

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST PETER & ST PAUL'S, PICKERING

England & Wales - Charity number 1176138

Details

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Activities

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

Activities: Regular public worship open to all.Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved.Teaching of Christianity through sermons and small groups.The provision of a children's club with a Christian ethos.Promoting the whole mission of the Church through provision of activities for senior citizens and other special need groups.Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- North Yorkshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£138,079	£140,165	-	-
2023-12-31	£114,040	£152,946	-	-
2022-12-31	£156,630	£124,676	-	-
2021-12-31	£160,639	£101,062	-	-
2020-12-31	£78,745	£93,191	-	-

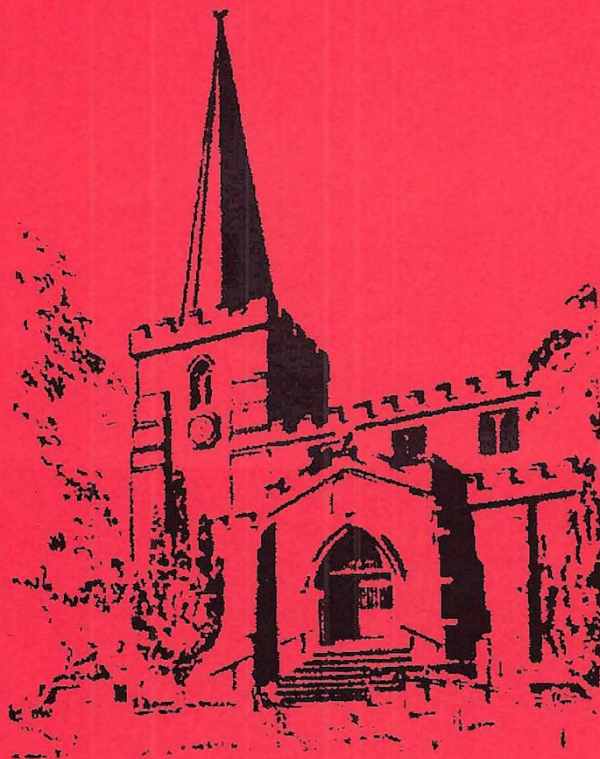
Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Gareth William Atha	Chair	2020-09-09
ALISON RUTH HOLMES		2017-04-04
Andrew John Orland		2020-10-27
Andrew John Smith		2022-05-10
Gail Radka		2019-04-09
Gena Douglas		2018-04-26
Georgina Betty Southey		2020-10-27
Kirstie Vincer		2025-07-15
LESLEY KATHLEEN JARAM		2017-04-04
Lesley Anne Warwick		2025-05-13
Mary Caroline Cooney		2020-10-27
Melissa Joanne Cook		2025-09-23
PAMELA ELIZABETH ROBB		2016-04-12
Petronella Jillian Spivey		2025-05-13
SUSAN MARGARET JONES		2025-05-13
WILLIAM STEVEN BULMER		2017-04-04

Accounts

CPM V. L. W. A. R. C.
13-5-25

The Parish Church
Of
St. Peter & St. Paul
Pickering
&
The Church of St Francis, Marishes



Annual accounts and reports
for 2024/25

Registered Charity No. 1176138

The Vicar's Annual Report

The renowned animator Walt Disney once said: "all our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them". The idea of pursuing dreams perfectly sums up the past year, and forwards into the next twelve months. This September marks five years since I came to Pickering, and the time has flown by. As I look back over what the last five years have held, I am surprised and humbled by how much the church has achieved.

As a worshipping community, we remain a warm, generous and spirit filled group of people. It is always a joy to walk through the doors on a Sunday morning and hear the hum of conversation as we greet one another and prepare to worship God together. The past year saw us continuing to offer regular worship to God, with our normal pattern of four regular services per week continuing, plus extra services for the church festivals and special occasions. As ever, I am indebted to the kind ministries of our retired clergy who regularly and generously offer their time to lead worship, thank you all. Naturally, other thanks are due to the army of volunteers who act as churchwardens, sidespeople, servers, tea makers and all round good eggs who help to make our church so warm and welcoming.

We remain at the heart of family life, with many families celebrating weddings, baptisms, and sadly, funerals here in church. These Occasional Offices, to use the church jargon, provide us with an opportunity to be present at the most important moments in the life of a family. Our weekly Bible and Banter sessions have continued, and we regularly set the world aright as we discuss the issues of the day and how the Bible relates to them. Discipleship is further deepened by our now annual away day – last year's was an Away Day at home and it was a tremendous success allowing us to gather together outside the context of a Sunday service, to share fun, food and fellowship. On the topic of annual events, our Music Matters concert is now firmly fixed in the calendar of the local community, with young people coming to show their musical talent. The atmosphere here in church is always electric and is simply wonderful to see.

Of course, not everything succeeds exactly as planned. We have rethought our Music Café, and this is on hiatus for the moment and will return this next year in a new format.

In terms of our church development, we have succeeded in selling the Parish Hall. At the time of writing the sale is well underway and is expected to be completed very soon. There are going to be some major projects coming up in the next few years. First of all, the lead on the chancel roof will need replacing. Fortunately, the Church Commissioners have 88.45% Chancel Repair Liability for this, meaning we only need to find 11.55% of the total cost. This is a huge relief as a project that size will undoubtedly be very expensive. Unfortunately, the lead on the south transept also needs some attention as it is showing signs of wear and tear.

Additionally as most, if not all of you, will already know we are launching a new bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund to raise money to have the wall paintings cleaned and conserved. This will involve some work to the gutters and downpipes to ensure that they are large enough to handle the increased rainfall from the higher number of named storms which we are anticipated to get due to climate change. This is necessary to prevent the walls becoming damp through the current rainwater goods being overwhelmed (as is happening behind Saint Christopher). If the walls become damp, then the plaster containing the wall paintings will also be affected, so this is an essential piece of work. We have initiated our bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund and have been extremely ably assisted by Professor Kate Giles at York University. We are still firming up the details of this bid but this time next year I am confident that there will be exciting news to report.

As if all of this wasn't enough to be going on with, we are also going to embark on an ambitious project to redesign our vestries, incorporating the much-needed accessible toilet. These projects all have a bearing on the others and so careful planning is needed to ensure we time everything correctly and maximise our fundraising efforts.

It seems that Disney's remarks were so very pertinent to our church. We have great dreams: to be a warm welcoming place for all people to come and be with God and one another, to encourage and build up disciples, and to preserve our built heritage. When we step out in faith, I know God will bless our efforts. Thank you for daring to dream big over the past year, and let's pray as we move into the next.
God bless you all

***Reverend Gareth Atha,
Vicar.***

The Church of St Francis, Marishes.

Our Services are held on the third Sunday of each month, these have a congregation of twelve to fifteen.

We have had one wedding for a couple living on a farm in the area and a baptism for twins.

We held the Harvest Festival in October, a big thank you to the ladies of the Parish for decorating the Church with produce and flowers. The collection for the food bank was supported extremely well. Supper was held at Spencer's Bar at the Black Bull with some Royal Marines also there.

Our congregation lost a very dear and supportive friend, Brenda Beal in September who will be missed by us all.

The Carol service and the Christmas Eve Holy Communion Service this year were well supported with our Christmas tree donated, as usual, by a local grower. Mulled wine and mince pies were served after the Carol Service.

Our very grateful thanks to organist Steve Bulmer and Viven Wilcox for playing the organ and Rev'd John Manchester and Rev'd Gareth Atha for taking the services.

Fabric and Ornaments: there is nothing to report.

Thank you to Brian Cowton for keeping the grass and grounds of the Church looking so tidy.

***Gena Douglas
Deputy Churchwarden.***

The Church of St Peter and St Paul, Pickering

Fabric and Ornaments

The last 12 months have been quite significant as far as the church building is concerned. As well as the usual regular maintenance work, there has also been some obvious changes. But more significantly, there has also been considerable work going on behind the scenes, planning for projects we hope will come to fruition in the next few years.

Maintenance Work done includes:

- The organ has been serviced and tuned.
- Halders Builders subcontractor has at last altered the handrail outside the disabled entrance to make the corner less severe.
- Following a successful faculty application, 24 sets of casters have been fitted to the nave pews.
- The electrical systems of the church have had their 5-year test
- PAT testing has been done on all the electrical appliances in the church.
- The two outside churchyard pedestal lights by the main steps and the disabled access path have had new fittings and some of the Spire illumination lights have been replaced.
- The gas boiler in church has had a replacement pressure vessel and valve which had failed, causing a series of breakdowns around Christmas.
- The fire extinguishers in church have been serviced.
- The rights of way have been walked.
- The rotten floorboards in the tower clock room have been replaced and various floorboards around the church have been / are being repaired.
- GBSG serviced the roof cameras, one was found to be faulty which has subsequently been replaced.
- The flashing between the chancel roof and the nave wall was repaired. A loose merlon was reset on the northside of the nave.
- The Quinquennial Inspection was carried out by the Church Architect in March 2024 – more on that to follow.

In addition, having obtained planning permission for conversion of the hall into two separate residential properties, we have subsequently accepted an offer to sell it to a local property developer, which is going through as we write.

As a result of this, equipment that was in the hall that we wanted to keep has had to be rehomed in the church, with a few items now being stored in the Vicarage Garage.

New items purchased / gifted include:

- Following some alterations to the North Transept screen to increase floor space in the storage area there, we have reordered the area by purchasing ten second hand tall metal cupboards and an additional Table trolley to maximise the storage potential and house items brought over from the hall.
- We have purchased 4 smaller Gopak folding tables for the use of the Little Fishes group.
- A new Shark upright vacuum cleaner has been brought to replace the faulty Dyson in the Vestry
- A new set of bell ropes were purchased and fitted.
- A new set of tall Step Ladders and a new 3 section extending ladder have been purchased which, combined with a smaller set of Step ladders from the hall, have replaced our old wooden ladders which were condemned due to woodworm damage.

Items Disposed of

- After upgrading the Faculty for the temporary removal of the Aisle pews to their permanent removal, the sale of these pews is currently under way with several already finding new homes
- The metal framed red upholstered chairs that used to be at the back of church have been sold and the folding plastic chairs on trolleys have been rehomed to St Francis Marishes and to the Stape Silver Band.
- The red rug that was removed from the sanctuary has been sold
- The cooker, fridge and deep sink unit from the hall Kitchen have all been sold.

Work in the Churchyard

Two parishioners, John Brown and Martin Levitt continue to work very hard to clear the rear churchyard of overgrown ivy, elder and bramble. Our thanks go to them both for their sterling efforts, the difference is considerable.

The Town Council have done some maintenance work on some of the trees in the front churchyard, raising their crowns and removing dead wood. Some more work is planned in the future in the rear churchyard by North Yorkshire Council.

After a slight hiccup at the beginning of the season, North Yorkshire Council have taken over from Ryedale DC cutting the grass in the closed section of the rear churchyard.

Updates on faculties

Permission was given to dispose of the 127 red kneelers which are surplus to requirement.

Future work and Plans

In June the Wall Paintings were surveyed by Tobit Curteis of Tobit Curteis Associates, Cambridge. He has produced a comprehensive report of their current state and the recommended work that needs to be carried out to conserve and clean them. This survey was financed by York University and Professor Kate Giles is leading on looking for possible funding sources to carry out this work

The Quinquennial Inspection was done in March. It should be noted that the opening line of this is "Generally, the church is really well looked after, and the PCC have worked hard to ensure that this well visited church is very well cared for". So, we are doing something right!

However, it has thrown up several major maintenance issues. The Chancel Roof is showing signs of letting in water, as is the South Transept roof. On a subsequent inspection of all the roofs, there is some damage to the nave roof that also needs to be repaired. The rainwater goods also need to be upgraded to cope with the ever-increasing amounts of rain we are now getting as a result of climate change.

There are also a number of regular maintenance issues that have been highlighted such as redecoration and painting outside doors etc, along with some areas of repointing, and we will work through this over the next few years.

We have subsequently discovered that we have Chancel Liability that will cover 88.45% of the cost of the Chancel Roof repairs and the Church Commissioners representative has already visited on two occasions, and they are very much onboard with this.

And lastly, as if we haven't got enough going on, we have given a brief to the Architect to officially ask her to come up with some design ideas for redeveloping the vestry area of the church to improve facilities in the church, especially accessible toilets.

In total, in the next few years, and if everything comes together, we could be spending something in the region of £1 million on the church. It sounds an awful lot of money but that will hopefully ensure that the building is in a fit state to serve the next few generations of Pickering residents. The Church Commissioners, the sale of the hall and a very generous legacy will give us nearly 50% of this, but it will be up to us to find ways to pay for the rest. We are currently starting to investigate how we can do this.

Thanks go to everyone who has had an input into maintaining the building of the church and a special thanks go to Juergen for his continued cleaning and to Ian Burrows for maintaining the clock.

***Pamela Robb and Andrew Orland,
Churchwardens.***

The PCC Secretary's Report.

Over the past year the PCC met, as usual, every two months with two additional extra-ordinary meetings, one in April appointing the Diocesan solicitors to act on our behalf in the sale of the Parish Hall and another in August to approve work on six trees in the churchyard.

At the APCM in May, Jackie Knowles retired having completed a three-year term of service. Sadly, there were no new volunteers to join the PCC, so Gina Southey and Steve Bulmer were voted back on as regular members having been co-opted on in 2023 at the conclusion of their own three-year terms.

In January the PCC had a visit from Professor Kate Giles advocating a new project application to the Heritage Lottery Funding for finance to pay the costs of conserving the wall paintings. She said that York University had paid for Tobit Curteis, a leading wall painting conservator, to conduct a condition survey with conservation treatment cost and to produce a structured project plan which was subsequently done.

Kate gave the PCC ideas in which the local community could be involved and other means by which the HLF would be attracted to agreeing our project application and this was followed by an open meeting in May when Kate Giles and Tobit Curteis spoke about the wall paintings and gave their ideas for local community involvement.

In March the PCC discussed 'Prayers of Love and Faith' for use with same sex relationships in our church and Rev'd Gareth emphasized that this vote was not on whether members of the PCC agreed with the morality of same sex relationships but whether the prayers could be used in our parish. If the prayers were used as part of a regular church service, which was thought to be unlikely, prior notice would be given and the proposal was agreed.

In June a discussion took place about returning to sharing the Common Cup in which differing views emerged, so a ballot was held over two Sundays to see how the congregation felt, the result of which was that opinions were equally divided. Therefore, at our July meeting the subject was put to the PCC to vote again and with three votes in favour, six against and four abstentions we will continue with intinction for the time being.

In July a Stewardship Campaign began with a letter from the Rev'd Gareth to the congregation at all the services, explaining the need for an uplift in church finances. Now that the last bank in Pickering has closed it makes depositing cash more difficult for Andrew Smith, our Treasurer, therefore people are encouraged to set up Standing Orders for regular giving the or card machine if they prefer. There has been no regular passing of the collection plate since Covid-19 occurred and the PCC agreed to continuing with a collection plate at the back of church which is then received at the altar during services. The Stewardship Campaign was deemed successful with an increase by half again of those who give regularly.

Also in July, St. Joseph's Church organised Defibrillator and First Aid training courses for church volunteers which several of our members attended.

The Mission and Outreach committee are going from strength to strength representing the church in the community with a variety of activities ranging from their 'Little Fishes' playgroup for babies and toddlers to Music Matters concerts where young people are encouraged to perform, and including social events organised by the Fundraising committee such as Bonfire night in the Vicarage garden and the Summer and Christmas Fairs along with several more.

Holyrood House near Thirsk was suggested as an alternative retreat to Walsingham. Those who enjoyed their visits to Walsingham wanted it to continue as an annual event but said they would accept Holyrood House as an additional retreat. Anyone who didn't want to go to Walsingham every year would then have an alternative.

In September we had a visit from Holly, a student of Prof. Kate Giles, who is doing a dissertation for her doctorate on churchyard biodiversity and wanted to use our churchyard as one of her test sites. This was agreed to as it would give us an interesting record of our churchyard species of flora and fauna.

Also, in September we received a gift from Antonia and Allan Windsor of a beautiful and very practical new book trolley in high quality oak made by Allan which is a delight to use for all the sidespersons.

In November a proposition was made by Rev'd Gareth for the Temporary Lifting of the Churchwarden's Measure. Normally a churchwarden would serve six years with two years off before being re-elected but because of the church development plans he felt it would be judicious to let Pam and Andrew, with all their current knowledge, manage the projects without disruption and this was wholeheartedly supported by the PCC members.

The Parish Hall has been sold to a developer who intends to make it his private residence.

Finally, I would like to thank members of the PCC for their continuing commitment and service. We would also be happy to welcome new members, perhaps with opinions and experience that would offer further help in our decision making.

I would like to thank on your behalf Pam Robb and Andrew Orland, our churchwardens, for their personal contribution of time and energy to the benefit of all in our church.

And finally, our sincere thanks must go to Rev'd Gareth Atha for strengthening our faith and fellowship through his ministry and making a positive impact in our own lives and within the broader community.

Lesley Jaram.
PCC Secretary.

Health and Safety Report.

In the absence of a Health and Safety Officer, the monitoring of H&S in the church continues to be the responsibility of the Churchwardens.

Following a thorough review carried out by Andrew Smith two years ago, there has been little change in our H&S procedures, however, we are currently updating the Fire Plan, The Evacuation Plan and creating a Loan Working Policy.

The latest Quinquennial Inspection has flagged up two safety concerns, one being the lack of a handrail on the steps going up through the choir screen and the other being the poor arrangement to access the parapet at the base of the spire. Both these are currently being investigated. We can also report that the outside lights by the main steps and the path leading to the Disabled Access Door have had new fittings and are working at full capacity.

As we highlighted in our report last year, H&S is something which is continually being looked at and assessed. It is very much incumbent on us all to carry out anything we do in and around the church building in a safe manner, being mindful of those around us and to the risks we are putting ourselves and others under.

We would also ask you to bring any concerns you may have to our attention.

Pamela Robb and Andrew Orland,
Churchwardens.

Organist and Choirmaster's report

The choir have contributed greatly to the services this year. I am, as always, in their debt for their hard work in producing singing which leads the worship so well in the Parish Church.

Tuesday rehearsals are now being enjoyed on a regular basis by the choir. Not only does it allow the choir to meet socially before the actual rehearsal, but this is invaluable in giving the choir more time to learn material for the services and to augment and develop the choral repertoire.

Many thanks to Gareth (and the retired clergy) who also provide the choir with hymns and Gareth has also introduced us to new hymns which very often we have not sung before.

Thanks also to the church wardens for their support in keeping the organ and surrounding areas functional.

I would like to thank Dr David Billett for his help in rectifying any immediate problems with the organ.

As with every year, many thanks go to the organists who play for services when I am indisposed, especially Steve Bulmer and Tom Wrench.

There have been a few enquiries from people potentially moving to the area asking to join the choir and if so, we look forward to our numbers being augmented soon.

If anyone would like to join us or know people who may be keen to do so, we always welcome new singers.

Clive Wass.

Organist and Choirmaster.

Deanery Synod Report

What is a synod? A synod is a formal meeting of Christians by which the Church is governed. These have taken place from the council of Jerusalem (described in Acts 15) onwards and such General Councils have regulated doctrine and discipline. More locally, synods meet in various provinces of the Church to govern its affairs. The Church of England is 'episcopally led and synodically governed' and has three tiers of synods: General Synod; Diocesan Synod; Deanery Synod. Each deanery within the Church of England has its own synod which consists of lay members, elected every third year at Annual Parochial Church meetings, and the deanery clergy. The synod is jointly chaired by the Area Dean and the elected Lay Dean. The deanery synod reflects on issues of concern to the local church and community, guided by the Deanery Leadership Team. Its primary task in our Diocese now is to be involved in implementing our 'Living Christ's Story' mission and ministry plans for the deaneries and fulfilling the vision of deaneries as a 'local network of churches inspiring, influencing and leading mission and ministry'. Matters can be sent to them from PCCs or from the Diocesan and General Synods. Resolutions passed by a deanery synod can be sent for discussion at higher levels. Importantly, members are the voters in elections for Diocesan and General Synods.

We, as this deanery of Northern Ryedale are part of the Archdeaconry of Cleveland, within the Diocese of York, and are now made up of 50 churches. We sadly saw the closure of St Michael, Cold Kirby in 2024 due to severely diminished numbers attending, and the lack of people able to fill the relevant PCC offices.

Our churches are spread over a wide rural area grouped within the 8 ministry units of: Moor & Dale; Pickering; Middleton & Kirby Misperton; Kirkbymoorside; Kirkdale; Ampleforth; Lastingham; Helmsley & Upper Ryedale.

Over the past year we have said goodbye to Bishop Paul as he retired in July. We gave thanks for the ministry and leadership given to us over the years by Bishop Paul at a special service in York Minster, and we now welcome our new Bishop of Whitby, the Right Reverend Barry Hill who has already made great progress in inspiring us and moving us forward in implementing our missional plans for future growth.

Good ecumenical work has continued to flourish across our area especially within Helmsley, Upper Ryedale, Beadlam and Middleton. The only vacancy we have currently is for the post of House for Duty in Upper Ryedale.

Our deanery morning prayer Zoom services continue at 10am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays with regular attendees from across our deanery and beyond. Zoom compline also continues to be offered every Tuesday at 9.30pm. The links for joining these services can be found on our Pickering church website and all are most welcome to join us at any time.

Over the past year our synod meetings have become more focused on prayer and reflection rather than just business, ensuring that we stay God centered, our meetings always starting and ending with an act of worship. We have discussed many interesting and thought-provoking topics including: finance & stewardship; welcome in our churches; living in love & faith; mission & outreach; the growth of lay ministry and of course, safeguarding. We have welcomed speakers from the diocesan office and also heard from members of our local churches giving witness to their personal journeys through faith and their experiences in living out the gospel in their communities. We aim for our Synod gatherings to be as interactive as possible, with group discussion playing an important part, and we always strive to make good use of our time together for fellowship, prayer and the sharing of information, ideas, resources and of course, refreshments.

Deanery Synod meetings are open to everyone, although only current members may take part in formal votes.

Moving forward together as a deanery this year, we pray for an even greater sense of unity, collaboration and the sharing of resources. We continue to pray for our growth as the whole of God's church.

God our loving Father,

You have called your Church into being in your love and strengthened us for your service. Guide and inspire us as we seek to re-shape our approach to mission and ministry in our diocese; that we may be a joyful Church of missionary disciples, one in heart and mind; for the sake of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen

***Alison Holmes,
Lay Dean Northern Ryedale
PCC Representative on Deanery Synod***

Servers Report.

Serving at the altar is a special way of contributing to the worshipping life of your church. We would welcome anyone, of any age, who would like to become a server. Training will be given, just have a word with me after church or one of the churchwardens.

Sadly, with only 4 servers now, plus myself, we can only have a full team on celebration Sundays, but I would like to say a big thank you to Andrew Orland for stepping in as crucifer when I am not available.

***Jane Sampson,
Head Server***

Parish Safeguarding, Confidential Declarations, Safeguarding Training and DBS Certification Report.

I have continued in my role of Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) over the last year which has been a difficult year for The Church of England in the context of safeguarding. We have tried during this period to ensure that we have provided a safe environment within our Church particularly for vulnerable individuals, either children or adults.

We make sure that safeguarding is on the PCC agenda each month so the latest information can be shared and discussed. During the year, as we welcome new members to the PCC or into other roles in Church, we ensure that they complete both a DBS check and the relevant training. This year we have either renewed or set up from new about 20 DBS checks.

Each year the safeguarding policy is reviewed by the PCC this took place in May 2024 and is once again displayed.

The PCC would like to report to APCM that we have complied with our duty to have “due regard” for the House of Bishops safeguarding policy and practice.

We have continued to update and use the Parish Dashboard as a self-audit tool to ensure we are up to date deploying our policy. The following are the areas covered on the dashboard.

- Safeguarding is a standing agenda at every PCC meeting.
- Reports to the PCC – the PCC should receive a regular safeguarding update minimum of twice a year.
- At the APCM the PCC should provide an annual report in relation to safeguarding. There should be a statement as to whether the PCC has complied with the duty to have “due regard” to the house of bishops safeguarding policy and practice guidance.
- The PCC confirms that the list of Church activities on the dashboard are completed – yearly.
- Training for key roles PSO, Churchwardens, DBS admin, PCC members.
- That all relevant materials are displayed.

We have continued to use the parish dashboard to ensure that all activities are on track this includes completing regular risk assessments correctly.

The PCC will be reviewing our policy and plans again in May 2025.

If anyone has safeguarding concerns, please contact me pkgPSO@outlook.com or 07736 645932.

Gail Radka,
Parish Safeguarding and DBS Representative.

Mission & Outreach Committee

This year has been a very positive one for church mission and outreach. Little Fishes has continued to grow and develop. We have seen some of our children and families move on to go back to work and nursery, but lots of grandmas and new babies have joined us. (We had 39 children one week and regularly have 22-25 children!) We have plenty of toys and crafting activities each week. Every session includes a simple bible story and singing. We include simple Christian songs as well as other children’s songs. Our families are also becoming more confident in joining in some of our community church activities. We are supported by a wonderful group of ladies, Mary, Ann, Pam, Gillian, Sue, Gareth and Bob. Thank you to all of them and to Ali for when she has helped us out.

We have bought six copies of The Holy Communion for children, which give a basic explanation of the service, and these are kept on the bookstand with the hymn books to give to families with young children when they come to church.

The Birthday Party for Jesus was held after the Christingle service with more people than ever staying to enjoy it.

Music Matters was held in March. As in previous years the church was full of joy and the amazing talent of our young people in the town.

The Away Day at Home was held in church and in June we will be returning to Wydale.

We held a number of Music Cafe sessions, which were well received, but we are now looking forward to developing something for older children. This needs further planning.

Some members of the committee have begun meeting with our friends at The Methodist Church and working together to share ideas and make suggestions of how we can develop mission and outreach across the town. We are aiming to develop this with other churches too, linking with the positive relationships of Churches Together, holding joint Lent Groups, activities such as Crafting the Cross, Christmas and Journeying Towards Easter. We were also involved in The Pixie Trail launch, when many people joined us.

Bible and Banter and Brunch with Jesus continue being held.

The Social Committee report will also show the activities which encourages people to come into church.

It is all very exciting!!

***Gina Southey,
Committee secretary.***

Sanctuary Guild

On Friday mornings throughout the year ladies work diligently cleaning, polishing and buffing brass in order to maintain the simple beauty of the Sanctuary and Roucliffe Chapel.

The candles are checked and oil topped up also flowers are bought and arranged for the High Altar. In the vestry the altar silver, brass offertory plates and lecterns are cleaned weekly as well as the baptism ewer and copper font liner when needed. The laundry of altar linen as well as various other cloths is carried out at home.

The two small chandeliers were lowered just before Christmas enabling them to be cleaned and for candles to be replaced.

The flowers on the High Altar have continued to be given by members of the congregation in loving memory of loved ones or in celebration and thanksgiving. At Easter time the congregation are invited to donate lilies in memory of loved ones which are placed on the High Altar, in the Sanctuary and elsewhere in church.

There are four groups of ladies who work in rotation with two weeks of duty followed by a six-week break. I should be delighted to hear from ladies or gentlemen who would consider joining the Sanctuary Guild thereby helping to maintain the beauty of our Church.

At this time I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the ladies for their diligence, reliability and loyalty.

***Valerie J. Batchelor,
Secretary of the Sanctuary Guild.***

Pickering Bell-ringers Report

It has been a busy year again for our ringers. We were pleased to ring for one more wedding than last year, making it 3 weddings in all.

We welcomed 2 visiting bands this year. We also had during the year a lot of summer and weekend visitors to our practice on a Wednesday night and for ringing on a Sunday morning.

The Branch Striking Competition took place at Flamborough in March 2024. We came 2nd this year to Scalby who came 1st (The reverse of last year!).

There was 1 full peal and 13 quarter peals rung during the year.

On the 6th June 24 we rang for 'Ringing for Peace' which was for the 80th anniversary of the D Day landings.

On Saturday 8th June we were joined by Revd. Michael Stephens, his family, and the ringers from Kirkbymoorside at our tower. With our ringers and some from the branch we helped celebrate Michael's 95th birthday, with ringing, refreshments and birthday cake! As we are a ground floor ring it meant Michael was able to have a ring with us all.

Our new set of bell ropes arrived in June. Thank you to the PCC who kindly paid for them and to Ian who put them on.

December brought the usual ringing for carol services and Christmas services. The ringers also enjoyed a lovely Christmas meal. This year at the White Swan on the Wednesday evening before Christmas.

At the end of March 2025, the town launched a Pixie trail around the town to help promote the town to visitors. Events were held at various places with the church taking part. We had been given a bellringing pixie, so to celebrate this, the tower bellringers held a Tower Open Day and we are hoping to get some new recruits from those showing interest. It was an excellent day and PR exercise, with everyone enjoying themselves.

We wish to thank all those ringers who come from neighbouring towers. They come and practice with us as well as helping us out when required.

Finally thank you to Ian for all the work as Ringing Master and Steeple Keeper. Also, to all the members of the band who turn out each week to practice and to ring for the church services.

***Pamela Robb,
Tower Captain***

Mothers' Union Report

At the beginning of 2024 we were looking forward to a normal year and, on the face of it, it was pretty normal. We had our AGM and annual lunch, we had our occasional speaker and some meetings of reflection. During a wet summer we were lucky to enjoy sunny afternoons when we visited the retreat centre at High Dalby and when Gareth entertained us to a barbecue in The Vicarage garden. We finished the year with fun and food as we celebrated the season. Moving our meetings to the church presented us with some logistical problems but these have been largely overcome. But 2024 was a sad year. We lost three of our stalwart members in just over three months. They were loyal members of the Mothers' Union for many years and we will miss their wisdom and advice. However, not everything is doom and gloom. We started the year with 19 members; we lost three but gained three and finished the year as we began.

The Mothers' Union is an international Christian Charity that seeks to support families worldwide. Its members are not all mothers or even all women – there are many parents, men, widows, singles and grandparents involved in its work. The MU worldwide theme for 2025 is "Join us ... Join in ...". Go to www.mothersunion.org to find out more.

***Hazel Page,
Branch Leader.***

Fundraising and Social Group.

We have held a variety of hugely enjoyable events over the past year including our Summer and Christmas Fairs; Harvest Supper; Eastertide Lunch; Bonfire Night Social Evening; Birthday Party for Baby Jesus; Pancake Coffee Morning; Curry night at Namaste restaurant; Walsingham Cell fellowship lunch; Churchyard Development Project gathering and the Open Gardens Churchyard Treasure Trail day.

We have also provided refreshments for many other Church events including Harmonia Choir and Stape Silver Band concerts; Crafting the Cross; Crafting the Crib; Crafting Easter; Ascension Day service; Book signing event for The Book Tree; Talk about the Mercy Ships; Wall Paintings Conservation talk; Deanery Churchwardens Investment service; Music Matters and Music Cafe events; and the Town Pixie Trail launch day.

In September we had a lovely afternoon tea party to celebrate our friend Pamela Watson's 80th birthday, and we hosted an afternoon tea as a thank you to the Sweet Martinis singing group in appreciation of all the times they have come along and entertained us at our Christmas and Summer fairs.

Our Monday Market Day Coffee Mornings have continued to be as popular as ever this past year, running from Easter Monday through until Christmas. We serve fruit scones with jam & fresh cream, cheese scones and a different cake each week, with a gluten free option always available, and we also have homemade jams on sale courtesy of Cait.

Everything is homemade, and all our tea and coffee is Fair Trade.

We have continued to run these coffee mornings on a donation only basis rather than charging a set price which seems to work very well with the bonus of allowing us to claim gift aid.

With a profit this year of approximately £4,000 the coffee mornings are certainly worthwhile and are a great time for community fellowship.

Huge thanks go to the team of ladies who volunteer their time to help at these weekly events.

Between Christmas and Easter our Monday morning Craft Hub has been running again with many new faces joining us this year. Some bring crafts, and some just come to chat over a coffee.

Many people regularly stay after the 10am Sunday service to enjoy fellowship over coffee. If you don't usually stay, then maybe this is the year that you might make that change and consider joining us. You may just meet some new people and strike up some new friendships.

Our 100 club continues to be popular and has a good number of members. but we always welcome more, so if you've not joined yet then please do consider it for the chance to win a monthly cash prize and support your Church at the same time. The annual subscription is still just £24.

Another way to support St Peter and St Paul's Church is to sign up for 'Easy Fundraising'. If you shop online then this is the perfect way for you to raise money for your Church every time you shop.

It's really easy to sign up, and costs you nothing extra at all.

This year, as usual, our aims have been simple: to spread the Gospel and to provide a Christian welcome to everyone we encounter, both within our Church building, and also out in the community. Funds raised go towards all sorts of things that help us to achieve this, and we are truly grateful for the support, help and generosity of a huge number of people. Thank you to everyone who has donated their time, skills, money, and friendship. We look forward to welcoming you to many more events and social gatherings over the coming year.

***Alison Holmes,
Group leader.***

Our Online Presence

Our online presence continues to be very important – the website, Facebook, X, BlueSky, Tripadvisor and A Church Near You.

I'm very grateful to Gail Radka for her continuing responsibility for the Facebook account, posting the weekly services, pictures and advertising for events as well as social and fundraising activities. We now have 608 followers on Facebook and our posts are regularly "shared" to increase the numbers of people being aware of what we do. We changed from X to Bluesky during 2024, a more unbiased platform and far less political. We are within the CofE group which also streamlines our 'audience' towards like-minded fellowship groups. Our postings there are viewed further afield than Facebook which tends to have a necessary local focus.

If you ever want to publicise events or share photographs relating to the churches on Facebook, please send them to Gail. Rev'd Gareth Atha has the responsibility for the 'A Church Near You' pages, and I post to Bluesky and respond to Trip Advisor reviews, which have been very few again during 2024, only 8. (10 in 2023). We do continue to get lovely reviews in the Visitor's Book, and I may return to adding some of these to the website.

The website has been very busy with 'traffic,' with on average in 2024, 950 unique visitors a month, with the most popular page, 'Our Services' attracting an average of 350 unique visitors a month, an increase on previous years.

The information on the paintings, our News and Information, and Dates for Your Diary pages are always very popular, and our new page for the painting restoration is attracting some attention. I hope to be able to regularly add to this as the scheme progresses.

The seasonal pages, for Advent and Lent attracted views once again, with Advent 2024 having 197 visitors in December and Lent 112, using the Church of England daily resources. The page dedicated to the visit of King Charles continues to draw interest, so I will leave it in place once again. Pages for Ukraine, Israel and Gaza have low numbers of views, but I feel it is important that they remain. Several people have provided photographs of activities, as well as pictures from the services and the decorations around the church, and I thank them for that. It is always lovely to have input from other people sending their photographs of the church decorated for special events, as well as from events such as the fairs.

Hazel Page kindly emails the Pew Sheet each week and I incorporate the information; Notices, and prayer requests, as well as the Readings and Propers as they would appear in a normal service, along with the Intercessions which are sometimes provided by the person on the rota for the service. I used 'Common Worship - Living Word' or 'Lost for Words' resources at the start of the year for Reflections on the readings, but Rev'd Gareth Atha is now sending me his sermons, which is really elevating the written service, and I thank him for that.

The Benefice Churches have their own pages and do get quite a lot of views. I discovered this year when I was researching to add more material to what was there, that our website is 'signposted' from a tourism website, where additional information on these churches can be found. It would be lovely to have a lot more there on our sister churches to really enhance the available knowledge.

I am appealing for any information or pictures to really bring these pages up.

The website continues to evolve, as it should, and I enjoy tweaking and adding to it. I would still very much like to have regular input from the other churches in the group, as well as relevant information about St Peter and St Pauls too, such as bells and the memorials. Please do continue to send pictures or articles of interest, particularly if you have historical pictures or information.

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Cait Faulkner, (pickeringparishchurch@gmail.com)

Website Administrator.

The Children's Society

Every year in my annual report I try to remind people what the Children's Society is all about. Please take a moment and go to the Children's Society website and read the stories on there. The stories are heart breaking and a reminder of why we should support the Society. The website gives a real feel for the number of children and young people the society helps. The society also supports young carers who are between age 5 and 18 and have the role of caring for a member of their family. This additional responsibility often makes children grow up faster. They very often help one or both of their parents. We play a small part in the societies fund raising, we have people that have children's society boxes to save up loose change, we have people that make a yearly donation when I collect the boxes in and finally others give at our Christingle service collection to the Society.

This year our boxes and one-off donations raised £856.14 which is about the same as last year. We now have 31 box holders. This year we have lost 1 and gained 3 box holders.

At the Christingle service we raised £520.00 slightly down on last year however a good total. Over the last two years we have used the Children's Society gift envelopes which I think has helped.

This charity does great work please consider becoming a box holder or making a one-off donation when we collect the boxes in October each year.

A word from the society - What do we do:

We provide specialist support that empowers young people to make positive changes and rediscover their hope. They want a future they can look forward to and we're here to make sure they get it. We're here for young people when they need us most. We support them when they're facing huge life challenges like abuse, exploitation, or neglect, and we campaign tirelessly to change the lives of the next generation for the better. We've been doing this work for 140 years and we won't rest until every child is safe, happy, and hopeful.

Young people come to us when they have low self-esteem. When they're living in families who can't afford the next meal, the next size up in school uniform, or when there's no one else to lean on.

Refugee and migrant children land in this country alone and look to us for guidance to achieve the life they dreamed of. To have a settled home, a secure job and starting a family. They're not asking for too much.

We see teenagers in our services who want to quit using drugs or alcohol. Who are looking after mum, dad, or their siblings more than they bargained for. Or who have been taken advantage of and find themselves carrying drugs to far away towns or having sex with strangers.

Often, the hope inside them has taken a battering, it might only be hanging by a thread. But we know it's there. And we see a better future is within reach.

We see young people get on, get up and achieve great things. We love being part of that determination to not let anything get them down. So, we don't let them down.

Young people come to us when they need someone to talk to, for therapy, sometimes just a bite to eat. To help with their court case, to talk to their mum, social services, their teacher, to sometimes not talk at all. We work with young people for as long as it takes and we're with them no matter what.

We also listen to their needs and campaign and lobby on their behalf. We want to make sure they are heard at local and nation government level. They know better than anyone what will make all the difference.

We take inspiration from the courage and hope we see in young people every day, fuelling our belief that a good childhood is something every young person deserves

Thank You for your support.

This is my last year as the representative I will be handing over to Mary Pettitt for this coming year.

***Gail Radka – telephone 07736 645932,
Parish Representative.***

Ryedale Community Foodbank

Helping people in Ryedale in crisis – you can visit our website for further information at <https://www.ryedalecommunityfoodbank.co.uk/>

Ryedale Community Foodbank offers long-life food and some household goods, such as toiletries and cleaning products, to people in crisis in the Ryedale area. There are 3 foodbank centres, Malton/Norton, Pickering and Kirkbymoorside.

People are referred to the foodbank for a variety of reasons, they may have lost their job or had their hours reduced, they may be on low income or have a zero hours contract and not have enough money to live on, they may be in debt or have a delay in the payment of benefits, they may have had a large unexpected expense and have no money left for food.

In many cases, we can support people in overcoming their current crisis and offer additional support and guidance by directing clients to sources of long-term help and support. The aim is to prevent long term dependency on the foodbank.

Food is donated via boxes in supermarkets (Co-op and Lidl in Pickering) or at collection points like the green box in the porch of St Peter and St Paul's Church. At the foodbank volunteers sort the food that is received, checking, and noting the sell by date. Clients bring along a red voucher which has been issued from the agency they have visited. Clients are referred to us by specialist agencies such as North Yorkshire Council, Carers Support, Citizens Advice Bureau, NYC Early Help, Carers Plus Yorkshire, NYC Living Well, Social Services, Next Steps, Sight Support Ryedale, doctor's surgeries. Trained volunteers then discuss with client signposting long term help and get other volunteers to make up appropriate food bags for each client.

Below is information on food in and out, (it all must be weighed), also listed is the number of vouchers received and the number of people fed.

RYEDALE FOOD BANK – HEADLINE FIGURES

	FEB 24	MA 24	APR 24	MA Y24	JUN 24	JUL 24	AUG 24	SEP2 4	OCT 24	NOV 24	DEC 24	JAN 25	FEB 25
STOCK IN	5330 .25	361 4.9	288 7.9	382 5.6	331 6.1	268 5.4	4183 .46	3280 .65	4615 .32	3752 .32	4072 .19	5193 .81	3360 .25
STOCK OUT	3849 .32	339 8.9	336 5.2	386 2.2	263 5.6	279 7.6	3707 .63	3081 .18	3744 .39	4675 .38	5007 .94	338 4.3	3258 .15
VOUC HERS	146	122	137	139	92	101	114	100	135	173	169	124	112
TOTAL FED	327	290	298	292	216	211	266	214	295	356	424	255	260

The food bank relies on donations all year round from organisations and individuals like our Churches. If everyone was to bring one item each week that would be a wonderful amount of food for us to pass on to the local food bank. Currently the food bank is in most need of, household cleaning products, shower gel, shampoo and conditioner, tinned fruit, rice puddings, custard, tinned meat like ham and corned beef, tinned potatoes, toilet rolls, jam, fruit juice and dilute juice.

The drop-in centres are Norton Howe Road – Wednesday 10-12 and Friday 1-3, Pickering Hungate Centre Thursday 4-6 and Kirkbymoorside Methodist School Room Thursday 09.30 – 11.30.

