



## APCM Report 2023

**Sunday 21st May 2023**

### **The Parish of St Mary the Virgin, Strensall**

We are here to worship, praise and thank God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the power of the Holy Spirit to take Christ's love and peace into our community.

**Incumbent:**

Rev. Martin Harrison. The Vicarage, 10 York Road, Strensall, York YO32 5UN

**Assistant Curate: (resigned March 2023)**

Rev. Katharine McBride. The Barn, 72 The Village, Strensall, York YO32 5XA

**Deacon:**

Rev. Dot Hicks. 111 Moor Lane, Strensall, York YO32 5UG

**Additional Minister with PTO:**

Rev. Dr. Judith Palmer. 6 Portisham Place, Strensall, York YO32 5AZ

**Vice Chair:**

Janet Mountain. 49 Wilkinson Way, Strensall, York YO32 5ZA

**Treasurer:**

Pauline Chambers, 11 Netherwoods, Strensall, York YO32 5WE

**Independent Examiner:**

Ruth Prins. 21 Chaucer Lane, Strensall, York YO32 5PE

**Church Architect:**

Andrew Wiles. Wiles and Maguire Ltd. The Danesmead Wing, York YO10 4PB

**Parish Safeguarding Officer:**

Jane Atkinson. 1 Brunswick Close, Strensall, York YO32 5ZT

**Parish Administrator:**

Victoria Haworth. 5 Orchard Way, Strensall, York YO32 5UF

**Bank:**

Santander UK plc. Account Number 95929403. Sort Code 09-01-51



The following served as PCC members as from the APCM 2022:

(For a list of those who served before the 2022 APCM, see the APCM Report for 2021)

Rev. Martin Harrison	Vicar and Chair (Appointed September 2001)
Rev. Katharine McBride	Assistant Curate (From July 2019, resigned March 2023))
Rev. Dot Hicks	Deacon (From January 2019)
Rev. Dr. Judith Palmer	Additional Minister with PTO (Co-opted 2022 for 1 year)

Margaret Berg	Churchwarden (Re-elected at APCM 2022)
Gordon Moore	Churchwarden (Elected at APCM 2022)

Janet Irish	Deanery Synod (Elected 2020)
(2 vacancies for the Deanery Synod)	

Janet Mountain	Vice Chair (Elected 2020 for 3 years)
Shirley Bamford	PCC Secretary (Elected 2020 for 3 years)
1 Vacancy PCC	(Vacancy for 1 year)

Jean Cooper	(Elected 2021 for 3 years)
Terry Atkinson	(Elected 2021 for 3 years)
Pauline Chambers	Treasurer (Elected 2021 for 3 years)

Andrew Alexander	Electoral Roll Officer (Elected 2022 for 3 years)
Pauline Pillai	(Elected 2022 for 3 years)
1 vacancy PCC	(Vacancy for 2 years)

Those elected to the PCC at the APCM are on a rolling 3-year term.

Three councilors are to be elected each year with a total of 9 elected members.

Any ex-officio and co-opted members will be in addition to this figure.

Members **ARE** eligible for re-election at the end of their term of office.

**For re-election in 2023** Janet Mountain; Shirley Bamford; 1 vacancy

**For re-election in 2024** Jean Cooper; Terry Atkinson; Pauline Chambers

**For re-election in 2025** Andrew Alexander, Pauline Pillai, 1 vacancy

It has been agreed that Victoria Haworth, our Parish Administrator, should act as a minute secretary for the PCC. Victoria does not have any right to vote at a PCC meeting.

### Deanery Mission Partnership

In 2017, the Deanery Mission Partnership was entered into and means that all clergy in the deanery are issued with licences enabling them to officially minister in all parishes of the deanery. This legally means that each PCC in the deanery acquired new clerical members.

It was agreed that these additional clerical members will not attend any PCC meetings other than those in the parishes they are directly responsible for. These clerical members also agree to forfeit any voting rights.



All future clergy licensed in the deanery will be appointed on the same basis of cross licensing. Names of these clergy will not be recorded in APCM Reports.

