

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY, TADCASTER

England & Wales · Charity number 1154457

Details

Other names TADCASTER PCC

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2013-11-04

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

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

Activities: Regular public worship open to all - The provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation - Pastoral work including visiting the sick and the bereaved - Teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups - Promoting the whole mission of the Church through provision of activities for senior citizens, parents and toddlers and other special needs groups

Classification

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

Geography

- North Yorkshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£99,280	£81,450	-	-
2023-12-31	£96,550	£88,861	-	-
2022-12-31	£96,750	£101,423	-	-
2021-12-31	£81,291	£66,530	-	-
2020-12-31	£68,456	£74,835	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Paulie Elliss Watkin	Chair	2021-11-16
ALSTON PETER CARLTON-SCOTT		2019-04-08
Amanda Louise Victoria Barker		2024-11-18
BRENDA HILARY CHRISTMAS		2013-10-22
David Michael McBride		2025-07-21
Deborah Lynne Allis		2018-04-07
Irene Ann Helps		2025-05-11
Mr Steve West		2014-11-15
RICHARD HARTLEY SWEETING		2023-05-14
RITA ELIZABETH RAGGETT		2014-04-07
Tricia West		2019-04-08
VALERIE ANNE SIMPSON		2013-10-22

Accounts

ST MARY'S TADCASTER PCC SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 2024

The 16 members of St Mary's PCC have met every two months over the last year to discuss everything connected to the life of the church. The agenda varies little: we hear from the Treasurer having read his report before the meeting, discuss anything that needs to be discussed and vote on his report.

Safeguarding, a significant area of church life, appears on each agenda with a report submitted by the Safeguarding Officer.

An up-to-date assessment of the fabric of the building, including anything we need to vote on, comes from the Churchwardens.

The Vicar informs us of all they have done since our last meeting and in that report, wider church issues often arise.

Signed copies of the Minutes are stored in the Vestry.

Your PCC is a committed body, with many members having served for many years. Each one deserves our gratitude and our thanks!

Vanessa Bentley - Retiring Secretary, St Mary's PCC, Tadcaster

TADCASTER PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT 2024

This report is based on the accounts for the period 1 January to 31 December 2024

FINANCIAL COMMENTARY

OVERVIEW

Receipts before legacies for the year were £94.3K and payments were £81.5K giving a surplus before legacies of £12.8K. This was £8.1K better than forecast. A legacy of £5K was received during the year. Non restricted reserves at the year-end were £21.1K

RECEIPTS

Hidden Treasures receipts for the year were £20.2K which was £2.2K better than forecast. This was once again an exceptional performance achieved through the hard work of a very dedicated group of volunteers. Fund raising events raised £1.9K during the year. A generous gift of £10,000 was donated to the Church to finance the final payment for the renovation work on the Church windows.

PAYMENTS

Payments on Building Maintenance were £14.4K. £10K of this was the final payment on the renovations to the Church windows. The Administrator worked voluntary at no cost, resulting in a saving of £6.2K in the year.

OTHER ISSUES

The Freewill Offer to Diocese for 2025 is £27,720. £2,310 per month will be paid by Standing Order each month.

The 2024 accounts were examined and approved by Frank Horner our Independent Examiner.

Much of the work of the Church is undertaken by a loyal group of volunteers. The work they all do is invaluable. I would like to thank every one of them for their work. Their work and skills are a great asset to the workings of our church.

2025 will once again be a challenging year financially. Both Energy Contracts have now been renewed on less favourable rates and the Church administrator's role is once again a paid position. My latest forecast for 2025 is that we are likely to achieve a deficit somewhere in the region of £15K.

The performance of Hidden Treasures will once again be a key factor in the financial performance of the Church.

Graham Rowett ACMA CGMA

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

I report on the financial statements of Tadcaster St Mary's PCC for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and section 144 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission, and to be found in Church Guidance, 2006 edition. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts give a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records

have not been met; or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Frank Horner, Independent Examiner

CHURCHWARDENS REPORT

It has been a fairly quiet year as regards the building and fabric. Everything that should have been checked, has been checked: - fire extinguishers, lightning conductor and boilers all passed muster. We are incredibly grateful to John Firth for his continuing support with the church clock - his present challenge is to build a new ratchet to get the motor that chimes the hours to work. Smiths of Derby quoted around £8000 for a new mechanism! Thanks also to Gil for her unstinting support! The flagpole has been re-strung, thanks to the Parnabys for their help with this, again John rides to the rescue.

It is wonderful that people are so willing to lend their expertise to keep things running - Richard and I are eternally grateful for all the support we receive.

The three memorial benches in the churchyard are proving very popular, there is invariably someone reading or eating their lunch in the sunshine.

As most people know I am standing down as churchwarden at the APCM. I would just like to say what a great honour it has been to serve our church in this way. I've seen the flood, the addition of the kitchen and loo, a time of vacancy, Covid, new louvres in the tower and the wonderful new window coverings. What an exciting ten years! I can honestly say that I've enjoyed every minute (well nearly!), This has been due to the love and support from everyone and I know this will continue for Richard. St Mary's is an amazing church family and what a wonderful way to serve as an act of worship in the community. I'm not disappearing quite yet so looking forward to the great things still to come.

Celia and Richard

ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT

At the date of the APCM in 2024 we had 100 members on the Electoral Roll, including approximately 15 names of people who we see very occasionally at services but who live outside the parish and do not satisfy the criteria for addition by regular attendance (this is generally held to be a minimum of once a month.) One or two members live outside the parish and cannot attend due to infirmity but are permitted to be on the Roll as they would attend regularly if they were able.

We sadly lost 3 members through death:

Mary Auton

Peter Harrison

Kenneth Tyro

As a result of the full 6-yearly revision, when some people are no longer eligible to be on the Roll, and some have not responded to the invitation to have their names recorded, the number on the Roll now stands at 82. This includes 9 entirely new members, which is particularly encouraging. This number almost certainly better reflects the people who attend regularly and play an active part in the life of the church.

The Roll has been closed to new additions leading up to the APCM, but anyone wishing to apply to be admitted to the Roll is able to do so following the APCM.

Tricia West

Electoral Roll Officer

LITTLE FISHES REPORT FOR 2024

Little Fishes is a stay-and-play group for 0-5 year olds and their parents/carers, meeting in the Boys' Sunday School on Tuesdays, 9.30-11am, during term time.

Sessions are run by a group of volunteers – Natalie Hall, Tricia West and Hannah Shortland leading the group, with Brenda Christmas, Rita Raggett and Sandra Butterworth assisting with serving refreshments - all contributing their time on a rota basis.

At the beginning of April 2025, Hannah Shortland stepped down from leading the group after four years. The group continues to run under the helm of the remaining volunteers but is actively seeking new volunteers to also help with leading some sessions.

The group is attended by approximately 4-8 families on a regular or semi-regular basis but can reach more individuals on occasion. This is a slightly more modest number of attendees than has been seen in previous years, but the group continues to be a valued part of the church and community in Tadcaster. The group is free for users but does ask for donations towards small running costs and for the work of the church.

Hannah Shortland

WEDDINGS AND CO-ORDINATION 2024

During 2024 we had seven weddings across the Benefice, three of which were held here in our church.

We are delighted when couples choose to make their vows before God in our beautiful church, as it offers us the opportunity to get to know them and to be channels of God's love to them as they make their preparations and enjoy their big day. We continue to have some couples who live outside the parish but who wish to marry here. If they do not have a qualifying connection, then they must fulfil the requirement of attendance at services for six months before applying to go on the electoral roll, enabling them to then marry by banns. We welcome them and they seem to appreciate being part of the Church family. Couples who do not have a qualifying connection or do not wish to qualify to marry by banns have to obtain an appropriate license.

All bookings were made through our administrator, Tricia West, who undertook all the paperwork including the writing of the marriage document and organised the reading of Banns. Any proposed wedding where one or both partners have been previously married, are referred to our vicar, Revd Paulie Watkin, who speaks to the couple before deciding to allow a wedding to go ahead or to offer a blessing, this being dependent upon the circumstances. I, (Val Simpson, wedding co-ordinator) am informed of each booking as they come in so that I can then visit the couple and remain in close contact with them until their wedding day, attending their rehearsal and verging for their ceremony to ensure all their needs are met. They are most appreciative of this support and often send letters of thanks, which are usually on the table in church for everyone to see.

Tricia West has now stepped down as our administrator and I would like to thank her most sincerely for all her help and support. Her tasks regarding weddings will now be undertaken by our newly appointed administrator, Amanda, and I look forward to working with her.

All couples are given some marriage preparation prior to their wedding and our Deanery do this by holding wedding preparation days. The wedding preparation day is a time of social activity with games, discussions and the sharing of a light lunch. It provides the opportunity for couples to meet with each other but, more importantly, ensures that they take the time out amidst the busyness of their preparations to think about the commitment that they are about to make. It was decided at local Synod

that these days would no longer move round the Deanery, but all would be held at St. Mary's church, Boston Spa, usually five days per year, meaning the couples have a choice of days to attend. The sessions are led by Revd Tricia Anslow, (Assistant Priest at St. Marys, Boston Spa), Revd. Paulie and myself.

All weddings are of course special, and we try to co- operate with each couple to fulfil their requirements. This involves a lot of work prior to the wedding by myself and our administrator. On the wedding day, the skills and talents of our clergy, vergers, choir, organist and bell ringers are all a part of what makes the day special for each of our couples. For me, it is a privilege to be alongside them, I never tire of it and together with our clergy, we all enjoy our weddings.

Val Simpson, Benefice Wedding Coordinator and Recognised Parish Assistant

TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The Fellowship Group has continued to meet every first and third Tuesday of the month at 2 Edgerton Close and on Zoom. We begin with a structured study, followed by a time of prayer and reflection.

Anyone is welcome to join us.

Brenda Christmas and Rita Raggett

THURSDAY HOME GROUP

The Thursday Home Group continues to meet weekly in term time, usually at 28 Golf Links Crescent and we greatly value our time spent together in looking at scripture and discussing how it relates to our lives today in Tadcaster. We also prioritise spending time in worship and in prayer for one another, for our families and friends and for our church.

We have established a WhatsApp group which means that, if we have immediate requests for prayer, we can let the group members know and this is a source of great support to us all.

We are delighted to have welcomed 2 new members over the past 12 months but also mourn the loss of Ken Tyro who, along with Dorothy, was a valued part of the group for many years.

Our studies in the past year have included looking at the Apostles Creed, which helped us understand what we say each week in church services. We have studied the books of Habbakuk and Revelation, discussed the concept of Heaven and thought about what it means to Experience God in our lives.