Current volunteers from Church are Sue Billet, Mike and Diane Steele, Andrew Smith and me.

We would encourage you all to continue to donate food or household products each week.

Thank You!

Gail Radka on behalf of the food bank volunteers.

Pickering and District Churches Together

Over time and changes of circumstance, some of our traditional ecumenical events have been largely forgotten. However, World Day of Prayer, the Good Friday Procession of Witness and Christian Aid week all took place as usual. But 2024 was time for a new initiative. Over Lent, we “Crafted the Cross” in a different church each week. As well as producing some excellent craft/artwork, it was an opportunity to sit and talk and get to know the members of other churches: it was judged to be very successful and likely to be repeated. Following last year’s success, as Christmas approached knitting needles were again clacking away, creating angels to give away with a Christmas message attached. The plan was to hand these out personally when the Christmas lights were switched on, but that event was cancelled due to the bad weather. So, plan B was resorted to, and the angels were distributed round the town anonymously to be found the next morning by early morning shoppers.

Alongside these activities, the two Open the Book teams have continued to be welcomed by the town’s three primary schools and Sinnington School. The FISH (Food in School Holidays) scheme meets ever increasing needs. For example, in summer 2021 twenty-two families and forty-eight children were helped, in summer 2024 ninety-three families and 204 children benefitted.

Although we can rely on a core of supporters, it is sometimes disappointing that more people do not attend ecumenical events. After all, we are all one Christian family, we just live in different houses (as Gareth said at our recent Ash Wednesday service).

***Hazel Page,
Secretary.***

Financial review for 2024

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £120,990, of which £61,912 was unrestricted voluntary donations, with Gift Aid recovered adding £11,135. Planned giving through the envelope scheme and bank standing order increased over the year by £3,029 or just over 10%. The stewardship campaign that took place in July 2024 indicated an additional covenanted annual increase in voluntary donations of c. £10,000, with a demonstrable positive impact seen over the last four months of 2024. The Dona Contactless Portal produced gross income of £9,328, an increase of £993 (12%) compared with that recorded for 2023. However, this was offset by a reduction of £1,004 seen in the cash collected through the visitor wall boxes. Collections at services increased by £1,448 to a total of £9,966, out of which £1,987 was allocated to other charities.

Fundraising activities were held regularly throughout the year and generated £16,858, an increase of £2,729. Out of the total raised, £5,409 was allocated to the Fabric Fund and £2,575 to the Project Fund (both restricted). Fees from weddings and funerals increased by £3,993 providing an overall income contribution of £14,883.

The marketing of the Parish Hall for sale with vacant possession meant that rental income derived from hiring out the facility to groups and individuals gradually declined over the period May to September, with nothing received from this source thereafter. Parish Hall rental income reduced from £5,555 in 2023 to £2,922 in 2024.

Dividend and interest income improved considerably in 2024 due primarily to an upward movement in interest rates, with a resultant overall increase of £1,611 (50%). No legacies were received in 2024 (£2,000 in 2023).

Total income, including tax recovered, but excluding legacies, increased by 10% compared with the previous year.

Total expenditure for the year was £138,727 against £152,946 recorded in 2023, a positive differential of £14,219, but noting that in 2023 there was exceptional expenditure of £24,000 relating to the purchase of new wooden chairs for the church. In 2024 exceptional expenditure of £6,000 was met from the Endowment Fund to meet architect and planning fees in connection with the Parish Hall project. The PCC has agreed that the balance of the Endowment Fund will be restored back to its original level of £50,000 from the net sale proceeds of the Parish Hall. The Freewill Offer to the Diocese of York decreased by £5,000 to £45,000. The net result for the year was an excess of expenditure over income by £4,041.

The bank and deposit balances at the end of each year are as follows:

	2023	2024
Unrestricted Funds	£ 42,636	£ 38,887
Restricted Funds	£ 52,461	£ 56,027
Endowment Fund	£ 35,052	£ 30,746
Total balances	£130,149	£125,660
Surplus/Deficit for the year:-		
	2023	2024
Unrestricted Funds	(£ 27,646)	(£ 3,915)
Restricted Funds	£ 7,685	£ 4,180
Endowment Fund	(£ 8,448)	(£ 4,306)
Total surplus/(deficit)	(£ 28,409)	(£ 4,041)

Reserve Policy

Unrestricted Funds:

The PCC policy is to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds which equates to at least three months unrestricted expenditure. This is equivalent in round terms to £26,000. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet future shortfalls in income or unexpected expense. The balance at 31 December 2024 (£38,424) was sufficient to meet this objective. A small surplus is budgeted for 2024, (after allowing for an increase in the Freewill offer to the Diocese of £10,000), hence it is expected that the balance at the year-end will continue to meet the PCC target.

Designated Funds:

The PCC consider that there are sufficient funds available in the Parish Hall Current Account (£9,288) to meet short term maintenance and running expenses, pending anticipated completion of the sale (detailed above).

Restricted Funds:

It is the policy of the PCC to invest the cash balances held in the Fabric Fund and Project Fund in short term investment fund balances with the CCLA Church of England Deposit Fund, and the Fabric Fund shareholding in the CCLA Church of England Investment Fund.

The Jack and Mabel Goodall Endowment Fund:

The balance of £30,746 at 31 December 2024 is invested in a CCLA Church of England Deposit Fund. The PCC have used some of these funds to meet the cost of architect and planning fees in connection with the Parish Hall. The balance will be restored back to £50,000 upon receipt of the net sale proceeds of the Parish Hall.

Andrew Smith,
PCC Treasurer.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2024

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts of Pickering Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 1 to 5.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees 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 (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 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 in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. 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 and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Dated: 6 March 2025

Helen Raine ACA
Hallgarth Accountants Ltd, 2 Hallgarth, Pickering, North Yorkshire, YO18 7AW

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds			Restricted Funds		2024	2023
		General	Designated	Fabric	Project	Endowment		
		£	£	£	£	£		
VOLUNTARY GIVING								
Tax efficient planned giving	1	28,819.25					28,819.25	26,405.15
Other planned giving	2	3,314.60					3,314.60	2,700.00
Collections at services	3	9,966.22					9,966.22	8,518.34
All other giving and voluntary receipts	4	19,812.20					19,812.20	20,084.73
Gift Aid recovered	5	11,134.84			443.75		11,578.59	10,760.59
Legacies received	6	-					-	2,000.00
Grants	7	367.01		490.00			857.01	-
ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS								
Fundraising activities	8	8,874.04		5,409.34	2,575.00		16,858.38	14,129.58
INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS								
Dividends and interest received	9	259.05		1,410.51	1,498.46	1,694.33	4,862.35	3,250.86
CHURCH ACTIVITIES								
Wedding and funeral fees received	10	14,883.00					14,883.00	10,890.00
Trading activities	11	3,842.00	3,140.78				6,982.78	9,162.79
OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES								
Other receipts and income	12	16,577.16		174.58			16,751.74	16,634.97
Total Incoming Resources		117,849.37	3,140.78	7,484.43	4,517.21	1,694.33	134,686.12	124,537.01
COST OF GENERATING FUNDS								
Cost of fundraising activities	13	3,025.97		1,297.35	485.00		4,808.32	4,427.01
CHURCH ACTIVITIES								
Diocesan Freewill Offer	14	45,000.00					45,000.00	50,000.00
Salaries, wages and honoraria	15	3,982.00					3,982.00	2,834.00
Clergy and staff expenses	16	1,033.34					1,033.34	1,087.49
CHURCH EXPENSES								
Church running expenses	17	20,473.42					20,473.42	20,441.22
Church utility costs	18	12,871.10					12,871.10	6,865.25
Costs of trading	19	3,036.61	6,447.66				9,484.27	7,411.55
MAJOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE								
Major repairs to church buildings	20		1,720.53	6,039.36		6,000.00	13,759.89	9,766.00
OTHER EXPENDITURE								
Other expenditure not already listed	21	27,314.97					27,314.97	50,113.63
Total resources expended		116,737.41	8,168.19	7,336.71	485.00	6,000.00	138,727.31	152,946.15
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		1,111.96	(5,027.41)	147.72	4,032.21	(4,305.67)	(4,041.19)	(28,409.14)

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments			
CBF-Shares: Fabric Fund		6,243.13	6,103.43
CBF-Shares: Fabric Fund		1,558.93	1,524.05
		<u>7,802.06</u>	<u>7,627.48</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Bookstall Stock			
		<u>711.44</u>	<u>2,098.95</u>
Cash and Bank Accounts			
Cash in hand		0.00	
Barclays - General Account		5,514.81	
Barclays - Stewardship Account		3,489.45	
Barclays - Parish Hall Account		9,288.16	
Barclays - Reserve Saver Account		19,731.85	
SumUp Processor Account		862.30	
CCLA - Project Fund		32,602.78	
CCLA - Fabric Fund		23,424.22	
CCLA - Jack and Mabel Goodall Account		30,746.13	
		<u>125,659.70</u>	<u>130,148.75</u>
Debtors and Prepayments			
Debtors		756.15	
Prepayments		622.00	
		<u>1,378.15</u>	<u>771.95</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors and accruals			
Creditors		2,432.22	
Deferred Income		120.00	
		<u>(2,552.22)</u>	<u>(3,606.81)</u>
Net Assets			
		<u>132,999.13</u>	<u>137,040.32</u>
RESERVES			
Balances brought forward, 1st January 2024			
Unrestricted Fund Reserves		42,339.39	70,641.31
Restricted Fund Reserves		94,700.93	94,808.15
		137,040.32	165,449.46
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		(4,041.19)	(28,409.14)
Balances carried forward, 31 December 2024		<u>132,999.13</u>	<u>137,040.32</u>
Represented by:-			
General Fund	22	29,135.78	28,023.82
Designated Fund		9,288.16	14,315.57
Fabric Fund		31,226.28	31,078.56
Project Fund		32,602.78	28,570.57
Endowment Fund		30,746.13	35,051.80
		<u>132,999.13</u>	<u>137,040.32</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

SOFA Notes for the year ended 31 December 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
1. Tax efficient planned giving		
Donations - GA Planned giving envelopes	4,903.25	5,435.15
Donations - GA Standing orders	<u>23,916.00</u>	<u>20,970.00</u>
	<u>28,819.25</u>	<u>26,405.15</u>
2. Other planned giving		
Donations - NGA Planned giving envelopes	1,034.60	866.00
Donations - NGA Standing orders	<u>2,280.00</u>	<u>1,834.00</u>
	<u>3,314.60</u>	<u>2,700.00</u>
3. Collections at services		
Donations - One-off GA envelopes	1,908.00	1,326.75
Cash collections - Church services	4,413.07	4,172.77
Cash collections - B, W & F to church	1,657.80	1,693.16
Cash collections - for charities	<u>1,987.35</u>	<u>1,325.66</u>
	<u>9,966.22</u>	<u>8,518.34</u>
4. All other giving and voluntary receipts		
Unplanned gift aid donations	364.54	1,102.02
SumUp GA donations	3,111.25	3,065.00
Stripe GA donations	1,111.60	-
Parish Giving Scheme GA donation	15.00	-
Visitor wall boxes	7,215.07	8,219.39
Unplanned NGA donations	592.90	643.34
SumUp NGA donations	3,797.86	5,269.79
Stripe NGA donations	1,307.00	-
Sundry donations	1,489.07	1,161.49
Visitor GA envelopes	<u>807.91</u>	<u>623.70</u>
	<u>19,812.20</u>	<u>20,084.73</u>
5. Gift aid recovered		
Gift aid tax recovered	<u>11,578.59</u>	<u>10,760.59</u>
6. Legacies received		
Legacies	<u>-</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
7. Grants		
Grants - Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme	<u>857.01</u>	<u>-</u>
8. Fundraising activities		
Fund raising events	4,447.62	3,775.33
Monday coffee donations	5,409.34	4,589.75
100 Club subscriptions	1,512.00	1,596.00
Sunday coffee donations	1,431.87	1,111.06
Sponsor a Pew	1,320.00	-
Easyfundraising	162.55	147.38
Light for Christmas	<u>2,575.00</u>	<u>2,910.06</u>
	<u>16,858.38</u>	<u>14,129.58</u>
9. Dividends and interest received		
Dividends	211.71	208.49
Interest - Barclays Reserve Saver	258.56	284.63
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Deposit Interest - CCLA Fabric	1,198.80	626.32
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10. Wedding and funeral fees received		
DBF fees	5,601.00	4,178.00
PCC fees	4,338.00	3,167.00
Organist fees	2,210.00	1,275.00
Bellringer fees	600.00	400.00
Verger fees	700.00	420.00
Travelling expenses	164.00	223.00
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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

SOFA Notes for the year ended 31 December 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
11. Trading activities		
Bookstall income	3,392.00	3,307.34
Parish Hall lettings	2,922.25	5,555.45
Parish Hall - sale of small items	120.00	-
Parish Hall - utility refund	98.53	-
Hire of Church	450.00	300.00
	<u>6,982.78</u>	<u>9,162.79</u>
12. Other receipts/income		
Cash collections at funerals for charities	9,000.51	4,913.05
Flower fund income	551.81	403.40
Special appeals	-	520.73
External visit income	5,270.00	8,651.00
Away Day at Home	230.00	-
Contributions to clergy expenses	850.00	850.00
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Barclays loyalty bonus	117.74	110.04
Miscellaneous receipts	242.10	470.84
Invoice overpayment	248.00	-
Increase in share value	174.58	655.91
	<u>16,751.74</u>	<u>16,634.97</u>
13. Cost of fundraising activities		
Stewardship costs	62.00	116.84
Monday coffee expenses	1,297.35	1,032.15
Christmas trees	316.00	339.99
Fundraising expenses	1,253.50	1,148.70
100 Club	780.00	814.00
Sunday coffee expenses	461.08	376.82
Light for Christmas	485.00	462.00
Transaction fees - SumUp	114.27	136.51
Transaction fees - Stripe	38.89	-
Transaction fees - Parish Giving Scheme	0.23	-
	<u>4,808.32</u>	<u>4,427.01</u>
14. Diocesan Freewill Offer		
Parish contribution to the Diocese	<u>45,000.00</u>	<u>50,000.00</u>
15. Salaries, wages and honoraria		
Bellringers, weddings	600.00	400.00
Verger fees - funerals	700.00	420.00
Sexton fees	40.00	120.00
Organist - W&F	2,215.00	1,360.00
Retired clergy fees and expenses	427.00	534.00
	<u>3,982.00</u>	<u>2,834.00</u>
16. Clergy and staff expenses		
Vicar's expenses	713.80	808.11
Vicarage water charges	319.54	279.38
	<u>1,033.34</u>	<u>1,087.49</u>
17. Church running expenses		
Bank charges - Barclays	815.86	789.88
Repairs and maintenance	1,203.32	673.55
Insurance	6,581.21	6,297.84
Website	238.30	213.80
Office costs	916.77	624.92
Postage and stationery	225.88	129.00
Cleaner for church	1,806.30	1,505.25
Churchyard expenses	42.00	-
Items for upkeep of church services	2,168.96	2,630.27
Organist fee for church	4,650.00	4,575.00
Beeline Broadband	324.00	324.00
Boiler expenses	-	360.00
Laundry and cleaning materials	93.94	99.75
Organ costs	342.00	648.00
Health and safety	-	55.00
CCTV Church roof system	1,064.88	1,514.96
	<u>20,473.42</u>	<u>20,441.22</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

SOFA Notes for the year ended 31 December 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
18. Church utility costs		
Gas - Church	9,432.88	4,046.12
Electricity - Church	2,387.03	2,124.72
Electricity - Church Tower	1,051.19	694.41
	<u>12,871.10</u>	<u>6,865.25</u>
19. Costs of trading		
Parish Hall - Heating and lighting	4,757.75	1,663.96
Parish Hall - Water charges	134.46	120.97
Parish Hall - Cleaning	1,298.70	1,651.75
Parish Hall - Insurance	1,120.00	1,064.00
Parish Hall - Repairs and renewals	1,068.00	320.04
Parish Hall - Performing Rights Society	-	224.40
Parish Hall - Sundry expenses	1,059.75	67.50
Parish Hall - Letting Refund	9.00	-
Bookstall cost of sales	3,036.61	2,298.93
	<u>9,484.27</u>	<u>7,411.55</u>
20. Major repairs to church building		
Major repairs - Church	6,039.36	-
Parish Hall Project and sales related costs	7,720.53	9,766.00
	<u>13,759.89</u>	<u>9,766.00</u>
21. Other expenditure not already listed		
Mission and charity giving - home	1,659.12	1,331.94
Mission and charity giving - overseas	639.02	742.56
Mission and charity giving - secular	-	-
Retreat visit costs	5,291.00	8,464.00
Away Day at Home	216.50	-
Little Fishes	87.16	-
Repayment of duplicated funeral fee	-	467.00
Safeguarding expenses	209.98	261.31
Flower fund expenditure	214.56	327.16
Assigned fees to York DBF	4,689.00	3,644.00
Welcome leaflets	595.00	375.00
Guide books	-	2,520.00
Charity giving - funerals	9,137.01	5,089.58
Dona contactless payment system	420.00	195.00
Purchase of sundry equipment	1,066.18	24,509.55
Royal School of Church Music subscription	270.00	127.00
ExpensePlus subscription	300.00	300.00
Fee payable to other churches	574.00	620.00
Deanery subscriptions	225.00	200.00
Sundry donations and gifts	82.96	483.53
Pickering Area Churches Together	50.00	100.00
External musician fees	-	80.00
Professional fees - Quinquennial Inspection	1,260.48	-
Invoice overpayment	40.00	-
Independent examiner fee	288.00	276.00
	<u>27,314.97</u>	<u>50,113.63</u>

22. Balance Sheet Note for the year ended 31 December 2023

There has been a negative adjustment of £166.36 to the General Account balance for the year ended 31 December 2023, reducing reserves from £137,206.68 to £137,040.23. This relates to the bookstall stock valuation difference between the years ended 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2023, where a contra entry was erroneously recorded in current assets.

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts of St Francis, Marishes in the Parish of St Peter and St Paul, Pickering

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on page 1 of 1.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees 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 (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 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 in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. 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 and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

H. Raine.....

Dated: *6 March 2025*.....

Helen Raine ACA
Hallgarth Accountants Ltd, 2 Hallgarth, Pickering, North Yorkshire, YO18 7AW

**The Church of ST. FRANCIS , MARISHES
Balance Sheet at Year End 2024**

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
2023	2024	2023	2024
£19,346.79 Balance Brought Forward	£19,974.53	£740.68 EON Electric	£695.62
£1,360.70 Stewardship -Gift Aid	£845.00	£683.55 Insurance	£650.00
£899.60 Collections GADS	£867.14	£650.00 Pickering PCC	£20.00
£620.00 Wedding Fee	£326.00	£18.00 Deanary Fees	
Funeral Fee	£370.68	£258.00 Repairs & Renewals	
HMRC Charity Claim	£760.00	£74.15 Bank Charges	£72.35
£171.82 Bank Interest	£223.69		
£22,398.91	£23,367.04		
		£2,424.38	£1,437.97
		Balances Forward 31/12/2024	
		Cash in Hand	£2.26
		Community Acc	£10,184.00
		Business Money Manager	£3,123.11
		Fabric Account	£8,619.70
			£ 23,367.04

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

BUDGET for the year ending 31 December 2025

	Budget <u>2025</u> £	Actual <u>2024</u> £
VOLUNTARY GIVING		
Tax efficient planned giving	34,800	28,819
Other planned giving	2,600	3,315
Collections at services	11,000	10,206
All other giving and voluntary receipts	17,500	19,812
Gift aid recovered	12,800	11,579
Legacies received	-	-
Grants	-	857
ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS		
Fundraising activities	15,000	16,858
INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS		
Dividends and interest received	3,500	4,862
CHURCH ACTIVITIES		
Wedding and funeral fees received	12,800	14,883
Trading activities	3,500	6,982
OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES		
Other receipts and income	15,500	16,512
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>129,000</u>	<u>134,685</u>
COST OF GENERATING FUNDS		
Cost of fundraising activities	5,000	4,808
CHURCH ACTIVITIES		
Diocesan Freewill Offer	55,000	45,000
Salaries, wages and honoraria	4,000	3,982
Clergy and staff expenses	1,200	1,033
CHURCH EXPENSES		
Church running expenses	20,500	20,486
Church utility costs	12,500	12,871
Costs of trading	2,700	9,484
MAJOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE		
Major repairs to church buildings	-	13,760
OTHER EXPENDITURE		
Other expenditure not already listed	27,000	27,301
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	127,900	138,725
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES	<u>1,100</u>	<u>(4,040)</u>

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2024

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts of Pickering Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 1 to 5.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

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Dated: 6 March 2025

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds			Restricted Funds		2024	2023
		General	Designated	Fabric	Project	Endowment		
		£	£	£	£	£		
VOLUNTARY GIVING								
Tax efficient planned giving	1	28,819.25				28,819.25	26,405.15	
Other planned giving	2	3,314.60				3,314.60	2,700.00	
Collections at services	3	9,966.22				9,966.22	8,518.34	
All other giving and voluntary receipts	4	19,812.20				19,812.20	20,084.73	
Gift Aid recovered	5	11,134.84			443.75	11,578.59	10,760.59	
Legacies received	6	-				-	2,000.00	
Grants	7	367.01		490.00		857.01	-	
ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS								
Fundraising activities	8	8,874.04		5,409.34	2,575.00	16,858.38	14,129.58	
INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS								
Dividends and interest received	9	259.05		1,410.51	1,498.46	1,694.33	4,862.35	3,250.86
CHURCH ACTIVITIES								
Wedding and funeral fees received	10	14,883.00				14,883.00	10,890.00	
Trading activities	11	3,842.00	3,140.78			6,982.78	9,162.79	
OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES								
Other receipts and income	12	16,577.16		174.58		16,751.74	16,634.97	
Total Incoming Resources		117,849.37	3,140.78	7,484.43	4,517.21	1,694.33	134,686.12	124,537.01
COST OF GENERATING FUNDS								
Cost of fundraising activities	13	3,025.97		1,297.35	485.00	4,808.32	4,427.01	
CHURCH ACTIVITIES								
Diocesan Freewill Offer	14	45,000.00				45,000.00	50,000.00	
Salaries, wages and honoraria	15	3,982.00				3,982.00	2,834.00	
Clergy and staff expenses	16	1,033.34				1,033.34	1,087.49	
CHURCH EXPENSES								
Church running expenses	17	20,473.42				20,473.42	20,441.22	
Church utility costs	18	12,871.10				12,871.10	6,865.25	
Costs of trading	19	3,036.61	6,447.66			9,484.27	7,411.55	
MAJOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE								
Major repairs to church buildings	20		1,720.53	6,039.36		6,000.00	13,759.89	9,766.00
OTHER EXPENDITURE								
Other expenditure not already listed	21	27,314.97				27,314.97	50,113.63	
Total resources expended		116,737.41	8,168.19	7,336.71	485.00	6,000.00	138,727.31	152,946.15
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		1,111.96	(5,027.41)	147.72	4,032.21	(4,305.67)	(4,041.19)	(28,409.14)

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments			
CBF-Shares: Fabric Fund		6,243.13	6,103.43
CBF-Shares: Fabric Fund		1,558.93	1,524.05
		<u>7,802.06</u>	<u>7,627.48</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Bookstall Stock			
		<u>711.44</u>	<u>2,098.95</u>
Cash and Bank Accounts			
Cash in hand		0.00	
Barclays - General Account		5,514.81	
Barclays - Stewardship Account		3,489.45	
Barclays - Parish Hall Account		9,288.16	
Barclays - Reserve Saver Account		19,731.85	
SumUp Processor Account		862.30	
CCLA - Project Fund		32,602.78	
CCLA - Fabric Fund		23,424.22	
CCLA - Jack and Mabel Goodall Account		30,746.13	
		<u>125,659.70</u>	<u>130,148.75</u>
Debtors and Prepayments			
Debtors		756.15	
Prepayments		622.00	
		<u>1,378.15</u>	<u>771.95</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors and accruals			
Creditors		2,432.22	
Deferred Income		120.00	
		<u>(2,552.22)</u>	<u>(3,606.81)</u>
Net Assets			
		<u>132,999.13</u>	<u>137,040.32</u>
RESERVES			
Balances brought forward, 1st January 2024			
Unrestricted Fund Reserves		42,339.39	70,641.31
Restricted Fund Reserves		94,700.93	94,808.15
		137,040.32	165,449.46
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		(4,041.19)	(28,409.14)
Balances carried forward, 31 December 2024		<u>132,999.13</u>	<u>137,040.32</u>
Represented by:-			
General Fund	22	29,135.78	28,023.82
Designated Fund		9,288.16	14,315.57
Fabric Fund		31,226.28	31,078.56
Project Fund		32,602.78	28,570.57
Endowment Fund		30,746.13	35,051.80
		<u>132,999.13</u>	<u>137,040.32</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

SOFA Notes for the year ended 31 December 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
1. Tax efficient planned giving		
Donations - GA Planned giving envelopes	4,903.25	5,435.15
Donations - GA Standing orders	<u>23,916.00</u>	<u>20,970.00</u>
	<u>28,819.25</u>	<u>26,405.15</u>
2. Other planned giving		
Donations - NGA Planned giving envelopes	1,034.60	866.00
Donations - NGA Standing orders	<u>2,280.00</u>	<u>1,834.00</u>
	<u>3,314.60</u>	<u>2,700.00</u>
3. Collections at services		
Donations - One-off GA envelopes	1,908.00	1,326.75
Cash collections - Church services	4,413.07	4,172.77
Cash collections - B, W & F to church	1,657.80	1,693.16
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13. Cost of fundraising activities		
Stewardship costs	62.00	116.84
Monday coffee expenses	1,297.35	1,032.15
Christmas trees	316.00	339.99
Fundraising expenses	1,253.50	1,148.70
100 Club	780.00	814.00
Sunday coffee expenses	461.08	376.82
Light for Christmas	485.00	462.00
Transaction fees - SumUp	114.27	136.51
Transaction fees - Stripe	38.89	-
Transaction fees - Parish Giving Scheme	0.23	-
	<u>4,808.32</u>	<u>4,427.01</u>
14. Diocesan Freewill Offer		
Parish contribution to the Diocese	<u>45,000.00</u>	<u>50,000.00</u>
15. Salaries, wages and honoraria		
Bellringers, weddings	600.00	400.00
Verger fees - funerals	700.00	420.00
Sexton fees	40.00	120.00
Organist - W&F	2,215.00	1,360.00
Retired clergy fees and expenses	427.00	534.00
	<u>3,982.00</u>	<u>2,834.00</u>
16. Clergy and staff expenses		
Vicar's expenses	713.80	808.11
Vicarage water charges	319.54	279.38
	<u>1,033.34</u>	<u>1,087.49</u>
17. Church running expenses		
Bank charges - Barclays	815.86	789.88
Repairs and maintenance	1,203.32	673.55
Insurance	6,581.21	6,297.84
Website	238.30	213.80
Office costs	916.77	624.92
Postage and stationery	225.88	129.00
Cleaner for church	1,806.30	1,505.25
Churchyard expenses	42.00	-
Items for upkeep of church services	2,168.96	2,630.27
Organist fee for church	4,650.00	4,575.00
Beeline Broadband	324.00	324.00
Boiler expenses	-	360.00
Laundry and cleaning materials	93.94	99.75
Organ costs	342.00	648.00
Health and safety	-	55.00
CCTV Church roof system	1,064.88	1,514.96
	<u>20,473.42</u>	<u>20,441.22</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

SOFA Notes for the year ended 31 December 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
18. Church utility costs		
Gas - Church	9,432.88	4,046.12
Electricity - Church	2,387.03	2,124.72
Electricity - Church Tower	1,051.19	694.41
	<u>12,871.10</u>	<u>6,865.25</u>
19. Costs of trading		
Parish Hall - Heating and lighting	4,757.75	1,663.96
Parish Hall - Water charges	134.46	120.97
Parish Hall - Cleaning	1,298.70	1,651.75
Parish Hall - Insurance	1,120.00	1,064.00
Parish Hall - Repairs and renewals	1,068.00	320.04
Parish Hall - Performing Rights Society	-	224.40
Parish Hall - Sundry expenses	1,059.75	67.50
Parish Hall - Letting Refund	9.00	-
Bookstall cost of sales	3,036.61	2,298.93
	<u>9,484.27</u>	<u>7,411.55</u>
20. Major repairs to church building		
Major repairs - Church	6,039.36	-
Parish Hall Project and sales related costs	7,720.53	9,766.00
	<u>13,759.89</u>	<u>9,766.00</u>
21. Other expenditure not already listed		
Mission and charity giving - home	1,659.12	1,331.94
Mission and charity giving - overseas	639.02	742.56
Mission and charity giving - secular	-	-
Retreat visit costs	5,291.00	8,464.00
Away Day at Home	216.50	-
Little Fishes	87.16	-
Repayment of duplicated funeral fee	-	467.00
Safeguarding expenses	209.98	261.31
Flower fund expenditure	214.56	327.16
Assigned fees to York DBF	4,689.00	3,644.00
Welcome leaflets	595.00	375.00
Guide books	-	2,520.00
Charity giving - funerals	9,137.01	5,089.58
Dona contactless payment system	420.00	195.00
Purchase of sundry equipment	1,066.18	24,509.55
Royal School of Church Music subscription	270.00	127.00
ExpensePlus subscription	300.00	300.00
Fee payable to other churches	574.00	620.00
Deanery subscriptions	225.00	200.00
Sundry donations and gifts	82.96	483.53
Pickering Area Churches Together	50.00	100.00
External musician fees	-	80.00
Professional fees - Quinquennial Inspection	1,260.48	-
Invoice overpayment	40.00	-
Independent examiner fee	288.00	276.00
	<u>27,314.97</u>	<u>50,113.63</u>

22. Balance Sheet Note for the year ended 31 December 2023

There has been a negative adjustment of £166.36 to the General Account balance for the year ended 31 December 2023, reducing reserves from £137,206.68 to £137,040.23. This relates to the bookstall stock valuation difference between the years ended 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2023, where a contra entry was erroneously recorded in current assets.

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts of St Francis, Marishes in the Parish of St Peter and St Paul, Pickering

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on page 1 of 1.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees 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 (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 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 in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. 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 and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Dated: 6 March 2025

Helen Raine ACA
Hallgarth Accountants Ltd, 2 Hallgarth, Pickering, North Yorkshire, YO18 7AW

**The Church of ST. FRANCIS , MARISHES
Balance Sheet at Year End 2024**

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
2023	2024	2023	2024
£19,346.79 Balance Brought Forward	£19,974.53	£740.68 EON Electric	£695.62
£1,360.70 Stewardship -Gift Aid	£845.00	£683.55 Insurance	£650.00
£899.60 Collections GADS	£867.14	£650.00 Pickering PCC	£20.00
£620.00 Wedding Fee	£326.00	£18.00 Deanary Fees	
Funeral Fee	£370.68	£258.00 Repairs & Renewals	
HMRC Charity Claim	£760.00	£74.15 Bank Charges	£72.35
£171.82 Bank Interest	£223.69		
£22,398.91	£23,367.04		
		£2,424.38	£1,437.97
		Balances Forward 31/12/2024	
		Cash in Hand	£2.26
		Community Acc	£10,184.00
		Business Money Manager	£3,123.11
		Fabric Account	£8,619.70
			£ 23,367.04

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

BUDGET for the year ending 31 December 2025

	Budget <u>2025</u> £	Actual <u>2024</u> £
VOLUNTARY GIVING		
Tax efficient planned giving	34,800	28,819
Other planned giving	2,600	3,315
Collections at services	11,000	10,206
All other giving and voluntary receipts	17,500	19,812
Gift aid recovered	12,800	11,579
Legacies received	-	-
Grants	-	857
ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS		
Fundraising activities	15,000	16,858
INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS		
Dividends and interest received	3,500	4,862
CHURCH ACTIVITIES		
Wedding and funeral fees received	12,800	14,883
Trading activities	3,500	6,982
OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES		
Other receipts and income	15,500	16,512
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>129,000</u>	<u>134,685</u>
COST OF GENERATING FUNDS		
Cost of fundraising activities	5,000	4,808
CHURCH ACTIVITIES		
Diocesan Freewill Offer	55,000	45,000
Salaries, wages and honoraria	4,000	3,982
Clergy and staff expenses	1,200	1,033
CHURCH EXPENSES		
Church running expenses	20,500	20,486
Church utility costs	12,500	12,871
Costs of trading	2,700	9,484
MAJOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE		
Major repairs to church buildings	-	13,760
OTHER EXPENDITURE		
Other expenditure not already listed	27,000	27,301
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	127,900	138,725
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES	<u>1,100</u>	<u>(4,040)</u>

Accounts

Geoff Atter VICAR
7/5/24.

The Parish Church

Of

**St. Peter & St. Paul
Pickering**

&

The Church of St Francis, Marishes



**Annual accounts and reports
for 2023/24**

Registered Charity No. 1176138

The Vicar's Annual Report

Last September I was asked to attend the annual dinner for a charity I support. As I talked with other guests, the conversation inevitably turned to what we did for a living. "Oh, I really don't know how you could do *that!*" exclaimed one man when I told him I was a Vicar "don't you get terribly bored?!?" I explained and assured him that actually, being a Vicar was a pretty good occupation and there was never a dull moment, so no, I was never, ever, bored. Indeed, there is hardly any time to be bored in our church – this year like every other, has been one full of activity.

Our normal pattern of worship has continued to provide both the worshipping and the wider community with an opportunity to mark the rhythm of the church's year. In addition, we helped individuals, couples and families mark the rhythm of life with baptism, weddings and funerals. Our attendance figures remain strong in all our services, and in each there is a faithful core of worshippers who attend week by week. However, there is always the hope that we will gain some new attendees to our services and grow the church family.

As is our tradition, music and the Eucharist remain at the heart of our worshipping and church identity. The choir continued to work hard to provide high quality music as part of our Parish Communion and Evensong services, despite their now small numbers. My thanks go to Clive for his work in leading the choir and playing the organ, and also to Steve Bulmer who plays so well for funerals and acts as relief organist when Clive is not available.

In the past year we, as a PCC, decided that we would not use incense at our services, and I am aware some of you miss it. Hopefully, we are now in a position where people no longer feel that they cannot attend worship on the occasions we use incense, and our decision was a brilliant example of us looking forward to being as inclusive and welcoming as possible. Once more Christmas and Easter were the highlights of the year, with the Christingle service returning to pre-pandemic attendance figures. Our annual Light For Christmas service once more showed that the church occupies an important place in the life of our community when remembering loved ones, as well as raising much needed funds for our church.

There were some new departures over the past year. First, the pews were temporarily removed from the north and south aisles in order to make the space more flexible. This has already proved useful for social events and coffee mornings. Over the coming year our time will be up on the temporary faculty, and we shall need to decide whether to make this change permanent or not.

Other new departures were a Remembrance Concert by the Stape Silver Band over the Remembrance Weekend. This was well attended and brought many members of the wider community into the church for this oh so important weekend in the nation's life.

This year saw the launch of our "Little Fishes" group for parents/carers and preschool aged children. Very quickly this attracted and developed a core of attendees, and there is always a good atmosphere in church as the young ones walk, toddle, laugh, giggle, play (and yes, occasionally cry). The parents or carers who come all get along well and it is nice to see them supporting one another. A good and willing group of volunteers has been built up and I am grateful to them all.

Bible and Banter continues well, and it is always a highlight of the week to gather and chat about a particular theme or Bible passage and try to apply it to modern life. Often the topics will stray into other avenues but in it all, this small group of disciples is growing in faith.

As ever, huge thanks are due to Pam and Andrew, who as churchwardens ensure that the everyday and often unseen activities of the church are completed to ensure the doors can be opened and the lights stay on. They have juggled family and work commitments to ensure that the practicalities of day-to-day church life are well catered for.

Thanks are also due to our lovely retired clergy who do so much to ensure that as a benefice, worship can follow the familiar pattern. I often feel guilty about how much I put on them, they are an unwavering source of support and encouragement.

Looking back through past reports it seems that Father Antony described 2015-16 as “a year of endings and beginnings”. I feel that 2023-24 has been much the same. Thank you for all you are doing. God bless you.

***Reverend Gareth Atha,
Vicar.***

The Church of St Francis, Marishes.

Our Services are held on the third Sunday of each month, these have a congregation of 12 to 15. We have had two Weddings for couples with family connections in the area and three Baptism's. The Rogation service held in May was taken by Rev Gareth which Canon John Manchester supported with prayers, and there were three very well-behaved dogs in attendance. We held the Harvest Festival in October, a big thank you to the ladies of the Parish for decorating the Church with produce and flowers. Supper was happily once more back in the Barn at Bellafax Farm with thanks to David and Sarah Beal and all the helpers. Carol service and the Christmas Eve Holy Communion Service this year were well supported. A Christmas tree was donated by a local grower, as they always have done. Mulled wine and Mince pies were served after the Carol Service. Our very grateful thanks to our organist Vivien Wilcox and Steve Bulmer for playing the organ and Rev John Manchester and Rev Gareth Atha for taking the services.

Fabric and Ornaments

We have had a repair to the Gate Post at the entrance this year. Thank you to Brian Cowton for keeping the grass and grounds of the Church looking so tidy.

***Gena Douglas
Deputy Churchwarden.***

The Church of St Peter and St Paul, Pickering

Fabric and Ornaments

We have continued to do both necessary and routine maintenance on the building.

Work done includes:

- The organ has been serviced and tuned.
- Halders Builders are still waiting for a subcontractor to alter the handrail outside the disabled entrance, but they have completed the repointing of the main steps and the corner of the base of the tower.
- PAT testing has been done on all the electrical appliances in both the church and the Parish Hall.
- The gas boiler in church had a new non-return valve for the condenser fitted. Both the church and the Parish Hall boilers were serviced.
- The fire extinguishers in church and the Parish Hall have been serviced.
- The rights of way have been walked.

- The Parish Hall had a leak on the flat roof of the lower passage causing damaged to the internal ceiling. This has now been repaired.
- The new Luminous Emergency Exit signs have been put in place.

New items purchased / gifted include:

- In July 2023 we took delivery of 150 natural beech Jacob chairs with links from Alpha Furniture, along with 6 dollies to stack them on. They are proving to be a very useful addition.
- A new handrail has just been installed beside the three steps leading up to the choir vestry, making ascending and descending the steps a lot easier and safer.
- A high quality, beautiful and practical new Hymn book trolley has been made in oak by a parishioner and donated to the church.
- A replacement water heater for the toilet handbasin has been purchased after a kind donation from a parishioner and will be installed as soon as possible.
- A new lightweight purple chasuble has also been gifted to the church.

Work in the Churchyard

The Town Council recommended that the large holly tree which encroaches over the path opposite the disabled entrance be cut back and this has now been done. Their contractors have also lifted the crowns of a Cherry tree and two Lime trees in order to clear adjacent buildings by 1.5m. Following a trip injury to a member of the congregation, the council also reset several of the stone slabs on the churchyard paths.

John Brown and Martin Levitt recently volunteered to clear areas of the rear churchyard which had become overgrown. They have made a wonderful job cutting back bramble and elder as well as clearing ivy from gravestones. Some areas are being left to encourage wildlife and it is hoped that, with the help of Pickering Town Community Interest Company, it will provide a peaceful place for people to sit.

Updates on faculties

The PCC have been granted a temporary faculty, for a period of 18 months, to remove the pews from the side aisles and replace them with the recently purchased wooden chairs. During this time we can investigate different uses of the space created and get used to the visual change, before deciding whether or not to make it permanent. The pews taken out are currently being stored in the Parish Hall.

We have applied for a faculty for the fitting of 4 retractable castors to each of the pews in the central nave part of the church. This will allow them to be easily moved around if needed adding to the flexibility of the space within the church.

The faculty for repairing two gravestones granted two years ago has at last been signed off after the work to stabilise them was carried out by the council in October 2023.

The faculty for the installation of a camera system to live stream services was withdrawn in October partly due to cost. However, it is planned to look again at this as part of the redevelopment the church.

Future work and Plans

The eight bell ropes are in need of replacement. The PCC have agreed to order new ones, but the waiting time for them to be made is up to 6 months. In the meantime, the ringers have paid to have some of the most worn ropes repaired. They will then be kept as backup ropes once we receive the new ones.

The church Architect had been asked to produce plans to convert the Parish Hall to residential use. After testing ideas through preplanning with the council, we settled on creating two residential properties and this design was submitted to North Yorkshire Council planning committee for approval. We received notification in January that full planning permission has been granted. We can now proceed with the sale of the Parish Hall once certain Diocesan Board of Finance and Charity Commissioners requirements have been met. The proceeds from this sale will go towards making changes and additions to the facilities of the church, making it fit for purpose in the 21st century.

The PCC had a discussion with Professor Kate Giles in January to consider cleaning and restoring the wall paintings. She has already secured a small amount of funding to cover initial investigation costs. As a result, we have agreed to ask Tobit Curteis to survey the condition of the wall paintings, (which he has done twice before), and suggest possible courses of action, with costings, to maintain and conserve them. We will then need to look at ways of funding this.

Thanks go to everyone who has had an input into maintaining the building of the church and a special thanks go to Jürgen for his continued cleaning and to Ian Burrows for maintaining the clock.

***Pamela Robb and Andrew Orland,
Churchwardens***

The PCC Secretary's Report.

Since the last Annual Parochial Church Meeting the PCC have met six times with a full agenda at every meeting.