### **PCC Meetings in 2022**

The full PCC met 9 times in 2022. This includes the first meeting of the new PCC which was held immediately after the APCM. Two of the meetings were held on Zoom, one via email and six were in person.

In 2022, the Standing Committee met once in person.

There were two PCC groups that continued to meet regularly, these were the Environment Group and the Finance Group.

### **Background**

The PCC at St Mary's Church Strensall has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent, the Rev Martin Harrison, in promoting the work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Strensall with Towthorpe. This responsibility includes financial management of the church and the care and maintenance of church buildings and fabric and the wider mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

### **Membership**

The PCC (The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Strensall with Towthorpe) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission. Registration Number 1162095. (First registered 10th June 2015). Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the APCM in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

The Incumbent, Assistant Curates (if any), Readers (if any) and Church Warden(s) are ex-officio members of the PCC. It is agreed that no more than 9 members be elected to the PCC on a proportional three year rotating basis. Any members of St Mary's Strensall who are elected as members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synods are automatically members of the PCC for the duration of the Synod.

The PCC may appoint co-opted members in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

### **Standing Committee**

The Standing Committee comprises of the Incumbent, Churchwarden(s), Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice Chair. This committee of the PCC is required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings subject to any direction given by the council.

### **Safeguarding Statement**

St Mary's PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishop's guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Our Safeguarding Group meets regularly in order to support our safeguarding officer and to ensure we are up to date with current practices related to safeguarding.

### **Fundraising**

Fundraising is the responsibility of the full PCC.

### **Electoral Roll and Church attendance**

Membership of the electoral roll is open to all lay people who are baptised, over the age of 16 and have signed a declaration that they are either a member of the Church of England or of a church in communion therewith and:

Resident in the parish **OR**

Not being resident, has habitually attended public worship in the parish during a period of six months prior to enrolment, **OR**

Is a member in good standing of a church which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity (not being a church in communion with the Church of England) and also prepared to declare themselves to be a member of the Church of England having habitually worshipped in the Parish Church for a period of six months prior to enrolment.



## St. Mary's Church Electoral Roll Report from Andrew Alexander, Electoral Roll Officer

The Electoral Roll prepared for the APCM in 2020 was 120 members.

Since the APCM the following members of the Electoral Roll have died:

Doreen Bowron RIP  
Judith Eastwood RIP  
Rose Grantham RIP  
Marion Shorter RIP

**In 2019, we were required to prepare a completely new Electoral Roll as governed by the Church Representation Rules. The renewal of the Roll happens every 6 years. During all other years, the Electoral Roll is only reviewed in preparation for the APCM.**

Numbers on the Electoral Roll for the year are as follows:

At start of year	120
Number leaving the Roll during the year	3
Deaths	4
Number added to the Roll during the year	0
<b>Number on Roll</b>	<b>113</b>

### The following reports are presented to the APCM:

#### Statutory Reports

- Vicar and Vice Chair
- Treasurer
- Independent Examiner
- Church Wardens
- PCC Secretary
- Deanery Synod

#### Non Statutory Reports

- Safeguarding
- Parish Administrator
- Bell Tower
- Little Fishes
- Family Film Night



**PCC Vice Chair and Vicar's Report**  
**APCM 2023**  
**Sunday 21st May 2023**

This year this report has been written by the Vice Chair of the PCC due to the long-term sickness of the incumbent Martin Harrison and with his agreement.

Changes in staffing at St Mary's relate to the resignation as Curate of Katharine was received in March 2023. We wish Katharine well in her secondment and in her application for her own post in a suitable parish. Martin has been on long term sick leave from May 2022 (Please see the statement written by Martin attached) We pray for Martin as he considers his future leading up to his retirement later this year at which point, we will enter an Interregnum period.

