

**The Parish Church**

**Of**

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

**&**

**The Church of St Francis, Marishes**

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**Annual accounts and reports  
for 2020/21**

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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 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup>.

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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> March in the Parish Church. A postponed AGM took place live, masked and socially distanced on 14<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

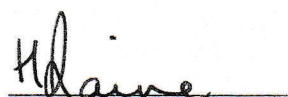
### **Independent examiner's statement**

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  
Hallgarth Accountants Ltd  
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Dated: 11<sup>th</sup> 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	£	£
<b><u>Offerings</u></b>							
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
	<b>4,520</b>	<b>9,010.50</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>9,010.50</b>	<b>23,733.49</b>
<b><u>Planned Giving</u></b>							
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
	<b>45,756</b>	<b>41,351.90</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>55.00</b>	<b>41,406.90</b>	<b>53,241.51</b>
<b><u>PCC Fees (Weddings and Funerals)</u></b>							
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
	<b>1,874</b>	<b>3,200.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,200.00</b>	<b>5,133.00</b>
<b><u>Other Fees (Weddings and Funerals)</u></b>							
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
Verger	180	390.00				390.00	525.00
Sexton	0	0.00				0.00	228.00
	<b>2,394</b>	<b>3,528.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,528.00</b>	<b>7,867.00</b>
<b><u>Fund Raising</u></b>							
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
	<b>2,712</b>	<b>2,266.46</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>132.03</b>	<b>330.00</b>	<b>2,728.49</b>	<b>11,489.02</b>
<b><u>Sales of Literature etc.</u></b>							
Guide Book sales from boxes	0	0.00				0.00	2,382.00
Bookstall sales	900	310.10				310.10	4,318.75
	<b>900</b>	<b>310.10</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>310.10</b>	<b>6,700.75</b>
<b><u>Donations etc.</u></b>							
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
	<b>4,490</b>	<b>5,305.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>750.00</b>	<b>20.00</b>	<b>6,075.00</b>	<b>4,351.60</b>



**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>
	£	Fund £	Fund £	Fund £	Fund £	£	£
<b>Parish Hall Income</b>							
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
	<b>3,600</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,309.89</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,309.89</b>	<b>7,899.50</b>
<b>Investment Income</b>							
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
	<b>355</b>	<b>3.84</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>267.82</b>	<b>74.16</b>	<b>345.82</b>	<b>800.76</b>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>							
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
	<b>2,565</b>	<b>4,999.53</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5,587.86</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>10,587.39</b>	<b>71,921.05</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>69,166</b>	<b>69,975.33</b>	<b>3,309.89</b>	<b>6,737.71</b>	<b>479.16</b>	<b>80,502.09</b>	<b>193,137.68</b>

	<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>
	£	Fund £	Fund £	Fund £	Fund £	£	£
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>							
<b>Work of the Church</b>							
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
	<b>42,733</b>	<b>63,734.52</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>11,177.71</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>74,912.23</b>	<b>86,416.52</b>

## EXPENDITURE (cont.)

	Budget	Unrestricted Expenditure		Restricted Expenditure		Total Expenditure	
	2021	General	Designated	Fabric	Project	2020	2019
	£	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	£	£
<b><u>Church administration</u></b>							
Office costs	600	814.33				814.33	2,149.64
Postage and stationery	120	122.26				122.26	353.86
	<b>720</b>	<b>936.59</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>936.59</b>	<b>2,503.50</b>
<b><u>Other Parish Expenses</u></b>							
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
	<b>9,623</b>	<b>7,399.06</b>	<b>5,816.32</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>13,215.38</b>	<b>257,589.03</b>
<b><u>Giving to Missions &amp; Charities, etc.</u></b>							
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
	<b>1,200</b>	<b>5,054.01</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5,054.01</b>	<b>10,203.86</b>
<b><u>Fundraising Expenses</u></b>							
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
	<b>1,256</b>	<b>860.53</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>415.00</b>	<b>1,275.53</b>	<b>3,092.02</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>55,532</b>	<b>77,984.71</b>	<b>5,816.32</b>	<b>11,177.71</b>	<b>415.00</b>	<b>95,393.74</b>	<b>359,804.93</b>
<b>Net income/(Expenditure)</b>	<b>13,634</b>	<b>(8,009.38)</b>	<b>(2,506.43)</b>	<b>(4,440.00)</b>	<b>64.16</b>	<b>(14,891.65)</b>	<b>(166,667.25)</b>
<b>add: Increase/(decrease) in value of shares</b>				<b>445.64</b>		<b>445.64</b>	<b>1,017.79</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(8,009.38)</b>	<b>(2,506.43)</b>	<b>(3,994.36)</b>	<b>64.16</b>	<b>(14,446.01)</b>	<b>(165,649.46)</b>