Those retiring from the PCC last May, having served a three-year term were Steve Bulmer, Pamela Lindsay and Gina Southey. With no new nominations Gail Radka, PSO and myself, Lesley Jaram as PCC secretary were re-elected having been co-opted for the previous year. It was later decided to co-opt Gina Southey and Steve Bulmer back onto the PCC again because of their work with the new Mission and Outreach committee.

In order to keep everyone informed, the minutes of each meeting are displayed on the church noticeboard once they have been accepted as a correct record at the following meeting.

At the start of all our meetings Rev. Gareth leads us in an act of worship in which we pray for God's guidance that we will make the right decisions to fulfil His mission in this place.

PCC members have a legal responsibility as Trustees to ensure compliance with charity and church law, particularly with regard to our accounts. How we manage our income and expenditure, and the maintenance and care of our church buildings will be seen in the Finance and Fabric Reports. Maintaining a balance of the expenditure against the actual income continues to be challenging especially in the present economic climate and a Stewardship Campaign in 2024 is being planned. The PCC are very grateful to Andrew Smith who has taken over as Treasurer from Trevor Richmond.

This is the first full year in which the Mission and Outreach committee have made their mark. They have successfully introduced their 'Little Fishes' playgroup for babies and pre-school children on a Thursday morning. This year they organised another annual 'Music Matters' concert, a successful 'Away Day at Wydale', a weekly 'Bible and Banter' meeting as well as a monthly 'Breakfast with Jesus'. They are also exploring interactions with the wider community in Pickering and we look forward to seeing what other initiatives they will offer us in the future.

An important part of our mission is our communication with the parish and the local community, and we are grateful to Cait Faulkner for the management of our church website, and to Gail Radka for keeping up our profile on the social media sites.

Safeguarding remains an agenda item at every PCC meeting and as a church we prioritise protecting those who are most vulnerable, whether children or adults, with every member of the congregation being asked to be vigilant and to use the procedures that are in place. The PCC is grateful to Gail Radka, our Parish Safeguarding Officer, for her hard work and attention to detail in making sure that this benefice is compliant with all the requirements. She reviews the various risk assessments for special activities as well as the general assessments for all church activities using the Diocesan Dashboard system and makes sure that all our DBS checks and Safeguarding training is up to date.

Sharing the Common Cup is an item under review every six months and at the last vote we decided to continue with the celebrant intincting the wafer. It will be reviewed again in May.

In consequence of Professor Kate Giles's book about Pickering's Wall Paintings she has received funding from York University to allow Tobit Curteis, a leading wall painting conservator, to make an assessment of the paintings and recommendations for their future conservation.

Finally, I would like to thank members of the PCC for their commitment and service, especially to Pam and Andrew, our churchwardens. We owe much to the time they invest, their care and positive approach to all their undertakings and we will continue under the guidance and leadership of Rev'd Gareth Atha to assist him in his ministry and support him and the churchwardens in the management of church affairs within this benefice.

Lesley Jaram.
PCC Secretary.

Parish Hall report.

It is always a pleasure to walk down Hallgarth and see excited little dancers coming and going on a Saturday morning or feel the "thump-di-thump" of Japanese drumming on a Tuesday evening.

This

year the regular hirers of the hall continued, and a varied programme of events is held in the hall from the above-mentioned groups to Scottish Dancing and Mothers' Union. Throughout the past year Cait Faulkner has once more continued to look after the hiring of the hall and the webpage, as ever this is no mean feat and huge thanks are due to her. For a financial report on the hall please see

the finance report elsewhere in this booklet for details.

A major focus of attention with regards to the hall has of course been the preparatory work towards

being able to put it on the market. Our initial advice from the local authority was helpful but not positive and, after some readjustments to the plans the application for planning permission was started. At the time of writing this has just been granted and so we can now begin the process of putting the hall up for sale.

The fabric remains in good order, with no issues outstanding that are of immediate concern. In the storms of the past year some of the ceiling did collapse in the south corridor due to water ingress. This was dried and repaired. Unfortunately, the storage cupboard once again did not get sorted out.

The small room is now used to house the pews that have been removed from the north and south aisles of the church until their ultimate fate is decided. The flooring in the two rooms and kitchen remained under observation and the two rooms remains stable and in good condition. The flooring in the kitchen does not appear to have significantly deteriorated in the past year. The rainwater pipes have been checked, thanks to Pam and Andrew who completed this task. Other external works

carried out was the removal of a small tree that had seeded between the hall and the garden fence of the Old Vicarage. This was carried out by the owners of the Old Vicarage with my permission and was done to a safe and high standard.

This may well be one of the final Parish Hall reports to appear in these booklets. We now wait to see what the process of any sale will bring. However, for the immediate time, the hall remains cared for and part of the life of the church.

***Reverend Gareth Atha
Parish Hall Chair.***

Organist and Choirmaster's report

The choir have contributed greatly to the services this year. I am, as always, in their debt for their hard work in producing singing which leads the worship so well at the Parish Church.

Tuesday rehearsals are now being enjoyed on a regular basis by the choir. Not only does it allow the choir to meet socially before the actual rehearsal, but this is invaluable in giving the choir more time to learn material for the services and to augment and develop the choral repertoire.

A new anthem book was purchased last year which has allowed the choir to rehearse new music for different occasions throughout the church year and this has developed a lot of new and varied material so far.

Many thanks to Gareth (and the retired clergy) who also provide the choir with hymns and Gareth has also introduced us to new hymns which very often we have not sung before.

Thanks also to the church wardens for their support in keeping the organ and surrounding areas functional. I would like to thank Dr David Billet for his help in rectifying any immediate problems with the organ. As with every year, many thanks go to the organists who play for services when I am indisposed, especially Steve Bulmer and Tom Wrench.

***Clive Wass.
Organist and Choirmaster.***

Deanery Synod Report

Our deanery Synod is made up of the clergy and elected representatives from all our parishes across the deanery of Northern Ryedale. We have 51 churches, currently grouped into 8 ministry units: Pickering; Middleton & Kirby Misperton; Kirkbymoorside; Kirkdale; Ampleforth; Lasingham; Helmsley & Upper Ryedale; and the newly titled benefice of Moor & Dale, which has been formed by the official joining together of the 10 churches in the former benefices of Thornton le Dale and Upper Derwent.

It is with great joy that we now find ourselves with a full complement of clergy across this deanery, and we are ever grateful for all the retired clergy and lay ministers who have supported parishes

through their vacancies, offering their talents and ministries to the congregations and wider communities.

We have made great ecumenical steps as we now see the Rev'd Mel Burnside as interim Priest in charge for the combined Anglican and Methodist Worshipping communities of Helmsley and Upper Ryedale. This union has been embraced with great positivity on both sides, and we pray that this will show the way forward for more ecumenical working partnerships in the future.

We have recently seen the Revd Paul Sunderland installed as Vicar for the Kirkbymoorside parish, and the Revd David Haddon Reece has been ordained Priest and continues to work assisting his wife, the Revd Christine, serving the Lastingham benefice.

Our Synod has met 5 times over the past year, including the installation service at Wydale Hall of our Area Dean, the Revd Joe Kinsella back in March 2023, and our deanery Ascension day service at St Peter & St Paul, Pickering in May.

We have covered a variety of discussion topics in our meetings including: *The Rhythm of Life* - encouraging individuals and communities to adopt such a pattern of holy living as to abide in Christ and become more like him.

Thy Kingdom Come - the global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus.

Living in Love and Faith - asking how questions about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage fit within the bigger picture of the good news of Jesus Christ, and what it means to live in love and faith together as a Church.

All these topics will continue to be discussed and prayed for over the coming year, and will form part of the implementation of our Living Christ's Story deanery plan across our churches.

Deanery finances are on the agenda at all our meetings, and the following proposals were made and seconded:

Our grant scheme will continue this year, offering parishes the opportunity to apply for a grant of up to £200 towards a mission project within their church or community.

The contribution payable to deanery funds will remain at £200 per benefice for this next year and will be reviewed in 2025.

Our annual deanery donation to Wydale Hall stays the same this year at £500, and will be reviewed next year.

Exciting new training opportunities focusing on Deepening Discipleship have been launched this past year, and information is available on the Diocesan website for those looking to further their journey of lay ministry. It is hoped that we may have a speaker from the diocesan training team attend one of our synod meetings in 2024 to answer questions on training and vocations.

Our Deanery morning prayer Zoom services continue at 10am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, with regular attendees from across our Deanery and beyond. Online Zoom Compline also continues to be offered every Tuesday at 9.30pm. The links for joining these services can be found on our Pickering Church website and all are most welcome to join at any time.

We have again this past year been blessed with good support from all our Deanery Synod representatives, our Deanery Leadership team, Bishop Paul and Archdeacon Amanda.

We give thanks for all that has been achieved across our Churches this past year, and we look forward to a year ahead of fruitful discussions, informed decisions and positive action.

***Alison Holmes,
Lay Dean Northern Ryedale
PCC Representative on Deanery Synod***

Parish Safeguarding, Confidential Declarations, Safeguarding Training and DBS Certification Report.

I have continued in my role of Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) over the last year. Each month we have safeguarding on the PCC agenda so the latest information can be shared and discussed. During the year as we welcome new members to the PCC or into other roles in Church, we ensure that they complete both a DBS check and the relevant training. This year this has included helpers with Little Fishes and the Bellringer trainers.

The safeguarding policy was reviewed by the PCC in May 2023 and is once again displayed. The PCC would like to report to APCM that we have complied with our duty to have “due regard” for the House of Bishops safeguarding policy and practice.

We have continued to update and use the Parish Dashboard as a self-audit tool to ensure we are up to date deploying our policy. The following are the areas covered on the dashboard.

- Safeguarding is a standing agenda at every PCC meeting.
- Reports to the PCC – the PCC should receive a regular safeguarding update minimum of twice a year.
- At the APCM the PCC should provide an annual report in relation to safeguarding. There should be a statement as to whether the PCC has complied with the duty to have “due regard” to the house of bishops safeguarding policy and practice guidance.
- The PCC confirms that the list of Church activities on the dashboard are completed – yearly.
- Training for key roles PSO, Churchwardens, DBS admin, PCC members.
- That all relevant materials are displayed.

This year our focus has been on adding activities like Little Fishes and Birthday Party for Jesus to the database ensuring that we have completed risk assessments correctly and other requirements for safeguarding.

I have also been involved through the year in supporting Levisham and Lockton in their safeguarding including updating their dashboards.

If anyone has safeguarding concerns, please contact me pkgPSO@outlook.com or 07736 645932.

***Gail Radka,
Parish Safeguarding and DBS Representative***

Health and Safety Report.

Firstly, we wish to thank Andrew Smith for all his hard work as Health & Safety Officer. He finished as Health & Safety officer in order to take over as Church Treasurer. This now leaves the post vacant, so the Health & Safety issues automatically becomes the responsibility of the Churchwardens until a new officer is appointed.

All the action points raised except two, following the assessment last year have been actioned. The two outstanding points are currently being looked at by a carpenter and contractor.

The Health & Safety policy has been updated and items identified during the past year was:-

- a. To provide a handrail into the choir vestry. We have now provided a handrail up the steps leading into the vestry after receiving a faculty.
- b. The outside light sited at the bottom of the main steps of the church - even though having been cleaned, so it now produces more light, it has now started to fail, and will need replacing. An electrician is currently looking into it.

First aid provision – 5 of our PCC members attended a 1st aid and defibrillator training course, organised by St Joseph's R.C. Church in July. Everyone found it very useful.

Health & Safety is something which is continually being looked at and it is also the responsibility of everyone to bring any issues to our attention.

***Pamela Robb and Andrew Orland,
Churchwardens.***

Pickering Bell-ringers Report

It has been a busy year for the ringers, however ringing for weddings during the year is becoming less. We only rang for 2 weddings during the year 2023.

We welcomed 3 visiting bands this year. We also had during the year a few summer and weekend visitors to our practice on a Wednesday night and for ringing on a Sunday morning.

To help with complying with the Church of England safeguarding guidelines the ringers have reinstated the attendance register, with everyone signing in whenever we meet.

The ringers have also completed the relevant Church of England safeguarding courses.

The Branch Striking Competition took place at Middleton in April 2023. We came 1st this year managing to beat Scalby who came 2nd by 1 point. (The reverse of last year!)

We rang 11 quarter peals during the year. 1 was to celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III in May.

In June we were honoured with a visit of His Majesty King Charles III to Pickering. He arrived by train and then made his way up the Market Place before coming into the church for a private viewing of our wall paintings. The ringers rang a quarter peal whilst the King did his walkabout. Before the King left the church he spoke to each of the ringers in turn, thanking them for all their efforts.

December brought the usual ringing for carol services and Christmas services. The ringers also enjoyed a lovely Christmas meal at the Black Swan on the Wednesday evening before Christmas.

The ringers have decided to introduce a voluntary steepleage fee, to help raise money, so we can contribute towards the maintenance and repairs of the bells. This has meant we have been able to get some of our bell ropes repaired, while we wait for our new set of ropes. They are currently being made and the PCC have kindly agreed to pay for them.

We wish to thank all those ringers who come from neighbouring towers. They come and practice with us as well as helping us out when required.

Finally, thank you to Ian for all the work as Ringing Master and to Anne for her help with training anyone who wants to learn.

***Pamela Robb,
Tower Captain***

Pickering Men's Society

There have been no meetings of the Men's Society during the year.

Philip Smith
Secretary.

Servers Report.

It has been an interesting year. We have stopped having a full team of servers on every week. We are only having a full team on special Sundays. We only have 4 servers now plus me, and a big thank you to Andrew Orland for stepping in when I am not available. We are in need of more servers, any age, just have a word with me after church.

Jane Sampson,
Head Server

Sanctuary Guild

Visitors to the Church on a Friday morning will be aware of two or three ladies busy cleaning, buffing brasses and topping up candles in their role of maintaining the beauty of the Sanctuary and Roucliffe Chapel. They will be seen arranging the flowers for the High Altar. In the vestry the tasks of cleaning the altar silver, the brass offertory plates, lecterns as well as the baptismal ewer and liner are being carried out. The laundering of the altar linen will have been done at home.

Prior to Christmas the two small chandeliers were lowered and cleaned before replacing the candles. A joy to see at our services.

In the summer Pam Lindsay had to step down from Sanctuary Guild when she and Tony moved to Scarborough. We appreciate the years of service Pam gave while wishing them well.

Members of the congregation have continued to give the flowers for the High Altar in memory of loved ones or in celebration and thanksgiving.

The perennial appeal goes out to encourage ladies and gentlemen to consider joining the Sanctuary Guild thus playing a part in maintaining the beauty of our church. I will be very happy to hear from anyone in this respect.

We continue to be very appreciative of the work carried out by members of the Sanctuary Guild. I, personally, am very grateful for the continuing loyalty and reliability of them all, it is a privilege and honour to be in this position.

Valerie J. Batchelor,
Secretary of the Sanctuary Guild.

Pickering and District Churches Together

2023 was the year when everyone was hoping to get back to normal. But what was normal? What with the epidemic, changes in the town's clergy and different church representatives, the Churches Together Forum almost had a completely new look going into the new year. Many of our traditional ecumenical events were largely forgotten. But that was no bad thing because we could look at things with fresh eyes and do things differently.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was celebrated with a service at the Memorial Hall when there was the opportunity to hear about the work done locally by Churches Together. The well supported Good Friday Walk of Witness moved round each centre of worship in the town, pausing at each for a hymn, a reading and a prayer.

Churches made their own fund-raising arrangements for Christian Aid Week raising a total of £976.27. Churches Together had a stall at the Community Park event celebrating the coronation when small, knitted crowns were given away with a message attached – e.g. “Jesus is the King of Kings. Find out more at a church near you every Sunday”. Knitting needles were clacking away again to prepare for Christmas with church members in the town busily knitting angels. All in all, 460 were produced. These had Christmas messages attached and were distributed round the town under the cover of darkness, ready to be found the next morning by the early risers.

Unfortunately, the distribution of angels took place on a very windy evening so, who knows, some might have ended up in the beck or even down the road at Thornton le Dale!

Alongside these activities, the Open the Book teams have continued to be welcomed in the town's three primary schools and at Sinnington school and the FISH (Food in School Holidays) scheme has supported many of the local children whose families have struggled to make ends meet.

As we move forward, there is definitely a feeling of togetherness among the different denominations. Long may it continue.

***Hazel Page,
Secretary.***

Fundraising and Social Group.

The past year has gone by so fast, and our annual events seem to come upon us so quickly. We've again had great fun throughout the year and enjoyed fellowship with friends old and new.

Our weekly Monday market day coffee mornings have continued running from Easter Monday right through to Christmas, and it is always lovely to see our regulars, new faces, and visitors alike. We continue to offer this on a purely donation only basis which seems to be popular, and people never cease to amaze us with their generosity. We strive to ensure that all our tea, coffee and sugar is always Fair Trade.

We have focused our events in the actual Church this year, rather than the Parish Hall as we feel this is a good way to get new people comfortable with being in the Church building.

Our Eastertide buffet lunch in April was well received: a relaxed buffet always seems a great way for people who might not ordinarily come to something more formal to gather and enjoy a meal together.

In May we marked the Coronation of King Charles III with a very well attended afternoon tea party, and it was a great joy for us to play our part in the country's celebrations.

After the heat wave of the previous year, we were slightly disappointed with the weather forecast for our Summer Fair in late July. However, we moved everything inside and we still had a great day with all our usual stalls and games, fabulous entertainment from local singing group The

Sweet Martinis, and people still came and enjoyed themselves, despite the weather. The dog show, again thanks to The Pet Store, still took place outside in the churchyard, and luckily it wasn't as wet for them as it had been forecast.

We held another of our ever-popular Beetle Drives at the beginning of September with 35 people joining us for this, and our buffet supper following the Harvest Praise service later that month was a welcome change from the format we've followed in past years.

Bonfire night was again a true delight, with families and lots of children joining us in the Vicarage garden for some warming seasonal fare. Holding this a week after Nov 5th certainly seems a good idea, and a way to ensure that people are not otherwise engaged.

Our Christmas Fair in early December was a great event with a visit from our own Father Christmas, lots of stalls and games, and wonderful entertainment yet again from the Sweet Martinis. It was a really well attended afternoon, and thanks to the generosity of all who attended we made a record profit of over £1,600. Our grand prize draw is always very popular and many thanks must go to all those who took tickets home to sell to family and friends: not always the easiest task, but hugely appreciated as this goes a long way to boosting our takings.

For the second year running we hosted a Birthday Party for Baby Jesus immediately after the Christingle service on Christmas Eve. It was again a great delight to share party food and spend time with lots of excited children and their parents at this special time.

In early February we held our first Walsingham Cell Fellowship lunch which was attended by 24 people from across our Deanery. This was very well received and something we intend to hold twice a year.

Shrove Tuesday saw us host our ever-popular Pancake Coffee morning, and we were busier than ever this year. We can report that the consensus seems to be that lemon and sugar is definitely still the most popular topping.

Our Monday morning winter Craft Hub sessions have continued to be a good way to engage with people who just want a chat and a coffee in warm surroundings. We have an average of about 10 people regularly joining us, many of whom are not Church goers, and this is an excellent time to engage with them.

The Church 100 Club continues to tick over nicely, and we always welcome new members. The annual subscription is £24, but you may join at any time through the year on a pro-rata basis. With 70 members at present the monthly income to the Church is £70, and the monthly prize to the lucky winner is £70. So, if you aren't yet a member do please consider joining.

Another way to support your Church is to sign up for 'Easy Fundraising'. If you shop online then this is an easy way to generate more funds for your Church, at no extra cost to you.

We continue to provide refreshments for concerts, meetings and one-off events, striving to ensure that we always show good hospitality and a warm welcome to all who visit our Church. Coffee is served after the 10am service every Sunday morning and this is such an important time of fellowship for many to catch up with friends, and also a good way to welcome visitors and newcomers.

We thank you all for the support and generosity you have given over the past year, making all these things possible, and we look forward to joining with you this coming year for more fun and fellowship.

Alison Holmes,
Group leader.

Our Online Presence

Our online presence continues to be very important – the website, Facebook, X and A Church Near You.

Gail Radka continues with her responsibility for the Facebook and X accounts, using them to post the weekly services, pictures and advertising for events as well as social and fundraising activities. We now have 559 followers on Facebook and our posts are regularly “shared” to increase the numbers of people being aware of what we do. On X (formerly “Twitter”), we have 950 followers – this is a different audience, more widely viewed than Facebook which tends to have a local focus. If you ever want to publicise events or share photographs relating to the Churches on Facebook or X, please send them to Gail. Rev’d Gareth Atha has the responsibility for the ‘A Church Near You’ pages, and I respond to Trip Advisor reviews, which have been very few again this year, only 10. (9 last year)

The website has been very busy with ‘traffic’, on average, 810 unique visitors a month, with the most popular page, ‘Our Services’ attracting an average of 315 unique visitors a month. The information on the paintings, and our News and Information pages are always very popular, and our new page for Little Fishes is bringing in some interest. The seasonal pages, for Advent and for Lent attracted views once again, with Advent 2023 having 188 visitors in December, using the Church of England daily resources. We had the visit of King Charles earlier in the year, and this page continues to draw interest, so I will leave it in place for now. The dedicated page for CofE resources for the Coronation had a small core of daily visitors, and has now been taken out of view. Pages for Ukraine, Israel and Gaza have low numbers of views, but I feel it is important that they remain.

Over the Christmas period I posted services for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and both had several visitors, with the Christmas Eve one being the most popular. Several people provided photographs of the Christmas trees, as well as pictures from the services and the decorations around the church, and I thank them for that. It is always lovely to have input from other people sending their photographs of the church decorated for special events, as well as from events such as the fairs.

Hazel Page kindly emails the Pew Sheet each week and I incorporate the information, Notices, and prayer requests, as well as the Readings and Propers as they would appear in a normal service, along with the Sermon and Intercessions which are sometimes provided by the person on the rota for the service. I use ‘Common Worship - Living Word’ or ‘Lost for Words’ resources when I do not have a sermon sent to me.

The website continues to evolve, as it should, and I enjoy tweaking and adding to it. I would still very much like to have information from the other churches in the group as well as from other organisations affiliated with the church. Please do continue to send pictures or articles of interest, particularly if you have historical pictures or information.

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Cait Faulkner, (pickeringparishchurch@gmail.com)
Website Administrator.

Mothers' Union Report

After the previous couple of years, 2023 was so normal as to be almost boring! There were no masks or lockdowns and keeping 2 metres apart and there were no challenges from Hilary, our Diocesan President, to knit hearts or twiddle muffs, etc. So we slipped back into our rather comfortable rut of being Pickering MU. However, we continue to bear in mind that the Mothers' Union is an international Christian charity that seeks to support families worldwide and we readily make donations to help further this work.

In February we had an enjoyable annual lunch at Cedar Barn, although you had to feel a little bit sorry for anyone else hoping to enjoy a nice meal out because our members are not known for speaking in whispers!

During the year we learnt about FISH (Food in School Holidays), the MU Away From it All Caravan and the life and work of Florence Nightingale.

Gareth bravely offered to organise a barbecue for us in June; the sun shone and we are most grateful to him for allowing us to invade his garden.

Liz Clark kindly hosted our October meeting when our local Literature Rep paid us her annual visit with her stock of MU cards and publications. Our programme also included a couple of Bible studies, one of which, based on the story of Peter walking on water, was about having the faith to take risks by trying something new and different. We also had a discussion on how we saw our various churches as part of the community. We ended the year as we began – with more food, this time a bring and share lunch to celebrate the season.

Our nineteen members go forward into 2024 in good heart. You may be surprised to learn that not all MU members are mothers or even women – there are many parents, men, widows, singles and grandparents involved in its work. You would be most welcome to join us.

***Hazel Page,
Branch Leader.***

Mission & Outreach Committee

The group has had a very positive year, we have organised our Parish Away Day at Wydale. Events to encourage people of all ages to visit church have been held, including Music Matters, SingalongaBob, Crafting the Cross.

Social events, such as The Bonfire at The Vicarage were well attended by many members of the wider community. It is wonderful to welcome visitors and our neighbours to our church and activities.

Meetings such as Bible and Banter, Brunch with Jesus and Lent Groups have been well attended. The Open the Book group continues to work across the churches visiting the local schools to lead assemblies.

Little Fishes for babies, toddlers and preschoolers continues to be very successful. There are 6 regular helpers and we have over 40 children who have attended and we regularly have 12-21 children attend with their parents, grandparents and carers. We enjoy playing and have a short story and singing. We have given them "Christian" presents for Christmas and Easter and have made the Easter Garden together. The relationships are growing well. It is a privilege to be involved with the young families. We have received a large number of donations of toys and equipment. It is also lovely to see the Children's corner is being used by visitors to the church.

We have more plans going into the next year and we look forward to developing our relationships with the town and encourage more people in our faith.

***Gina Southey,
Committee secretary.***

The Children's Society

Every year in my annual report I try and remind people what the Children's Society is all about. I would urge each one of you to go to the Children's Society website and read the stories on there. The stories are heart breaking and a reminder of why we should support the Society. The society also supports young carers who are between age 5 and 18 and have the role of caring for a member of their family. This additional responsibility often makes children grow up faster. They very often help one or both of their parents.

We play a small part in the societies fund raising, we have people that have children's society boxes to save up loose change, we have people that make a yearly donation when I collect the boxes in and finally others give at our Christingle service collection to the Society.

This year our boxes and one-off donations raised £848.73 which is about £100 down on last year. We now have 29 box holders. This year we have lost 7 box holders and gained 2.

At the Christingle service we raised £632.67 which is incredible and the most we have ever achieved. Over the last two years we have used the Children's Society gift envelopes which I think has helped.

This charity does great work please consider becoming a box holder or making a one-off donation when we collect the boxes in October each year.

What does the Society do?

We're here for young people when they need us most. We support them when they're facing huge life challenges like abuse, exploitation, or neglect, and we campaign tirelessly to change the lives of the next generation for the better. We've been doing this work for 140 years and we won't rest until every child is safe, happy, and hopeful.

We work with young people across the country to help them transform their lives. Our services are as varied as the experiences of the young people we meet. We listen to them, so that we can make sure they get the right support at the right time – boosting their wellbeing, protecting them from harm, and making sure they can access the essentials. We're here for as long as it takes, and through our campaigning and influencing work, we're fighting for the local and national change we need to create a society that works for all children.

You make all this possible – our volunteers, campaigners, and supporters. Whether you give your time, lend your voice to our campaigns, or support us financially, you're making a real difference for young people.

Every young person deserves a safe, happy childhood, one where they can make friends, get an education, and feel good about themselves, their lives, and their futures. We're a powerful community and we'll keep going until we've built a brighter future for all young people.

The Society have been involved with a campaign to make an extra £500 million available to low-income families through a household support fund. They have been involved in a campaign to make sure benefits were uprated in line with inflation which benefitted 11.3 million children. They have pushed for the school uniform bill to make uniforms more affordable for all.

As well as looking after individual children and their families our priorities over the next year are:

Protecting children from the rising cost of living by renewing investment for children through an increase to child benefits. As a minimum, the Government should target increases for the families facing the brunt of price rises by uplifting the child element of Universal Credit and Child Tax Credit and removing the two-child limit.

Standing up for children by creating Cabinet-level posts of Minister for Children in both the UK and Welsh governments to champion children's needs across all government departments at the highest level.

Creating a system that starts by understanding how children are doing. The Government should measure children's subjective wellbeing at least annually and on a much larger national scale across England and Wales.

Thank you for your support.

If you would like a box, please contact me.

***Gail Radka – telephone 07736 645932,
Parish Representative.***

Ryedale Community Foodbank

Helping people in Ryedale in crisis

Ryedale Community Foodbank offers long-life food and some household goods, such as toiletries and cleaning products, to people in crisis in the Ryedale area. There are 3 foodbank centres, Malton/Norton, Pickering and Kirkbymoorside.

Clients must be referred to the foodbank by agencies like Citizens Advice Bureau and Next Steps. People are referred to the foodbank for a variety of reasons, they may have lost their job or had their hours reduced, they may be on low income or have a zero hours contract and not have enough money to live on, they maybe in debt or have a delay in the payment of benefits, they have had a large unexpected expense and have no money left for food.

In many cases, we can support people in overcoming their current crisis and offer additional support and guidance by directing clients to sources of long-term help and support. The aim is to prevent long term dependency on the foodbank.

Food is donated via boxes in supermarkets (Co-op and Lidl in Pickering) or at collection points like the green box in the porch of St Peter and St Paul's Church. At the foodbank volunteers sort the food that is received, checking, and noting the sell by date. Clients bring along a red voucher which has been issued from the agency they have visited. Trained volunteers then discuss their needs with clients, signposting long term help and getting other volunteers to make up appropriate food bags for each client.

Below is information on food in and out (it all must be weighed) also listed is the number of red forms received and the number of people fed.

RYEDALE FOOD BANK – HEADLINE FIGURES 2023

	JAN.	FEB.	MARC H	APRI L	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN 2024
STOCK IN	565 0	347 9	5939	353 6	312 4	363 0	274 2	315 7	401 3	400 4	352 1	441 0	585 1
STOCK OUT	412 4	405 1	6054.	372 6	261 4	311 5	267 3	414 5	290 5	358 9	435 4	501 1	436 0
RED FORM S	111	126	190	117	83	110	85	130	103	113	136	170	142
TOTAL FED	270	289	445	272	174	233	181	339	239	280	341	395	342

The food bank relies on donations all year round from organisations like our Churches and individuals.

If everyone was to bring one item each week that would be a wonderful amount of food for us to pass on to the local food bank. Currently the food bank is in most need of, household cleaning products, shower gel, shampoo and conditioner, tinned fruit, rice puddings, custard, tinned meat like ham and corned beef, tinned potatoes, hot chocolate, toilet rolls, jam, fruit juice and dilute juice.

The drop-in centres are Norton Howe Road – Wednesday 10-12 and Friday 1-3, Pickering Hungate Centre Thursday 4-6 and Kirkbymoorside Methodist School Room Thursday 09.30 – 11.30.

Current volunteers from Church are Sue Billet, Mike and Diane Steele, Andrew Smith, Anne Frank and myself.

We would encourage you all to continue to donate food or household products each week.

Thank You !

Gail Radka on behalf of the food bank volunteers.

Financial review for 2023

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £114,040, of which £59,708 was unrestricted voluntary donations and £10,729 was from Gift Aid. Planned giving through envelopes and banker's orders increased marginally by 1%.

The Dona Contactless Portal produced a gross income of £8,335 and almost identical to that generated in 2022.

Collections at services increased marginally from £7,724 to £8,518.

Fundraising activities were held regularly throughout the year and generated £14,129, an increase of £1,628. Out of the total raised, £4,589 was allocated to the Fabric Fund and £2,910 to the Project Fund (both restricted). Fees from weddings and funerals remained virtually static at £10,890.

The Parish Hall continues to be let on a regular basis which provided a gross income of £5,555. Dividend and interest income improved considerably in 2023 due primarily to an upward movement in rates, with a resultant overall increase of £1,828 or 128%. Just one legacy of £2,000 was received in 2023 compared with five the previous year, totalling £34,729.

Total income, including tax recovered but excluding legacies, increased by 2.7% compared with the previous year.

Total expenditure for the year was £152,946 being an increase of £31,777 or 26% in comparison with 2022. The increase is represented entirely by two exceptional items of expenditure totalling £33,800 (£24,000 for new wooden chairs for the church and £9,800 relating to architect and planning application fees relating to the Parish Hall project).

In addition, the Freewill Offer to the Diocese of York increased by £2,000 to £50,000. The net result for the year was an excess of expenditure over income by £28,409.

The fund balances at the end of each year are as follows:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Unrestricted Funds	£70,808	£42,506
Restricted Funds	£51,308	£59,649
Endowment Fund	£43,500	£35,052
Total Balances	£165,616	£137,207

Surplus/(Deficit) for the year:-

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Unrestricted Funds	£30,591	(£27,646)
Restricted Funds	£ 7,142	£ 7,685
Endowment Fund	(£ 4,810)	(£ 8,448)
Total surplus/(deficit)	£32,923	(£28,409)

RESERVE POLICY

Unrestricted Funds:

The PCC policy is to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds which equates to at least three months unrestricted expenditure. This is equivalent to £26,852 (excluding the exceptional items of expenditure previously detailed). It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet future shortfalls in income or unexpected expense.

The balance at 31 December 2023 (£42,505) was sufficient to meet this objective. A small surplus is budgeted for 2024 and hence it is expected that the balance at the year end will continue to meet the PCC target.

Designated Funds:

The PCC policy is to reserve the balance of £14,316 in the Parish Hall Current Account to meet the maintenance and running expenses of the Parish Hall. The recent receipt of full planning approval to convert the Parish Hall into two self-contained domestic residences and the prospect of selling the building with such will almost inevitably mean the loss of existing hirers as they seek alternative premises, with a consequent negative impact on income. However, this should be more than outweighed by the positive impact from the inflow of any resultant net sale proceeds.

Restricted Funds:

It is the policy of the PCC to invest the cash balances held in the Fabric Fund and Project Fund in short-term investment fund balances with the CCLA Church of England Deposit Fund, and the Fabric Fund shareholding in the CCLA Church of England Investment Fund.

The Jack and Mabel Goodall Endowment Fund:

The balance of £35,052 at 31 December 2023 is invested in a CCLA Church of England Deposit Fund. The PCC have used some of the funds to meet the cost of architect and planning fees in connection with the Parish Hall.

***Andrew Smith,
PCC Treasurer.***

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2023

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds			Restricted Funds		2023	2022
		General	Designated	Fabric	Project	Endowment		
		£	£	£	£	£		
VOLUNTARY GIVING								
Tax efficient planned giving	1	26,405.15				26,405.15		25,828.75
Other planned giving	2	2,700.00				2,700.00		2,898.00
Collections at services	3	8,518.34				8,518.34		7,724.43
All other giving and voluntary receipts	4	20,084.73				20,084.73		20,114.24
Gift Aid recovered	5	10,729.34			31.25	10,760.59		11,717.63
Legacies received	6	2,000.00				2,000.00		34,729.82
Grants	7	-				-		2,000.00
ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS								
Fundraising activities	8	6,629.77		4,589.75	2,910.06		14,129.58	12,501.23
INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS								
Dividends and interest received	9	284.90		834.81	813.67	1,317.48	3,250.86	1,423.09
CHURCH ACTIVITIES								
Wedding and funeral fees received	10	10,890.00				10,890.00		10,664.00
Trading activities	11	3,607.34	5,555.45			9,162.79		9,253.25
OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES								
Other receipts and income	12	16,634.97				16,634.97		15,237.85
Total Incoming Resources		108,484.54	5,555.45	5,424.56	3,754.98	1,317.48	124,537.01	154,092.29
COST OF GENERATING FUNDS								
Cost of fundraising activities	13	2,932.86		1,032.15	462.00		4,427.01	3,667.35
CHURCH ACTIVITIES								
Diocesan Freewill Offer	14	50,000.00				50,000.00		48,000.00
Salaries, wages and honoraria	15	2,834.00				2,834.00		3,034.00
Clergy and staff expenses	16	1,087.49				1,087.49		972.44
CHURCH EXPENSES								
Church running expenses	17	20,441.22				20,441.22		21,414.64
Church utility costs	18	6,865.25				6,865.25		5,651.12
Costs of trading	19	2,298.93	5,112.62			7,411.55		7,660.97
MAJOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE								
Major repairs to church buildings	20					9,766.00	9,766.00	9,155.36
OTHER EXPENDITURE								
Other expenditure not already listed	21	50,113.63					50,113.63	21,613.38
Total resources expended		136,573.38	5,112.62	1,032.15	462.00	9,766.00	152,946.15	121,169.26
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		(28,088.84)	442.83	4,392.41	3,292.98	(8,448.52)	(28,409.14)	32,923.03

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023	2022
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments			
CBF-Shares: Fabric Fund		6,103.43	5,578.58
CBF-Shares: Fabric Fund		<u>1,524.05</u>	<u>1,392.99</u>
		<u>7,627.48</u>	<u>6,971.57</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Bookstall Stock			
		<u>2,098.95</u>	<u>2,265.31</u>
Cash and Bank Accounts			
Cash in hand		166.36	
Barclays - General Account		3,050.90	
Barclays - Stewardship Account		4,328.69	
Barclays - Parish Hall Account		15,275.18	
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		<u>130,315.11</u>	<u>157,418.07</u>
Debtors and Prepayments			
Debtors		329.95	
Prepayments		442.00	
		<u>771.95</u>	<u>2,299.55</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors and accruals			
Creditors		3,510.81	
Deferred Income		96.00	
		<u>(3,606.81)</u>	<u>(3,338.68)</u>
Net current assets			
		<u>137,206.68</u>	<u>165,615.82</u>
RESERVES			
Balances brought forward, 1st January 2023			
Unrestricted Fund Reserves		70,807.67	40,050.22
Restricted Fund Reserves		94,808.15	92,642.57
		165,615.82	132,692.79
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		<u>(28,409.14)</u>	<u>32,923.03</u>
Balances carried forward, 31 December 2023		<u>137,206.68</u>	<u>165,615.82</u>
Represented by:-			
General Fund	22	28,190.18	56,934.93
Designated Fund		14,315.57	13,872.74
Fabric Fund		31,078.56	26,030.24
Project Fund		28,570.57	25,277.59
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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

SOFA Notes for the year ended 31 December 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
1. Tax efficient planned giving		
Donations - GA Planned giving envelopes	5,435.15	5,558.75
Donations - GA Standing orders	<u>20,970.00</u>	<u>20,270.00</u>
	<u>26,405.15</u>	<u>25,828.75</u>
2. Other planned giving		
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Donations - NGA Standing orders	<u>1,834.00</u>	<u>2,082.00</u>
	<u>2,700.00</u>	<u>2,898.00</u>
3. Collections at services		
Donations - One-off GA envelopes	1,326.75	1,046.50
Cash collections - Church services	4,172.77	4,450.38
Cash collections - B, W & F to church	1,693.16	1,528.42
Cash collections - for charities	<u>1,325.66</u>	<u>699.13</u>
	<u>8,518.34</u>	<u>7,724.43</u>
4. All other giving and voluntary receipts		
Unplanned gift aid donations	1,102.02	1,062.08
SumUp GA donations	3,065.00	3,567.50
Visitor wall boxes	8,219.39	7,289.05
Unplanned NGA donations	643.34	801.00
SumUp NGA donations	5,269.79	4,743.50
Sundry donations	1,161.49	1,755.21
Visitor GA envelopes	<u>623.70</u>	<u>895.90</u>
	<u>20,084.73</u>	<u>20,114.24</u>
5. Gift aid recovered		
Gift aid tax recovered	<u>10,760.59</u>	<u>11,717.63</u>
6. Legacies received		
Legacies	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>34,729.82</u>
7. Grants		
Grants	<u>-</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
8. Fundraising activities		
Fund raising events	3,775.33	4,178.71
Monday coffee donations	4,589.75	3,175.72
100 Club subscriptions	1,596.00	1,700.00
Sunday coffee donations	1,111.06	683.43
Easyfundraising	147.38	185.37
Light for Christmas	<u>2,910.06</u>	<u>2,578.00</u>
	<u>14,129.58</u>	<u>12,501.23</u>
9. Dividends and interest received		
Dividends	208.49	207.35
Interest - Barclays Reserve Saver	284.63	41.35
Interest - HMRC	0.27	2.19
Deposit Interest - CCLA Fabric	626.32	225.05
Deposit Interest - CCLA Project	813.67	312.21
Deposit Interest - CCLA Endowment	<u>1,317.48</u>	<u>634.94</u>
	<u>3,250.86</u>	<u>1,423.09</u>
10. Wedding and funeral fees received		
DBF fees	4,178.00	3,641.00
PCC fees	3,167.00	2,876.00
Organist fees	1,275.00	1,870.00
Bellringer fees	400.00	300.00
Vergers fees	420.00	660.00
Travelling expenses	223.00	362.00
Heating charges	680.00	955.00
Sexton fees	80.00	-
Funeral fee received in duplicate	<u>467.00</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>10,890.00</u>	<u>10,664.00</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

SOFA Notes for the year ended 31 December 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
11. Trading activities		
Bookstall income	3,307.34	3,002.56
Parish Hall lettings	5,555.45	5,650.69
Hire of Church	300.00	600.00
	<u>9,162.79</u>	<u>9,253.25</u>
12. Other receipts/income		
Cash collections at funerals for charities	4,913.05	6,668.89
Flower fund income	403.40	779.88
Photocopying	-	5.00
Special appeals	520.73	1,488.11
External visit income	8,651.00	5,230.00
Parish Hall contributions	-	155.97
Contributions to clergy expenses	850.00	850.00
Deanery subscription contributions	60.00	60.00
Barclays loyalty bonus	110.04	-
Miscellaneous receipts	470.84	-
Increase in share value	655.91	-
	<u>16,634.97</u>	<u>15,237.85</u>
13. Cost of fundraising activities		
Stewardship costs	116.84	113.44
Monday coffee expenses	1,032.15	296.45
Christmas trees	339.99	75.00
Fundraising expenses	1,148.70	1,387.66
100 Club	814.00	844.00
Sunday coffee expenses	376.82	239.00
Light for Christmas	462.00	575.00
Transaction fees - SumUp	136.51	136.80
	<u>4,427.01</u>	<u>3,667.35</u>
14. Diocesan Freewill Offer		
Parish contribution to the Diocese	<u>50,000.00</u>	<u>48,000.00</u>
15. Salaries, wages and honoraria		
Bellringers, weddings	400.00	300.00
Verger fees - funerals	420.00	660.00
Sexton fees	120.00	-
Organist - W&F	1,360.00	1,870.00
Retired clergy fees and expenses	534.00	204.00
	<u>2,834.00</u>	<u>3,034.00</u>
16. Clergy and staff expenses		
Vicar's expenses	808.11	698.98
Vicarage water charges	279.38	273.46
	<u>1,087.49</u>	<u>972.44</u>
17. Church running expenses		
Bank charges - Barclays	789.88	656.57
Repairs and maintenance	673.55	1,058.54
Insurance	6,297.84	5,995.88
Website	213.80	107.80
Office costs	624.92	1,556.63
Postage and stationery	129.00	23.61
Cleaner for church	1,505.25	1,362.50
Churchyard expenses	-	38.00
Items for upkeep of church services	2,630.27	2,632.97
Organist fee for church	4,575.00	4,416.67
Repairs to fixtures and fittings	-	51.97
Support and training costs	-	250.00
Beeline Broadband	324.00	324.00
Boiler expenses	360.00	546.00
Laundry and cleaning materials	99.75	201.60
Organ costs	648.00	1,392.00
Health and safety	55.00	90.54
CCTV Church roof system	1,514.96	709.36
	<u>20,441.22</u>	<u>21,414.64</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

SOFA Notes for the year ended 31 December 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
18. Church utility costs		
Gas - Church	4,046.12	3,757.79
Electricity - Church	2,124.72	1,297.54
Electricity - Church Tower	694.41	595.79
	<u>6,865.25</u>	<u>5,651.12</u>
19. Costs of trading		
Parish Hall - Heating and lighting	1,663.96	1,936.78
Parish Hall - Water charges	120.97	58.91
Parish Hall - Cleaning	1,651.75	1,458.99
Parish Hall - Insurance	1,064.00	975.97
Parish Hall - Repairs and renewals	320.04	288.00
Parish Hall - Performing Rights Society	224.40	69.60
Parish Hall - Sundry expenses	67.50	560.00
Bookstall Expenses	-	7.98
Bookstall cost of sales	<u>2,298.93</u>	<u>2,304.74</u>
	<u>7,411.55</u>	<u>7,660.97</u>
20. Major repairs to church building		
Major repairs	-	3,710.00
Parish Hall Feasibility Project	<u>9,766.00</u>	<u>5,445.36</u>
	<u>9,766.00</u>	<u>9,155.36</u>
21. Other expenditure not already listed		
Mission and charity giving - home	1,331.94	2,106.01
Mission and charity giving - overseas	742.56	602.88
Mission and charity giving - secular	-	150.00
Retreat visit costs	8,464.00	5,549.00
Repayment of duplicated funeral fee	467.00	-
Safeguarding expenses	261.31	76.65
Flower fund expenditure	327.16	611.68
Assigned fees to York DBF	3,644.00	3,641.00
Welcome leaflets	375.00	345.00
Guide books	2,520.00	-
Charity giving - funerals	5,089.58	6,668.89
Dona contactless payment system	195.00	165.00
Purchase of sundry equipment	24,509.55	193.10
Royal School of Church Music subscription	127.00	110.00
ExpensePlus subscription	300.00	-
Fee payable to other churches	620.00	-
Deanery subscriptions	200.00	200.00
Sundry donations and gifts	483.53	-
Pickering Area Churches Together	100.00	-
External musician fees	80.00	-
Independent examiner fee	276.00	264.00
Decrease in CCLA share value	-	930.17
	<u>50,113.63</u>	<u>21,613.38</u>

22. Balance Sheet Note for the years ended 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2023

There has been an incremental adjustment of £42.00 to the General Account balance for the year ended 31 December 2022, increasing reserves from £165,573.82 to £165,615.82. This relates to the non presentation of a cheque issued in January 2022 in the sum of £42.00 to a small charitable organisation, with subsequent efforts to resolve being unsuccessful.