We have strong connections with the Tuesday Fellowship Group and the two groups meet up socially at least a couple of times a year.

The conversations in our group are always stimulating and it is exciting to see that even familiar bible passages are fresh and relevant to us in the 21st century. Anyone who is interested in joining the group will be made very welcome. Just have a word with Steve or me.

Tricia West

HOME COMMUNIONS REPORT 2024

We continue to offer home communions to those who are housebound or ill (long or short term).

Sadly, more of our 'Golden Oldies' have died after receiving home communion for many years. We currently had two regular recipients who were visited by Revd Paulie, our Licenced Lay Ministers Steve and Tricia, or myself. Sadly, one of them has died and the other is now in a nursing home.

Our home visits involve a short communion service using elements which have been consecrated by our vicar at the previous Sunday service. Time is also made to pray for the recipient or for any concerns they may have.

It is an immense privilege to minister in this way and as with all ministry, one often receives far more than one gives. Not being Tadcaster born and bred, I have gained a lot of local knowledge about our town, church and community from those who I have visited personally. Our recipients are very appreciative, always looking forward to our visits. Often frustrated at being unable to attend church, they love to hear any news and still feel a part of our church family.

Anyone wishing to receive home communion is invited to contact Revd Paulie or myself. We do try to keep our eyes open to notice anyone who has been missing from their usual church attendance. We do then contact them to see if they are unwell and would like a visit, but unfortunately people do get overlooked occasionally. I would welcome any member of our church family letting myself or Revd Paulie know of any concerns they may have about anyone. If there is anyone you know who might like to receive home communion or a home visit, please contact me.

*Val Simpson, Authorised Lay Minister and Home Communion Co-ordinator
(tel 01937 833663).*

ST MARY'S TADCASTER CHOIR REPORT 2024

The Choir has gone from strength to strength this year. We have 14 regular members and usually sing at three services a month at St Mary's Tadcaster.

We have been to Church Fenton a few times this last year and are looking forward to going to Newton Kyme in June.

A particular highlight was Nine Lessons and Carols held on 22 December at which we sung five beautiful carols in addition to the congregational ones. A lot of hard work but worth it!

On the day of the APCM we will be singing Matins for the first time. I don't think this has been done at St Mary's since the 1980s so it will be a real occasion!

I would particularly like to thank my husband Michael for boosting our bass line and also for helping me out in Choir practice.

Our usual practice time is at 4pm on a Saturday once or twice a month. We would welcome new members particularly if they can read music.

Deborah Allis

THURSDAY COFFEE MORNING AND HOLY COMMUNION 2024

We have continued to hold our Thursday morning gatherings with a core of 'regulars', but we often see some of our church visitors stopping for refreshments and a chat, which is a great opportunity for fellowship and outreach. They are often accompanied by a canine companion and they are made welcome too!

This is followed by a short service of Holy Communion in St Nicholas Chapel which usually has between 10 and 15 people in attendance. It really is an 'oasis' in a busy week and is a very special time.

Why not come along if you are free on a Thursday morning ? If you would like to help out at the coffee morning you would be very welcome - just see Richard. Hoping to see you soon!

Celia and Richard

HIDDEN TREASURES – CHARITY SHOP REPORT 2024

Our charity shop has had another good year and is vital to the upkeep of our church, as Graham will have alluded to.

We have our dedicated volunteers who have been with us for many years and we're pleased to say that we have some new additions too. Thank you everyone who gives up their time and energy (sorting some of the donations can be an interesting time!) and words cannot express how much it means to have your support.

Thanks must go to Delia Wells for her hard work managing the shop and staffing (and to Ian and Katherine too!). It takes a tremendous amount of dedication and patience to make everything work. Donations seem to be holding up well, long may that continue.

Please continue to support our shop, either by donating goods or perhaps you can spare just a couple of hours a week to volunteer. It is great fun and a good chance to meet people and, sometimes, make a difference! Please consider if this could be for you.

Celia Oldroyd

ST MARY'S BELLRINGERS REPORT 2024

We had two lots of visiting ringers in January. A group of friends from Durham and Derbyshire and then the Yorkshire Tykes. The latter are all under the age of 18, from churches throughout the county and they are the future of bellringing.

In September we had visitors from the Scarborough Branch of the Yorkshire Association of Bellringers and we hosted the Leeds Branch meeting. There was just one peal during the year rung by a visiting band in December.

We rang for three weddings, including one at Church Fenton.

Seventeen ringers and friends enjoyed our annual dinner at the Crooked Billet during Holy Week when traditionally there is no ringing.

Our annual outing in July was to four East Yorkshire towers - Barmby Moor, Nunburnholme, Pocklington and Bubwith. Members and friends enjoyed ringing on different bells.

We celebrated our oldest member's 90th birthday in style with a party organised by our Acomb ringing friends.

We were able to ring for all the festivals, including the Good Friday march, Remembrance Sunday and for the 80th anniversary of D Day, BUT we were not able to ring for all Sunday services.

Practice nights are busy but we are very dependent on visitors from Barwick and Acomb. There are just 7 of us and everyone is not always available.

We had a Tower Open Day last June which was very well attended but no one was interested in learning to ring.

WE ARE DESPERATE FOR NEW RECRUITS.

Sue Webb, Tower Captain

CHURCH GIVING TO ACTS 435 IN 2024

Again, during 2024 St Mary's Church has continued to support Acts 435 with a £100 donation from church funds each month. Acts 435 brings together those who can give with people who are in need. 100% of what is donated to Acts 435 goes directly to those in need of help and support. In addition, the requesting church or charity maintains a supportive relationship with each person helped, so it is about more than just the money donated to meet a specific need.

The needs we have met over the last year have been both locally from Yorkshire and from as far afield as Essex and Lancashire.

Men, women and children have all benefited from our gifts including:

- An electric cooker for a woman with four very young children who has had to flee domestic abuse.
- A double buggy for a woman with two young children, who lives far away from her family, to help her get around her local area and allow her children to travel safely.
- Clothes and shoes for a young man, who receives basic Universal Credit, has been struggling for a long time with addiction, but is now working well with help.
- A single bed with mattress for a gentleman with learning difficulties who is unable to work. This will replace his existing bed, which is broken, meaning that he is currently sleeping on a mattress on the floor.

We know that recipients continue to be extremely grateful and thank-you messages include:

- Thank you so much for your generosity in donating towards couches to furnish our client's home. This has made such a difference to our client, who has had to flee their country because of the war.
- H and her wife have been pro-active at getting items for their first home together. They sourced lots for themselves but couldn't afford to buy a cooker. They are so grateful for the funds being raised. H sent this message, "Thank you so, so much for everything, we are so greatly appreciative x."
- This young, homeless man is very grateful for this donation which will be very useful to attend medical appointments and appointments with his Immigration Advisor. He will also use this money to pay for a

replacement passport which is needed to regularise his immigration status and to get him off the streets. This young man is very touched by the community's generosity. Thank you!

You can find further details about Acts 435 on the charity's website:

www.acts435.org.uk

Andrew Severn

ST MARY'S MISSION PARTNERS REPORT FOR 2024

The Robinson family, **John, Gillian, Leah, Natalie and Joel**, are our mission partners, working with vulnerable children at the Place of Grace in Bangkok.



Tadcaster holds a special place in John's heart. As a boy he lived at the Barnardos children's home on Wighill Lane.

We were privileged to be able to welcome John, Gillian and Joel to St Mary's in July 2024. During their visit we heard first-hand about their work at the Place of Grace in Bangkok and the challenges they face.

Place of Grace Bangkok works closely with the local community leaders in the Mahathai slum, in a supportive and sustainable way.

Every week different groups are available for all ages where children and teenagers come to be cared for in practical and emotional ways. Currently they offer after school clubs, discipleship groups, a youth group, learning centre, English classes and a food bank.

In May 2024 the Robinsons were finally able to open a safe house, My Father's House, to provide a place of safety for young people, especially young girls, who are at risk of violence or abuse at home.

John and Gillian face many challenges, from concerns about the health and wellbeing of the students, to the difficulties in finding staff and volunteers to help them, but above all they put their trust in God to provide. They very much value our friendship, support and prayers.

If you wish to be part of our prayer link and receive regular news from the Robinsons, please contact Jane McGuinness – jmcguinness@hotmail.co.uk

John and Gillian can be contacted through their website at www.placeofgracebangkok.org or by email at placeofgracebkk@gmail.com

Jane McGuinness

RAINBOW THROUGH THE RAIN REPORT 2024

For some years now, Rainbow Through the Rain, for those who have been bereaved, has met in the Boys Sunday School on the third Tuesday of the month, from 2.00pm to 3.30pm. Some have recently been bereaved, whilst for others, it has been a little longer. We offer a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits, and time and space to talk.

We have two members of St Mary's Church who are trained in bereavement listening. We also have books relating to bereavement to look at or borrow, prayer cards and the opportunity to light a candle for those we want to remember.

If you have a friend or relative who you think would benefit from a visit to Rainbow Through the Rain, please let them know, or better still, bring them along.

