

# St Mary's Church, Tadcaster

## Annual Church Reports 2022/2023

### MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

28 people attended both meetings.

### VESTRY MEETING 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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  
14<sup>th</sup> May 2023*

## **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

20<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month at 10.30 in St Mary's (Holy Communion), 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at 4pm in St Mary's (Evensong) and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> June. This was Charlie's first peal and my 200<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> the day after her death we rang half muffled, on 10<sup>th</sup> open for the new king and on 11<sup>th</sup> half muffled again. All our ringing until 18<sup>th</sup> was half muffled. John tolled the tenor for her funeral on 19<sup>th</sup>. Our attempt at a peal, on 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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 in 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](mailto:jkmcguinness@hotmail.co.uk)

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

			Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
Parish Return Number	Year End Report Headings	Payments					
			<b>Cost of Generating Funds</b>				
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
			<b>Mission Giving &amp; Donations</b>				
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
			<b>Church Activities</b>				
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
23	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
			<b>Major Capital Expenditure</b>				
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
			<b>Receipts to pay over</b>				
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
			<b>Excess of Payments over Receipts</b>				
			-£4,672.91	£0.00	£0.00	-£4,672.91	£14,760.63
			<b>Statement of Assets &amp; Liabilities</b>				
			<b>Bank current &amp; deposit accounts 1st Jan</b>				
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
			<b>Bank current &amp; deposit accounts 31st Dec</b>				
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
<b>Net reduction in bank account funds</b>			-£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

20<sup>th</sup> March 2023