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts of Pickering Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 1 to 5.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees 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 (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

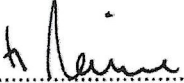
Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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 in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. 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 and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


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Dated: 21/03/2024
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Helen Raine ACA
Hallgarth Accountants Ltd, 2 Hallgarth, Pickering, North Yorkshire, YO18 7AW

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

BUDGET for the year ending 31 December 2024

	Budget <u>2024</u> £	Actual <u>2023</u> £
VOLUNTARY GIVING		
Tax efficient planned giving	26,500	26,405
Other planned giving	2,400	2,700
Collections at services	7,500	8,518
All other giving and voluntary receipts	21,100	20,085
Gift aid recovered	11,300	10,761
Legacies received	-	2,000
Grants	-	-
ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS		
Fundraising activities	13,300	14,129
INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS		
Dividends and interest received	4,300	3,251
CHURCH ACTIVITIES		
Wedding and funeral fees received	12,800	10,890
Trading activities	8,800	9,163
OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES		
Other receipts and income	15,700	16,635
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>123,700</u>	<u>124,537</u>
COST OF GENERATING FUNDS		
Cost of fundraising activities	4,400	4,427
CHURCH ACTIVITIES		
Diocesan Freewill Offer	45,000	50,000
Salaries, wages and honoraria	7,600	2,834
Clergy and staff expenses	1,000	1,088
CHURCH EXPENSES		
Church running expenses	15,600	20,441
Church utility costs	12,150	6,865
Costs of trading	7,450	7,412
MAJOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE		
Major repairs to church buildings	-	9,766
OTHER EXPENDITURE		
Other expenditure not already listed	24,550	50,113
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u>117,750</u>	<u>152,946</u>
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES	<u>5,950</u>	<u>(28,409)</u>

The Church of ST. FRANCIS , MARISHES
Balance Sheet at Year End 2023

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
2022	2023	2022	2023
£20,315.42	Balance Brought Forward	£19,346.79	
£710	Stewardship -Gift Aid	£1,360.70	
£570.80	Collections GADS	£899.60	
£597	Wedding Fee	£620.00	
£641.02	HMRC Charity Claim		
£19.22	Bank Interest	£171.82	
		£3,506.67	£2,424.38
		Balances Forward 31/12/2023	
		Cash in Hand	£3.26
		Community Acc	£8,453.15
		Business Money Manager	£3,063.35
		Fabric Account	£8,454.77
£22,853.46	£22,398.91		£ 22,398.91

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts of St Francis, Marishes in the Parish of St Peter and St Paul, Pickering

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Dated: 9 April 2024.....

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2023

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds			Restricted Funds		2023	2022
		General	Designated	Fabric	Project	Endowment		
		£	£	£	£	£		
VOLUNTARY GIVING								
Tax efficient planned giving	1	26,405.15				26,405.15		25,828.75
Other planned giving	2	2,700.00				2,700.00		2,898.00
Collections at services	3	8,518.34				8,518.34		7,724.43
All other giving and voluntary receipts	4	20,084.73				20,084.73		20,114.24
Gift Aid recovered	5	10,729.34			31.25	10,760.59		11,717.63
Legacies received	6	2,000.00				2,000.00		34,729.82
Grants	7	-				-		2,000.00
ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS								
Fundraising activities	8	6,629.77		4,589.75	2,910.06		14,129.58	12,501.23
INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS								
Dividends and interest received	9	284.90		834.81	813.67	1,317.48	3,250.86	1,423.09
CHURCH ACTIVITIES								
Wedding and funeral fees received	10	10,890.00				10,890.00		10,664.00
Trading activities	11	3,607.34	5,555.45			9,162.79		9,253.25
OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES								
Other receipts and income	12	16,634.97				16,634.97		15,237.85
Total Incoming Resources		108,484.54	5,555.45	5,424.56	3,754.98	1,317.48	124,537.01	154,092.29
COST OF GENERATING FUNDS								
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CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors and accruals			
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Net current assets			
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RESERVES			
Balances brought forward, 1st January 2023			
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Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		<u>(28,409.14)</u>	<u>32,923.03</u>
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Cash collections - B, W & F to church	1,693.16	1,528.42
Cash collections - for charities	<u>1,325.66</u>	<u>699.13</u>
	<u>8,518.34</u>	<u>7,724.43</u>
4. All other giving and voluntary receipts		
Unplanned gift aid donations	1,102.02	1,062.08
SumUp GA donations	3,065.00	3,567.50
Visitor wall boxes	8,219.39	7,289.05
Unplanned NGA donations	643.34	801.00
SumUp NGA donations	5,269.79	4,743.50
Sundry donations	1,161.49	1,755.21
Visitor GA envelopes	<u>623.70</u>	<u>895.90</u>
	<u>20,084.73</u>	<u>20,114.24</u>
5. Gift aid recovered		
Gift aid tax recovered	<u>10,760.59</u>	<u>11,717.63</u>
6. Legacies received		
Legacies	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>34,729.82</u>
7. Grants		
Grants	<u>-</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
8. Fundraising activities		
Fund raising events	3,775.33	4,178.71
Monday coffee donations	4,589.75	3,175.72
100 Club subscriptions	1,596.00	1,700.00
Sunday coffee donations	1,111.06	683.43
Easyfundraising	147.38	185.37
Light for Christmas	<u>2,910.06</u>	<u>2,578.00</u>
	<u>14,129.58</u>	<u>12,501.23</u>
9. Dividends and interest received		
Dividends	208.49	207.35
Interest - Barclays Reserve Saver	284.63	41.35
Interest - HMRC	0.27	2.19
Deposit Interest - CCLA Fabric	626.32	225.05
Deposit Interest - CCLA Project	813.67	312.21
Deposit Interest - CCLA Endowment	<u>1,317.48</u>	<u>634.94</u>
	<u>3,250.86</u>	<u>1,423.09</u>
10. Wedding and funeral fees received		
DBF fees	4,178.00	3,641.00
PCC fees	3,167.00	2,876.00
Organist fees	1,275.00	1,870.00
Bellringer fees	400.00	300.00
Vergers fees	420.00	660.00
Travelling expenses	223.00	362.00
Heating charges	680.00	955.00
Sexton fees	80.00	-
Funeral fee received in duplicate	<u>467.00</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>10,890.00</u>	<u>10,664.00</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

SOFA Notes for the year ended 31 December 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
11. Trading activities		
Bookstall income	3,307.34	3,002.56
Parish Hall lettings	5,555.45	5,650.69
Hire of Church	300.00	600.00
	<u>9,162.79</u>	<u>9,253.25</u>
12. Other receipts/income		
Cash collections at funerals for charities	4,913.05	6,668.89
Flower fund income	403.40	779.88
Photocopying	-	5.00
Special appeals	520.73	1,488.11
External visit income	8,651.00	5,230.00
Parish Hall contributions	-	155.97
Contributions to clergy expenses	850.00	850.00
Deanery subscription contributions	60.00	60.00
Barclays loyalty bonus	110.04	-
Miscellaneous receipts	470.84	-
Increase in share value	655.91	-
	<u>16,634.97</u>	<u>15,237.85</u>
13. Cost of fundraising activities		
Stewardship costs	116.84	113.44
Monday coffee expenses	1,032.15	296.45
Christmas trees	339.99	75.00
Fundraising expenses	1,148.70	1,387.66
100 Club	814.00	844.00
Sunday coffee expenses	376.82	239.00
Light for Christmas	462.00	575.00
Transaction fees - SumUp	136.51	136.80
	<u>4,427.01</u>	<u>3,667.35</u>
14. Diocesan Freewill Offer		
Parish contribution to the Diocese	<u>50,000.00</u>	<u>48,000.00</u>
15. Salaries, wages and honoraria		
Bellringers, weddings	400.00	300.00
Verger fees - funerals	420.00	660.00
Sexton fees	120.00	-
Organist - W&F	1,360.00	1,870.00
Retired clergy fees and expenses	534.00	204.00
	<u>2,834.00</u>	<u>3,034.00</u>
16. Clergy and staff expenses		
Vicar's expenses	808.11	698.98
Vicarage water charges	279.38	273.46
	<u>1,087.49</u>	<u>972.44</u>
17. Church running expenses		
Bank charges - Barclays	789.88	656.57
Repairs and maintenance	673.55	1,058.54
Insurance	6,297.84	5,995.88
Website	213.80	107.80
Office costs	624.92	1,556.63
Postage and stationery	129.00	23.61
Cleaner for church	1,505.25	1,362.50
Churchyard expenses	-	38.00
Items for upkeep of church services	2,630.27	2,632.97
Organist fee for church	4,575.00	4,416.67
Repairs to fixtures and fittings	-	51.97
Support and training costs	-	250.00
Beeline Broadband	324.00	324.00
Boiler expenses	360.00	546.00
Laundry and cleaning materials	99.75	201.60
Organ costs	648.00	1,392.00
Health and safety	55.00	90.54
CCTV Church roof system	1,514.96	709.36
	<u>20,441.22</u>	<u>21,414.64</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

SOFA Notes for the year ended 31 December 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
18. Church utility costs		
Gas - Church	4,046.12	3,757.79
Electricity - Church	2,124.72	1,297.54
Electricity - Church Tower	694.41	595.79
	<u>6,865.25</u>	<u>5,651.12</u>
19. Costs of trading		
Parish Hall - Heating and lighting	1,663.96	1,936.78
Parish Hall - Water charges	120.97	58.91
Parish Hall - Cleaning	1,651.75	1,458.99
Parish Hall - Insurance	1,064.00	975.97
Parish Hall - Repairs and renewals	320.04	288.00
Parish Hall - Performing Rights Society	224.40	69.60
Parish Hall - Sundry expenses	67.50	560.00
Bookstall Expenses	-	7.98
Bookstall cost of sales	<u>2,298.93</u>	<u>2,304.74</u>
	<u>7,411.55</u>	<u>7,660.97</u>
20. Major repairs to church building		
Major repairs	-	3,710.00
Parish Hall Feasibility Project	<u>9,766.00</u>	<u>5,445.36</u>
	<u>9,766.00</u>	<u>9,155.36</u>
21. Other expenditure not already listed		
Mission and charity giving - home	1,331.94	2,106.01
Mission and charity giving - overseas	742.56	602.88
Mission and charity giving - secular	-	150.00
Retreat visit costs	8,464.00	5,549.00
Repayment of duplicated funeral fee	467.00	-
Safeguarding expenses	261.31	76.65
Flower fund expenditure	327.16	611.68
Assigned fees to York DBF	3,644.00	3,641.00
Welcome leaflets	375.00	345.00
Guide books	2,520.00	-
Charity giving - funerals	5,089.58	6,668.89
Dona contactless payment system	195.00	165.00
Purchase of sundry equipment	24,509.55	193.10
Royal School of Church Music subscription	127.00	110.00
ExpensePlus subscription	300.00	-
Fee payable to other churches	620.00	-
Deanery subscriptions	200.00	200.00
Sundry donations and gifts	483.53	-
Pickering Area Churches Together	100.00	-
External musician fees	80.00	-
Independent examiner fee	276.00	264.00
Decrease in CCLA share value	-	930.17
	<u>50,113.63</u>	<u>21,613.38</u>

22. Balance Sheet Note for the years ended 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2023

There has been an incremental adjustment of £42.00 to the General Account balance for the year ended 31 December 2022, increasing reserves from £165,573.82 to £165,615.82. This relates to the non presentation of a cheque issued in January 2022 in the sum of £42.00 to a small charitable organisation, with subsequent efforts to resolve being unsuccessful.

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts of Pickering Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 1 to 5.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees 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 (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 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 in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. 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 and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


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Dated: 21/03/2024
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Helen Raine ACA
Hallgarth Accountants Ltd, 2 Hallgarth, Pickering, North Yorkshire, YO18 7AW

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

BUDGET for the year ending 31 December 2024

	Budget <u>2024</u> £	Actual <u>2023</u> £
VOLUNTARY GIVING		
Tax efficient planned giving	26,500	26,405
Other planned giving	2,400	2,700
Collections at services	7,500	8,518
All other giving and voluntary receipts	21,100	20,085
Gift aid recovered	11,300	10,761
Legacies received	-	2,000
Grants	-	-
ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS		
Fundraising activities	13,300	14,129
INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS		
Dividends and interest received	4,300	3,251
CHURCH ACTIVITIES		
Wedding and funeral fees received	12,800	10,890
Trading activities	8,800	9,163
OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES		
Other receipts and income	15,700	16,635
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>123,700</u>	<u>124,537</u>
COST OF GENERATING FUNDS		
Cost of fundraising activities	4,400	4,427
CHURCH ACTIVITIES		
Diocesan Freewill Offer	45,000	50,000
Salaries, wages and honoraria	7,600	2,834
Clergy and staff expenses	1,000	1,088
CHURCH EXPENSES		
Church running expenses	15,600	20,441
Church utility costs	12,150	6,865
Costs of trading	7,450	7,412
MAJOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE		
Major repairs to church buildings	-	9,766
OTHER EXPENDITURE		
Other expenditure not already listed	24,550	50,113
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u>117,750</u>	<u>152,946</u>
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES	<u>5,950</u>	<u>(28,409)</u>

The Church of ST. FRANCIS , MARISHES
Balance Sheet at Year End 2023

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
2022	2023	2022	2023
£20,315.42	Balance Brought Forward	£19,346.79	
£710	Stewardship -Gift Aid	£1,360.70	
£570.80	Collections GADS	£899.60	
£597	Wedding Fee	£620.00	
£641.02	HMRC Charity Claim		
£19.22	Bank Interest	£171.82	
		£3,506.67	£2,424.38
		Balances Forward 31/12/2023	
		Cash in Hand	£3.26
		Community Acc	£8,453.15
		Business Money Manager	£3,063.35
		Fabric Account	£8,454.77
£22,853.46	£22,398.91		£ 22,398.91

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts of St Francis, Marishes in the Parish of St Peter and St Paul, Pickering

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on page 1 of 1.

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Dated: *9 April 2024*.....

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Accounts

Vicar:

Geoff Atter
9/15/23

The Parish Church

Of

**St. Peter & St. Paul
Pickering**

&

The Church of St Francis, Marishes



**Annual accounts and reports
for 2022/23**

Registered Charity No. 1176138

The Vicar's Annual Report

2022 was the closest thing so far to a “normal” year that I have experienced since taking up the role of Vicar of these four busy churches in 2020. Numbers are almost back to where they were in pre-pandemic times, and we are enjoying a full complement of services (both regular and seasonal) once again. Our worship has been greatly enhanced by the hard work of Andrew Orland who has typeset all of our orders of service (including the Presidents' Editions for the Altar), meaning that whatever season we are in there is the appropriate order of service in front of us. Together with his “partner in crime” Pam, these two have proved invaluable in the operating of our church in 2022, and I am deeply grateful to both of them for all their hard work in this, and every year.

This year, we once again opened our doors to large numbers of worshippers for Easter, Remembrance and Christmas, as well as our usual commitment to regular worship. In addition to these religious activities, 2022 also saw us host several concerts for the Ryedale Festival, Victoria Wright began using our church for her solo concerts once a month, and Steve and Gina put together a musical extravaganza for local school children. This demonstrates that even in a time of declining church attendance, there is still a vital role for parish churches like ours to play in the life of our communities. Our activities were not solely focussed on the inside of the church building. In 2022 many community events were attended or led by church members, from services in residential homes for the elderly, to the Christmas Lights switch on. We also had another successful pilgrimage to Walsingham.

Having had one of the shortest tenures as Area Dean in history, I was relieved to be able to hand the role back to Bishop Paul in December 2022. I may not have continued as Area Dean for long, but was pleased to be able to steer the deanery through the production of the Living Christ's Story Deanery Plan. I know there was much anxiety over what the plan might mean for individual churches but, barring severe interference from the central Church of England or Diocese, our work here in Pickering should continue as it does now, whatever the final decision on the shape of the deanery might be. Fortunately, there were fewer vacancies in the deanery now Ampleforth and Lastingham benefices have been filled.

I doubt I would have lasted even as long as I did had it not been for Ali Holmes as Lay Dean. Ali was a tremendous support and encouragement and source of energy for me. I was delighted to hear that Rev. Joe Kinsella is the new Area Dean, and know he'll be miles better than the last one...

Back to our parish here in Pickering and Marishes. We now have our eyes firmly fixed on the future, and have been asking ourselves the question “what might be possible?”. This last year the PCC, took the bold step of investigating the feasibility of selling off the Parish Hall in order to release funds to enhance the church and make it suitable for worship and church activities over the coming decades. It appears from the architects diligent investigations that it would, in theory, be possible to sell the Hall for conversion to holiday properties, if it were sold with planning permission. We have just begun the process of applying for this permission and once we know if this would be granted, we can then get some idea of what the proceeds of a sale might be, and we can begin to plan the works in the church. One thing we really must do is install a level access toilet – as we are really struggling without one at present. It seems very possible that we will also have enough funds to improve the entrance to the church away from the current heavy and imposing wooden door to a more inviting glass one. If we are very lucky, we may also be able to re-order the vestries to incorporate office/meeting space.

We have also received our faculty for replacing the worn out black framed red fabric chairs from the back of church with modern, lighter ones. We have enough money from legacies to be able to purchase a goodly number of these for concerts, Christingle, Remembrance etc. We are also going to investigate the feasibility and desirability of removing the pews from the side aisles by a temporary removal of these, giving the congregation the ability to make an informed decision as to whether to make this change permanent or not.

Speaking of improvements, Mary and Jo, having taken over the bookstall, also kindly took on the role of revamping our welcome leaflets. These are currently in production and will represent a much updated version that the current ones. These along with the recently revamped and organised notice boards, will greatly help our visitor engagement. Over the coming year we will look at how we brand ourselves and how we continue to offer an excellent experience for our visitors.

Of course, no year is without negatives. This year we lost some of our most stalwart members, and their loss is still felt keenly by us all. All of the work which we are now able to do is because of the work of those who have gone before us. We truly are “standing on the shoulders of giants”.

I would like to end on a personal note if I may. 2022 was an extremely difficult year for me personally. I would like to thank each and every one of you for your kindness, understanding and support as I navigated what has, at times, felt like a raging torrent. I have been part of churches all my life, and I have never, ever, known any church to be as supportive as you all are. Thank you.

***Reverend Gareth Atha,
Vicar.***

The Church of St Francis, Marishes.

Our Services are held on the third Sunday of each month, and all 13 services were held in 2022. We have had a wedding for a local family held in April, three times in the planning and finally taking place, also a Christening for the Stephenson / Webster family.

The Rogation service held in May taken by Rev Gareth and Canon John Manchester was very well supported and the animals from local farms, provided an added interest. We held the Harvest Festival in October, taken by Canon John. Thank you to the ladies of the Parish for decorating the Church with produce and flowers. Supper was sadly not held due to Covid and lack of helpers.

Carol service and the Christmas Eve Holy Communion Service this year were well supported. A Christmas tree donated by Ben Morley was decorated with lights to brighten the two evening services in the Church. Mulled wine and Mince pies were served after the Carol Service.

Our very grateful thanks to our new organist Vivien Wilcox for playing the Organ and Rev John Manchester and Rev Gareth Atha for taking the services.

Fabric and Ornaments

No works have taken place in this year.

Thank you to Brian Cowton for keeping the grass and grounds of the Church looking so tidy.

***Gena Douglas,
Churchwarden.***

The Church of St Peter and St Paul, Pickering.

Fabric and Ornaments

We have continued to do both necessary and routine maintenance on the building.

Work done includes:

- The servicing of the lightening protection system, which has included extra clips being put in place to secure it.
- The failed LED light in the inside the base of the spire has been replaced.
- A fault that developed on the organ has been repaired. It has also been serviced and tuned.
- The clapper in the tenor bell broke and we had a new one made at Taylors Bell Foundry in Loughborough. Thank you to the Bellringers who paid for the replacement and installed it.
- Halders have cleaned out the downpipes and installed upstands to the grids at the bottom of them to stop the gullies becoming blocked from run off from the paths. They have also replaced some stone flags in the porch that were badly worn and become a trip hazard. They have re-laid the flag stone at the side of the dais as it rocked. They have corrected the level of the wooden flooring at the back of the church where it meets the stone flags running between the main door and the vestry to remove a major trip hazard there. They have also added some extra flag stones to smooth out the corner of the path that leads up to the disabled entrance to give a better turning area for disability buggies. They are currently waiting for a subcontractor who has been booked to alter the handrail. They also have the repointing of the main steps and the corner of the base of the tower to do, but are awaiting better weather.
- PAT testing has been done on all the electrical appliances in both the church and the hall and any failed items have either been repaired or disposed of.
- The boilers in church and the Parish Hall have been serviced.
- The fire extinguishers in church and the Parish Hall have been serviced.
- The rights of way have been walked.
- The Parish Hall has had a leak on the flat roof of the lower passage repaired, but there is still a big hole internally where the ceiling came down. Once it has dried out properly it will be repaired. A pair of kitchen taps have been replaced.

New items purchased include:

- A replacement iPad for controlling the lighting.
- As a result of the recent review of Health and Safety in the church we now have a lockable metal cupboard for all cleaning products and equipment, there is an additional first aid kit that is accessible at all times in the body of the church and new Luminous Emergency Exit signs have been purchased and are waiting to be put up.
- As a result of the failure of the existing system, new high-definition CCTV cameras and a control unit have been purchased for monitoring security in the church.
- A replacement tap has been fitted outside the toilet in the vestry.
- A paper towel dispenser has been put up in the kitchenette and two Induction hobs have been purchased to replace the old hotplates.
- In addition, a new green chasuble and a second-hand white one have been bought.

We have also updated the children's corner. A large rug and three bookcases have had been kindly donated and we have purchased two comfortable chairs, which together make a warm and welcoming space.

Work in the Churchyard

After obtaining the permission of the Archdeacon, the town council has carried out work on raising the crown on the sweet chestnut tree located between the tower and Willowgate steps.

An Arboricultural Consultant has recently been engaged by the Town Council to look at the trees in the churchyard. They have recommended that the large holly tree which encroaches over the path opposite the disabled entrance be cut back. Also, a Cherry tree and two Lime trees need crown reductions to clear adjacent buildings by 1.5m. Once permissions have been obtained from Ryedale District Council, we will need to apply for an Archdeacons licence so the work can be done.

Updates on faculties

An Archdeacon's licence was received for the renewal of the locks on all the main doors of the church. They have now been changed to a modern system that allows one master key to fit all doors, as well as giving us the ability to have other keys cut that fit certain doors but not others.

After the PCC agreed to replace the occasional use chairs with lightweight, stackable wooden ones, a faculty was applied for to purchase 150 Jacob chairs in natural beech with bookshelves and links from Alpha Furniture. These will stack on dollies for easy manoeuvrability around the church and 15 will be supplied with arms to allow easier access. The faculty has just been received so we can now purchase these chairs.

We also applied for a faculty for the installation of a new camera system in church that will allow us to stream services and events over the internet. However, the DAC have made some further suggestions as to the type of cameras and the positioning of them. The faculty has been withdrawn and we shall ask the company to quote on the new suggestions before we submit a revised application.

Future work and Plans

The church Architect has started the feasibility study to convert the Parish Hall to residential use.

Plans have been drawn up and have now been submitted to Ryedale DC for

Pre-Planning. If we can get this through, it will significantly increase the halls value as a saleable asset, allowing us to dispose of this very underused yet high maintenance building and use the revenue to make some changes and additions to the facilities of the church, making it fit for purpose in the 21st century.

The Health and Safety review has highlighted an issue with access between the bell chamber and the base of the spire. At some point we will need to replace the existing ladder with a longer more accessible one and install a solid trap door at the top as this is in front of the access door leading out onto the parapet.

We are currently waiting for S Taylor and Sons to come back with a design for a new Hymn book trolley, as the current one is beginning to fall apart. It is hoped that this will be made of oak and have a flat table like top to assist in the distribution of books at services. We have also asked them if they can make suggestions for alterations to the Nave Altar to make it look less like a coffin.

In the next 12-18 months we will be looking at putting together a proposal for a long-term project to replace the Vestments and Altar Frontals. The current Chasubles are very badly worn, dirty and very heavy to wear. The two replacements that have already been purchased are inexpensive temporary fixes until we get this project up and running.

Thanks go to everyone who has had an input into maintaining the building of the church and a special thanks go to Jürgen for his continued cleaning and to Ian Burrows for maintaining the clock.

***Pamela Robb and Andrew Orland,
Churchwardens***

Parish Hall report.

In 2022 the Parish Hall continued to offer to the community a space for hire and is used by a diverse range of hirers. It seems that after the dramatic curtailing of hall activities during the Pandemic that hirers have returned. It is always a delight to walk past the hall on a Saturday morning to hear the “tip-tap” of Miss Sarah's dance classes or the dramatic beat of the Japanese drummers through the week.

Church groups also use the hall, as follows:

Mother's Union

Men's Society

Brownies, when active

Guides

Rainbows, when active

Other church related events, such as the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers annual General Meeting.

Cait Faulkner continues to manage the website and bookings and does so extremely well and with aplomb.

Although the hall enjoys a generally good state of repair, there are some issues which have, over the past year, gotten worse and which are now a cause for concern. The walls in the toilet area are suffering from damp, and there has been signs of water ingress into the roof (whilst not occurring in 2022, in early 2023 this was made evident by the collapse of a section of ceiling in the hallway). As mentioned in my Vicar's report, the PCC are investigating the possibility of selling hall to raise funds for some works in the church. I feel that due to the large sums needed to bring the hall to an equivalent standard to other similar facilities in the town, that a sale would be the best option for us as a church. By the time next year's report is written, I daresay there will be more to report on this issue.

***Reverend Gareth Atha,
Parish Hall Chair.***

The PCC Secretary's Report.

The Parochial Church Council is our church's governing body and members are also formally Trustees of the charity that is the PCC, responsible for managing the Church's finances.

It is made up of the Vicar, Churchwardens, Reader, Deanery Synod members and elected representatives from our congregation, several of whom have special responsibilities such as Safeguarding, Health & Safety, Fundraising, etc.

Its key duties are to co-operate with the Rev'd Gareth Atha in promoting the mission of the Church in this parish, including its relationship with the deanery and the diocese, to be responsible for its financial affairs plus the care and maintenance of the church fabric and its contents.

In the past year the PCC have held six meetings covering a wide range of ideas and plans, which along with shared personal experiences, have led to carefully considered decision making.

There is also a Standing Committee and various sub-committees the members of which are able to discuss their particular remit more thoroughly than can be done at a PCC meeting with its full agenda and time constraints.

Retiring from the PCC at the 2022 APCM were Val Birch, Pam Ciceri, Lesley Jaram, Gail Radka and Jane Sampson.

Those elected as new members of the PCC with three years to serve until 2025 were Geoff Clark, Amy Irving, Andrew Smith, Philip Smith and Clive Wass.

(Due to their positions as PSO and Secretary, Gail Radka and Lesley Jaram were co-opted back onto the PCC at the following meeting.)

Of the agenda items discussed last year were Sharing the Common Cup during Communion.

Opinions varied but the general feeling was that most members preferred not to share the chalice at present so the subject will be kept under regular review.

Pastoral Care was another topic discussed and our Reader, Mary Cooney agreed to act as co-ordinator if people would let her know who needs help in the community and who is prepared to visit them in their homes or ring and check up on them as well as pray for them.

Our charitable giving over the past year included £500 to Ukraine, £150 to FISH (Food In School Holidays) and £150 to the Barnabas Fund raised through the collections in Lent last year, £500 to the Children's Society from the Christingle collection while £102 from the Harvest Festival collection was sent to the Pakistan flood appeal and £77 to the Ryedale Community Food Bank.

SASH, Safe and Secure Homes for homeless young people, received £454 from a donation to the PCC requesting it be sent to a charity of their choosing and £266 also to SASH from the collection at the Christmas Carol service. Finally, the Turkey/Syria earthquake disaster fund have just received £600 from our latest special collection.

A Mission and Outreach committee has been formed to consider the Church's mission and involvement in the community, the social activities of the Church, the spiritual development of the congregation and our worship. As with all the sub-committees, they will report back to the PCC.

As part of a mutually supportive and accountable team the PCC will continue to focus in the year ahead on the stewardship of the Church's resources in people, money and buildings. Prayerfully we will decide how best to meet all the challenges we are presented with under the leadership and guidance of the Rev'd Gareth Atha.

***Lesley Jaram,
PCC Secretary.***

Parish Safeguarding.

I have continued in my role of Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) over the last year. Each month we have safeguarding on the PCC agenda so the latest information can be shared and discussed. During the year as we welcome new members to the PCC, or into other roles in Church, we ensure that they complete both a DBS check and the relevant training.

The safeguarding policy was reviewed by the PCC in April 2022 and is once again displayed. The PCC would like to report to the APCM that we have complied with our duty to have “due regard” for the House of Bishops safeguarding policy and practice.

The Diocese also have introduced a Parish Dashboard where we can do a self-audit to ensure we are up to date deploying our policy. The following are the areas covered on the dashboard.

- Safeguarding is a standing agenda at every PCC meeting.
- Reports to the PCC – the PCC should receive a regular safeguarding update minimum of twice a year.
- At the APCM the PCC should provide an annual report in relation to safeguarding. There should be a statement as to whether the PCC has complied with the duty to have “due regard” to the house of bishops safeguarding policy and practice guidance.
- The PCC confirms that the list of Church activities on the dashboard are completed – yearly.
- Training for key roles PSO, Churchwardens, DBS admin, PCC members.
- That all relevant materials are displayed.

If anyone has safeguarding concerns, please contact me at pkgPSO@outlook.com or 07736 645932.

Gail Radka,
Parish Safeguarding and DBS Representative.

Deanery Synod Report

We in Northern Ryedale are part of the largest Deanery in the Diocese of York covering a wide geographical area and encompassing 51 churches across the benefices of : Thornton Le Dale & Upper Derwent; Pickering; Middleton & Kirby Misperton; Kirkbymoorside; Kirkdale; Ampleforth; Lastingham; Helmsley & Upper Ryedale.

Our Deanery Synod is made up of clergy and lay members representing all our Churches.

Over the past year our Synod met 4 times at varying locations across the Deanery and meetings have commenced with a Communion service followed by discussion and prayerful consideration on the formation and implementation of our new deanery plan following the Diocesan guidance on ‘Living Christ’s Story’.

Our plan was finalised and signed off by our Synod at the end of last year and we now await the final vision for the whole of the Diocese of York to be published.

The key principles of our plan are:

*To re-imagine what it means to be 'Church', aiming to recognise the presence of Christ in our communities beyond the walls of the church.

* To empower the laity through the identification and nurturing of gifts of leadership, preaching and worship leading.

* To improve access for young people to the Gospel message.

*To shift the emphasis within our Ministry Units towards a more collaborative and shared way of working.

* To utilise visionaries to show churches and Ministry Units what the future could look like and to focus our energy and resources on those churches who are willing to embrace change, whilst being realistic with those who won't, and to work sensitively with them with transparency about the future and the fact that their churches are not sustainable long term without change.

We pray that the implementation of these key points over the next 5 years will bring forth a regeneration across our Deanery and that our work and determination will bear fruit across all our worshipping communities.

We have seen a number of changes across the Deanery with the vacancies in Lastingham and Ampleforth now having been filled by The Revd James Trowsdale as Priest in Charge at Ampleforth and The Revd Christine Haddon-Reece as Priest in Charge at Lastingham. We look forward to the Benefice of Helmsley with Upper Ryedale combining with the Methodist community to appoint one full time Priest to serve both the Methodist and Anglican worshipping communities as a whole across that area. This is an exciting time for these people and we join with them in holding their future plans in our prayers.

We have been hugely blessed by the work done over the past year by the Revd Gareth Atha as our Area Dean during the formation of our Deanery plan, and we now see The Revd Joe Kinsella take over as our new Area Dean. Joe is Priest in Charge of the Benefice of Thornton Le Dale and Upper Derwent with 10 Churches of his own to look after and he also works as an Army Chaplain. So he's certainly going to be kept busy. We hold him, his wife Suzie and their young family in our prayers as Joe leads us as a Deanery forward into the future,

Our Deanery morning prayer Zoom services continue at 10am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays with regular attendees from across our Deanery and beyond. Online Zoom Compline also continues to be offered every Tuesday at 9.30pm. The links for joining these services can be found on our Pickering Church website and all are most welcome to join at any time.

We have been blessed by all the work done over the past year by all our Deanery Synod representatives, our Deanery Leadership team and also Bishop Paul and Archdeacon Amanda who's help and support has been invaluable.

So we give thanks to you all for everything you are doing. You are all 'The Deanery'. Over the coming year we look forward to working together as a whole body and implementing the initiatives outlined in our new plan and we pray that we may see Christ working amongst us in new and wonderful ways.

***Alison Holmes,
Lay Dean Northern Ryedale
PCC Representative on Deanery Synod.***

Mission and Outreach Committee

This is a new committee, which has been set up via the PCC. The aims are to explore how we can develop our presence in the community, in a variety of different forms, through raising awareness of the love of Christ and developing positive relationships within the town.

At the time of writing we have had one meeting, which focused on how people perceive the Church in the community, what we are already doing and what we can do in the future to share the love of God more widely in the community. We also discussed how we can develop skills of the congregation to enhance and support and lead a variety of worship styles and events in the future.

More meetings are planned and any suggestions will be gratefully received.

***Gina Southey,
Committee co-ordinator.***

Organist and Choirmaster's report

The choir have contributed greatly to the services this year. I am, as always, in their debt for their hard work in producing singing which leads the worship so well at the Parish Church.

The re-introduction, initiated by Gareth last year, of the choir singing and leading the worship in the evensong service has seen a more traditional 'choral evensong' emerging.

The choir has stepped back in time with the return of a mid-week rehearsal. Not only does it allow the choir to meet socially before the actual rehearsal, but this is invaluable in giving the choir more time to learn material for the services and to augment and develop the choral repertoire.

Inspection copies of new anthem books have been ordered recently to develop and stimulate the repertoire (and the choir).

Many thanks to Steve Bulmer who chooses the hymns and psalms each week, many thanks to Gareth (and the retired clergy) who also provide the choir with hymns and Gareth has also introduced us to new hymns which very often we have not sung before.

Thanks also to the church wardens for their support in keeping the organ and surrounding areas functional.

I would like to thank Dr David Billet for his help in rectifying any immediate problems with the organ.

As with every year, many thanks go to the organists who play for services when I am indisposed, Steve Bulmer, Tom Wrench.

***Clive Wass,
Organist and Choirmaster.***

Servers Report.

First of all I'd like to thank my two stalwarts Anne and Sue. Without them we would have no servers. Thank you to my two young people for serving when they are able to. Thank you to church warden Andrew for stepping in in an emergency.

As you have been aware we are severely short of servers. I need 2 or 3 people to serve once a month. With the holiday season approaching we might not have servers for a service. I am asking people to think about becoming a server please. You can see me on Sundays at 10am.

Thank you.

***Jane Sampson,
Head Server.***

Health and Safety Report.

A comprehensive risk assessment was completed with the help of the Churchwardens during the period September to November 2022 covering the church and the church hall. The template used was based on that recommended by Ecclesiastical Insurance (our insurers). Several action points were raised following the assessment, many of which have already been addressed. Slip and trip hazards will always be an issue in a church building dating back over many centuries and improved notification has been provided on the main entrance door. In addition, the wooden flooring towards the back of the church which presented a significant trip hazard was completely reset in February this year so that it is now flush with the stone flags. There remains some flooring work to be undertaken within the first floor of the tower where an area of wet rot in the southeast corner has been identified. A wooden trap door on the upper floor of the tower needs to be replaced with a metal structure as it forms the floor which adjoins a door leading out onto the parapet at the base of the spire.

An asbestos survey had previously been undertaken for the church, but not the church hall. This was corrected in December 2022, with the surveyor not finding any major hazards. Some asbestos based materials were identified but were in good condition and can remain in situ. Asbestos warning labels have been placed on the ceiling access hatch in the room immediately behind the main hall and by the electrical cable which adjoins the former girls' entrance to the building. Annual re-inspection will be required to comply with The Control of Asbestos at Work Regulations 2012.

Comments have been received particularly over the darker winter period in connection with the relatively poor-quality lighting on the approach to the church. Adjustments have been made to the porch light such that it is now triggered on approach up the church steps. There is scope to improve the lighting on the paths leading to the steps and this remains work in progress.

First aid provision has been improved, with a new box purchased and placed in the wooden fronted cabinet adjacent to the main door. Previously, a box was only available in the choir vestry, which was not always accessible. The PCC have given consideration to provision of qualified first aiders and whilst not a legal requirement it is considered desirable in recognition of the size and widespread use of our church. It is hoped that this can be taken forward in 2023 with sufficient people offering to volunteer for the requisite training.

***Health and Safety Officer,
Andrew J. Smith***

Pickering Bell-ringers Report

The past year has been trying to get back to some 'normal ringing' as it was before Covid.

Ringling for weddings during the year is becoming less. We only rang for 2 weddings during 2022. We welcomed 2 visiting bands this year. We did also have a few summer and weekend visitors to our practice on a Wednesday night and for ringling on a Sunday morning.

The Branch Striking Competition was back after 2 years absence. It took place at Scalby. It was won by the home team, and we came second, losing by just 1 point.

We rang 10 quarter peals this year. Two were for the State Funeral of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and were rung half muffled.

One was also rung to celebrate the accession to the throne of His Majesty King Charles III. This was rung open. (no muffles).

December brought the usual ringling for carol services and Christmas services.