Rita Raggett

Report of the Independent Examiner

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Frank Horner

Independent Examiner 18 February 2025

ST MARY'S TADCASTER
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

			Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
			Funds	Funds	Funds		
Receipts & Payments Account							
Parish Return Number	Year End Report Headings	Receipts					
		Voluntary Receipts					
1&2	Envelopes; Standing Orders	Planned Giving	£25,446.44			£25,446.44	£25,297.78
3	Cash Collections; Baptism Collections to Retain; Wedding Collections to Retain; Funeral Collections to Retain	Other collections at services	£3,609.21			£3,609.21	£4,976.84
4	Wall Safe & Sundries; Donations	All other recurring giving / donations	£12,729.75			£12,729.75	£11,587.70
5		All other non-recurring giving / donations				£0.00	£0.00
6	Tax recovered through Gift Aid	All tax recovered through Gift Aid	£7,462.01			£7,462.01	£7,236.36
7	Legacies	Legacies	£5,000.00			£5,000.00	£0.00
8	N/A	Recurring grants				£0.00	£0.00
8a	N/A	Non-recurring grants				£0.00	£0.00
			£54,247.41	£0.00	£0.00	£54,247.41	£49,098.68
		Activities for Generating Funds					
9	Coffee & Lunches; Fundraising; Harvest Festival	Gross income from fundraising activities	£2,713.50			£2,713.50	£3,953.29
			£2,713.50	£0.00	£0.00	£2,713.50	£3,953.29
		Receipts from investments					
10	Dividends HSBC Current A/c	Dividends	£2.85			£2.85	£0.00
	N/A	HSBC Money Manager Account Interest	£721.21			£721.21	£213.13
	N/A						
	N/A		£724.06		£0.00	£724.06	£213.13
		Church Activities					
	Baptism & Confirmation Fees retained; Wedding Fees retained; Funeral Fees retained						
11		Statutory fees retained by the PCC	£2,772.00			£2,772.00	£2,750.00
12	Focus Income, Youth Projects, Misc	Gross income from other church activities	£210.42			£210.42	£1,226.11
12	Income from Charity Shop Hidden Treasures	Gross income from Hidden Treasures Charity Shop	£20,178.51			£20,178.51	£20,914.68
13	Miscellaneous;; Joint Benefice Contributions	Other incoming resources	£7,264.25			£7,264.25	£2,676.03
			£30,425.18	£0.00	£0.00	£30,425.18	£27,566.82
		Receipts to pay over					
	Wedding Organ, Bells Choir to pay over; Funeral Organ, Choir, Verger to pay over; Wedding Fees to Diocese; Funeral Fees to Diocese	Fees to pay over	£5,641.00			£5,641.00	£5,581.00
	Funeral Collections to pay over; Special Service Collections to pay over	Collections to pay over	£5,528.69			£5,528.69	£10,137.25
			£11,169.69		£0.00	£11,169.69	£15,718.25
			£99,279.84	£0.00	£0.00	£99,279.84	£96,550.17

			Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Parish Return Number	Year End Report Headings	Payments	Funds	Funds	Funds		

Approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by Rev Paulie Watkin PCC Chair; Graham Rowett PCC Treasurer; Frank Horner Independent Examiner

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Tadcaster Parochial Church Council Financial Report 2023

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Non restricted reserves at the year-end were £18.3K

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Joint Benefice Contributions were down by £3K as a result of reduced Clergy and Administration costs.

A generous gift of £8,500 was donated to the Church to finance some of the renovation work on the Church windows.

PAYMENTS

Building Maintenance was £17.6K over budget. This was due to the £21.1K spend on renovations to the Church windows.

The Administrator worked voluntary at no cost, resulting in a saving of £4K in the year.

OTHER ISSUES

The Freewill Offer to Diocese for 2024 is £26,400. £2,200 per month will be paid by Standing Order each month.

The 2023 accounts were examined and approved by Frank Horner our Independent Examiner.

Much of the work of the Church is undertaken by a loyal group of volunteers. The work they all do is invaluable. I would like to thank every one of them for their work. Their work and skills are a great asset to the workings of our church.

2024 will once again be a challenging year financially. There is a balance of £10K to pay on completion of the Church windows renovations.

The performance of Hidden Treasures will once again be a key factor in the financial performance of the Church.

Graham Rowett ACMA CGMA

9th April 2024

POSITION AT BANK AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

HSBC Community Account	£9,243.58
HSBC money manager	£24,654.19
Nat West Hidden Treasures	£5,603.88

<u>Total funds at bank</u>	<u>£39,501.65</u>
Unpaid cheques	£233.80

<u>Total funds available</u>	<u>£39,267.85</u>
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Building Reserve	£10,000.00
Liquidity Reserve	£11,000.00

<u>Total Restricted & Earmarked funds</u>	<u>£21,000.00</u>
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Other Funds & Reserves	£18,267.85
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<u>Non-Restricted / Non-Earmarked Funds</u>	<u>£18,267.85</u>
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<u>Total funds available</u>	<u>£39,267.85</u>
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ST MARY'S TADCASTER
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

			Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
			Funds	Funds	Funds		
Receipts & Payments Account							
Parish Return Number	Year End Report Headings	Receipts					
		Voluntary Receipts					
1&2	Envelopes; Standing Orders	Planned Giving	£25,297.78			£25,297.78	£27,043.41
3	Cash Collections; Baptism Collections to Retain; Wedding Collections to Retain; Funeral Collections to Retain	Other collections at services	£4,976.84			£4,976.84	£5,282.29
4	Wall Safe & Sundries; Donations	All other recurring giving / donations	£11,587.70			£11,587.70	£3,701.18
5		All other non-recurring giving / donations				£0.00	£0.00
6	Tax recovered through Gift Aid	All tax recovered through Gift Aid	£7,236.36			£7,236.36	£7,735.22
7	Legacies	Legacies				£0.00	£2,330.00
8	N/A	Recurring grants				£0.00	£0.00
8a	N/A	Non-recurring grants				£0.00	£0.00
			£49,098.68	£0.00	£0.00	£49,098.68	£46,092.10
		Activities for Generating Funds					
9	Coffee & Lunches; Fundraising; Harvest Festival	Gross income from fundraising activities	£3,953.29			£3,953.29	£4,197.11
			£3,953.29	£0.00	£0.00	£3,953.29	£4,197.11
		Receipts from investments					
10	Dividends HSBC Current A/c	Dividends	£0.00			£0.00	£3.10
	N/A	HSBC Money Manager Account Interest	£213.13			£213.13	£13.70
	N/A						
	N/A		£213.13		£0.00	£213.13	£16.80
		Church Activities					
	Baptism & Confirmation Fees retained; Wedding Fees retained; Funeral Fees retained						
11		Statutory fees retained by the PCC	£2,750.00			£2,750.00	£4,704.00
12	Focus Income, Youth Projects, Misc	Gross income from other church activities	£1,226.11			£1,226.11	£1,160.92
12	Income from Charity Shop Hidden Treasures	Gross income from Hidden Treasures Charity Shop	£20,914.68			£20,914.68	£13,914.71
13	Miscellaneous;; Joint Benefice Contributions	Other incoming resources	£2,676.03			£2,676.03	£7,072.50
			£27,566.82	£0.00	£0.00	£27,566.82	£26,852.13
		Receipts to pay over					
	Wedding Organ, Bells Choir to pay over; Funeral Organ, Choir, Verger to pay over; Wedding Fees to Diocese; Funeral Fees to Diocese	Fees to pay over	£5,581.00			£5,581.00	£8,864.00
	Funeral Collections to pay over; Special Service Collections to pay over	Collections to pay over	£10,137.25			£10,137.25	£10,727.62
			£15,718.25	£0.00	£0.00	£15,718.25	£19,591.62
			£96,550.17	£0.00	£0.00	£96,550.17	£96,749.76

			Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022	
			Funds	Funds	Funds			
Parish Return Number	Year End Report Headings	Payments						
			Cost of Generating Funds					
17	Coffee, Lunches & other catering expenses	Cost of activities, events, etc.	£191.68			£191.68	£111.60	
			£191.68	£0.00	£0.00	£191.68	£111.60	
			Mission Giving & Donations					
18	Charitable Giving; Hidden treasures Charitable Giving	Charitable Giving	£2,300.00			£2,300.00	£2,300.00	
			£2,300.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,300.00	£2,300.00	
			Church Activities					
19	Freewill Giving	Freewill Giving Paid to Diocese	£24,000.00			£24,000.00	£24,000.00	
20	Administrator Organist & Cleaner Fees & Wages	Salaries / Honoraria	£3,548.00			£3,548.00	£3,014.00	
21	Clergy & Reader Expenses	Clergy & Reader Expenses	£5,406.52			£5,406.52	£1,625.04	
22	Youth Work; Training & Education	Mission & Evangelism Costs	£181.17			£181.17	£269.26	
	Insurance; Candles, Wafers & Wine; Building Maintenance; Organ & music expenses; Admin expenses; Flowers, Rent of Sunday School	Church Running Expenses	£8,177.99			£8,177.99	£7,367.32	
24	Gas; Electricity; Water	Church Utility Bills	£5,594.04			£5,594.04	£4,676.81	
25	Focus Expenses; Hidden Treasures Rent	Costs of Trading	£453.27			£453.27	£501.47	
26	Governance Costs	Audit Fee	£0.00			£0.00	£0.00	
99	Deanery Quota, Other Miscellaneous Expenses	Other Outgoing Resources	£2,368.93			£2,368.93	£3,729.77	
			£49,729.92	£0.00	£0.00	£49,729.92	£45,183.67	
			Major Capital Expenditure					
27	Tower Repairs	Major Repairs to the church building	£21,115.00			£21,115.00	£33,900.00	
28	N/A	Major Repairs to other church property				£0.00	£0.00	
29	N/A					£0.00	£0.00	
			£21,115.00	£0.00	£0.00	£21,115.00	£33,900.00	
			Receipts to pay over					
	Wedding Organ, Bells Choir to pay over; Funeral Organ, Choir, Verger to pay over; Wedding Fees to Diocese; Funeral Fees to Diocese	Fees to pay over	£5,501.00			£5,501.00	£9,207.55	
	Funeral Collections to pay over; Special Service Collections to pay over	Collections to pay over	£10,023.64			£10,023.64	£10,719.85	
			£15,524.64	£0.00	£0.00	£15,524.64	£19,927.40	
			£88,861.24	£0.00	£0.00	£88,861.24	£101,422.67	
			Excess of Receipts Over Payments					
			£7,688.93	£0.00	£0.00	£7,688.93	-£4,672.91	
			Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total	
			Funds	Funds	Funds	2023	2022	
			<u>Statement of Assets & Liabilities</u>					
			Bank current & deposit accounts 1st Jan					
	HSBC Current Account *		£16,580.93			£16,580.93	£18,159.99	
	HSBC Money Manager Account		£9,441.06			£9,441.06	£9,427.36	
	Nat West Hidden Treasures Account		£5,556.93			£5,556.93	£8,664.48	
			£31,578.92	£0.00	£0.00	£31,578.92	£36,251.83	
			Bank current & deposit accounts 31st Dec					
	HSBC Current Account *		£9,009.78			£9,009.78	£16,580.93	
	HSBC Money Manager Account		£24,654.19			£24,654.19	£9,441.06	
	Nat West Hidden Treasures Account		£5,603.88			£5,603.88	£5,556.93	
			£39,267.85	£0.00	£0.00	£39,267.85	£31,578.92	
			Net Increase in bank account funds	£7,688.93	£0.00	£0.00	£7,688.93	-£4,672.91

Approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by Rev Paulie Watkin PCC Chair; Graham Rowett PCC Treasurer; Frank Horner Independent Examiner

Report of the Independent Examiner

I report on the financial statements of Tadcaster St Mary's PCC for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and section 144 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission, and to be found in Church Guidance, 2006 edition. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts give a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
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to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Frank Horner

Independent Examiner 12 March 2024

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

28 people attended both meetings.

VESTRY MEETING 15th May 2022

The meeting was opened with prayer at 12.10 by Rev Paulie Watkin.

