lime mortar.
Sloping slab in path in Churchyard. Haigh's Tarmac quoted for removing the concrete by breaking it up and replacing with concrete leaving a 4" gap for the adjacent poplar tree to grow. Quote received £950 +. Stephen Craven has confirmed that this is a List A project and we can get on with it. We are waiting for dry weather.
Trip hazard and disabled access to meeting room.
A plan to reduce the front pew panel section to allow wheelchair access past the column and staining/polishing and shorten the trip hazards and put a floor fixing on the inside pew seat side, and to include staining the effected trimmed areas

Path to vicar's vestry is a health and safety hazard.
We plan to dig it out to find the original stone pathway and to add more pebbles.

The Upper Hopton Mothers Union Banner needs some repair work to the gold thread and other embroidery. It is proposed that we frame it and display it on the wall in the north aisle.
Toy and resources cupboard Anne Heeley has raised £2063.00 by knitting toys and wishes this to be placed in a restricted fund in the Friends to pay for the cupboard.
Cleaning the Paintings in the Sanctuary
The humidity in the Sanctuary is being monitored and recorded.

Air grates mesh grids to be installed in the spring.
Need to clear all the vegetation growing round the church building.

It has been suggested that we need a Post box at church.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

A coffee morning May 13th in St John's was a great success socially with lots of people saying how much they had enjoyed it. We raised £557 for the Tower fund.
UHCA have donated £250 for the Tower fund from money raised at the Fete in July
Linda's Yorkshire Day Quiz Sheets drawn on August 1st, with a Yorkshire themed hamper as the prize, raised over £600. A Harvest flower Quiz raised £302 Linda's Flowers Quiz and a Christmas sweets Quiz
Organ recital. Owen organised the recital with Gordon Stewart for September 16th 7.30pm and an entertaining evening was enjoyed by all. £897 was raised for the Tower fund
New2You Gail, Sandra, Kath and Anita from Hopton in Bloom raised £904 for the Tower Fund by holding a New2You Sale in Croft House
Quiz compiled by James Taylor on October 13th was a great social evening and we are grateful to all who provided the refreshments at no cost to us. £585 was raised for the tower fund
Church Stall at UHCA Autumn Fair on October 21stwhen £500 was raised for the tower fund.
A Fundraising letter was circulated to all houses in the village and further afield outlining our urgent problem with The Tower and directly requesting donations. A Poster has been placed on the Herras fencing displaying the QR code and hoping for donations too.
Sales of Helen's Jam and Honey have raised valuable funds for our Tower fund.

THANKS We are grateful to Rev'd Hugh Baker, Rev'd Helen Butler, Rev'd Graeme Blackwell and retired priest Christine Shedd for ministering to us in Upper Hopton; and to Scott and the choir, our Sacristan Linda and all assistants, readers and sides-people, who contribute to our Sunday worship and to all who have supported us with regular giving.

Chris Breare. Secretary to St John's Business Team

CHURCH WARDEN'S REPORT – ST PAUL'S CHURCH – Tim Grace

The Diocese are in the process of closing St Paul's and we are awaiting confirmation of the final date of closure from the Church Commissioners.
St Paul's is now scheduled to hold its final Church Service in Autumn 2024.

During the year the Church has supported the Community by holding a number of events; the Makers Markets were held throughout the year, and the pre-Christmas Markets being a great success.
Once again the Hammonds Band and the Bradford Youth Orchestra held their annual concert in October, they will miss St Paul's, as other than Town Halls, there are very few venues that can accommodate a 70 piece orchestra.
We had a wedding reception in June and of course we had a lovely day on Saturday 6th May celebrating the Coronation of King Charles at St Paul's with afternoon tea and a live Steaming of the grand occasion on a large screen .
The Beer festival was held in August
and the walking group and old rockers group continue to use the downstairs room on a weekly basis.
I am pleased to confirm that the revenue from all these events met the required budget in 2023.

It is a great sadness that we are no longer holding regular weekly services of worship at St Paul's, but once again we held an afternoon service on Good Friday, to mark the 'Last Hour at the Cross'.
It was a great delight to hold what may be the last Christmas Eve Christingle at St Paul's.
As usual it was attended by more than 100 people, thanks go to Kath Crossley and Val Warner for making the Christingles.

I would like to thank everybody for supporting the events at St Paul's during the last year.

Tim Grace, Churchwarden, St Paul's Eastthorpe.

SAFEGUARDING REPORT 2023

Maggie Richardson was appointed as Safeguarding Officer in September. Kath Crossley is to work alongside her. Both meet regularly to discuss the enormity of Safeguarding documentation that now exists, discuss next steps and urgent issues. Both have completely updated their training: Basic Awareness; Foundations; Safer Recruitment and People Management; Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse; Parish Safeguarding Officer Induction; and Leadership 2.
The Safeguarding Dashboard and Safeguarding Hub is a programme that helps to inform the Safeguarding Officers of actions that need to be taken, especially those that are urgent. Safer recruitment is now included in the dashboard and this helps and informs of actions needed including the Safer Recruitment of volunteers, and people management. Reports can be generated from the information on the dashboard.
An example of the Action plan summary printed off in November 2023 indicated the following: that some Churchwardens and PCC officers urgently needed to complete Safeguarding training; a Safeguarding report needed to be made at the APCM; Church activities listed on the dashboard needed to be confirmed and updated; those activities listed should all be authorised by the PCC, have adequate insurance, volunteers should be safely recruited and trained and Risk assessments should be completed. Accurate role descriptions need to be written to inform Safer Recruitment procedures.
Links for the completion of Safeguarding training have been provided. Group training is to be offered at a later date.
Members of the PCC have now reviewed and approved the Safeguarding policy, Action Plan, Policy Promotion and the Procedure for dealing with Safeguarding allegations or concerns.

Safe storage of documents has been discussed and a Safe allocated at St John's is to be used purely for the storage of Safeguarding documents.
We should like to express our thanks for the patience of all those who wait for us to understand and tackle the complexity of all that needs to be sorted.
Maggie Richardson, Safeguarding Officer

BUDGET AND STRATEGY GROUP REPORT – Chris Breare

THE BUDGET AND STRATEGY REPORT APCM 2023

The Budget and Strategy Team consisting of Hugh, David, Chris, Helen, Peter, Tim and Graeme, met by Zoom at monthly intervals except for May, August and September, to review the financial situation of the Parish at each meeting.

A Forecast Budget was compiled at the beginning of the year aiming to pay £ 64,200 towards our Parish Share and actual budget reviewed at each meeting, along with the income and expenditure each month for each church.
We have made regular monthly payments to the Diocese and we were pleased to have been able to achieve the £64,200 realistic contribution for 2023. However, we ended the year with a deficit the year of £7,533.
To offset this deficit a Fundraising Committee has been gathered with a fundraising target of £10k per annum would be a good starting point for the committee. This should be regularly reviewed and, if necessary, a stretch goal should be set if fundraising is going well.

Event Ideas

Several new ideas for fundraising events were discussed, along with existing events:

- 100 Club
- Murder Mystery evening
- Brass Band Programme
- Tribute Concerts (Elvis, Dolly etc.)

- Summer Open Day
- Beer Festival (Planned for 28th-29th June 2024 at St.Paul's)
- Makers Markets (Planned for 9/3, 13/4, 11/5, 8/6 and 13/7 at St.P)
- St. Patrick's Day Event (Pencilled in for w/c 3/3 at St.P)
- Art Festival
- Football Events
- Burns Night

During the coming year there are more planned events and we hope that all our congregations will support them.

In order to speed up electronic donations at Payaz machine has been purchased and was in use at St Mary's in time for Christmas and a QR Code is displayed alongside it and wherever else we can display it.
The energy bills increased significantly due to increased tariffs and Standing charges and every effort was made to reduce the numbers of hours the heating was on in our churches.

The PCC is grateful for the contribution of £10,000 from the Parish Centre; to those who give regularly by Planned Giving, standing orders and envelopes.
There was a good profit for of £1,402 from our excellent Magazine this year and thanks are due to Janice.

We must thank David Brooke and Peter King for their excellent accounts and budgets and for keeping us on track and hopefully a better year in 2024.

MINISTRY TEAM REPORT – Kath Crossley.
There are two Ministry Teams which assist in determining parish vision and planning for the future as well as striving to provide the best possible pastoral care.

Ministry and Mission Team.
The team has met six times. The team has discussed future planning and submits a calendar of services and events, as well as any actions needed, to the PCC for discussion and approval.

The team have discussed Action '23 and noted the importance of sharing thoughts and plans with members of the congregation. Three groups: Communication, Connection and Confidence have met from early in the year. The Communication group concentrated initially on setting up a new website and investigating the use of social media. The Confidence group decided their focus needed to be on the Christian faith: what it means; why it is important; and how we can encourage ourselves and the wider congregation to think about sharing our faith by making it visible and accessible to all. A lending library has been established at St Mary's containing faith-based books and colourful leaflets are displayed covering information about occasional offices such as baptism and marriage; sacraments; meditation; prayer and forgiveness. Similar changes have taken place at St John's. The Connections group has listed the many organisations and contacts that the Team Parish currently has good connections with. They also identified actions that would help support the Team Parish's visions and priorities: Friendship Café; Tea and a Chat at St John's; Pet services for St John's and St Mary's; and posada at St John's.

As Covid restrictions were lessened, sharing of the common cup was implemented, as soon and as safely possible, on Easter Sunday. Initially a second chalice was also used for those who wished their wafer to be intincted. The team has also supported the introduction of meditations, reflective services and healing prayer.

House groups:
No Enquirer's groups have been held. Confirmation preparation meetings were held. Study groups: Lent, Book and Bible study meet regularly at St John's and a Bible study group met as a House group from St Mary's.

Community links and ways of strengthening links between 'fringe' and 'mainstream':

Children:
Details are covered under the report of Our Work with Children.

Baptisms:
Thirty one baptisms were held in the Team Parish during 2023 with twenty nine of those being at St Mary's and two at St John's. There was also a blessing at St Mary's.

Confirmation:
Two candidates came forward for Confirmation. They were confirmed on November 5th by Bishop Smitha.

Healthy Walkers:
Healthy Walks have continued successfully with walks starting from each of the three churches. Each walk has some regulars including walk leaders and then a different group from those registered each time. Numbers taking part vary.

Men's Group:
A small group have taken part in the quiz at the Old Colonial when they have been able.

CAP (Christians against Poverty):
There has not been a CAP course as there have been changes to the course and this would have involved individuals re-training.

Social lunches:
These have been enjoyed at Dewsbury District Golf Club.

Community groups:
Team members continue to report on other community groups, such as Mirfield in Bloom, so that the Team Parish can inform their members of services and events in the Team Parish. It has been hoped to hold a Volunteers' service in 2023 but this is now planned for 2024.

PASTORAL TEAM. Kath Crossley
Members of the Pastoral Team have met six times. In the months when there has not been a meeting, members have submitted interim reports for circulation to the team.

With the lessening of restrictions pastoral visiting and home communions recommenced. Members of the team wear name badges for identification and carry visiting cards so that details for the Team Parish are readily available. Support to members of our congregations has also continued via phone calls.

Members of the congregation at St Mary's have continued to give food and monetary donations to the Welcome Centre, supporting those in need in the wider community. Harvest donations, have been taken to the warehouse in Huddersfield where all our contributions are most gratefully received. Goods have also been donated to be taken to those in need in Ukraine.
Members of the congregation at St John's continue to take donations of food to the Salvation Army.

OUR WORK WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH
CHILDREN'S CHURCH – Kath Crossley and SUNDAY SCHOOL – Anne Heeley
2023 has seen the continuation of Children's Church at St Mary's and Sunday School at St John's. Both of these take place during the Sunday morning service at the individual churches.

Themes are based on the lectionary supported by materials from the Roots series as well as the Young Church Mag colouring pages and puzzle booklet. Our story and activities are based on the Gospel reading for that Sunday.

We follow the main elements of the service starting with a welcome, lighting candles and prayers. We say sorry for the things we have done wrong and try to do this in the most inventive ways we can think of. Show and Tell is one of the highlights for the children as they are able to share what they have been doing with the rest of the congregation and are rewarded by loud applause. We round off the session with prayers.

The numbers at St John's Sunday School fluctuate between 0 and six with four more or less regular attendees. Sadly, towards the end of 2023 at St Mary's, numbers of attendees have dwindled.

COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL LINKS – Revd Helen Butler
It has been a year of challenge for us- however, we have had some significant successes.

What went well;

- Lots of Christmas attendance from families; Live Nativity, Crib services & Christingles
- Re-establishing Mirfield Junior Singers
- Connections with Crowlees School- Hugh & Graeme are on the Governing Body and Helen is Chair of Governors
- Weekly assemblies at Crowlees
- Crowlees school visits to church to support their curriculum eg EYFS
- RE curriculum support by clergy to Crowlees school- for example, leading mock weddings, baptisms, enacting the Christmas story
- Connections with Church House and Croft House Play schools
- Links to St Mary's Pantomime and Gang show
- Links to Uniformed organisations- Church parade at Mothering Sunday & Harvest, Helen's Lent talk at Brownies
- Regular Young Church provision at St Mary's and St John's
- Open Day at St Mary's attracted lots of families
- 1 young person confirmed
- Baptism numbers steady- although now fewer than pre-Covid; good preparation and pastoral care in both churches
- MFG, Castle Hall, Crowlees & Crossley Fields all had school Christmas concerts in church

What could have been better;

- Declining number of families attending church regularly
- Fewer and fewer leaders available to draw upon to plan, recruit and lead children's activities
- No follow up activities for baptism families

Potential ways forward?

- Grow a pool of children and families leaders (ensure safeguarding protocols)
- Continue consideration of 'Bubble church' (a national initiative to attract families) with a view to starting in September 2024
- Appoint a (non-clergy) Children & Families Coordinator for the parish
- Regular activity days and events planned 12 months ahead
- Better communication with potential attendees – especially digitally
- Produce and have readily available a regularly updated leaflet to give out to baptism families outlining forthcoming events & activities
- Plan families events at alternative times to Sunday worship
- Presence at Mirfield Show

- Forest Church at Crowlees
- Share resources with CtK

MTP CHOIR & JUNIOR SINGERS – Scott C Senogles BMus(hons) M.A [Director of Music]

This is my 19th report for the PCC and as I look back over those years it is interesting to see how much has changed in both national CofE worship and here, within the Mirfield Team Parish. The main topic of universal worry, nationally and locally, must be that of dwindling congregations, resulting in far fewer people available from congregations to commit to singing, voluntarily, each week at both of our churches.

That said, the choirs of St. Mary's and St. John's are still going strong, even if smaller than I would like. Overall attendance by choir members is good but could be improved further. We have several choristers who robe on Sundays to sing, who unfortunately do not commit to choir practices on a Wed evening, which reduces the available options for repertoire and choral development at rehearsals. I'm very pleased that we finish most choir practices with that most ancient liturgy of sung Compline. The choir know this very well now, which is great to hear.

Many current choir members are now living with long term medical conditions, which also means regular attendance has become increasingly difficult for them; both for rehearsal and for worship. However, their continued presence, effort and support is highly valued.

Some members of the choir have suggested combining the midweek rehearsal with a sung Eucharist, as weekends can be an incredibly busy time for young families with conflicting priorities. This has been discussed loosely in the past, and I believe it may be worth trialling. This could be beneficial, not just for the spiritual enrichment of these choir members, but may also provide an alternative, accessible worship time for other young families in the parish.

The Mirfield Junior Singers' choir is now much healthier in numbers, with 7- 10 members now regularly practicing on Wed evenings around the piano. They joyfully performed at the St. Mary's carol service and more recently had an Easter showcase; where children performed solo's and sang a medley of recently refined songs. One of the members, who receives a free piano lesson prior to the choir, performed on the piano. We finished the spring term performance with a presentation of 'Real' Easter Eggs for the children, kindly gifted by the MTP Music Guild.

It is such a privilege and joy to see children so at ease in church, enjoying its warmth and expressing themselves through music and fellowship. It is hoped, with more focused planning, to invite MJS to the sorts of services where uniformed organisations and the church school would normally be invited. Planning and vision will be key if we are to make the most of the opportunity to grow our weekly congregation, when non-regular church attendees are present on these such occasions.

We are still in dangerous territory with the active dry rot in both the choir vestry roof and now the organ chamber wall. We currently have scaffolding up but are still waiting for the roof to be watertight, to allow the walls to dry out enough, to treat the dry rot. I pray we can overcome the many roof issues quickly so that the dry rot can be removed before it gets any closer to devouring our magnificent organ.

The recital series continues to bring in strong numbers, with most recitals having an attendance of between 30 and 40 people, who come to for a cultured hour of professional music making, finished off with lashings of tea and cake. I'm very grateful to the recitalists who commit to the annual series - and play with such talent and finesse! – and equally grateful to Bronwyn and Jenny, who kindly prepare and serve the much loved tea and cake!

I am exceedingly grateful to Chris Shedd for her tireless commitment as MJS chaperone. Rev'd Shedd has been a great blessing and asset to the whole team parish since she became a regular communicant at St. Johns.

Finally, thanks of course go to all choir members, who assist in the making of music for divine worship, across Mirfield Team Parish.

Scott Senogles, BMus(Hons), MA
Director of Music, Mirfield Team Parish

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT FOR 2023 – Barry Hambling & Ruth King (Deanery Synod Representatives)

The Synod has held three meetings in the past year and have been held in various churches in the Deanery. For those who are not aware, the Deanery Synod is the third tier of government in the churches system of government. It enables church members to discuss both local and other matters as they arise. The first meeting of the year took place at St Philips & St James church Scholes, Cleckheaton, on the 31st January
2023. The Rev Hugh Baker and the lay chair David Ashton opened the meeting after which prayers were conducted by the Rev Sally Wallace Jones. After prayers she gave a short talk about the Parish of St James of which she is Vicar and some details about herself including the time she spent as a minister in Norfolk. Our main speaker was the Archdeacon of Halifax the Venerable Bill Braviner who started his talk by saying he had been in post for nearly a year and the time had flown, this was mainly due to the area Bishop (Jonathan Gibbs) leaving almost at the same time he had started, so a lot of his time is spent carrying out the Bishop's duties. He did announce that a new Bishop was in the process of being appointed, but no name could be given yet due to the process of the appointment. It is to be hoped that June 22nd would see the appointment announced.
Bill started by saying how beautiful this part of the world is, he also said the culture of this area was great with the choirs and bands and other activities. He talked about how the diocese was still working out the best way to operate as it is still a young diocese. One of his main aims is to be a missionary/ connector for people and churches to resources and to take an overview of the Episcopal area. Bill said he wanted to encourage our churches to use the dioceses resources a lot more for mission. The diocese had a lot to offer along with the people who could help us use these resources. He talked about wanting to get around and meet as many people as possible, including church wardens and others as we were all in this drive for mission as God calls us to travel together for the benefit of us all.
The meeting finished at 9.10pm after discussing any other business and saying the Grace.
Our second meeting of the year was held on the 8th June at St Saviours Church Batley. The Rev Canon Hugh Baker welcomed members to the meeting and introduced Mark Mattocks a licenced Lay Minister who led prayers and gave information about the church and the activities which took place there. The main speaker was Janet Edmund who is the stewardship officer for the diocese, she spoke at length about the parish giving scheme and the advantages it can give to parishes. The main advantages being all the administration would be done by the diocese, this would include collection of monies, arranging direct debits amongst many other things.
It would also encourage people to increase giving each year by the inflation rate, so income would rise for the church in line with the inflation. Members asked a number of questions about the scheme which were answered to peoples satisfaction.
The good news is that MTP already use this system and it works well. Reports on the latest meetings of the General Synod and diocesan Synods were presented and a member asked a question why the Linda Box situation which is still ongoing
The meeting finished at 9.00pm with prayers and the Grace

The third meeting of the year was held on the 10th October at Mirfield Parish Church at 7.15pm and was well attended. The main items on the agenda were to elect people for the various officer posts connected with the synod, officers for both for the house of laity and the house for Clergy were required. The meeting split up so that the Laity could elect their officers and the Clergy could elect theirs. Mr David Ashton was re-elected to the post of lay chairman for the house of laity and Mr Richard Bland (Battyeford) and Janice Dawson (Carlinghow) were re-elected to the standing committee for the house of laity. In the house of Clergy, the Rev Canon Hugh Baker, who is the Area Dean, was elected as the house of clergy chairman. After the voting both houses came together to elect both a Deanery Secretary and a Deanery Treasurer. Both the existing post holders were re-elected, Mr John Ferret as secretary and Mr David Ashton as treasurer. Afterwards David said that due to the change of name of the Synod, he had had a problem with starting a new bank account, but this had now been resolved. The main speaker was the new Bishop of Huddersfield the Right Revd Smitha Prasadam, who made an immediate good impression by saying, with a laugh, she had been told to speak for 45 minutes which had no chance of doing! This was her first deanery meeting she had attended and it was good to be here. She went on to speak about her background. She was born into the church in southern India and had a Christian upbringing, Bishop Smitha (Please call me Smitha) went on to say that she had lived in many places in the UK but for the last five years had worked in Copenhagen working as the Chaplin of St Alban's in Copenhagen
She had studied Literature and Linguistics at the Collage of Ripon and York St John (Leeds University). She went on to say we are all called to God's way and walk with Christ, we have to tell the truth about what we see around us and feel able to tell the truth. We need to have compassion for those around us for the needs of others, the message is Christ is here. She than asked what this deanery was doing to bring God's message to the people? Many examples of

the work churches were doing in the deanery were given. The area dean thanked the Bishop for coming and for her talk and then spoke briefly about the closure of St Paul's church in Mirfield.
The meeting concluded with prayers at 9.00pm.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MIRFIELD MODERATOR'S REPORT Adrian Roberts, Pastor, Zion Baptist Church

- Adrian Roberts said that one of the highlights of his first year as Moderator was the prayers that were held with Marc Voase at the beginning of his Discernment Process. He said that Churches TOGETHER was about coming together and supporting the body; and those praying for Marc demonstrated that. He wished him well on his journey to Ordination.
- The Walk of Witness through the town on Good Friday with distribution of Hot Cross Buns was well received. Thanks to Kenneth Evans & Marc Voase for organising it. This was followed by a short service at St Paul's.
- Christmas Angels continued its previous success. Kenneth Evans said that they had hoped to have a get-together in the Residents' Lounge but no-one was in there, so they were invited to meet the staff.
- The World Day of Prayer Preparation 2024 is well under way. This is an important date on the calendar.
- Church on the Green is going from strength to strength. The support for this project is appreciated. An alternative to Hallowe'en resulted in 60 pizzas and 60 toasties being distributed. Most came and took the food; but stayed. They had a Christmas Tree again; and various activities took place over Christmas. The Moderator requested prayers for the residents of London Park Estate; and particularly for the people living in the Mews, a supported housing complex which was in jeopardy because of KMC's closure policy.
- The Savile Arms collected 27 bags of food and gifts, which were given out in the neighbourhood. It was a privilege to pray with the customers, even though some were 'over the eight'.

MARA/TANZANIAN LINK REPORT – No report.

FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S CHURCH 2023 Chris Breare
The Council of Friends met on three occasions in 2023, in January by Zoom and then in May at the Lawn and the AGM in September at St John's.

The officers elected at the AGM in September were

President	Sue Young
Vice President	
Chairman	Rev Hugh Baker
Hon Secretary,	
Hon Treasurer	Mr John McMullan
Assistant Secretary + Membership Sec	Chris Breare.
Wardens	Anne Heeley
Wardens	Stephen Butler
Members of the Council	
	Owen Ryder
	Linda Hutchinson
	Julie McMullan
	John Sykes
	Tim Grace
	Sue Auckland

Last year our President, James, was very proactive in encouraging the business team to look afresh at the many challenges we have in maintaining the fabric of the church and churchyard, particularly the tower and the paths.

In January, a new Kestrel 400 Super Economy Heater was fitted by DelSol to replace the condemned heater near the lectern and the invoice for £3,108 and was paid by the Friends.

Churchyard Lewis Wroe continues to maintain our churchyard and worked hard with regular gardening and grass cutting and has sent an invoice for the summer 2022 for £2810.00 and this was paid by the Friends. In May 2023 we paid £280.00 for cutting the churchyard twice and for cutting the hedge.

Tower Restoration. The West Window was under stress and there were fears that it may collapse. Adam Goodyear, who installed the Millennium Window, was asked to quote for its removal and storage. He quoted £2850.00 and the architect quoted £950 for preparing the paper work for the DAC and move to obtaining an Interim Faculty. The Council of Friends agreed to pay for this work, which went extremely smoothly and the window is awaiting restoration when the tower is restored. A former member of the Council very kindly paid £4,000 for this work to be done.

Church Sound System. We are grateful to one of the Council for providing and synchronising three new microphones and transmitters. This has allowed speakers to be at various places at once rather having to be at the lectern.

Fundraising. A Coffee Morning was held in St John's church on May 13th was a great community event and enjoyed by all who attended and raised the £557 for the tower fund.
Linda compiled a Yorkshire Quiz for £1 per sheet and a Yorkshire themed hamper as prize on Yorkshire day, August 1st, and raised £600 for the Tower Fund. This was followed by Harvest Flower Quiz, which was deemed rather difficult and raised £302
The Organ Recital on September 16th 7.30pm with Gordon Stewart was a wonderful evening and raised £897 for the Tower Appeal.
Four ladies from Hopton in Bloom held a *NewToYou* evening in Croft House on Friday September 29th 7 pm and raised £900
A Quiz with James on Friday October 13th was a great fun evening and raised £585. Thanks and a couple of bottles of wine have been sent to James.
We had a church stall at UHCA Autumn Fair on October 21st and raised £500, thank to Anne for organising and to everyone who donated to the stall
Thanks to Sandra who made Holly posies and raised £260.

Membership. At present we have 57 active members of the Friends with several new members being recruited this year.

Future projects. The tower is a massive project for a small group to undertake so a committee from Friends, and the business team was formed to explore all possibilities. This has proved to be successful and we are exploring a more cost effective solution to the restoration.

The dangerous slab which is on an incline due to pressure from the poplar trees is to be replaced. Haigh's Tarmac quoted for removing the concrete by breaking it up and replacing with concrete leaving a gap for the poplar tree to grow. Quote received £950 + VAT

The Friends are extremely grateful to all the members who subscribe regularly and support our beautiful church building.

Chris Breare Assistant Secretary.

CROFT HOUSE ROOMS CHARITY – Roger Leedham
January to December 2023
At the formation of the Team Parish in 2007 a document was drawn up to ensure Croft House continues to be managed effectively and the new PCC proposed that the Managing Trustees of Croft House Rooms Charity be the Croft House Rooms Management Committee, the eight members of which are determined as follows:

1. The two Wardens of St John's shall be members.
2. Four UHCA members which includes the Treasurer of the UHCA. Two UHCA members are elected on alternate years, and each serve for two years.
3. The PCC of the Mirfield Team Parish shall elect two representatives.

A quorum for any meeting shall comprise two members representing the UHCA, two representing the PCC and one other member.

The Management Committee of Croft House Rooms Charity, the Managing Trustees, is responsible for letting the Rooms and for the recurrent expenditure involved in running the Rooms. The UHCA have free tenure of the Rooms and are responsible for the maintenance of the building and grounds and for capital expenditure.

The membership of the Management Committee of Croft House Rooms Charity is as follows:

1. Christine Breare - co-opted as Chair (Trustee)
2. Anne Heeley - elected Church Warden by PCC
3. Stephen Butler - elected Church Warden by PCC
4. Sue Young - elected by PCC.
5. Sue Auckland - elected by PCC.
6. Roger Leedham - (Secretary) (Trustee) UHCA
7. Kathryn Cockerill - Treasurer of UHCA
8. Gail Auty - (Trustee) elected by UHCA.
9. Joan Hemmingway - (Trustee) elected by UHCA.
10. Andrea Leedham - co-opted as Booking Secretary
11. Peter Crane - co-opted as Treasurer.

The impact of the energy costs has very slowly reduced in 2023 but still at a high level as we enter 2024. At the latter end of 2022 detailed investigations into our future energy costs were undertaken and were reviewed at the CHRMC meeting on the 10 January 2023. A decision was made to increase all the charge rates for room hire at Croft House.

The accounts for the year 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023, were approved at the committee meeting in January 2024. These showed an income of £15,220 against an expenditure of £13,900. Included in this expenditure was a donation of £5000 to the UHCA to help with essential maintenance.
The net result of the decision to increase room hire rates was an increase in the income for Croft House of approximately 30%, which has matched the increased costs.
The opening cash balance on the 1 September 2022 was £25,389 and the closing balance on 31 August 2023 was £26,722. Details of the accounts were submitted to the Charity Commission in December 2023.

During 2023 the following major items of maintenance to Croft House were carried out:
Annual routine safety checks: were carried out e.g. gas, PAT, fire equipment
June – The 5 yearly electrical hard wire checks were carried out for a cost of £594. As requested, the report following the checks was sent to our insurer.
August – The kitchen was completely refurbished including new windows and flooring for a total cost of £13,608.
August – All lighting was converted to LED type.

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S COMMUNITY HERITAGE SITE – Helen Walker

The committee - 'Steve Bell (Chair), Helen Walker (Secretary), Lauren Montgomery-Bell (Treasurer), Ruth Edwards, Tim Grace and Diana Brown' of FSMCHS met for the final time on 26 March 2024. The group was formed approx.12 years ago in response to the need to fundraise for the rebuild of the collapsed Dunbottle Lane wall boundary wall of St Mary's graveyard. A constitution was established. In addition to the rebuild of the wall, the group supported work on the historic Castle Hall mound and within St Mary's graveyard.