An interregnum will require us to face a number of challenges however with Martin's absence we have already been required to meet some of these challenges and this has seen many people step up to new roles and responsibilities already for which I am extremely grateful. I must take this opportunity to thank our Churchwardens for their exemplary work and to Dot Hicks and Judith Palmer who have taken on the spiritual lead for the church since Katharine left. I would also like to thank Judy Smith for her continued dedication in supporting them in her role as Eucharistic Minister. Although this has carried with it challenges at all levels it has been a time of growth and development and I am sure this level of commitment will continue. Please think about how you can help, there are opportunities on the PCC, Deanery synod as well as in the areas of Fundraising, Prayer, and Mission to our community.

The diocesan initiative, 'Living Christ's Story' has continued to develop with the process of consultation at deanery level and parish level now concluded and the Deanery Plan written. It is now our responsibility to write our own Ministry Unit Plan about how our resources should be deployed in the future. This process has already commenced with 6 members of the PCC attending a training day to consider various aspects in relation to writing the plan. I will be sharing more about this at the APCM and keeping you informed through our communication meetings. We will need the help and input of the whole church as we consider this vital and challenging time. We have a great opportunity to develop our ministry to our local community and to consider fresh and innovative ways of reaching out. It is also important that we fully understand the changes that this new initiative brings to for future parish governance. Fortunately, the writing of this plan will provide us with a firm foundation for writing our Church Profile which we will be required to do as we enter our interregnum. We will be advised in this process by Archdeacon Sam, we will keep you informed as of progress.

As I write this report, I am mindful of Nehemiah and the way in which he set about rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem. There will always be times when we feel as if things are broken and changing, and this can be both sad and daunting. Nehemiah expressed his concerns through intercession (*"When I heard these words I sat down and wept and mourned for days; and I continued fasting and praying before the God of heaven."*) Nehemiah was committed to taking on a project, he recognised the importance of knowing God's plan and seeking His guidance (*"O Lord, let thy ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants who delight to fear thy name; and give success to thy servant today,"*). God advised, led, and directed Nehemiah through this process, and he was able to learn how use his resources, together the people worked side by side utilising their skills, covering each other in prayer and learning how to stand against the enemy that sought to destroy their work. We need not fear, we have a solid foundation to build on thanks to Martin, we have strong gifted leadership and strong relationships. So let us pray seek the wisdom of God, learn how to listen, and share. Let us build for our future and our community.

Thank you all for your support for myself and the PCC

*Report prepared by Janet Mountain, PCC Vice Chair*  
*April 2023*



## An open letter to APCM from Martin

My dear friends at St Mary's

I would like to add a few words to this year's APCM report in order to thank you all for being so supportive of me and Jan, (as well as each other) over the past year, whilst I have been signed off work with health issues. I know that things at church have been looked after superbly and am humbled by all that you have done. Thank you.

It is also important for me to inform you that at the time of writing this report I am still unable to give you any idea of what is happening with me as far as the future is concerned. I have recently started a second course of therapy, and hopefully this will be helpful in getting me to a place where any decisions concerning my future can be made in a positive and constructive way.

This of course is frustrating, but I assure you that it is my dearest prayer and wish to get through this difficult time in a way that can be as positive as possible for all of us. One thing I do believe is that somehow through all this God is working his purposes out and that at the end we would all have learned something about God's grace, love and patience and possibly become more secure in our faith.

With all my love and prayers  
Martin



Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Strensall with Towthorpe

<b>Transfers</b>					
Gross transfer between funds - in	0		0	0	0
Gross transfer between funds - out	0		0	0	0
<b>Excess of receipts over funds</b>	20,281		24,331	4,050	(12,978)
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	20,281		24,331	4,050	(12,978)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
All assets at 01 January 2022	41,052	13,003	24,654	78,709	91,687
All assets at 31 December 2022	20,771	13,003	48,985	82,760	78,709
Represented by					
Unrestricted general fund	20,771			20,771	41,052
Designated		3,226		3,226	3,226
Kidz Klub		1,081	2,247	3,328	3,328
Operation reserve		8,696		8,696	8,696
Youth & Childrens work			17,296	17,296	14,639
Building fund			2,900	2,900	5,205
Nepal Childrens home			56	56	680
Acts 435			190	190	190
Little Fishes			935	935	843
Maintenance fund			25,473	25,473	850
	20,771	13,003	48,985	82,760	78,709
Bank Accounts	CCLA		19,018		
	Current account		63,741		
	Total		82,760		



Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Strensall with Towthorpe

St Marys Church, Strensall, York

For the period from 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022 .