1. Appointment of Clerk
Tricia West was appointed as clerk for the meeting.
2. Presentation of the Terrier and Inventory. This had been displayed for several weeks before the meeting.
3. Election of Churchwardens

Nomination forms had been received for Celia Oldroyd (proposed by S Butterworth & I Helps) and Jonathan Craig (proposed by P Carlton-Scott & I Helps)
Both were elected unopposed.

The meeting closed at 12.12pm.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 15th May 2022

The meeting was opened at 12.12pm.

1. Apologies for absence
Apologies were received from Rachel Hughes, Deborah Allis, Rachel Brown, Andrew Severn.
2. Items for Any Other Business
None
3. Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 17th May 2022
These were a true and accurate reflection of the meeting, and signed by Rev Paulie Watkin.
4. Matters Arising from the Minutes
None
5. Church Electoral Roll 2022 – *circulated in advance*
The report was noted.
6. Secretary's Report on the proceedings of the PCC during 2020-2021
No PCC secretary has been in place to report.
7. Presentation of the Accounts for 2021
The finance reports were circulated prior to the meeting with the annual report.
Graham Rowett, Treasurer, offered his thanks to all who had supported him in his role, to the auditor who had signed off the account *gratis*, and to all who volunteered at Hidden Treasures and with events. Also to all who have donated to the church this year.
He highlighted the successful launch of the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS), which now accounts for 60% of regular giving, and encouraged anyone who can, to sign up to give in this way.
Steve West added that PGS can be signed up for by telephone for those who don't use computers.
Credit card machines have been introduced both in church and in Hidden Treasures and are a way of maximising our income.

Paulie expressed their thanks to Graham for all they have done in service to the church over the past year.

8. Report on the Fabric of the Church

The Fabric Report was circulated ahead of the meeting with the annual report.

9. Adoption of Safeguarding Policy

The Safeguarding Policy was read.

Tricia West was proposed as Parish Safeguarding Officer, proposed Angela Thorp, seconded Joan Bateman. All in favour.

10. Elections:

a) PCC Members (4 for 3 years, 1 for 2 years)

The following were elected at the meeting:

For 3 years:

Deborah Allis, proposed Joan Bateman, seconded Caroline Hedington

Sandra Butterworth, proposed Tricia West, seconded Steve West

Dawn Poole, proposed Celia Oldroyd, seconded Brenda Christmas

There being no other nominations, all 3 were elected unanimously. 2 vacancies now exist on PCC, one for 3 years, 1 for 2 years.

Paulie expressed their thanks to Barbara Joy, John Horton & Kathleen Horton, who all stood down as this meeting.

11. Reports from Church Organisations *Circulated in advance*

These reports were circulated ahead of the meeting with the annual report

12. Vicar's report

Paulie expressed their delight at being in the Benefice, this being their first APCM since being installed as vicar. With their family, they have been very warmly welcomed.

Their priorities will be Mission and Ministry; bringing the Benefice closer together, whilst recognising the differences between churches; being a bridge between the church and the community, working with others within the parish, employers, businesses and organisations.

They noted that their ministry is only possible through others giving of their time. All have a vocation to serve.

Paulie operates an open door policy and is always happy to chat to people over the phone, via email or in person.

They are looking to lead the church into a better financial situation, building on the good work already being done.

They are pleased that the choir has been reformed and, with our new regular organist, are helping to enhance our music.

Paulie expressed particular thanks to Steve & Tricia West for their Reader ministry, and to our RPAs for all that they do in leading worship and such things as marriage co-ordination. Paulie couldn't do their job without them.

They are looking to increase outreach into schools, the town and through developing social media.

Their hope is to be here as vicar for many years.

A particular focus is on inclusion and equality so that every person in our society is welcomed.

13. Any Other Business

None

The meeting was closed at 12.31pm.

PCC SECRETARY'S REPORT, JANUARY - DECEMBER 2022

The 18 members of St Mary's PCC have met regularly to read reports and discuss routine matters, including Finances, Safeguarding, Churches Together in Tadcaster, Hidden Treasures and so forth. PCC members also received regular reports from the Deanery representatives and were kept fully informed of wider matters of note.

On the death of Her late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, a book of condolence and a framed photograph were provided for parishioners within the church.

Following the Lenten Course, *Living in Love and Faith*, the church became a member of *Inclusive Church* and also signed up for *Sight-loss Friendly Church*, as part of an initiative to prepare ourselves for specific needs.

St Mary's is now also a member of *Eco-Church* and will progress through various levels to improve our awareness of ecological matters and our impact on the environment.

Generous Giving and *TryPraying* were two initiatives from the year that the PCC recommended and implemented successfully.

Covid has been present in the town to a greater or lesser extent with the Reverend Paulie bringing updates on the situation to the PCC meeting. It was decided to move forward from Communion in one kind to intinction part way through the year but this decision is one that will be reviewed regularly.

A fund raising group was formed during the course of the year to brainstorm ideas and organise/oversee events.

The Free Will Offering was decided upon and sent in good time to the Diocese. Other outlays are documented in the Treasurer's Reports but the largest sum concerned the replacement of the louvres in the bell tower. Details of all that procedure can be found in the minutes on display in the church. The PCC remains very grateful to all who put in an immense effort to get this essential work completed to a high standard rapidly.

As a newcomer to the church and the role of Secretary, I would like to point out to the wider church membership how well it is served by this PCC. Nothing is unimportant and each matter is discussed thoroughly. The only matter that did not reach a satisfactory conclusion was the fate of the squirrel who chose to spend the weeks around Christmas in the church. Fortunately, he or she respected the fabric of the building if not that of the Christmas tree.

Vanessa Bentley

TADCASTER PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2022

This report is based on the accounts for the period 1 January to 31 December 2022

FINANCIAL COMMENTARY

OVERVIEW

Receipts before legacies for the year were £94.4K and payments were £101.4K giving a deficit before legacies of £7K.

A legacy of £2,330 was received during the year giving a deficit after legacies of £4.7K.

RECEIPTS

Giving, including Gift Aid overachieved budget by £3K, total annual receipts being £37K
Hidden Treasures receipts for the year were £13.9K which was £3.9K better than forecast
An Energy Bill Support Grant Of £1,250 was received from York Diocese on 30 December 2022

PAYMENTS

Building Maintenance was £31K over budget. This was due to the £33,900 spend on repairs to the Church Tower
Clergy and Readers expenses were £2.9K under forecast. No expenses claims had been submitted by the Vicar. A claim has since been submitted by the vicar and will be reflected in the 2023 accounts.
The Administrator worked voluntary at no cost resulting in a saving of £4K in the year.

OTHER ISSUES

There has been a significant increase in the use of card payments both in Church and in Hidden Treasures. £2,400 being received in 2022 by this method.
The Freewill Offer to Diocese for 2023 is £24,000. £2,000 per month will be paid by Standing Order each month.
The budget for 2023 Forecasts a surplus of £7K. 2023 will once again be a challenging year financially with only £10.6K of unrestricted reserves available for any unforeseen payments.
The 2022 accounts have been examined by Frank Horner our Independent Examiner.
His report is attached as a separate page in this booklet.
Much of the work of the church is undertaken by a loyal group of volunteers. The work they all do is invaluable. I would like to thank every one of them for their work. Their work and skills are a great asset to the workings of our church.

*Graham Rowett ACMA CGMA
14th May 2023*

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

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Frank Horner

Independent Examiner

20th March 2023

The Year End Accounts are produced as a separate document, accompanying this booklet

CHURCHWARDENS REPORT

It has been a good year generally for our church as regards its general condition. We took the decision to keep it well heated through the winter which was obviously more costly, but very much appreciated by all, eliciting many positive comments from visitors, and congregations alike. This was particularly true of funeral attendees who, I think, always assume that a church in winter is going to be freezing! There were many visitors that were glad to find somewhere warm to eat their lunch too.

The main project this year has been the replacement of the louvres in the bell tower which was a major undertaking, but very necessary as the old concrete ones were crumbling and presenting a health and safety issue. This meant that the path through the churchyard from the riverside was closed for a period of time, but we are pleased to say that it is now open again for our community to enjoy the peace and tranquility there. This is also part of our commitment to becoming an eco friendly church with parts of our churchyard being left to grow wild to encourage our flora and fauna.

It has also been a pleasure to welcome back our schools again for various celebrations after the pandemic, opening our doors once more to the wider community of our town.

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to Jonathan, who has steered us through many large projects - the church path, the re-ordering, the louvres - and is standing down as churchwarden at this APCM. He and Anna have given their skills, time and sheer hard work tirelessly, often unseen by everyone, but without which many of these things would not have happened as effectively as they have.

*Celia Oldroyd, Jonathan Craig
Churchwardens*

ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT

Since the APCM of 2021, 7 people have been added to the Electoral Roll, 1 has been removed following a move away from the parish and 4 names have sadly been removed due to death. We remember the following:

Peter Hodgson
Rodney Coope
Malcolm Galloway
Josephine Edmond

This gives us a total of 102 on the Roll at 24 April 2023. The Roll is closed for new additions until after the APCM on 14th May 2023.

*Tricia West
Electoral Roll Officer*

LITTLE FISHES

Little Fishes is a stay-and-play group for babies and preschool aged children and their carers. It takes place on Tuesday mornings during term time in the Boys' Sunday School. The group has further grown in popularity over the last 12 months and is now regularly attended by around 15-20 children and a similar number of adults each week. The weekly sessions, lasting approximately 90 minutes, are overseen by Hannah Shortland, and also has the assistance of four volunteers - Brenda Christmas, Rita Raggett, Joan Bateman and Sandra Butterworth - on rotation, who help with providing refreshments and other tasks during the sessions.

The group, which is free to attend but gratefully accepts donations, is a warm and welcoming space for children to play and adults to socialise. The sessions frequently involve a short time of singing well-loved nursery rhymes and are finished with a closing prayer. Special Christmas and Easter sessions have also previously been held and have included the children enjoying visits into St Mary's Church, collectively making an Easter garden, and a visit from Father Christmas!

Hannah Shortland

WEDDINGS AND CO-ORDINATION 2022

Four weddings were held at St.Marys, Tadcaster during 2022 . Further bookings are improving across the benefice as Covid lockdowns have ceased,

We are delighted when couples choose to make their vows before God in our beautiful church as it offers us the opportunity to get to know them and to be channels of God's love to them as they make their preparations and enjoy their big day. We continue to have some couples who live outside the parish but who wish to marry here. If they do not have a qualifying connection, then they have to fulfil the requirement of attendance at services for six months before applying to go on the Electoral Roll enabling them to then marry by banns. During this time we have the opportunity to get to know them and they seem to appreciate being welcomed by the Church family. Again due to the pandemic, couples who could neither qualify nor have their banns read because of church closure had to marry by obtaining the appropriate licence.