The original Chair of the group, John Daniels, passed away approx. two years ago, he was instrumental to lead the group towards their goal. Members of the group supported fundraising and along with the benefit of a financial legacy, enough money was raised to pay for the rebuild of the wall. The wall was rebuilt in 2023 at a cost of £42,000.

Having achieved the aims of the group, it was decided the group would cease in accordance with the constitution.

Thank you to all the Friends and people who have supported the aims of the group over the last 12 years.

ST MARY'S COMMUNITY CENTRE – Lauren Montgomery-Bell

St Mary's Community Centre continues to provide the church and the community with a comfortable space for events and weekly classes.

We continue to be the home of:

- Pre school
- Two Pilates groups
- Yoga
- Dog training classes
- Baby massage
- Brownies, Rainbows and Guides
- Beavers, Cubs and Scouts
- Painting classes
- Karate
- Dancing schools
- Ballroom dancing classes
- Church Pantomime
- Mirfield in Boom
- Men's Probus
- Saturday Friendship group
- Hypnobirthing classes
- Elections
- Church Fundraising/ Church meetings

New Groups.

- Crochet group.
- Postnatal baby Yoga
- Prenatal baby yoga
- Hand Bell ringers
- Power hoops

Lost Groups

- Line Dancing
- Disco Fit
- Circuit Training

Improvements made this year.

- New flooring in the meeting room
- New flooring in the kitchen
- The Car Park has been totally resurfaced and white lined.
- Small Hall has been redecorated and new blinds added.
- New website up and running.
- Just received planning permission for renovations to the area between the halls.

Planned improvements.

o Have a lower service area created between the Main Hall and the catering kitchen, for serving hot and cold drinks.

o Pantomime Costume storage Area in the hall car park.

o New flooring to the Small hall.

Regular maintenance:

- Fire procedures/ and testing.
- Risk assessments.
- Maintenance of 5 starts rating in both kitchen areas.

Going forward

We need to continue updating the centre, so we can offer quality facilities to our ever-growing user groups.

The Hall Management Team

PANTOMIME COMMITTEE – Laura Brown

Three Musketeers panto report 2023

Back in full swing after the Covid pandemic "The Three Musketeers" enjoyed 5 nearly sell-out performances with many familiar faces returning to a cast of 15 and 16 chorus members.

We were pleased that we were able to keep the French theme alive throughout the production in terms of the costumes, scenery and music choices. In fact, this was another year when we had a variety of musical genres with contemporary numbers and traditional songs/dances as well.

After our successful closing night we were well on our way to preparing for our 75th year of Cinderella.

UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

8TH MIRFIELD SCOUT GROUP – Chris Wilding

Those who attended the recent gangshow and read the programme or listened to Hugh's words will know that 2024 sees 8th Mirfield celebrate our 50th anniversary. Though this report is looking back on the past year, we are only here because of the efforts put into our group by many people over the last 50 years so it only seems right to say thank you to each and every person who has helped, lead, supported or attended 8th Mirfield – St Mary's over this period.

The past 12 months have been busy for us down at 8th Mirfield – St Mary's. One of the main changes is that we have added an Explorer section for those leaving Scouts (typically ~14½) . It is already following in the footsteps of all our other sections in that it is now full of youngsters having fun, but means we now cater for ages 6-18

Across all 3 of our existing sections and our new Explorers, normal scouting activities have continued to take place and those members that joined us as Beavers following our restart after Covid restrictions continue their journey through the sections as some now approach Scout age. All sections have taken part in camps, parades, community activities, badge work and as has already said, having fun. Most notably over recent months this culminated in our gangshow that we put on in March in the church hall. We all had a fabulous time practicing for it and performing it and it was wonderful to see so many people come to watch. Especially seeing some of the former leaders who came back to support us.

In a little more detail our Cubs have taken part in district camps as well as our own summer camp which our Beavers joined them at to get a taste of what is to come for them as they move on through the sections. Scouts have done summer camps, winter camps and expedition camps as the older members completed their expedition requirements for their Chief Scouts Gold Award. Many of our Beavers have completed their Chief Scouts Bronze and likewise in Cubs we are proud to have a number who completed their Silver Award. In March we also had our first Cub complete

every single Cub activity badge available and we were delighted to welcome our County Commissioner as he came along to present an award to Xander in recognition of this achievement.

As previously mentioned, we have taken part in a number of parades and these include the Mirfield Remembrance Parade as well as some of the St Mary's church parades and though our gangshow interfered with some of the spring Church parades, we attend where we can

Last summer we had members from all the sections attend the Run for Jo event at Oakwell Hall, helping run the event as well as taking part in the run itself as a fundraiser for both the Group as well as for Daisy who was at the time, shortly heading off to Korea for the World Scout Jamboree and it wasn't just Daisy that has been jet-setting though as Jack has just returned from an international scouting trip to Canada after also doing lots of fundraising for it.

Last November we awarded our "Derek Hoyle" award for the second time to 1 member from each section for outstanding participation, attitude, enthusiasm and all round "Scouting Values". Well done to all our recipients

This brings me onto my final comments – as I mentioned last year (and every other year), 8th Mirfield continues to be a large group – certainly one of the largest in the district and county. We rely on our leaders to be able to provide these activities and at the moment would really benefit from a few extra pairs of hands. Since starting in the 1970s, 8th Mirfield has seen so many people pass through their doors and it would be great to see some old (or young) faces come back down and help continue the tradition, but even if you have never been involved, don't let that put you off – everyone is welcome and we provide everything you need for the role – all we ask for is a little time.

If you think you may fancy it or know someone who might then please pop down or get in touch with us (all contact details are in the Church Magazine) as we'd love to have you on board.

2ND & 14TH MIRFIELD BROWNIES – Tracey Riley.

We've had a fantastic year here at St Mary's Brownies and continue to grow with a thriving unit, we have a fantastic team of leaders all giving what they can to help provide the girls with a fun environment to make new friends, learn skills and most importantly have fun.

Like previous years, we wore up our uniform to school on Thinking Day, to think about the organisation we belong and those all over the world. All the schools in Mirfield and around were so supportive welcoming us in uniform and one school even did a huge presentation. The girls were so proud to wear the uniform and the online joining went crazy with a mass of girls wanting to join girlguiding which was fantastic.

We've travelled around the world tasting different foods to tie in with Thinking day and learning fun facts and activities from fellow countries

We loved attending the pantomime here at St Mary's, and love that we got to take over on the Friday night; it's so special to have all members of guiding from rainbows to guides together to enjoy the pantomime.

Our unit here celebrated 50 years, Christ the King brownies also celebrated 50 years and 1st Mirfield a staggering 100 years. We held a very special birthday party for all Mirfield brownies in February with Bricktopia, Louise's art, the clay people and mini professors joining us for a mammoth celebration.

After Christmas we held a glow in the dark night, it looked amazing, with the dark nights we made fimo glow people, used glow in the dark wasabi tape to make patterns, we also used UV torches to go in an outside treasure hunt, painted ourselves in UV Paint and made owl glow pictures it was great fun

The autumn sees us focus in our only fundraiser of the year our craft fair, girls worked so hard making things and manning the stalls on the night, it was a very busy night but in just 45 minutes we made over £935 which was incredible.

We had a super turn out on a very wet November Sunday for the town's annual Remembrance parade. Despite the weather the girls were fantastic and did us proud.

We attended the Division Event with over 200 other guiding members, the theme was from little acorns to giant oaks, it was so lovely with a range of nature crafts, activities and a super badge to go along .

Tie dying, scone making and the ice cream badge we're on the cards for a few weeks as we rotated round and tried our hands at them all.

Visitors
We've had some fantastic visitors in, from Andy Booth at Huddersfield Town impressing us with his career and inspiring everyone girls included to follow their dreams whatever they may be. We had a local petting farm visit one night for an Easter treats, with Guinea pigs, rabbit galore and a duck as well, the girls loved handling and cuddling them.

Tom from the martial arts method came in early in the year to teach us all about martial arts, the girls loved it and it was something a little different.

On the lead up to Christmas we invited Alex along; Alex worked with us showing us how to make beautiful decorations from glass, these were taken to be fired in the kiln before returning to hang in our trees for years to come.

Jayny visited to teach us some yoga at the start of the year, it was a very chilled night and good for our wellbeing and mental health.

Badges We tried a new badge this year by taking part in parliament week, the results of putting brownies in charge were quite interesting and we learnt lots about voting and different views.

Sarah decided she fancied a badge with a difference so the Wallace and Grommet badge it was, tasking cheese, designing jumper keyrings, make catapults to fire peas were just a few challenges we tackled. The girls even came in their own odd trousers to get in the mood which looked fantastic.

The archaeology badge was something a bit different we tackled, making time capsules, thinking if things to put in , matching treasures with their owners and exploring the local area were a few of the items we completed.

One of the vital skills we learnt was first aid, Virginia did a super first aid session, learning bags first aid, who to call, keeping safe, basic first aid skills as well as making thermometer biscuits and hear5 best cookies. We also had a visit from Sarah who has run fake wound sessions so there were a lot of gory looking wounds going home that night.

It was team work as its best when we completed the task mistress badge, from stacking cheerios to balance in spoons on our nose; we cracked it!

Professor Emma visited to teach us physics as part of our I'm a physicist badge, we made zip lines, experiments and elephants toothpaste which was a great fun and a lot of slime.

Parties
We invited nutty ness along for our Christmas party, games, dance moves, disco we did it all and finished the year off with a bang

We finished the summer with an arty party; Gio came and showed us all sorts of techniques, we decorated our own sunglasses, made kites and finished off with a visit ice cream van.

This year we celebrated our 50th birthday, along with going to Skyfall for a party we also received a grant to enable us all to visit a forensic workshop, we donned white coats, took fingerprints, foot castings, looked for clues and finally solved the crime.

We had a lovely visit from Reverend Helen to celebrate the Kings Coronation, with crown making, traditional trifle making competitions and games. It was a lovely night.

We got out and about on the canal boats as we visited on several weeks to ensure we could all get on the boats and enjoyed some beautiful evenings floating down the water

We enjoyed a fantastic Pack Holiday to Fan Wood with a Roald Dahl theme, from baking to painting, slime making to face painting, grass sledging, bouldering and archery; we did it all, it was fantastic. We've another pack holiday shortly and hoping to squeeze a sleepover in too.

We've had a fantastic year, there's really not enough weeks to squeeze all we want to do in and the above is only a snapshot; we've done so much more.

We are so grateful to the fantastic team we have and the amazing girls we have.
Want to join the fun? http://www.girlguiding.org.uk

Tracey

2ND & 3RD MIRFIELD RAINBOWS – Wendy Banks

2023 saw our unit grow and a year full of fun and laughter as well as achieving lots of badges.

In February we went with the rest of Mirfield Guiding to the Mirfield Parish Pantomime to see the Three Musketeers and we had a lovely night. In March we joined in on an activity with Mirfield Coop and had some of our Fair-Trade artwork displayed in the store. We also created personal Mother's Day boxes full of all our girls favourite things.

Summer saw us celebrating the Coronation with lots of different themed activities including putting up a display in the church hall of the mall parade. We finished before the summer holidays with an ice cream themed night.

September was the 25th anniversary of 3rd Mirfield Rainbows and we celebrated with a Silver themed party night and a specially commissioned badge.

The rainbows joined others from across the Division to attend the Calder Division event, enjoying activities and crafts around the theme of acorns and trees.

November we were visited by Mirfield's foodbank and as well as learning more about what they do in the community the girls donated lots of food to them.

We finished the year with a disco and bounce party at Royds Mill in Lower Hopton, a night full of Christmas fun.

2ND MIRFIELD GUIDES – Wendy Banks

In 2023, we have continued following the Guides programme and girls have been working on their Take Action.

We went to St Mary's Parish Pantomime again to see The Three Musketeers with other guiding groups in Mirfield, which the girls loved.

At Easter we went roller blading with another of the guide groups.

We visited Bradley Woods for an evening, where girls learnt to put up a tent and enjoyed a campfire supper. The guides also enjoyed going Bowling with another of the guide units and doing a treasure hunt around the Church grounds.

In the summer, we joined the other Mirfield guide groups for a District camping trip. The guides visited the Coal Mining Museum for a day trip and enjoyed lots of outdoor activities.

The guides joined others from across the Division to attend the Calder Division event, enjoying activities and crafts around the theme of acorns and trees.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
MIRFIELD TEAM PARISH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Voluntary Income	2	92,229	38,424	130,653	100,992
Activities for Generating Funds	3	62,500	13,605	76,105	62,724
Investment Income	4	-	3,373	3,373	716
Other Incoming Resources	5	360	12,395	12,755	9,937
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		155,089	67,797	222,886	174,369
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Fundraising Costs	6	-	8,655	8,655	490
Charitable Activities	7	107,156	86,235	193,391	103,810
Governance Costs	8	72,534	199	72,733	73,341
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		179,690	95,089	274,779	177,641
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS		(24,601)	(27,292)	(51,893)	(3,272)
TRANSFERS					
Gross Transfers Between Funds		-	-	-	-
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS		(24,601)	(27,292)	(51,893)	(3,272)
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS (LOSSES)					
Gain(Loss) on Investment Assets	11	-	85	85	(221)
NET MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS		(24,601)	(27,207)	(51,808)	(3,493)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total Funds at 1st January 2023		80,073	446,432	526,505	529,998
Total Funds at 31st December 2023		55,472	419,225	474,697	526,505

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	Notes		2023 £		2022 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	12		1,530		1,412
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	14,317		12,701	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		462,650		517,953	
		476,967		530,654	
CREDITORS: Amounts Falling Due Wthin One Year	14	(3,800)		(5,561)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			473,167		525,093
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			474,697		526,505
CREDITORS: Amounts Falling Due After More Than One Year			-		-
			474,697		526,505
The Funds of the Charity:					
RESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS	16		419,225		446,432
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
General Funds	16	55,472		80,073	
			55,472		80,073
			474,697		526,505

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Gifts, Donations and Legacies	10,439	23,022	33,461	16,493
Gift Aid and Planned Giving	46,844	12,082	58,926	47,161
Income Tax Recoverable	12,560	3,020	15,580	14,879
Collections	6,868	-	6,868	6,970
Fees, etc	15,518	300	15,818	15,489
	92,229	38,424	130,653	100,992

3. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Fund-raising	4,423	225	4,648	2,347
St Paul's Events	4,928	-	4,928	10,826
Parish Centre and Room Hire	43,834	-	43,834	43,301
Flat Rent	6,800	-	6,800	6,250
Pantomime	-	13,380	13,380	-
Parish Centre Donations and Grants	2,515	-	2,515	-
	62,500	13,605	76,105	62,724

4. INVESTMENT INCOME	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Bank and Building Society Interest	-	3,340	3,340	676
Dividends Received	-	33	33	40
	-	3,373	3,373	716

5. OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Insurance Claims	360	12,395	12,755	4,525
Energy Grant	-	-	-	2,550
VAT Claim	-	-	-	2,862
	360	12,395	12,755	9,937

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6. FUNDRAISING COSTS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Sundry Events	-	-	-	490
Pantomime	-	8,655	8,655	-
	-	8,655	8,655	490

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Upkeep of Services	9,572	267	9,839	9,061
Church Running Expenses	33,049	-	33,049	31,172
Church Maintenance	2,687	-	2,687	11,489
Charities	444	-	444	2,590
Parish Centre Expenses	31,365	-	31,365	24,939
Flat Expenses	759	-	759	360
Repairs (SM)	-	8,406	8,406	3,116
Organ Repairs (SJ)	-	-	-	17,171
Organ Repairs (SM)	-	1,304	1,304	3,912
Audio System (SM)	-	6,859	6,859	-
Tablet Relocation (SM)	-	11,982	11,982	-
Dunbottle Wall Repairs	-	42,281	42,281	-
Stocks Wall Repairs	-	12,395	12,395	-
CCTV and Nest (SM)	-	2,741	2,741	-
Car Park Resurfacing	29,280	-	29,280	-
	107,156	86,235	193,391	103,810

8. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Parish Share	64,200	-	64,200	64,200
Clergy Costs	595	-	595	1,062
Administration Costs	7,739	199	7,938	8,079
	72,534	199	72,733	73,341

9. STAFF COSTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Musical Director	6,000	6,000
Office	2,834	2,574
	8,834	8,574

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.
The Musical Director and Office Staff are engaged on a self-employed basis.

10. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

The PCC hold an endowment property at Church House, Church Lane, Mirfield, it consists of a first floor flat and a ground floor meeting room, office and storage. There are also small and large halls. The property has an insurance value of over £1,000,000.

11. GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENT ASSETS

Gain (Loss) on investments from:	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Change in Market Value	-	85	85	(221)
Disposals	-	-	-	-
	-	85	85	(221)

12. INVESTMENTS

All the investments are quoted investments listed on a recognised stock exchange.
All the investments are held primarily to provide an investment return for the charity.

	2023 £	2,022 £
Market Value at 1st January 2023	1,412	1,593
Additions at Cost	33	40
Disposals	-	-
Gain (loss) on Investment Assets	85	(221)
Market Value at 31st December 2023	1,530	1,412

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YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

13. DEBTORS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Income Tax Recoverable	13,433	12,701
Prepayments	884	-
	14,317	12,701

14. CREDITORS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals and Deferred Income	3,800	5,561
	3,800	5,561

15. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	General Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
Investments	-	1,530	1,530
Current Assets	59,272	417,695	476,967
Current Liabilities	(3,800)	-	(3,800)
Net Assets at 31st December 2023	55,472	419,225	474,697

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1st Jan 2023	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	At 31st Dec 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds						
Choir Guild	5,113	797	(466)	-	85	5,529
Bells	1,110	133	-	-	-	1,243
Charity	408	-	-	-	-	408
Pantomime	8,738	13,380	(8,655)	-	-	13,463
Richardson Legacy	402,452	3,321	(17,697)	-	-	388,076
CCTV (St Mary's)	2,741	-	(2,741)	-	-	-
Sutcliffe Legacy	20,000	-	(20,000)	-	-	-
Flags (St Mary's)	5,870	-	-	-	-	5,870
St John's Tower	-	4,118	-	-	-	4,118
Tablet at St Mary's	-	12,500	(11,982)	-	-	518
Dunbottle Wall	-	21,153	(21,153)	-	-	-
Stocks Wall	-	12,395	(12,395)	-	-	-
	446,432	67,797	(95,089)	-	85	419,225
Unrestricted Funds						
General Funds	80,073	155,089	(179,690)	-	-	55,472
	80,073	155,089	(179,690)	-	-	55,472
TOTAL FUNDS	526,505	222,886	(274,779)	-	85	474,697

Restrictions Imposed and Purposes of Restricted Funds

Choir Guild	Expenditure on Choir and Music
Bells	Maintenance of St Mary's Bells
Charity	For Gifts to Charities
Pantomime	Pantomime Costs
Richardson Legacy	Repair Work at St Mary's Church
CCTV (St Mary's)	For provision of CCTV equipment for St Mary's Church
Sutcliffe Legacy	For expenditure at St Mary's Church
Flags (St Mary's)	Fund for stolen flags at St Mary's Church
St John's Tower	Repairs to the Tower at St John's
Tablet at St Mary's	Relocation of Tablet to inside of Church
Dunbottle Wall	Repair of Wall in Dunbottle Lane
Stocks Wall	Repair of Wall near Stocks

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MIRFIELD TEAM PARISH

St Mary's

St John's

St Paul's

Serving the communities
of Mirfield and Hopton

ANNUAL REPORT 2022

Please note that questions for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)
to be held at **11.00 am** on **Sunday 23rd April 2023,** at St Mary's,
following the 9.30am Service,
are to be submitted in writing prior to the Meeting.

REVD HUGH BAKER
Vicar of Mirfield Team Parish
Report for the Year 2022

Vicar's report 2022

Mirfield Team Parish is a busy place to be as you will be very aware as you read the various reports that have been brought together for this APCM. There are things that have been done by our individual churches, things by groups connected to the Parish and things that we as a church are involved with but which are connected more to the wider community around us. I commend each one of the following reports to you and I hope you will take the time to read them and feel heartened that so much is being done with and through God's church in this place.

I am of course deeply grateful for all that has been done and a general thankyou goes to everyone contributing to this report and mentioned in it. I would just like to mention a few in more detail:

We are well blessed with clergy here in our Parish and my thanks goes to our SSM Assistant Priest Helen Butler whose contribution to the life of the Parish cannot be overstated, her ministry with us brings a wealth of local knowledge and her warmth, empathy and humour bring so much to the work she does among us. Sadly, for us of course Cindy, who contributed in many ways for much of 2022 has now finished her time with us and left to work in Cleckheaton as they went into Interregnum. We wish her every success in her future ministry. Chris Shedd who is retired but has happily taken on a very useful supportive role in the Parish has been busy covering some services on Sundays and midweek and has also taken a leading role with the book club and services like the Graveyard Service of Remembrance at St. John's. Without the support and dedication of my fellow clergy it would have been very difficult at times to manage this busy Parish.

A lot of pastoral work in the Parish is done by our 3 Lay Pastoral Ministers: Barry Hambling, Kath Crossley and Val Walker. They along, with the clergy and other members of the Pastoral Team have done much to make sure that contacts have been maintained with some of our most vulnerable members. The number of face-to-face visits has slowly increased over 2022 back to pre-covid levels. Under Pastoral work I would also like to draw attention to and give thanks for the work that has been going on to provide a warm space in our community centre at this time of high energy bills and lower income. Working alongside our Ecumenical partners a warm space was provided on every day of the week in Mirfield and our time was between 10 and 4 on Saturdays. It might have started slowly but soon picked up and the numbers of people who benefited grew week by week until some weeks saw about 30 people through the doors. My thanks go to all those who made this important work possible during the winter months.

A very special word of thanks goes to our Church Wardens. It has been wonderful to see Church Wardens almost to a full Parish complement of 6 with:

- Tim Grace at St Paul's
- Chris Barker and Anne Richardson at St. Mary's
- Anne Heeley and Linda Hutchinson at St. John's

As you read the reports from each of the churches you will begin to appreciate just how important the role of Church Warden is to the life and work of the Church and it has been good to see just how well this particular team of wardens have supported and encouraged one another in the tasks with each bringing their own skills and abilities to the benefit of the whole team. They have also worked very well with the Business Groups to ensure that the PCC are active on a day-to-day basis at each of our churches.

Of course, the Wardens are not alone in the work they are called to, they are supported fully by the clergy and surrounded by the PCC who again have brought many talents and abilities to the work of the church. I am very grateful for all that they do especially those who take on added responsibilities within the team:

- our Lay Chair Chris Breare, involved in so much in the Parish and at St. John's.

- David Brooke who works so hard to keep our books in order and when you consider that our turnover of money is in excess of £100,000 a year this is no small task;
- Staying with finance my thanks goes to Peter King for his continuing work as a trustee with the Vicar's Charity and helping greatly with the administration of it.
- Susan Smith despite some health issues has continued to provide excellent work as PCC secretary slaving away over the minutes and agenda's along with all sorts of other parish work as PCC secretary.
- Our new Safeguarding Officer is Denise Cooper and she is beginning to make this job her own and ensuring that we are compliant and familiar with the very important procedures that ensure that children and vulnerable people of all ages are safe and valued whilst they are with us.
- Our Administrations Officer Lauren Montgomery-Bell has put in many hours over the year, we are lucky to have many weddings in the Parish and among other things Laruen is the one who makes sure that all the legal requirements are being met and arrangements are in place for such important days. Lauren also heads up the Community Centre management team. We are now beginning to return to something like the bookings that we need to support the centre and to carry forward the maintenance and upgrade programmes that are being planned.

The children's work in our Parish has been headed up by Kath Crossley working with the young church at St. Mary's and taking the lead on Baptism bookings and contacts. In this work she is joined by Anne Heeley at St. Johns with the Sunday School team there and with Cindy who continued to organise and run the Messy Church events both at St. Mary's and St. John's. Our work with Crowlees School has continued to develop benefitting greatly from having Helen Butler as Chair of Governors. We have a church presence at their collective worship (assembly) sessions every Tuesday morning and work with them on a number of other things. We also have some visits over the year from Castle Hall School and an occasional input (Christmas and Easter) into Assemblies at Crossley Fields.

Music and choral work have always played an important part in the life of the church and we are very well led in this area by Scott Senogles our Organist and Choir Master. He has worked hard alongside the choir, and it is wonderful to see that steps are being taken to build up the young singers again. We have some lovely voices to listen to accompanied as always superbly by Scott. We are also in the fortunate position of being able to call on a number of other very competent organists on those rare occasions that Scott is unable to be with us.

Staying in the area of worship it has been good to be able once again to use our teams of Servers and Assistants at St. Mary's and St. Johns. At St. Mary's we are fortunate in having Chris Barker who is extremely organised and hard working as Sacristan, making sure that everything we need for our worship is bought in, clean and in the right place and at the right time (including the servers). Equally encouraging has been the introduction of some young servers at St. Mary's, it has been wonderful to see them grow in skill and confidence over the year. In addition we now have a Lay Worship Leader in Sunny Ellis who, having completed the theory and on-line part of the course, is now starting to put that training to good use in our services. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank both Peter Gordzeijko for the work that he has done with the series of meditations that he has been running and the prayer team headed by Rachel Copley for providing a place for individual prayer in the side chapel at St. Mary's during communion.

Rachel Walker has continued to provide us with the ringing teams that we need at St. Mary's. She does not want the responsibility of Tower Captain but has worked very hard to keep the group together and ringing for Sunday worship, High Days, holidays and weddings when able. She would I'm sure be delighted if a Tower Captain could be found and someone able to train up local ringers in our tower.

Communication is very important in any Parish and here we are fortunate to have skills of Janice Barker working for us. She gathers information to put together and print the newsletters every week and it is Janice who produces the excellent Parish Magazine which often elicits praise for content and

design. It is wonderful to have such a record of Parish Life which we can enjoy and share so readily with those who visit us. The value of the magazine goes far beyond any monetary considerations.

Both St. Mary's and St. Johns are well served by their respective friends groups. At St. John's the money that is both raised and released from investment means a huge amount in terms of day-to-day maintenance and upkeep of both church and grounds. The friends at St. John's have supported many projects over the year and will continue to do so, the most important issue at the moment is the Church Tower which without some very expensive works will almost undoubtably begin to disintegrate in the not-too-distant future.

The areas around our churches are well used by members of the public and they are well maintained. At St. John's this is taken care of by the Friends Group but at St. Mary's the extensive work is undertaken by a dedicated group of volunteers under the careful management of Chris Barker, so many people comment on the well-kept nature of the Churchyards and the joy they get from visits to them.

I am indebted to Tim Grace for all the work he has put in at St. Paul's. Work has continued over the year to use St. Paul's as much as possible. He is also working along with others to try and find the long-term answer to the use of the building and we are hopeful that after the work of 2022 2023 might be the year that this question finds an answer.

The report to the APCM and this short introduction indicates just how many people are involved in the day to day running of the church and its life. There are far more than I have manged to thank individually and if I have not mentioned you by name my apologies, the contributions of all are of great value and very much appreciated.

2022 was a year in which we thought carefully about where we were as a church and began to make some plans. We had our Vision 22 exercise and this has now developed into Action 23. The three groups identified as important in Vision 22 looking at: Communication, Connection and Confidence are now meeting, and it is planned that the work they do will start to spread out into the wider congregation over the coming year. Please look out for ways in which you can become involved as opportunities arise.

With every blessing.

Hugh.

2022	St. Mary's	St. Paul's	St. John's	Crem	TOTAL
Baptisms	32	0	7		39
Weddings	13	0	0		13
Funerals	17	0	3	17	37
Confirmation	0	0	0		0
Average Sunday attendance	56	0	27		83

THE BUSINESS OF THE FULL PCC

Membership of the PCC

The PCC consists of:

Clergy	Revd Hugh Crispin Baker (Vicar and Chair)	
	Revd Helen Butler	
	Revd Cindy Sheard	
Churchwardens		
	From St Mary's	Anne Richardson & Christopher Barker
	From St John's	Anne Heeley & Linda Hutchinson
	From St Paul's	Tim Grace
PCC Members	From St Mary's	Lauren Montgomery-Bell
		Ruth Edwards
		Susan Smith
		Helen Walker
	From St John's	Chris Breare
		Anne Heeley
		Linda Hutchinson
	From St Paul's	David Brooke
		Jane Jaggar
Deanery Synod Reps		Barry Hambling
		Ruth King
Safeguarding		Denise Cooper
Disability Officer		Layla [Sunny] Ellis
Co-opted Health & Safety Advisor		Stephen Butler

The officers to the PCC were:

Lay Chair	Chris Breare
Secretary	Susan Smith
Treasurer	David Brooke

There were 6 PCC meetings and 6 Standing Committee Meetings held in 2022

ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT – *Lauren Montgomery-Bell, Electoral Roll Officer*

Every 6 years the old Electoral Roll is discarded in favour of a new one and a new Roll was created for 2019 to be effective at the Annual Meeting in 2019.

At the 31st March 2019 the new Roll stands at 41 for St John's, 117 for St Mary's and 2 for St Paul's with a further 5 joint registrations, giving a total Roll of 165. These include 16 new enrolments for St Mary's and none for the other two churches.

As of April 2023 the Roll stands at 162 broken down as 42 for St John's, 113 for St Mary's, 2 for St Paul's with a further 5 joint registrations. There are 4 new enrolments.

FINANCIAL REPORT – *David Brooke [Treasurer]*

In 2022 there was a slight improvement in the finances of the Parish. Income increased by over £16,000 on 2021 – but expenditure also increased by over £15,000!

There was an increase in income from planned giving, gift aid, collections and donations of just under £3,000 and income from fundraising and fees also increased by £2,700. The Parish Centre income decreased in the year, so the contribution to general funds was reduced from £15,000 in 2021 to £10,000 in 2022 – however the income received from the letting of St Paul's Church brought into general funds nearly £11,000 in the year. The Parish also received a grant from the Diocese of £2,550 towards energy costs and received an insurance claim of £4,525 for damage to St Paul's by a fallen tree.