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total funds	2021
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>					
Planned giving	47,121		1,063	48,184	49,383
Collections and other giving					
Other voluntary receipts	1,805			1,805	6,277
Gift Aid recovered	0			0	0
Bequests			25,000	25,000	0
Grants received	20		1,000	1,020	0
Other receipts	1,460		1,013	2,473	1,233
Activities for generating funds	5,635			5,635	1,422
Investment income	291			291	41
Receipts from church activities	3,341			3,341	6,772
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>59,674</b>		<b>28,076</b>	<b>87,750</b>	<b>65,127</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Cost of generating funds	323			323	1,068
Missionary & charitable giving			1,297	1,297	900
Parish Share	60,000			60,000	59,000
Clergy & staffing costs	7,685			7,685	7,668
Church running expenses	8,631		752	9,383	7,206
Hall running costs	3,315			3,315	600
Church repairs and maintenance	0		1,697	1,697	1,664
Hall repairs and maintenance	0		0	0	0
New building work	0		0	0	0
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>79,954</b>		<b>3,745</b>	<b>83,700</b>	<b>78,105</b>
<b>Excess of payments over receipts</b>	<b>20,281</b>		<b>24,331</b>	<b>4,050</b>	<b>12,978</b>



# St Mary's Church Strensall PCC

Sunday 24th May 2023

The Finance documents are included over the next 4 pages. They are:

## Bank Reconciliation

Financial Year 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022

### Current Account

Opening Bank Balance @ 1st January 2022 £ 59,939.82

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Total Income £ 91,236.00

-

Total Expenditure £ 87,434.54

Closing Bank Balance per Cash Book £ 63,741.28

Closing Bank Balance per Statement @ 31/12/22 £ 63,741.28

Difference in Bank Balances 0

Difference made up of the following:

Residue payments from 2021 0

Credits lodged relating to previous year 0

Unlodged Credits

0

0



## Treasurers Report for APCM 21st May 2023.

At the end of December 2022 the balance in the Santander current account was £63,741.  
( Approx figures: Unrestricted £23,000 Restricted £40,000)

This compares with a balance of £59,939.82 at the beginning of January 2022.  
( Approx figures: Unrestricted £42,000 Restricted £18,000 )

The figures at first glance look positive, but general monthly expenditure is exceeding income by approx £1000, the legacy of £25,000 received in August 2022 acting as a buffer.

Free Will Offering was paid in full for 2022 and budgetted to remain the same for 2023.

### Income

22 people are regularly using the Parish Giving scheme since it first started. Please consider if you could transfer to this scheme, if appropriate, as it gives a "real-time" figure in income and simplifies Gift Aid claims.

Regular income has reduced approx £5k pa due to cost of living pressures / deaths or individuals moving away.

We received £1000 donation (part backdated) from the Parish Council for the upkeep on the churchyard (NB this had not been requested for the previous 2 years so will be £500 pa going forward)

The Diocese promised a grant of £1250 towards the expected increase in energy bills.  
(received January 2023)

The hire of the Spearehead hall is increasing since COVID eased and is bringing in a steady income stream. This included the hall being used as a "Warm Hub/ social space" several days a month. Please promote the use of the hall as a link with our community as well as helping financially.

Some fund-raising events are planned in the near future and further suggestions are welcome.

There are reserves of almost £20,000 in a CCLA account, to cover 3 months contingency costs. During the year, 3 funds were amalgamated into one fund to simplify management.

### Expenditure

Main areas of expenditure are Free will offering, energy bills ( > £1k for month of December), wages, cleaning (down from last year) insurance, boiler repairs ( covered by legacy)

Mission giving was £1297 which is 2% of the unrestricted income.

Overall, there are reserves which will cover repairs and maintenance in the short to medium term, but currently regular expenditure significantly exceeds regular income.