All bookings are made through our administrator, Tricia West, who undertakes all the paperwork including the writing of the marriage document and organises the reading of Banns. Any proposed wedding where one or both of the partners have been previously married, are referred to our vicar, Revd Paulie Watkin, who visits the couple before allowing a wedding to go ahead. I (Val Simpson, wedding co-ordinator) am informed of each booking as they come in so that I can then visit the couple and remain in close contact with them until their wedding day, attending their rehearsal and verging for their ceremony to ensure all their needs are met. They are most appreciative of this support and often send letters of thanks, which are usually on the table in church for everyone to see.

All couples are required to attend a wedding preparation day –a time of social activity with games, discussions and the sharing of a light lunch. The day provides the opportunity for couples to meet with each other but more importantly, ensures that they take the time out amidst the busyness of their preparations to think about the commitment that they are about to make. It was decided at local Synod that these days would no longer move round the deanery but all would be held at St Mary's Church, Boston Spa, usually five per year, meaning the couples have a choice of days to attend. The sessions are led by Revd Trish Anslow, myself and Caroline Bolton, the Deanery Secretary. During 2021 we were only able to hold one session face to face due to lockdown rules. Two further sessions were held on Zoom. Not ideal as part of the day normally allows the couples to mix and chat with each other, we look forward to returning to normal in 2022.

All weddings are of course special and we try to co- operate with each couple to fulfil their requirements. This involves a lot of work prior to the wedding by myself and our administrator, Tricia who is a great support to me. Then on the wedding day, the skills and talents of our clergy, vergers, choir, organist and bell ringers are all a part of what makes the day special for each of our couples and are greatly appreciated by them.

For myself, it is a privilege to be alongside these couples, I never tire of it and together with our clergy and choir, we all enjoy our weddings.

*Val Simpson,
recognised Parish Assistant and Wedding Co Ordinator.*

TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The Fellowship Group has continued to meet every first and third Tuesday of the month at 2 Edgerton Close. We begin with a structured study, followed by a time of prayer and reflection. Anyone is welcome to join us.

Brenda Christmas and Rita Raggett

HOME COMMUNION

We continue to offer home communions to those who are housebound or ill (long or short term). Sadly, more of our 'Golden Oldies' have died after receiving home communion for many years. We currently have two regular recipients who are visited by myself. Our home visits involve a short communion service using elements which have been consecrated by our vicar at the previous Sunday service. Time is also made to pray for the recipient or for any concerns they may have.

It is an immense privilege to minister in this way and as with all ministry, one often receives far more than one gives. Not being Tadcaster born and bred, I have gained a lot of local knowledge about our town, church and community from those who I have visited personally. Our recipients are very appreciative,

always looking forward to our visits. Often frustrated at being unable to attend church they love to hear any news and still feel a part of our church family.

Anyone wishing to receive home communion is invited to contact Revd Paulie or myself. We do try to keep our eyes open to notice anyone who has been missing from their usual church attendance when we then contact them to see if they are unwell and would like a visit but sadly people do get overlooked occasionally, so I would welcome any member of our church family letting us know of any concerns they may have about anyone, or if there is anyone you know who might like to receive home communion or a home visit, please contact me.

Val Simpson, Recognised Parish Assistant and Home Communion Co-ordinator (tel 01937 833663).

CHOIR

St Mary's Church Choir has been very busy this year! We have sung at many weddings, funerals and services throughout the benefice. A highlight for me was the 9 lessons and Carols service on 18th December 2022.

We have said goodbye to four long-standing members, Ken Tyro, Dee Green, Joyce Vine and Jean Hardy. I thank them for all their years of service. We have said welcome to several new members too. Some joined before the last report but I'll mention them again! So, welcome to Caroline Hedington, Angie Thorp, Janet Allman, Amanda Barker, Val Simpson and welcome back Richard Sweeting too.

We have a fantastic alto line now but what we really need are more sopranos. You don't have to be able to read music though of course that is an advantage. You also don't have to be able to sing very high so don't be put off. We would also welcome more men who can sing the tenor and bass parts. If anyone is interested or knows someone who might be, I can be contacted on 07873797282.

We normally rehearse on a Saturday at 4pm for about an hour. This is not every week and dates are listed in the notice sheet.

The services we sing at on a monthly basis are 1st Sunday of the month at 10.30 in St Mary's (Holy Communion), 2nd Sunday of the month at 4pm in St Mary's (Evensong) and 4th Sunday of the month at 10.30 in St Mary's (Holy Communion). We also sing at Benefice services which are on the fifth Sunday of the month if there happens to be one! We sing an anthem at each service as appropriate.

Deborah Allis

FOCUS MAGAZINE

Focus magazine continues to be distributed to many people in the Tadcaster Benefice and their communities, primarily providing information on both recent and upcoming services and events in all of our four churches. 230 copies of the magazine are printed at the British Library on a bi-monthly basis, many of which are delivered to subscribers while several more copies are made available for purchase in each of our four churches. The digital version of the magazine now has over 100 email subscribers. The magazine generates some income by offering advertising space and currently contains adverts for nine local businesses. The current editor, Hannah Shortland, intends to step down from the role at the end of 2023.

Hannah Shortland

THURSDAY COFFEE MORNING AND HOLY COMMUNION

This outreach has continued to be a lovely morning of fellowship and refreshment, often including visitors to our church as well as the nucleus of regular customers. Tea/coffee and breakfast nibbles are offered (including toasted teacakes) on a donation basis and there are often up to 20 people attending. This is followed at 1130 by an optional service of Holy Communion which many people enjoy as a midweek act of worship. It is a gentle time of reflection, and communion is distributed at your seat which is also appreciated as we sometimes have canine visitors too! There are generally between 12/15 people, so it also can be helpful for those that perhaps find larger groups hard to deal with.

All in all, an oasis in the middle of an often busy week, or an opportunity for those who can't always come on a Sunday. Do come and enjoy the company, and also a short time of worship if that is appropriate for you.

Celia Oldroyd

THURSDAY HOME GROUP

Our Thursday Home Group continues to meet weekly, usually at 28 Golf Links Crescent, and we value our time spent together in looking at scripture and discussing how it relates to our lives today in Tadcaster. We also spend a little time in worship and in prayer for one another, for our families and friends and for our church.

Our studies in the past year have included Paul's Letters to the Ephesians and the Galatians and more recently, a series focused on our connection to and lives within our Christian Community. We also used a short series of studies called 'Contextual Theology' which sounds rather highbrow, but simply looks at the ways that people in other parts of the world express their Christian faith in the place where they live.

We have strong connections with the Tuesday Fellowship Group and the two groups meet up socially at least a couple of times a year.

The conversations in our group are always stimulating and it is exciting to see that even familiar bible passages are fresh and relevant to us in the 21st century. Anyone who is interested in joining the group will be made very welcome. Just have a word with me or Tricia.

Steve West

TADCASTER BENEFICE BOOK CLUB

Book club had a couple of short meetings during the year and mostly kept in touch via Whatsapp; chatting about books and arranging book swaps. We didn't manage to set many books to read and discuss, but all thoroughly disliked the chosen advent book! It's been tricky to determine a time that suits the majority of members, but are aiming to meet on a more regular basis during the Thursday morning coffee morning at St Mary's. Keep an eye on the weekly notices for more information. New members are always welcome, those who aren't around during the day to meet are very welcome to join the Whatsapp group - see Celia Oldroyd or Rachel Hughes for more information.

Rachel Hughes

HIDDEN TREASURES – CHARITY SHOP

Our band of volunteers have continued to serve us well again this year and revenue has been steady as we slowly recover from the effects of the Covid pandemic. We are often open until 3pm now which is helpful, although this is very dependent on staffing availability. We are very much in need of more volunteers - could you give any time? Even a couple of hours a week would help, perhaps you have another friend or acquaintance that you could come with! As ever, we are very grateful to the team, headed up by Delia Wells, for all the time and energy they put into keeping this valuable resource running. Obviously it helps the church financially, but it also has great value as an outreach into our community as well as is helpful in so many other ways. Please keep supporting us with donations and also visiting to see what goodies we may have in store

Celia Oldroyd

ST MARY'S BELLRINGERS

We started the year with a visit from the Yorkshire Tykes. They are all under 18 years of age and meet monthly to ring together in towers around Yorkshire. Charlie has been a member of this group since he was 11 years old. They meet to socialise and encourage each other but one of their main aims is to compete in a national youth striking competition, which this year took place in Exeter. Charlie has completed the training programme we have for young ringers and was invited to a masterclass in Birmingham in April, where he rang his first quarter of surprise minor with the President of the Central Council for church bell ringers; quite an honour.

Another member of this group is 11 year old Elliot who shares his ringing time between us and Selby. He rang his very first quarter on the lighter bells of Selby in October. His mum, dad, grandpa, Roger who is tower captain at Selby, formerly at Tadcaster, and myself were all in the band. He was very modest about his achievement



We struggled to ring on Sundays - not everyone returned at the beginning of the year for various reasons, but happily Irene has returned to help with service ringing. We managed to ring all eight bells when the Archbishop visited in February after the flooding although there were no bells for Mothering Sunday in March. We rang half muffled for the Good Friday procession and open for Easter Sunday and for the confirmation in September. There were no bells for Remembrance Sunday as work on the louvres in the tower was in progress, but we managed all the Christmas ringing.

We held another successful open day at the end of July. Again we had many expressions of interest but no recruits. Two groups of Church Fenton scouts visited on 2 evenings in October. We talked a bit about our bells and they enjoyed a trip up to see the bells in the belfry, ringing handbells and having a go on a proper bell, the sound being made on the simulator.

Of course most of our ringing in 2022 was for Her Majesty the Queen. We rang a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations on 2nd June. This was Charlie's first peal and my 200th for the Yorkshire Association. Then of course came the death of Her Majesty in September. There are protocols for such occasions and ringing is no exception; half muffled ringing for the death of a monarch and open i.e. normal ringing for the accession of a new monarch. So on September 9th the day after her death we rang half muffled, on 10th open for the new king and on 11th half muffled again. All our ringing until 18th was half muffled. John tolled the tenor for her funeral on 19th. Our attempt at a peal, on 1st October, to celebrate her life, was unfortunately unsuccessful.

And finally, we hosted the Branch carol service, with Paulie as host, followed by a sumptuous ringers' tea. Maybe the last one as the Branch has folded because of a lack of support. But watch this space....