# **PICKERING PARISH CHURCH of St PETER & St PAUL**

## **Balance Sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020**

		2020	2019
	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
<u>Investments:</u>			
CBF-Shares: Fabric Fund	5,520.61		
CBF-Shares: Fabric Fund	1,378.52		
		6,899.13	6,453
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>			
<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	13,454.33		
	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	594.43		
	1,841.13		11,614
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>			
<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	0.00		
	-4,015.59		-10,086
Net current assets		66,150.38	
		<b>73,049.51</b>	<b>87,496</b>
<b>RESERVES:</b>			
Balances brought forward, 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2020:			
Unrestricted Fund Reserves		43,009.53	
Restricted Fund Reserves		44,485.99	
		87,495.52	
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		(14,446.01)	
Balances carried forward, 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2020		<b>73,049.51</b>	
<u>Represented by:-</u>			
General Fund		19,133.69	
Designated Fund		13,360.03	
Fabric Fund		20,846.45	
Project Fund		19,709.34	
		<b>73,049.51</b>	



**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 <sup>st</sup> 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
<b>Closing balances, 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020</b>	<b>£19,133.69</b>	<b>£13,360.03</b>	<b>£20,846.45</b>	<b>£19,709.34</b>	<b>£73,049.51</b>

# 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
<b>VOLUNTARY GIVING</b>						
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	
<b>ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS</b>						
9. Fundraising activities	8	2,569.65	403.18		2,972.83	10,971.09
<b>INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS</b>						
10. Dividends, interest, income from property etc.	9	3.84	787.62		791.46	1,808.58
<b>CHURCH ACTIVITIES</b>						
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
<b>OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES</b>						
13. Other receipts/income	12	10,607.31	1,587.86		12,195.17	57,144.63
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<b>71,141.07</b>	<b>7,603.66</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>78,744.73</b>	<b>171,434.96</b>
<b>COST OF GENERATING FUNDS</b>						
17. Costs of fundraising activities	13	(1,214.85)	(415.00)		(1,629.85)	(3,617.72)
<b>CHURCH ACTIVITIES</b>						
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)
<b>CHURCH EXPENSES</b>						
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)
<b>MAJOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</b>						
27. Major repairs to the church building	20		(9,821.71)		(9,821.71)	
<b>OTHER EXPENDITURE</b>						
99. Other expenditure not already listed	21	(6,888.01)			(6,888.01)	(12,114.68)
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		<b>(81,598.03)</b>	<b>(11,592.71)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>(93,190.74)</b>	<b>(105,700.87)</b>
<b>Net Incoming/Outgoing Resources before transfers</b>		<b>(10,456.96)</b>	<b>(3,989.05)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>(14,446.01)</b>	<b>65,734.09</b>
<b>Transfers</b>						
<b>Gross Transfers between funds - in</b>		<b>155,810.71</b>	<b>4,700.88</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>160,511.59</b>	<b>1,070,730.74</b>
<b>- out</b>		<b>(4,700.88)</b>	<b>(155,810.71)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>(160,511.59)</b>	<b>(1,070,730.74)</b>
<b>Net Incoming/Outgoing Resources before other gains/losses</b>		<b>140,652.87</b>	<b>(155,098.88)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>(14,446.01)</b>	<b>65,734.09</b>
<b>Total Gains and Losses</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Net Movements in Funds</b>		<b>140,652.87</b>	<b>(155,098.88)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>(14,446.01)</b>	<b>65,734.09</b>
<b>Funds Brought Forward</b>		<b>140,652.87</b>	<b>(155,098.88)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>(14,446.01)</b>	<b>65,734.09</b>

## **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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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**

<b>INCOME</b>		<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
£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			
		<b>£1,428.75</b>	<b>£ 2,961.25</b>
		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
<b>£24,148.23</b>	<b>£23,300.12</b>		<b>£ 23,300.12</b>

## **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 31<sup>st</sup> 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: 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021



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