In expenditure - there was an increase in upkeep of services by £1,500, running costs (gas, electricity, water and insurance) increased by nearly £2,000, maintenance (repairs) increased by over £7,000 (although the insurance claim of £4,525 is to be offset against this). The parish share contribution was increased by £1,150 to £64,200 for the year and donations of money collected for charities was increased by £1,400. Administration costs increased by £2,250.

All of this resulted in a deficit in general funds of £2.2k (2021: £3.4k)

There is a need for a fundraising group to operate to help offset the impact of any reduction of income which may occur in 2023 and the inevitable increase in costs of utilities, insurance, etc.

We are grateful to the many people who give regularly and generously to Mirfield Team Parish so that the ministry to the people of Mirfield can continue and our Churches can be open for all to be made welcome!

CHURCH WARDEN'S REPORT – ST MARY'S CHURCH – *Anne Richardson & Christopher Barker*

With the C word never far away but slowly receding, confidence grew and congregation numbers rose to encouraging numbers. With restrictions relaxing and fewer masks we were heading towards recovery and hopefully, growth.

As ever, and to the fore, our clergy, Hugh, Helen and Cindy lead with stimulating, thought provoking, sensitive services. Palm Sunday processions, Stations of the Cross, egg rolling competitions, Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee Service of celebration.

Unfortunately, conflict was never far away, the war in Ukraine brought collections, services and lighted candles.

The 40th Anniversary of the Falkland War Service was attended by the Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire, civic dignitaries, serving personnel, in a very moving service.

All our services were streamed.

Contactless payment was introduced and we now had wine intinction at the Communion Service.

Rapidly approaching was the 150th Anniversary of St Mary's. 150 trees were planted by children and church volunteers in the Crowlees School grounds.

On 8th September Queen Elizabeth II died. We marked this with a Book of Condolence. During the period of mourning a steady stream of people signed the book; Ian Ackroyd flew the flags at the correct heights, Rachel and her team rang the bells as Charles was proclaimed King. A Service of Commemoration was attended by the King's representative, the funeral service was streamed on the big screen. Helen brought Crowlees School Councillors to sign the Book of Condolence.

Cindy lead a service of Dedication leading to St Mary's 150th Anniversary Open Day which exceeded all our expectations – tower tours, heritage displays, history walks, churchyard trails, and then tombolas, raffles, cake stalls, refreshments; we did rather well raising £2000 overall.

The momentum continued with a well-attended Honley Male Voice Choir concert in which the proceeds were split between the choir and the church.

Mirfield in Bloom had a very successful year thanks to Ruth and her team and were awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the equivalent of an MBE.

Peter started his Stop the Month Meditation, ten sessions, the first five being secular, the remainder with a Christian focus. Attendance at these sessions has increased encouragingly.

Hugh ran the Yorkshire Marathon at York, collecting sponsorship for the Pakistan Flood Appeal and St John's Tower Fund.

At Harvest Thanksgiving we had an All-Age Service to which we welcomed the Uniformed Organisations.

We enjoy hearing about the Cubs', Scouts' and Brownies' activities including visits and camps, in the Parish Magazine and we also like to see them in church, joining in with our services. The Live Nativity always seems popular, especially watching a certain person clear up deposits.

Cindy had another very successful Messy Church, which is growing in popularity.

Approaching Christmas we had the Hammonds Band playing to a very full church.

The Christingle, Live Nativity, Crowlees, Crossley Fields and Castle Hall Carol Concerts all filled the church which was heartening to see.

At this point mention must be made to the wonderful work that Scott does with his choir and Junior Singers. Throughout the year Compline followed the choir practices and Organ Recitals have started again – all great news.

It is lovely to see our young servers looking splendid in their albs and joining the established team.

An awful lot goes on behind the scenes that we do not hear about, especially the Lay Ministers and Pastoral Team who should not be forgotten and the valuable work they do. Prayer Chain groups spring into action as soon as anyone needs our prayerful support. Church members visited Wydale Hall, 10 miles from Scarborough, for a Cursillo weekend, empowering Christians to grow in prayer, action and study.

Helen brings school groups into church and clergy go into schools to take assemblies.

As restrictions are relaxing, Barry has organised welcoming and collection teams and teams have also been organised for refreshments after the services.

Margery organises people to welcome visitors at Open Church each Sunday.

Each month a team cleans areas in church followed by a much-appreciated meal.

Parish lunches are also very popular, thanks to Val for organising these.

We cannot forget the work Helen and Ruth have done in initiating the Warm Bank and collections for Ukraine. Both have been very popular, well supported and invaluable at a time when food and clothes are desperately needed.

It is heartening to see the church being used again. The Scouts held a presentation evening, Roberttown Pop Choir have a number of concerts through the year. Bands, choirs, orchestras all benefit from the renowned acoustics of the building.

Outreach is very important and much has been mentioned above but the Parish Magazine is not only read by our church members but reaches far and wide in the UK. Locally it goes to libraries, shops and nursing homes, it is also sent out as a PDF. Janice spends much time producing this professional looking

printed magazine, trying as much as possible to keep the cost down. Not many other churches will have such a magazine.

On two Saturdays each month a walking group explores the local footpath networks. The walks last for 1½ hours followed by tea and biscuits. They start from St Mary's, St Paul's and St John's, investigating the area around each church. Money from refreshments goes into church funds.

Several memorial benches can be seen around the church, Memorial Garden and churchyard. Our extensive churchyard is a lovely area to sit, meditate, watch the wildlife or the display of snowdrops, crocuses, daffodils. It is maintained by a very small group who work through the year. Our Graveyard Gang is supported whenever possible by the Pay Back Team, who have been involved in wall building and grass cutting. A Wellbeing initiative, whereby the Health centre would recommend people who could benefit from working in a calm, quite, beautiful environment, is being set up and it is hoped that this will gain momentum during the spring.

Heating and energy costs at the moment have prompted studies into gas and electric use and possible alternative sources of energy. Our boiler has recently been serviced and the flue replaced but it may not last much longer. We are taking details from several companies about heating systems, how they will apply to St Mary's and quotes for those systems.

Before September 22 every service suffered from severe interference on our sound system. This was highly embarrassing for those taking the service and very annoying for families and friends particularly during baptisms, weddings and funerals. Pro Audio came and retuned frequencies, upgraded radio mikes and the system has worked well since. They are returning in April to upgrade the whole system; antenna will be installed to ensure strong signals, a media unit to replace the old stacking system and a rack cabinet so all equipment can be stored and locked in one area. Cameras and screens can be linked to the system at a later date.

A pool of water has appeared on the North side of the church and this has gradually become bigger and encroaches onto the path. At first it was thought to be blocked drainage channels or tanks from the drainpipes on that side of the church. A closer study of plans disputed this theory. Tests by Yorkshire Water showed that the water may be mains water but subsequent excavation could not find any pipework. They recommended a private dig, which is to start very shortly overseen by an archaeologist because of the proximity of a listed structure and the uncertainty of what could lie under the surface!

We are indebted to Helen, who has continued to work on the project that involves repairs on, I and around church. This includes work on the church tower, vestry roof, downpipes, South roof, windows, relaying and replacing stone flags, wall and relocation of the stone donation tablet currently fixed on the side of the Memorial Garden.

Through the year Helen has provided invaluable help and advice for which we are so grateful.

CCTV cameras have been fixed to the church with views over the main gate, West door and tower entrance on the North side. Wi-Fi has been introduced into the vestry together with a thermostat that controls the heating. CCTV, Wi-Fi and thermostat can all be controlled remotely.

Flags have been re-laid both inside church and down the main path, for which we thank Dean for his continued support.

This report began with the "C" word, here are three more – Communication, Connection and Confidence. An away day at Christ the King, Battyeford, focussed our vision for the future, which will gain momentum over the coming months.

Recently, Cindy has moved on to St John's Church, Cleckheaton; she will be greatly missed, as will her bike at the back of church. She didn't hold back when instigating new initiatives, families at baptisms were introduced to Woody and Luke Skywalker, Messy Church was a great success, Stations of the Cross tied up around the churchyard in a hurricane, All-age services, supporting Parish events, to name a few. And how many knew she joined with the few of us who support Leeds United! Always cheerful, encouraging, we shall miss her energy and enthusiasm, our loss is Cleckheaton's gain.

Many thanks to all who have helped Anne and myself, for all the invaluable advice we have received, for all who have supported teams and new initiatives, for all the encouragement you have given, for those who have made sure that projects get under way – we could not have done it without you.

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MIRFIELD TEAM PARISH MAGAZINE.

Our magazine has 10 issues per year and usually 175 copies are commercially printed per month.

Rather than stating a price per copy we now ask for donations towards printing costs and people have been very generous. Around 40 readers choose to receive PDF files electronically and many of them donate towards printing costs thus enabling us to include the magazine in the parish Outreach programme. Payment is made in cash, by cheque and by BACS. Donations are often gift aided and this adds to the magazine income.

In 2023 we changed the format from an A5 booklet to A4. This saves in the region of £80 per month in printing costs; the size was not welcomed by all but makes financial sense.

At present there are just seven local businesses that advertise with us, but more would be welcome.

135 copies are delivered or mailed to readers and grateful thanks go to the 17 volunteers who help in this way; deliveries enable those unable to get to church or, in fact, those who have little or no connection with the church, to receive the magazine.

Each month copies are made available in the Mirfield Library but there is no information available regarding readership.

CHURCH WARDEN'S REPORT – ST JOHN'S – *Anne Heeley and Linda Hutchinson Wardens & Chris Breare Secretary to the business team*

From January 2022, as we were without a warden, the Business Team with Hugh as Chair continued to address the matters relating to St Johns Church. Following the APCM in May, we were delighted to welcome Anne Healey and Linda Hutchinson as our wardens.

The Business Team, consisting of Revd Hugh Baker (Chair), Sue Auckland, Chris Breare, Anne Heeley, Linda Hutchinson, John Sykes, and Sue Young with Owen Ryder attending when he could, met on six occasions in 2022, one meeting by Zoom and then at St John's.

Hugh opened the March meeting with prayers and a personal tribute to the late Karen Batty who as Safeguarding officer had been a huge support to Hugh. Most of her work went unrecognised because of the confidential nature of her role but her wisdom and guidance have been invaluable in the complexities of pastoral care of the vulnerable adults and children in the team parish. Karen was churchwarden at St John's from 2016 – 2018 having previously been warden at St Paul's. She, as safeguarding officer, was so helpful on both parish and personal matters. She and her family were regular attenders at St John's. She had a wonderful sense of humour and enjoyed life to the full particularly since her cancer diagnosis 10 years ago.

On Good Friday, visitors of all denominations participated and much appreciated the outdoor readings for the Stations of the Cross which were placed through the churchyard, culminating at the Easter Garden. This will now be regular feature of our Holy Week Services.

A Flower Festival was held on Friday September 23rd 2-4, Saturday 24th 10-4, and Sunday 25th. 2-4 with tea and cake £3, with all the organisation in the village taking part. The event was very successful and brought the village together, raising £2,155.87 towards the tower restoration fund.

Harvest Songs of Praise.

Both choirs sang at the Harvest Songs of Praise and donations of dried and tinned food were given to the Salvation Army Food Bank. We received a lovely letter of thanks from Sheena Grills.

The Club very kindly hosted a pea and pie supper which followed the service and the donations went to the Tower Fund.

Book Group

The first book group at St John's was held Monday September 26th 2 pm tea and cake 2.30 -3.30 discussion for 4 weeks. Following the successful book group in September, an Advent book group began on November 21st at St John's. We are grateful to Revd Chris Shedd for leading these groups.

Dedication Festival in October was much enjoyed thanks to our Guest preacher Revd Chris Shedd, and afterwards everyone enjoyed the buffet lunch in church.

'Service of Thanks for Those We Love and See No Longer' was a new initiative, with the service held in the churchyard, progressing from the Lych gate to the church, the Sunray Arch and culminating at the Easter garden on Sunday November 6th at 2.30pm followed by tea and cake in church after the service. This proved to be a valuable ministry, with over 30 people joining us, even in the pouring rain, and we hope to continue this annually.

Pre-school staff and some of the parents will bring the children on a visit to St John's church on Tuesday April 5th at 9.30 when Hugh will tell them the Easter story, followed by an Easter egg hunt in Church. Preschool also came to services of Harvest festival and to celebrate the Christmas story.

Messy Church
Cindy organised Messy Church on Saturday June 25th 2-4 pm and it was a great success with 11 children and 16 adults attending. The volunteers prepared their own activities with the theme of Creation. The children made butterflies and these are displayed on the Rood screen. Gail Auty also helped the children make wonderful leaf paintings. We all enjoyed the afternoon.

A further Messy Church sessions was held on November 12th Nov 6th 2.30

Book Group
Chris Shedd hosted a Book Discussion group at St John's starting on June 13th and 4 subsequent Monday afternoons 2pm for refreshment and 2.30-3.30 to share discussion. The book was 'Scandal of Grace' by Nick Baines: - An insightful reflection into the nature of God, who loves us so deeply that he will risk anything for his world and his people.

Food Bank at St John's is still going and food donated to the Salvation Army.

Garden Trail
St John's was open for the Garden Trail and we organised a rota of helpers to steward the church July 2nd 10-4 pm. Linda decorated the church as for a wedding and we had lots of visitors.

We updated the history sheets

Open Church
Each Wednesday 2-4 pm, the church is open for tea and cakes and we regularly have 14+ visitors

Health and Safety
The Boiler Service was completed in March

Headstone inspection has been completed by John Sykes. Notices have been attached to the unsafe headstones.

November Following the recent Health and Safety service of the four DelSol Heaters at St John's church, the one by the Lectern was condemned because it was emitting an unacceptable level of carbon monoxide.

A quote was received from DelSol for a new Vulcan heater, Kestrel 400 Super Economy, which is a much-updated version with a powered flue to ensure the emissions go outside rather than back into church. This will also reduce the humidity in church at a cost of £2,590 plus vat.

After discussion a vote was taken to accept this quote and hope the heater can be installed before the really cold weather begins. We are grateful to the Friends for paying the invoice.

Projects completed

Following the Archdeacon's visit a List B was granted for a replacement gate, like for like, made by Wood and Laycock. Colin Ryder kindly agreed that he will fund it in memory of his late wife Diana. It was completed and fitted on September 19th.

Organ restoration was completed in April, by Spink and Son, and all agree it has been very well done. The final invoice for £17,171.16 has been paid by MTP Treasurer, who will use the £10,000 legacy from Cynthia Shaw, claim the VAT back, and then ask the Treasurer of the Friends to pay the balance.

Also letter of thanks was sent to family of the late Cynthia Shaw for the bequest of £10,000 for the organ restoration and an invitation to an organ recital.

Toy and Book cupboard

Wood and Laycock have quoted for the toy cupboard using the pew end in the meeting room with a sketch drawing of the proposed storage unit which will be partly made using the linen fold panels

The top will be a substantial 30mm thick and have the notched edge detail and under mould and a solid oak framed interior and supplied fully stained and French Polished.

Total cost would be £2640 + vat.

Anne Heeley has raised £2063.00 by knitting toys and wishes this to be placed in a restricted fund in the Friends to pay for the cupboard. A Faculty to be sought.

Churchyard

The churchyard wall, which collapsed into 6 Top Meadow, has been rebuilt by Chris Heeley of drystonewallinguk at a cost of £520. The Friends have kindly paid the invoice.

The wall is not guaranteed due to the proximity of the oak tree to the wall. The householder pursued an order to fell this tree from Kirklees, but this was rejected.

The insurance company declined to accept the claim, as there was a pre-existing problem with the wall.

<u>Trees</u>.

Two trees have been felled by Lewis Wroe and paid for by Mark Priestley at a cost £1100. Richard Haigh will look at the wood and take it away if suitable. We will use the wood chip in the churchyard.

We have Kirklees permission and List B to take down the Rowan in the vicarage wall. A Quote for £380 from Lewis Wroe has been received. A similar tree will be planted in the area.

Following a Health and safety Inspection, we have Kirklees permission for the following and list B for some of the work

Tree T26, fell and replace

Tree T27, fell and replace

Tree T29 fell

Tree T31 fell and replace

Tree T25 remove 2 low branches, as specified

Tree T32 reduce lowest limb by 20%, as specified.

Lewis Wroe gave us a quote for felling the trees over a period of two years. Two of the trees are dead and near footpaths. The Invoices were paid by the Friends.

Notice Board for the churchyard gates at Croft House.
Refurbishment of the old notice board from the front of the church is now complete. Two substantial 3 metre 3x3 posts were purchased by Mike Hewson to put in place. John and Mike liaised with Roger (UHCA) to ensure it is sited at a convenient place to both PCC and UHCA. Mike has now painted it. Thanks to Mike for funding the posts and paint and to John, Mike and Roger for cementing it in place. This provides a valuable place to display notices viable for the many people who regularly visit our churchyard.

Church Maintenance

Pointing on the porch ridge tiles.

Invoice for the works carried out to the church by Dan Knutton.

Access the porch roof using ladders and roof ladders. Remove and dispose of all loose mortar from the ridge tiles. Using a sand and cement mortar, re point the entire ridge.

Rainwater guttering; Remove and dispose of all debris and vegetation from all rainwater gutters.

For the sum of £380.00.

The Friends kindly paid for this work.

Sept 14th, Outside and porch lights have been replaced by Alectrifix, £297.60

Sept 20th, Repair lock on Vestry Door Keytek, £53.40

Oct.21st Alex Gill, installed a towel dispenser in kitchen, floor repair and draft excluder to the outside Sanctuary Door, £180.

Small cupboard in Sanctuary was removed and disposed of as it had collapsed and had woodworm.

Oct. 24th, Informal meeting with James Walker, President of the Friends, about the tower. It was decided to request a visit from the architect to ascertain what options he plans for the tower project and safety of the West Window.

It was decided to stop the clock which requires adjusting every 2 weeks, so that Eric will have no longer need to access the tower and to erect Heras fencing, where the bollards are, as they continue to be knocked over.

Nov. 7th, Electricity Smart meter was fitted.

Microphones
There was only one microphone which was functional. James Walker has taken the broken mic to look at it. He has bought a replacement on eBay and we are delighted that it works.

Projects in hand.

The St John's Mothers Union Banner needs some repair work to the gold thread and other embroidery. Linda has taken it home to repair as she has experience in this type of work. We are to consider framing it to preserve it for the future.

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Paintings in the Sanctuary
The humidity in the Sanctuary is being monitored and recorded.

Tower Restoration.
The tower is in a dangerous state and we are progressing a plan of action with the architect. James walker from the Friends is giving us valuable advice based on his experience with historic buildings

Path in the Churchyard.
The path is giving cause for concern as it is a trip hazard.
Quotes are to be sought to provide a solution.

We are grateful to Rev'd Hugh Baker, Rev'd Helen Butler, Rev'd Cindy Sheard and retired priest Christine Shedd for ministering to us in Upper Hopton; and to Scott and the choir, our Sacristan Linda and all assistants, readers and sides-people, who contribute to our Sunday worship and to all who have supported us with regular giving.

We look forward to another busy year.

BUDGET & STRATEGY REPORT

Report Budget and Strategy Group 2022 for APCM April 2023 – *Chris Breare (Sec)*

Budget and Strategy Group, were Revd Hugh Baker (Chair), Lauren Montgomery Bell, Chris Breare, David Brook, Tim Grace, Peter King, Anne Richardson (after 2022 APCM) and Helen Walker and we met on seven occasions during 2022, all of which were by Zoom.

We began the year with a £3,384 deficit, and last year a total of £63,050, was paid, on a regular monthly basis, to the Diocese towards the Parish Share.

It was predicted that we would pay £64,200 toward the Parish Share, with an income of £70,000 and an expenditure of £65,200, giving an excess for the year of £4,000.

It was anticipated that there would be an increase in fees with more weddings as people were more comfortable with joining in large congregations.

Again this year, we have continued to reduce expenses in all three churches and these were pared down to the absolute minimum. We were grateful for a grant of £2550 from the Diocese towards the cost of heating our three churches.

During the year there were few opportunities for fundraising but we hope next year that this income stream will increase.

At the end of the year we paid £64,200 towards our Parish Share with our income being £122,063 and expenditure £124,531 giving a deficit for the year of £2,468.

We are grateful that our parishioners continued to support us with giving by standing order, Parish Giving Scheme and the regular giving envelopes

MINISTRY TEAM REPORT – *Kath Crossley*

There are two Ministry Teams which assist in determining parish vision and planning for the future as well as striving to provide the best possible pastoral care.

Ministry and Mission Team.
The team has met seven times of which four meetings have been via Zoom. The team has discussed future planning, suggesting ways of giving the people of Mirfield news, of services and events, on Facebook and Mirfield Matters and, with the necessary permissions, sharing photographs of baptism and weddings that have taken place within the Team Parish. The team presents a calendar of services and events, for discussion by the PCC, as well as any actions needed.

The team have discussed Vision '22 and commented to the PCC on the proposed actions. It was agreed that, whilst Vision '22 was planned for the whole Team Parish and was a positive move forwards, the uniqueness of the individual churches should also be acknowledged.

Safeguarding interventions were discussed as to when it was necessary to wear masks or not; whether communion had to be received in one kind and when intinction could be offered; and when and how it would be safe to offer the common cup.

The Memorial service held at St John's Church was very much appreciated by all who attended and it is hoped that this can also be offered in future years.

House groups:
There were no Enquirer's groups held.
One house group met in the summer months; other study groups have met at St Mary's Church and at St John's Church.

Community links and ways of strengthening links between 'fringe' and 'mainstream':

Children:
Details are covered under the report of Our Work with Children.

Baptisms:
Thirty-nine baptisms were held in the Team Parish during 2022.

Healthy Walkers:
Healthy Walks have continued successfully with walks starting from each of the three churches. Each walk has some regulars including walk leaders and then a different group from those registered each time. The group gather for refreshments at the end of each walk.

Men's Group:
The Men's group had not been able to meet for many months but participation in the Quiz night at the Old Colonial did resume at the end of 2022.

CAP (Christians against Poverty):
A presentation about CAP was made in church but it has not been possible to run a CAP course.

Social lunches:
Have been enjoyed at Dewsbury District Golf Club.

Community groups:
Team members continue to report on other community groups, such as Mirfield in Bloom, so that the Team Parish can inform their members of services and events in the Team Parish.

Pastoral Team

Members of the Pastoral Team have met seven times of which five meetings have been via Zoom. In the months when there has not been a meeting, members have submitted interim reports for circulation to the team.

When restrictions allowed members of the Pastoral Team have been able to make visits to members of our congregations and it has been possible to resume Home Communion provided that certain safeguarding procedures have been followed. Support to members of our congregations has also continued via phone calls.

Restrictions meant that it has not been possible to hold Communion services in Hopton Care Cottages but Communion services have resumed at Royd Court.

Members of the congregation at St Mary's have continued to give food and monetary donations to the Welcome Centre, supporting those in need in the wider community. Harvest donations, have been taken to the warehouse in Huddersfield where all our contributions are most gratefully received.

Members of the congregation at St John's continue to take donations of food to the Salvation Army.

OUR WORK WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH – *Kath Crossley & Anne Heeley*

Children's Church at St Mary's and Sunday School at St John's have continued whenever possible. In each church the children work alongside the congregation stressing that they are very much a part of our church family. The children enjoy completing crafts, puzzles and colouring which help them to understand the Gospel story each week. They especially enjoy showing and talking about the result of their efforts and gaining praise from the congregation.

Families were welcomed into St Mary's for sessions of Messy Church in March, concentrating on Lent; in April thinking of Easter; and in October thinking about Harvest. Families were welcomed into St John's for a session of Messy Church in July focusing on Creation; and also in November thinking about Remembrance. All sessions were well attended and hugely successful.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC REPORT 2022 – *Scott C Senogles BMus(hons) M.A*

It always amazes me how quickly the annual report comes round, this being my 18th report! Clearly things over this time-period have changed both for the CofE and society in general but thankfully many of the core values of the Team Parish remain a constant which is testament to the teamwork and cross-pollination of ideas and enthusiasm which keeps everything going across the three churches.

MJS: It was still a very sore point for me personally this time last year when I was unable to report any change in the Junior Singers re-forming post pandemic. Thankfully this has now changed. We have been rehearsing weekly in term time since January and although numbers may still be small, I now have a committed support team which will allow things to grow in time. May I extend my deepest gratitude to Rev. Chris Shedd, Linda Tempest and Denise Cooper for offering their free time on a Wednesday to facilitate with chaperone duties, admin and most importantly tea making. I have school visits planned to promote MJS at Crossley Fields, Hopton School and Battyeford Primary School pencilled in for the end of March.

Choir: It was sad to say farewell to Richard Barraclough and Kharma-Sel who after only a brief career in St. Mary's choir decided to move church closer to home in Ossett. Their contribution was greatly appreciated and is missed deeply. The whole Team Parish Choir attend weekly choir practices with the added office of plainsong Compline each Wednesday. It has been lovely to see members of St. John's choir regularly come down the hill to rehearsals at St. Mary's. Chorister numbers are pretty low in comparison to previous years in the choir with some longstanding absences due to family

commitments & ill health. Bruce Harrowsmith, for many years a dedicated choir member and church attendee gained his heavenly wings in 2022 to join angelic hosts of choirs. R.I.P. I would love to see more regular attendee's at both churches for sung worship which now MJS is up and running means I can focus on growing too. We have welcomed Christine Reeves and Chris S into the choir fold over that last year which Is wonderful.

The Kawai grand piano has been installed just over a year now and has been a big hit not only in weekly worship but also as another feather in our cap for concerts and recitals.

The electrical switching for the St. Mary's blower and humidifier have finally been replaced hopefully giving many more years of reliability to that part of the instruments health. Unfortunately, there has been a lot of water ingress and stone-calciate/chip-pings/debris in the immediate vicinity of the organs external pipework and electrical wiring/switch work which is worrisome. The state of the internal walls in the corners on the north side of church has never looked so unwell in all my time as DofM and its only by looking back at photos from even 5 years ago you see the extent of the problem. I pray we can remedy the issues surrounding this sooner than later before costly and long-term damage is incurred to the organ.

The Organ at St. Johns has bedded in well after extensive works in 2022 to re-leather the bellows and the brand-new keyboards are a true delight to play. Various pipes were taken away to be strengthened and fixed when it was noticed during the works that they had collapsed. Thanks must go to Owen Ryder who oversaw the project. The instrument has definitely been given a new lease of life!

March saw the first recital since February 2020. I'm delighted to announce it was a resounding success with just short of 40 people and very health collection.

Thanks must go as ever to our Clergy, congregation and PCC for their continued and unstinting support of the MTP Music Department and my musical ministry over the past year. Thank you.

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT – *Barry Hambling & Ruth King (Deanery Synod Reps)*

DEWSBURY AND BIRSTALL DEANERY SYNOD ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022

The Synod has held three meetings in 2022 and has discussed many subjects and matters which relate to the efficiency and well-being of the church in our area.

Our first meeting was held in February 2022 and was held by Zoom, for those who are not aware, Zoom is a meeting held over the internet. The speaker was Jemima Parker the Diocesan Environment Officer who's presentation was called "Six Steps to Carbon Net Zero". She said a church tool kit is being issued and is an invitation to church's to join in and preach the gospel in the context of the climate ecological emergency we face. Her talk was against a background of the General Synod decision to aim for net zero emissions for the CofE by 2030. Updates were given on what was happening around the deanery.

Much mission work is being done on the Windy Bank Estate Liversedge, led by the Rev Sally Wallace-Jones to bring people into contact with the church and the faith. A bus is being used to bring ministry to the Dewsbury estates, it is called "Destination 211-Bus Ministry" The Rev Neil Walpole who is leading this mission work said the Bus Ministry was bringing young and old to Ministry who otherwise would have no contact with God or Ministry.

The Rev Mark Umpleby gave an update on how the "Love & Faith Project" and the "North Kirklees Interfaith Project" were progressing. The synod held its second meeting of the year on the 28th June at St Peters church Birstall at 7.30pm.

The Joint Area Dean Rev Hugh Baker opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and the Rev Jess Davis lead the opening prayers and gave a short talk about St Peters. She said St Peters was an historic

church which was over nine hundred years old. The guest speaker was Oriel Kelly and she gave a talk on the links the Leeds Diocese has with Tanzania and in particular with the diocese of Mara. Oriel started by saying that over the last two or three years or so, due to Covid, some links to our parishes and Mara had rather declined. No one really knows which links are working or not working and she is trying to find out what is happening on the ground.

After some discussion with the meeting it seemed not many of our churches had not really thought about their links recently, although some had. Oriel went on to say big changes had happened in the Mara diocese the main changes being that the diocese had been split into three dioceses in order that more effective work could be done. Mara as one diocese had become too large to be managed effectively.

She said that she had visited Mara three times now and had seen how effective money we had sent had been used. Cleaner water for cooking and personal hygiene, electricity was becoming more wildly used and a safe house for women had been opened.

The Revd Hugh Baker gave the meeting an update on the leaving of Bishop Jonathan and that the process for a successor had started. The meeting ended with the Grace at 9.00pm.

Synods final meeting of the year was held on the 12th Oct at St Mary and St Michael's church Whitley Lower, chaired by the Rev Mark Umpleby Joint Area Dean. The meeting was well attended and opening prayers and a resume of the parish was given by the Vicar of Whitley Debbie Nash.

The guest speaker was the Rev Jude Smith whose talk was entitled "Barnabas encouraging Confidence" The speaker told the meeting that Barnabas is the diocesan response to the modern challenges which we face. There have been changes in our communities, church going, and finance which have effected churches in the diocese. Rev Jude went on to say that sustainability in what we do is needed especially in relations with children.