Sue Webb, Tower Captain.

CHURCH GIVING TO ACTS 435 IN 2022

Again, during 2022 St Mary's Church has continued to support Acts 435 with a £100 donation from church funds each month. Acts 435 brings together those who can give with people who are in need. 100% of what is donated to Acts 435 goes directly to those in need of help and support. In addition, the requesting church or charity maintains a supportive relationship with each person helped, so it is about more than just the money donated to meet a specific need.

The needs we have met over the last year have been from York, Leeds and Bradford locally and also from as far afield as Newcastle, Liverpool, North and South Wales, Devon, London and Kent.

Men, women and children have all benefited from our gifts including:

- A second-hand sofa and chest of drawers for a previously homeless widow who had been rehoused into unfurnished accommodation
- A cooker for another lady whose new tenancy was also unfurnished
- Counselling sessions to support a mother being over cautious with her two children following a previous miscarriage
- Money for food to support a man who was going hungry whilst prioritising paying his bills.
- A tablet for two children to share so that they could access the school's digital resources, undertake research for homework and download the educational apps.

We know that recipients continue to be extremely grateful and thank-you messages to us include:

- Thank you for helping me to settle my debts. It is a big weight off my mind.
- Thank you so much for your help in enabling me to purchase basic clothing & toiletry essentials. As I only had what I stood up in this has made a big difference to how I feel.
- Thank you for donating towards a cooker for R. Having moved into his first tenancy since leaving prison, R had very few possessions which didn't include any means of cooking. The cooker will really help him to look after himself, which will mean he can keep healthier, and his mental health will be better. It will also help him to eat more affordably, and to build healthy routines for himself has a gets back on his feet. Thank you so much for your generosity.

You can find further details about Acts 435 on the charity's website: www.acts435.org.uk

Andrew Severn

ST MARY'S MISSION PARTNERS

The Robinson family; **John, Gillian, Leah, Natalie and Joel** are our mission partners, working with vulnerable children at the Place of Grace in Bangkok



John is no stranger to Tadcaster. As a boy he lived at the **Barnardos** children's home on Wighill Lane.

The Place of Grace invests in the lives of many vulnerable children who are very poor, live in slums and come from families torn apart by drugs and violence. It also has a very busy Foodbank helping families in need and John works extensively in the local area visiting and supporting families.

Since 2021 the Place of Grace Learning Centre has continued to grow. At the end of 2022 John and Gillian took the Senior Class to the Regional Student Convention of ACE (Academically Committed to Excellence) schools from across the region, held in Bangkok. The convention included students from several other countries including Korea, Mongolia, Vietnam, Myanmar, China and India. The Senior Class thoroughly enjoyed the experience, making new friends and revelling in the opportunity to travel somewhere outside of their immediate locality. Sourcing adequate uniform proved to be quite a challenge but the students were able to turn up wearing smart uniforms, proudly carrying their banner, and enthusiastically cheering each other on. Despite being up against 1200 students from other schools, many of whom cater for richer students, one of the Place of Grace students managed to come first in the 1600 metres race, two others were first and second in the 200 metres race and one was awarded second place in the sculpture competition. They are already planning for the 2023 convention.

The Place of Grace also held their first ever awards evening for new students last year. Grandparents and guardians, many of whom are illiterate, cried with pride when they saw their child get an award, play the guitar or speak English. John and Gillian never cease to be amazed at the transformation God can bring to the lives of these young people.

John and Gillian are now desperately seeking a local place to rent to set up as a safe house for students who are not safe living where they are. They also need the funds to employ a staff member to look after these vulnerable young people.

John and Gillian face many challenges, from concerns about the health and wellbeing of the students to the difficulties in finding staff and volunteers to help them and funds to pursue new projects like the safe house but above all they put their trust in God to provide. They value our friendship and support enormously.

If you wish to be part of our prayer link and receive regular news from the Robinsons, please contact Jane McGuinness – jkmcguinness@hotmail.co.uk

John and Gillian can be contacted through their website at www.placeofgracebangkok.org or by email at placeofgracebkk@gmail.com

Jane McGuinness

ST MARY'S TADCASTER
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

			Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
<u>Receipts & Payments Account</u>							
<u>Parish Return</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>Year End Report Headings</u>	<u>Receipts</u>					
		Voluntary Receipts					
1&2	Envelopes; Standing Orders	Planned Giving	£27,043.41			£27,043.41	£28,912.00
3	Cash Collections; Baptism Collections to Retain; Wedding Collections to Retain; Funeral Collections to Retain	Other collections at services	£5,282.29			£5,282.29	£2,781.01
4	Wall Safe & Sundries; Donations	All other recurring giving / donations	£3,701.18			£3,701.18	£4,706.06
5		All other non-recurring giving / donations				£0.00	£0.00
6	Tax recovered through Gift Aid	All tax recovered through Gift Aid	£7,735.22			£7,735.22	£8,371.42
7	Legacies	Legacies	£2,330.00			£2,330.00	£2,000.00
8	N/A	Recurring grants				£0.00	£0.00
8a	Grants for Church Furniture	Non-recurring grants				£0.00	£0.00
			<u>£46,092.10</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£46,092.10</u>	<u>£46,770.49</u>
		Activities for Generating Funds					
9	Coffee & Lunches; Fundraising; Harvest Festival	Gross income from fundraising activities	£4,197.11			£4,197.11	£1,489.87
			<u>£4,197.11</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£4,197.11</u>	<u>£1,489.87</u>
		Receipts from investments					
10	Dividends HSBC Current A/c	Dividends	£3.10			£3.10	£0.88
	N/A	HSBC Money Manager Account Interest	£13.70			£13.70	£0.96
	N/A						
	N/A		£16.80		£0.00	£16.80	£1.84
		Church Activities					
	Baptism & Confirmation Fees retained; Wedding Fees retained; Funeral Fees retained						
11		Statutory fees retained by the PCC	£4,704.00			£4,704.00	£3,434.00
12	Focus Income, Youth Projects	Gross income from other church activities	£1,160.92			£1,160.92	£696.54
12	Income from Charity Shop Hidden Treasures	Gross income from Hidden Treasures Charity Shop	£13,914.71			£13,914.71	£7,566.31
13	Miscellaneous;; Joint Benefice Contributions	Other incoming resources	£7,072.50			£7,072.50	£7,609.01
			<u>£26,852.13</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£26,852.13</u>	<u>£19,305.86</u>
		Receipts to pay over					
	Wedding Organ, Bells Choir to pay over; Funeral Organ, Choir, Verger to pay over; Wedding Fees to Diocese; Funeral Fees to Diocese	Fees to pay over	£8,864.00			£8,864.00	£5,773.00
	Funeral Collections to pay over; Special Service Collections to pay over	Collections to pay over	£10,727.62			£10,727.62	£7,950.04
			<u>£19,591.62</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£19,591.62</u>	<u>£13,723.04</u>
			<u>£96,749.76</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£96,749.76</u>	<u>£81,291.10</u>

			Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
Parish Return Number	Year End Report Headings	Payments					
			Cost of Generating Funds				
17	Coffee, Lunches & other catering expenses	Cost of activities, events, etc.	£111.60			£111.60	£38.98
			£111.60	£0.00	£0.00	£111.60	£38.98
			Mission Giving & Donations				
18	Charitable Giving; Hidden treasures Charitable Giving	Charitable Giving	£2,300.00			£2,300.00	£2,300.00
			£2,300.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,300.00	£2,300.00
			Church Activities				
19	Freewill Giving	Freewill Giving Paid to Diocese	£24,000.00			£24,000.00	£10,000.00
20	Administrator Organist & Cleaner Fees & Wages	Salaries / Honoraria	£3,014.00			£3,014.00	£8,447.68
21	Clergy & Reader Expenses	Clergy & Reader Expenses	£1,625.04			£1,625.04	£2,021.65
22	Youth Work; Training & Education	Mission & Evangelism Costs	£269.26			£269.26	£25.00
	Insurance; Candles, Wafers & Wine; Building Maintenance; Organ & music expenses; Admin expenses; Flowers, Rent of Sunday School	Church Running Expenses	£7,367.32			£7,367.32	£8,414.23
24	Gas; Electricity; Water	Church Utility Bills	£4,676.81			£4,676.81	£2,560.56
25	Focus Expenses; Hidden Treasures Rent	Costs of Trading	£501.47			£501.47	£269.85
26	Governance Costs	Audit Fee	£0.00			£0.00	£0.00
99	Deanery Quota, Other Miscellaneous Expenses	Other Outgoing Resources	£3,729.77			£3,729.77	£2,040.04
			£45,183.67	£0.00	£0.00	£45,183.67	£33,779.01
			Major Capital Expenditure				
27	Tower Repairs	Major Repairs to the church building	£33,900.00			£33,900.00	£17,520.00
28	N/A	Major Repairs to other church property				£0.00	£0.00
29	N/A					£0.00	£0.00
			£33,900.00	£0.00	£0.00	£33,900.00	£17,520.00
			Receipts to pay over				
	Wedding Organ, Bells Choir to pay over; Funeral Organ, Choir, Verger to pay over; Wedding Fees to Diocese; Funeral Fees to Diocese	Fees to pay over	£9,207.55			£9,207.55	£5,893.88
	Funeral Collections to pay over; Special Service Collections to pay over	Collections to pay over	£10,719.85			£10,719.85	£6,998.60
			£19,927.40	£0.00	£0.00	£19,927.40	£12,892.48
			£101,422.67	£0.00	£0.00	£101,422.67	£66,530.47
			Excess of Payments over Receipts				
			-£4,672.91	£0.00	£0.00	-£4,672.91	£14,760.63
			Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
			Statement of Assets & Liabilities				
			Bank current & deposit accounts 1st Jan				
		HSBC Current Account *	£18,159.99			£18,159.99	£10,398.72
		HSBC Money Manager Account	£9,427.36			£9,427.36	£9,426.40
		Nat West Hidden Treasures Account	£8,664.48			£8,664.48	£1,666.08
			£36,251.83	£0.00	£0.00	£36,251.83	£21,491.20
			Bank current & deposit accounts 31st Dec				
		HSBC Current Account *	£16,580.93			£16,580.93	£18,159.99
		HSBC Money Manager Account	£9,441.06			£9,441.06	£9,427.36
		Nat West Hidden Treasures Account	£5,556.93			£5,556.93	£8,664.48
			£31,578.92	£0.00	£0.00	£31,578.92	£36,251.83
Net reduction in bank account funds			-£4,672.91	£0.00	£0.00	-£4,672.91	£14,760.63
Approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by Rev Paulie Watkin PCC Chair; Graham Rowett PCC Treasurer; Frank Horner Independent Examiner							

Report of the Independent Examiner

I report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and section 144 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission, and to be found in Church Guidance, 2006 edition. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts give a “true and fair view” and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records have not been met; or

to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Frank Horner

Independent Examiner

20th March 2023

Accounts

Tadcaster Parochial Church Council Financial Report Final Accounts 2021

This report is based on the accounts for the period 1 January to 31 December 2021

FINANCIAL COMMENTARY

OVERVIEW

Receipts before legacies for the year were £79.3K and payments were £66.5K giving a surplus before legacies of £12.8K.

