



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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 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. 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 undoubtedly 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 managed 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.

<b>2022</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>St. Paul's</b>	<b>St. John's</b>	<b>Crem</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
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 From St John's From St Paul's	Anne Richardson & Christopher Barker Anne Heeley & Linda Hutchinson 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 Disability Officer Co-opted Health & Safety Advisor		Denise Cooper Layla [Sunny] Ellis Stephen Butler
The officers to the PCC were:	Lay Chair Secretary Treasurer	Chris Breare Susan Smith David Brooke

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

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### **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!

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## **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 40<sup>th</sup> 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 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St Mary's. 150 trees were planted by children and church volunteers in the Crowlees School grounds.

On 8<sup>th</sup> 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 150<sup>th</sup> 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, Battysford, 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.

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#### **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 Heeley 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.

#### **Trees.**

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.

#### **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.

#### **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.

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## **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.

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### **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.

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### **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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 Battysford 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.

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## **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 widely 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.

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## **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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> September, Christ the King would celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of their revival following the fire that devastated their previous building.

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**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.

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#### **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.

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## **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.

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### **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:

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| 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.

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### **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
  
- New Groups.
  - Disco Fit classes.
  - Men's Probus
  - Friendship group on a Saturday morning
  
- Lost Groups
  - Line Dancing
  
- Planned improvements.
  - 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

#### 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.

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### **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.

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### **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, enthusiasm 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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), 8<sup>th</sup> 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, 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## **2<sup>ND</sup> & 14<sup>TH</sup> MIRFIELD BROWNIES – Tracy Riley**

<b>ANNUAL REPORT</b>	<b>July 2022</b>	<b>NAME OF UNIT</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 14<sup>th</sup> Mirfield Brownies</b>
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### 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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. Our theme was Encanto and what a magical theme it was with flowers, butterflies and candles galore

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## **2<sup>ND</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> 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

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## **2<sup>ND</sup> 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.





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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u> £	<u>Restricted Funds</u> £	<u>Total 2022</u> £	<u>Total 2021</u> £
<u>INCOMING RESOURCES</u>					
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
<u>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</u>		<u>172,987</u>	<u>1,382</u>	<u>174,369</u>	<u>176,435</u>
<u>RESOURCES EXPENDED</u>					
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
<u>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</u>		<u>162,857</u>	<u>14,784</u>	<u>177,641</u>	<u>153,531</u>
<u>NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS</u>		<u>10,130</u>	<u>(13,402)</u>	<u>(3,272)</u>	<u>22,904</u>
<u>TRANSFERS</u>					
Gross Transfers Between Funds		-	-	-	-
<u>NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS</u>		<u>10,130</u>	<u>(13,402)</u>	<u>(3,272)</u>	<u>22,904</u>
<u>OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS (LOSSES)</u>					
Gain(Loss) on Investment Assets	11	-	(221)	(221)	(527)
<u>NET MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS</u>		<u>10,130</u>	<u>(13,623)</u>	<u>(3,493)</u>	<u>22,377</u>
<u>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</u>					
Total Funds at 1st January 2022		69,943	460,055	529,998	507,621
<u>Total Funds at 31st December 2022</u>		<u>80,073</u>	<u>446,432</u>	<u>526,505</u>	<u>529,998</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2022</u> £	<u>2021</u> £
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>			
Investments	12	1,412	1,593
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
Debtors	13	12,701	10,527
Cash at Bank and in Hand		<u>517,953</u>	<u>520,109</u>
		530,654	530,636
CREDITORS: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	14	<u>(5,561)</u>	<u>(2,231)</u>
<u>NET CURRENT ASSETS</u>		<u>525,093</u>	<u>528,405</u>
<u>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		<u>526,505</u>	<u>529,998</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts Falling Due After More Than One Year		-	-
		<u><u>526,505</u></u>	<u><u>529,998</u></u>
<u>The Funds of the Charity:</u>			
<u>RESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS</u>	16	446,432	460,055
<u>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</u>			
General Funds	16	80,073	69,943
		<u>80,073</u>	<u>69,943</u>
		<u><u>526,505</u></u>	<u><u>529,998</u></u>

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<u>2. VOLUNTARY INCOME</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Total 2022</u>	<u>Total 2021</u>
	£	£	£	£
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
	<u>100,275</u>	<u>717</u>	<u>100,992</u>	<u>109,360</u>
<u>3. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Total 2022</u>	<u>Total 2021</u>
	£	£	£	£
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
	<u>62,724</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>62,724</u>	<u>60,891</u>
<u>4. INVESTMENT INCOME</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Total 2022</u>	<u>Total 2021</u>
	£	£	£	£
Bank and Building Society Interest	51	625	676	105
Dividends Received	-	40	40	209
	<u>51</u>	<u>665</u>	<u>716</u>	<u>314</u>
<u>5. OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Total 2022</u>	<u>Total 2021</u>
	£	£	£	£
Insurance Claims	4,525	-	4,525	5,870
Energy Grant	2,550	-	2,550	-
VAT Claim	2,862	-	2,862	-
	<u>9,937</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,937</u>	<u>5,870</u>

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**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.

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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:  
Change in Market Value  
Disposals

Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
£	£	£	£
-	(221)	(221)	(105)
-	-	-	(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)
<u>Market Value at 31st December 2022</u>	<u>1,412</u>	<u>1,593</u>

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13. DEBTORS

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	£	£
Income Tax Recoverable	12,701	10,527
	<u>12,701</u>	<u>10,527</u>

14. CREDITORS

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	£	£
Accruals and Deferred Income	5,561	2,231
	<u>5,561</u>	<u>2,231</u>

15. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS  
BETWEEN FUNDS

	<u>General</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>
	£	£	£
Investments	-	1,412	1,412
Current Assets	85,634	445,020	530,654
Current Liabilities	(5,561)	-	(5,561)
<u>Net Assets at 31st December 2022</u>	<u>80,073</u>	<u>446,432</u>	<u>526,505</u>



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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1st Jan 2022	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	At 31st Dec 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Restricted Funds</u>						
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
	<u>460,055</u>	<u>1,382</u>	<u>(14,784)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(221)</u>	<u>446,432</u>
 <u>Unrestricted Funds</u>						
General Funds	69,943	172,987	(162,857)	-	-	80,073
	<u>69,943</u>	<u>172,987</u>	<u>(162,857)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>80,073</u>
 <u>TOTAL FUNDS</u>	<u>529,998</u>	<u>174,369</u>	<u>(177,641)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(221)</u>	<u>526,505</u>

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