The speaker reminded members of the passage in Acts chapter 11 verses 25-30 which says "we live in a period which is difficult for the church, we must appreciate what is happening and equip ourselves accordingly" Every church must be encouraged to be full of prayerfulness, to be confident about what we do and having a mission/Plan for your church to enable it to move forward.

We must be confident especially in mission, be confident Christians and also look at how we use our buildings/finance's/resources etc. Jude finished her talk stating that if any parish needed help with anything regarding mission or resources she was available to help. The meeting ended with the with prayers at 9.00pm.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MIRFIELD AND DISTRICT – *Chris Breare*

During 2022 the CTM met for the AGM in January, then in February, May, July, September and November.

Reports:

a) **Moderator**: Rev Hugh Baker gave his report.

2022 was once again a year that found CTMD engaged in a number of joint activities. Having experimented successfully with an on line reading of the Dramatic Gospel the previous year we took the next logical step and organised a live reading of the gospel. On Good Friday we met for a short Lenten service with hymns outside the library where book marks with the Christian message were handed out. We then moved into The Salvation Army Hall for the reading followed by refreshments including hot cross buns in the café area there. The event had a good number in attendance and seemed to be well received. Who knows, next year a full Passion Play?

Christian Aid week returned to the more familiar pattern of volunteers collecting at the CO-OP supplemented by collecting envelopes circulated to the churches. My thanks to Chris Sykes for organising this which altogether managed to raise £1,163.81 for the charity.

The Mirfield Show was back on the calendar for this year and a few of our number, well one (thanks Adrian) wore the Churches Together jackets and were a visible testimony to the churches call to serve. Bonfire night also saw the usual suspects lending their support to the Round Table Bonfire on the Show Ground, our thanks to them and to the Round Table who reward CTMD with a financial donation in recognition of the work done.

The Matrix project has been slowly morphing over some time and its most recent revival has been in connection with work being done on London Park. Adrian and Al have spent many hours slowly building relationships with the people living in this part of Mirfield, engaging in prayer walks, establishing good links, working with the council, supporting the formation of a Tenants and Residents association and organising events and activities at key times of the year. A focus for this work has been the young people on the estate and it has been good to see and hear the positive relationships that their presence and organised events have had on the youngsters there.

Towards the end of the year the churches responded to another area of social concern and need in the rapidly rising cost of electricity and gas. Nationally there was a push to try and provide warm areas for people to visit so that they could cut the cost of heating their own homes or, in the worst case, could keep warm when they could not afford to heat the homes at all. Churches together worked to provide a range of such warm rooms across Mirfield so that there was provision somewhere for some time on every day of the week.

Christmas was celebrated with the Banners placed around Mirfield with message of Joy for all from all the churches and individual window posters were distributed to congregations. The knitters had been busy again this year and many angels were sent winging on their way, this time through the congregations of the churches who were encouraged to take the angels to those they felt particularly needed the message of love that they carried (that's all of us then). It was also good that CTMD was a conduit through which the shoebox appeal was able to be rolled out, my thanks to Chris for helping that to happen.

My thanks go to all who have contributed in any way to the events of 2022, to the joint acts of worship we have enjoyed and in the contribution to the needs of our area through social action. Especial thanks to our officers: Chris Sykes and Ian Wilson for their work as Secretary and Treasurer. I have enjoyed my two years as Moderator of CTMD but I now happily hand over the reins to Adrian and look forward to what 2023 will bring as we continue to work together as the body of Christ here on earth.

Treasurer: Mr Ian Wilson reported that the balance of account was £788.25. Expenditure was £60 HSBC Bank charges, Remembrance Sunday Wreath and Angel Tags. A donation of £255 was received from Mirfield Round Table for help at the Bonfire. The Matrix account balance is £9660.62.

Publicity Officer: Mrs Christine Sykes is still covering this post in the absence of other v The Facebook page has been well used. Church events are publicised via this medium as well as by circulation to churches via their reps. We have also used the Mirfield Word as a source of publicity for our Christmas and weekly church services. The Editor has indicated a willingness to publicise church events; but the publication goes to press mid-month before.

Five Easter Greetings banners were displayed around the town. Christmas greetings banners were placed in the Library gardens & at the bottom of Church Lane.

Matrix: Pastor Adrian Roberts said that Zion & St Andrew's members have spent 18 months building up relationships with the residents of London Park Estate. At Christmas they engaged with over 100 people. A big breakthrough was the provision of a Christmas Tree by Kirklees after being told numerous times that one couldn't be supplied. This happened because a Tenants' and Residents' Association was revived. The Community was encouraged to adopt it; which indeed they did. People from that outreach regard it as 'Their Church'; and some are now coming into traditional church; and have joined Zion's Sunday evening Seekers' Group. The plans for the use the Matrix money for appropriate resources are on-going.

Christian Aid: Mrs Christine Sykes gave her report.

Christian Aid Week 2022 was 15th to 20th May. Thank you to Mirfield Co-op for letting us have a store collection which was £457.81. The grand total collected was £1,163.81, with church envelopes and a meal. Each church has been notified of its collections. Well done everyone. This year's Christian Aid week is 14th to 20th May

Confirmation of Appointment:

As is the custom, the Deputy Moderator Pastor Adrian Roberts will take over the post of Moderator for the next two years as Moderator Rev Hugh Baker has completed his two year appointment. The Secretary moved a vote of thanks for the work done by the Rev Hugh Baker; and invited Pastor Adrian Roberts to take the chair

Appointment of Officers:

a) **Deputy Moderator:** Rev Philip Cooper proposed by Mrs Christine Sykes, seconded by Mrs Antonia Baldwin and elected unopposed

b) **Secretary:** Mrs Christine Sykes proposed by Mrs Christine Breare, seconded by Mrs Meg Willard and re-appointed unopposed.

c) **Treasurer:** Mr Ian Wilson proposed by Rev Hugh Baker, seconded by Mrs Christine Sykes and re-appointed unopposed.

d) **Publicity Officer:** No nominations. Mrs Christine Sykes agreed to continue covering the post.

Any Other Business:

- Brother Marc Voase said that the Publicity Officer post would have interested him; but he was about to start his training for the Priesthood.
- The Warm Spaces poster in the Doctor Lane Health Centre has omissions. It isn't the official one. The Secretary/Publicity Officer offered to get it replaced.
- Mrs Sheena Grills said that the Salvation Army had been allocated a new Officer. Major Andrea Still is moving from Portsmouth; and her installation service will be on 19th March at 10:30am. Her husband Alec will take the role of Assistant Divisional Commander.
- The Salvation Army in Mirfield is celebrating its Centenary from 20th-21st May with a Saturday evening concert and a Sunday morning service.
- Rev Philip Cooper said that Wellhouse Moravians had been discussing the support of a food bank and had been made aware of Humanity First and Salvation Army facilities.
- Mrs Meg Willard said that on 22nd -24th September, Christ the King would celebrate the 50th Anniversary of their revival following the fire that devastated their previous building.

DISABILITY OFFICER REPORT – *Sunny Ellis (was Layla Ellis)*

Last year our parish was in a trial to complete the audit on a disability/inclusion. However, no volunteers came forward except Hugh. We need at least one more volunteer.

They are recommended by the diocese to contain one or more of the following criteria:

- People with lived experience of disability
- People with leadership responsibility in different areas of church life
- An incumbent/minister

I am hoping volunteers will come forward to help us complete this audit and make as many changes as we can in 2023. As a parish we are very behind in this area compared to other churches/parishes in our Diocese. This is not welcoming.

It has been suggested by the Diocese that the volunteers are from different parts of the church. If you think there is someone suitable, please let them know.

The trial is now over and this year **all** disability officers have been asked by the Diocese to join church members in completing the audit and are encouraged to make any free/minor changes to their church/s. (And paid changes if they have the funds, with looking to make larger changes in the future).

Having already attended the Disability Officer meeting with the Diocese I have made a preliminary list of changes to discuss, some of which I have been able to raise at the Parish Communications group meeting at the start of March.

Free changes that can be made immediately:

- Consider service times visible and easy to read when **driving past** churches.
- Consider where wheelchair users can sit. We shouldn't assume all wheelchair users are comfortable at the front of church. Imagine you're first visit to a strange place and you are asked to sit at the front. You'd be very aware of all eyes on you.
- Where is the best seating for lip readers to sit?
- Put up signs in church directing to suitable seating for lip readers, befrienders/finding friends, needing solitude.
- Things to add to the website:
    - directions
    - public transport
    - parking including disabled
    - new seating areas
    - current accessibility in place at all churches and graveyards
    - making a general service sheet available, using Sans Serif, Ariel or Franklin Gothic in size 12 or 18, to view and download on website, which include directions and icons/mages for:
        - standing
        - sitting
        - listening
        - speaking
        - singing
        - walking etc.

- Start a rota for befriending new members including sitting in the 'find friend' zone to be helpful, supportive and being prepared to answer questions. This role includes refreshment time.

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S COMMUNITY HERITAGE SITE – *Helen Walker, Secretary*

The Friends group is focused on the re-build of Dunbottle Lane church wall. The group meets periodically to move the project forward.

It has taken 13 years to get to our current position:

- Architects' plans have been drawn up for the rebuild and include:
- Tender Drawings Set, tender background information (incl. photos and permissions), Schedule of Works, Specification, Tender form.

The relevant authorities have been contacted and given permission for the plan to go ahead. This includes Heritage England, West Yorkshire Archaeology Services, Scheduled Monument Consent, Kirklees Highways, Kirklees planning dept., Structural Engineer report. Faculty permission has been granted from the Leeds DAC.

The cost for the reports and permissions was paid for from the Friends funds and amounted to approx. £5000.

Tenders were sent to six building contractors in January and March. Two are local builders. As yet none of the builders have priced for the work.

The group are hopeful a builder will quote for the work. Once obtained then the group will look at fundraising to help pay for the re-build of the wall.

FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S CHURCH 2022 – Chris Breare (Asst. Hon Sec)

Report for APCM Friends of St John's Church 2022.

This year the Council of Friends has met on four occasions, on Zoom in January and then in person in St John's church.

In January Sue Auckland advised that for personal reasons, she wished to retire as secretary to the Council of Friend, a position she has fulfilled since 2005. Chris agreed to continue as assistant secretary until a new secretary can be appointed at the AGM. We so are grateful to Sue for all her hard work over the last 17 years.

At our January meeting we remembered the late Richard Barraclough who sadly passed away in December. He was the organist and choirmaster at St John's for some years and was Chairman of the Council of Friends. Our condolences were sent to Carol and her family.

The Friends have received a generous bequest of £30,000 from the estate of the late Ralph Sutcliffe and it was proposed that we put the £30,000 bequest from Ralph Sutcliffe in a restricted fund for tower restoration.

In September 2021, £1890 was paid for the new noticeboard which is now in place and looks really well and gives more space to display notices.

The AGM was held on September 14th 2022 in St Johns church.

Sadly due to her failing health and eyesight, Barbara Walker is retiring as President of the Friends. Barbara served as secretary from the inaugural meeting in January 1984 and then Membership Secretary and finally as President from 1998. Many of the council meetings were held at her house where she entertained us with her kind and generous hospitality. We will very much miss her commitment and dedication.
Colin Ryder is retiring as Vice Chairman having been on the Council of Friends for 38 years and Vice Chairman since 2009. He has chaired the meeting over the years with his meticulous precision. We hope he enjoys his retirement.

The following were elected as officers and Council Members

President	James Walker
Vice President	Sue Young
Chairman	Rev Hugh Baker
Hon Secretary,	
Hon Treasurer	Mr John McMullan
Assistant Secretary + Membership Sec	Chris Breare.
Wardens	Anne Heeley
Wardens	Linda Hutchinson
Members of the Council	
	Owen Ryder

	Linda Tempest
	Julie McMullan
	John Sykes
	Tim Grace
	Sue Auckland

Thanks were expressed to all who support the fabric of the church, through The Friends of Upper Hopton Parish Church.

CROFT HOUSE ROOMS CHARITY – *Roger Leedham (Secretary) (Trustee) UHCA*

CROFT HOUSE ROOMS CHARITY – January to December 2022

At the formation of the Team Parish in 2007 a document was drawn up to ensure Croft House continues to be managed effectively and the new PCC proposed that the Managing Trustees of Croft House Rooms Charity be the Croft House Rooms Management Committee, the eight members of which are determined as follows:

1. The two Wardens of St John's shall be members.
2. Four UHCA members which includes the Treasurer of the UHCA. Two UHCA members are elected on alternate years, and each serve for two years
3. The PCC of the Mirfield Team Parish shall elect two representatives.

A quorum for any meeting shall comprise two members representing the UHCA, two representing the PCC and one other member.

The Management Committee of Croft House Rooms Charity, the Managing Trustees, is responsible for letting the Rooms and for the recurrent expenditure involved in running the Rooms. The UHCA have free tenure of the Rooms and are responsible for the maintenance of the building and grounds and for capital expenditure.

The membership of the Management Committee of Croft House Rooms Charity is as follows:

1. Christine Breare — co-opted as Chair (Trustee)
2. Anne Heeley — elected Church Warden by PCC
3. Linda Hutchinson — elected Church Warden by PCC
4. Sue Young — elected by PCC
5. Sue Auckland — elected by PCC
6. Roger Leedham — (Secretary) (Trustee) UHCA
7. Kathryn Cockerill — Treasurer of UHCA
8. Gail Auty — (Trustee) elected by UHCA
9. Joan Hemmingway — (Trustee) elected by UHCA
10. Andrea Leedham — co-opted as Booking Secretary
11. Jane Tolson — co-opted as Treasurer

After the Covid-19 pandemic, regular and private hirers of Croft House have returned to use Croft House again. In fact, private hire has increased to levels higher than previously experienced.

The major event for Croft house during the year 2021 to 2022 has undoubtedly been the increased energy costs. At the latter end of 2022 detailed investigations into our future energy costs were undertaken for review at the start of 2023 by the committee. A review of expenditure and income was planned for the start of 2023.

The accounts for the year 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022, were approved at the committee meeting in January 2023. These showed an income of £11,715 against an expenditure of £11,225. Included in this expenditure was a donation of £5000 to the UHCA to help with essential maintenance.

The opening cash balance on the 1 September 2021 was £24,868 and the closing balance on 31 August 2021 was £25,454. Details of the accounts were submitted to the Charity Commission on the 5 December 2022.

During 2022 the following major items of maintenance were carried out:

April – Three new windows were installed in the entrance lobby.
May – Four large diseased trees were removed from the grounds of Croft House
August – Two sets of main hall doors were installed.
August – A hard wired interlinked fire alarm system was installed.

ST MARY'S COMMUNITY CENTRE – *Lauren Montgomery-Bell*

St Mary's Community Centre continues to provide the church and the community with a comfortable space for events and weekly classes.

We continue to be the home of:

- Pre school
- Two palates groups
- Yoga
- Dog training classes
- Baby massage
- Brownies, Rainbows and Guides
- Beavers, cubs and Scouts
- Painting classes
- Karate
- Dancing schools
- Ballroom dancing classes
- Church Pantomime
- Mirfield in Boom

- <u>New Groups.</u>
  - Disco Fit classes.
  - Men's Probus
  - Friendship group on a Saturday morning

- <u>Lost Groups</u>
  - Line Dancing

- <u>Planned improvements.</u>

  - Have a lower service area created between the main Hall and the catering kitchen, for serving hot and cold drinks.
  - Pantomime Costume storage Area in the hall car park
  - Resurface the Car park area.
  - Working on a new website

<u>Regular maintenance:</u>

  - Fire procedures/ and testing
  - Risk assessments

- Maintenance of 5 starts rating in both kitchen areas.

Going forward

We need to continue updating the centre, so we can offer quality facilities to our ever-growing user groups.

PANTOMIME GROUP – *Laura Brown*

After the pandemic putting a halt to our planned production in 2021, MTP Pantomime were pleased to get back up and running in September 2021 for Treasure Island.

After the break of nearly 2 years we were sad to have lost some of our long-term participants to higher education and other activities, but it gave us a chance to give the Principal roles to cast members in their last year who had come all the way through from chorus. We were also excited to welcome Wendy Storey back to the piano despite her official retirement 2 years previously.

Our marketing and social media presence meant that ticket sales were again excellent with the majority of performances having been sold out. However, there were no ticket sales for the Wednesday night as instead we opted to allow people to book tickets in exchange for a donation to "Beau's Fight Against Cancer". We continued to fund raise for this worthy cause throughout the week and were thrilled to raise the total sum of £1,500.00.

We did have some cast and chorus casualties due to the ongoing impact of COVID-19 and in particular were disappointed that, due to illness, Rev Hugh Baker was unable to take part in any of the performances.

8TH MIRFIELD – ST MARY'S SCOUT GROUP – *Chris Wilding – Akela (Cub Scout Leader)*

Since our last report, scouting has more or less returned to normality. We are meeting as normal, camping as normal and undertaking activities and parades as normal. That is not to say we don't still continue to be aware of the difficulties of the past few years, but other than occasional absences of both members and or leaders due to illness, they are not impacting us significantly.

Across all 3 of our sections, the return to normal activities has been most notably the return to camping. Our Scouts have undertaken expedition camps, summer camps and winter camps. All enabling a number of our members to achieve their Chief Scout's Gold award, with another group due to complete theirs over the next few months. Our Cubs have taken part in district camps as well as our own summer camp and finally, our Beavers joined the Cubs at summer camp to get a taste of what is to come for them as they move on through the sections.

We have taken part in a number of St Mary's Parades and events such as Easter, Mothering Sunday, Harvest and Live Nativity as well as also being involved in quite a few the community ones. These include Mirfield in Bloom, Bobtown Bash, Mirfield Litter Pick, Mirfield Beer Festival, Mirfield Roundtable Bonfire, Mirfield's Remembrance Day Parade etc. Some of the involvement is our young persons, while in other cases it is our leaders volunteering in order to raise funds for the group. Regarding funding, we have been particularly fortunate to have received 2 grants from local organisations over the past 6 months – these will go towards continuing to provide outdoor and learning experiences for our members, and also towards replacing some of our camping equipment which has been damaged by repeated flooding and a little "mouse" activity at the Scout's garage where we store our equipment. I also would like to take the opportunity to thank Howdens Kitchens as they continue to support our group with regular donations towards our activities and equipment. A big thank you must go out to the Mirfield Educational Trust, the Freemasons Woodsmoke Lodge and Howdens for these generous donations.

I have already mentioned some of the Scouts completing their Chief Scout's Gold but must also mention that our Beavers and Cubs have also been very busy, with quite a number completing their Chief Scout Awards (Bronze and Silver, respectively) as well as many of the activity and challenge badges that we continue to offer on a weekly basis at all our sections.

As I did talk about last year I also want to repeat a mention about a major event coming up very soon – the World Scout Jamboree which is occurring in Korea later this summer. Our Young Leader – Daisy – has been selected to represent the United Kingdom at the event and she continues to raise funds to enable her to attend. If anyone has any ideas or would simply like to donate then please get in touch.

During November we awarded our new "Derek Hoyle" award to 1 member from each section for outstanding participation, attitude, enthuslasm and all round "Scouting Values". Freddie, Issy and Emily received these awards for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. For those who didn't know Derek Hoyle, he was heavily involved at 8th Mirfield as a leader and certainly during my time here in the late 70s / early 80s I can't ever remember going anywhere (be it camping, hiking, canoeing etc) and Derek not be involved. Derek passed away early in 2022 and his family made a donation to the group in his memory and the awards seemed a fitting tribute.

This brings me onto my final comments – as I mentioned last year (and every other year), 8th Mirfield continues to be a large group – certainly one of the largest in the district and county. We rely on our leaders to be able to provide these activities and at the moment would really benefit from a few extra pairs of hands. Since starting in the 1970s, 8th Mirfield has seen so many people pass through their doors and it would be great to see some old (or young) faces come back down and help continue the tradition, but even if you have never been involved, don't let that put you off – everyone is welcome and we provide everything you need for the role – all we ask for is a little time.

If you think you may fancy it or know someone who might then please pop down or get in touch with us (all contact details are in the Church Magazine) as we'd love to have you on board.

2ND & 14TH MIRFIELD BROWNIES – *Tracy Riley*

ANNUAL REPORT **July 2022** **NAME OF UNIT** **2nd & 14th Mirfield Brownies**

HIGHLIGHTS OF GENERAL ACTIVITIES

It's been a strange year following the past two in lockdown but we were delighted to be able to resume some type of normality in September meeting face to face as a whole unit. It took a 32-page risk assessment to return and a whole heap of cleaning products and hand sanitizer but we were back. We had a two-week fire break early on due to an increase in covid cases, where we had daily calls with the lovely infection control team at Kirklees but before long thing settled down.

I am so so proud of the leaders and helpers and everything they have done to keep it going and I look back and am amazed at the effort that was put in to keep the unit running and wondered how on earth we did it, creating activities, piecing together and delivering packs it was amazing.

It's so lovely to be back meeting in person and being able to plan things and look to the future. We held our first face to face planning meeting and planned for the whole year and had a lovely night with all the team at the pub enjoying tea as well, its the little things we missed.

Several leaders completed their first aid training and also activity training at fan wood after Tracey organised some sessions which was great fun

Highlights have been meeting together and physically seeing each other, it took a while to get used to that as well as the clearing up. Other highlight have been finally holding a pack holiday well two actually to catch up and the visitors we've been able to have in .

Other highlights have been celebrating the jubilee, a visit to the forgotten forest, a giant bubble enrolment, having various visitors in including a paramedic, health visitor and vicar for part of our jobs badge and girls can do anything . We also spent two lovely nights gardening and creating over 30 planters to brighten Mirfield up with the Mirfield in Bloom ladies ready for the Judging .

We enjoyed a fantastic night when Katrina came to visit from Wise Owls Rescue and brought several owl, every girl and leader got the chance to hold an Owl and have their photo taken along with flying a few too and learning all about them.

We love our crafts and this year is no different , creating felt heart bunting , bee kind mini canvas, Easter crispie buns, playing the edible trefoil game and making coloured pancakes too as well as a few pancake races.

THINKING DAY

We didn't manage to squeeze Thinking Day in this year with how it fell in half term but are looking forward to our division event and celebrating being guiding friends at the division event later in the year.

BADGES GAINED

We've well and truly got in to the swing of the new programme, after finding out its been 4 years since it was brought in .Badges gained include, the penguin challenge, biscuit challenge, feel good skill builder, mindfulness, valentines badge, pancake badge, jobs badge, lead stage 2 and the space badge as well as badges gained individually at home by girls and a few Gold Awards.

VISITS

Its been lovely to finally get out on visits again, we had an amazing couple of nights visiting the Forgotten Forest where we got to be adventurous trying our hand at Hapa-Zoma with a hammer , enjoying the hammocks, den building, nature crafts and finishing with hot chocolate and marshmallows round the fire.

We've also had a visit from Mark and Debbie at Bricktopia for a spot of lego building as well as Emma at Mini Professors for a science fun night, we also had a visit from Rachel at Katie Philpotts for a spot of Streetdance fun and we've worked with the lovely team at Mirfield in Bloom too.

CHRISTMAS/SUMMER/OTHER PARTIES

We had a Bear Making Party here at St Marys with Parties-r-us and created our own bears as well as games and a disco. The Summer ended with a very busy night with girls gaining their Brownie Gold as well as a Fairground Night complete with Candyfloss, fairground games sugar jars, punch balloons, slushie and a surprise visit from the ice cream van.

FUND RAISING

We sadly couldn't do our usual fundraising but we are starting to make plans for our Christmas Craft Fair this year .

CAMPS/HOLIDAYS/SLEEPOVERS

Finally we got back to the thing we love most Pack Holiday . It was a very nervous time the March Pack Holiday and I don't think any of us could get excited, a sigh of relief in the morning when everyone tested negative and we could finally get excited. Girls loved and before long it felt like we had never been away. We held a joint pack holiday with 7th so had a lovely team and extra help and meant despite covid only 3 girls across the three packs hadn't experienced a pack holiday .

Along with our usual fun and games we had a laugh when Fan Wood failed to inform us the corridor to the bedrooms had been removed including the roof meaning we had to go outside. Thank goodness it was a glorious weekend and a few clever leaders creating a carpet we were sorted.

We also held another pack holiday in June for St Mary's girls alone and enjoyed a fantastic weekend of weather we also tried our hand at bouldering , low ropes and grass sledging. Or theme was Encanto and what a magical theme it was with flowers, butterflies and candles galore

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2ND & 3RD MIRFIELD RAINBOWS – *Wendy Banks*

Our unit numbers have gone from strength to strength this year and our units are now completely full with lots of happy Rainbows.

2022 saw us celebrate the Queen's Platinum jubilee with a themed party. The girls dressed in either red, white, blue, silver or purple and we had a party tea with corgi buns and cake, a Union Jack fruit platter and sandwiches. The girls made and wore crowns and played party games. We finished with a photo of the girls in front of a commemorative poster that the girls framed in a frame they had decorated for the jubilee.

During the Summer we had a visit to Bradley woods camp site where the girls played wide games learning how to camp and then enjoyed food from a camp fire. They tried warm bananas filled with chocolate and toasted their own marshmallows.

In October we joined the rest of Mirfield, Dewsbury and Batley Girl Guides for a large district event at Mirfield community centre. We had a fun filled crafting day where the girls made lots of things based on bees and went home all dressed as little bumble bees.

The rest of the year the girls have enjoyed games nights, different crafts and cooking all whilst working towards different badges.

Christmas saw them make a clay elf in a light up jar and we finished the year with a Christmas party and a visit from Santa Claus.

Since January we have continued to work on more badges, celebrated Chinese New Year and the girls have taken part in a Fair-Trade week competition with the Coop.

Another busy and fun year

2ND MIRFIELD GUIDES – *Wendy Banks*

In 2022 we were back meeting each week face to face. At Easter we went roller blading with another of the guide groups. We also did the Platinum Jubilee badge with the girls. We offered a camp day at Bradley Woods where girls learnt to put up a tent, had a camp fire and made smores on the fire. We also went raft building at Green Withens reservoir. Our summer term party was a meal at Roberto's in Batley with the other guides in Mirfield. We finished the summer off with a theme park trip to Flamingo Land. We have continued the programme and girls have started the navigator badge and confectioner badge. The division event this year was held at Mirfield Community Centre and was Bee themed. We also welcomed some owls to the meeting place which the girls loved. We went to St Mary's Parish Pantomime again to see the Three Musketeers which the girls loved. On thinking day the girls picked a country in groups and presented to other groups, a game, food and facts about that country.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
MIRFIELD TEAM PARISH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Voluntary Income	2	100,275	717	100,992	109,360
Activities for Generating Funds	3	62,724	-	62,724	60,891
Investment Income	4	51	665	716	314
Other Incoming Resources	5	9,937	-	9,937	5,870
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		172,987	1,382	174,369	176,435
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Fundraising Costs	6	490	-	490	-
Charitable Activities	7	89,312	14,498	103,810	83,889
Governance Costs	8	73,055	286	73,341	69,642
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		162,857	14,784	177,641	153,531
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS		10,130	(13,402)	(3,272)	22,904
TRANSFERS					
Gross Transfers Between Funds		-	-	-	-
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS		10,130	(13,402)	(3,272)	22,904
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS (LOSSES)					
Gain(Loss) on Investment Assets	11	-	(221)	(221)	(527)
NET MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS		10,130	(13,623)	(3,493)	22,377
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total Funds at 1st January 2022		69,943	460,055	529,998	507,621
Total Funds at 31st December 2022		80,073	446,432	526,505	529,998

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	Notes		2022 £		2021 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	12		1,412		1,593
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	12,701		10,527	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		517,953		520,109	
		530,654		530,636	
CREDITORS: Amounts Falling Due Wthin One Year	14	(5,561)		(2,231)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			525,093		528,405
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			526,505		529,998
CREDITORS: Amounts Falling Due After More Than One Year			-		-
			526,505		529,998
The Funds of the Charity:					
RESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS	16		446,432		460,055
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
General Funds	16	80,073		69,943	
			80,073		69,943
			526,505		529,998

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
Gifts, Donations and Legacies	16,103	390	16,493	30,609
Gift Aid and Planned Giving	47,134	27	47,161	48,492
Income Tax Recoverable	14,879	-	14,879	11,180
Collections	6,970	-	6,970	4,431
Fees, etc	15,189	300	15,489	14,648
	100,275	717	100,992	109,360

3. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
Fund-raising	2,347	-	2,347	129
St Paul's Events	10,826	-	10,826	-
Parish Centre and Room Hire	43,301	-	43,301	38,638
Flat Rent	6,250	-	6,250	6,000
Pantomime	-	-	-	-
Parish Centre Donations and Grants	-	-	-	16,124
	62,724	-	62,724	60,891

4. INVESTMENT INCOME	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
Bank and Building Society Interest	51	625	676	105
Dividends Received	-	40	40	209
	51	665	716	314

5. OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
Insurance Claims	4,525	-	4,525	5,870
Energy Grant	2,550	-	2,550	-
VAT Claim	2,862	-	2,862	-
	9,937	-	9,937	5,870

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

6. FUNDRAISING COSTS	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
Sundry Events	490	-	490	-
Pantomime	-	-	-	-
	490	-	490	-

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
Upkeep of Services	8,809	252	9,061	7,161
Church Running Expenses	31,172	-	31,172	27,394
Church Maintenance	11,489		11,489	7,315
Charities	2,590	-	2,590	1,728
Parish Centre Expenses	24,939	-	24,939	22,439
Flat Expenses	360	-	360	1,297
Tower Costs	-	3,116	3,116	7,431
Organ Repairs (SJ)	8,915	8,256	17,171	1,744
Organ Repairs (SM)	1,038	2,874	3,912	-
Grand Piano (SM)	-	-	-	7,380
	89,312	14,498	103,810	83,889

8. GOVERNANCE COSTS	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
Parish Share	64,200	-	64,200	63,050
Clergy Costs	1,062	-	1,062	148
Administration Costs	7,793	286	8,079	6,444
	73,055	286	73,341	69,642

9. STAFF COSTS	2022	2021
	£	£
Musical Director	6,000	5,400
Office	2,574	2,470
	8,574	7,870

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.
The Musical Director and Office Staff are engaged on a self-employed basis.

10. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

The PCC hold an endowment property at Church House, Church Lane, Mirfield, it consists of a first floor flat and a ground floor meeting room, office and storage. There are also small and large halls. The property has an insurance value of over £1,000,000.

11. GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENT ASSETS

Gain (Loss) on investments from:	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
Change in Market Value	-	(221)	(221)	(105)
Disposals	-	-	-	(422)
	-	(221)	(221)	(527)

12. INVESTMENTS

All the investments are quoted investments listed on a recognised stock exchange.
All the investments are held primarily to provide an investment return for the charity.

	2022	2021
	£	£
Market Value at 1st January 2022	1,593	7,911
Additions at Cost	40	209
Disposals	-	(6,000)
Gain (loss) on Investment Assets	(221)	(527)
Market Value at 31st December 2022	1,412	1,593

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13. DEBTORS	2022	2021
	£	£
Income Tax Recoverable	12,701	10,527
	12,701	10,527

14. CREDITORS	2022	2021
	£	£
Accruals and Deferred Income	5,561	2,231
	5,561	2,231

15. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS	General Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
Investments	-	1,412	1,412
Current Assets	85,634	445,020	530,654
Current Liabilities	(5,561)	-	(5,561)
Net Assets at 31st December 2022	80,073	446,432	526,505

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1st Jan 2022	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	At 31st Dec 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds						
Choir Guild	5,222	602	(490)	-	(221)	5,113
Bells	1,001	157	(48)	-	-	1,110
Charity	408	-	-	-	-	408
Pantomime	8,738	-	-	-	-	8,738
Richardson Legacy	407,819	623	(5,990)	-	-	402,452
Shaw Legacy	8,256	-	(8,256)	-	-	-
CCTV (St Mary's)	2,741	-	-	-	-	2,741
Sutcliffe Legacy	20,000	-	-	-	-	20,000
Flags (St Mary's)	5,870	-	-	-	-	5,870
					-	
	460,055	1,382	(14,784)	-	(221)	446,432
Unrestricted Funds						
General Funds	69,943	172,987	(162,857)	-	-	80,073
	69,943	172,987	(162,857)	-	-	80,073
TOTAL FUNDS	529,998	174,369	(177,641)	-	(221)	526,505

Restrictions Imposed and Purposes of Restricted Funds

Choir Guild	Expenditure on Choir and Music
Bells	Maintenance of St Mary's Bells
Charity	For Gifts to Charities
Pantomime	Pantomime Costs
Richardson Legacy	Major Repair Work to St Mary's Church and maintenance of the bells
Shaw Legacy	For expenditure on St John's church
CCTV (St Mary's)	For provision of CCTV equipment for St Mary's Church
Sutcliffe Legacy	For expenditure at St Mary's Church
Flags (St Mary's)	Fund for stolen flags at St Mary's Church

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St Mary's

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of Mirfield and Hopton

ANNUAL REPORT 2021

Please note that questions for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)
to be held on **Sunday 15th May 2022,** at St Mary's,
following the 9.30am Service,
are to be submitted in writing prior to the Meeting.

REVD HUGH BAKER
Vicar of Mirfield Team Parish
Report for the Year 2021

Vicar's report 2021

As always the APCM and the associated report gives us an opportunity to review what has been going on in the Parish over the previous year. Reading all the reports, it is obvious that the Covid pandemic continued to impact in various ways on the life and activity of the many groups who are at work in Mirfield Team Parish throughout the whole of 2021. Having said that, it is also good to read just how so many rose to the occasion, found ways to deal with the many restrictions in place and managed to continue with their work, sometimes in very modified ways. It is not my intention to repeat all that is in the reports here, please read them for yourselves and be thankful for the many people who have contributed in so many ways to the life of the Parish, especially under such difficult circumstances.

I am of course deeply grateful for all that has been done and a general thank you goes to everyone contributing to this report and mentioned in it. I would just like to mention a few in more detail:

We are well blessed with clergy here in our Parish and my thanks goes to our SSM Assistant Priests Helen Butler and Cindy Sheard whose contribution to the life of the Parish cannot be overstated and to Chris Shedd who is retired but has happily taken on a very useful supportive role in the Parish. Without the support and dedication of my fellow clergy it would have been very difficult at times to manage this busy Parish and nearly impossible for me to take on the extra responsibilities as Joint Area Dean for Birstall and Dewsbury Deanery that I was asked to pick up at the end of 2021.

A lot of pastoral work in the Parish is done by our 3 Lay Pastoral Ministers: Barry Hambling, Kath Crossley and Val Walker. They along, with the clergy and other members of the Pastoral Team have done much to make sure that contacts have been maintained with some of our most vulnerable members. Visiting might have been difficult so much of this work was to continue on the phone or virtually.

Church Wardens Tim Grace and Helen Walker have been a wonderful asset and worked very hard in this capacity over the year. Their work has been made harder than it should have been because they were the only two to step up at the last APCM for this important work. We are allowed to have 6 wardens in the Parish, two for each church and if you have a team of 6 the work is much easier to apportion and pressures on any one Warden greatly reduced. We have congregations that have many people who are well qualified and suitable to take on the role and yet we ended up running with just two last year. This was a cause of some disappointment and it put a lot more unnecessary pressure on Tim and Helen. I am hoping we will not enter 2022 with the same problems.

Of course, the Wardens are not alone in the work they are called to, they are supported fully by the clergy and surrounded by the PCC who again have brought many talents and abilities to the work of the church. I am very grateful for all that they do especially those who take on added responsibilities within the team:

- our Lay Chair Chris Breare (who to be honest has also taken on the de facto responsibilities of Warden at St. John's):
- David Brooke who works so hard to keep our books in order and when you consider that our turnover of money is in excess of £100,000 a year this is no small task;
- Staying with finance my thanks goes to Peter King for becoming a trustee with the Vicar's Charity and helping greatly with the administration of it.

- Susan Smith slaving away over the minutes and agenda's along with all sorts of other parish work as PCC secretary.
- Sadly of course we have recently lost a friend in Karen Batty but for 2021 she worked hard as our Safeguarding Officer, often whilst battling her illness.
- Our Administrations Officer Lauren Montgomery-Bell has put in many hours over the year, we are lucky to have many weddings in the Parish and among other things Lauren is the one who makes sure that all the legal requirements are being met and arrangements are in place for such important days. Lauren also heads up the Community Centre management team. A lot of hard work went into making sure the Centre was safe and fit for purpose during difficult times and despite the restrictions it manged to contribute a very welcome £15,000 into church funds over the year. This was of great importance as income to the church from usual sources was generally well down in both 2020 and 2021.

The work with children was something that suffered considerably during the early and mid-part of 2021, towards the end though and into 2022 it has begun to pick up again with the Messy Church under the direction of Cindy and our Sunday provision at both St. Mary's and St. John's with thanks to Kath Crossley and Anne Heeley. Work with Schools continued with weekly on-line provision until we were once again allowed into the Schools for full assemblies once again. Our closest links are with Crowlees Church Of England School where Helen is Chair of Governors. The Head there Kathy Woods and everyone involved with that School can be justifiably proud as the OFSTED inspection gave it a well-deserved Outstanding rating at the end of 2021.

Music and choral work have always played an important part in the life of the church and we are very well led in this area by Scott Senogles our Organist and Choir Master. He has worked hard alongside the choir and it has been encouraging to see that numbers in the choir have increased over the past few months, always room for more but it is lovely to hear part singing when the full choir is assembled. We have some lovely voices to listen to accompanied as always superbly by Scott. We are also in the fortunate position of being able to call on a number of other very competent organists on those rare occasions that Scott is unable to be with us.

Staying in the area of worship it has been good to be able once again to use our teams of Servers and Assistants at St. Mary's and St. Johns. At St. Mary's we are fortunate in having Chris Barker who is extremely organised and hard working as Sacristan, making sure that everything we need for our worship is bought in, clean and in the right place at the right time (including the servers). Chris fulfils a very similar function outside the church doing much to coordinate and work alongside the churchyard maintenance team.

As restrictions relaxed Rachel Walker stepped forward and took effective charge of the Bell Ringing at St. Mary's. She does not want the responsibility of Tower Captain but has worked very hard to keep the group together and ringing for Sunday worship, High Days, holidays and weddings when able. She would I'm sure be delighted if a Tower Captain could be found and someone able to train up local ringers in our tower.

Communication is very important in any Parish and here we are fortunate to have skills of Janice Barker working for us. She gathers information to put together and print the newsletters every week and it is Janice who produces the excellent Parish Magazine which often elicits praise for content and design. It is wonderful to have such a record of Parish Life which we can enjoy and share so readily with those who visit us. The value of the magazine goes far beyond any monetary considerations.

Both St. Mary's and St. Johns are well served by their respective friends groups. At St. John's the money that is both raised and released from investment means a huge amount in terms of day-to-

day maintenance and upkeep of both church and grounds. At St. Mary's the long struggle to finally get the wall near the castle mound rebuilt nears its conclusion after many years.

I am indebted to Tim Grace for all the work he has put in at St. Paul's. Although we now rarely use the building for worship it has continued to have an important role as venue for other functions at the heart of Mirfield. Tim has put together a small but very efficient team who are working hard to make sure that every opportunity is taken to bring life to the church as its long-term future is decided.

The report to the APCM and this short introduction indicates just how many people are involved in the day to day running of the church and its life. There are far more than I have manged to thank individually and if I have not mentioned you by name my apologies, the contributions of all are of great value and very much appreciated.

As 2021 drew to a close and 2022 started it was good to be able to see the green shoots of recovery beginning to show and I hope and pray that such growth becomes stronger as time passes. We are now entering a time of review and planning. This should help us to mend some of the damage that has been done and allow us, with God's help and in his name, to set out a clear vision and path for greater things over the coming months and years. I commend this process to you, please hold it in your prayers, engage fully with it and be guided by its findings as loving and active disciples of Christ.

With every blessing.

Hugh.

2021	St. Mary's	St. Paul's	St. John's	Crem	TOTAL
Baptisms	28	0	1	~	29
Weddings	9	0	3	~	12
Funerals	19	0	3	23	45
Confirmation	5	0	0	~	5
Average Sunday attendance	38	0	19	~	57

THE BUSINESS OF THE FULL PCC

Membership of the PCC

The PCC consists of:

Clergy		Revd Hugh Crispin Baker (Vicar and Chair)
		Revd Helen Butler
		Revd Cindy Sheard
Churchwardens	From St Mary's	Helen Walker
	From St John's	None
	From St Paul's	Tim Grace
PCC Members	From St Mary's	Lauren Montgomery-Bell
		Ruth Edwards
		Susan Smith
	From St John's	Chris Breare
		Anne Heeley
		Karen Batty
	From St Paul's	David Brooke
		Jane Jaggar

Deanery Synod Reps	Barry Hambling Ruth King

Safeguarding & Disability Officer	Karen Batty
Co-opted Health & Safety Advisor	Stephen Butler

There were 6 PCC meetings and 6 Standing Committee Meetings held in 2021 plus 7 Covid Response Group Meetings all via Zoom Conferencing.

The officers to the PCC were:

Lay Chair	Chris Breare
Secretary	Susan Smith
Treasurer	David Brooke

ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT – *Lauren Montgomery-Bell, Electoral Roll Officer*

Every 6 years the old Electoral Roll is discarded in favour of a new one and a new Roll was created for 2019 to be effective at the Annual Meeting in 2019.

At the 31st March 2019 the new Roll stands at 41 for St John's, 117 for St Mary's and 2 for St Paul's with a further joint registrations, giving a total Roll of 165. These include 16 new enrolments for St Mary's and none for the other two churches.

As of April 2022 the Roll stands at 158 broken down as 42 for St John's, 109 for St Mary's, 2 for St Paul's with a further 5 joint registrations. There are no new enrolments.

FINANCIAL REPORT – David Brooke [Treasurer]

The challenges and difficulties brought about by the coronavirus pandemic continued to have an impact on the finances of the Parish in 2021.

Donations decreased by £6.5K and there was a slight decrease in planned giving. Collections increased slightly by £2.6K as the churches opened again for services. Fundraising was not possible again during the year. However, as the Parish Centre was able to start functioning again during the year – the contribution from the Centre to General Funds was increased by £5.5K to £15K in the year. This resulted in a slight increase in income into General Funds of nearly £2K.

We managed to reduce our expenditure in the year by nearly £3k and the budget group decided that we should increase our contribution to the parish share by £4K.

This resulted in a deficit in General Funds of £3.4K (2020: £4.3K)

It is hoped that the finances of the Parish will improve in 2022 as the church gets back to normal activities

Thank you to all those who continue to financially support the parish with their regular giving.

CHURCH WARDEN'S REPORT – ST MARY'S CHURCH – Helen Walker & Anne Richardson

The last review was for 2020/21 and reported on at the APCM on 23 May 2021. This review of 2021/2022 covers the period from May 2021 to the present and highlights the activities, incidents and projects that occurred during this time.

Reverend Hugh, Helen and Cindy have worked extremely hard for the benefit of Mirfield Team Parish especially during the difficult time of the Coronavirus pandemic.

Anne Richardson stepped down as one of the Churchwardens. Ruth Edwards remains as Verger. Thanks to Ruth for her continued support.

St Mary's business team chaired by Helen Walker and with six members meets periodically but not recently. The team support the clergy, church maintenance and where possible manage matters to do with church grounds.

Coronavirus had a significant impact on church life. Restricted services and then no services. The beginning of this year saw services, weddings, funerals, and baptisms recommence, initially with restrictions but now back to pre-Covid times.

Restrictions have impacted on contributions/donations to the church. To connect to parishioners the internet has been used to provide digital/streaming services. A Sumup card machine was obtained for donations to be made electronically. Thanks to Scott for his excellent musical direction and the choir for their superb singing.

The Garden of Remembrance has been tidied, the edges gravelled and a request for only fresh flowers to be left. The Garden is much nicer and looks lovely with fresh flowers. Thanks to Rev Helen Butler for her help to manage the transition and reassurance to the families and friends of those who visit the Garden. There continue to be issues with the lower graveyard and people not following the Graveyard Regulations. However, graveyard notices detailing what is and is not allowed on a grave are now displayed in the graveyard and the noticeboard.

Church bells are ringing following a period of no bells due to the restrictions of the pandemic. There is no tower captain. Currently there is a band of three or four ringers. Grateful thanks to Rachel Walker who oversees the group.

Ecclesiastical Insurance paid out for the two thefts of Yorkshire flagstones from the North and West side of the church. We are awaiting permission from the Archdeacon for the installation of external CCTV. This will be paid for from a Crowdfunding project which raised £2500. The Church tower clock needs repair, the face hands and dial mechanism were taken to the workshop of Smiths of Derbyshire (clock engineers) in March 2022.. They should be returned in April 2022. Smiths have agreed to do the work free of charge as a gesture of goodwill. The original work should have been done in 2015 when the clock was refurbished.

Stephen Dixon the church architect of 'Calls Architects' has been a stalwart in his support to advise and assist in putting plans forward for repairs on and in the church. This includes planned work on the church tower, vestry roof, downpipes, South roof, relaying and replacing Yorkshire stone flags, windows, and relocation of the stone donation tablet. PCC have agreed the project can now go to Faculty and it is hoped the work will start this year. An urgent vestry roof repair was carried out in Autumn 2021.

The church sound and digital equipment needs updating and consideration given to replacing/improving the equipment this year. A grant of £1000 was given to the church for digital equipment and additionally, a legacy of £20000 has been received towards the equipment.

Routine maintenance continues with lighting conductor checks, boiler servicing, electrical tests, gutter checks, tower clock service, fire equipment and intruder alarm servicing.

A bench in memory of Joan Oxley has been placed in the lower graveyard. A bench in memory of David and Eddie Riley has been placed in the Garden of Remembrance.

Following complaints from neighbours in Dunbottle Way about overhanging trees from the churchyard, tree surgeons completed significant work to trim and make the trees safe.

Two large limbs of a weeping ash and beech trees in the older part of the graveyard were damaged in January storms. These have been made safe and the wood will be disposed of.

A grand piano was purchased for the church by the Choir guild, to replace the older piano.

Permission has been granted to replace the external church noticeboard due to the poor condition of the current one. A replacement is due this year.

The graveyard volunteers are exceptional and continue to maintain the graveyard and grounds to a very high standard. Lots of visitors comment on how well the graveyard is kept. A significant number of people walk dogs in the graveyard. Some are very respectful and keep their dogs on leads, others not so. Graveyard volunteers have had several confrontations with dog walkers who allow their dogs to walk freely over the graves and throw sticks for them to fetch. Unfortunately, it is an ongoing issue and unlikely to be resolved. A big thank you to Richard Smith who regularly empties the dog poo bins he installed in the graveyard.

Thank you to Janice Barker, the editor of the successful church magazine, which helps keep people informed of the work of the Team Parish including St Mary's.

My three-year term as churchwarden comes to an end in April 2022. I will continue to follow through on the unfinished church projects and will support my successor as best I can. Many thanks to all those who have helped in whatever way with the church and church grounds, particularly those who organise silently and make sure what should happen does happen.

CHURCH WARDEN'S REPORT – ST JOHN'S CHURCH – Chris Breare (Secretary to the Business Team)

Church Warden's Report – April to December 2021

Layla Ellis reported on 2020 and until April 2021 as Warden until the AGM in May when sadly no one felt they could stand a Warden for St John's. From May, the Business Team with Hugh as Chair continued to address the matters relating to St Johns Church and we are grateful to Tim and Helen for their advice and support.

The Business Team, consisting of Revd Hugh Baker (Chair), Sue Auckland, Karen Batty, Chris Breare, Anne Heeley, Linda Hutchinson, John Sykes, Phil Tolson and Sue Young met on four occasions in 2021 mostly by Zoom.

At the June meeting a vote of thanks was given to Layla for acting as warden at St John's last year

As the Covid pandemic continued we were only able to open St John's for Private Prayer for two hours on a Sunday afternoon, with stewards cleaning thoroughly after each visitor.

As the church was still closed at Easter, an Easter garden was created at the churchyard entrance from Croft House and the Stations of the Cross were placed through the churchyard, culminating at the Easter Garden. Visitors of all denominations visited and much appreciated the outdoor readings for Holy Week and Easter.

It was wonderful that St John's opened again for worship on May 2nd, with a choir of four members being able to sing hymns and responses from the Sanctuary. During the summer we operated a booking system to limit our congregation and the priest distributed the Eucharist (bread only) to the congregation who remained in their pews. The Midweek Eucharist has now moved from St Paul's to St John's following flooding in the lower vestry at St Paul's.

In October our Dedication Festival was much enjoyed even though it was a scaled down affair with no guest preacher and a lunch of sandwiches and cake after the services rather than Croft House.

By Christmas we were opening to a larger congregation with Covid restrictions on movement in church restricted.

We have sorely missed the children who regularly attended our Sunday School.

Projects completed in 2021

- The Lombardy Poplar, by the wall adjacent to Hopton Hall, was felled by Lion landscapes on 22/07/202. The invoice for £625 was promptly paid by the Friends.

  List B approval was given by the archdeacon on condition that
  1) Works are carried out by a fully qualified and insured contractor. Any insurance documents must be seen by the PCC (or a representative of the PCC) before works commence;
  2) The PCC's insurance company is notified of the works.

- Painting restoration: the Friends funded a humidity measuring device (Lascar EL-USB-2LCD). The DAC required an architects report and after several failed attempts to contact our architect we decided to change. Stephen Dixon agreed to be our Architect and completed our Quinquennial Inspection in December.

- Thanks to Anne Heeley and John Sykes for dealing swiftly and effectively with a slate, which had blown off the roof in high winds. Dan Knutton was paid £320.00 for replacing it.

- The Open House is a joint project with Upper Hopton Community Association which, pre-covid, was held on Wednesday afternoons from 2pm until 4pm. Will be at St John's church when covid regulations allow refreshments to be served. This is so that the Pre-school can hold an extra session in Croft House.

- Regular Gardening and Grass cutting.
  The Friends have paid £260 for grass cutting in June and July and £260 for the hedge cutting and the cutting back of three large shrubs on the north side of the church.

- Inspection/Report on headstones in Graveyard.
  John kindly carried this out and reported four stones, were unsafe and letters were tied to them to ask the relatives to secure them. The very large leaning stone at the front at the south east near the path to the vestry has been laid flat by Paul Wilson free of charge. John also updated the electronic records and sent to Richard Horton to update the website info@kirkheaton.co.uk

- Design Glass in Brighouse were requested to quote for cleaning the cobwebs between the glass and polycarbonate protection in the Millennium window.

- New Notice Board is now in place and looks very smart. We are grateful to the Friends for funding it. John was going to dig out the post for the old notice board but it fell over as it was rotten. He has taken it to try to restore it for use near the churchyard gate by Croft House.

Projects in progress.

- The DAC approved the Faculty to restore the Organ.

Malcolm Spink was to start the restoration of the organ and while he agreed to honour his original quote of 2019, some material costs have increased by £369. There was a delay in the start until January 2022 as the Keyboard had to be ordered and delivery was delayed by four months. He requested a deposit of £1744.32 and this has been paid by MTP.

Owen has very generously agreed to pay £695.00 to install a Great to Swell coupler function in place of the existing Swell Unison Off. Thanks were expressed to Owen for his generosity.

- Front Pew
  A quote from Wood and Laycock to reduce the trip hazard by shortening the front feet and putting a floor fixing on the inside pew seat side, and to include staining the effected trimmed areas. Total cost £180 + vat

  To reduce the front pew panel section to allow wheelchair access past the column and staining/polishing. Total cost £385 + vat

  This proposal will now be added to the faculty, which is already in progress,

- James Royson completed the five-year survey the trees in the churchyard to satisfy our Health and Safety Regulations. Application has been made to Kirklees as these trees subject to TPO.

- We registered for a Heritage Lottery Grant for £125,000 to repair the Tower but sadly we were not invited to pursue this grant application.

- Foodbank
  Items were requested for the Salvation Army in Mirfield as they have a shortfall in their funding. Items placed in the Trug were collected by Annie on a regular basis.

- Tree on boundary wall on the north side between the church and Old Vicarage, has compromised the wall near the steps in-between the two properties. Lewis gave a quote of £380 which included removal of the adjacent rhododendron due to its overgrown nature and location. Kirklees have approved this work to go ahead.

- Churchyard gate
  David from Wood and Laycock inspected the gates and tried to salvage some of the panels but nearly all are rotten. He quoted to remove the gates and make an exact replica in oak using the original feature metal fittings, which will be shot blasted and repainted as they are of a custom size and pattern to suit the gates size. The total cost including fitting will be **£1870 +**

  Colin Ryder has very kindly agreed to fund the cost in memory of his late wife Diana. Following PCC approval, the Archdeacon granted a List B approval for replacement gates like for like.

- Toy and Book Storage cupboard
  A quote from Wood and Laycock, using the old pew, stored temporarily in the meeting room to include a top of substantial 30mm thick with notched edge detail and under mould and a solid oak framed interior and supplied fully stained and French Polished. Total cost would be £2640 + vat. Anne Heeley has donated £2063 to the Friends, with the sale of her knitting towards this project.

- Plug sockets.
  We have a quote from Alectrifix Ltd for installation of double RCD socket in porch. £180.00
  SUBTOTAL: £180.00 + 20% (VAT on Income): £36.00 **TOTAL: £216.00**

We are grateful to Revd. Hugh Baker, Revd. Helen Butler, Revd. Cindy Sheard and retired priest Christine Shedd for ministering to us in Upper Hopton; and to Scott and the choir, our Sacristan Linda and all assistants, readers and sides-people, who contribute to our Sunday worship and to all who have supported us with regular giving during this difficult time in the throes of the long pandemic.

We look forward to returning to what will be a new normal in 2022

CHURCH WARDEN'S REPORT – ST PAUL'S CHURCH – Tim Grace

St Pauls Annual Report 2021.

Once again due to Covid regulations we were unable to hold regular services at St Pauls this year and unfortunately the 2021 Christingle service had to be cancelled.

We continued to develop the Church for use by the Community. Although we have been restricted due to Covid we managed to open the church to two Brass Bands for their regular rehearsals and also set up a series of music and table top sales events that brought in a regular income. The extra income has helped to balance the books and the new events are proving very popular with the people of Mirfield, we intend to roll out a series of events in 2022.

On the 7th October an Extraordinary PCC meeting was held at St Pauls with representatives from DAC to discuss the proposals put forward by St Anne's Mental Health and partners to purchase St Pauls Church. Following an in-depth discussion, the meeting agreed to seek closure of St Pauls Church. The process is now in place, a survey has been undertaken and the Church commissioners are now considering the application.

We celebrated 140 years of St Pauls on 1st November 2021. The celebrations included a special dedication service held on 28th October and an Exhibition and open day on 30th October which was very well attended and received by more than 70 people, 12 of who climbed the tower and inspected the newly refurbished clock.

St Pauls, a Church built for a Community, continues to serve that Community, we pray for its future and trust that it will continue to support people in our community for many years to come.

BUDGET & STRATEGY REPORT

Report Budget and Strategy Group 2021 for APCM May 2022 – Chris Breare (Sec)

Budget and Strategy Group, were Revd Hugh Baker (Chair), Lauren Montgomery Bell, Chris Breare, David Brook, Tim Grace, Peter King and Helen Walker and we met on seven occasions during 2021, all of which were by Zoom.

We began the year with a £4,254 deficit which was due to a legacy of £5000 to the general fund, and last year a total of £59,000, was paid, on a regular monthly basis, to the Diocese towards the Parish Share.

As this was a difficult year to predict what our income might be we waited until August to predict a Budget for 2021.

It was predicted that we would pay £62,000 toward the Parish Share, with an income of £66,000 and an expenditure of £63000, giving an excess for the year of £3,000.

It was anticipated that there would be an increase in fees with more weddings when we came out of lockdown, which has limited the numbers of the congregations at our services in both Churches and for Funerals, Weddings and Baptisms.

As last year, it was decided to reduce expenses in all three churches and these were pared down to the absolute minimum and the closure of the churches during lockdown resulted in a considerable reduction in running costs, particularly heating bills.

During the year there was no opportunity for fundraising due to the restrictions on social gatherings. At the end of the year we paid £63, 050 towards our Parish Share with our income being £103,921 and expenditure £108,174 giving a deficit for the year of £3384.

We are grateful that our parishioners continued to support us with giving by standing order, Parish Giving Scheme and the regular giving envelopes

MINISTRY TEAM REPORT – Kath Crossley

There are two Ministry Teams which help to determine parish vision and planning for the future as well as endeavouring to provide the best possible pastoral care.

Ministry and Mission Team
The team has met eight times via Zoom. Although the team shares responsibility for certain areas of the church's life such as future planning, outreach and children's work, many of the decisions they have had to make this year have been tempered by the restrictions and safeguards necessitated by the pandemic.

Although advance plans were always made for many services such as Mothering Sunday, when it was not possible to hold them socially distanced in the church, then services were streamed out. Other events such as the Stations of the Cross were displayed outside St Mary's and St John's and this had been very much appreciated. The Live Nativity was held outside St Mary's.

A Said Communion service and an exhibition at St Paul's, were held to celebrate the 140th anniversary of St Paul's dedication and were both well-attended.

As it was not possible to hold the Christingle services in church a recorded version of the service was made available and Christingle 'packs' distributed so that the Christingles could be made at home.

House groups:
House groups could not be held because of restrictions. Zoom groups held during Lent went well; Bible study groups also met via Zoom.

A date for confirmation was made for September and the preparation course took place via Zoom.

Community links and ways of strengthening links between 'fringe' and 'mainstream':
Children: Details are covered under the report of Our Work with Children.

Baptisms: Many baptisms had to be re-arranged either because of restrictions or because families thought it preferable to protect vulnerable family members.

Healthy walkers: No walks could be organised at the beginning of the year but later on some were able to take place under the Ramblers' 'umbrella' which meant that a group of up to thirty could walk together.

Men's group: The Men's group has not been able to meet.

CAP (Christians against Poverty): This has not been able to progress.

Social lunches could not be held.

Community groups: Team members continue to report on other community groups, such as Mirfield in Bloom, so that the Team Parish can inform their members of services and events in the Team Parish.

Pastoral Team

Members of the Pastoral Team have met eight times via Zoom meetings, as the year progressed.

When restrictions allowed members of the Pastoral Team have been able to make visits to members of our congregations; otherwise support has mainly been via phone calls.

Restrictions have sadly meant that for much of the year it has not been possible to hold Communion services in either Hopton Care Cottages or Royd Court although Home Communions, following strict safeguarding procedures, did become possible by the end of the year.

Members of the congregation have continued to make online monetary donations to the Welcome Centre, supporting those in need in the wider community. For those unable to do this, donations of food and household requisites, including Harvest donations, have been taken to the warehouse in Huddersfield where all our contributions are most gratefully received.

OUR WORK WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH – Kath Crossley & Anne Heeley

Restrictions have meant that we have been unable to continue with Sunday School at St John's and Children's Church at St Mary's in 2021 as the safeguarding of both children and vulnerable members of the congregation has been our primary concern. When children did come to church, they stayed with their parents and used the materials provided in pew bags during the service.

Where possible we have continued to maintain contact with children and families by phone and by email and continued to share Young Church Mag so that the children could complete this at home.