In February we hosted The Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers spring meeting. It was attended by at least 65 people from all over Yorkshire and we provided lunch for everyone in the Parish Hall. A special thank you to Gareth for putting together an order of service and for taking the service. Also to Steve who played the organ.

We are now looking forward to ringling for the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. We are currently training someone who hopefully will be able to ring for it with everyone else.

We wish to thank all those ringers who come from neighbouring towers. They come and practice with us as well as helping us out when required.

Finally thank you to Ian for all the work as Ringing Master and to Anne for her help with training everyone who wants to learn.

***Pamela Robb,
Tower Captain.***

Pickering Men's Society

A difficult year for the society with falling membership and attendance. In the earlier part of the year talks by Rev. Cooney on his industrial mission, and by Robert Heal on his Falklands experience were much appreciated.

The Lenten lunch and meditation at Wydale Hall was well attended and in April, we heard about the last Rosedale Hill Climb Challenge.

Our annual dinner this year, at the Forest & Vale Hotel proved successful in a new venue.

In the Autumn sessions we had an extra general meeting in September to elect new officers and discuss the way forward.

In October Rev. Tony Lindsay gave us a talk on his experiences in W. Africa and our Christmas lunch at Wydale Hall was well attended. So far in 2023 there have been no meetings as we continue to reflect prayerfully on the future of the society. For further information contact Phil Smith on 01751 477886.

***Philip Smith,
Secretary.***

Sanctuary Guild

We continue to be indebted to the ladies for their diligence in maintaining the simple beauty of the Sanctuary. They dust, polish and vacuum as well as checking candles and arranging the altar flowers. The altar silver and brass offertory plates and lecterns are cleaned weekly together with the baptism ewer and font liner when required. Laundering of the altar and church linen is also carried out by the ladies.

In April Dorothy Green retired after giving many years of loyal service which was greatly appreciated. We were delighted to welcome Joan Cooper in November.

We were saddened when Polly's, the florist, closed earlier this year. Janet was always so very helpful and accommodating especially when endeavouring to fulfil the requests for particular flowers.

Members of the congregation have continued to give the flowers for the High Altar in memory of loved ones or in celebration and thanksgiving.

I would be very pleased to hear from anyone, lady or gentleman, who may wish to join our group and share in maintaining the beauty of our Church.

This report enables me to express my sincere gratitude to the ladies for their diligence and loyalty while acknowledging the honour and privilege it is to be in this position.

***Valerie J. Batchelor,
Secretary of Sanctuary Guild.***

Fundraising and Social Group.

This past year has been a great time of fun and friendship, outreach, fellowship and of course fundraising.

In May we hosted a Teddy Bear's Picnic, which although well supported by adults didn't bring in the numbers of children as we had hoped for. All who came had a great afternoon however, and we were not disheartened.

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee we held an Afternoon Tea party in early June, and this was well attended and a great time for celebration.

In July we hosted our annual Midsummer Strawberry Soiree. The live piano music was excellent and the Pimms flowed all evening. Everyone enjoyed plenty of sweet and savoury treats, and of course strawberries.

Our Summer Fair in early August was a huge success, despite it being about the hottest day of the year. Sadly it was decided that the heat was just too much for us to hold the dog show, but everything else went ahead as planned. We managed to stay cool with plenty of summer punch, lemonade and sun shades and it was fantastic to see so many families enjoying the afternoon with us. We were entertained with live music by the Sweet Martinis and Bob with his guitar, and our raffle was supported again by local Pickering businesses, for which we are ever grateful. There was something on offer for everyone with all our usual stalls and games including homemade cakes and crafts, hook a duck, coconut shy, tombola's, splat the rat, chuck the chicken plus many more.

In October we celebrated the Harvest with our annual lunch in the Parish Hall and it was lovely to see some new faces joining us for this.

We decided to hold our Bonfire Social in the Vicarage Garden for the first time this year and this proved to be a good move. We had a bonfire, sparklers and plenty of jacket potatoes, veggie chilli and soup to keep us warm. We were so delighted to be joined by lots of new families and children. We feel that holding this the week after bonfire night had worked to our advantage and is definitely a format we intend to repeat.

Santa visited us again in early December for our Christmas Fair which had a wonderful festive atmosphere. We had all the usual attractions including stalls and games, mulled wine and mince pies. Fabulous music yet again from the Sweet Martinis and Rudolph and his singing Reindeer.

Our Grand Prize Draw was well supported again with the cash prizes proving popular. The fair made the largest profit yet of over £1,500 which was fantastic.

For the first time this year we hosted a Birthday party for Baby Jesus following straight on after the Christingle service. We were not sure how many would stay, but the attendance exceeded all our expectations, and it was a true delight to see so many families stay with us and enjoy the refreshments. We are sure that this is set to be a regular Christmas event.

February saw us dust off our frying pans for our ever-popular Shrove Tuesday Pancake Coffee Morning which was very well attended as usual.

Our Monday market day coffee mornings have continued to be as popular as ever with regulars and visitors alike, and we have continued to offer these on a donation only basis which seems to work well. We feel it important to show generosity to all who come along to join us, something that is ever more important as people continue to struggle with finances in these difficult times. We are able to claim Gift Aid on donations for refreshments which boosts our coffers a little and we continue to use Fair Trade tea, coffee, etc wherever we can and we feel people do appreciate this.

From Christmas to Easter we have held our Craft Hub in Church and this has been a lovely laid back gathering of around 10 people. Some knitting, some just chatting over a coffee. This has enabled us to use the Church as part of the 'Churches Together' initiative of offering warm spaces across Pickering to help those struggling with heating bills and isolation during the colder months.

Our Church 100 Club continues to flourish, but we are always keen to attract new members. If you have not yet joined, please do consider it for the chance to win a monthly cash prize and support your Church at the same time. The annual subscription is £24 for the year, but you may join at any time on a pro-rata basis.

You can also support the Church by signing up for 'Easy Fundraising'. If you shop online then this is an easy way for us to claim extra money at no cost to you.

We would like to thank you all for your generosity over the past year. Thank you for all your donations, cake baking, ticket buying, for your attendance at events and for your friendship and support.

We look forward to more fun and fellowship with faces old and new over the coming year.

***Alison Holmes,
Group leader.***

Our Online Presence

Our online presence continues to be very important – the website, Facebook, Twitter and A Church Near You. Gail Radka continues with her responsibility for the Facebook and Twitter accounts, using them to post the weekly services as well as sharing pictures and advertising for social and fundraising events and special services. Rev'd Gareth Atha has the responsibility for the 'A Church Near You' pages, and I respond to Trip Advisor reviews, which have been very few this year, only 9, sadly (29 in 2019, 35 in 2018).

The website continues to be busy with 'traffic,' with on average, 385 unique visitors a month, with the most popular page, 'Our Services' attracting an average of 270 unique visitors a month. The information on the paintings, and our News and Information pages are always very popular, and there was an initial interest in the Ukraine page, although sadly, that has dwindled now, to around 15 visitors a month. The seasonal pages, for Advent and for Lent do attract interest, so I find it worthwhile to continue with these, using the Church of England daily resources. The website 'Our Services' page provides a continuing base for those who for whatever reason, are unable to attend live worship, or simply enjoy accessing one in their own time, and I receive many appreciative comments from users.

Over the Christmas period I posted services for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and both had several visitors, with the Christmas Eve one being the most popular. Several people provided photographs of the Christmas trees, as well as pictures from the services and the decorations around the church, and I thank them for that. It is always lovely to have input from other people sending their photographs of the church decorated for special events, as well as from events such as the fairs.

Hazel Page kindly emails the Pew Sheet each week and I incorporate the information, Notices, and prayer requests, as well as the Readings and Propers as they would appear in a normal service, along with the Sermon and Intercessions which are sometimes provided by the person on the rota for the service. I use 'Common Worship - Living Word' or 'Lost for Words' resources when I do not have a sermon sent to me.

The website continues to evolve, as it should, and I enjoy tweaking and adding to it. I would still very much like to have information from the other churches in the group as well as from other organisations affiliated with the church.

If you've not already visited, do go and have a look and let me know what else you'd like to see.
www.pickeringchurch.com

Cait Faulkner,
Website Administrator.

Mothers' Union Report

Although Covid was still with us at the beginning of 2022, things slowly got back to normal and we were able to enjoy some interesting speakers as the year progressed; Gareth told us his life story, Phil Smith talked about the Gideons, and we also heard about the work of Jacob's Well in Beverley and the Independent Domestic Abuse Service in Ryedale. One of the highlights was our visit to St. Hilda's Priory at Sneaton where we joined the nuns for their midday office. We took our own picnics to eat in the garden but it was too hot! Instead, we mingled with the nuns in the dining room - they had already decided to picnic with us. In July we invited our MU friends from the deanery to join us for

another picnic, this time at Wydale. The weather was perfect; some people wished to sit and chat, others explored the garden and had a tour of the hall. We finished the year with a bring and share lunch to celebrate the season.

Because we have gained ourselves something of a reputation (a good one – because of how we rose to the challenge to make scrub bags and knit pairs of hearts in the first year of Covid) our Diocesan President, asked if we could help to make some “End of Life Pouches” – little bags in which to put valuables such as watches and jewellery when someone passes away to keep them safe from becoming lost in the other belongings. We managed to deliver 169. Then another challenge; could we make some twiddle muffs or blankets for the Dementia Unit at York Hospital? A parcel of muffs and blankets adorned with lots of buttons and bows was duly posted off shortly after Christmas.

Our numbers locally are slowly declining as people review their commitments and age takes its toll but, with 21 members, we remain in good heart as we continue to support the work of the Mothers’ Union in the UK and worldwide as it shows Christian care for families regardless of religion or background.

***Hazel Page,
Branch Leader.***

Church Bookstall

Last year, we set some aims and objectives for the bookstall:

Resources for the church. We continue to provide devotional books, crosses, prayer cards and seasonal greetings cards. We have also sourced seasonal prayer booklets for personal use.

Finance. In 2022 the bookstall had a turnover of over £3000 and has shown a small profit. More details can be found in the Treasurer’s Report

Outreach. Books and other materials, including postcards, guidebooks and Macmillan Shires books on the spinner have proved popular with visitors. We now keep a stock of small gospels which can be given away if appropriate.

Range of materials. We continue to offer a range of books including seasonal books, books on the Bible and material to aid prayer and devotion as well as a few books highlighting topical issues of concern. There is also a stock of books of Bible stories for children. We hope that labelling the shelves is proving helpful.

Our shelf of used and second hand books continues to be popular.

Two editions of Bookstall news have been produced to raise awareness of changing stock.

In November the church hosted the launch of Kate Giles’ book on the church wall paintings. Details of the book and how to obtain it are also displayed on the bookstall.

Our thanks go to all who have supported the bookstall by buying books, providing second hand books and giving us feedback. Especial thanks are due to Trevor Richmond for his help and support with financial issues.

Don’t forget to keep on browsing new stock. We can be contacted on pickeringchurchbooks@gmail.com

***Jo Anderson and Mary Cooney
Bookstall Organisers***

Pickering and District Churches Together

Covid Lockdowns and the changes in personnel meant 2022 got off to a slow start. We were not able to have our Lent Lunches but by Easter things were getting back to normal and we were able to hold the usual Procession of Witness on Good Friday.

As we no longer have a co-ordinator for Christian Aid, worship centres organised their own fundraising events for Christian Aid week, raising a total of £1494.20 for the town.

Over the years we may have lost some of our more traditional ecumenical events but, with new ministers and church representatives and fresh enthusiasm, we have had the chance to do things differently.

One such event was a service of celebration for the Week of Christian Unity organised by Revd. Graham Ransom, the new Methodist Minister. Held on Monday, 23rd January, the service celebrated the things our churches do together:-

FISH (68 Families and 145 children were helped in the recent Christmas holidays);

Open the Book (continues to be popular and all year 6 pupils given the book "*It's your move*" as they progressed to secondary education);

Youth work (still hoping for the Youth Bus to be back on the road); and the toddler group (meeting at the Methodist Church giving young mums the opportunity to make new friends).

With the energy crisis, churches also offered Warm Spaces, although the take up was not as high as expected.

Hopefully, 2023 will see our local churches working even more closely together.

***Hazel Page,
Secretary.***

The Children's Society

Every year in my annual report I try and remind people what the Children's Society is all about. I would urge each one of you to go to the Children's Society website and read the stories on there. The stories are heart breaking and a reminder of why we should support the Society.

We play a small part in their fund raising, we have people that have children's society boxes to save up loose change, we have people that make a yearly donation when I collect the boxes in and give our Christingle service collection to the Society.

This year our boxes and one-off donations raised £938.79 which is just slightly up on last year. We now have 35 box holders. This year we have lost 5 box holders and gained 2.

At the Christingle service we managed to get back up to £500 raised.

Please consider becoming a box holder or making a one-off donation when we collect the boxes in October each year.

What does the Society do:

We're here for young people when they need us most. We support them when they're facing huge life challenges like abuse, exploitation, or neglect, and we campaign tirelessly to change the lives of the next generation for the better. We've been doing this work for 140 years and we won't rest until every child is safe, happy, and hopeful.

We work with young people across the country to help them transform their lives. Our services are as varied as the experiences of the young people we meet. We listen to them, so that we can make sure they get the right support at the right time – boosting their wellbeing, protecting them from harm, and making sure they can access the essentials.

We're here for as long as it takes, and through our campaigning and influencing work, we're fighting for the local and national change we need to create a society that works for all children.

You make all this possible – our volunteers, campaigners, and supporters. Whether you give your time, lend your voice to our campaigns, or support us financially, you're making a real difference for young people.

Every young person deserves a safe, happy childhood. One where they can make friends, get an education, and feel good about themselves, their lives, and their futures. We're a powerful community. And we'll keep going until we've built a brighter future for all young people.

What impact does The Society have:

55,494

young people were reached through our services.

13,000

people campaigned with us.

738,200

young people were reached through our systems change work.

127,000

people joined our work through volunteering, donating, fundraising, and campaigning.

7,500

people stood alongside children by volunteering.

1,000

young people took part in advocacy and consultation work with us.

3,885

young people at risk of exploitation or abuse were supported.

1,700

parents and carers worked with our services to help young people.

348

young refugees and asylum seekers were supported last year.

21,000

people joined our campaign unaccompanied children to get a guardian when they arrive in the UK.

7,305

young people were supported through our mental health and wellbeing services.

91%

of young people said their lives improved after working with us.

Gail Radka – telephone 07736 645932,
Parish Representative.

Ryedale Foodbank.

Helping people in Ryedale in crisis

Ryedale Community Foodbank offers long-life food and some household goods, such as toiletries and cleaning products, to people in crisis in the Ryedale area. There are 3 foodbank centres, Malton/Norton, Pickering and Kirkbymoorside. Clients must be referred to the foodbank by agencies like Citizens Advice Bureau and Next Steps. People are referred to the foodbank for a variety of reasons, they may have lost their job or had their hours reduced, they maybe on low income or have a zero hours contract and not have enough money to live on, they maybe in debt or have a delay in the payment of benefits, they have had a large unexpected expense and have no money left for food.

In many cases, we can support people in overcoming their current crisis and offer additional support and guidance by directing clients to sources of long-term help and support. The aim is to prevent long term dependency on the foodbank.

Food is donated via boxes in supermarkets (Co-op and Lidl in Pickering) or at collection points like the green box in the porch of St Peter and St Paul's Church. At the foodbank volunteers sort the food that is received, checking, and noting the sell by date. Clients bring along a red voucher which has been issued from the agency they have visited. Trained volunteers then discuss with client signposting long term help and get other volunteers to make up appropriate food bags for each client.

Below is information on food in and out (it all must be weighed) also listed is number of red forms received and the number of people fed.

RYEDALE Community FOOD BANK – HEADLINE FIGURES

	<u>MAY 22</u>	<u>JUN 22</u>	<u>JUL 22</u>	<u>AUG 22</u>	<u>SEP 22</u>	<u>OCT 22</u>	<u>NOV 22</u>	<u>DEC 22</u>	<u>JAN 23</u>
<u>Food stock received</u>	<u>3031.5</u>	<u>3134.8</u>	<u>2738.9</u>	<u>3348</u>	<u>3833.8</u>	<u>4185.9</u>	<u>3314.9</u>	<u>5282.4</u>	<u>5650.4</u>
<u>Food stock given out.</u>	<u>1932.3</u>	<u>3088.7</u>	<u>2381.8</u>	<u>2714.8</u>	<u>3423.3</u>	<u>3627.2</u>	<u>3502.8</u>	<u>5976.3</u>	<u>4124.0</u>
<u>TOTAL people fed.</u>	<u>168</u>	<u>217</u>	<u>141</u>	<u>223</u>	<u>228</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>242</u>	<u>418</u>	<u>270</u>

The food bank relies on donations all year round from organisations and individuals like our Churches. If everyone was to bring one item each week that would be a wonderful amount of food for us to pass on to the local food bank. Currently the food bank is in most need of, household cleaning products, tinned fruit, rice puddings, custard, tinned meat like ham and corned beef, tinned potatoes, hot chocolate, toilet rolls, jam, fruit juice and dilute juice.

The drop-in centres are Norton Howe Road – Wednesday 10-12 and Friday 1-3, Pickering Hungate Centre Thursday 4-6 and Kirbymoorside Methodist School Room Thursday 09.30 – 11.30.

Current volunteers from Church are Sue Billet, Jean and Andrew Smith, Pam and Tony Lindsay, Gail Radka and Anne Frank.

We would encourage you all to continue to donate food or household products each week.

Thank You!

Gail Radka on behalf of the food bank volunteers.

Financial review for 2022

Total income on unrestricted funds were £127,719 of which £97,490 was unrestricted voluntary donations, a further £11,717 was from Gift Aid and a £2,000 Energy Grant from York DBF. Restricted donations of £7,000 from legacies and £522 from interest and share dividends were also received and are detailed in the Financial Statements. The Parish Hall continues to be let on a regular basis which provided a gross income of £5,560. The planned giving through envelopes and banker's orders decreased by 6% and the Gift Aid envelope income decreased by 22%. On a more positive basis, the introduction of the Dona Contactless Portal late in 2021 produced a gross income of £8,311 in 2022. This had no detrimental effect on the income from visitor wall box donations which increased by 47% in 2022. Total income, including tax recovered but excluding legacies, went up by 9% compared with last year. This was partly due to the income from the Dona Contactless Portal, Bookstall sales and increased fundraising activities. We were grateful for the five pecuniary legacies amounting to £34,729 from the estates of Dorothy Stokes, Thelma Taplin, Jean Longster, Bronwyn Shipman and Joyce Snowball, £7,000 of which was set aside towards the cost of future repairs and maintenance of the Fabric of the Church.

Total expenditure for the year was £121,169, being an increase of 21.9% above 2021. The increase of £21,696 was mainly due to the improved Free Will Offer to the Diocese of York of £8,000, Architects fees of £5,445 paid for the Parish Hall Feasibility Study, and the cost of the supply and installation of the Grand Master Security Lock system for the Church amounting to £3,710. The net result for the year was an excess of income over expenditure of £32,923, of which £2,332 was from Restricted and Endowment Funds.

The bank and deposit balances at the end of each year are as follows:-

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Unrestricted Funds	£38,807	£69,095
Restricted Funds	£36,238	£44,823
Endowment Fund	£48,310	£43,500
Total balances	£123,355	£157,418

Surplus/(Deficit) for the year:-

	£7,681	£30,591
Unrestricted Funds		
Restricted Funds	£3,610	£7,142
Endowment Fund	£48,310	(£4,810)
Total surplus/(deficit)	£59,601	£32,923

RESERVE POLICY

Unrestricted Funds:

The PCC policy is to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds which equates to at least three months unrestricted expenditure. This is equivalent to £23,127. It is held to smooth out fluctuation in cash flow and to meet future shortfalls in income or unexpected expense. The balance at 31 December 2022 (£43,188) represents 5.6 months of budgeted expenditure for 2023, but since a small surplus is budgeted for 2023 it is expected that the balance at the end of the year will meet the PCC target.

Designated Fund:

The PCC policy is to reserve the balance of £13,873 in the Parish Hall Current Account for the maintenance and running expenses of the Parish Hall. With a budgeted surplus of £668 for 2023 it is expected that the fund will increase to £14,541 by the end of the year.

Restricted Funds:

It is the policy of the PCC to invest the cash balances held in the Fabric Fund and Project Fund in short-term investment fund balances with the CCLA Church of England Deposit Fund, and the Fabric Fund shareholding in the CCLA Church of England Investment Fund.

The Jack and Mabel Goodall Endowment Fund:

The balance of £43,500 at 31 December 2022 is invested in a CCLA Church of England Deposit Fund. The PCC intend to use the fund balance towards the costs of the current Parish Hall Feasibility Study.

***Trevor Richmond MBE,
PCC Treasurer***

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts of Pickering Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul

I report on the accounts of the Church for the Year Ended 31st December 2022, which are set out on pages 1-9.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees 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 under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of the 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 matter has come to my attention:

(1) 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 and comply with the 2011 Act have not been met; or

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



Helen Raine ACA
Hallgarth Accountants Ltd
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Pickering
North Yorkshire
YO18 7AW

Dated: 2 MARCH 2023



PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds			2022	2021
		General	Designated	Fabric	Project	Endowment	£	£
		£	£	£	£	£	£	
VOLUNTARY GIVING								
Tax efficient planned giving	1	25,828.75				25,828.75	27,521.30	
Other planned giving	2	2,898.00				2,898.00	2,668.00	
Collections at services	3	7,371.77		30.00	322.66	7,724.43	6,889.48	
All other giving and voluntary receipts	4	19,944.24		20.00	150.00	20,114.24	16,322.86	
Gift aid recovered	5	11,717.63				11,717.63	10,965.38	
Legacies received	6	27,729.82		7,000.00		34,729.82	50,000.00	
Grants	7	2,000.00				2,000.00	-	
ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS								
Fundraising activities	8	6,747.51		3,175.72	2,578.00	12,501.23	8,462.84	
INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS								
Dividends and interest received	9	43.54		432.40	312.21	634.94	1,423.09	
CHURCH ACTIVITIES								
Wedding and funeral fees received	10	10,664.00				10,664.00	16,177.00	
Trading activities	11	3,602.56	5,650.69			9,253.25	5,597.85	
OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES								
Other receipts and income	12	15,237.85		-		15,237.85	14,245.21	
Total Incoming Resources		133,785.67	5,650.69	10,658.12	3,362.87	634.94	154,092.29	159,074.34
COST OF GENERATING FUNDS								
Cost of fundraising activities	13	2,795.90		296.45	575.00	3,667.35	2,348.54	
CHURCH ACTIVITIES								
Diocesan Freewill Offer	14	48,000.00				48,000.00	40,000.00	
Salaries, wages and honoraria	15	3,034.00				3,034.00	4,275.00	
Clergy and staff expenses	16	972.44				972.44	1,192.51	
CHURCH EXPENSES								
Church running expenses	17	20,047.68		1,366.96		21,414.64	20,531.61	
Church utility costs	18	5,651.12				5,651.12	4,983.38	
Costs of trading	19	2,312.72	5,348.25			7,660.97	4,639.66	
MAJOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE								
Major repairs to church buildings	20	-		3,710.00		5,445.36	9,155.36	
OTHER EXPENDITURE								
Other expenditure not already listed	21	20,683.21		930.17		21,613.38	19,807.30	
Total resources expended		103,497.07	5,348.25	6,303.58	575.00	5,445.36	121,169.26	99,473.06
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) resources		30,288.60	302.44	4,354.54	2,787.87	(4,810.42)	32,923.03	59,601.28

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH
SOFA Notes for the year ended 31st December 2022

1. Tax efficient planned giving	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Donations-GA Planned giving envelopes	5,558.75	7,720.30
Donations- GA Standing orders	20,270.00	19,801.00
	<u>25,828.75</u>	<u>27,521.30</u>
2. Other planned giving	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Donations-NGA Planned giving envelopes	816.00	736.00
Donations- NGA Standing orders	2,082.00	1,932.00
	<u>2,898.00</u>	<u>2,668.00</u>
3. Collections at services	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Donations-One-off GA envelopes	1,046.50	1,347.42
Cash Collections-Church services	4,450.38	3,261.20
Cash Collections-B,W&F to church	1,528.42	1,907.26
Cash Collections-for charities	699.13	373.60
	<u>7,724.43</u>	<u>6,889.48</u>
4. All other giving and voluntary receipts	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Unplanned gift aid donations	1,062.08	8,598.94
Donations-SumUp Portal	3,567.50	787.00
Visitors wall boxes	7,289.05	4,944.18
Unplanned NGA donations	801.00	1,992.74
SumUp NGA Donations	4,743.50	-
Sundry Donations	1,755.21	-
Visitor GA Envelopes	895.90	-
	<u>20,114.24</u>	<u>16,322.86</u>
5. Gift aid recovered	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Gift aid tax recovered	11,717.63	10,965.38
6. Legacies received	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Legacies	34,729.82	50,000.00
7. Grants	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Grants	2,000.00	-
8. Fundraising activities	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Fund raising events	4,178.71	2,195.61
Monday's coffee	3,175.72	896.90
100 Club	1,700.00	1,598.00
Sunday coffee	683.43	175.59
Easyfundraising	185.37	207.46
Light for Christmas	2,578.00	3,389.28
	<u>12,501.23</u>	<u>8,462.84</u>

SOFA Notes for the year ended 31st December 2022

9. Dividends and interest received	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Dividends	207.35	200.51
Interest-Barclays Reserve Saver	41.35	0.68
Interest-HMRC	2.19	-
Deposit interest-CCLA Fabric	225.05	7.16
Deposit interest-CCLA Project	312.21	10.27
Deposit interest-CCLA Endowment	634.94	5.80
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	1,423.09	224.42
10. Wedding and funeral fees received	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
DBF fees	3,641.00	5,464.00
PCC fees	2,876.00	5,656.00
Organist fees	1,870.00	2,295.00
Bellringers fees	300.00	800.00
Verger fees	660.00	570.00
Travelling expenses fees	362.00	428.00
Heating charges fees	955.00	850.00
Sexton fees	-	114.00
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	10,664.00	16,177.00
11. Trading activities	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Tea towels/bags	-	30.00
Bookstall	3,002.56	1,210.76
Parish Hall-Lettings	5,650.69	3,782.09
Hire of Church	600.00	575.00
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	9,253.25	5,597.85
12. Other receipts/income	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Cash collections at funerals for charities	6,668.89	5,431.59
Flower fund income	779.88	488.21
Photocopying	5.00	-
Special Appeals	1,488.11	-
External visit income	5,230.00	5,660.00
Donations-One-off GA Envelopes (Visitors)	-	33.00
Parish Hall contributions	155.97	779.80
Contributions to Clergy expenses	850.00	850.00
Deanery subscription contributions	60.00	-
Increase in share value	-	1,002.61
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	15,237.85	14,245.21
13. Cost of fundraising activities	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Stewardship costs	113.44	103.12
Monday's coffee expenses	296.45	70.60
Christmas trees	75.00	35.00
Fundraising expenses	1,387.66	640.59
100 Club	844.00	811.00
Sunday coffee expenses	239.00	31.30
Book hub costs	-	25.00

SOFA Notes for the year ended 31st December 2022

Light for Christmas	575.00	619.17
Transaction fees-SumUp	136.80	12.76
	<u>3,667.35</u>	<u>2,348.54</u>
14. Diocesan Freewill Offer	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Parish contribution to Diocese	48,000.00	40,000.00
15. Salaries, wages and honoraria	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Bellringers weddings	300.00	800.00
Verger fees - funerals	660.00	570.00
Sexton fees	-	114.00
Organist - W&F	1,870.00	2,295.00
Retired clergy fees and expenses	204.00	496.00
	<u>3,034.00</u>	<u>4,275.00</u>
16. Clergy and staff expenses	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Vicar's expenses	698.98	736.51
Vicarage water charges	273.46	456.00
	<u>972.44</u>	<u>1,192.51</u>
17. Church running expenses	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Bank charges-Barclays	656.57	629.63
Repairs and maintenance	1,058.54	1,643.15
Insurance	5,995.88	6,619.03
Website	107.80	231.30
Office costs	1,556.63	2,610.93
Postage and stationery	23.61	46.96
Cleaner for church	1,362.50	1,050.00
Churchyard expenses	38.00	38.00
Items for upkeep of church services	2,632.97	2,339.21
Organist fee for Church	4,416.67	3,500.04
Repairs to Fixtures & Fittings	51.97	-
Support & training costs	250.00	225.00
Beeline Broadband	324.00	162.00
Boiler Expenses	546.00	-
Laundry & cleaning materials	201.60	51.20
Organ costs	1,392.00	288.00
Health & safety	90.54	208.23
CCTV Church roof system	709.36	888.93
	<u>21,414.64</u>	<u>20,531.61</u>
18. Church utility costs	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Gas-Church	3,757.79	3,618.69
Electricity-Church	1,297.54	993.35
Electricity-Church Tower	595.79	371.34
	<u>5,651.12</u>	<u>4,983.38</u>

SOFA Notes for the year ended 31st December 2022

19. Costs of trading	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Tea towels, tabel cloths etc	-	150.00
Parish Hall-Heating and lighting	1,936.78	1,118.24
Parish Hall-Water charges	58.91	187.61
Parish Hall-Cleaning	1,458.99	1,145.97
Parish Hall-Insurance	975.97	779.80
Parish Hall-Repairs & renewals	288.00	223.20
Parish Hall-Performing Rights Society	69.60	97.00
Parish Hall-Sundry expenses	560.00	20.00
Bookstall Expenses	7.98	-
Bookstall cost of sales	2,304.74	917.84
	<u>7,660.97</u>	<u>4,639.66</u>
20. Major repairs to church building	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Major repairs	3,710.00	-
Parish Hall Feasibility Project	5,445.36	1,695.06
	<u>9,155.36</u>	<u>1,695.06</u>
21. Other expenditure not already listed	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Boiler Expenses	-	898.32
Mission and charity giving-home	2,106.01	373.60
Mission and charity giving-overseas	602.88	-
Mission and charity giving-secular	150.00	-
Safeguarding expenses	76.65	355.43
Flower fund expenditure	611.68	373.21
Assigned fee to York DBF	3,641.00	5,464.00
Welcome leaflets	345.00	384.98
Charity giving-funerals	6,668.89	5,431.59
Retreat visit costs	5,549.00	4,761.00
Dona contactless payment system	165.00	482.08
Purchase of sundry equipment	193.10	580.34
Royal School of Church Music	110.00	110.00
Fee payable to other churches	-	253.00
Deanery subscriptions	200.00	-
Sundry donations and gifts	-	30.75
Pickering Area Churches Together	-	45.00
Independent examiner fee	264.00	264.00
Decrease in CCLA share value	930.17	-
	<u>21,613.38</u>	<u>19,807.30</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
FIXED ASSETS		
<u>Investments:</u>		
CBF-Shares: Fabric Fund	5,578.58	
CBF-Shares: Fabric Fund	<u>1,392.99</u>	
		7,901.74
	6,971.57	
CURRENT ASSETS:		
<u>Bookstall Stock</u>	2,265.31	2,329.53
<u>Cash and Bank Accounts:</u>		
Cash in hand	381.01	
Barclays-General Account	8,535.06	
Barclays-Stewardship Account	2,387.55	
Barclays-Parish Hall Account	14,602.80	
Barclays-Reserve Saver Account	43,188.66	
CCLA-Project Fund	25,597.59	
CCLA-Fabric Fund	19,225.08	
CCLA-Jack and Mabel Goodall Account	<u>43,500.32</u>	
	157,418.07	123,355.34
<u>Debtors and Prepayments:</u>		
Debtors	928.28	
Prepayments	<u>1,371.27</u>	
	2,299.55	2,256.99
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
<u>Creditors and Accruals:</u>		
Creditors	3,260.68	
Accruals	-	
Deferred Income	<u>120.00</u>	
	(3,380.68)	(3,192.81)
Net current assets		158,602.25
	<u>165,573.82</u>	<u>132,650.79</u>
RESERVES:		
Balances brought forward, 1 st January 2022:		
Unrestricted Fund Reserves	40,008.22	32,493.72
Restricted Fund Reserves	92,642.57	40,555.79
	<u>132,650.79</u>	<u>73,049.51</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	32,923.03	59,601.28
Balances carried forward, 31 st December 2022	<u>165,573.82</u>	<u>132,650.79</u>
<u>Represented by:-</u>		
General Fund	56,892.93	26,604.33
Designated Fund	13,872.74	13,570.30
Fabric Fund	26,030.24	21,675.70
Project Fund	25,277.59	22,489.72
Endowment Fund	43,500.32	48,310.74
	<u>165,573.82</u>	<u>132,650.79</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

BUDGET for the year ending 31 December 2023

	Budget	Actual
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
VOLUNTARY GIVING		
Tax efficient planned giving	26,908	25,829
Other planned giving	2,415	2,898
Collections at services	6,415	7,724
All other giving and voluntary receipts	22,060	20,114
Gift aid recovered	11,500	11,718
Legacies received	-	34,730
Grants	-	2,000
ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS		
Fundraising activities	13,718	12,501
INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS		
Dividends and interest received	1,608	1,423
CHURCH ACTIVITIES		
Wedding and funeral fees received	8,796	10,664
Trading activities	9,027	9,253
OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES		
Other receipts and income	10,399	15,238
Total Incoming Resources	<u>112,846</u>	<u>154,092</u>
COST OF GENERATING FUNDS		
Cost of fundraising activities	4,194	3,667
CHURCH ACTIVITIES		
Diocesan Freewill Offer	50,000	48,000
Salaries, wages and honoraria	6,955	3,034
Clergy and staff expenses	920	973
CHURCH EXPENSES		
Church running expenses	17,114	21,415
Church utility costs	6,046	5,651
Costs of trading	7,071	7,661
MAJOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE		
Major repairs to church buildings	-	9,155
OTHER EXPENDITURE		
Other expenditure not already listed	14,637	21,613
Total resources expended	<u>106,937</u>	<u>121,169</u>
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) resources	<u>5,909</u>	<u>32,923</u>

The Church of ST. FRANCIS , MARISHES							
Balance Sheet at Year End 2022							
		INCOME				EXPENDITURE	
2021			2022	2021			2022
£ 20,338.87	Balance Brought Forward		£20,315.42	£ 354.17	EON Electric		£1,680.24
£ 860.00	Stewardship -Gift Aid		£710	£ 578.67	Insurance		£603.29
£ 344.00	Collections GADS		£570.80	£ 650.00	Pickering PCC		£650.00
£ 253.00	Wedding Fee		£597		Wedding fee		£218.00
£ 107.00	Donation Harvest Supper				Repairs & Renewals		£178.98
	HMRC Charity Claim		£641.02		Sundries Gifts		
£ 1.15	Bank Interest		£19.22		Deanary Fees		£18.00
				£ 5.76	Bank Charges		£73.16
					Organist Fee		£85.00
				£1,588.60			£3,506.67
					Balances Forward 31/12/2022		
					Cash in Hand		£3.26
					Community Acc		£7,997.23
					Business Money Manager		£3,017.65
					Fabric Account		£8,328.65
£21,904.02			£22,853.46				£ 22,853.46

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PCC Treasurer - Trevor Richmond MBE

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts of Pickering Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul

I report on the accounts of the Church for the Year Ended 31st December 2022, which are set out on pages 1-9.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees 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 under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of the 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 matter has come to my attention:

(1) 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 and comply with the 2011 Act have not been met; or

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



Helen Raine ACA
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Dated: 2 MARCH 2023



PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds			2022	2021
		General	Designated	Fabric	Project	Endowment	£	£
		£	£	£	£	£	£	
VOLUNTARY GIVING								
Tax efficient planned giving	1	25,828.75				25,828.75	27,521.30	
Other planned giving	2	2,898.00				2,898.00	2,668.00	
Collections at services	3	7,371.77		30.00	322.66	7,724.43	6,889.48	
All other giving and voluntary receipts	4	19,944.24		20.00	150.00	20,114.24	16,322.86	
Gift aid recovered	5	11,717.63				11,717.63	10,965.38	
Legacies received	6	27,729.82		7,000.00		34,729.82	50,000.00	
Grants	7	2,000.00				2,000.00	-	
ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS								
Fundraising activities	8	6,747.51		3,175.72	2,578.00	12,501.23	8,462.84	
INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS								
Dividends and interest received	9	43.54		432.40	312.21	634.94	1,423.09	
CHURCH ACTIVITIES								
Wedding and funeral fees received	10	10,664.00				10,664.00	16,177.00	
Trading activities	11	3,602.56	5,650.69			9,253.25	5,597.85	
OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES								
Other receipts and income	12	15,237.85		-		15,237.85	14,245.21	
Total Incoming Resources		133,785.67	5,650.69	10,658.12	3,362.87	634.94	154,092.29	159,074.34
COST OF GENERATING FUNDS								
Cost of fundraising activities	13	2,795.90		296.45	575.00	3,667.35	2,348.54	
CHURCH ACTIVITIES								
Diocesan Freewill Offer	14	48,000.00				48,000.00	40,000.00	
Salaries, wages and honoraria	15	3,034.00				3,034.00	4,275.00	
Clergy and staff expenses	16	972.44				972.44	1,192.51	
CHURCH EXPENSES								
Church running expenses	17	20,047.68		1,366.96		21,414.64	20,531.61	
Church utility costs	18	5,651.12				5,651.12	4,983.38	
Costs of trading	19	2,312.72	5,348.25			7,660.97	4,639.66	
MAJOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE								
Major repairs to church buildings	20	-		3,710.00		5,445.36	9,155.36	
OTHER EXPENDITURE								
Other expenditure not already listed	21	20,683.21		930.17		21,613.38	19,807.30	
Total resources expended		103,497.07	5,348.25	6,303.58	575.00	5,445.36	121,169.26	99,473.06
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) resources		30,288.60	302.44	4,354.54	2,787.87	(4,810.42)	32,923.03	59,601.28

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH
SOFA Notes for the year ended 31st December 2022

1. Tax efficient planned giving	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Donations-GA Planned giving envelopes	5,558.75	7,720.30
Donations- GA Standing orders	20,270.00	19,801.00
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	25,828.75	27,521.30
2. Other planned giving	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Donations-NGA Planned giving envelopes	816.00	736.00
Donations- NGA Standing orders	2,082.00	1,932.00
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	2,898.00	2,668.00
3. Collections at services	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Donations-One-off GA envelopes	1,046.50	1,347.42
Cash Collections-Church services	4,450.38	3,261.20
Cash Collections-B,W&F to church	1,528.42	1,907.26
Cash Collections-for charities	699.13	373.60
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	7,724.43	6,889.48
4. All other giving and voluntary receipts	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Unplanned gift aid donations	1,062.08	8,598.94
Donations-SumUp Portal	3,567.50	787.00
Visitors wall boxes	7,289.05	4,944.18
Unplanned NGA donations	801.00	1,992.74
SumUp NGA Donations	4,743.50	-
Sundry Donations	1,755.21	-
Visitor GA Envelopes	895.90	-
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	20,114.24	16,322.86
5. Gift aid recovered	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Gift aid tax recovered	11,717.63	10,965.38
6. Legacies received	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Legacies	34,729.82	50,000.00
7. Grants	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Grants	2,000.00	-
8. Fundraising activities	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Fund raising events	4,178.71	2,195.61
Monday's coffee	3,175.72	896.90
100 Club	1,700.00	1,598.00
Sunday coffee	683.43	175.59
Easyfundraising	185.37	207.46
Light for Christmas	2,578.00	3,389.28
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	12,501.23	8,462.84

SOFA Notes for the year ended 31st December 2022

9. Dividends and interest received	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Dividends	207.35	200.51
Interest-Barclays Reserve Saver	41.35	0.68
Interest-HMRC	2.19	-
Deposit interest-CCLA Fabric	225.05	7.16
Deposit interest-CCLA Project	312.21	10.27
Deposit interest-CCLA Endowment	634.94	5.80
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	1,423.09	224.42
10. Wedding and funeral fees received	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
DBF fees	3,641.00	5,464.00
PCC fees	2,876.00	5,656.00
Organist fees	1,870.00	2,295.00
Bellringers fees	300.00	800.00
Verger fees	660.00	570.00
Travelling expenses fees	362.00	428.00
Heating charges fees	955.00	850.00
Sexton fees	-	114.00
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	10,664.00	16,177.00
11. Trading activities	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Tea towels/bags	-	30.00
Bookstall	3,002.56	1,210.76
Parish Hall-Lettings	5,650.69	3,782.09
Hire of Church	600.00	575.00
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	9,253.25	5,597.85
12. Other receipts/income	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Cash collections at funerals for charities	6,668.89	5,431.59
Flower fund income	779.88	488.21
Photocopying	5.00	-
Special Appeals	1,488.11	-
External visit income	5,230.00	5,660.00
Donations-One-off GA Envelopes (Visitors)	-	33.00
Parish Hall contributions	155.97	779.80
Contributions to Clergy expenses	850.00	850.00
Deanery subscription contributions	60.00	-
Increase in share value	-	1,002.61
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	15,237.85	14,245.21
13. Cost of fundraising activities	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Stewardship costs	113.44	103.12
Monday's coffee expenses	296.45	70.60
Christmas trees	75.00	35.00
Fundraising expenses	1,387.66	640.59
100 Club	844.00	811.00
Sunday coffee expenses	239.00	31.30
Book hub costs	-	25.00