A Legacy of £2k was received during the year.

RECEIPTS

Receipts from giving have held up very well despite the pandemic.

Hidden treasures receipts for the year were £7.6K, somewhat lower than pre pandemic levels. Receipts from donations were £4.5K. This included two individual donations of £1K each. The introduction of the PAXEZ terminal in church has raised £600 since its introduction.

PAYMENTS

Building Maintenance payments for the year were £19.4K. This included the work on the East Windows. £10K needs to be held as a building reserve in respect of potential remedial work to the Church stonework. £10K was paid to diocese for the 2021 Freewill offer

PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR

Surplus for the year before legacies was £12.8K. This was after paying a lower freewill offer this year. If we had paid the £38.3K that Diocese wanted us to pay it would have resulted in a deficit of £15.5K

RESERVES

A building reserve of £10K has been provided in respect of potential remedial works to the church stonework. A liquidity reserve of £11K has been provided. This is in line with the reserves policy agreed by PCC. (Four months budgeted payments excluding Freewill Offer).

FUTURE FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

The financial performance of the church faces many challenges in the future. Receipts have been significantly impacted by COVID restrictions. Fund raising events are still way below pre pandemic levels. Receipts from coffee mornings have reduced significantly since the end of Saturday coffee mornings.

Renovation work will be needed on the Church Windows in the future and funds will need to be raised to finance this.

Current Inflation rates are also likely to impact payments, although the impact of rising energy costs have been mitigated as three-year fixed rate Gas and electricity contracts had been agreed at favourable rates prior to the huge increase in prices.

Graham Rowett ACMA CGMA

POSITION AT BANK AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

HSBC Community Account	£18,348.71
HSBC money manager	£9,427.36
Nat West Hidden Treasures	£8,664.48
<u>Total funds at bank</u>	<u>£36,440.55</u>
Unpaid cheques	£188.72
<u>Total funds available</u>	<u>£36,251.83</u>
Building Reserve	£10,000.00
Liquidity Reserve	£11,000.00
<u>Total Restricted & Earmarked funds</u>	<u>£21,000.00</u>
Other Funds & Reserves	£15,251.83
<u>Non-Restricted / Non-Earmarked Funds</u>	<u>£15,251.83</u>
<u>Total funds available</u>	<u>£36,251.83</u>

ST MARY'S TADCASTER
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		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	2021	2020
	<u>Receipts & Payments Account</u>					
<u>Year End Report Headings</u>	<u>Receipts</u>					
	Voluntary Receipts					
Envelopes; Standing Orders	Planned Giving	£28,912.00			£28,912.00	£27,414.40
Cash Collections; Baptism Collections to Retain; Wedding Collections to Retain; Funeral Collections to Retain	Other collections at services	£2,781.01			£2,781.01	£3,034.75
Wall Safe & Sundries; Donations	All other recurring giving / donations	£4,706.06			£4,706.06	£2,135.96
	All other non-recurring giving / donations				£0.00	£0.00
Tax recovered through Gift Aid	All tax recovered through Gift Aid	£8,371.42			£8,371.42	£7,857.75
Legacies	Legacies	£2,000.00			£2,000.00	£0.00
N/A	Recurring grants				£0.00	£0.00
N/A	Non-recurring grants				£0.00	£0.00
		£46,770.49	£0.00	£0.00	£46,770.49	£40,442.86
	Activities for Generating Funds					
Coffee & Lunches; Fundraising; Harvest Festival	Gross income from fundraising activities	£1,489.87			£1,489.87	£1,101.63
		£1,489.87	£0.00	£0.00	£1,489.87	£1,101.63
	Receipts from investments					
Dividends HSBC Current A/c	Dividends	£0.88			£0.88	£0.00
N/A	HSBC Money Manager Account Interest	£0.96			£0.96	£14.67
N/A						
N/A		£1.84		£0.00	£1.84	£14.67
	Church Activities					
Baptism & Confirmation Fees retained; Wedding Fees retained; Funeral Fees retained	Statutory fees retained by the PCC	£3,434.00			£3,434.00	£3,390.00
Focus Income, Youth Projects	Gross income from other church activities	£696.54			£696.54	£88.16
Income from Charity Shop Hidden Treasures	Gross income from Hidden Treasures Charity Shop	£7,566.31			£7,566.31	£5,160.69
Miscellaneous;; Joint Benefice Contributions	Other incoming resources	£7,609.01			£7,609.01	£7,872.59
		£19,305.86	£0.00	£0.00	£19,305.86	£16,511.44
	Receipts to pay over					
Wedding Organ, Bells Choir to pay over; Funeral Organ, Choir, Verger to pay over; Wedding Fees to Diocese; Funeral Fees to Diocese	Fees to pay over	£5,773.00			£5,773.00	£6,343.00
Funeral Collections to pay over; Special Service Collections to pay over	Collections to pay over	£7,950.04			£7,950.04	£4,042.36
		£13,723.04	£0.00	£0.00	£13,723.04	£10,385.36
		£81,291.10	£0.00	£0.00	£81,291.10	£68,455.96

		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
		Funds	Funds	Funds		
Year End Report Headings	Payments					
	Cost of Generating Funds					
Coffee, Lunches & other catering expenses	Cost of activities, events, etc.	£38.98			£38.98	£0.00
		£38.98	£0.00	£0.00	£38.98	£0.00
	Mission Giving & Donations					
Charitable Giving; Hidden treasures Charitable Giving	Charitable Giving	£2,300.00			£2,300.00	£2,400.00
		£2,300.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,300.00	£2,400.00
	Church Activities					
Freewill Giving	Freewill Giving Paid to Diocese	£10,000.00			£10,000.00	£38,328.00
Administrator Organist & Cleaner Fees & Wages	Salaries / Honoraria	£8,447.68			£8,447.68	£8,433.30
Clergy & Reader Expenses	Clergy & Reader Expenses	£2,021.65			£2,021.65	£2,723.15
Youth Work; Training & Education	Mission & Evangelism Costs	£25.00			£25.00	£82.00
Insurance; Candles, Wafers & Wine; Building Maintenance; Organ & music expenses; Admin expenses; Flowers, Rent of Sunday School						
Gas; Electricity; Water	Church Running Expenses	£8,414.23			£8,414.23	£7,822.02
Focus Expenses; Hidden Treasures Rent	Church Utility Bills	£2,560.56			£2,560.56	£2,749.16
Governance Costs	Costs of Trading	£269.85			£269.85	£826.89
Deanery Quota, Other Miscellaneous Expenses	Audit Fee	£0.00			£0.00	£0.00
	Other Outgoing Resources	£2,040.04			£2,040.04	£2,035.71
		£33,779.01	£0.00	£0.00	£33,779.01	£63,000.23
	Major Capital Expenditure					
East Windows	Major Repairs to the church building	£17,520.00			£17,520.00	£0.00
N/A	Major Repairs to other church property				£0.00	£0.00
N/A					£0.00	£0.00
		£17,520.00	£0.00	£0.00	£17,520.00	£0.00
	Receipts to pay over					
Wedding Organ, Bells Choir to pay over; Funeral Organ, Choir, Verger to pay over; Wedding Fees to Diocese; Funeral Fees to Diocese	Fees to pay over	£5,893.88			£5,893.88	£5,966.50
Funeral Collections to pay over; Special Service Collections to pay over	Collections to pay over	£6,998.60			£6,998.60	£3,468.73
		£12,892.48	£0.00	£0.00	£12,892.48	£9,435.23
		£66,530.47	£0.00	£0.00	£66,530.47	£74,835.46
	Excess of Receipts over Payments	£14,760.63	£0.00	£0.00	£14,760.63	-£6,379.50
	Statement of Assets & Liabilities					
	Bank current & deposit accounts 1st Jan					
	HSBC Current Account *	£10,398.72			£10,398.72	£9,642.54
	HSBC Money Manager Account	£9,426.40			£9,426.40	£15,411.73
	Nat West Hidden Treasures Account	£1,666.08			£1,666.08	£2,816.43
		£21,491.20	£0.00	£0.00	£21,491.20	£27,870.70
	Bank current & deposit accounts 31st Dec					
	HSBC Current Account *	£18,159.99			£18,159.99	£10,398.72
	HSBC Money Manager Account	£9,427.36			£9,427.36	£9,426.40
	Nat West Hidden Treasures Account	£8,664.48			£8,664.48	£1,666.08
		£36,251.83	£0.00	£0.00	£36,251.83	£21,491.20
	Net increase in bank account funds	£14,760.63	£0.00	£0.00	£14,760.63	-£6,379.50

Approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by Rev Paulie Watkin PCC Chair; Graham Rowett PCC Treasurer; Frank Horner Independent Examiner

Tadcaster Parochial Church Council Financial Report Final Accounts 2021

This report is based on the accounts for the period 1 January to 31 December 2021

FINANCIAL COMMENTARY

OVERVIEW

Receipts before legacies for the year were £79.3K and payments were £66.5K giving a surplus before legacies of £12.8K.

A Legacy of £2k was received during the year.

RECEIPTS

Receipts from giving have held up very well despite the pandemic.

Hidden treasures receipts for the year were £7.6K, somewhat lower than pre pandemic levels. Receipts from donations were £4.5K. This included two individual donations of £1K each. The introduction of the PAXEZ terminal in church has raised £600 since its introduction.

PAYMENTS

Building Maintenance payments for the year were £19.4K. This included the work on the East Windows. £10K needs to be held as a building reserve in respect of potential remedial work to the Church stonework. £10K was paid to diocese for the 2021 Freewill offer

PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR

Surplus for the year before legacies was £12.8K. This was after paying a lower freewill offer this year. If we had paid the £38.3K that Diocese wanted us to pay it would have resulted in a deficit of £15.5K

RESERVES

A building reserve of £10K has been provided in respect of potential remedial works to the church stonework. A liquidity reserve of £11K has been provided. This is in line with the reserves policy agreed by PCC. (Four months budgeted payments excluding Freewill Offer).