Thank you to everyone who assisted the work of the finance group.

P Chambers.                      D Edmondson                      28.4.2023.  
Treasurer.



## St. Mary's Church Strensall, Budget 2023

Expenditure					Budget
	Budget 22	to 31.10.22	to 31.12.22.	% change	2023
Insurance	2000	1560	1880	0	2000
FWO	60000	52,027	60,000	0	60,000
VH wages	3960	4474	5093	33%	5513
Vicar expenses	700	244	170	-50%	500
Curate expenses	600	383	520		500
CCLI	600	489	489	-20%	500
Service exp	600	1688	2025	300%	2000
Utilities (exc/ cleaning)	4500	1900	2280	-50%	5000
Repairs / maint	2000	2800	3360	68%	3000
Funerals/ weddings	2000	1022	1100	-50%	1000
Mission giving	2000	1237	1237	-40%	1500
Website	250	365	430	170%	800
Cleaning.	3000	2226	2618	-13%	1800
Total	82,210	70,102	79,180		83,600
Income					
Standing order	42,000	21303	25,500	-60%	25000
Other giving	500	1600	2000	400%	2000
PGS		14044	17000	-	17,000
PGS Gift Aid		3290	4000	-	4000
(Yellow) envelopes	1,000	1138	1400	40%	1500
GA envelopes	2,000	2563	3000	50%	2000
Collections	300	1400	1700	500%	1200
Donations/ legacy	-	26,000	26,000		500
Gift Aid SO	10,500	not claimed	to claim		6000
Gift Aid other	950	850	1000	0	1000
Hall income	2,000	3360	4000	100%	5000
Weddings / funerals	2,500	2774	2850	14%	2500
Fundraising		1222	1222		1000
Miscellaneous		1600	1920		1000
Total	61,750	81,144	91,592		69,700



## Independent Examiner Report

APCM 2023

Sunday 21st May 2023

### Independent Examiner's Report

**To the Trustees of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Strensall with**

**Towthorpe**

**Charity Number 1162095**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2022.

#### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to: examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act; to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity 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 present 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 material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Mrs Ruth Prins, FCPFA

Relevant professional qualification or body: Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy

Address: 21 Chaucer Lane, Strensall, York, YO32 5PE

Date: Wednesday, 03 May 2023



## Church Wardens Report

APCM 2023

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The QI was carried out on 22nd September 2022 and the resulting report showed no significant findings. The Environment team are busy creating a priority list of work to be carried out during the next year.

The heating boiler failed during the annual inspection in December 2022. Replacement parts were fitted and the heating system was subsequently given a clean bill of health. It is planned to install remote access to control the heating system in both the church and the hall. This will be most effective during adverse weather conditions and will also reduce the need to travel to church to manually turn on the heating which is currently the case.

The annual organ service has been carried out and several minor problems have been attended to successfully.

The church clock has been serviced and no problems were noted or found.

The annual PAT testing was carried out with no issues to report.

The Triennial Service of Bells was carried out. Thanks to Anne Fieldhouse for attending. No major issues were found.

Bookings for the use of the Spearehead Hall have increased this past year and thanks to Jean and Penny for managing these.

Poppies Cleaners continue to clean both the church building and the Spearehead Hall every 2 weeks. Their standard of work has been most satisfactory.

The churchyard has again this year been developed as a wildlife refuge and plans are being drawn up to develop a rest area at the east end of the churchyard and also several 'wild flower' gardens. Thanks go to the Environment team and the churchyard maintenance team for their hard work in this regard.

A special thank you to James who has tirelessly and single-handedly kept the excessive growth cut down along the perimeters of the churchyard. The churchyard has been stocked with a variety of flowers due to the dedicated work of Alison and Peter. We look forward to seeing the results of their work during springtime 2023. Thanks to them both in this regard.

Martin took medical leave at the end of May 2022 and continues on medical advice. Katharine, our Curate, stepped up to preside at our Sunday principal services as her Curacy draws to a close. Our thanks go to her and to Dot and Judith who have supported her during this time.