SOFA Notes for the year ended 31st December 2022

Light for Christmas	575.00	619.17
Transaction fees-SumUp	136.80	12.76
	<u>3,667.35</u>	<u>2,348.54</u>
14. Diocesan Freewill Offer	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Parish contribution to Diocese	48,000.00	40,000.00
	<u>48,000.00</u>	<u>40,000.00</u>
15. Salaries, wages and honoraria	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Bellringers weddings	300.00	800.00
Verger fees - funerals	660.00	570.00
Sexton fees	-	114.00
Organist - W&F	1,870.00	2,295.00
Retired clergy fees and expenses	204.00	496.00
	<u>3,034.00</u>	<u>4,275.00</u>
16. Clergy and staff expenses	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Vicar's expenses	698.98	736.51
Vicarage water charges	273.46	456.00
	<u>972.44</u>	<u>1,192.51</u>
17. Church running expenses	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Bank charges-Barclays	656.57	629.63
Repairs and maintenance	1,058.54	1,643.15
Insurance	5,995.88	6,619.03
Website	107.80	231.30
Office costs	1,556.63	2,610.93
Postage and stationery	23.61	46.96
Cleaner for church	1,362.50	1,050.00
Churchyard expenses	38.00	38.00
Items for upkeep of church services	2,632.97	2,339.21
Organist fee for Church	4,416.67	3,500.04
Repairs to Fixtures & Fittings	51.97	-
Support & training costs	250.00	225.00
Beeline Broadband	324.00	162.00
Boiler Expenses	546.00	-
Laundry & cleaning materials	201.60	51.20
Organ costs	1,392.00	288.00
Health & safety	90.54	208.23
CCTV Church roof system	709.36	888.93
	<u>21,414.64</u>	<u>20,531.61</u>
18. Church utility costs	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Gas-Church	3,757.79	3,618.69
Electricity-Church	1,297.54	993.35
Electricity-Church Tower	595.79	371.34
	<u>5,651.12</u>	<u>4,983.38</u>

SOFA Notes for the year ended 31st December 2022

19. Costs of trading	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Tea towels, tabel cloths etc	-	150.00
Parish Hall-Heating and lighting	1,936.78	1,118.24
Parish Hall-Water charges	58.91	187.61
Parish Hall-Cleaning	1,458.99	1,145.97
Parish Hall-Insurance	975.97	779.80
Parish Hall-Repairs & renewals	288.00	223.20
Parish Hall-Performing Rights Society	69.60	97.00
Parish Hall-Sundry expenses	560.00	20.00
Bookstall Expenses	7.98	-
Bookstall cost of sales	2,304.74	917.84
	<u>7,660.97</u>	<u>4,639.66</u>
20. Major repairs to church building	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Major repairs	3,710.00	-
Parish Hall Feasibility Project	5,445.36	1,695.06
	<u>9,155.36</u>	<u>1,695.06</u>
21. Other expenditure not already listed	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Boiler Expenses	-	898.32
Mission and charity giving-home	2,106.01	373.60
Mission and charity giving-overseas	602.88	-
Mission and charity giving-secular	150.00	-
Safeguarding expenses	76.65	355.43
Flower fund expenditure	611.68	373.21
Assigned fee to York DBF	3,641.00	5,464.00
Welcome leaflets	345.00	384.98
Charity giving-funerals	6,668.89	5,431.59
Retreat visit costs	5,549.00	4,761.00
Dona contactless payment system	165.00	482.08
Purchase of sundry equipment	193.10	580.34
Royal School of Church Music	110.00	110.00
Fee payable to other churches	-	253.00
Deanery subscriptions	200.00	-
Sundry donations and gifts	-	30.75
Pickering Area Churches Together	-	45.00
Independent examiner fee	264.00	264.00
Decrease in CCLA share value	930.17	-
	<u>21,613.38</u>	<u>19,807.30</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
FIXED ASSETS		
<u>Investments:</u>		
CBF-Shares: Fabric Fund	5,578.58	
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		7,901.74
	6,971.57	
CURRENT ASSETS:		
<u>Bookstall Stock</u>	2,265.31	2,329.53
<u>Cash and Bank Accounts:</u>		
Cash in hand	381.01	
Barclays-General Account	8,535.06	
Barclays-Stewardship Account	2,387.55	
Barclays-Parish Hall Account	14,602.80	
Barclays-Reserve Saver Account	43,188.66	
CCLA-Project Fund	25,597.59	
CCLA-Fabric Fund	19,225.08	
CCLA-Jack and Mabel Goodall Account	<u>43,500.32</u>	
	157,418.07	123,355.34
<u>Debtors and Prepayments:</u>		
Debtors	928.28	
Prepayments	<u>1,371.27</u>	
	2,299.55	2,256.99
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
<u>Creditors and Accruals:</u>		
Creditors	3,260.68	
Accruals	-	
Deferred Income	<u>120.00</u>	
	(3,380.68)	(3,192.81)
Net current assets		158,602.25
	<u>165,573.82</u>	<u>132,650.79</u>
RESERVES:		
Balances brought forward, 1 st January 2022:		
Unrestricted Fund Reserves	40,008.22	32,493.72
Restricted Fund Reserves	92,642.57	40,555.79
	<u>132,650.79</u>	<u>73,049.51</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	32,923.03	59,601.28
Balances carried forward, 31 st December 2022	<u>165,573.82</u>	<u>132,650.79</u>
<u>Represented by:-</u>		
General Fund	56,892.93	26,604.33
Designated Fund	13,872.74	13,570.30
Fabric Fund	26,030.24	21,675.70
Project Fund	25,277.59	22,489.72
Endowment Fund	43,500.32	48,310.74
	<u>165,573.82</u>	<u>132,650.79</u>

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BUDGET for the year ending 31 December 2023

	Budget	Actual
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
VOLUNTARY GIVING		
Tax efficient planned giving	26,908	25,829
Other planned giving	2,415	2,898
Collections at services	6,415	7,724
All other giving and voluntary receipts	22,060	20,114
Gift aid recovered	11,500	11,718
Legacies received	-	34,730
Grants	-	2,000
ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS		
Fundraising activities	13,718	12,501
INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS		
Dividends and interest received	1,608	1,423
CHURCH ACTIVITIES		
Wedding and funeral fees received	8,796	10,664
Trading activities	9,027	9,253
OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES		
Other receipts and income	10,399	15,238
Total Incoming Resources	<u>112,846</u>	<u>154,092</u>
COST OF GENERATING FUNDS		
Cost of fundraising activities	4,194	3,667
CHURCH ACTIVITIES		
Diocesan Freewill Offer	50,000	48,000
Salaries, wages and honoraria	6,955	3,034
Clergy and staff expenses	920	973
CHURCH EXPENSES		
Church running expenses	17,114	21,415
Church utility costs	6,046	5,651
Costs of trading	7,071	7,661
MAJOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE		
Major repairs to church buildings	-	9,155
OTHER EXPENDITURE		
Other expenditure not already listed	14,637	21,613
Total resources expended	<u>106,937</u>	<u>121,169</u>
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) resources	<u>5,909</u>	<u>32,923</u>

The Church of ST. FRANCIS , MARISHES							
Balance Sheet at Year End 2022							
		INCOME				EXPENDITURE	
2021			2022	2021			2022
£ 20,338.87	Balance Brought Forward		£20,315.42	£ 354.17	EON Electric		£1,680.24
£ 860.00	Stewardship -Gift Aid		£710	£ 578.67	Insurance		£603.29
£ 344.00	Collections GADS		£570.80	£ 650.00	Pickering PCC		£650.00
£ 253.00	Wedding Fee		£597		Wedding fee		£218.00
£ 107.00	Donation Harvest Supper				Repairs & Renewals		£178.98
	HMRC Charity Claim		£641.02		Sundries Gifts		
£ 1.15	Bank Interest		£19.22		Deanary Fees		£18.00
				£ 5.76	Bank Charges		£73.16
					Organist Fee		£85.00
				£1,588.60			£3,506.67
					Balances Forward 31/12/2022		
					Cash in Hand		£3.26
					Community Acc		£7,997.23
					Business Money Manager		£3,017.65
					Fabric Account		£8,328.65
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PCC Treasurer - Trevor Richmond MBE

Accounts

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The Vicar's Annual Report

Each year as I prepare these reports, the same thought crosses my mind: "where did the time go?". This past year seems to have flown by so quickly and yet, as I stop and think about what has been achieved, I am heartened and encouraged. This year we, as a church, have been able to move back to a position of normality after the disruption of Covid. There were still some things we couldn't do, and our life as a church will continue to look different for some time. However, we seem now to be almost back to where we were before Covid struck. I am delighted to say that we have been able to be open for nearly all of the last twelve months, maintaining our usual pattern of worship. Music and the Eucharist have remained at the heart of our worshipping life. Our choir have worked tirelessly again this year to enhance our Sunday morning 10am Eucharist with music, and to sing evensong. Attendance at the 8am service remains strong, with a core of around 8 worshippers each week. Similarly, the Wednesday 10am service remains well attended, with a core of around 8 or 9 worshippers, often more. Some of us were also able to come together for weekly Bible studies and Advent and Lent courses. I am most grateful to Mary Cooney for all the assistance she has given me in preparing and leading these courses. Indeed, as I look back on the year I honestly don't know where we would be without all the people who give of their time to lead worship for us. In any multi church benefice it is impossible for each church to have worship each week, and I have found the support and assistance of my partners in ministry (namely the retired clergy) invaluable. They have again offered their time generously and added other voices to the preaching rota (something for which I know the congregation is grateful) and have provided fresh and exciting insights into our readings when they have done so. On a personal note, I am delighted that we have seen female presidency at the Eucharist, as this is something I feel very strongly about.

Christmas and Easter were of course the highlights of the year, with the church being used to a good extent by the local community. The community also came together for our annual Remembrance Sunday service. Events such as this remind us that though many from the wider community may not join us week by week for worship, we remain very much at the centre of the life of the town. The Ryedale Festival was able to restart this year and several events were held in church. Our partnership with this festival has been going for some years now and I am delighted to say that it appears as strong and joyful as ever.

On the subject of partnerships, the local schools have also begun to use the church more over the past year, as they too begin to emerge from Covid-induced changes to their usual routines. Both the infants and the Junior schools held Christmas services in church and by the time that this booklet is printed, the infant school will also have held an Easter learning day at which I was asked to represent the church.

This year, thanks to the hard work of Andrew and Pam, much of the church has been re-organised and tidied. Our churchwardens have worked their socks off again this year to ensure that all the "stuff" that goes into keeping the church open has happened. This has lifted much of the work from my desk, and I am very thankful to them both for their commitments and hard work. Work has progressed nicely on the development project, with Andrew now taking the lead. We have appointed a new architect who is conducting some feasibility studies to show us just what might be possible, and of course, what isn't. We have been able to install the internet in church and have entered a mutually beneficial partnership with Beeline Broadband for this. Over the coming year we will work to install webcams in church so that we can stream our services as a matter of course and offer this facility to weddings and funerals.

Over all, this has been a happy and eventful year. However as ever nothing would have been possible without you, who lovingly turn up week by week, and offer your time as well as your prayers to God. Thank you and God bless you all.

***Reverend Gareth Atha,
Vicar***

The Church of St Francis, Marishes.

Our Services are held on the third Sunday of each month, this year we managed to hold 10 Services.

Our January, February and March services were all cancelled due to the Covid virus.

The Rogation service held in May taken by Rev Gareth Atha and Canon John Manchester was very well supported and the Goats and Sheep from local farms, provided an added interest.

At our June Service we had a special service of thanks for all the wonderful work, Brenda Beal has done for St Francis Church, Marishes and St Peter and St Paul's Pickering. We had a Church full of flowers and a lunch in tents in the field prepared by the ladies of the Parish, who deserve a big thank you.

The Wedding of Helen Webster and Tom Stephenson took place on July 9th, the field was full of the community supporting them both.

We held the Harvest Festival in October, taken by Rev Gareth Atha and Canon John Manchester, helping with the prayers. A Pie and Pea's Supper was held in the Barn at Bellafax Farm thank you to David and Sarah Beal for hosting the event and the ladies of the Parish for decorating the Church with produce and flowers.

The Carol service and the Christmas Eve Holy Communion Service this year were well supported. A Christmas tree donated by Ben Morley was decorated with lights to brighten the two evening services in the Church. Mulled wine and Mince pies were served after the Carol Service.

Our very grateful thanks to Steve Bulmer for playing the Organ and our new organist Chris Welch, Canon John Manchester and Rev Gareth Atha for taking the services.

Fabric and Ornaments

No works have taken place this year.

Thank you to Brian Cowton for keeping the grass and grounds of the Church looking so tidy.

***Gena Douglas,
Deputy Churchwarden***

The Church of St Peter and St Paul, Pickering

Fabric and Ornaments

We have continued to be hampered by the Covid pandemic and the restrictions it has brought, but we have slowly returned to a kind of normal. Seating restrictions have now been relaxed but we are still maintaining a socially distanced seating area at the back of church for those who feel more comfortable in that situation. Most of the signage we had to have has now been removed and visually, we are much less cluttered, especially around the main entrance.

We have continued to do both necessary and routine maintenance on the building. Pointing has been redone on the South Aisle roof, the cover on the old coal chute of the boiler house has been rebuilt with a proper lid on it rather than a rusty sheet of tin, drainage channels have been cleaned out and some tree work done in the churchyard. The Town Council asked for permission for work to be carried out in the front churchyard to stabilise two headstones and to raise the crown of the sweet chestnut tree at the foot of the tower. Permission was granted and we wait for the work to be completed. Additions to the fabric of the church include the installation of broadband via Beeline Broadband. We have been able to come to a mutually beneficial deal with the supplier by allowing

Beeline to place extra equipment on the tower parapet. This enables them to offer their wireless system to more people in Pickering, while we receive our Broadband at a vastly reduced rate. By having internet access in church, we have been able to install a contactless card payment system, allowing both members of the congregation and, more importantly, visitors to donate to the church without the need for cash.

We have been able to purchase a replacement photocopier, thanks to a very generous donation. Again, because it can be connected to the church broadband, we can use it as a printer from laptops, tablets and smartphones, making it of even greater benefit.

The rights of way have been walked and PAT testing has been done on all the electrical appliances in both the church and the hall.

The fire extinguishers have been serviced with two being replaced and the boiler has also been serviced and repaired following a recent breakdown.

We have recently completed an in-house survey of work that needs to be done around the church and the churchyard and a survey and record of all burials of ashes in the churchyard is currently being completed.

Future plans/projects: A lot of time has been spent this year looking at how we can bring the church building into the 21st century. The plans for toilets in the base of the tower have now been amended. We have commissioned the church architect to do a feasibility study to look at the possibility of rebuilding the vestry to accommodate the toilets there, along with a proper kitchen which can be used for catering at events. We are still looking at installing a new mezzanine floor in the tower, to house the ringing chamber, and then moving the vestry to the space created below. Lastly, we would like to install a glass fronted room in the southwest corner of the church alongside a glass vestibule inside the main door. This would hopefully be funded by selling the existing parish hall, so the architect is also looking at the possibility of getting planning permission to convert the parish hall to residential use, significantly increasing its value as a saleable asset.

We are currently investigating replacing the red fabric metal framed chairs we currently have in church with ones that are lighter in weight and more easily stacked and moved around. We have received a legacy that will fund the purchase of nearly 100 new chairs which will make setting up for events much easier. We then intend to look into the possibility of removing some of the pews in church to create a much more useable space for when events are held and using the church building for more than just services.

The PCC have approved the installation of a new camera system in church that will allow us to stream services and events over the internet, giving those who are housebound, or not comfortable attending church, the opportunity to join in our regular services as well as offering people coming to church for weddings or funerals the opportunity to live stream the service to friends and family who can't attend. We now need to apply for a faculty for this.

The PCC has also approved the renewal of the locks on the doors of the church, changing them to a modern system that allows one master key to fit all doors, but giving us the ability to have other keys cut that fit certain doors but not others. This will improve the security of the building and we can start again in the issue of keys, keeping proper records of who has access. It will also get rid of the huge bunch of keys some of us have to carry around. This, again, now needs to go to faculty and if that is granted, we will implement it as, and when, funds allow.

Thanks go to everyone who has had an input into maintaining the building of the church and a special thanks go to Jürgen for his continued cleaning and to Ian Burrows for maintaining the clock.

***Pamela Robb and Andrew Orland,
Churchwardens***

Parish Hall

General and usage: This year the hall, like the church, has been open for business more than in the previous year. It remains a facility that is used the community groups. I am delighted that the usage of the hall has picked up once again, with events as diverse as dancing classes to Japanese drumming booking into the hall.

Finance: Please see the finance report for details of this.

Webpage: This year Cait has continued to work very hard to keep the webpage updated, as well as handling and keeping track of all the bookings, not an easy task by any means. I know we are all very grateful to Cait for her hard work in this area.

Fabric: Generally, the condition of the fabric is good. However, there are some significant areas of blown plaster around the toilets. The storage cupboard did not get sorted this year and is now on the "to do" list for the coming year. The flooring in the two rooms remains in good condition, though the flooring in the kitchen is beginning to deteriorate and will need closer examination in the near future. Several of the gutters and downpipes require cleaning, and this has also been put on the "to do" list. Cait and Ali have both worked hard to clear out several of the cupboards in the kitchen, thank you to both of them for this.

Summary: The hall remains one of the church's biggest assets. However, it is clear that the hall requires updating to bring it up to the standard of other facilities in Pickering. Over the coming year the PCC will need to look closely at the fabric of the hall and consider what we wish to do with the hall in the long term.

***Reverend Gareth Atha,
Parish Hall Chair***

PCC Secretary's Report

The PCC consult on all matters of general concern and importance to the Parish. Together, with Rev'd Gareth Atha and the churchwardens, we openly discuss ideas and plans, leading to shared decision making.

Since my last report at the APCM in May 2021, until the next APCM in May this year, the PCC will have met on nine occasions, one of those being after the 10am Sunday service to vote on a motion for stabilising two grave headstones.

From May we started meeting in church, rather than the Parish Hall, and have continued doing so. It has been a good move since we as a PCC know that all our thoughts and actions should reflect God's will and where better to focus on the church's mission and purpose?

Unfortunately, we had to continue restricting access to the church due to the continuing spread of covid during the first few months of the year until it was decided by Rev'd Gareth, with agreement of the Churchwardens and the PCC to re-open the church for Sunday worship at 10am from Palm Sunday onwards with the 8am Communion service, and then Evensong, restarting a few weeks later.

It was agreed that the sermons and prayers delivered each Sunday would continue to be posted on St. Peter & St. Paul's Church website, as they had been during the church's closure, by Cait Faulkner.

At the APCM, on May 18th, 2021, Brenda Beal, Cait Faulkner and Elizabeth Williams left the PCC having served their three-year term. Jacqueline Knowles was elected to serve on the current PCC, which left two places unfilled.

Mary Cooney as Reader had previously been invited to join the PCC so she was officially voted on as an ex-officio member at the APCM.

In June Rev'd Gareth, with the help of Andrew Orland compiled new Order of Service booklets, printed with different coloured covers denoting the church seasons for use at our 8am and 10am Sunday services with another booklet for use at Evensong.

Also in June, Rev'd Jo Anderson and Mary Cooney agreed to take over the running of the church bookstall from Charles Taplin. They are happy to take requests or suggestions for books and other items to be sold through the bookstall.

A special meeting was held in July to discuss an initiative from the Archbishop, Stephen Cotterill, and the Diocese called Living Christ's Story. After the discussion the opinions of the PCC members were reported back to the Diocese.

Also at that meeting, Gail Radka officially took over the role of Parish Safeguarding Officer from Judy Short who had done a wonderful job of establishing the requirements needed by members of our church and producing the policy document.

Stewarding of the church for two hours each on Saturdays and Wednesdays continued until the end of July and we are very grateful to all those who gave their time to act as stewards.

Distancing restrictions involving the roping off of every other pew in church was kept until November.

The PCC will focus in the year ahead, not only on the Church Development project, but also on how to optimise the Church's mission through worship and outreach, to families with children and to young people as well as the elderly through the Pastoral Care Scheme

We will continue to assist the Rev'd Gareth Atha in the management of church affairs and to support him in his ministry.

Lesley Jaram,
PCC Secretary

Deanery Synod Report

Despite all the difficulties of yet another strange year most of our Synod meetings are now taking place in person once again. Some meetings have been a combination of small in-person gatherings, with the facility for others to join via a Zoom link if needed.

Our focus across the deanery has continued to be based around our diocesan consultation 'Living Christ's Story'. This is an important time for us in our deanery to look at how we plan to re-shape our approach to all the following areas: becoming more like Christ; reaching people we currently don't; growing churches of missionary disciples; transforming our finances and structures. All our Churches have been actively involved in sharing their own parish data which has been collated by the diocese to form a wider picture of what things look like across our deanery of Northern Ryedale. We are using this information within our Deanery Leadership Team, along with our Deanery Synod to form our new deanery plan. But it's not a quick fix. We are looking at the bigger picture and planning for the next 10 years. Thinking outside the box has been encouraged across the whole diocese, and with fresh ideas and the willingness to adapt we are striving to ensure that we reach as many people as possible and help them to explore their own relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Recently the diocese has been successful in their bid for Strategic Capacity Funding. This external funding will be used to fund 5 new/extended roles which will bring fresh energy and much-needed capacity and expertise to shape our thinking into a structured plan. To enable revitalized growth in parishes, deaneries, chaplaincies, schools' engagement and in new worshipping communities. All the latest information about the consultation is available on the Diocese of York website, so do please take a moment to keep informed about all that is happening.

Most of our Churches across the deanery have now resumed their main services and Bible study groups, prayer house groups etc. Some have also continued to offer these online which is still proving an important way for some of our smaller rural Church communities to join together and stay connected.

We have continued to offer our deanery 10am Morning Prayer services on Zoom every weekday. This reaches across the whole of our deanery and beyond, with regular attendees from as far afield as Malton, Dunnington and Leeds. Online Zoom Compline also continues to be offered every Tuesday at 9.30pm. The links for joining all these services are available on our Pickering Church website, and all are most welcome to join at any time.

We have seen a number of changes across the deanery in the past year. September saw the retirement of our Area Dean, The Rev'd Canon Tim Robinson, and we have now welcomed The Rev'd Gareth Atha as our new Area Dean. We give thanks for the ministry and leadership given to us across the deanery by Tim over the years and we welcome Gareth as he works with the Deanery Leadership Team and the Deanery Synod to take us forward with new vision.

We have seen some new synod rep's coming forward across our Churches. However sadly some parishes do still struggle to find people from their small Church families to fill these roles. Across Northern Ryedale we currently see three benefices in vacancy: Ampleforth, Lastingham, and Helmsley with Upper Ryedale. They continue to be managed by their Churchwardens and the Area Dean, with the ongoing support from many retired clergy, readers, RPAs and lay people. We give thanks for the ministry and talents they share with our Church families, and we pray that our new deanery plan may help us to promote a renewed culture of generosity where we look to further share our resources and God given gifts across our deanery. The encouragement and training of more lay people is something we are keen to explore, and the new diocesan funding will be key in realizing this.

Lucy Willshaw has continued her important work as Children & Youth worker across the Helmsley end of the deanery and has been our Deanery Champion for the 'Children of Light Festival'. This celebration of young people's faith ran over the past year with various activities and projects for young people and their families and ended with a service of celebration at York Minster on 19th March.

So, we look forward with hope and anticipation that this next year will see some positive changes across the diocese and within our own deanery. We pray that all our 51 Churches may work together as one family to support each other and share their resources, talents, gifts and fellowship. We are all asked to please continue to use this prayer for our ongoing diocesan consultation.

*God our loving Father,
you have called your Church into being in your love and strengthened us for your service.
Guide and inspire us as we seek to re-shape our approach to mission and ministry in our diocese;
that we may be a joyful Church of missionary disciples, one in heart and mind;
for the sake of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen*

**Alison Holmes, Lay Dean Northern Ryedale
PCC Representative on Deanery Synod**

Organist and Choirmaster's Report

This year has been one of change. Change in the fact that the services have seen more 'normality' returning as we have progressed through quite a difficult period. However, even in the darkest times we have seen light.

The choir have contributed greatly to the services this year. I am, as always, in their debt for their hard work in producing singing which leads the worship so well at the Parish Church.

A high point for me was to have Gareth suggesting we started to have a 'proper' choral evensong, where the choir leads the worship there too.

Another high point was to witness the 'rebirth' of Steve Bulmer, emerging as a chorister.

It has been great to have Steve 'swell the choir' (and move the rowdiness from the back of Church to the front).

Steve organised a 'choir meeting' which was good to get the choir's ideas on how to move forward, to tidy out their folders and to look forward to how we can move worship on through the music. It was great to have Gareth at this meeting too, to suggest ideas and help us shape and share thoughts for the future.

It has been a pleasure to welcome Clare Carter into the choir. Clare has been a member of the church for many years, and it is great that she has now joined us not only in augmenting the singing, but also bringing the average age down substantially.

If Steve and Clare weren't sufficient new members for one year, to complete the transfer process, just after our choir meeting discussed encouraging new members, (and after a quick prayer) – Andrew Smith decided to move back to the area after leaving twenty years ago to work in Lincolnshire. Andrew sang with our choir for many years and continued singing during his worship in Lincoln. I am so pleased to see him return. This is not only great news but also allows us to broaden our repertoire by adding another section to our choir again with Steve and Andrew singing bass.

Sadly, we had to see a loyal and wonderful young singer 'fly the nest'. Alice Rose gave a lot through her skill and wonderful voice. We all know Alice will be a star of the future in whatever she does. We wish her well on her ambition to 'tread the boards' and thank her for the many years she gave to the church here in Pickering.

Many thanks to Steve Bulmer who chooses the hymns and psalms each week, occasionally taking some 'flack' from groups of the congregation, who quite astonishingly don't like too many 'new' hymns. This I find unbelievable as a church, which should be 'free thinking' and moving forward?! Even more worrying is that the most 'modern' hymn in our hymn book is probably older than me! If anyone would like a particular request, please mention this to Steve.

Thanks to the church wardens for their support in keeping the organ and surrounding areas functional. I would also like to thank Dr David Billett for his help in rectifying any problems with the organ.

As always, many thanks go to those organists who play for services when I am indisposed, Steve Bulmer, Tom Wrench, and Chris Welch.

Clive Wass.
Organist and Choirmaster

Parish Safeguarding

I took over the role of Parish safeguarding officer (PSO) in August 2021. Judy Short was the PSO from 2017 to 2021 and did a really good job for us all, she also kindly supported me through the handover and is always at hand to answer questions when I need it. As with any role I am still learning and adapting.

Our safeguarding policy was reviewed by Judy in April 2021 and was agreed by PCC, it was then sent off to Diocese and displayed in the porch. A copy is available on request. The policy will be reviewed again by myself in April 2022.

Many of the PCC are coming to renewal dates for their basic and foundation courses. I have asked everyone to be aware of their dates and to complete their online training as they reach their deadlines.

I have myself completed my basic, foundation, domestic abuse and leadership training. All of this has helped me to focus on my role and think about our policy and plan going forward. The biggest consideration I think is to ensure that everyone takes joint responsibility for safeguarding and that we consider our policy and implementation regularly as part of our church life.

Thank you to Judy for all her sterling work on safeguarding and thank you to everyone for your support as I have taken over the role.

If anyone has any safeguarding concerns, please contact me:

Gail Radka at pkgPSO@outlook.com or 07736 645932

***Gail Radka,
Parish Safeguarding and DBS Representative***

Servers

It has been a very challenging year, and we came through admirably. We were missing Dave Barf through Advent and until Holy week. Hopefully we have him back until the next time he goes off. We are very short of people to serve. Many thanks go to Anne, Sue and Pam who regularly serve, and thank you to Isabel, Hannah and Destiny who serve when they do not have other commitments. A big thank you to Andrew (Church warden) for his help as thurifer during Advent and Christmas. If anyone is able to spare one Sunday a month to be a server, please see me on a Sunday or ring or text on 07884385208.

***Jane Sampson,
Head Server***

Health and Safety

2021 was a safe year for our Church and Parish Hall. Covid 19 restrictions remained in place until the government relaxed them during February 2022.

The Health and Safety Policy along with the church emergency and evacuation procedures haven't changed since September 2020 when they were signed by Revd. Gareth Atha.

The Church and Parish Hall risks are under constant review.

Portable Appliance Electrical Testing of the Church and Parish Hall was completed on 12th October 2021.

The fire extinguishers for the Church, Marishes Church and the Parish Hall were serviced on 8th November 2021.

Ladders – Church

All ladders were inspected in February 2022 with one iron ladder being disposed of. Two wooden step ladders are unserviceable and will be disposed of.

Food Safety – two church members hold current level 2 Food Safety certificates and remain the food safety advisors to the church.

We have now purchased two trollies for storing the tables in the north transept. This also means we can move them safely around the church.

The hymn boards have been adapted so they can easily be taken down and put back as necessary. This is safer as we are no longer using a step ladder and avoids over stretching when putting up and taking down the hymn numbers.

The PCC are looking at replacing the heavy red metal chairs with more lightweight and moveable chairs. We have found the current chairs are very difficult to store and stack safely. Because of their weight they are also very difficult to move around.

There were no reported H&S accidents.

***Pam Robb and Andrew Orland,
Churchwardens***

Bookstall

Taking over the bookstall this year has been both a challenge and a joy and we apologise that it looked a bit sad while we got to grips with the job.

We feel that the bookstall has an important part to play in the life and witness of our church and we hope that the stock will reflect our aims and objectives

- To resource the congregation and the life of the Church and its attendant groups with materials/books as needed.
- To make money or at least to not be loss making.
- For an outreach to the many visitors to this Church.
- To provide materials to aid in reading of the scriptures, devotion and the growth of faith
- To provide seasonal materials in accord with the church calendar.
- To highlight issues of concern such as climate change and social justice.

We have started to advertise some of our stock on the church website and plan to offer an opportunity to order some books on request. We hope people will find this helpful. Please note that we can be contacted at pickeringchurchbooks@gmail.com

We are now devoting one of the bays of the bookstall to books that are on sale or have been damaged, as unfortunately some of the stock has suffered from standing untouched during lockdown.

We are grateful to Charles Taplin for the bookstall legacy we have inherited, to Trevor Richmond for his help and support with the financial aspects and to all who buy from us and support this valuable ministry.

We are always pleased to receive comments and suggestions and hope you will enjoy browsing and watching out for new books and other items.

***Jo Anderson and Mary Cooney,
Bookstall Organisers***

Pickering Bell-ringers

We rang, with restrictions, for five weddings in 2021.

We continue to ring for Sunday morning services, and we have also started ringing along with Quarter Peals for Evensong. Our practice night continues to be held on Wednesday evenings and we are always happy to welcome visitors.

In January 2022 we were very fortunate to welcome two experienced ringers who had moved to Pickering. They are already proving very useful to the band.

We extend our thanks to all those ringers from neighbouring towers who come and practice with us as well as helping us out when required.

I would like to thank Anne, for helping me implement the Covid restrictions for the tower and for all her help with training everyone who wants to learn to ring.

Covid 19 restrictions continued during 2021, which meant there was no ringing until Palm Sunday. We were then allowed to ring again but with continuing restrictions of wearing masks, sanitising, and social distancing. Time restrictions on the length of time we were allowed to ring, also remained in place.

We continued to meet on zoom using the computer program called 'Ringing Room'. Slowly the restrictions began to be lifted and eventually we were able to start our practice nights again on 21st July. It was lovely to be back!

Unfortunately, not all the ringers came back, for various reasons, but the ones who returned, slowly got back into method ringing. The time away from the end of a rope had taken its toll and we found it difficult to ring the more complicated methods as our rope sight, (how we see which bells to ring after), had escaped us. Fortunately for the majority of us it returned quickly but we then needed to build on our mental concentration. This is now getting better as we have started to complete more of our quarter peals, and it is lovely being able to do so.

***Pamela Robb,
Tower Captain***

Sanctuary Guild

The ladies of the Sanctuary Guild have continued to work conscientiously thus maintaining the pristine beauty of the Sanctuary together with the altar silver and brass. The laundering of all items of altar linen is also within their role.

In late summer Jennie Read retired after giving a good number of years of loyal, cheerful service which was very much appreciated.

The safe has been re-ordered thereby creating more room on the shelves. This has the advantage of enabling the various items of silver to be stored more satisfactorily. The two larger chalices are now kept in the original boxes thus affording protection from possible damage. It is hoped that by careful handling with due reverence and dignity the altar silver will continue to be in use for many more years.

Members of the congregation have continued to give flowers for the High Altar either in memory of loved ones or in celebration and thanksgiving.

Once again, I make a plea for people to come forward to join the Sanctuary Guild and help with retaining the beauty of our church.

I would like to express, on a personal note, how very much I appreciate the continuing loyalty and reliability of all the members of the Sanctuary Guild. It is a privilege and an honour to be in this position.

Valerie J. Batchelor,
Sanctuary Guild Secretary

Fundraising and Social Group.

Well, it has certainly been yet another strange year with not many activities or events taking place. I know many people really have missed the social side of things and we are keen to get things started again, but for the second year running we have had to put safety first, and everyone has understood this.

We held a cake stall in the Market Place back in August to raise money to purchase a fridge to be kept in the vestry. The support for this was so great that we made over £600 and were able to not only get our new fridge, but also invest in some new much needed wipeable tablecloths for use in Church at our Coffee Mornings and other social events.

Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions we couldn't hold our Harvest Celebration Feast as we had hoped. So instead, we handed out Harvest treats after the Sunday Harvest Festival service as a small token for people to enjoy at home.

Thankfully we were able to hold our Bonfire Social evening again in November and this was very well attended. It was lovely to be able to welcome so many new faces, including a number of local families with their children. Although we keep this as quite a low-key event it seems to get more popular every year and is definitely one to mark in your diaries.

We decided that a Christmas Fair might just prove to be a little too busy for safe social distancing in Church. So instead, we ran a Grand Christmas Draw, selling tickets in advance. We combined the draw with a Christmas Coffee Morning where we also had a homemade cake stall and carol singing from the choir.

This proved to be a huge success and we made just over £1,400 which totally exceeded our expectations.

Our Pancake Day Coffee Morning was able to go ahead this year and was very well attended. Although advertised as a free event we made just over £150 profit through donations. This showed great generosity by all those who attended, and we plan to continue running all our Coffee Mornings on a purely donation only basis. We feel it important to show a Christian welcome to everyone coming into the Church especially in these times when many people may be struggling with their finances. In addition to this, when our yearly allowance allows, we are able to claim Gift Aid on such donations.

The Church 100 Club continues to be popular and now has a good number of members. But we always welcome more so, if you've not yet joined, please do consider it for the chance to win a monthly cash prize and support your Church at the same time. Or why not take out an annual subscription of just £24 as a gift for a friend or family member?

Another way to support St Peter and St Paul's is to sign up for 'Easy Fundraising'. If you shop online then this is perfect for you as it raises money every time you shop online without any extra cost. Please do think about signing up if you haven't already. It really is very easy.

So after this long period of not much going on we are looking forward to resuming all our usual activities this year: Summer Fair and Fun Dog show; Afternoon Teas; Strawberry Soiree; Cake Stalls; Beetle Drives; Bonfire Social; Harvest Lunch/Supper; Burn's Night Supper; Book Hub; Craft Hub. Plus we hope to have some new things happening, so please keep an eye out for things advertised on the weekly pew sheet and posters in Church.

We know that people are really keen to start socialising once again and we will be re-starting our Monday Market Day Coffee Mornings from Easter, along with our Tea and Coffee social time after the Sunday 10am service.

And we are pleased to tell you that all the tea, coffee, sugar etc we use in Church is now Fair Trade wherever possible.

So, we look forward to welcoming you back for some much-awaited fun and fellowship!

Alison Holmes,
Fundraising group leader

Our Online Presence

Our online presence was once again very important during the last year. The website provided a continuing base for those who for whatever reason, were unable to attend live worship, and I have had many appreciative comments from users over the course of the year.

Gail Radka continues with her responsibility for the Facebook and Twitter accounts, for which I am hugely grateful, and Rev'd Gareth Atha has the responsibility for the 'A Church Near You' pages, and I respond to Trip Advisor reviews.

The website continues to be busy with 'traffic', attracting around 120 unique visitors a week (around 280 actual visits, as some people view the site more than once), mainly to the service and notices pages, although every page seems to be visited at least once or twice a week.

Once again, over the Christmas period I posted services for Christingle, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Christmas Sunday, and all of these services had visitors, with the Christmas Eve one being the most popular. The Children's Worship page had Christmas activities as well as the usual activity sheet. Several people provided photographs of the tree going in and being decorated, as well as pictures from the

services and the decorations around the church, and I thank them for that. It is always lovely to have input from other people sending their photographs of the church decorated for harvest, Remembrance etc.

Hazel Page sends me the Pew Sheet each week and I incorporate the information, Notices, and Service Schedule, as well as the Readings and Propers as they would appear in a normal service, along with the Sermon and Intercessions which are provided by the person on the rota for the service.

I will continue to run the Service page in this way even beyond when our congregation has returned fully, as I believe it is providing a useful link to those unable to attend live worship.

The website continues to evolve, as it should, and I enjoy tweaking and adding to it. I would still very much like to have information from the other churches in the group as well as from other organisations affiliated with the church.

If you've not already visited do go, and have a look, and let me know what else you'd like to see.

Cait Faulkner
Website Administrator

Mothers' Union

In spite of the difficulties of the past two years, Pickering MU is in good heart with 24 members.

2021 began in the same way as 2020 ended – in lockdown! We weren't able to meet face to face again until August when when a goodly number of us gathered in Ali's garden to enjoy tea and cake and raise £100 for the MU Summer of Hope Appeal. Regular meetings resumed cautiously in September. With no planned programme because of the ever changing rules and regulations, we went from month to month discussing topical issues. In the wake of the Cop 26 conference, we considered how we could lead greener lives and, during the Sixteen Days of Activism against Gender Based Abuse, took a look at how abuse affected some people's lives. Just before Christmas we met in the seasonally decorated church to make table decorations, sing carols and enjoy tea and mince pies.

The Internet has been a great blessing over the past two years. It has enabled us to keep in touch with what is happening in MU locally and nationally. There is no doubt our IT skills have improved tremendously and we've learned to do things on line that we'd never heard of previously enabling some of us to join national and diocesan services on Zoom.

The MU theme for 2022 is "Transformation – Now!" We hope 2022 will be a more normal year in which we can go forward with fresh vision as we adapt and learn to do things differently in these changing times, whilst continuing to give Christian care to families round the world regardless of faith or background.

Hazel Page,
Branch Leader

Pickering Men's Society

Another successful year for our Society but with a slight drop in active membership to 20.

A warm welcome to Rev. Michael Cooney a new member.

Attendance at meetings has been excellent again this year, with many members attending most meetings to listen to a variety of interesting talks including :-

York City Tour Guide ~ Chris Poulton - part 3.

Farming in Ryedale North Yorkshire and Ethiopia ~ Ivan Holmes

and a fascinating presentation on close Encounters with Insects by Tammy Andrews from North Yorkshire Moors National Parks Authority.

Rev. David Clark led us on detailed and interesting tour of the Roman camps at Cawthorne after a previous talk in preparation for the event.

And as usual our visit to Cropton Brewery was well attended and received.

We visited Wydale for our Lenten Meditation led by Rev. Tim Robinson which was followed by a steak pie lunch. A well-attended and most enjoyable event.

Our Annual Dinner at Crossways proved to be enjoyed by all, the new lunch time slot proving very popular.

We held our Christmas Dinner and meditation at Wyedale which was led by Rev. Lyn Grove, leaving us all with something to think about, and another switch to lunchtime which seems to be popular.

The society meets on the third Monday of each month (September to June). Often other activities are arranged and new members are always welcome.

***Brian Stockley,
Secretary.***

Pickering and District Churches Together

The Churches Together Forum has met three times since last year's report, once via Zoom and twice face to face.

The various Covid rules and restrictions in place during the year severely curtailed our ecumenical activities. However, FISH (Food in School Holidays), in conjunction with the Town Council, was able to give out many food parcels and food vouchers to help needy families in the area. Also, a new baby and toddler group, 'Teeny Tinies', has started meeting weekly on Tuesdays in the Methodist Hall run by Churches Together members.

The Youth Bus had to be retired due to mechanical problems but there remains a vision to reach out to young people hanging around the town with little or nothing to do. There has been a generous offer of a second-hand bus in good condition from a York bus company, but the Trustees want to appoint a new manager to the project first before progressing this offer further.

The Open the Book teams received a warm welcome when they resumed their visits to the Pickering and Sinnington primary schools last September after a break of nearly eighteen months. This is such an important outreach considering the minimal children's work in our churches.

As life slowly returns to some normality, we look forward to resuming some of our traditional ecumenical events and also to finding new ways to reach out and live Christ's in our local community.

***Hazel Page,
Secretary.***

The Children's Society

I always feel this report gives an opportunity to reflect and remind people how important the Children's Society is and what they do, in the hope that at least one person reading this will ask for a house box to collect their loose change or will donate. The house boxes are collected in once a year currently in October, this is also when people who don't want a box, can give me their donations.

What does the children's society do.....

We provide specialist support that empowers young people to make positive changes and rediscover their hope. They want a future they can look forward to and we're here to make sure they get it. Working alongside young people, their families and community, we will not rest until together, step-by-step, we've created a society built for all children.