We have also been able to use recording of children doing prayers and readings when they have sent these to us.

In October and in December we were able to welcome families into St Mary's for sessions of Messy Church. Both sessions were well-attended and hugely successful.

MTP CHOIR – Director of Music Report 2022 – Scott C Senogles BMus(hons) M.A

The last year has seen a hopeful transition back towards something akin to normality in music making throughout the parish. In fact, as I write this the last of the official restrictions which have strangled creativity over the last 24 months are now lifting and hopefully for the final time!

Special thanks must be made to Zoe, Marieke and Katie who when services were limited to a priest, a camera and myself kept the sung elements of worship going for those watching the streamed services at home.

From that, we were then allowed to have small, socially spaced choirs and now, we are as we were pre-pandemic. The choir have maintained regular contact via WhatsApp, which is now an embedded way of keeping up to date with each other, week by week.

A source of sadness for me has been the inability, as of yet, to muster support to restart Mirfield Junior Singers. This has been a great jewel in the musical crown of the parish, pre-pandemic, with 17 regular members (children) and strong parental support. Alas, my ambition to re-ignite the choir has been unsuccessful, as the children have now grown and moved on. Without strong parental support and safeguarding chaperones from within our church, I cannot re-start this alone.

More positively, we have for the first time in my whole musical ministry with the parish, gained a tenor for the choir. Richard Barrowclough actually sang as a chorister in the 1980s – 90s and so it was a great blessing to welcome him back as an adult; now joined by his alto wife Kharma-sel. We welcome both with open arms into parish life.

Another welcomed member of the musical team is our new Kawai grand piano, which has replaced the rapidly failing Clavinova digital piano. I believe it is fair to say nobody has been left unimpressed by the sound and elevated richness this instrument adds to worship and in time concerts recitals etc.

The electrical switching for the St. Mary's blower and humidifier have both been granted permission to be replaced as the existing system blew in gala fashion immediately before a funeral some months ago and we have been getting by, thus far, with a temporary fix.

It is with sadness I note the passing of our highly regarded organ builder Malcolm Spink who went to heaven two months ago. His son and grandson now take the helm of the business and are currently tasked with restoring the organ at St. Johns, with works including re-leathered bellows and new keyboards to replace the worn and warped ones from a previous rebuild in the early 80s.

All in all, things are looking positive with weddings once more filling the parish diary (as such, I have made the decision not to host a recital series this coming year, to pave the way for maximum bookings to increase potential revenue for the parish) congregations are now coming back after a long time away and are singing joyfully once more which is a great joy for me. It is my hope to kickstart organ recitals again in 2023 once we are back on an even keel and audiences can come unhindered by restriction.

Thanks must go to the PCC for their continued and unstinting support of the MTP Music Department and myself over the past year.

BELL RINGERS – Rachel Walker

There's not much to Report from the Bell Ringers as we've not been allowed to do much because of the Covid Restriction's.

Depending on availability there are 5/6 of us, most from Mirfield. We have an Extra Ringer coming Regularly to Practices and Sunday Morning Ringing, we also have ¾ Regular Sunday Morning Ringer's.

We've had issues with Flies that now seem to be resolved, and a leaking roof when the rain is particularly bad.

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT – Barry Hambling & Ruth King (Deanery Synod Reps)

DEWSBURY & BIRSTALL DEANERY SYNOD ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2021

The Synod has held two meetings during 2021one held via zoom and the other in person at Mirfield Team Parish's Community Centre. The Revd Simon Cash stood down from the post of Rural Dean during 2021 and the post is now being shared between the Revd Hugh Baker Vicar of Mirfield Team Parish and the Revd Mark Umpleby Assistant Priest of the United Benefice of Batley.

The first meeting by zoom, was held on the 15th March 2021 and was well attended. The opening prayers were led by the than Rural Dean Simon Cash and was followed by the election of the Synod's officers. A Lay Chair, Secretary and a new Standing Committee were needed and fortunately the previous members of these positions were ready to continue in their roles and were re-elected unopposed. As this was the first meeting of Synod since February 2020, Simon asked the question "How are we and what have we been doing?" The question took a little time to think about as a lot had happened over the past year or so but many members gave their views which were varied but were similar in many ways. A presentation was given by Katherine-Alice Grasham from the diocese about "Living in Love and Faith". You may have heard something about this subject but it is something all parishes will be hearing a lot more about over the next few months. Katherine spoke about the course which will help us live as Christians and will also deepen our faith. It will encourage discussion about Faith, gender equality, acceptance of other people's views and still help us be Christians through dialogue.

Reports from both General Synod and Diocesan Synods were accepted with discussions on both reports. The last item on the agenda was a discussion on what the future will look like. Many aspects of this question were raised such as people had lost confidence to go out, lost confidence to go to meetings and church etc.

People also felt isolated but on the positive side zoom had come along which meant not having to go out to meetings on a cold evening! The meeting ended at 9.10 pm with Prayers.

The second meeting was held at Mirfield on the 11th October 2021. After the opening prayers Hugh Baker gave a description of Mirfield Team Parish, its three churches, the background of the town and the fact that St Mary's church is 150 years old.

The speaker was the Canon Debby Plummer who is the Area Environmental Champion for the Huddersfield Episcopal Area and is also a Franciscan. She stated that our planet is in a bad way and it is our task as God's representatives to restore it. She referred to Earthshot, this involves films and prizes with regard to restoring nature, cleaning the air and water. Debby also said the church was aiming to be Carbon Net Zero by 2030 and to reach this objective every parish should appoint a Environment Officer to help achieve this target. Much information is available on the diocesan website to enable parishes to become Carbon Free by 2030. A general Synod report was presented and discussed, David Ashton commented that our deanery was very fortunate in having one Clergy member and himself as a Lay members of the General Synod.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm after prayers and the Grace led by Hugh Baker.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MIRFIELD AND DISTRICT – Revd. Hugh Baker

Moderator's Report from Churches Together in Mirfield 2021

2021 was a year that was once again greatly affected by Covid and the restrictions that came with it. We were sometimes prevented from meeting in person and had to use online methods, there were some things that we did differently and some that we simply had to stop doing. However, for all that, it was still an active year with many worthwhile events and activities.

Lent and Easter saw Thursday evening online meditations and a Zoom reading of the Dramatized Passion story that went down very well, our thanks to Marc for both suggesting and organising this for us. Kenneth Evans came up with the idea of using painted slates to carry the Easter message out to the town. Using slates that he provided several volunteers painted them with images suggestive of the Easter story and then left them around Mirfield for people to discover in a similar way to the popular Christmas Angel project.

Christian Aid week was supported by online donations and church envelopes rather than through the Collection day at the Co-op but thanks go to Chris for organising this and for the £1070 that was raised to support the work of Christian Aid.

Sunday 1st August found us sharing a picnic together in the grounds of Wellhouse Moravian church. The restrictions on singing inside meant that for many the joy of raising our voices in song and praise had been set aside and it was wonderful to take the opportunity to sing many well-loved hymns. It must be said though that having not sung for some time the somewhat weak and reedy sound that came out of my mouth was a bit of a surprise.

Bonfire night saw the usual suspects lending their support to the Round Table Bonfire on the Show Ground, our thanks to them and to the Round Table who reward CTMD with a financial donation in recognition of the work done.

Christmas was celebrated with the Banners placed around Mirfield with message of Joy for all from all the churches. The knitters had been busy again this year and many angels were sent winging on their way much to the delight of young and old, thanks go to all who were involved in this.

Mirfield in Bloom had been very active over the year, and we were delighted to be able to support this good work with the sponsorship of a substantial hanging basket display tree. This supported baskets to represent the denominations in Mirfield and was placed on the site of the old well outside the library. The message we wanted to convey was that of Hope and the planter was blessed to this use as part of a carol singing service on December 18th.

My thanks go to all who have contributed in any way to the events of 2021 and especial thanks to our officers: Chris Sykes and Ian Wilson for their work as Secretary and Treasurer.

MARA LINK REPORT 2021

Bishop Tony has contacted Hugh and he has forward the details of the new Diocesan link officer.

Following the receipt of a letter of appeal from the new Bishop of Rorya, the Rt Revd. Musa Yamo about the many challenges facing his new diocese. He has inherited a bit of a mess and requesting that we restore our link and financially support.

A retiring collection at St John's and St Mary's of £200 was sent before September 5th together with £100 from the PCC.

On October 17th Hugh ran in the York Marathon and to raise funds for Parish Share and Ng'ope our link Parish and the total of £600 in sponsorship was sent to Mara.

We hope to further support the link church when fundraising begins in earnest again next year.

SAFEGUARDING – Kath Crossley

A major development this year was the use of the Safeguarding Dashboard, a specially designed resource being used by over two thousand churches in twenty-four participating dioceses throughout the Church of England. This is a helpful tool and a straightforward way of checking how up to date the Team Parish is with current safeguarding requirements and how to meet those requirements in the case of any further actions needed.

The list of people who need to fill in Confidential Declarations has been revised and the updating of each individual DBS has been facilitated where necessary.

A critical requirement of safeguarding is the completion of training. During the pandemic training has been accessible online and those members of the Team Parish who need to complete training have been made aware of how to do this.

Safeguarding remains a permanent item on the PCC agenda. This year the PCC have been asked to conduct a full review of the Safeguarding Action Plan and a full review of the PCC procedure for dealing with safeguarding allegations. In addition, agreements for the use of church premises and the Community Centre have been updated.

Documents which should be displayed on our church notice boards have been checked and renewed where appropriate.

Safer recruitment procedures are now in place for anyone wishing to take on a paid or volunteer role in the Team Parish.

CORONAVIRUS – PANDEMIC 2021 – Susan Smith (PCC Secretary)

Throughout 2021 seven meetings, via Zoom, had been held to consider how the Team Parish should respond initially to the national lockdown and local restrictions in force. The group comprised of Clergy, Church Wardens, PCC Officers, the Health & Safety Officer and the Director of Music.

At first it was uncertain how the virus was spreading so a strict regime of cleaning pews, door handles and other touch points was instigated. Social distancing and the wearing of face masks encouraged and is now, early in 2022, slowly being relaxed.

Services were streamed on Facebook by mobile phone and on YouTube – not always successfully. Initially the music was provided by the organist and two soloists only; as restrictions have relaxed then the number in the choir has increased. The Communion was celebrated in one kind, i.e. the bread/wafer, with masks being worn by all except the Choir who also observed the social distancing rules.

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S COMMUNITY HERITAGE SITE – Helen Walker, Secretary

- Committee members: Steve Bell (chair), Helen Walker (secretary), Lauren Montgomery-Bell (Treasurer), Ruth Edwards, Diana Brown, Tim Grace
- Friends committee continue to promote the group. Website in place but not current
- The focus of the group is to look at ways in which Dunbottle Lane church wall can be rebuilt. A revised estimate of the rebuild is approx. £30,000 which is significantly less than the original estimate of £113,000. Architect's plans have been produced, contact and liaison with Historic England, Kirklees Highways/engineers, application made for Scheduled Monument Consent for permission to rebuild the wall as it is next to Castle Hall Hill (ancient scheduled monument). Structural engineer drawings have been completed. Dialogue with West Yorkshire Joint Services regarding archaeology overview. Planning permission from Kirklees council is awaited. This is likely to be June 2022. The plans will then go before PCC for resolution and if agreed to Faculty. Once a Faculty has been agreed then tenders can go out for the work. Fundraising and grant applications will take place
- No planned National Heritage Open Day at the church this year but hopeful this will take place next year.

- Janice Barker printed off more of her Heritage information booklets which are sold in the church and money from them put in the wall rebuild fund.

MIRFIELD IN BLOOM GROUP – Ruth Edwards

Chairman's Report Nov.2020 – Nov.2021

What a memorable year this has been for us all. COVID 19 restrictions have affected all our lives in a number of ways and it's a time that most of us will never forget.

All Mirfield in Bloom activities throughout the last eighteen months were planned so that we complied with all restrictions that were current at the time and I'm pleased to report that no one became ill after participating in any such activity.

In early February a local resident contacted me, as Chairman of Mirfield in Bloom, to express her concern about the state of the river at Battyeford as well as seeking our help to clear up the area. In following up this request and making our own observations the magnitude of the problems became apparent. The river had recently been in flood and a tremendous amount of debris, including sanitary items, had been left behind when the river receded. It was obvious that, somehow, action had to be taken the big question being "what" and" by whom". Rising to the challenge the decision was made to involve other community groups as well as Kirklees Metropolitan Council and the John Cotton Group (known to us locally as John Cottons). Group activities, involving ourselves along with the Pennine Canoe Club and Mirfield Rescue, have taken place on a number of occasions and the whole area, including the river, is now very much clear of rubbish. An action plan is now in place and work will continue on this project as and when necessary. Discussions are also taking place in an attempt to improve the water quality and the environment in general.

Throughout this year some members of Mirfield in Bloom, along with representatives from John Cottons, have been exploring ways in which we can work together for the benefit of our community. The outcomes have been extremely positive and we now have a firm friendship with the company

During this year three new and extremely active neighbourhood groups, Battyeford Island, Sunnybank Road and St Paul's Lock, have joined Mirfield in Bloom, making a huge impact on the town along with a number of already well-established groups.

In late April, supported by members of the community ,we successfully painted Ledgard Bridge in readiness for the barrier planters which were scheduled to arrive in May.

The usual floral decoration of the town went ahead as planned and created a huge boost for the local community as we came out of lockdown. This was supported by Churches together in Mirfield who sponsored the basket tree named the 'Fountain of Hope' to be found in the library garden. This will be dedicated on Saturday 18th December at 11am when carols will be sung around the tree.

As a result of the uncertainty brought about by COVID 19 the Britain in Bloom and Yorkshire in Bloom competitions were managed differently this year with everything being submitted on line. I'm pleased to report that we did submit a number of entries to each competition for which we received complimentary comments from the judges. A huge thank you to Chris, our secretary, for completing the arduous task on our behalf.

COVID 19 restrictions prevented our usual number of litter picks from going ahead. However many people, keeping social distancing in mind, were happy to continue picking litter individually as and when it was convenient. The official October litter pick did go ahead and the town is now, thankfully, still relatively free of litter.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the people who have gifted money in the way of sponsorship throughout the year. Without their generosity Mirfield in Bloom would find it difficult to function in the way that we do. In particular I would like to thank our major sponsors, Mirfield Town Council, John Cottons and the Cooperative Society Community Fund for their continued support.

Also, I would like to thank each and every one of you, the people who make it happen. Without your continued hard work and commitment none of this would be possible. Let us now look forward to next year and plan for what we hope will be a more normal year.

Finally, as I'm sure some of you are already aware, I'm pleased to announce that Mirfield in Bloom has been proposed for the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service and I, as Chairman, have a preliminary meeting with two Deputy Chief Lieutenants of West Yorkshire on Wednesday the 17th of November. Let's hope we can succeed in bringing this prestigious award to Mirfield. Thank you.

FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S CHURCH 2021 – Mrs Sue Auckland (Hon Sec)

The delayed AGM of the Friends took place on Wednesday September 8th at 7.30 in St John's. Chairman, Colin Ryder gave a vote of thanks to the Hon Treasurer, Hon Secretary and Chris Breare for their continued work behind the scenes in keeping things going that through the long hiatus due to Covid,. He also thanked Janette for her fund raising climbing the old Sugden's Flour Mill in Brighouse to raise money for The Friends.

The Following were elected as officers and council.

President – Mrs Barbara Walker
Vice President – Colin Ryder
Chairman – Revd Hugh Baker
Hon Secretary – Mrs Sue Auckland,
Hon Treasurer – Mr John McMullan
Assistant Secretary + Membership Secretary – Chris Breare.
Auditor – David Brooke

Members of the Council : -
Linda Hutchinson
Linda Tempest
Sue Young
Julie McMullan
Anne Heeley
Owen Ryder

We were grateful for a legacy of £5000 received from the sons of the late John Broscombe and this is towards the restoration of the paintings in the Sanctuary.

Ralph Sutcliffe very generously left a legacy of £30,000 to the Friends and it was decided to use it as the initial donation to the funding for the Tower and West Window Restoration.

Thanks were expressed to all who support the fabric of the church, through The Friends of Upper Hopton Parish Church.

CROFT HOUSE ROOMS CHARITY – ROGER LEEDHAM (SECRETARY) (TRUSTEE) UHCA

CROFT HOUSE ROOMS CHARITY – January to December 2021

At the formation of the Team Parish in 2007 a document was drawn up to ensure Croft House continues to be managed effectively and the new PCC proposed that the Managing Trustees of Croft House Rooms Charity be the Croft House Rooms Management Committee, the eight members of which are determined as follows:

1. The two Wardens of St John's shall be members.
2. Four UHCA members which includes the Treasurer of the UHCA. Two UHCA members are elected on alternate years, and each serve for two years.
3. The PCC of the Mirfield Team Parish shall elect two representatives. A quorum for any meeting shall comprise two members representing UHCA and two representing the PCC and one other member.

The Management Committee of Croft House Rooms Charity, the Managing Trustees, is responsible for letting the Rooms and for the recurrent expenditure involved in running the Rooms. The UHCA have free tenure of the Rooms and are responsible for the maintenance of the building and grounds and for capital expenditure.

The membership of the Management Committee of Croft House Rooms Charity is as follows:

1. Christine Breare (Chair) (Trustee) – elected by PCC to represent Church Warden
2. Anne Heeley – elected by PCC to represent Church Warden
3. Sue Young – elected by PCC
4. Sue Auckland – elected by PCC
5. Roger Leedham – (Secretary) (Trustee) UHCA
6. Kathryn Cockerill – Treasurer of UHCA
7. Gail Auty (Trustee) – elected by UHCA
8. Joan Hemmingway (Trustee) – elected by UHCA
9. Andrea Leedham – co-opted as Booking Secretary
10. Jane Tolson – co-opted as Treasurer

The Covid-19 pandemic has severely impacted the income from the regular and private users of Croft House in 2021. Croft House was closed on the 20 March 2020 and opened again on the 25 June 2020 for use by Pre-School only, and it was not until July 2021 the use of Croft House was increased due to the relaxing of the Covid 19 guidelines. Regular and private hirers of Croft House slowly started to use Croft House again. It was decided by the committee to retain the 2020 Croft House charge rates for 2021.

The accounts for the year 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021, were approved at the committee meeting in January 2022. These showed an income of £21,832 against an expenditure of £23,731. Included in this expenditure were the donations which were made to the UHCA for essential maintenance, totaling £19,000.

We received Small Business Grants totaling £17,431 from the Kirklees Council in the early part of 2021 to assist with loss of income due to the COVID pandemic. The opening cash balance at the 1 September 2020 was £26,865 and the closing balance at the 31 August 2021 was £24,965. Details of the accounts have been submitted to the charity commission. In November and December 2021 Croft House started to become impacted with large energy costs which will have an ongoing effect on our finances.

Major refurbishment work on Croft House took place in 2021. This included extensive insulation of the loft spaces, new windows at the rear of the building, a new roof to one of our outbuildings, additional fire safety equipment and complete decoration throughout.

ST MARY'S COMMUNITY CENTRE – Lauren Montgomery-Bell

St Mary's Community Centre 2022

St Mary's Community Centre has gradually regained normality with the gradual return of all our regular user groups after the pandemic.

- New Groups.
  - The Gentle Birth Company
  - Baby Ballet
  - Mirfield Educational Trust
  - Dogs Trust

- Lost Groups
  - Martial Arts
  - Mirfield Town Council.

- Improvements
  - New Fire system has been implemented
  - Emergency Fire lights have been checked and upgraded.

- Planned improvements

  - Have a lower service area created between the main Hall and the catering kitchen, for serving hot and cold drinks.

We still have some way to go:

  - Resurface the carpark area
  - New stage lighting

Going forward

We need to continue updating the centre, so we can offer quality facilities to our ever-growing user groups.

ST MARY'S AFTERNOON TEA GROUP – Barbara Hardwick

This group has not met during the pandemic. Due to age and transport difficulties it is not likely to re-form in its previous format.

PANTOMIME GROUP – Laura Brown

We didn't have a panto last year due to COVID so we don't have a report this time.

8TH MIRFIELD – ST MARY'S SCOUT GROUP – Chris Wilding – Akela (Cub Scout Leader)

Since our last report, face to face scouting has slowly resumed. Rules and general common sense have allowed us to begin meeting outdoors, then to include indoors with masks and precautions, to now where we are almost back to normal. As with all walks of life, we have been impacted with positive cases leading to absences of members and leaders alike and this has meant a "fluid approach" to planning of activities as we have had to rearrange at short notice on some occasions due to a key leader suddenly having to isolate, but on the whole we are scouting once more.

The one main impact that covid has had on our activities has been the inability to camp, but other than that, we have had a fairly normal year across all our sections with regard to the activities we have run. This has included hiking, cooking, learning, making, eating, parading, as well as many activities around the community, cultures, looking after ourselves etc. One of the highlights of the past 12 months happened in summer 2021 when we held a large activity day at Woolley Campsite where all 3 of our sections (Beavers, Cubs and Scouts) had a day of fun – pioneering, archery, target shooting, backwoods cooking, trail hunting, and most importantly (considering the hot weather) – water games. We finished the day with a takeaway pizza (at the time the rules did not allow us to use the indoor cooking facilities) and a fabulous campfire sing along.

Later in the year we participated in the Mirfield Remembrance Parade along with many other uniformed organisations after a year away, and within the past few weeks we have resumed Church Parade as we celebrated Mothering Sunday at St Mary's with all 3 of our sections playing a part in the service.

It would be remiss of me not to mention a particular event that is occurring in 2023 – the World Scout Jamboree. This event only happens every 4 years and is celebrated by Scouts from around the world. In 2023 it will be held in Korea and we are very proud to say that one of our members and current Young Leader – Daisy – has been selected to represent the United Kingdom at the event. Daisy is currently busy raising money to fund the trip (on top of her GCSEs!) so if anyone has any ideas or would simply like to donate then please get in touch.

Finally, a year ago I had written that I was concerned about what impact Covid may have had on our numbers and I am delighted to now report that in terms of our members, it has been virtually no impact at all as almost everyone returned once we could. Across all our sections (including Young and Adult leaders) we have approaching 100 members so are as strong as ever, however, as I reported last year, we have lost 2 leaders from our scout section due to house moves so would really love to get a couple of extra pairs of hands to help our existing leadership team. If you or a family member fancy getting involved then please pop down and see us on any (term time) Thursday and we would be delighted to discuss what we do. Since starting in the 1970s, 8th Mirfield has seen so many people pass through their doors and it would be great to see some old (or young) faces come back down and help continue the tradition, but even if you have never been involved, don't let that put you off – everyone is welcome and we provide everything you need for the role – all we ask for is a little time.

If you think you may fancy it or know someone who might then please pop down or get in touch with us (all contact details are in the Church Magazine) as we'd love to have you "on board"

2ND & 14TH MIRFIELD BROWNIES – Tracy Riley

ANNUAL REPORT 2021

HIGHLIGHTS OF GENERAL ACTIVITIES

After being on lockdown for the end of the school year 19/20 we all hoped we would be starting September 2020 more positive. Sadly we were unable to meet due to Covid Restrictions until June 21 and even then socially distanced but decided to zoom instead each week from September to June. With two large units we thought it would be too much all together so we split into 2nd & 14th and did two sessions a night which was quite a mammoth effort. The girls were so good we soon combined them both and had a beano.

Leaders have been amazing creating packs and hand delivering to around 70 girls on foot often which is mammoth. Every single leader has gone above and beyond and kept the unit running . We really did have to work together with this often rationed and leaders isolating, others keyworkers, some sadly getting covid and the other challenges but as a team we've pulled together. On a personal note it was lovely to have a distraction to the pressures of the world and for that hour on brownies each week forget about everything and just repeat the saying "you're on mute". We have all learnt so much about zoom and think we should all be immensely proud.

Highlights have been the many visitors in especially Mini Professors who held a bubble night which was great fun and very messy but thankfully over zoom. We created fairy doors which thanks to Chloe girls displayed on Battyeford Island for others to enjoy, We've baked which has been a benefit as no way could we bake so much in a night with so many girls, but when everyone has a oven we've made cookies and scones galore as well as chocolate lollies and mug cakes.

We banished mums whilst we made Mother's Day gifts and not left dads out too. We even made crispy buns over zoom for Easter. We know some girls were isolating or shielding so we made sure everything needed was in the pack so no one missed out.

My Favourite memories are having a puppet workshop with Laura from the Theatre in London and hearing the girls on the brownie choir with their puppets.

Anything we did in the unit we tried to make possible so each girls brownie journey was as much fun. We managed to convince Flash at Mirfield Fire Station to try Zoom. He had never done before so we met over zoom one night and I gave instructions. We had a fab tour of Mirfield Fire Station over zoom and by the power of zoom and a brownie dad who is also a fireman also zoomed to Cleckheaton Fire Station and watched their shift change over parade it was magical.

Early on we zoomed up to Scotland and got a tour of an Alpaca Farm in Scotland, we were losing the light a little and it was a tad windy but we got to meet all the Alpacas and even chose to ADOPT TWO Owain and Lughaidh

THINKING DAY

We've celebrated every occasion going, for Thinking Day we chose to visit India including trying Indian sweets thanks to Carol, we also made our own peacocks and flags.

BADGES GAINED

We had a bit of a badge feast doing many paw print badges which are always a firm favourite, maybe not so much for parents sewing them on. We've completed The Squirrel Badge, Panda Badge, Captain

Tom, Den Night Badge, Countdown to Christmas, Mindfulness, Labradourable, Guiding Light as well as many skill builders and theme badges.

We are pleased we've kept up to the programme all be it with a lot of flexibility to ensure girls can continue their journey to Gold should they wish.

During March – July last year we had a bit of a hold on new girls so no enrolment ceremonies, In September we welcomed lots of girls so also had to find a way to do an Enrolment. Sarah came up with a great power point it even had sound effects and the girls virtually travelling through the arch. With the help of Hannah and other leaders delivering we managed to rope mums and dads in to enrol the girls. We did say they were all now officially leaders too so hoping for some new recruits lol. What was really lovely was that we invited other relatives to watch too so many girls who couldn't see grandparents were surprised with them appearing on screen to join them.

VISITS

The great thing about zoom has been distance has been no obstacle for visitors, I've loved it, we've been up to Scotland to visit an Alpaca Farm and down to London for a puppet workshop. We've learnt magic over zoom and card tricks, we've created slime and had great fun with bubble snakes with Mini Professors: Jumping Clay joined us to make mini me brownies and All of You Yoga for some relaxation one week just to name a few. We've also done Lego with Brickz4kids and Zumba with Lily [Faye's mum].

CHRISTMAS/SUMMER/OTHER PARTIES

As we were able to meet face to face together again from September we held a bear making Christmas Party complete with foam snow, confetti and a dance mat and everyone got to make their own bear. The end of summer night was an Ice cream themed night with crafts and a visit from the ice cream van.

FUND RAISING

We sadly couldn't do our usual fundraising but we chose to raise funds getting sponsored to do 100 things as part of the Captain Tom Badge. Girls voted on where to send the money and we chose Great Ormond Street Hospital and Yorkshire Air Ambulance with around £300 sent to each. Girls had great fun with Sarah colouring in, wearing 10 pairs of socks and trying 10 Haribo's.

CAMPS/HOLIDAYS/SLEEPOVERS

Sadly we couldn't hold pack holidays or sleepovers this year but we have several booked for next year fingers crossed.

RETURN TO FACE 2 FACE

In June we took the brave step to return face to face, due to limits on numbers we chose to alternate so half the leaders were on zoom and half face-to-face rotating. Sarah kindly ran zoom and I did the face to face. I'd be lying if I didn't say it was a mammoth task, from the 32-page risk assessment to the cleaning to go with it and socially distancing the girls, wearing masks and hoping the weather held each week to keep everyone safe meeting outside. Each girl has their own resources so no sharing and were little stars.

It was worth it though as the girls were fab and got so much out of seeing each other, we still managed to do a nature night creating windchimes and random acts of kindness, making bee hangers, stained glass colouring and a few games.

From September we returned all together face-to-face but with enhanced cleaning and masks, the girls and leaders have been amazing being flexible and honouring whatever rules we had to adhere too to make sure we could all meet together.

We continue to grow as a unit with a waiting list at times and are pleased to welcome new volunteers Claire and Virginia too. It's been another tough year but the girls have enjoyed so many experiences and have been superstars.

We look forward to catching up on residential, visits outs and adventures.

2ND & 3RD MIRFIELD RAINBOWS – Wendy Banks

2021 saw us continue to successfully run Rainbows over zoom with us managing to cover a lot of our normal activities, albeit adapted for zoom, so the girls could still get badges and achievement awards. We even were able to award a couple of gold awards which are now our top achievement in each section.

September bought some light at the end of the tunnel and we went back to restricted face to face guiding at the Church Hall. We followed all the restrictions and welcomed back double our numbers of girls from zoom and those on our waiting lists. It was lovely to see everyone again and even though we had to observe social distancing and masks the girls had some great experiences.

One night we even used the back field and we made food for the local ducks as well as played hunt the bath duck around the field as we learnt how to feed them correctly.

We also even managed a small Christmas party with the girls dressed in their finery to play games and receive presents from Santa.

Each week things get a little bit more normal and it has been wonderful to now make our promises and present our awards in person.

2ND MIRFIELD GUIDES – Wendy Banks

In 2021 we continued to offer zoom sessions for the girls and had 19 girls joining us each week for zoom with a varied programme. We continued to try and do the guiding programme but trying fun ideas as well. We did laughing yoga which the girls and leaders enjoyed. We also completed a few Taskmaster challenges. We also tried to still offer the girls the opportunity to complete badges if they wished.

For our last night of the summer we met at Bradley Woods with all the other guide units in Mirfield and had hot dogs and a wide game – the girls loved been in the outdoors and seeing each other face to face.

