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St. Peter & St. Paul
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&
The Church of St Francis, Marishes



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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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Dated: 10 March 2022



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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31 December 2021

		<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		<u>Restricted Funds</u>			<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
		<u>General</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Fabric</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Endowment</u>		
	<u>Notes</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
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
Transactiopn 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	6,899.13
CURRENT ASSETS:		
<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	
	132,650.79	73,049.51
RESERVES:		
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	132,650.79	73,049.51
<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	-
	132,650.79	73,049.51

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BUDGET for the year ending 31 December 2022

	Budget <u>2022</u> <u>£</u>	Actual <u>2021</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	100,002	159,074
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
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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
2 Hallgarth
Pickering
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Dated: 10 March 2022



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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31 December 2021

		<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		<u>Restricted Funds</u>			<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
		<u>General</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Fabric</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Endowment</u>		
	<u>Notes</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
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
Transactiopn 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	6,899.13
CURRENT ASSETS:		
<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	
	132,650.79	73,049.51
RESERVES:		
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	132,650.79	73,049.51
<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	-
	132,650.79	73,049.51

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BUDGET for the year ending 31 December 2022

	Budget <u>2022</u> <u>£</u>	Actual <u>2021</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	100,002	159,074
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