Young people come to us when they have low self-esteem. When they're living in families who can't afford the next meal, the next size up in school uniform. Or when there's no one else to lean on. Refugee and migrant children land in this country alone and look to us for guidance to achieve the life they dreamed of. To have a settled home, a secure job and starting a family. They're not asking for too much.

We see teenagers in our services who want to quit using drugs or alcohol. Who are looking after mum, dad, or their siblings more than they bargained for. Or who have been taken advantage of and find themselves carrying drugs to far away towns or having sex with strangers.

We counsel, support and campaign for the young people whose hopes and happiness are the most threatened by abuse, exploitation, and neglect.

Through our policy work we can improve life for young people up and down the country. A change at government level means that many more young people will benefit from a positive change beyond those that walk through our doors.

The opening of boxes this year raised £917.06, although down about £100 on last year, I would like to thank all box owners and donors for their contributions.

At our Christingle Service on the 24th Dec 2021 we raised £272, less than in 2019 which was over £500 but numbers were down due to covid. There was no service held in 2020, again due to covid. Let's hope for a better year in 2022! In this Parish we now have 37 active boxes. Although we have gained 2 new box owners, sadly we have also lost 4.

In 2022 could we have an extra push - I would really like to encourage everyone to think about having a box and just dropping a little loose change in it. Please contact me if you would like one. Could you also help me promote the Children's Society by asking neighbours, family, or friends? People don't have to come to Church to have a box.

***Gail Radka – telephone 07736 645932,
Parish Representative.***

Ryedale Community Foodbank.

Thanks to everyone who has brought food to Church for the Ryedale Community Foodbank. This will be used to make up food boxes being delivered to people in need across Ryedale. To date 212 food boxes have been issued to adults and 125 children across Ryedale, of which 45 boxes have gone to residents in Pickering.

Once the Foodbank have received a new charity number they will be holding a weekly session again at the Hungate Centre in Pickering on Thursday afternoons from 3.30pm - 6-30pm.

Their Team Leader, Alan Robinson, will be very glad to accept donations there.

Thank you again for your continued generosity!

Anne Frank is Foodbank representative for St Peter and St Paul's Church Pickering

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts of Pickering Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul

I report on the accounts of the Church for the Year Ended 31st December 2021, which are set out on pages 1-9.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees 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 under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of the 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 matter has come to my attention:

- (1) 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 and comply with the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Helen Raine ACA
Hallgarth Accountants Ltd
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Pickering
North Yorkshire
YO18 7AW

Dated: 10 March 2022



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds			2021	2020
		General £	Designated £	Fabric £	Project £	Endowment £	£	£
VOLUNTARY GIVING								
Tax efficient planned giving	1	27,521.30					27,521.30	30,629.02
Other planned giving	2	2,668.00					2,668.00	1,739.60
Collections at services	3	6,889.48					6,889.48	3,958.73
All other giving and voluntary receipts	4	16,272.86		50.00			16,322.86	5,383.65
Gift aid recovered	5	10,965.38					10,965.38	9,038.28
Legacies received	6					50,000.00	50,000.00	1,500.00
Grants	7							4,000.00
ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS								
Fundraising activities	8	4,176.66		896.90	3,389.28		8,462.84	2,607.83
INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS								
Dividends and interest received	9	0.68		207.67	10.27	5.80	224.42	345.82
CHURCH ACTIVITIES								
Wedding and funeral fees received	10	16,177.00					16,177.00	6,728.00
Trading activities	11	1,815.76	3,782.09				5,597.85	3,959.99
OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES								
Other receipts and income	12	13,242.60		1,002.61			14,245.21	11,056.81
Total Incoming Resources		99,729.72	3,782.09	2,157.18	3,399.55	50,005.80	159,074.34	80,947.73
COST OF GENERATING FUNDS								
Cost of fundraising activities	13	1,658.77		70.60	619.17		2,348.54	1,416.20
CHURCH ACTIVITIES								
Diocesan Freewill Offer	14	40,000.00					40,000.00	45,000.00
Salaries, wages and honoraria	15	4,275.00					4,275.00	2,203.00
Clergy and staff expenses	16	1,192.51					1,192.51	1,353.93
CHURCH EXPENSES								
Church running expenses	17	19,112.28		1,257.33			20,369.61	25,419.06
Church utility costs	18	4,983.38					4,983.38	4,694.65
Costs of trading	19	1,067.84	3,571.82				4,639.66	6,053.24
MAJOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE								
Major repairs to church buildings	20					1,695.06	1,695.06	540.00
OTHER EXPENDITURE								
Other expenditure not already listed	21	19,969.30					19,969.30	8,713.66
Total resources expended		92,259.08	3,571.82	1,327.93	619.17	1,695.06	99,473.06	95,393.74
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) resources		7,470.64	210.27	829.25	2,780.38	48,310.74	59,601.28	(14,446.01)

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SOFA Notes for the year ended 31st December 2021

1. Tax efficient planned giving	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Donations-GA Planned giving envelopes	7,720.30	10,580.02
Donations- GA Standing orders	19,801.00	20,049.00
	<u>27,521.30</u>	<u>30,629.02</u>
2. Other planned giving	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Donations-NGA Planned giving envelopes	736.00	1,739.60
Donations- NGA Standing orders	1,932.00	-
	<u>2,668.00</u>	<u>1,739.60</u>
3. Collections at services	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Donations-One-off GA envelopes	1,347.42	746.33
Cash Collections-Church services	3,261.20	2,187.03
Cash Collections-B,W&F to church	1,907.26	1,025.37
Cash Collections-for charities	373.60	-
	<u>6,889.48</u>	<u>3,958.73</u>
4. All other giving and voluntary receipts	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Unplanned gift aid donations	8,598.94	1,584.00
Donations-SumUp Portal	787.00	-
Visitors wall boxes	4,944.18	2,058.65
Unplanned NGA donations	1,992.74	1,741.00
	<u>16,322.86</u>	<u>5,383.65</u>
5. Gift aid recovered	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Gift aid tax recovered	10,965.38	9,038.28
6. Legacies received	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Legacies	50,000.00	1,500.00
7. Grants	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Grants	-	4,000.00
8. Fundraising activities	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Fund raising events	2,195.61	443.46
Monday's coffee	896.90	-
100 Club	1,598.00	1,483.00
Sunday coffee	175.59	219.34
Easyfundraising	207.46	132.03
Light for Christmas	3,389.28	330.00
	<u>8,462.84</u>	<u>2,607.83</u>

SOFA Notes for the year ended 31st December 2021

9. Dividends and interest received	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Dividends	200.51	193.64
Interest-Barclays Reserve Saver	0.68	3.84
Deposit interest-CCLA Fabric	7.16	74.18
Deposit interest-CCLA Project	10.27	74.16
Deposit interest-CCLA Endowment	5.80	-
	<u>224.42</u>	<u>345.82</u>
10. Wedding and funeral fees received	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
DBF fees	5,464.00	2,203.00
PCC fees	5,656.00	2,031.00
Organist fees	2,295.00	935.00
Bellringers fees	800.00	-
Verger fees	570.00	390.00
Travelling expenses fees	428.00	234.00
Heating charges fees	850.00	935.00
Sexton fees	114.00	-
	<u>16,177.00</u>	<u>6,728.00</u>
11. Trading activities	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Tea towels/bags	30.00	10.00
Bookstall	1,210.76	310.10
Parish Hall-Lettings	3,782.09	3,274.89
Parish Hall-Fund raising	-	35.00
Hire of Church	575.00	330.00
	<u>5,597.85</u>	<u>3,959.99</u>
12. Other receipts/income	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Cash collections at funerals for charities	5,431.59	5,051.77
Flower fund income	488.21	90.00
Photocopying	-	2.00
Contributions from PCC of Marishes	-	30.00
External visit income	5,660.00	1,320.00
Donations-One-off GA envelopes (visitors)	33.00	-
VAT refunds	-	1,795.86
Parish Hall contributions	779.80	1,026.54
Contributions to Clergy expenses	850.00	1,250.00
Deanery subscription contributions	-	45.00
Increase in share value	1,002.61	445.64
	<u>14,245.21</u>	<u>11,056.81</u>

SOFA Notes for the year ended 31st December 2021

13. Cost of fundraising activities	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Stewardship costs	103.12	-
Monday's coffee expenses	70.60	-
Christmas trees	35.00	-
Fundraising expenses	640.59	129.53
100 Club	811.00	731.00
Sunday coffee expenses	31.30	115.67
Book hub costs	25.00	25.00
Light for Christmas	619.17	415.00
Transaction fees-SumUp	12.76	-
	<u>2,348.54</u>	<u>1,416.20</u>
14. Diocesan Freewill Offer	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Parish contribution to Diocese	40,000.00	45,000.00
15. Salaries, wages and honoraria	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Bellringers weddings	800.00	-
Verger fees - funerals	570.00	390.00
Sexton fees	114.00	-
Organist - W&F	2,295.00	935.00
Retired clergy fees and expenses	496.00	878.00
	<u>4,275.00</u>	<u>2,203.00</u>
16. Clergy and staff expenses	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Vicar's expenses	736.51	187.79
Vicarage expenses	-	1,147.73
Vicarage water charges	456.00	18.41
	<u>1,192.51</u>	<u>1,353.93</u>

SOFA Notes for the year ended 31st December 2021

17. Church running expenses	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Bank charges-Barclays	629.63	447.42
Repairs and maintenance	1,643.15	825.06
Insurance	6,619.03	7,017.71
Website	231.30	93.80
Office costs	2,610.93	814.33
Postage and stationery	46.96	122.26
Cleaner for church	1,050.00	890.00
Churchyard expenses	38.00	38.00
Items for upkeep of church services	2,339.21	718.01
Organist fee for Church	3,500.04	3,500.04
Advertising	-	797.60
Support & training costs	225.00	50.00
Laundry & cleaning materials	51.20	100.69
Organ costs	288.00	360.00
Health & safety	208.23	362.43
CCTV Church roof system	888.93	9,281.71
	<u>20,369.61</u>	<u>25,419.06</u>
18. Church utility costs	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Gas-Church	3,618.69	3,476.58
Electricity-Church	993.35	782.19
Electricity-Church Tower	371.34	435.88
	<u>4,983.38</u>	<u>4,694.65</u>
19. Costs of trading	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Tea towels, tabel cloths etc	150.00	-
Parish Hall-Heating and lighting	1,118.24	1,226.37
Parish Hall-Maintenance	-	223.20
Parish Hall-Water charges	187.61	179.81
Parish Hall-Cleaning	1,145.97	1,136.70
Parish Hall-Materials & equipment	-	245.47
Parish Hall-Insurance	779.80	1,026.54
Parish Hall-Repairs & renewals	223.20	1,483.69
Parish Hall-Performing Rights Society	97.00	157.33
Parish Hall-Sundry expenses	20.00	137.21
Bookstall cost of sales	917.84	236.92
	<u>4,639.66</u>	<u>6,053.24</u>
20. Major repairs to church building	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Major repairs	-	540.00
Toilet project 2021	1,695.06	-
	<u>1,695.06</u>	<u>540.00</u>

SOFA Notes for the year ended 31st December 2021

21. Other expenditure not already listed	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Boiler expenses	898.32	180.00
Mission and charity giving-home	373.60	-
Safeguarding expenses	355.43	-
Beeline Broadband	162.00	-
Flower fund expenditure	373.21	98.15
Assigned fee to York DBF	5,464.00	1,325.00
Welcome leaflets	384.98	-
Charity giving-funerals	5,431.59	5,054.01
Retreat visit costs	4,761.00	1,320.00
Dona contactless payment system	482.08	-
Purchase of sundry equipment	580.34	-
Royal School of Church Music	110.00	107.00
Fee payable to other churches	253.00	-
Deanery subscriptions	-	150.00
Sundry donations and gifts	30.75	100.00
Pickering Area Churches Together	45.00	-
Prior year transactions	-	115.50
Independent examiner fee	264.00	264.00
	<u>19,969.30</u>	<u>8,713.66</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
FIXED ASSETS		
<u>Investments:</u>		
CBF-Shares: Fabric Fund	6,322.89	
CBF-Shares: Fabric Fund	<u>1,578.85</u>	
		7,901.74
CURRENT ASSETS:		6,899.13
<u>Bookstall Stock</u>	2,329.53	2,770.77
<u>Cash and Bank Accounts:</u>		
Cash in hand	548.84	
Barclays-General Account	3,964.33	
Barclays-Stewardship Account	654.02	
Barclays-Parish Hall Account	13,203.16	
Barclays-Reserve Saver Account	20,436.18	
CCLA-Project Fund	22,489.72	
CCLA-Fabric Fund	13,748.35	
CCLA-Jack and Mabel Goodall Account	<u>48,310.74</u>	
	123,355.34	65,554.07
<u>Debtors and Prepayments:</u>		
Debtors	1,572.70	
Prepayments	<u>684.29</u>	
	2,256.99	1,841.13
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
<u>Creditors and Accruals:</u>		
Creditors	1,092.75	
Accruals	1,512.09	
Deferred Income	<u>587.97</u>	
	(3,192.81)	(4,015.59)
Net current assets		124,749.05
		<u>132,650.79</u>
RESERVES:		<u>73,049.51</u>
Balances brought forward, 1 st January 2021:		
Unrestricted Fund Reserves	32,493.72	43,009.53
Restricted Fund Reserves	40,555.79	44,485.99
	73,049.51	87,495.52
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	59,601.28	(14,446.01)
Balances carried forward, 31 st December 2021	<u>132,650.79</u>	<u>73,049.51</u>
<u>Represented by:-</u>		
General Fund	26,604.33	19,133.69
Designated Fund	13,570.30	13,360.03
Fabric Fund	21,675.70	20,846.45
Project Fund	22,489.72	19,709.34
Endowment Fund	48,310.74	-
	<u>132,650.79</u>	<u>73,049.51</u>

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BUDGET for the year ending 31 December 2022

	Budget	Actual
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
VOLUNTARY GIVING		
Tax efficient planned giving	27,762	27,521
Other planned giving	2,712	2,668
Collections at services	6,057	6,890
All other giving and voluntary receipts	14,042	16,323
Gift aid recovered	11,200	10,965
Legacies received	-	50,000
Grants	-	-
ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS		
Fundraising activities	11,491	8,463
INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS		
Dividends and interest received	532	224
CHURCH ACTIVITIES		
Wedding and funeral fees received	8,143	16,177
Trading activities	5,763	5,598
OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES		
Other receipts and income	12,300	14,245
Total Incoming Resources	<u>100,002</u>	<u>159,074</u>
COST OF GENERATING FUNDS		
Cost of fundraising activities	3,991	2,348
CHURCH ACTIVITIES		
Diocesan Freewill Offer	48,000	40,000
Salaries, wages and honoraria	2,373	4,275
Clergy and staff expenses	960	1,193
CHURCH EXPENSES		
Church running expenses	18,277	20,370
Church utility costs	5,033	4,983
Costs of trading	5,074	4,640
MAJOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE		
Major repairs to church buildings	-	1,695
OTHER EXPENDITURE		
Other expenditure not already listed	15,683	19,969
Total resources expended	<u>99,390</u>	<u>99,473</u>
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) resources	<u>612</u>	<u>59,601</u>

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Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts of Pickering Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul

I report on the accounts of the Church for the Year Ended 31st December 2021, which are set out on pages 1-9.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees 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 under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
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- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of the 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 matter has come to my attention:

- (1) 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 and comply with the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Helen Raine ACA
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Dated: 10 March 2022



PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds			2021	2020
		General £	Designated £	Fabric £	Project £	Endowment £	£	£
VOLUNTARY GIVING								
Tax efficient planned giving	1	27,521.30					27,521.30	30,629.02
Other planned giving	2	2,668.00					2,668.00	1,739.60
Collections at services	3	6,889.48					6,889.48	3,958.73
All other giving and voluntary receipts	4	16,272.86		50.00			16,322.86	5,383.65
Gift aid recovered	5	10,965.38					10,965.38	9,038.28
Legacies received	6					50,000.00	50,000.00	1,500.00
Grants	7							4,000.00
ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS								
Fundraising activities	8	4,176.66		896.90	3,389.28		8,462.84	2,607.83
INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS								
Dividends and interest received	9	0.68		207.67	10.27	5.80	224.42	345.82
CHURCH ACTIVITIES								
Wedding and funeral fees received	10	16,177.00					16,177.00	6,728.00
Trading activities	11	1,815.76	3,782.09				5,597.85	3,959.99
OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES								
Other receipts and income	12	13,242.60		1,002.61			14,245.21	11,056.81
Total Incoming Resources		99,729.72	3,782.09	2,157.18	3,399.55	50,005.80	159,074.34	80,947.73
COST OF GENERATING FUNDS								
Cost of fundraising activities	13	1,658.77		70.60	619.17		2,348.54	1,416.20
CHURCH ACTIVITIES								
Diocesan Freewill Offer	14	40,000.00					40,000.00	45,000.00
Salaries, wages and honoraria	15	4,275.00					4,275.00	2,203.00
Clergy and staff expenses	16	1,192.51					1,192.51	1,353.93
CHURCH EXPENSES								
Church running expenses	17	19,112.28		1,257.33			20,369.61	25,419.06
Church utility costs	18	4,983.38					4,983.38	4,694.65
Costs of trading	19	1,067.84	3,571.82				4,639.66	6,053.24
MAJOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE								
Major repairs to church buildings	20					1,695.06	1,695.06	540.00
OTHER EXPENDITURE								
Other expenditure not already listed	21	19,969.30					19,969.30	8,713.66
Total resources expended		92,259.08	3,571.82	1,327.93	619.17	1,695.06	99,473.06	95,393.74
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) resources		7,470.64	210.27	829.25	2,780.38	48,310.74	59,601.28	(14,446.01)

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

SOFA Notes for the year ended 31st December 2021

1. Tax efficient planned giving	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Donations-GA Planned giving envelopes	7,720.30	10,580.02
Donations- GA Standing orders	19,801.00	20,049.00
	<u>27,521.30</u>	<u>30,629.02</u>
2. Other planned giving	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Donations-NGA Planned giving envelopes	736.00	1,739.60
Donations- NGA Standing orders	1,932.00	-
	<u>2,668.00</u>	<u>1,739.60</u>
3. Collections at services	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Donations-One-off GA envelopes	1,347.42	746.33
Cash Collections-Church services	3,261.20	2,187.03
Cash Collections-B,W&F to church	1,907.26	1,025.37
Cash Collections-for charities	373.60	-
	<u>6,889.48</u>	<u>3,958.73</u>
4. All other giving and voluntary receipts	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Unplanned gift aid donations	8,598.94	1,584.00
Donations-SumUp Portal	787.00	-
Visitors wall boxes	4,944.18	2,058.65
Unplanned NGA donations	1,992.74	1,741.00
	<u>16,322.86</u>	<u>5,383.65</u>
5. Gift aid recovered	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Gift aid tax recovered	10,965.38	9,038.28
6. Legacies received	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Legacies	50,000.00	1,500.00
7. Grants	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Grants	-	4,000.00
8. Fundraising activities	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Fund raising events	2,195.61	443.46
Monday's coffee	896.90	-
100 Club	1,598.00	1,483.00
Sunday coffee	175.59	219.34
Easyfundraising	207.46	132.03
Light for Christmas	3,389.28	330.00
	<u>8,462.84</u>	<u>2,607.83</u>

SOFA Notes for the year ended 31st December 2021

9. Dividends and interest received	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Dividends	200.51	193.64
Interest-Barclays Reserve Saver	0.68	3.84
Deposit interest-CCLA Fabric	7.16	74.18
Deposit interest-CCLA Project	10.27	74.16
Deposit interest-CCLA Endowment	5.80	-
	<u>224.42</u>	<u>345.82</u>
10. Wedding and funeral fees received	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
DBF fees	5,464.00	2,203.00
PCC fees	5,656.00	2,031.00
Organist fees	2,295.00	935.00
Bellringers fees	800.00	-
Verger fees	570.00	390.00
Travelling expenses fees	428.00	234.00
Heating charges fees	850.00	935.00
Sexton fees	114.00	-
	<u>16,177.00</u>	<u>6,728.00</u>
11. Trading activities	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Tea towels/bags	30.00	10.00
Bookstall	1,210.76	310.10
Parish Hall-Lettings	3,782.09	3,274.89
Parish Hall-Fund raising	-	35.00
Hire of Church	575.00	330.00
	<u>5,597.85</u>	<u>3,959.99</u>
12. Other receipts/income	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Cash collections at funerals for charities	5,431.59	5,051.77
Flower fund income	488.21	90.00
Photocopying	-	2.00
Contributions from PCC of Marishes	-	30.00
External visit income	5,660.00	1,320.00
Donations-One-off GA envelopes (visitors)	33.00	-
VAT refunds	-	1,795.86
Parish Hall contributions	779.80	1,026.54
Contributions to Clergy expenses	850.00	1,250.00
Deanery subscription contributions	-	45.00
Increase in share value	1,002.61	445.64
	<u>14,245.21</u>	<u>11,056.81</u>

SOFA Notes for the year ended 31st December 2021

13. Cost of fundraising activities	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Stewardship costs	103.12	-
Monday's coffee expenses	70.60	-
Christmas trees	35.00	-
Fundraising expenses	640.59	129.53
100 Club	811.00	731.00
Sunday coffee expenses	31.30	115.67
Book hub costs	25.00	25.00
Light for Christmas	619.17	415.00
Transaction fees-SumUp	12.76	-
	<u>2,348.54</u>	<u>1,416.20</u>
14. Diocesan Freewill Offer	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Parish contribution to Diocese	40,000.00	45,000.00
15. Salaries, wages and honoraria	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Bellringers weddings	800.00	-
Verger fees - funerals	570.00	390.00
Sexton fees	114.00	-
Organist - W&F	2,295.00	935.00
Retired clergy fees and expenses	496.00	878.00
	<u>4,275.00</u>	<u>2,203.00</u>
16. Clergy and staff expenses	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Vicar's expenses	736.51	187.79
Vicarage expenses	-	1,147.73
Vicarage water charges	456.00	18.41
	<u>1,192.51</u>	<u>1,353.93</u>

SOFA Notes for the year ended 31st December 2021

17. Church running expenses	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Bank charges-Barclays	629.63	447.42
Repairs and maintenance	1,643.15	825.06
Insurance	6,619.03	7,017.71
Website	231.30	93.80
Office costs	2,610.93	814.33
Postage and stationery	46.96	122.26
Cleaner for church	1,050.00	890.00
Churchyard expenses	38.00	38.00
Items for upkeep of church services	2,339.21	718.01
Organist fee for Church	3,500.04	3,500.04
Advertising	-	797.60
Support & training costs	225.00	50.00
Laundry & cleaning materials	51.20	100.69
Organ costs	288.00	360.00
Health & safety	208.23	362.43
CCTV Church roof system	888.93	9,281.71
	<u>20,369.61</u>	<u>25,419.06</u>
18. Church utility costs	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Gas-Church	3,618.69	3,476.58
Electricity-Church	993.35	782.19
Electricity-Church Tower	371.34	435.88
	<u>4,983.38</u>	<u>4,694.65</u>
19. Costs of trading	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Tea towels, tabel cloths etc	150.00	-
Parish Hall-Heating and lighting	1,118.24	1,226.37
Parish Hall-Maintenance	-	223.20
Parish Hall-Water charges	187.61	179.81
Parish Hall-Cleaning	1,145.97	1,136.70
Parish Hall-Materials & equipment	-	245.47
Parish Hall-Insurance	779.80	1,026.54
Parish Hall-Repairs & renewals	223.20	1,483.69
Parish Hall-Performing Rights Society	97.00	157.33
Parish Hall-Sundry expenses	20.00	137.21
Bookstall cost of sales	917.84	236.92
	<u>4,639.66</u>	<u>6,053.24</u>
20. Major repairs to church building	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Major repairs	-	540.00
Toilet project 2021	1,695.06	-
	<u>1,695.06</u>	<u>540.00</u>

SOFA Notes for the year ended 31st December 2021

21. Other expenditure not already listed	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Boiler expenses	898.32	180.00
Mission and charity giving-home	373.60	-
Safeguarding expenses	355.43	-
Beeline Broadband	162.00	-
Flower fund expenditure	373.21	98.15
Assigned fee to York DBF	5,464.00	1,325.00
Welcome leaflets	384.98	-
Charity giving-funerals	5,431.59	5,054.01
Retreat visit costs	4,761.00	1,320.00
Dona contactless payment system	482.08	-
Purchase of sundry equipment	580.34	-
Royal School of Church Music	110.00	107.00
Fee payable to other churches	253.00	-
Deanery subscriptions	-	150.00
Sundry donations and gifts	30.75	100.00
Pickering Area Churches Together	45.00	-
Prior year transactions	-	115.50
Independent examiner fee	264.00	264.00
	<u>19,969.30</u>	<u>8,713.66</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
FIXED ASSETS		
<u>Investments:</u>		
CBF-Shares: Fabric Fund	6,322.89	
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		7,901.74
CURRENT ASSETS:		6,899.13
<u>Bookstall Stock</u>	2,329.53	2,770.77
<u>Cash and Bank Accounts:</u>		
Cash in hand	548.84	
Barclays-General Account	3,964.33	
Barclays-Stewardship Account	654.02	
Barclays-Parish Hall Account	13,203.16	
Barclays-Reserve Saver Account	20,436.18	
CCLA-Project Fund	22,489.72	
CCLA-Fabric Fund	13,748.35	
CCLA-Jack and Mabel Goodall Account	<u>48,310.74</u>	
	123,355.34	65,554.07
<u>Debtors and Prepayments:</u>		
Debtors	1,572.70	
Prepayments	<u>684.29</u>	
	2,256.99	1,841.13
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
<u>Creditors and Accruals:</u>		
Creditors	1,092.75	
Accruals	1,512.09	
Deferred Income	<u>587.97</u>	
	(3,192.81)	(4,015.59)
Net current assets		124,749.05
		<u>132,650.79</u>
RESERVES:		<u>73,049.51</u>
Balances brought forward, 1 st January 2021:		
Unrestricted Fund Reserves	32,493.72	43,009.53
Restricted Fund Reserves	40,555.79	44,485.99
	73,049.51	87,495.52
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	59,601.28	(14,446.01)
Balances carried forward, 31 st December 2021	<u>132,650.79</u>	<u>73,049.51</u>
<u>Represented by:-</u>		
General Fund	26,604.33	19,133.69
Designated Fund	13,570.30	13,360.03
Fabric Fund	21,675.70	20,846.45
Project Fund	22,489.72	19,709.34
Endowment Fund	48,310.74	-
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BUDGET for the year ending 31 December 2022

	Budget	Actual
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
VOLUNTARY GIVING		
Tax efficient planned giving	27,762	27,521
Other planned giving	2,712	2,668
Collections at services	6,057	6,890
All other giving and voluntary receipts	14,042	16,323
Gift aid recovered	11,200	10,965
Legacies received	-	50,000
Grants	-	-
ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS		
Fundraising activities	11,491	8,463
INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS		
Dividends and interest received	532	224
CHURCH ACTIVITIES		
Wedding and funeral fees received	8,143	16,177
Trading activities	5,763	5,598
OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES		
Other receipts and income	12,300	14,245
Total Incoming Resources	<u>100,002</u>	<u>159,074</u>
COST OF GENERATING FUNDS		
Cost of fundraising activities	3,991	2,348
CHURCH ACTIVITIES		
Diocesan Freewill Offer	48,000	40,000
Salaries, wages and honoraria	2,373	4,275
Clergy and staff expenses	960	1,193
CHURCH EXPENSES		
Church running expenses	18,277	20,370
Church utility costs	5,033	4,983
Costs of trading	5,074	4,640
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**Annual accounts and reports
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The Vicar's Annual Report

It goes without saying that this has been one of the strangest years on record. For much of the year the church has been closed, either through decisions made nationally or locally. It would therefore be fair to assume that there wouldn't be very much to report on. However, as I look back over the past year, either those months that have been shared with you or those which I have heard about, I find there is no shortage of things to write about.

The first lockdown was announced during the vacancy (the lockdown was announced on the day that I was interviewed for this post!). However, the archbishops had already suspended public worship by then. This meant that the excellent programme of events had to stop. Sadly, we haven't been able to begin them again; however, I dearly hope that we can do so again soon. It would be July before services could be held in church once again. This was no mere picking up where the church left off however. Reopening required a great deal of thought and preparation by Pam Robb and others. Reopening required risk assessments, and a plan of how to seat people safely.

When the church re-opened the retired clergy, who led worship throughout the vacancy once again stepped forward and generously offered their time. Huge thanks are due to Richard Seed, Michael Sinclair, Peter Jaram, David Garnett, Tony Lindsay, Sue Bond and Mike and Mary Cooney (if I have missed anyone off of this list I apologise). Services were able to continue until the second lockdown in November. Fortunately, we were able to open for Christmas. I'm sure this was a relief to everyone, especially as the first lockdown meant that the church was closed for Easter. In January the PCC, together with myself and the church wardens, decided that it was safest to close the church. The PCC unanimously agreed in March to re-open for public worship on Palm Sunday. Everyone is overjoyed at the prospect of worshipping in church over Easter and going forward.

It is lovely to be able to use the terms church wardens in the plural. This year Andrew Orland stepped forward and brought his experience to bear in his duties as church warden. As vicar I am very grateful to everything that he and Pam do in the course of their duties.

It is my hope that the usual service pattern of 8am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion, 10am Common Worship holy Communion and 6pm Evensong can begin again at some point this year, however this remains to be seen. It was possible to hold one 8am during the first Sunday of January but this soon had to be postponed once again.

Leading up to Christmas we held an advent course on Zoom. This was very well received and attended, and it was a pleasure to be able to see one another in this way. The Light for Christmas service also had to be held online, and my thanks go to Judy and Malcolm Short for producing an excellent list of names. Also due many thanks are Robert and Gillian Heal, who procured and put up three lovely Christmas trees, and to Steve and his helpers who decorated the church so beautifully.

And so we must look now to the future. We will be looking at moving forward with the installation of the accessible toilet over the coming year. Another development will be the installation of the internet in church, and the faculty application for this is currently ongoing. As soon as we can our programme of events will begin once again. Let us continue to pray for the future and all those affected by this dreadful pandemic.

God bless you all
Gareth

***Reverend Gareth Atha,
Vicar.***

The Church of St Francis, Marishes.

Our Services held on the third Sunday of each month, this year number only six, compared with the 15 services in 2019.

Ours Easter service and Rogation both cancelled to due lock down for Covid 19 virus.

We held a Harvest Festival in a new format, thank you to Rev Gareth, with the Collection of food and provisions for the Ryedale Food Bank which was gratefully appreciated. Being able to stand in the field to sing along was a wonderful return to something almost normal. Thankyou to the ladies of the Parish for decorating the Church with produce and flowers.

The Christmas Eve Holy Communion Service this was held at 8.00pm and a few hardy communicants attended on a very miserable wet night. A small tree and lights decorated the Church.

We have had no Christenings Weddings or Funerals this year.

Our very grateful thanks to Steve Bulmer for playing the Organ, Rev John Manchester and Rev Gareth Atha for taking the services.

Fabric and Ornaments

This year we have had the Quinquennial Inspection conducted by Sebastian Rowe of Pearce Bottomley LLP.

With advice from Sebastian, we have had the inside of the Church painted with funds donated by the Community raised over several years at summer events.

Thank you to Brian Cowton for keeping the grass and grounds of the Church looking so tidy.

***Gena Douglas,
Deputy Churchwarden.***

The Church of St Peter and St Paul, Pickering.

Fabric and Ornaments

Even though it has been a challenging year due to Covid 19, along with the various restrictions, we have still continued with the repairs and maintenance of our building.

Church roof alarm - Having attended an information day on roof alarms given by the Diocese and Ecclesiastical Insurance the PCC agreed to install a system.

A 24 hour monitored roof alarm system was installed by GBSG a company approved by the Diocese and Ecclesiastical Insurance. It was completed 15th – 18th June 2020 and the cost was met from the Fabric fund along with a grant from the Diocese which covered half the cost.

The Vicarage – the Vicarage had been empty since Father Antony and Gill left at the beginning of August 2019. The diocese had arranged for some work to be done on the roof and for the inside redecoration. The diocese also arranged for the vicarage to be cleaned prior to Gareth and Rachael Atha moving in, at the beginning of September 2020. The grass continued to be cut by Matthew Knowles. During the summer the Benefice arranged for gardeners to cut back all the shrubs along with clearing away all the weeds etc.

South Transept roof - During an inspection of the rainwater downpipe on the South Transept it was noticed a section of the lead on the roof had slipped as the nails holding it in place had failed. The PCC agreed for the repair to be done by Ian Barber, a leadwork contractor from York.

Rainwater downpipes - R&R came out and looked at the problems we were having with blocked downpipes. They agreed to clean all the downpipes, gullies and drains and produce a report on their condition.

Covid 19 - Risk assessments were done for opening the church after lockdown and have been updated as required. Hand sanitiser and PPE were purchased, along with appropriate cleaning materials. Information notices and directions were placed around the church. To acknowledge we are following the guidelines for Covid19 we applied for the 'Good To Go' certificate. We were successful and received a certificate along with the use of the logo.

Internet in Church - The PCC agreed to appoint Bee Line Broadband to install receivers on the church tower which will allow us to have internet in the church. A faculty has been applied for and is currently in the final stages.

Christmas tree - It was decided to have three smaller trees this year rather than the one large one. Robert Heal once again arranged for their delivery and installation. This was successfully done following the current Covid restrictions. Thanks go to Robert Heal and family for all their hard work in making this possible.

After widespread comments from the congregation we have decided to stick to having three trees in the future. It was generally thought that it looked better especially with having the crib amongst them. From a health and safety point of view it is also much easier to bring the three smaller trees into church and get into position, instead of the one 25 foot plus tree.

Future plans/project - The PCC are in the process of having the architect draw up plans for putting in two toilets along with a disabled toilet in the bottom of the tower. This would also mean a new floor to be installed for the ringers to ring from.

The rights of way were walked on 17th September 2020

The PAT testing was carried out for the church and the parish hall.

The fire extinguishers have been checked.

The church gas boiler has been serviced.

The Parish Hall gas boiler and heaters have been serviced.

A problem with the latch on the main church door has been sorted.

A review of the church inventory and key register has been carried out.

Thanks go to Jürgen-Peter Krause who has done a great job of cleaning the church.

***Pamela Robb and Andrew Orland,
Churchwardens***

Parish Hall report.

1. General. Under normal years the parish hall enjoys a diverse timetable of events. Sadly this year, like much else in society, this was dramatically curtailed, and as a result so was the income. However, I am hopeful that when the current COVID-19 crisis is over that the usual hirers will return.

2. Hall usage. Sadly, as I said above, this was seriously curtailed this year. However Miss Sarah's dance school were able to hold some lessons throughout the year.

3. Finance. Please see the finance report for details of this.

Last year Robert reported the increase in hall rates of £0.50p per hour. As a reminder the hall rates stand as follows:

1 April 2020 to 31 March 2022

- Non-church activities
 - Function Room per hour £12.50p
 - Meeting Room per hour £ 9.50p
 - Kitchen (3 hour use) £18.50p
 - 3-hour party use £45.00p
 - Funeral Tea use £50.00

- Church Sponsored Groups

The following groups have Church sponsorship for their activities and are charged £4.50 per hour or part thereof for use:

- Mothers Union
- Men's Society
- Brownies – when active
- Guides
- Rainbows – when active
- Church youth groups – when active

4. Webpage. Cait Falkner continues to keep the webpage updated, for which we are all very grateful.

5. Fabric. The hall enjoys a good state of repair and décor. There is some damp related cracking of the paintwork in the lavatories however this is minor and can be taken care of when they are next decorated. The cistern has now been repaired in the gent's lavatory. Robert has identified that the storage cupboard does need emptying and sorting, and this will be done in the near future.

The flooring in the two rooms remains in good condition, as does the kitchen. There is some minor tidying to do in the yard outside but this can be done when the weather improves.

6. Communication. Once the hall is able to be used once again communication will continue to be through the notices on the Kitchen notice board. Cait continues to monitor the common email address and I now have access to it as well.

7. Summary. As with so much else in church life, it has been impossible to use the hall to its fullest potential this year. However, hopefully things will turn around in the coming twelve months. Robert Heal has now stood down as chairman of the hall committee and I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for all the work he has done with the hall during his tenure.

Reverend Gareth Atha
Parish Hall Chair.

The PCC Secretary's Report.

Since the church was closed last March our three PCC meetings of March, April and June were held by email – my knowledge of Skype, Zoom and Facebook has improved considerably since then!

Once we were allowed to reopen for private prayer Pam Robb, churchwarden, arranged for the church to be open for two hours each on Wednesday mornings and Saturday afternoons with members of the congregation acting as stewards to ensure all visitors were kept at a safe distance and everything was sanitised.

The church remained closed for services until Sunday July 12th.

It was thanks to Pam Robb that Pickering Church was awarded a 'We're Good To Go' certificate letting everyone know that the guidelines for Covid19 were being followed.

In June a letter was received from Bishop Paul announcing the appointment of the Rev'd Gareth Atha to the benefice of Pickering with Marishes, Lockton & Levisham.

Also in June, Mary Pettitt resigned as churchwarden so during the September meeting Andrew Orland was co-opted onto the PCC prior to his being elected churchwarden at the Vestry Meeting in October.

On September 9th the collation and induction of the Rev'd Gareth Atha took place in the church with he and his wife Rachael being welcomed by all the local clergy and invited guests. Due to distancing requirements few of the congregation could attend but they were able to meet the couple when Gareth took his first 10am Eucharist Service in Pickering on Sunday 13th September.

For the September and October meetings the PCC were able to meet in church, rather than the Parish Hall, thanks to the easing of restrictions but still with the required distancing.

At the October meeting the Rev'd Gareth welcomed Reader Mary Cooney to the PCC.

At the same meeting a letter was read from Robert Heal announcing his resignation as Health & Safety Officer and the Parish Hall Chairman. He had served two sessions on the PCC and looked after the Hall since the death of Dennis Shipman. He thanked everyone who had helped him with his Health & Safety work and those who helped with improvements to the Parish Hall as well as Ali Holmes & Cait Faulkner for keeping the bookings in order.

The delayed APCM of 2020 was held in church on the 27th October. Robert Heal, Sue Jones and Margaret Moore, having served their three year term, left the PCC while Christopher Knowles and Carol Hammond had already left. The five vacant places were filled by Val Birch, Steve Bulmer, Pam Lindsay, Judith Short and Gina Southey.

The meeting on 12th January 2021 was held via Zoom by Rev'd Gareth and later that week after due consultation with the PCC it was decided to again close the church due to the rise in coronavirus infections.

Rev'd Gareth enabled worship to continue by holding services on Facebook and the readings, prayers and his reflection for that week are available on St. Peter & St. Paul's Church website.

Through the formation of the Church Development Sub-Committee we have begun as a PCC to think about new ways to further the mission of God in this community. We will continue to assist the Rev'd Atha in the management of church affairs and to support him in his ministry.

Lesley Jaram.
PCC Secretary.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING , CONFIDENTIAL DECLARATIONS, SAFEGUARDING TRAINING AND DBS CERTIFICATION REPORT.

‘Safeguarding is at the heart of our Christian faith and an integral feature of Christian life in our parish churches’, Archbishop Justin Welby

Safeguarding Training and Disclosure and Barring (DBS) Checks

Since my appointment in 2017 there have been several changes to the Church of England’s Safeguarding Procedures: see ‘Promoting a Safer Church’ and the ‘House of Bishops’ Safeguarding Policies and Practice Guidance

.Failure to have due regard to the House of Bishops’ Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance may have direct consequences for the validity of our church’s ecclesiastical insurance.

Recent changes to DBS (checks managed by the CCPAS : Churches Child Protection Advisory Service recently renamed *Thirtyone:eight*) **now insist that all PCC members have enhanced checks even though they may not be working directly with children, young people and vulnerable adults. This is because the PCC is a charity and it’s members are the trustees.**

DBS Certification and Church of England Confidential Declarations, still have to be renewed every 5 years if the person still holds the same position in the church. The latter have replaced the Diocesan Confidential Declaration forms

Thank you again to all those who have recently completed the revised necessary documentation including:

- new PCC members
- those PCC members renewing their certification
- ‘Open the Book’ volunteers
- Servers
- Choir Master and Organist/Musical Director
- Bell Ringing Captain and trainers
- PCC members from Levisham, Lockton and Marishes..

Also thank you to all who have recently accessed safeguarding training at the Diocese headquarters in York or have completed the necessary training online.

Safeguarding Arrangement - thank you to Cait Faulkner for ensuring that our Safeguarding arrangements, in line with the House of Bishops’ Policy and Practice Guidance, are clearly displayed on the front page of the Church’s website together with the Safeguarding Policy which is reviewed annually.

The Parish Safeguarding Policy, April 2020, in keeping with the new Church of England guidelines, is in place, and was approved and ratified by the newly appointed Vicar the Reverend Gareth Atha, the Church Wardens and the PCC on 27th October 2020. A copy has been forwarded to the Diocese office, displayed in the Church porch and will be reviewed again in April 2021. A copy of the policy is available on request.

A copy of the **Parish Safeguarding Handbook** was distributed to all members of the PCC and key personnel in October 2019 together with a synopsis of the content and a Church of England Safeguarding Pocket Guide . Further copies were distributed to newly appointed PCC members and Church officials on 27th October 2020 after the APCM which was held in church .

Please could the completed **Church of England Confidential Declaration forms** which were distributed on the 27th October be returned as soon as possible together with information on any recent safeguarding training? This information is required by the Diocesan Safeguarding team as part of our annual church audit.