In September we went back to restricted face to face guiding at the Church Hall. We followed all the restrictions and welcomed back all the girls who had participated on zoom. It was great being back face to face and both girls and leaders really enjoyed it.

Since coming back face to face we have continued to follow the programme but also played more games with the girls so they are able to interact. We have had some hiccups where we have had to go back to zoom because of covid and numbers but these have been few and far between.

Christmas saw us have a party at the community centre, unable to do the pampering session we had planned due to girls having to wear masks.

After Xmas we tried to do 1 year in a night which took us 2 nights but the girls enjoyed a theme for every month. We have also started an interest badge.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
MIRFIELD TEAM PARISH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Voluntary Income	2	89,098	20,262	109,360	95,528
Activities for Generating Funds	3	60,891	-	60,891	49,310
Investment Income	4	3	311	314	909
Other Incoming Resources	5	-	5,870	5,870	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		149,992	26,443	176,435	145,747
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Fundraising Costs	6	-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities	7	65,155	18,734	83,889	78,169
Governance Costs	8	69,532	110	69,642	65,583
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		134,687	18,844	153,531	143,752
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS		15,305	7,599	22,904	1,995
TRANSFERS					
Gross Transfers Between Funds		-	-	-	-
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS		15,305	7,599	22,904	1,995
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS (LOSSES)					
Gain(Loss) on Investment Assets	11	-	(527)	(527)	279
NET MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS		15,305	7,072	22,377	2,274
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total Funds at 1st January 2021		54,638	452,983	507,621	505,347
Total Funds at 31st December 2021		69,943	460,055	529,998	507,621

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	Notes		2021 £		2020 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	12		1,593		7,911
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	10,527		11,670	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		520,109		489,412	
		530,636		501,082	
CREDITORS: Amounts Falling Due Wthin One Year	14	(2,231)		(1,372)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			528,405		499,710
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			529,998		507,621
CREDITORS: Amounts Falling Due After More Than One Year			-		-
			529,998		507,621
The Funds of the Charity:					
RESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS	16		460,055		452,983
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
General Funds	16	69,943		54,638	
			69,943		54,638
			529,998		507,621

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Gifts, Donations and Legacies	10,397	20,212	30,609	17,988
Gift Aid and Planned Giving	48,492	-	48,492	49,787
Income Tax Recoverable	11,180		11,180	11,670
Collections	4,431	-	4,431	1,823
Fees, etc	14,598	50	14,648	14,260
	89,098	20,262	109,360	95,528

3. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Fund-raising	129		129	1,048
Parish Centre and Room Hire	38,638	-	38,638	30,571
Flat Rent	6,000	-	6,000	6,000
Pantomime	-	-	-	-
Parish Centre Donations and Grants	16,124	-	16,124	11,691
	60,891	-	60,891	49,310

4. INVESTMENT INCOME	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Bank and Building Society Interest	3	102	105	656
Dividends Received	-	209	209	253
	3	311	314	909

5. OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Insurance Claims	-	5,870	5,870	-
Parish Share Adjustment	-	-	-	-
	-	5,870	5,870	-

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YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

6. FUNDRAISING COSTS	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Sundry Events	-	-	-	-
Pantomime	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Upkeep of Services	6,960	201	7,161	7,314
Church Running Expenses	27,394	-	27,394	24,325
Church Maintenance	5,337	1,978	7,315	7,247
Charities	1,728	-	1,728	2,674
Parish Centre Expenses	22,439	-	22,439	32,578
Flat Expenses	1,297	-	1,297	1,637
Tower Costs	-	7,431	7,431	2,394
Organ Repairs (SJ)	-	1,744	1,744	-
Electronic Piano (SM)	-	7,380	7,380	-
	65,155	18,734	83,889	78,169

8. GOVERNANCE COSTS	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Parish Share	63,050	-	63,050	59,000
Clergy Costs	148	-	148	667
Administration Costs	6,334	110	6,444	5,916
	69,532	110	69,642	65,583

9. STAFF COSTS	2021	2020
	£	£
Musical Director	5,400	5,400
Office	2,470	2,696
	7,870	8,096

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.
The Musical Director and Office Staff are engaged on a self-employed basis.

10. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

The PCC hold an endowment property at Church House, Church Lane, Mirfield, it consists of a first floor flat and a ground floor meeting room, office and storage. There are also small and large halls. The property has an insurance value of over £1,000,000.

11. GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENT ASSETS

Gain (Loss) on investments from:	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Change in Market Value	-	(105)	(105)	279
Disposals	-	(422)	(422)	-
	-	(527)	(527)	279

12. INVESTMENTS

All the investments are quoted investments listed on a recognised stock exchange.
All the investments are held primarily to provide an investment return for the charity.

	2021 £	2020 £
Market Value at 1st January 2021	7,911	7,379
Additions at Cost	209	253
Disposals	(6,000)	-
Gain (loss) on Investment Assets	(527)	279
Market Value at 31st December 2021	1,593	7,911

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13. DEBTORS	2021	2020
	£	£
Income Tax Recoverable	10,527	11,670
	10,527	11,670

14. CREDITORS	2021	2020
	£	£
Accruals and Deferred Income	2,231	1,372
	2,231	1,372

15. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS	General Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
Investments	-	1,593	1,593
Current Assets	72,174	458,462	530,636
Current Liabilities	(2,231)	-	(2,231)
Net Assets at 31st December 2021	69,943	460,055	529,998

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1st Jan 2021	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	At 31st Dec 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds						
Choir Guild	13,062	417	(7,730)	-	(527)	5,222
Bells	1,001	-	-	-	-	1,001
Charity	408	-	-	-	-	408
Pantomime	8,738	-	-	-	-	8,738
Richardson Legacy	417,105	84	(9,370)	-	-	407,819
Shaw Legacy	10,000	-	(1,744)	-	-	8,256
CCTV (St Mary's)	2,669	72	-	-	-	2,741
Sutcliffe Legacy	-	20,000	-	-	-	20,000
Flags (St Mary's)	-	5,870	-	-	-	5,870
	452,983	26,443	(18,844)	-	(527)	460,055
Unrestricted Funds						
General Funds	54,638	149,992	(134,687)	-	-	69,943
	54,638	149,992	(134,687)	-	-	69,943
TOTAL FUNDS	507,621	176,435	(153,531)	-	(527)	529,998

Restrictions Imposed and Purposes of Restricted Funds

Choir Guild	Expenditure on Choir and Music
Bells	Maintenance of St Mary's Bells
Charity	For Gifts to Charities
Pantomime	Pantomime Costs
Richardson Legacy	Major Repair Work to St Mary's Church and maintenance of the bells
Shaw Legacy	For expenditure on St John's church
CCTV (St Mary's)	For provision of CCTV equipment for St Mary's Church
Sutcliffe Legacy	For expenditure at St Mary's Church
Flags (St Mary's)	Fund for stolen flags at St Mary's Church

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Accounts

MIRFIELD TEAM PARISH

St Mary's

St John's

St Paul's

Serving the communities

of Mirfield and Hopton

ANNUAL REPORT 2020

Please note that questions for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) to be held on **Sunday 23rd May 2021,** at St Mary's, following the 9.30am Service, are to be submitted in writing prior to the Meeting.

REVD HUGH BAKER
Vicar of Mirfield Team Parish
Report for the Year 2020

2020	St. Mary's	St. Paul's	St. John's	Crem	TOTAL
Baptisms	7	0	2		9
Weddings	5	0	0		5
Funerals	21	0	11	31	63
Confirmation	0	0	0		0
Average Sunday attendance					

It seems very odd to be writing another report for an APCM so shortly after the last one which was delayed by Covid restrictions from May to October. In that report we were looking at the events of 2019 this time we are looking more closely at what has unfolded over 2020. Reading the various reports within this document you will be pleased to see that a lot has been able to continue despite the restrictions. At all three churches and Churchyards and at the Community Centre there has been the regular maintenance being carried out and improvements have been made. In some cases this was made easier by not having as many people using the buildings for long periods. So, my thanks go to our Wardens (Helen, Anne, Tim and Layla), PCC, Hall Committee under Lauren and Grounds maintenance teams for making sure that they found ways to work round the restrictions and progress so much in difficult times.

My thanks also go to all who have contributed over 2020 to try and make sure that we still had access to some form of worship and social contact (albeit virtual). Various ways have been used to ensure worship was available in one form or another. Whilst we could not use our buildings at all we worked on completely pre-recorded services with contributions from readers, intercessors, clergy, musicians and choir all edited together to be shared. It was great to be able to include at least some of our children in the prayers and readings and my thanks goes to Mareke Haigh for her wonderful recorded version of the Live Nativity. Alongside this we also live streamed evening prayer, compline and reflective services over Lent. As we were allowed back into the buildings once more, we worked on perfecting the live streamed services with no congregation on Facebook which could also be watched later both on Facebook and YouTube (Thanks to Chris Hargreaves for his editing skills. It was interesting to see how many tuned in to watch these, both as they happened but also by the many more who watched them later. There were of course blunders along the way such as services going out sideways on, out of focus or with chronic sound, but we learnt as we went along and hopefully things have improved to a more consistently higher standard. We will probably continue with the streaming of services for some time to come as there are now a number of the congregation both old and new who seem to appreciate this access. My thanks especially to our Organist and Musical Director Scott, our clergy Helen, Cindy and the sacristans Chris Barker at St. Mary's and Chris Breare and Anne Healey at St. John's for the work they have all put in with others on the delivery of such services and church access. We also managed to keep a presence at Crowlees school with a weekly recorded Assembly and other virtual input shared with the pupils there.

Pastorally 2020 was also a difficult time. The lockdowns meant that many people were isolated, they may have had the food and provisions they needed but there was not the human contact that we would normally take for granted. My thanks go to our Pastoral Team and the work they did over the phone to try and make sure that the most vulnerable had at least some contact and had the opportunity for a chat and a time of prayer even if things like visiting and Home Communion were no longer an option.

Financially again 2020 was a time for concern. Income from collections, weddings Fundraising events and the Community Centre dropped to a trickle. Some of those areas of income will of course catch up as people start to come back to church and most of the weddings that couldn't take place in 2020 are booked in for

2021 and beyond. However, there are losses that can not be caught up and will leave a dent in the finances for some time to come. My thanks go to everyone who has been active over the past year reducing expenditure, claiming the grants that are available and managing the finances so that the impact has been kept to a minimum. Even before the lockdown our budget was always a matter of great concern and as we go through the rest of 2021 and beyond we are going to have to think very carefully about ways in which we can begin to undo the financial damage caused.

We do not yet know exactly how the pandemic is going to play out, as of now things are looking more hopeful with the vaccine roll out and relaxation of some at least of the restrictions. There is no doubt that the impact so far has been great and we have had to adjust what we do significantly. It may be that some of the effects may be with us for some time and we may have to continue to adjust and change. Maybe some of the things that we thought were central to the practice of our faith may be gone for ever, some things we never imagined may become the usual way of doing things. I know that so far, we have managed to adjust, try new things and survive. My hope and my prayer is that we may be guided by God to find the right path not only to survive but to find those things that help us to thrive and grow as a church in ways we perhaps had never imagined.

May God keep you safe and make the light of his countenance to shine upon you, now and always.

Hugh

THE BUSINESS OF THE FULL PCC

Membership of the PCC

The PCC consists of:

Clergy	Revd Hugh Crispin Baker (Vicar and Chair)
	Revd Helen Butler
	Revd Cindy Sheard
Wardens	*From St Mary's*
	Helen Walker
	Anne Richardson
	From St John's
	Layla Ellis
	From St Paul's
	Tim Grace
PCC Members	*From St Mary's*
	Lauren Montgomery-Bell
	Ruth Edwards
	Susan Smith
	From St John's
	Chris Breare
	Anne Heeley
	From St Paul's
	David Brooke
	Jane Jaggar
Deanery Synod Reps	Barry Hambling
	Ruth King

Ex Officio Child Protection Officer – Karen Batty

Co-opted Health & Safety Advisor – Stephen Butler

There were 6 PCC meetings and 6 Standing Committee Meetings held in 2020.

The officers to the PCC were:

Lay Chair	Chris Breare
Secretary	Susan Smith
Treasurer	David Brooke

ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT

Every 6 years the old Electoral Roll is discarded in favour of a new one and a new Roll was created for 2019 to be effective at the Annual Meeting in 2019.

At the 31st March 2019 the new Roll stood at 41 for St John's, 117 for St Mary's and 2 for St Paul's with a further 5 joint registrations, giving a total Roll of 165. These include 16 new enrolments for St Mary's and none for the other two churches.

As of 20th April 2021, the Roll stands at 165 broken down as 45 for St John's, 113 for St Mary's, 2 for St Paul's with a further 5 joint registrations.

Lauren Montgomery-Bell,
Electoral Roll Officer

FINANCIAL REPORT

The challenges and difficulties brought about by the coronavirus pandemic in 2020 had an impact on the finances of the Parish.

Income into general funds was down by nearly £22K. Gift Aid and Planned Giving decreased by just over £5K – although this also included giving of people who sadly we had lost during the year. Other donations to general funds decreased by just over £9K and cash collections decreased by just over £4K. Fundraising was down by nearly £4K.

The budget group decided that to manage the uncertainty of the finances in 2020 we would have to reduce our contribution to the Parish Share from £72K in 2019 to £59K in 2020. Our running costs decreased by nearly £3K because of the churches being closed for some time in the year. Giving to charities from collections at funerals decreased by nearly £10K as funerals in church reduced in the year. Administration costs decreased by nearly £2K – this was mainly due to the savings we had made by reducing photocopier costs.

Although we managed to reduce our expenditure in the year our general funds still were in deficit by nearly £4K (Income: £104K / Expenditure: £108K).

Hopefully the situation in our Country will improve throughout 2021 and we can start working towards improving the finances of the Parish.

As always, we are grateful for to all those who continue to financially support the Parish with their generous giving. And a special "thank you" to all those who have managed to contribute in 2020 despite all the restrictions!

David Brooke
Treasurer

CHURCH WARDEN'S REPORT – ST MARY'S CHURCH

The last review was for 2019/20 and reported on at the APCM on 22 October 2020. This review of 2020/2021 covers the period from October to present and highlights the activities, incidents and projects that occurred during this time.

Reverend Hugh, Helen and Cindy have worked extremely hard for the benefit of Mirfield Team Parish during this difficult time of the Coronavirus pandemic.

Stephen Butler stepped down as one of the Churchwardens. Anne Richardson has now taken on the role which means there are still two Churchwardens for the church. Ruth Edwards remains as Verger. Thanks to Ruth for her continued support.

St Mary's business team chaired by Helen Walker and with seven member meets periodically. The team support the clergy and where possible manage matters to do with church grounds.

Coronavirus has had a significant impact on church life. Restricted services and then no services. No weddings and limited numbers for funeral services. However, Coronavirus safeguards are in place for anyone entering the church.

Restrictions have impacted on contributions/donations to the church. To connect to parishioners the internet has been used to provide digital/streaming services. Thanks to Scott for his superb musical direction and the choir for their wonderful singing.

The Garden of Remembrance has been tidies, the edges graveled and a request for only fresh flowers to be left. There continue to be issues with the lower graveyard and people not following the Graveyard Regulations.

Although the church bells have not been ringing, it is hoped this will be able to happen again this year. There are currently three bell ringers but no tower captain.

Two insurance claims for stolen flagstones are ongoing. Following the theft, Crowdfunding brought in £2500 for installation of CCTV (yet to be done). Further repair work on the church tower is hopefully going ahead this year. Permission is currently being sought from the Archdeacon for urgent vestry roof repairs due to rainwater entering the vestry. The intruder alarm panel has been replaced and new sensors installed. A local electrical contractor has improved the exterior tower lights, ground up-lighters, fifteen interior church roof/ceiling lights and altar lights. All replacements are LED so therefore running costs should be reduced.

Broadband has been installed at the church and is working. A grant of £1000 was given to the church for digital equipment. The church sound and digital equipment needs updating and consideration given to replacing/improving the equipment this year.

Routine maintenance continues with lighting conductor checks, boiler servicing, electrical tests, gutter checks, tower clock service, fire equipment and intruder alarm servicing.

Permission (List B x2) has been given for a bench to be put into the graveyard, in memory of Joan Oxley, also for a bench to be put into the Garden of Remembrance in memory of Eddie and David Riley.

Also, a List B has also been received from the Archdeacon for trees hanging over Dunbottle Way, to be pruned.

The graveyard volunteers have been exceptional over the last year to maintain the graveyard and church grounds. They do a wonderful job and lots of praise from visitors about the look of the grounds. Due to Coronavirus Lockdown, there has a significant increase in people visiting and walking dogs in the graveyard. A big thank you to Richard Smith who regularly empties the dog poo bins he installed in the graveyard.

Janice Barker is the editor of the successful church magazine which helps keep people informed of the work of the Team Parish including St Mary's. This has been essential to maintain contact with parishioners. When these have not been delivered by hand they have been mailed out. Thank you to Lauren Montgomery Bell for helping with distribution. Also, more people now receive the digital version of the magazine. People have been very generous in their donations towards the cost of printing and posting the church magazines. Grateful thanks.

Helen Walker and Anne Richardson have agreed to serve another year as churchwardens at St Mary's. Many thanks to all those who have helped in whatever way with the church and church grounds, particularly those who organize silently and make sure what should happen does happen.

Helen Walker & Anne Richardson
Churchwardens St Mary's

CHURCH WARDEN'S REPORT – ST JOHN'S CHURCH

From Oct 2020 – April 2021

Grounds

- We applied to have several trees felled and replaced in the churchyard:
  - Prune two oak to the rear of 7 Top Meadow List B - Completed
  - Fell Oak T8 - Faculty in progress
  - Horse Chestnut T7 - Faculty in progress
  - Lombardy Poplar T28 (List B) at wall with Hopton Hall which is proving a problem to fell

Tim has agreed to supply 2 replacement trees in autumn 2021.

- The Registry has granted a Faculty March 2021 for a new area, Area L, for the internment of cremated remains in the graveyard. It was confirmed that this area was consecrated in 1932.

- A new notice board has been commissioned from Wood and Laycock and will be erected at the front of the church and the old noticeboard will be moved to the Croft House entrance.

- There was a great deal of work achieved on the grounds, clearing saplings and brambles. There were plans to fill in sunken graves and plant bulbs and perennials. This should encourage more wildlife.

- It has been advised by a joiner, the gate at Lychgate needs replacing due to it mostly being rotten. This is in progress.

- New notices have been placed on the noticeboards including:

- New graveyard policy
- Advisement to keep dogs on leads
- A list of where to access services and parish social media

Church building

- A faculty is in progress for the restoration of the organ, along with the application were supporting letters from Owen and Anna Lapwood. We are grateful for the support we have received for this, thank you to all involved.

- The Restoration of the Paintings in the Sanctuary.

We are to seek a new report from our Architect Stephen Dixon. When normal services resume an electronic humidity device, which was funded by the Friends of St. John's, will be placed to monitor the atmosphere in the vicinity of the paintings.

Health and Safety

- The boiler's inlet valve was replaced by D Dolby and the gas heaters were serviced by Del Sol.

- A fuse was fitted in the clock by Eric as the clock had stopped chiming and we are grateful to him for his regular maintenance and time adjustments to our rather temperamental clock.

- Disability access is in process. The plan was to remove two pew ends at the front by the alter rail and one pew behind the font. It was hoped we could put castors on the pew end, this may not be achievable and a more permanent method is being sought.

- A Welcoming Church Disability Pack has been supplied by the Diocesan Disability Team. It is hoped this will be made accessible to staff.

<u>Quinquennial Inspection</u>

Stephen Dixon, our newly appointed architect carried out a comprehensive QI, which was received in Feb 2021. He was very concerned about state of the outer wall of the Tower and advised an extensive restoration programme with grant funding.

Of immediate concern was the tower roof access advising that no-one should go up there in the state it is in but someone needs to check the clock chamber regularly to check the roof hatch is still in place. He has also advised the gutters need to be cleaned out.

- Stephen has marked the following items as urgent:
  - Tower roof – renew gutter linings, new access hatch etc
  - Full programme of tower repairs incl. stair lintel * masonry repairs
  - Replace missing glass to top light with mesh vent – W1
  - Removal and repairs west window to facilitate tower works
  - Full scheme of access and safety improvements to tower

- Requires attention in the next 12 months:
  - Tower – re-roof with new hip leadwork
  - Additional clipping to conductor cable
  - Re-bed finial and re-point copings – Chancel
  - Lay flat slab adjacent porch / install gulley cover
  - Re-mastic door frame to vestry
  - Re-point above window W1 hood
  - Improve lighting to tower interior
  - Specialists' inspection / refurbishment of the bell and it's fixings

- o Extend alarm cord in WC
- o Repair floor to choir stall

For more information on these items and others to be carried out at a later date, please see QI.

Pastoral

- For a short time, we held in-church services at St. John's, which were streamed on Facebook and shared on YouTube. Currently there is a live streamed joint worship service held at St. Mary's Church along with evening prayer/compline held every weeknight, with only service participants in church. When services return to the buildings, we hope to continue with streaming the service for those that cannot attend.

- In October 2020 Revd Christine Shedd was a guest preacher for our Dedication Festival. Everyone enjoyed her visit and we hope she will return again.

- Harvest service was not the same as usual due to covid, but we made the best of it. It was still enjoyed by all.

- Christmas services were well attended.

- Individual private prayer on Sundays is also popular, the time has been increased from one hour to two.

- The pastoral team has been keeping in contact with parishioners by phone, and several Hopton residents were in receipt of parish Christmas hampers.

- Covid closed down many of our social groups e.g. Afternoon tea and walking. But some parishioners have been keeping active knitting angels for Christmas for CTM and blankets for the SCBU in Calderdale along with hats and scarves for care leavers in Bradford. We were grateful for a large donation of wool.

- Linda Hutchison started as Sacristan in 2020 at St. John's.

- The Stations of the Cross are to be placed along a pathway route in the churchyard and an Easter garden is planned for the Churchyard near the gate.

Personal note:
Now that we have all had a taste of what it is like not to be able to attend events and services, I hope we, as a parish, can consider those that are unable to attend gatherings regularly and find new ways to be more inclusive of their needs continuing to be innovative in worship and fellowship.

Layla Ellis
Church Warden

CHURCH WARDEN'S REPORT – ST PAUL'S CHURCH

Due to Coronavirus restrictions, it was agreed that the Church should not be open for Services and other events until Government and Diocesan guidelines allowed.

We did however hold an outside' drive -in 'pantomime performed by the Penguin acting group in the car park in December 2020 .

We continue to work through the minor items listed in the recent quinquennial and look for grant opportunities for roof repairs.

The future of St Pauls is still in the balance, we are currently in talks with the Diocese and community groups to produce a business plan to identify the future use of the Church and seek grant funding for future development of the building.

St Pauls, a Church built for a community, continues to service that community, we pray that it will continue to does so for many years to come.

Tim Grace
Churchwarden

BUDGET AND STRATEGY REPORT

Report Budget and Strategy Group 2020
For APCM May 2021

This report begins with a quote found in one of our churchyards: "Annus Pestis Erat" (this was the year of the plague) and this had a profound effect on everything and everybody.

Budget and Strategy Group met on eight occasions during 2020, initially in the meeting room for two meetings and then by Zoom.
We began the year with a **£10,000 deficit**, we had only budgeted for £5000, and a total of **£72,000,** was paid, on a regular monthly basis, to the Diocese towards the Parish Share.

In January the Budget for next year 2021 was proposed
Parish share will need to be £73000
Fundraising needs to be £10,000
Magazine £1700 (£300 profit last year).
Parish Centre £15,000
Donations will be £10,000
Room hire at St Paul's £5000.

It was decided to reduce expenses in all three churches and these were pared down to the absolute minimum and the closure of the churches from March resulted in a considerable reduction in running costs. The predicted Income for 2020 should be £71,500, which will give a £3,100 deficit at top end.

The group met on Committee on May 19th by Zoom following the closure of our churches to look at the forecast budget in some detail and to try to assess the impact of Covid19 on the remainder of 2020.

The treasurer, having circulated the figures for January to April, reported that there were some worrying aspects

- No income from weekly envelopes, collections or gift aid envelopes .since the middle of March,

- No income from fundraising
- No income from the Parish Centre
- No fees for weddings
- No fees for funerals, at the Crematorium due to the changes from the Diocese.

We were running at a deficit of £12,796 and we would run out of money if we continued to pay £6000 a month to the Diocese for the Parish Share.

The new weekly giving envelopes are ready to go out but this is not possible at present. Hopefully, our congregation are putting their donations regularly in their envelopes ready for when church reopens.

On the plus side

- Income has been constant from giving by direct debits and PGS.
- The Friends of St John's paid in £1,177 for the maintenance and repairs of the organ.
- Tim has sent out invoices for £305 for use of St Paul's.
- The weddings, which were booked for this year, have been rebooked for next year.
- There have been no costs for utilities for all three churches.
- A few people have sent cheques for their envelopes directly to David.

The treasurer predicted that the total income specific to church would be £63,895 compared to £72,009 last year which would be £8114 down on last year. After careful consideration, it was proposed that we contribute a reduced sum of £57,000 to the Parish Share.

Over the 12 months, the Diocese is predicting a 50-60% drop in their income from Parishes.
This budget was circulated to PCC for approval on June 2nd before being submitted to the Diocese.

Hugh and David wrote a letter to each the members of the congregation who contribute by envelop, explaining details of how to contribute to Parish Giving Scheme, which can now be completed over the phone; or to send a cheque to David; or give by BACS. These letters were delivered, in person, by the members of the group with the new envelopes in June.

We embraced social media, 'JustGiving' and 'easyfundraising.org.uk' when it comes to fundraising with card readers operating at St John's and St Mary's. We are grateful for the support from the community to raise the necessary money for the CCTV at St Mary's by JustGiving, following another theft of stone flags.

An essential expenditure for the year was the Quinquennial Inspections for all three churches at £900 each, with payment of the invoice for one church being held over to Jan 2021.

We have finished the year with a deficit of £4254 but this may increase to £9254 if a legacy of £5000 we received is in any way restricted. We have paid £59000 towards our Parish Share, which is the amount we set ourselves to pay and this is 63% of the total sum and the average over the Deanery/ Diocese is 67%.

We are working produce next year's budget for 2021 under these very difficult circumstances and are so grateful for the support we have received from regular donations in many forms.

The gas and electricity contracts for all three churches are due to expire this year, the Diocese are encouraging us to use The Green Journey to supply our energy, and the group will consider this before the renewal is due.

Chris Breare

MINISTRY TEAM REPORT

There are two Ministry Teams which help to determine parish vision and planning for the future as well as endeavouring to provide the best possible pastoral care.

Ministry and Mission Team
The team has met mainly via Zoom. Although the team shares responsibility for certain areas of the church's life such as future planning, outreach and children's work, many of the decisions they have had to make this year have been tempered by the restrictions and safeguards necessitated by the pandemic.

The Pantomime service at St Mary's in February included a Eucharist and this met with a pleasing response. Unfortunately lockdown meant other 'alternative' services had to be cancelled.

The Team contributed to discussions on safe opening of our churches after lockdown. It was felt that our prime target on the Action Plan should be keeping in touch with our congregations, finding ways of supporting our church members and others in the community and making our church services available to all using a variety of media.

House groups:
Social distancing has meant that it was not possible to hold a meeting in someone's home. A study group was held during Advent using Zoom.

Community links and ways of strengthening links between 'fringe' and 'mainstream':
Children: Details are covered under the report of Our Work with Children.

Healthy walkers: Although more than thirty Healthy Walkers attended walks in 2020 when possible, no walks could be organised during lockdown.

Men's group: The Men's group has not been able to meet.

CAP (Christians against Poverty): It had been hoped that it would be possible to join with the Salvation Army and other Mirfield churches however this was not possible. It is believed that the course may change in the present financial circumstances.

Social lunches could not be held.

Community groups: Team members continue to report on other community groups, such as Mirfield in Bloom, so that the Team Parish can inform their members of services and events in the Team Parish.

Pastoral Team
Members of the Pastoral Team have met monthly, mostly Zoom meetings, as the year progressed.

When restrictions have allowed members of the Pastoral Team have been able to make 'garden visits' to members of our congregations; otherwise support has mainly been via phone calls.

Restrictions have sadly meant that for much of the year It has not been possible to take out Home Communions or to hold Communion services in either Hopton Care Cottages or Royd Court.

A Baptism follow-up course, held at St Mary's in February and led by Graeme Bigg (Children, Young People and Families contact for Huddersfield Episcopal Area) was well-attended. Baptism bookings continue to be made online and then contact with baptism families is made by Sue Auckland at St John's and Kath

Crossley at St Mary's. Sadly, this year, many of the planned baptisms have had to be re-arranged though contact is kept with those families and alternative dates found where possible.

Those who are able have been asked to make monetary donations online to the Welcome Centre, supporting those in need in the wider community. For those unable to do this, donations of food and household requisites, including Harvest donations, have been taken to the warehouse in Huddersfield where all our contributions are most gratefully received.

Details of training for Pastoral work have been circulated as this can now be completed on different levels: Pastoral Visitor/Worker (Level 1); Pastoral Assistant (Level 2); and Pastoral Minister (Level 3).