Thanks go to Janet for continuing to lead our 11am Sunday services and to Mike for stepping up to handle projection duties at these services.

We continue to enjoy live music in church. Thanks to Paul Blenkiron and Alison Bayliss for playing at our services.

Lastly, my thanks go to Margaret for patiently showing me the ropes during my 'apprenticeship' year.

Report compiled by Margaret Berg and Gordon Moore (Church Wardens)

April 2023

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**PCC Secretary Report  
APCM 2023  
Sunday 21st May 2023**

## **1. PCC Meetings and Organisation**

The PCC met 9 times in 2022 with 6 Face to Face meetings and 3 by Zoom or email. The Standing Committee met once.

The PCC has continued to follow the guidance of Living Christ's Story in all its planning and has received the completed Deanery Plan in early 2023. The next step is now for the PCC to formulate the local plan Ministry Development Plan and members of the PCC will attend a training day for this purpose.

In March 2022, an Away Day was held at Thicket Priory with the wider church to broaden the discussion about how St. Mary's would move forward in writing the plan and in entering a time of Interregnum. This was an incredibly positive, encouraging and informative day and has formed the basis of regular communication sessions with the wider church congregation throughout 2022. These sessions have been led by the Vice Chair due to the long-term sickness absence of Martin since May 2022.

Within the PCC the Environment Group has continued to do outstanding work looking after a range of practical, ecological and environmental issues. The Treasurer (Pol Chambers) has established a Finance Group who will work on reconciling all budgetary issues with the Independent Examiner.

An Events Group has been established and is seeking members to help with the organisation of events. The events held so far have been well received.

The following areas continue to be covered by the PCC: Safeguarding, Data Protection and Fundraising.

During 2022, the PCC were informed of the sickness absence of Martin Harrison and have continued to support him to the present date. The PCC expresses its thanks to Katharine McBride for her leadership and support during this time. Members of the clergy, the Church Wardens and the Vice Chair have in turn stepped up in organising, leading and running church services and officiating at ceremonies.

## **2. Key Achievements in 2022**

In general, services have returned to the usual Sunday pattern of worship with the 8am service merging into the 9.30am and the Informal Service held at 11am.

Other notable achievements are:

- The church continues to work alongside York Foodbank
- The church works alongside various community groups, schools and other churches in relation to children's activities, and community cafes.
- The Electoral Roll was updated.
- Support to the Deanery is ongoing and progress continues in relation to Eco Church status with links now being formed with the River Foss Society.
- Fundraising has taken place to support the church in Nepal.
- The PCC supported a national church initiative by training a church member for Acts 435.

## **3. Future Challenges 2023/24**

The PCC faces an extremely challenging time in 2023/4 with the

- writing and implementation of the Ministry Unit Plan
- continued provision of support to Martin
- ongoing planning and continuation of regular services, baptisms, funerals and marriages in liaison with the Dean
- management of a period of interregnum from autumn 2023

*The PCC is intent on continuing to provide effective communication links which will ensure everyone is informed of progress. Alongside this, nurturing the wellbeing of all church members through a caring and loving environment is considered a major priority. It is essential that the whole church family feels they are safe, secure and supported.*



Complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 1 Corinthians 1:10.

Thank you for your support and encouragement.

Report prepared by Shirley Bamford (PCC Secretary)  
April 2023

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- Support to the Deanery is ongoing and progress continues in relation to Eco Church status with links now being formed with the River Foss Society.
- Fundraising has taken place to support the church in Nepal.
- The PCC supported a national church initiative by training a church member for Acts 435.

## 3. Future Challenges 2023/24

The PCC faces an extremely challenging time in 2023/24 with the

- writing and implementation of the Ministry Unit Plan
- continued provision of support to Martin
- ongoing planning and continuation of regular services, baptisms, funerals and marriages in liaison with the Dean
- management of a period of interregnum from autumn 2023

The PCC is intent on continuing to provide effective communication links which will ensure everyone is informed of progress. Alongside this, nurturing the wellbeing of all church members through a caring and loving environment is considered a major priority. It is essential that the whole church family feels they are safe, secure and supported.