Any **church premises booking agreements** are conditional upon acceptance of the Parish Church Safeguarding Policy.

As required by the House of Bishops, a '**Promoting a Safer Church**' statement is displayed in the Church Porch and on the Church website and lists several national and local helplines .

The Annual Diocesan Safeguarding Audit . The Diocese asks that all Diocese of York churches complete an annual Safeguarding audit in April.

Parish Dashboard We are part of the current trialling of this initiative The Church of England's safeguarding statement 'Promoting a Safer Church' asks that all church bodies have an action plan in place that sets out, in line with national and local priorities, how the policy is being put into action and is reviewed regularly. This to be discussed, amended and hopefully approved at the next PCC meeting.

Thank you to all who have advised and supported me in this work especially during the restrictions we have had to adhere to during this last year.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any safeguarding concerns or need further clarification and/or information.

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Judith Short

Parish Safeguarding and DBS Representative

Deanery Synod Report

Despite all the difficulties of the last year we are still working positively as a Deanery to implement strong mission and ministry. There has been a tremendous amount of prayer across all our 51 churches.

Although we have not been able to meet in person, all Synod representatives have still been able to keep in touch online.

Our Ascension Day service back in May 2020, originally planned to be held at St Peter & St Paul's Church had to be re-arranged and an online Spiritual Eucharist was led by Bishop Paul. This was attended by a large virtual congregation.

Many other online things have been happening right across the Deanery: daily morning prayer services; Sunday and mid week Communion services; evening Compline and during this Lent we have had weekly Stations of the Cross services. Many of our churches continue to hold online book discussion groups, Bible study groups, coffee chat meetings and prayer groups.

We feel that although sadly a lot of our regular church congregation have missed out on these opportunities due to the lack of available technology we have had an increase in new people joining us for worship. We pray that they will continue to join us, and when things return to normality we look forward to welcoming them face-to-face.

We have seen a number of changes across the Deanery with new appointments being made. We have of course now welcomed our new Archbishop, The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Stephen Cottrell, and our new Archdeacon for Cleveland, The Venerable Dr Amanda Bloor. At Pickering we have welcomed our new vicar The Rev'd Gareth Atha and our Reader Mary Cooney. Thornton Le Dale has now joined together with Upper Derwent as one benefice and they have welcomed their new vicar The Rev'd Joe Kinsella and House for Duty Minister The Rev'd Sally Gough. At the Helmsley end of the Deanery we have welcomed Lucy Wilshaw as the new Children and Youth worker. Lucy also continues to be the Reader at Helmsley Church.

We do now have Ampleforth, Upper Ryedale and Lastingham benefices in vacancy and these are being managed by our Area Dean The Rev'd Canon Tim Robinson and many assistants both lay and ordained, including a number of retired clergy.

Our most recent Synod meeting in early March 2021 included a talk by Lucy Wilshaw about the 'Children of Light Festival' which is a celebration of young people's faith and is running across the York Diocese all this year and into 2022. Archdeacon Amanda then spoke to us about clergy welfare and also about the ongoing Diocesan consultation which will run all this year.

This consultation entitled 'Living Christ's Story' sees us entering into a time of great change within the Diocese of York. We are looking to move forward with mission and ministry in new and exciting ways including: becoming more like Christ; reaching people we currently don't; growing churches of missionary disciples; transforming our finances and structures.

This is a true consultation with all Churches being asked for input. Many PCC and Synod members attended virtual roadshows in February 2021 when Archbishop Stephen laid out his vision for the reshaping of the Diocese and everyone had the opportunity to ask questions in smaller break-out groups.

There will be constant updates of information available on the Diocese of York website so do please take a moment to keep informed about all that is happening.

So we look forward with hope and anticipation that this next year will see some positive changes across the Diocese and within our Deanery. We pray that all our 51 Churches can work together as one family to support each other and share resources, ideas and fellowship.

We are all asked to please use this prayer for the Diocesan Consultation:

God our loving Father,

you have called your Church into being in your love and strengthened us for your service.

Guide and inspire us as we seek to re-shape our approach to mission and ministry in our diocese; that we may be a joyful Church of missionary disciples, one in heart and mind;

for the sake of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Amen

***Alison Holmes,
Lay Dean Northern Ryedale
PCC Representative on Deanery Synod.***

Organist and Choirmaster's report

It does not need a PCC report to say the last year has been challenging. I would like to keep this succinct as there is little else to do but that.

The high point of the year has obviously been the installation of Gareth as our vicar. (I think he has already got the level of the congregation worked out by introducing 'Donkey' to us.) The other high point is that we welcomed Rachel Atha into the choir, and she has been a great asset already.

I must convey my sincere thanks to all the retired clergy and not so retired, who have helped put the services together during the interregnum. Special thanks to Peter Jaram for co-ordinating and keeping me abreast of what has been needed.

Thanks also to the church wardens, outgoing and incoming, especially to Pam Robb, (The congregation do not always see the work that people put in to make the cogs move behind the scenes and Pam is great at communicating either by phone or by email to tell me where I need to be and when!)

I would like to thank Dr David Billet for his help in rectifying problems and in liaising with the organ builders directly. Due to the lack of use, this year, the organ has only had one tune and maintenance check, and everything seems to be working well at this time.

As ever, where 'lockdown' restrictions have been eased, the choir has supported services in a unique format, singing where permissible in lieu of congregational singing. (They have told me they have been doing a good job!!) Many thanks to Steve Bulmer for choosing excellent hymns for the communion.

As with every year, many thanks go to the organists who play for services when I am indisposed, Steve Bulmer, Tom Wrench, and Chris Welch.

Clive Wass.
Organist and Choirmaster.

Servers Report.

This year has been challenging, not only with lockdown but also the loss of Granville, Georgia full time now she is at university, Chris moving away, and Isobel full time as she is working. I am in desperate need of 2 or 3 people to be an acolyte. It would mean once a month duty. Thank you to all the existing crew, who have stepped in or changed a lot more than anticipated. If there is anybody who feels they could commit to once a month please contact Jane at church or on 07884385208.

Jane Sampson,
Head Server.

Health and Safety Report.

The policy was revised twice:

1. To take into account Covid-19 protocols
2. The arrival of Rev'd Gareth Atha in September

Co-Vid 19 Protocols. The Church put in place, for the Church and the Parish Hall, processes and procedures to meet both the Government and The Church laws and advice. These procedures enabled both the Church and the Parish Hall to operate with restrictions until the National Lockdown at the end of December 2020. The H&S adviser and Church Warden conducted a Risk Assessment as required of the Church to ensure the safety of all those attending services - this enabled, when allowed to do so, worship to take place in a safe manner ensuring hand sanitation, distance and track and trace.

There were no reported H&S accidents.

Hazards. There was one reported potential hazard reported in respect of a raised flagstone in the Churchyard - this was reported to Pickering Town Council and was remedied.

Health and Safety Officer
Robert Heal.

Pickering Bell-ringers Report

Once again the year started very much the same as the previous one. Ringing for Sunday services with the odd Quarter Peal for Evensong. Practice night being held on Wednesday evenings to which we would welcome visitors.

Covid19 then struck! The government put the whole country into National Lockdown which included closing the Places of Worship. This also meant no ringing, so the bells fell silent around the whole of the country. The only times this has ever happened before was during the two world wars.

During the year we were allowed to ring briefly but with restrictions. When the churches opened on 12th July 2020 we were allowed to ring socially distanced, two metres apart, wearing a mask. We were also limited to only ringing 15 minutes in total. This meant only ringing four of our eight bells and only for a Sunday service. This continued until the end of October, then we went into Lockdown 2. After lockdown we were placed into tier 3 which meant we still couldn't ring. Finally we were allowed to ring on Christmas morning with six bells as we were allowed a distance of 1 metre plus. We continue not being able to ring due to Lockdown 3 and we hope to return to some ringing, with restrictions, again in May.

Even though we were unable to ring physically we were able to ring virtually. A computer program had been devised called 'Ringing Room'. Along with 'Zoom' it allows us to practice our ringing. This means we are still keeping our brains active! It took us a while to get used to the program but the practice has paid off as we are now ringing Quarter Peals.

We look forward to the future when we can get into the tower again and ring on our lovely bells.

***Pamela Robb,
Tower Captain***

Sanctuary Guild

In spite of living through a very strange year the ladies of the Sanctuary Guild have continued to maintain the immaculate beauty of the Sanctuary. The cleaning of the Roucliffe Chapel and Memorial Chapel was also carried out when possible.

Flowers were in place on the High Altar also the Sanctuary candle remained a constant reminder of the presence of God.

My sincere thanks to all the ladies who have continued to be so reliable while ready for all eventualities.

I will be very happy to hear from anyone who would like to work with the ladies of the Sanctuary Guild.

***Valerie J. Batchelor,
Secretary of Sanctuary Guild.***

Fundraising and Social Group.

Well, it has certainly been a strange year with no activities or events taking place. I know many people have really missed the social side of things but we have had to put safety first and everyone has understood this.

Luckily, we have been able to keep our 100 club running which now has a good number of members, but we always welcome more, so if you've not yet joined please do consider it for the chance to win a monthly cash prize and support your Church at the same time. Or why not take out an annual subscription of just £24 as a gift for a family member? This could be the ideal gift, and you won't even need any wrapping paper!

Another way to support St Peter and St Paul's is to sign up for 'Easy Fundraising'. If you shop online then this is perfect for you as it raises money every time you shop online without any extra cost. Please do think about signing up if you haven't already. It really is very easy.

So, now we look forward to resuming all our usual activities in the next few months and we do hope to be able to hold our ever popular Summer Fair and Fun Dog show this year. We will be desperately hoping for donations of Bottles, Sweets, Raffle Prizes, Homemade Cakes etc for this. Please see if you have any items that you may be able to donate.

As soon as distancing restrictions are lifted we will be organising all our usual events: Afternoon Teas; Strawberry Soiree; Cake Stalls; Beetle Drives; Bonfire Social; Harvest Lunch/Supper; Christmas Fair; Burn's Night Supper. Plus we hope to have lots of new things happening this year including some Pop-up Pub and Games Nights and hopefully some new fun Youth Activities. We will also be super-excited to get back to our monthly Book Hub meetings at the Black Swan Pub and our Craft Hub will be starting up alongside the Monday Market day Coffee Mornings soon, hopefully by July.

Please do look out for what's happening and we look forward to welcoming you back to some fabulous social gatherings in the coming year.

Alison Holmes,
Group leader.

Our Online Presence

Our online presence has been more important than ever, as the church building has been closed to services on and off throughout this year.

Gail Radka has very kindly taken on full responsibility for the Facebook and Twitter account updating, and Rev'd Gareth Atha has been streaming live services on Facebook as well, which many people are tuning in to.

As we have only had a few visitors this year, our Trip Advisor status remains at the same level as last year. I continue to respond to any written reviews. The vicar has taken over the responsibility for 'A Church Near You'.

The website has been busy, with 'traffic' generally up across the year as we have provided many links to other services that have run online from the Church of England, and via 'Zoom' from around the Diocese, organised by the Area Dean.

We have a dedicated page for our own Sunday service, with the Reading and Propers from the pew sheet (kindly collated by Hazel Page), incorporated as they would appear in a normal service, along with the Sermon and Intercessions. The Intercessions have been provided by the person on the rota who would have been creating them for the service. During the 'windows' where the church has been open, and these have been read 'live', I have ensured that prayers are still on the page for those people who have been unable to get to church. I trialled adding links to hymns as well during the first lockdown, but there was no positive feedback for this, so I didn't in subsequent closures.

I am happy to continue to run the Service page in this way after we have returned to regular worship, if people would like this. There is a possibility that there will be a need for it for quite a while, as our regular congregation become more confident about returning to church on a regular basis.

Pam Robb and I made the decision to 'prune back' some of the archive pages, but have kept the heating replacement page as it contains interesting pictures showing the underfloor area, which is not something that visitors to the building can see.

The website continues to evolve, as it should, and I enjoy tweaking and adding to it. I would still very much like to have information from the other churches and from other organisations affiliated with the church, but these things can be added whenever .

If you've not already visited, do go and have a look and let me know what else you'd like to see.

Cait Faulkner
Website Administrator.

Mothers' Union Report

We began 2020 as normal – the AGM in January and the annual lunch at Crossways in February. Then everything was brought to a halt; the programme and all visiting speakers were cancelled for the foreseeable future due to Covid-19 restrictions. Thanks to technology, we have been able to keep in touch with our twenty-four members and also had the opportunity to join Diocesan services on Zoom to mark Mary Sumner Day and the Sixteen Days of Activism against Gender Abuse.

We may not have been able to meet (apart from in late September when we were able to sneak in a meeting between lockdowns) but we have not been idle. Early in the first lockdown, our Diocesan President appealed to members to make laundry bags for scrubs and knit hearts for those in Intensive Care and their loved ones. After a great gathering of old pillow slips, sheets, duvet covers and spare wool, our Pickering members rose to the challenge with great gusto and between us managed to produce ninety scrub bags and fiftyone pairs of hearts.

We had thought we may be able to have a get together in December, even if we did have to supply our own mince pies and flasks of coffee, but that was not to be so we now look forward with hope to having a grand reunion in the summer when we can meet face to face and share experiences - it's good to talk and we're very good at that!

Hazel Page,
Branch Leader.

Pickering Men's Society

Unfortunately nothing to report this year as we have not been able to have any meetings due to the Coronavirus situation.

This year's programme has now been re-arranged to commence in September 2021.

The society meets on the third Monday of each month (September to June), often other activities are arranged. New members always welcome.

***Brian Stockley,
Secretary.***

Pickering and District Churches Together

Churches Together began the year with great enthusiasm – The Youth Bus project was about to be launched and FISH (Food in School Holidays) had been able to provide food for 131 local children during the previous year.

The plan was for the big purple bus to visit Pickering Eastgate car park on Monday evenings, beginning on 13th January. From the start there were a few hiccups. Some wild and windy weather meant it wasn't safe for the bus to come out on occasions, the generator needed replacing and there were some mechanical problems. By March, the project had to be halted because social distancing was impossible and the bus spent most of 2020 parked in Plaxton's yard in Scarborough. A recent garage report stated that the vehicle was in poor condition. Ideally it needed replacing. Although the bus project was on hold, some worthwhile detached youth work took place in the autumn when teams of volunteers engaged with young people on the streets of the town. An aim for the future would be for the bus project, meeting the needs of younger people, to run alongside some detached youth work which engaged the older teenagers.

Following FISH's success in 2019, plans were soon underway to raise funds for 2020 and a jumble sale in February raised £520. Then came lockdown and, under great pressure, the government stepped in with £15 vouchers for children receiving free school meals. However, FISH, liaising with town councillors, continued, and still continues, to supplement the vouchers with food parcels where necessary. This help is also available to other families who may be experiencing difficult times, contact being made through schools.

It goes without saying that Open the Book, after successfully running for several years, came to a sudden halt in March. The last ecumenical event of 2020 was a Lent lunch held on 9th March in the Parish Church. A postponed AGM took place live, masked and socially distanced on 14th October. Further meetings have been held on Zoom when hopeful plans have been made for post Covid times.

***Hazel Page,
Secretary.***

The Children's Society

Every young person deserves a good childhood

That is why The Children's Society fight for the hope and happiness of young people when it is threatened by abuse, exploitation, and neglect. We see the hope and courage in young people every day, and it inspires us to support them through their most serious life challenges.

Now we are stepping up the fight for hope at a time when it is under threat like never before. The pandemic has plunged families into poverty, left children isolated and scared about the future. Help us fight back for their hopes, their ambitions, their whole generation.

Children's Society House Boxes

Therefore, we have the Children's Society Boxes in our homes, to pop in loose change during the year and then handing them in once a year to be counted. The opening of boxes this year raised our highest total ever **£1031.40** thank you to all box owners this is a fabulous total and very much needed during this pandemic.

If you do not want a box at home however you would like to donate once a year let me know. In this Parish we now have 36 active boxes we have lost 3 box holders this year.

Unfortunately, this year we were unable to hold our Christingle Service and so there was no collection for the Society.

The impact of The Children's Society

We walk towards the young people that society crosses the road to avoid. These young people have something within them, that something is hope. Children come to us for help - to talk about their feelings, their trauma. They come to us when their way forward is uncertain, they do not know what choice to make.

But they do want to get back on the right track. These young people have a huge impact on us - they shine a light on parts of society that is broken for them, and in turn we help them regain their hope, even when it is hanging by a thread.

We counsel, support and campaign for the young people whose hopes and happiness are the most threatened by abuse, exploitation, and neglect. We could not do that without the help of our supporters. Find out more about what we do.

Facts about the impact of the society

530,000 people have been given a 'breathing space' - time off from interest fees and repayment - so they can sort their debt.

15,000 migrant children, alone in the country, now have access to free legal advice after we campaigned to get them support.

11,500 the number of children we worked with in the last year, giving them specialist support on whatever issue they had.

4.4 million young people have benefited from changes in law that we fought for - including a lift in the benefits freeze.

894 sessions were held for 122 young people in our HEARTS service so that they get the help they needed, not one-off advice.

Without a sense of well-being our quality of life can become precarious. Our ground-breaking drop-in services mean young people do not have to wait for an appointment with a children and adolescent mental health (CAMHS) worker.

If young people are anxious about exams or stressed about home life, we listen to them. We offer these young people therapy with mental health professionals, group work with their peers, online advice, and guidance.

736 young people were supported through our missing from home services.

1800 return home interviews were completed with young people who would be out on the streets.

Missing from home services

Our Next Generation service works with young people who go missing or are at risk of going missing conduct return home interviews to make sure we understand the reasons for running away, so their return is positive and lasts a long time.

Eight young people we supported at Next Generation had 56 missing incidents between them. Since using the service, the group have a total of two missing incidents between them.

We work with young people for as long as it takes and across all different aspects of their life as it is rarely simple for them. Leaving home before you hit 18 is never an easy decision. There might be aggression, mistrust, anger, or disappointment, but even when hope is hanging by a thread, we help them find it again.

During the pandemic, the situation for many has got worse.

The number of reported incidents of children dying or being seriously harmed after suspected abuse or neglect rose by a quarter after England's first lockdown last year.

The Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel received 285 serious incident notifications between April and September.

This is an increase of 27% from 225 in the same period the previous year.

The Children's Society described the figures as "shocking".

Child deaths increased from 89 to 119 and those seriously harmed rose from 132 with 153 compared with the same period in 2019.

The number of serious incidents involving children under one increased by 30% as did the harm suffered by those aged 16 and over.

The majority (54%) of incidents related to boys, and almost two thirds related to white children.

In two-thirds of the 285 cases reported, the harm occurred while children were living at home.

In 2021 could we have an extra push - I would really like to encourage everyone to think about having a box and just dropping a little loose change in it. Please contact me if you would like one. Could you also help me promote by asking neighbours, family or friends? People do not have to come to Church to have a box.

If you do not want a box but would like to donate once a year let me know

Thanks,

Gail Radka

Parish Representative.

Ryedale Foodbank.

During 2020 in Ryedale 2,778 people were fed, of which 1,095 were children.

Currently they need powdered mash which is flying off the shelves.

Coffee in 100gm jars is also needed and biodegradable anti-bac wipes.

Foodbank drivers collect from the boxes in Pickering Co-op and the Lidl store.

If anyone has got a large collection they will collect from your home if you contact Liz on 07990264008 Mon to Fri 9am to 5pm.

A great big thanks for all your support!

Anne Frank is Foodbank representative for St Peter and St Paul's Church Pickering.

Financial review for 2020

The impact of the coronavirus pandemic has had a significant effect on the Church activities and finance due to the many weeks of closure and several weeks of partial closure. Not since 15th March 2020 has the church functioned in what may be described as “normal” activities. Fewer people attended the church for church services, visits and other activities, resulting in reduced income from plate collections, one-off gift-aid envelope donations, visitors wall-box donations, bookstall purchases and use of the Parish Hall. These were 67% lower than in 2019 (2020: £14,689 / 2019: £44,478).

Whilst the 100 Club and Easy Fundraising income were maintained at previous levels all other fundraising activities ceased after 15th March 2020. The bookstall remained closed and the Parish Hall income fell by 58% on the previous year. Planned Giving was the main source of income during 2020 at £32,368, being a reduction of 16% compared with 2019 at £38,703.

Church running expenses were maintained at previous levels but other expenditure reduced in 2020, being the Free Will Offer to the Diocese of York, any income-generating expenditure, any expenditure related to church services less that spent on repairs and maintenance. These reductions allowed the PCC to manage their cash resources in accordance with their Reserves Policy and in consideration of their perpetual cash flow forecast.

The PCC made a financial loss of £14,446 during 2020 reducing the net worth of the Balance Sheet to £73,050 (2019: £87,496) of which £40,556 (2019 £44,486) is held in restricted funds.

Reserves policy:

It is the policy of the PCC to maintain a balance on free reserves (unrestricted net current assets) which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments. During 2020 this is equivalent to £21,000. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. The balance of the free reserves at the year end was £32,493 which is above this target but may be needed when the church fully reopens after the pandemic restrictions. The balances of £40,556 retained in the restricted funds may be allocated to future projects.

It is the policy of the PCC to invest the short term investment fund balances with the CCLA Church of England Deposit Fund, and the remainder in the CCLA Church of England Investment Fund.

***Trevor Richmond MBE,
PCC Treasurer.***

St Francis Church, Low Marishes Financial review 2020 .

Just a couple of things to note about these, other than the fact we haven't had many Services, Fundraising suppers, Weddings, Christenings or Funerals.

EON electric was up by £339.58 the extra £311.00 was for the power to heat the Church while painting the inside took place.

Quinquennial was an extra cost.

Under repairs £427.50 was for the repairs to the field fence as it had been blown down.

I have still to claim for Gift Aid and the Grant for the Quinquennial.
These will come in on the 2021 accounts.

***Gena Douglas,
Marishes Treasurer.***

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts of Pickering Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul

I report on the accounts of the Church for the Year Ended 31st December 2020, which are set out on pages 1-9.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees 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 under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

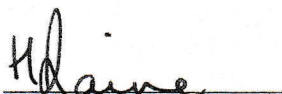
Basis of the independent examiner's report

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 matter has come to my attention:

- (1) 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 and comply with the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Helen Raine ACA
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Dated: 11th March 2021



PICKERING PARISH CHURCH of St PETER & St PAUL

Income and Expenditure account for the year ended 31st December 2020

INCOME	Budget	Unrestricted Income		Restricted Income		Total Income	
	2021	General	Designated	Fabric	Project	2020	2019
	£	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	£	£
Offerings							
Collections at services	2,600	2,187.03				2,187.03	7,426.74
Collections at services, one-off gift aid envelopes	720	746.33				746.33	4,500.19
Special Collections - for Church from W, B & F	0	1,025.37				1,025.37	2,797.79
Special Collections – for charities (inc. Funerals)	1,200	5,051.77				5,051.77	9,008.77
	4,520	9,010.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,010.50	23,733.49
Planned Giving							
Stewardship (Gift Aided)	33,594	30,629.02				30,629.02	36,990.60
Stewardship (non Gift Aided)	1,932	1,739.60				1,739.60	1,713.00
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	10,230	8,983.28			55.00	9,038.28	14,537.91
	45,756	41,351.90	0.00	0.00	55.00	41,406.90	53,241.51
PCC Fees (Weddings and Funerals)							
Statutory fees to PCC	1,426	2,031.00				2,031.00	3,867.00
Heating/Travel charges	448	1,169.00				1,169.00	1,266.00
	1,874	3,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,200.00	5,133.00
Other Fees (Weddings and Funerals)							
York DBF	1,449	2,203.00				2,203.00	4,214.00
Organists	765	935.00				935.00	2,100.00
Bell ringers	0	0.00				0.00	800.00
Vergers	180	390.00				390.00	525.00
Sexton	0	0.00				0.00	228.00
	2,394	3,528.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,528.00	7,867.00
Fund Raising							
Tea towels/bags	0	10.00				10.00	146.00
Fundraising events	0	443.46				443.46	1,721.92
War Weekend	0	0.00				0.00	1,252.87
Afternoon Tea	0	0.00				0.00	214.00
Harvest Supper	0	0.00				0.00	370.00
Summer Fair	0	0.00				0.00	995.77
Christmas Fair	0	0.00				0.00	1,235.00
Hire of Church	0	330.00				330.00	715.00
100 Club	1,512	1,483.00				1,483.00	1,286.00
Light for Christmas	1,000	0.00			330.00	330.00	3,429.91
Easyfundraising	200	0.00		132.03		132.03	122.55
	2,712	2,266.46	0.00	132.03	330.00	2,728.49	11,489.02
Sales of Literature etc.							
Guide Book sales from boxes	0	0.00				0.00	2,382.00
Bookstall sales	900	310.10				310.10	4,318.75
	900	310.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	310.10	6,700.75
Donations etc.							
Unplanned Giving Donations (Gift Aid)	1,440	1,584.00				1,584.00	26.00
Unplanned Giving Donations (Not Gift Aid)	1,800	971.00		750.00	20.00	1,741.00	50.00
Legacies received	0	1,500.00				1,500.00	3,025.60
Levisham (share of expenses)	400	400.00				400.00	400.00
Marishes (share of expenses)	650	650.00				650.00	650.00
Lockton (share of expenses)	200	200.00				200.00	200.00
	4,490	5,305.00	0.00	750.00	20.00	6,075.00	4,351.60

INCOME (cont.)

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Unrestricted Income</u>		<u>Restricted Income</u>		<u>Total Income</u>	
	<u>2021</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Fabric</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	£	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	£	£
Parish Hall Income							
Parish Hall – Lettings	3,600		3,274.89			3,274.89	7,760.50
Parish Hall – Fund Raising	0		35.00			35.00	0.00
Grants Received	0					0.00	139.00
	3,600	0.00	3,309.89	0.00	0.00	3,309.89	7,899.50
Investment Income							
Deposit Interest – Fabric Account	72			74.18		74.18	86.25
Deposit Interest – Project Account	69				74.16	74.16	483.64
Bank Interest Received – Bookstall Account	4	3.84				3.84	42.86
Dividends received	210			193.64		193.64	188.01
	355	3.84	0.00	267.82	74.16	345.82	800.76
Miscellaneous							
Church Boxes (Visitor Offerings)	1,565	2,058.65				2,058.65	6,144.65
Photocopying	0	2.00				2.00	31.60
Sunday Coffee income	0	219.34				219.34	1,115.75
Monday Coffee mornings	0					0.00	3,759.31
Parish Hall Insurance contribution	1,000	1,026.54				1,026.54	1,393.81
Retreat Visits Income	0	1,320.00				1,320.00	4,193.00
Deanery subs	0	45.00				45.00	60.00
VAT Refunds	0	208.00		1,587.86		1,795.86	50,483.54
Lighting Fund	0					0.00	4,210.27
Internal Visits Income	0					0.00	105.00
PCC of Marishes	0	30.00				30.00	0.00
Grants Received	0			4,000.00		4,000.00	0.00
Flower fund	0	90.00				90.00	424.12
	2,565	4,999.53	0.00	5,587.86	0.00	10,587.39	71,921.05
TOTAL INCOME	69,166	69,975.33	3,309.89	6,737.71	479.16	80,502.09	193,137.68

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Unrestricted Expenditure</u>		<u>Restricted Expenditure</u>		<u>Total Expenditure</u>	
	<u>2021</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Fabric</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	£	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	£	£
EXPENDITURE							
Work of the Church							
Parish Freewill Offer 2020	24,000	45,000.00				45,000.00	55,556.00
Heating (Gas)	2,600	3,476.58				3,476.58	4,429.98
Electricity	1,220	1,218.07				1,218.07	1,567.42
Water Rates – Vicarage	0	18.41				18.41	236.22
Vicarage expenses	1,200	301.73		846.00		1,147.73	249.79
Expenses of Office – Vicar	600	187.79				187.79	766.87
Insurance	6,576	7,017.71				7,017.71	6,985.05
Cleaner	1,300	890.00				890.00	882.50
Laundry and Cleaning Materials	120	100.69				100.69	182.34
Health & Safety	360	362.43				362.43	0.00
Repairs and Maintenance	495	495.06		510.00		1,005.06	7,329.63
Major repairs	0			540.00		540.00	0.00
CCTV Church Roof System	0			9,281.71		9,281.71	0.00
Organist	3,504	3,500.04				3,500.04	3,791.71
Organ expenses	0	360.00				360.00	888.00
Assistant Organist Fund expenses	0					0.00	1,029.00
Upkeep of church services	720	718.01				718.01	2,192.77
Churchyard expenses	38	38.00				38.00	38.00
Support and Training Costs	0	50.00				50.00	261.80
Safeguarding Costs	0					0.00	29.44
	42,733	63,734.52	0.00	11,177.71	0.00	74,912.23	86,416.52

EXPENDITURE (cont.)

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Unrestricted Expenditure</u>		<u>Restricted Expenditure</u>		<u>Total Expenditure</u>	
	<u>2021</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Fabric</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	£	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	£	£
<u>Church administration</u>							
Office costs	600	814.33				814.33	2,149.64
Postage and stationery	120	122.26				122.26	353.86
	720	936.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	936.59	2,503.50
<u>Other Parish Expenses</u>							
Fees to York DBF	1,449	1,325.00				1,325.00	1,495.00
Organist fees for weddings & funerals	765	935.00				935.00	2,340.00
Bell ringers fees for weddings	0					0.00	800.00
Verger fees for funerals	180	390.00				390.00	575.00
Sexton fees	0					0.00	228.00
Service fees and expenses to retired clergy	0	878.00				878.00	2,816.50
Royal School of Church Music	110	107.00				107.00	105.00
Deanery Synod subscription	150	150.00				150.00	200.00
Pickering Area Churches Together	0					0.00	120.00
Welcome leaflets	0					0.00	350.00
Book Hub costs	0	25.00				25.00	0.00
Bookstall costs	450	236.92				236.92	3,400.23
Flower fund	0	98.15				98.15	365.65
External visits expenses	0	1,320.00				1,320.00	4,867.65
Website costs	94	93.80				93.80	77.80
Fees payable to other Churches	0					0.00	303.00
Parish Hall expenses	5,681		5,816.32			5,816.32	6,368.69
Bank Charges	480	447.42				447.42	995.27
Advertising	0	797.60				797.60	0.00
Sunday Coffee Expenses	0	115.67				115.67	330.05
Monday Coffee mornings	0					0.00	347.05
Sundry Donations	0	100.00				100.00	50.00
Lighting Project	0					0.00	202,178.34
Heating Project	0					0.00	29,275.80
Prior Year transactions	0	115.50				115.50	0.00
Independents Examiner's Fee	264	264.00				264.00	0.00
	9,623	7,399.06	5,816.32	0.00	0.00	13,215.38	257,589.03
<u>Giving to Missions & Charities, etc.</u>							
Funeral collections to Charities	1,200	5,054.01				5,054.01	7,885.98
Charity giving - Home	0					0.00	1,396.51
Charity giving - Overseas	0					0.00	921.37
	1,200	5,054.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,054.01	10,203.86
<u>Fundraising Expenses</u>							
Fundraising expenses	0	129.53				129.53	1,295.02
Bags	0					0.00	0.00
Light for Christmas	500				415.00	415.00	956.00
100 Club	756	731.00				731.00	841.00
	1,256	860.53	0.00	0.00	415.00	1,275.53	3,092.02
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	55,532	77,984.71	5,816.32	11,177.71	415.00	95,393.74	359,804.93
Net income/(Expenditure)	13,634	(8,009.38)	(2,506.43)	(4,440.00)	64.16	(14,891.65)	(166,667.25)
add: Increase/(decrease) in value of shares				445.64		445.64	1,017.79
Net movement in funds		(8,009.38)	(2,506.43)	(3,994.36)	64.16	(14,446.01)	(165,649.46)

PICKERING PARISH CHURCH of St PETER & St PAUL

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2020

	2020		2019
	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
<u>Investments:</u>			
CBF-Shares: Fabric Fund	5,520.61		
CBF-Shares: Fabric Fund	<u>1,378.52</u>		
		6,899.13	6,453
CURRENT ASSETS:			
<u>Bookstall Stock</u>	2,770.77		2,919
<u>Cash and Bank Accounts:</u>			
Cash in hand	0.00		
Barclays-General Account	7,292.71		
Barclays-Stewardship Account	1,133.27		
Barclays-Box Account	126.60		
CBF-Project Fund	19,654.34		
CBF-Fabric Fund	14,457.32		
Barclays – Bookstall Community Account	4,525.92		
Barclays – Bookstall Business Premium Account	4,909.58		
Barclays – Parish Hall Account	<u>13,454.33</u>		
	65,554.07		76,596
<u>Debtors and Prepayments:</u>			
HMRC: Gift Aid December 2020	900.00		
HMRC: VAT re Lightbown	208.00		
Parish Hall: Miss Sarah School of Dance	133.25		
Barclays: Loyalty Reward	5.45		
Prepayments	<u>594.43</u>		
	1,841.13		11,614
LIABILITIES:			
<u>Creditors and Accruals:</u>			
Creditors-amounts falling due within one year	2,520.23		
Accruals	1,183.36		
Deferred income	312.00		
Sundry creditors	<u>0.00</u>		
	-4,015.59		-10,086
Net current assets		66,150.38	
		<u>73,049.51</u>	<u>87,496</u>
RESERVES:			
Balances brought forward, 1 st January 2020:			
Unrestricted Fund Reserves		43,009.53	
Restricted Fund Reserves		<u>44,485.99</u>	
		87,495.52	
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		<u>(14,446.01)</u>	
Balances carried forward, 31 st December 2020		<u>73,049.51</u>	
<u>Represented by:-</u>			
General Fund		19,133.69	
Designated Fund		13,360.03	
Fabric Fund		20,846.45	
Project Fund		<u>19,709.34</u>	
		<u>73,049.51</u>	

PICKERING PARISH CHURCH of St PETER & St PAUL
FUNDS ANALYSIS 2020

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		<u>Restricted Funds</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Fabric</u>	<u>Project</u>	
1 st Jan 2020 Balances, brought forward in Omega	£14,980.28	£0.00	£24,840.81	£19,645.18	£59,466.27
<u>Activity consolidation during 2020:</u>					
Parish Hall Bank Account		£15,866.46			£15,866.46
Bookstall Bank Accounts	£9,244.22				£9,244.22
Bookstall Stock	£2,918.57				£2,918.57
Surplus/(deficit) for 2020	-£8,009.38	-£2,506.43	-£3,994.36	£64.16	-£14,446.01
Closing balances, 31st December 2020	£19,133.69	£13,360.03	£20,846.45	£19,709.34	£73,049.51

Statement Of Financial Activities

St Peter & St Paul's Parish Church

Period: 01/01/2020 to 31/12/2020

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	2020	2019
VOLUNTARY GIVING						
1. Tax efficient planned giving	1	30,629.02			30,629.02	36,990.60
2. Other planned giving	2	1,739.60			1,739.60	1,763.00
3. Collections at services	3	3,958.73			3,958.73	17,192.36
4. All other giving and voluntary receipts	4	3,029.65	770.00		3,799.65	8,526.65
6. Gift aid recovered	5	8,983.28	55.00		9,038.28	26,118.45
7. Legacies received	6	1,500.00			1,500.00	3,025.60
8. Grants	7		4,000.00		4,000.00	
ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS						
9. Fundraising activities	8	2,569.65	403.18		2,972.83	10,971.09
INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS						
10. Dividends, interest, income from property etc.	9	3.84	787.62		791.46	1,808.58
CHURCH ACTIVITIES						
11. Fees retained by PCC	10	4,525.00			4,525.00	7,748.00
12. Trading activities	11	3,594.99			3,594.99	146.00
OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES						
13. Other receipts/income	12	10,607.31	1,587.86		12,195.17	57,144.63
Total Incoming Resources		71,141.07	7,603.66	0.00	78,744.73	171,434.96
COST OF GENERATING FUNDS						
17. Costs of fundraising activities	13	(1,214.85)	(415.00)		(1,629.85)	(3,617.72)
CHURCH ACTIVITIES						
19. Diocesan parish share contribution	14	(45,000.00)			(45,000.00)	(55,556.00)
20. Salaries, wages and honoraria	15	(3,500.04)			(3,500.04)	(3,791.71)
21. Clergy and staff expenses	16	(1,832.93)	(846.00)		(2,678.93)	(4,110.36)
CHURCH EXPENSES						
23. Church running expenses	17	(12,414.31)	(510.00)		(12,924.31)	(21,556.90)
24. Church utility bills	18	(4,694.65)			(4,694.65)	(4,852.55)
25. Costs of trading	19	(6,053.24)			(6,053.24)	(100.95)
MAJOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE						
27. Major repairs to the church building	20		(9,821.71)		(9,821.71)	
OTHER EXPENDITURE						
99. Other expenditure not already listed	21	(6,888.01)			(6,888.01)	(12,114.68)
Total Resources Expended		(81,598.03)	(11,592.71)	0.00	(93,190.74)	(105,700.87)
Net Incoming/Outgoing Resources before transfers		(10,456.96)	(3,989.05)	0.00	(14,446.01)	65,734.09
Transfers						
Gross Transfers between funds - in		155,810.71	4,700.88	0.00	160,511.59	1,070,730.74
- out		(4,700.88)	(155,810.71)	0.00	(160,511.59)	(1,070,730.74)
Net Incoming/Outgoing Resources before other gains/losses		140,652.87	(155,098.88)	0.00	(14,446.01)	65,734.09
Total Gains and Losses		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Movements in Funds		140,652.87	(155,098.88)	0.00	(14,446.01)	65,734.09
Funds Brought Forward		140,652.87	(155,098.88)	0.00	(14,446.01)	65,734.09

Financial review for 2020

The impact of the coronavirus pandemic has had a significant effect on the Church activities and finance due to the many weeks of closure and several weeks of partial closure. Not since 15th March 2020 has the church functioned in what may be described as “normal” activities. Fewer people attended the church for church services, visits and other activities, resulting in reduced income from plate collections, one-off gift aid envelope donations, visitor wall box donations, Bookstall and Parish Hall. These were 67% lower than in 2019 (2020: £14,689 / 2019: £44,478)

Whilst the 100 Club and Easyfundraising income were maintained at previous levels all other fundraising activities ceased after 15th March 2020. The bookstall remained closed and the Parish Hall income fell by 58% on the previous year. Planned Giving was the main source of income during 2020 at £32,368, being a reduction of 16% compared with 2019 at £38,703

Church running expenses were maintained at previous levels but other expenditure reduced in 2020, being the Free Will Offer to the Diocese of York, any income-generating expenditure, any church service-related expenditure and less spent on repairs and maintenance. These reductions allowed the PCC to manage their cash resources in accordance with their Reserves Policy and in consideration of their perpetual cash flow forecast.

The PCC made a financial loss of £14,446 during 2020 reducing the net worth of the Balance Sheet to £73,050 (2019: £87,496) of which £40,556 (2019: £44,486) is held in restricted funds.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the PCC to maintain a balance on free reserves (unrestricted net current assets) which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments. During 2020 this is equivalent to £21,000. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. The balance of the free reserves at the year end was £32,493 which is above this target but may be needed when the church fully reopens after the pandemic restrictions. The balances of £40,556 retained in the restricted funds may be allocated to future projects.

It is the policy of the PCC to invest the short term investment fund balances with the CCLA Church of England Deposit Fund, and the remainder in the CCLA Church of England Investment Fund.

Trevor Richmond MBE, PCC Treasurer

The Church of ST. FRANCIS , MARISHES
Balance Sheet at Year End 2020

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
2019	2020	2019	2020
£16,040.35 Balance Brought Forward	£ 22,719.48	£145.11 EON Electric	£ 484.69
£641.30 Stewardship -Gift Aid	£ 325.00	£566.14 Insurance	£ 577.43
£628.40 Collections GADS	£ 244.60	£650.00 Pickering PCC	£ 650.00
£102.50 Collection Baptism		Quinquennial report fee	£ 724.68
£261.55 Donation Harvest Supper		£43.00 Repairs & Renewals	£ 427.20
£665.52 HMRC Charity Claim		£18.00 Sundries Gifts	£ 83.75
£22.60 Bank Interest	£ 11.04	£6.50 Deanary Fees	£ 13.50
£786.01 Vat reclaim			
£5,000.00 Legacy G Woodhead			
		£1,428.75	£ 2,961.25
		Balances Forward 31/12/2020	
		Cash in Hand	£3.26
		Community Acc	£9,009.68
		Business Money Manager	£3,012.23
		Fabric Account	£8,313.70
£24,148.23	£23,300.12		£ 23,300.12

St Francis Church, Low Marishes Financial review 2020 .

Just a couple of things to note about these, other than the fact we haven't had many Services, Fundraising suppers, Weddings, Christenings or Funerals.

EON electric was up by £339.58 the extra £311.00 was for the power to heat the Church while painting the inside took place.

Quinquennial was an extra cost.

Under repairs £427.50 was for the repairs to the field fence as it had been blown down.

I have still to claim for Gift Aid and the Grant for the Quinquennial.
These will come in on the 2021 accounts.

***Gena Douglas,
Marishes Treasurer.***

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts of Pickering Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul

I report on the accounts of the Church for the Year Ended 31st December 2020, which are set out on pages 1-9.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees 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 under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of the 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 matter has come to my attention:

(1) 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 and comply with the 2011 Act have not been met; or

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



Helen Raine ACA
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Dated: 11th March 2021