FUTURE FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

The financial performance of the church faces many challenges in the future. Receipts have been significantly impacted by COVID restrictions. Fund raising events are still way below pre pandemic levels. Receipts from coffee mornings have reduced significantly since the end of Saturday coffee mornings.

Renovation work will be needed on the Church Windows in the future and funds will need to be raised to finance this.

Current Inflation rates are also likely to impact payments, although the impact of rising energy costs have been mitigated as three-year fixed rate Gas and electricity contracts had been agreed at favourable rates prior to the huge increase in prices.

Graham Rowett ACMA CGMA

POSITION AT BANK AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

HSBC Community Account	£18,348.71
HSBC money manager	£9,427.36
Nat West Hidden Treasures	£8,664.48
<u>Total funds at bank</u>	<u>£36,440.55</u>
Unpaid cheques	£188.72
<u>Total funds available</u>	<u>£36,251.83</u>
Building Reserve	£10,000.00
Liquidity Reserve	£11,000.00
<u>Total Restricted & Earmarked funds</u>	<u>£21,000.00</u>
Other Funds & Reserves	£15,251.83
<u>Non-Restricted / Non-Earmarked Funds</u>	<u>£15,251.83</u>
<u>Total funds available</u>	<u>£36,251.83</u>

Accounts

Tadcaster Parochial Church Council Financial Report Final Accounts 2020.

This report is based on the Final accounts for the period 1 January to 31 December 2020
They have been approved by PCC and independent examiner Frank Pearson.

FINANCIAL COMMENTARY

OVERVIEW

Receipts before legacies for the year were £68.4K and payments were £74.8K giving a deficit before legacies of £6.4K.

No legacies have been received during the year.

RECEIPTS

Receipts were behind budget by £29.9K. £68.4K versus £98.3K.

Total Giving including Gift Aid was £1.1K behind budget.

Weekly giving of cash and envelopes was £4.3K behind budget and Monthly Standing orders was £3.2K ahead of budget.

Hidden treasures receipts were £7.9K behind budget. £5.1K versus £13K.

Fund raising events and Coffee Mornings were £6.9K behind budget.

PAYMENTS

Total payments for the period were under budget by £26.8K. £74.8K versus £101.6K.

There were underspends in building maintenance, Clergy and reader expenses,

Administrator and Administration expenses, Utilities, and Focus expenses.

These being mainly due to reduced operations for most of the year.

PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR

A challenging budget was set for the year with a forecast deficit of £3.3K before legacies.

The results were understandably worse than forecast due to the Covid19 pandemic.

The annual deficit was £6.4K, resulting in an adverse variance of £3.1K

Giving from Individuals has held up well being only £1.1K below budget despite giving in Church being below budget by £4.3K

Hidden Treasures, Fund Raising Events and Coffee Mornings account for 27% of the Annual Receipts budget and were understandably adversely impacted by the Covid 19 Pandemic.

Despite the reduction in annual receipts the Freewill offering to Diocese of £38,328 was paid in full

Graham Rowett ACMA CGMA

6 May 2021

ST MARY'S TADCASTER

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Parish Return Number	Year End Report Headings	Receipts & Payments Account	Unrestricted Funds Funds	Designated Funds Funds	Restricted Funds Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
		Receipts					
		Voluntary Receipts					
1&2	Envelopes; Standing Orders	Planned Giving	£27,414.40			£27,414.40	£27,949.98
	Cash Collections; Baptism Collections to Retain; Wedding Collections to Retain; Funeral Collections to Retain						
3		Other collections at services	£3,034.75			£3,034.75	£6,340.34
4	Wall Safe & Sundries; Donations	All other recurring giving / donations	2135.96			£2,135.96	£1,500.20
5		All other non-recurring giving / donations				£0.00	£0.00
6	Tax recovered through Gift Aid	All tax recovered through Gift Aid	£7,857.75			£7,857.75	£9,513.08
7	Legacies					£0.00	£8,365.77
8	N/A	Recurring grants				£0.00	£0.00
8a	Grants for Church Furniture	Non-recurring grants				£0.00	£4,000.00
			<u>£40,442.86</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£40,442.86</u>	<u>£57,669.37</u>
		Activities for Generating Funds					
		Gross income from fundraising activities					
9	Coffee & Lunches; Fundraising; Harvest Festival		<u>£1,101.63</u>			<u>£1,101.63</u>	<u>£7,507.89</u>
			<u>£1,101.63</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£1,101.63</u>	<u>£7,507.89</u>
		Receipts from investments					
10	Dividends HSBC Current A/c	Dividends				£0.00	£0.00
	N/A	HSBC Money Manager Account Interest	£14.67			£14.67	£38.56
	N/A	HBOS Instant Reserve Account Interest				£0.00	£0.00
	N/A	HBOS Instant Access Account Interest				£0.00	£0.00
			<u>£14.67</u>			<u>£14.67</u>	<u>£38.56</u>
		Church Activities					
	Baptism & Confirmation Fees retained; Wedding Fees retained; Funeral Fees retained						
11		Statutory fees retained by the PCC	£3,390.00			£3,390.00	£4,979.00
12	Focus Income, Youth Projects	Gross income from other church activities	£88.16			£88.16	£1,666.09
12	Income from Charity Shop Hidden Treasures	Gross income from Hidden Treasures Charity Shop	£5,160.69			£5,160.69	£12,691.80
13	Miscellaneous;; Joint Benefice Contributions	Other incoming resources	<u>£7,872.59</u>			<u>£7,872.59</u>	<u>£7,796.52</u>
			<u>£16,511.44</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£16,511.44</u>	<u>£27,133.41</u>
		Receipts to pay over					
	Wedding Organ, Bells Choir to pay over; Funeral Organ, Choir, Verger to pay over; Wedding Fees to Diocese; Funeral Fees to Diocese	Fees to pay over	£6,343.00			£6,343.00	£12,393.81
	Funeral Collections to pay over; Special Service Collections to pay over	Collections to pay over	<u>£4,042.36</u>			<u>£4,042.36</u>	<u>£13,680.52</u>
			<u>£10,385.36</u>	<u>£0.00</u>		<u>£10,385.36</u>	<u>£26,074.33</u>
			<u>£68,455.96</u>	<u>£0.00</u>		<u>£68,455.96</u>	<u>£118,423.56</u>

Parish Return Number	Year End Report Headings	Payments	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total 2020	Total 2019
			Funds Funds	Funds Funds	Funds Funds		
17	Coffee, Lunches & other catering expenses	Cost of Generating Funds Cost of activities, events, etc.	£0.00			£0.00	£250.56
			£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£250.56
18	Charitable Giving; Hidden treasures Charitable Giving	Mission Giving & Donations Charitable Giving	£2,400.00			£2,400.00	£2,300.00
			£2,400.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,400.00	£2,300.00
19	Freewill Giving	Church Activities Freewill Giving Paid to Diocese	38328			£38,328.00	£50,328.00
20	Administrator Organist & Cleaner Fees & Wages	Salaries / Honoraria	8433.3			£8,433.30	£8,426.69
21	Clergy & Reader Expenses	Clergy & Reader Expenses	2723.15			£2,723.15	£6,241.68
22	Youth Work; Training & Education	Mission & Evangelism Costs	82			£82.00	£164.65
23	Insurance; Candles, Wafers & Wine; Building Maintenance; Organ & music expenses; Admin expenses; Flowers, Rent of Sunday School	Church Running Expenses	7822.02			£7,822.02	£10,102.92
24	Gas; Electricity; Water	Church Utility Bills	2749.16			£2,749.16	£3,804.09
25	Focus Expenses; Hidden Treasures Rent	Costs of Trading	826.89			£826.89	£2,728.11
26	Governance Costs	Audit Fee	0			£0.00	£0.00
99	Deanery Quota, Other Miscellaneous Expenses	Other Outgoing Resources	2035.71			£2,035.71	£3,880.97
			£63,000.23	£0.00	£0.00	£63,000.23	£85,677.11
27	Flood restoration costs	Major Capital Expenditure Major Repairs to the church building				£0.00	£0.00
28	N/A	Major Repairs to other church property				£0.00	£0.00
29	N/A	Church Reordering				£0.00	£7,677.71
			£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£7,677.71
	Wedding Organ, Bells Choir to pay over; Funeral Organ, Choir, Verger to pay over; Wedding Fees to Diocese; Funeral Fees to Diocese	Receipts to pay over Fees to pay over	£5,966.50			£5,966.50	£11,850.00
	Funeral Collections to pay over; Special Service Collections to pay over	Collections to pay over	£3,468.73			£3,468.73	£13,499.97
			£9,435.23	£0.00	£0.00	£9,435.23	£25,349.97
			£74,835.46	£0.00	£0.00	£74,835.46	£121,255.35
		Excess of Receipts over Payments	-£6,379.50	£0.00	£0.00	-£6,379.50	-£2,831.79
			Unrestricted Funds Funds	Designated Funds Funds	Restricted Funds Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	Statement of Assets & Liabilities						
	Bank current & deposit accounts 1st Jan						
		HSBC Current Account *	£9,642.54			£9,642.54	£6,790.94
		HSBC Money Manager Account	£9,931.73		£5,480.00	£15,411.73	£22,373.17
		Nat West Hidden Treasures Account	£2,816.43			£2,816.43	£1,538.38
		BOS Community Instant Reserve Account		-		£0.00	£0.00
		BOS Community Instant Access Account		-		£0.00	£0.00
			£22,390.70	£0.00	£5,480.00	£27,870.70	£30,702.49
	Bank current & deposit accounts 31st Dec						
		HSBC Current Account *	£10,398.72			£10,398.72	£9,642.54
		HSBC Money Manager Account	£3,946.40		£5,480.00	£9,426.40	£15,411.73
		Nat West Hidden Treasures Account	£1,666.08			£1,666.08	£2,816.43
		BOS Community Instant Reserve Account		-		£0.00	£0.00
		BOS Community Instant Access Account		-		£0.00	£0.00
			£16,011.20	£0.00	£5,480.00	£21,491.20	£27,870.70
		Net increase in bank account funds	-£6,379.50	£0.00	£0.00	-£6,379.50	-£2,831.79

Approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by Church Wardens Jonathan Craig and Celia Oldroyd;
Graham Rowett PCC Treasurer; Frank Pearson Independent Examiner

Report of the Independent Examiner

I report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and section 144 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission, and to be found in Church Guidance, 2006 edition. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts give a “true and fair view” and the report is limited to those matters

set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records have not been met; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

F E Pearson FCMA FCCA

6th May 2021