Kath Crossley

OUR WORK WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Children's Work

In term of Lock down children's projects we have done the following;

- Helen Butler continues to be Chair of Governors at Crowlees CE primary
- Hugh continues to do weekly assemblies at Crowlees on a Bible theme via Zoom
- Helen has shared lots of activities and materials with the school; Christingle resources, Holy week family activity packs and assemblies on 'A letter to God', health & well-being, 'What makes us Happy'
- Hugh, Helen & Cindy filmed a Year 6 Transition service for those leaving for High School in July
- Helen filmed a daily address to support a journey through Holy Week with all the children in Crowlees School.
- Church families joined in Advent by making their own Christingle oranges at home and filming a Christmas message to incorporate into our Christingle service
- Various children from Sunday School have filmed themselves reading out prayers for collective worship
- The Children's Church Magazine is shared each week with our families and contains worship and Christian teaching materials
- Cindy set up a Stations of the Cross activity at both St Johns and St Mary's- including a lovely Easter garden done by St John's congregation
- The Haigh family filmed a wonderful version of the Live Nativity with costumes, sheep, hens, horses and a real stable which was shared with school, nurseries and playgroup as well as our own congregations.
- We held a virtual egg rolling competition for the uniformed organisation and for our church families- the winners were those who rolled a boiled egg the furthest – they won a Real Easter Egg containing a Easter Story book.

Revd. Helen Butler

Children's Church & Sunday School

Our work with children has been very different in 2020. In the early months of the year we were able to continue with Sunday School at St John's and Children's Church at St Mary's. Since then our primary concern has been for the safety of all and it was not judged possible to maintain 'bubbles' for the children in very restricted workspaces. Workshops planned for the rest of the year were simply not possible.

We have done our best to maintain contact with children and families by phone and by email. Young Church Mag which is used in both churches has been emailed out each week so that the children can complete this at home.

We are hugely grateful to the parents who have sent in recording of their children reading poems, prayers and bible passages, sending photographs of their drawings and even Christingles that they have made which can be included in streamed and recorded services. We particularly enjoyed watching the Live Nativity.

We have missed seeing the children very much and are looking forward to the time when they can join us again in church.

Kath Crossley and from Anne Heeley

MTP CHOIR & JUNIOR SINGERS

I would like to start by thanking Hugh and the PCC for their continued support whilst I navigated a significant drop in income and lack of certainty. I shall never forget the sense of worth expressed through this silent but important commitment to my employ. Work is picking up once again and I have much to look forward to achieving in my musical ministry going forward.

Unlike the first lockdown where organ blowers and bellows emptied for a significant duration, vestments and all the other signs of life in our churches were stripped back and south doors were bolted securely. The second lockdown at least allowed services to be broadcast from church with either a cantor or small choir. At Christmas and just before things had eased to allow a small but perfectly formed critical mass of choristers to sing together which was much more like the 'good old days'.

Alas Christmas came and went in a flurry of unfortunate anxiety as we knew another lockdown was soon coming. Both Katie and Zoe both volunteered to take turns singing solo, microphoned for services. Again, behind closed doors but at least in church. The parish owes both ladies deepest gratitude for keeping the show on the road and saving me from becoming a one-man band.

We are now again at the stage where up to 8 socially distanced and risk assessed singers may come together each Sunday to sing at the Eucharist. We have been refining our knowledge of the new Parish sung service by Jonathan Bielby (Organ Emeritus of Wakefield Cathedral) which is to join the Rizza mass setting sung since 2001 and the Mirfield Mass setting composed by yours truly now in its 13th year of successful use.

Rota's have been formed for our choristers and we meet prior to services to rehearse hymns etc in replacement of separate choir practices to minimise our time together.

WhatsApp along with telephone calls have allowed members of the choir to chat informally to arrange themselves and generally keep in touch.

Green shoots have appeared, along with the Easter blossoms, as we welcome Darren O'Sullivan into the choir, as a probationer until July when he will be admitted fully. I have also had expressions of interest from other persons of the parish which I hope is the start of much renewal of the ranks in our choirs whilst also giving deepest gratitude to those members who have and remain committed to singing regularly at our churches, THANK YOU.

As director of MJS and after consultation with parents and helpers, we believe it best to wait till the new academic year to start this particular group.

The organ at St. Johns has been lovingly curated by Owen Ryder along with the St. Johns business team and we are now moments away from a long overdue overhaul of the instrument which will keep it at the heart of music making at St. Johns for many years to come.

At St. Mary's the organ is receiving an unfortunate amount of disturbance in the form of salt/grit falling in and around the pipework from masonry where water ingress has become severe, predominantly around the rear of the instrument along the north aisle wall and arches to the vestry. I would be neglecting my duties if I did not take this opportunity to urge the PCC to rectify the roof and gutter leaks around and above the organ as soon as is able before the instrument takes an unnecessary and costly turn for the worst. In 16 years as DofM I have never known the walls leak and drop grit as much as this. Much of this goes unseen due to the full-time efforts of Chris Barker to sweep, clean and dust the weekly offerings from above! The organ humidifier motor is away for repair but for the moment I am just about keeping on top of the maintenance of our beloved 1926 Walker instrument.

As things begin to ease further in Autumn it is my hope that congregational singing will be allowed once more. I think this would be a wonderful opportunity to renew our parish singing by offering some group singing lessons to all within the MTP free of charge in the form of larger choir/congregational practices either mid-week or before services on a Sunday. An ideal opportunity to get our voices back in fine fettle for sung services.

Scott C Senogles BMus(hons) M.A
Director of Music

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT FOR 2020

There has only been one meeting of the Dewsbury & Birstall Deanery Synod, which was held at St Mary's Church, Gomersal on the 20th of February.

After Refreshments were served, we were welcomed to the new Deanery by Simon Cash the Area Dean as this was the first time the combined Deanery had met.

The meeting began with opening worship after which there was a talk by the Guest Speaker – Revd Robin Gamble – Bishop's Advisor for Church Growth on working with Young People.

The Minutes of the last meeting were agreed and matters arsing addressed. A resolution was passed to open a new bank account and appointment of signatories.

The Parish Share was discussed and there was a look at the Diocesan Strategy with the question being raised as to what resources do we need as a deanery to meet this?

Barry Hambling & Ruth King

(Deanery Synod Representatives)

MODERATOR'S REPORT
FROM THE CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MIRFIELD AND DISTRICT

CTMD Moderator's Report 2020

Another year has passed, and what a strange and difficult year it has been for all of us. We give thanks to God for all that we have managed to do together in 2020 and for his protection of those we love and care for. I have continued as Moderator with the help of a very supportive team including Secretary Christine Sykes and Treasurer Ian Wilson.

Our first act of joint witness in 2020 was the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service held at Wellhouse Moravian Church. Pastor Marcus Bennett was the guest preacher and speaker and brought us news of the charity Torch Trust an organisation helping the visually impaired in worship.

We planned our meetings to take place alternate months from March. Our Lent Study began on 27th February with the showing of the film The Greatest Showman and there were two subsequent meetings studying the film using the book "From Now On" by Rachel Mann. However by the middle of March we began to realise the seriousness of the Coronavirus and its impact on our church activities and especially our most vulnerable elderly members. Most denominations made the decision to cease in-person worship and moved to alternatives including written service sheets and some ventured on-line with Facebook live worship and as we became more confident with the technology some started Zoom worship. The Government announced the full Lockdown on 23rd March and life as we knew it changed. CTMD Meetings did not take place until September and this was also by Zoom and our last meeting of the year was also by Zoom in November. In September we heard that Susan and Pip Chisholm had sadly left the Salvation Army in Mirfield and we await news of their successors, however the leadership team are working collaboratively to maintain worship and community services. Christ the King welcomed Rev Dr Erik Peeters and his family and he was licensed in September and the Moderator attended the socially distanced service. The Lockdown was eased during the summer and by September some in-person worship and activities had started up again, but this ceased again in November with a second Lockdown. Many of the planned Christmas services were revised to online or socially distanced activities. Chris Sykes arranged for the Christmas banners to be placed in the town centre. The Moderator placed a Christmas greeting on the Facebook pages of Mirfield Matters and Mirfield Really Matters.

The clergy lunches continued in February and early March but were suspended after the Lockdown. These had proved to be a valuable time of fellowship and support to those attending. We did manage to hold two meetings by Zoom in June and July.

The World Day of Prayer Service was hosted again by the Salvation Army in March. The usually Good Friday gathering was not possible in the town centre or the Christian Aid Week collections. Thy Kingdom Come was marked from Ascension Day to Pentecost with a leaflet prepared by Chris Sykes, at the suggestion of the Moderator, with prayers prepared by most of the member churches for the period from 21st – 31st May and this was circulated and used as a sign of our solidarity with each other during this time. The community events like the bonfires and the Mirfield show and Mirfield in Bloom competition were not held. It was agreed to fund a six-arm flower basket to be installed by the Library in the spring.

CTMD still hopes to support Matrix however little progress has been made with a new structure this year.

And finally, we again distributed the knitted Angels. This year approximately 1,400 angels found their way into homes in Mirfield on or around 18th December. Many thanks to those who volunteered to knit and

distribute the much anticipated winged and sometimes haloed friends. According to social media people were again delighted and it was a special blessing in these dark times.

It has been a privilege to serve as Moderator for the past two years, although the past year has been more difficult for many of us. Thank you again to the members of the Leadership Team for everything they do, and we all look forward to a year of working together, hopefully, doing more things this year than we were able to last year. We thank God for his provision and protection and for the love and comfort we find in our service alongside his servant, our Lord and saviour, Jesus Christ.

With every Blessing

Rev Jane Dixon

January 2021

MARA LINK REPORT

No Report Received – Chris Breare

FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S CHURCH

No Activity/Report due to COVID-19 Crisis and Lockdown – *Sue Auckland* [Hon Secretary]

CROFT HOUSE ROOMS CHARITY

Report for January 2020 to December 2020

At the formation of the Team Parish in 2007 a document was drawn up to ensure Croft House continues to be managed effectively and the new PCC proposed that the Managing Trustees of Croft House Rooms Charity be the Croft House Rooms Management Committee, the eight members of which are determined as follows:-

1. The two Wardens of St John's be members.
2. The Treasurer of the UHCA (Upper Hopton Community Association) be a member.
3. The UHCA elect three representatives every two years.
4. The PCC of the Mirfield Team Parish elect two representatives.

A quorum for any meeting shall comprise two members representing UHCA and two representing the PCC and one other member.

The Management Committee of Croft House Rooms Charity, the Managing Trustees, is responsible for letting the Rooms and for the recurrent expenditure involved in running the Rooms. The UHCA have free tenure of the Rooms and are responsible for the maintenance of the building and grounds and for capital expenditure.

The membership of the Management Committee of Croft House Rooms Charity is as follows:-

1. Christine Breare (Chair) (Trustee) Co-opted
2. Layla Ellis – Church Warden
3. Sue Young elected by PCC.
4. Sue Auckland elected by PCC.

5. Roger Leedham (Secretary) (Trustee) UHCA.
6. Kathryn Cockerill Treasurer of UHCA.
7. Gail Auty (Trustee) elected by UHCA.
8. Joan Hemmingway (Trustee) elected by UHCA.
9. Andrea Leedham co-opted as Booking Secretary.
10. Jane Tolson co-opted as Treasurer.

Sadly, due to ill health Michael Hampshire retired as Secretary of the CHRMC after many years of service. Roger Leedham was elected as his replacement at the CHRMC meeting on the 20 October 2020.

The Covid-19 pandemic severely impacted the income from the regular and private users of Croft House in 2020. Croft House was closed on the 20 March 2020 and opened again on the 25 June 2020 for use by Pre-School only.

Covid procedures have been prepared and put in place for Croft House.

The accounts for the year 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020, were approved at the meeting in January 2021. These showed an income of £17,951 against an expenditure of £10,096. There was a donation of £5000 to the UHCA for essential maintenance work.

We received a Small Business Grant of £10,000 from the Kirklees Council to assist with loss of income due to the COVID pandemic. The resultant yearend cash balance was £26,865 at 1 Sept 2019 and at the end of 2020 our cash balance was £17,581.

The Committee set the new fee structure for 2021, effective from the 19 January 2021 and informed all the tenants / hirers where appropriate.

Major refurbishment work on the replacement of the iconic windows at the front of Croft House was completed on the 5 September 2020.

Roger Leedham

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S COMMUNITY HERITAGE SITE

No Report Received

ST MARY'S COMMUNITY CENTRE

St Mary's Community Centre has had an unusual year this year, with the event of Covid 19, which meant the centre had to closed at the end of March 2020 until we began to re-open with some groups starting under "Bubble" restrictions in July 2020.

As of September 2020, most of our groups have returned except for Line Dancing and the uniform organisations, who hope to return as soon as they are able

- New Groups.
    - Martial Arts
    - Pilates on a Wednesday and Thursday
    - Katie Philpot's Dancing School
    - Physiotherapist
    - Yoga

- Lost Groups
    - Socca Tots

- Groups delayed start due to Covid
    - Line Dancing
    - Rainbows, Brownie & Guides
    - Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

- Improvements
    - New hand sanitizers & blue roll dispensers installed by all entrances & exits

- Planned improvements
    - Repaint the meeting room.
    - Sand down and re varnish wooden tables
    - New carpet tiles in meeting room & corridor area
    - Paint the kitchen area
    - New floor covering in the Beverage kitchen
    - Paint Parish office
    - Re paint the toilet adjacent to the meeting room
    - New floor covering in the toilet adjacent to the meeting room
    - Repaint the corridor where the main toilets are located
    - New floor covering in the corridor.
    - New path at the rear of the building for a fire escape route to muster points.

We still have some way to go:

- We need to concentrate on next recommendations from fire risk report.
- Resurface the carpark area
- New stage lighting

Going forward

We need to continue updating the centre, so we are in a position to offer quality facilities to our ever-growing user groups.

Lauren Montgomery-Bell

ST MARY'S AFTERNOON TEA GROUP

No Activity/Report due to COVID-19 Crisis and Lockdown – *Barbara Hardwick*

PANTOMIME COMMITTEE

Rapunzel was yet again another success for the Mirfield Team Parish Pantomime.

We repeated our "Sold Out Brownie Night" on the Friday which we feel resulted in better than ever before sales for the other performances.

We again were pleased to be in receipt of entirely positive feedback from members of the audience and community. The standard of the final performances really are a credit to all those involved who work so hard to enable the production to be a success.

Having had a smaller than usual chorus last year, we were pleased to again move more of the 2019 chorus into the cast and welcome new children to the group.

Sadly, this was the last year for our long-standing pianist, Wendy Storey, who's dedication and love of all things "Panto" have been a true asset to our performances for the past 20+ years. Although Wendy is irreplaceable, we are working on alternative options to enable us to continue with live piano accompaniments as we move forward to 2022.

COVID did of course mean that no 2021 performance was possible. However, government restrictions allowing, we have every intention of proceeding to rehearsals this coming September for a 2022 performance. We are hoping to work with the church over the next few months to consider future storage possibilities for costume and props at the community centre.

Laura Brown

UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

8TH MIRFIELD SCOUT GROUP

As you can imagine, Covid has affected scouting in the same way it has affected so many other areas of life.

Across all 3 of the main sections – Beavers, Cubs and Scouts – we haven't been able to meet face to face since March 2020 and though all 3 sections have continued in the virtual world where we can, it hasn't been the same.

That said, some of the activities we have taken part in have included gardening, cooking, paper planes, juggling, garden camping, origami, quizzes, wildlife spotting, pancake making, music and lego building. Actually, thinking about it, we have almost been as busy as ever!

One of the main "real" events that we participated in was the Virtual Remembrance Day Parade. Many of us donned our uniforms and stood on doorsteps at 11.00am as we remembered all those who gave their everything for us. We followed this with a 5km fundraising walk / run around Mirfield where we all participated with our families (so meeting all guidance and rules on distancing at the time) and occasionally waving at each other if we happened to pass another member while we were out and about.

We are hoping that as lockdown starts to ease, we may be able to return to some sort of "real" Scouting, but at the time of writing this is more a hope than an actual "plan in place".

We don't yet know the full ramifications or impacts of the past 12m on 8th Mirfield, but we hope to very soon be back in the Church Hall, getting back to what Scouting is really about – having fun.

I will finish with a plea – over the past 12m we have lost a handful of leaders due to house moves and health reasons and as such would really like to welcome a few new faces to our leadership team. If you think you may fancy it or know someone who might then please get in touch with us (all contact details are in the Church Magazine) as we'd love to have you "on board"

Chris Wilding
Akela (Cub Scout Leader) – 8th Mirfield (St Mary's) Scout Group

GIRLGUIDING UK

2ND & 14TH MIRFIELD BROWNIES

St Marys Brownies in Lockdown – Tracey Riley.

It's been almost a year since we made a very quick decision one Monday night to cancel Brownies as the impending lockdown was announced. I was just about to head out as Boris made his decision and we didn't feel it was right to meet, so quickly informed all the Brownies that we weren't meeting that night.

So almost a year on what have we been up to at Brownies here at St Mary's ?

When lockdown was first announced back in March I was heading to Brownies with a boot full of handmade glass coasters the girls had made for Mother's Day, with well over 60 girls we desperately wanted them all to have for their mums but it proved a little tricky.

So we placed a blue box on my drive and as parents text to say they could collect we placed their bag in the box along with an Easter Gift so they could be collected with no contact and the box sanitized, proper team work with all girls having their gifts.

We wanted to keep in touch with the girls and continue offering a little guiding so at the start we set weekly challenges that counted towards their badges, we set a private Facebook page up and girls posted on it, looking back now it's a lovely memento of what we got up to.

We wanted it to be fun so once a month we held a competition, anything from designing a sunflower picture to creating rainbows. Each month a different leader judged the entries and Mirfield Emporium were amazing at doorstep delivering huge bags of pick-n-mix to the winners, cheering the girls up and keeping everyone safe. We even held a special competition designing an animal model with the winner getting a Chester Zoo Adoption Pack thanks to Sarah donating.

The girls still worked on badges and they got through masses, we also took part in the "Camp out at Home" in April. It was lovely to see almost every Brownie joining in, from dens built in the lounge to dads pitching tents in the gardens and re-living their youth some fabulous camps were created.

As summer approached and lockdown didn't seem to be ending we decided to start meeting weekly on zoom and creating activity packs to accompany the sessions. We have over 60 Brownies at St Marys so it was no easy feat. Thankfully, we are lucky to be blessed with amazing volunteers who have supported us fully through these tricky times whilst juggling their own work, families and homes.

We wanted to give the girls as much as an experience as possible so wanted to keep the crafts and themed nights we loved going as well as the visits and visitors all be it a little different. It was important we didn't put pressure on parents to go out and buy things putting them at risk to make non-essential trips and wanted everyone included especially those isolating or shielding. It's been mammoth but we know how much the girls love the routine of meeting on a Monday and have chance to meet and see their friend.

The packs were massive (think large next parcel being delivered) but included everything the girls needed and we were lucky to have some amazing support from local business such as the woodland gift company, Mirfield Emporium, Tiny Chocolate Company and the Balloon Fairy. We shared the packs out so each leader took 10-12 and delivered local to them as they went on walks.

So what have we been up to on Zoom ? everything you name it !

We've enjoyed baking, with no waiting for one oven or microwave we've truly been able to get baking, from chocolate lolly making to mug cakes, eating is always a favourite. We've crafted making all sorts from Christmas decorations and gifts to Valentines beaded hearts and owl pen holders.

We've completed many badges from Labradourable when we met so many of the girls pets to mindfulness which was a tad calmer. We've enjoyed games from bingo to scavenger hunts and quizzes.

Zoom is by no means the same as a proper meeting but we soon realised it gave us the opportunity to do things that would be too far away. So we zoomed down to London one week and met Laura a puppeteer from the London Theatre, we made our own puppets and held a puppet choir. We had a drumming session with Katie, sorry to any parents, the mute button on zoom was well used that night.

We travelled all the way up to high up in Scotland and visited an Alpaca Farm where we got a live tour and even got to choose two Alpacas to adopt, something we would have never done in unit. Mark from Bricktopia held a Lego session one night and we did yoga with Jayny as well as meeting River and his Rodents for an animal visit one night .

We've stayed local too though and loved our visit to Mirfield Fire Station when Firefighter Gordon showed us round, by the power of zoom we also got to zoom to Cleckheaton who were doing their parade the same time so got to watch that and see all their engines, two fire stations in one night !

It was important as time went on we didn't miss out on the key moments of being a Brownie. We enrolled twelve girls one week live on zoom, Sarah created a virtual ceremony where each virtual brownie magically went through the arch. Thanks to Hannah dropping badges and certificates on doorsteps, mums and dads surprised the girls by pinning their badges on.

We've had girls whose time in brownies came to an end and they moved on to Guides. We hold a leaving ceremony where girls fly over the toadstool normally but this was proving a little tricky given social distancing and meeting on zoom. So we found some ceramic toadstools and hand painted them, secretly conspiring with parents so they could be dropped off. On the night of the leaving ceremony each girl was surprised with their own toadstool and ceramic owl that lit up and each got the chance to jump over. It was a really emotional night but such a memory.

We've had girls start and leave to Guides in lockdown and another big event is those that gained their Gold Award. Girls work for almost three years to gain this award and even through lockdown we've kept this going. It was really important to us these girls had this recognised. So we created gold themed goody bags, had personalised balloons included and thanks to a donation form the Balloon Fairy when shops were shut were able to deliver a gold balloon to each girl. Mums and dads were in on the surprise and hid the award and the District Commissioner joined us to present live on zoom so the occasion was marked and celebrated.

We celebrated Christmas with a virtual party thanks to non-stop kids entertainment, this was a huge hit, with dancing, competitions, magic show and games from a former red coat it was fab and the hour zoomed by.

So what's next ??? We don't know when lockdown will end and being prepared we wanted to continue giving the girls a Guiding experience. So we've embraced it and created a mega pack for the next 11 weeks that are being delivered as we speak. Who knows we may get back earlier than we think and the packs can be brought to the unit but if not were prepared and got lots of fun planned.

We've had to tweak things, girls don't want an hour on zoom writing or doing a quiz, especially when they've had zoom lessons all day, so we've packed these next week's full of fun, we've a panda night planned, black and white theme of course, we've a live session making clay sculptures to make, mini mess coming up. Were also getting creative with some mosaic making on a rainbow themed night. We're hoping in better weather as we've included something to help us work towards our grow your own badge as well as creating model gardens from plasticine and we've a science night with a professor planned with each girl provided with her own science kit to have a go at experiments live on zoom.

I can't wait till the time we are back at unit and able to see each other in person but for now over 60 girls at St Marys Brownies are continuing their Guiding journey meeting each week and have some fantastic fun.

2ND & 3RD MIRFIELD RAINBOWS

We entered lockdown in March 2020 and did not really have a plan for how we would continue guiding. Most leaders are key workers so were really busy at work.

We set up a Facebook page for the Rainbow girls and some participated in badges but it was hard to engage fully and with all the girls. In the summer we decided we needed to get back to guiding and started running virtual zoom sessions with the girls. This went down very well and we have had over 15 girls participate each week since then. Unfortunately, we haven't been able to meet face to face but at the beginning of each term we send out a pack for the girls to join in each week's session. We have done crafts, played games, pretended to be astronauts and learnt lots of new things thanks to the support of all the parents. We have also had external visitors to zoom, we learnt how to be cheerleader, Santa visited at Christmas and we had a Lego themed night.

The girls have achieved many of our girl Guiding goals but also the following badges:-

- Pirate challenge badge- making masks and food-based pirate ships.
- Labradoodle challenge badge – where we met each other's dogs and did some "dog" based crafts.

Fantastically we also have had one girl who has gained her gold award which is the highest badge in Rainbows and another girl who should complete it at the end of the next term. This is such an achievement considering a year ago we were not sure what was ahead of us.
The feedback from girls and parents has been fantastic and we have been able to offer a varied and exciting few terms thanks to all the efforts and hard work from our leaders.

We look forward to getting back to face-to-face rainbows when we are allowed.

Wendy Banks

2ND MIRFIELD GUIDES

We struggled in lockdown to engage with the girls since most did not want to meet virtually. But because we did not know how long it would be before we could meet face to face we decided we needed to offer zoom sessions. We now have over 15 girls joining us each week for zoom with a varied programme.

We are continuing to try and do the guiding programme but trying fun ideas as well.
We have had a drama workshop and made puppets. We escaped from Disneyland. We also managed to do some baking / cooking online and a Taskmaster challenge. We have also had a cheerleading session and a forensics session with external visitors.

We look forward to face-to-face Guides

Wendy Banks

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Voluntary Income	2	92,859	2,669	95,528	128,718
Activities for Generating Funds	3	49,064	246	49,310	66,668
Investment Income	4	36	873	909	2,625
Other Incoming Resources	5	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		141,959	3,788	145,747	198,011
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Fundraising Costs	6	-	-	-	9,350
Charitable Activities	7	75,585	2,584	78,169	111,705
Governance Costs	8	65,567	16	65,583	81,304
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		141,152	2,600	143,752	202,359
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS		807	1,188	1,995	(4,348)
TRANSFERS					
Gross Transfers Between Funds		-	-	-	-
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS		807	1,188	1,995	(4,348)
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS (LOSSES)					
Gain(Loss) on Investment Assets	11	-	279	279	126
NET MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS		807	1,467	2,274	(4,222)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total Funds at 1st January 2020		53,831	451,516	505,347	509,569
Total Funds at 31st December 2020		54,638	452,983	507,621	505,347

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	Notes		2020 £		2019 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	12		7,911		7,379
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	11,670		12,348	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		489,412		488,230	
		501,082		500,578	
CREDITORS: Amounts Falling Due Wthin One Year	14	(1,372)		(2,610)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			499,710		497,968
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			507,621		505,347
CREDITORS: Amounts Falling Due After More Than One Year			-		-
			507,621		505,347
The Funds of the Charity:					
RESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS	16		452,983		451,516
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
General Funds	16	54,638		53,831	
			54,638		53,831
			507,621		505,347

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£
Gifts, Donations and Legacies	15,944	2,044	17,988	40,479
Gift Aid and Planned Giving	49,287	500	49,787	54,609
Income Tax Recoverable	11,545	125	11,670	12,698
Collections	1,823	-	1,823	6,202
Fees, etc	14,260	-	14,260	14,730
	92,859	2,669	95,528	128,718

3. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£
Fund-raising	802	246	1,048	7,808
Parish Centre and Room Hire	30,571	-	30,571	45,771
Flat Rent	6,000	-	6,000	6,000
Pantomime	-	-	-	7,089
Parish Centre Donations and Grants	11,691	-	11,691	-
	49,064	246	49,310	66,668

4. INVESTMENT INCOME	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£
Bank and Building Society Interest	36	620	656	2,325
Dividends Received	-	253	253	300
	36	873	909	2,625

5. OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£
Insurance Claims	-	-	-	-
Parish Share Adjustment	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

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6. FUNDRAISING COSTS	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Sundry Events	-	-	-	1,149
Pantomime	-	-	-	8,201
	-	-	-	9,350

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Upkeep of Services	7,124	190	7,314	13,299
Church Running Expenses	24,325	-	24,325	27,076
Church Maintenance	7,247	-	7,247	7,765
Charities	2,674	-	2,674	12,363
Parish Centre Expenses	32,578	-	32,578	40,738
Flat Expenses	1,637	-	1,637	769
Tower Costs	-	2,394	2,394	9,524
Bell Costs	-	-	-	171
	75,585	2,584	78,169	111,705

8. GOVERNANCE COSTS	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Parish Share	59,000	-	59,000	72,000
Clergy Costs	667	-	667	1,591
Administration Costs	5,900	16	5,916	7,713
	65,567	16	65,583	81,304

9. STAFF COSTS	2020 £	2019 £
Musical Director	5,400	5,400
Office	2,696	2,511
	8,096	7,911

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.
The Musical Director and Office Staff are engaged on a self-employed basis.

10. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

The PCC hold an endowment property at Church House, Church Lane, Mirfield, it consists of a first floor flat and a ground floor meeting room, office and storage. There are also small and large halls. The property has an insurance value of over £1,000,000.

11. GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENT ASSETS

Gain (Loss) on investments from:	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Change in Market Value	-	279	279	126
	-	279	279	126

12. INVESTMENTS

All the investments are quoted investments listed on a recognised stock exchange.
All the investments are held primarily to provide an investment return for the charity.

	2020 £	2019 £
Market Value at 1st January 2019	7,379	6,953
Additions at Cost	253	300
Gain (loss) on Investment Assets	279	126
Market Value at 31st December 2019	7,911	7,379

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13. DEBTORS	2020	2019
	£	£
Income Tax Recoverable	11,670	12,348
	11,670	12,348

14. CREDITORS	2020	2019
	£	£
Accruals and Deferred Income	1,372	2,610
	1,372	2,610

15. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS	General Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
Investments	-	7,911	7,911
Current Assets	56,010	445,072	501,082
Current Liabilities	(1,372)	-	(1,372)
Net Assets at 31st December 2020	54,638	452,983	507,621

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1st Jan 2020	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	At 31st Dec 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds						
Choir Guild	12,470	519	(206)	-	279	13,062
Bells	1,001	-	-	-	-	1,001
Charity	408	-	-	-	-	408
Pantomime	8,738	-	-	-	-	8,738
Richardson Legacy	418,899	600	(2,394)	-	-	417,105
Shaw Legacy	10,000	-	-	-	-	10,000
CCTV (St Mary's)	-	2,669	-	-	-	2,669
	451,516	3,788	(2,600)	-	279	452,983
Unrestricted Funds						
General Funds	53,831	141,959	(141,152)	-	-	54,638
	53,831	141,959	(141,152)	-	-	54,638
TOTAL FUNDS	505,347	145,747	(143,752)	-	279	507,621

Restrictions Imposed and Purposes of Restricted Funds

Choir Guild	Expenditure on Choir and Music
Bells	Maintenance of St Mary's Bells
Charity	For Gifts to Charities
Pantomime	Pantomime Costs
Richardson Legacy	Major Repair Work to St Mary's Church and maintenance of the bells
Shaw Legacy	For expenditure on St John's church
CCTV (St Mary's)	For provision of CCTV equipment for St Mary's Church