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



Annual accounts and reports
for 2022/23

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The Vicar's Annual Report

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Church of St Francis, Marishes.

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

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

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

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

Fabric and Ornaments

No works have taken place in this year.

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

***Gena Douglas,
Churchwarden.***

The Church of St Peter and St Paul, Pickering.

Fabric and Ornaments

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

Work done includes:

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

New items purchased include:

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

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

Work in the Churchyard

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

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

Updates on faculties

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

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

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

Future work and Plans

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Parish Hall report.

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

Church groups also use the hall, as follows:

Mother's Union

Men's Society

Brownies, when active

Guides

Rainbows, when active

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

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

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

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

The PCC Secretary's Report.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Parish Safeguarding.

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

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

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

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

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

Gail Radka,
Parish Safeguarding and DBS Representative.

Deanery Synod Report

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

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

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

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

The key principles of our plan are:

- *To re-imagine what it means to be 'Church', aiming to recognise the presence of Christ in our communities beyond the walls of the church.
- * To empower the laity through the identification and nurturing of gifts of leadership, preaching and worship leading.
- * To improve access for young people to the Gospel message.
- *To shift the emphasis within our Ministry Units towards a more collaborative and shared way of working.
- * To utilise visionaries to show churches and Ministry Units what the future could look like and to focus our energy and resources on those churches who are willing to embrace change, whilst being realistic with those who won't, and to work sensitively with them with transparency about the future and the fact that their churches are not sustainable long term without change.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mission and Outreach Committee

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

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

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

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

Organist and Choirmaster's report

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Servers Report.

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

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

Thank you.

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

Health and Safety Report.

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

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

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

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

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

Pickering Bell-ringers Report

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pamela Robb,
Tower Captain.

Pickering Men's Society

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

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

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

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

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

Philip Smith,
Secretary.

Sanctuary Guild

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fundraising and Social Group.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Our Church 100 Club continues to flourish, but we are always keen to attract new members. If you have not yet joined, please do consider it for the chance to win a monthly cash prize and support your Church at the same time. The annual subscription is £24 for the year, but you may join at any time on a pro-rata basis. You can also support the Church by signing up for 'Easy Fundraising'. If you shop online then this is an easy way for us to claim extra money at no cost to you.

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

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

Alison Holmes,
Group leader.

Our Online Presence

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

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

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

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

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

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

***Cait Faulkner,
Website Administrator.***

Mothers' Union Report

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

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

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

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

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

Church Bookstall

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pickering and District Churches Together

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

***Hazel Page,
Secretary.***

The Children's Society

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

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

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

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

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

What does the Society do:

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

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

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

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

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

What impact does The Society have:

55,494

young people were reached through our services.

13,000

people campaigned with us.

738,200

young people were reached through our systems change work.

127,000

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

7,500

people stood alongside children by volunteering.

1,000

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

3,885

young people at risk of exploitation or abuse were supported.

1,700

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

348

young refugees and asylum seekers were supported last year.

21,000

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

7,305

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

91%

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

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

Ryedale Foodbank.

Helping people in Ryedale in crisis

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

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

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

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

RYEDALE Community FOOD BANK – HEADLINE FIGURES

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

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

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

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

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

Thank You!

Gail Radka on behalf of the food bank volunteers.

Financial review for 2022

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

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

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

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

Surplus/(Deficit) for the year:-

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

RESERVE POLICY

Unrestricted Funds:

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

Designated Fund:

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

Restricted Funds:

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

The Jack and Mabel Goodall Endowment Fund:

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

Trevor Richmond MBE,
PCC Treasurer

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

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

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the 2011 Act have not been met; or

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



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

Dated: 2 MARCH 2023



PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31 December 2022

		<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		<u>Restricted Funds</u>		<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	<u>Notes</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Fabric</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
VOLUNTARY GIVING							
Tax efficient planned giving	1	25,828.75				25,828.75	27,521.30
Other planned giving	2	2,898.00				2,898.00	2,668.00
Collections at services	3	7,371.77		30.00	322.66	7,724.43	6,889.48
All other giving and voluntary receipts	4	19,944.24		20.00	150.00	20,114.24	16,322.86
Gift aid recovered	5	11,717.63				11,717.63	10,965.38
Legacies received	6	27,729.82		7,000.00		-	50,000.00
Grants	7	2,000.00				2,000.00	-
ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS							
Fundraising activities	8	6,747.51		3,175.72	2,578.00	12,501.23	8,462.84
INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS							
Dividends and interest received	9	43.54		432.40	312.21	634.94	1,423.09
224.42							
CHURCH ACTIVITIES							
Wedding and funeral fees received	10	10,664.00				10,664.00	16,177.00
Trading activities	11	3,602.56	5,650.69			9,253.25	5,597.85
OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES							
Other receipts and income	12	15,237.85		-		15,237.85	14,245.21
Total Incoming Resources		133,785.67	5,650.69	10,658.12	3,362.87	634.94	154,092.29
159,074.34							
COST OF GENERATING FUNDS							
Cost of fundraising activities	13	2,795.90		296.45	575.00	3,667.35	2,348.54
CHURCH ACTIVITIES							
Diocesan Freewill Offer	14	48,000.00				48,000.00	40,000.00
Salaries, wages and honoraria	15	3,034.00				3,034.00	4,275.00
Clergy and staff expenses	16	972.44				972.44	1,192.51
CHURCH EXPENSES							
Church running expenses	17	20,047.68		1,366.96		21,414.64	20,531.61
Church utility costs	18	5,651.12				5,651.12	4,983.38
Costs of trading	19	2,312.72	5,348.25			7,660.97	4,639.66
MAJOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE							
Major repairs to church buildings	20	-		3,710.00		5,445.36	9,155.36
1,695.06							
OTHER EXPENDITURE							
Other expenditure not already listed	21	20,683.21		930.17		21,613.38	19,807.30
Total resources expended		103,497.07	5,348.25	6,303.58	575.00	5,445.36	121,169.26
99,473.06							
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) resources		30,288.60	302.44	4,354.54	2,787.87	(4,810.42)	32,923.03
59,601.28							

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

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

SOFA Notes for the year ended 31st December 2022

9. Dividends and interest received	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Dividends	207.35	200.51
Interest-Barclays Reserve Saver	41.35	0.68
Interest-HMRC	2.19	-
Deposit interest-CCLA Fabric	225.05	7.16
Deposit interest-CCLA Project	312.21	10.27
Deposit interest-CCLA Endowment	634.94	5.80
	<u>1,423.09</u>	<u>224.42</u>
10. Wedding and funeral fees received	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
DBF fees	3,641.00	5,464.00
PCC fees	2,876.00	5,656.00
Organist fees	1,870.00	2,295.00
Bellringers fees	300.00	800.00
Verger fees	660.00	570.00
Travelling expenses fees	362.00	428.00
Heating charges fees	955.00	850.00
Sexton fees	-	114.00
	<u>10,664.00</u>	<u>16,177.00</u>
11. Trading activities	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Tea towels/bags	-	30.00
Bookstall	3,002.56	1,210.76
Parish Hall-Lettings	5,650.69	3,782.09
Hire of Church	600.00	575.00
	<u>9,253.25</u>	<u>5,597.85</u>
12. Other receipts/income	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Cash collections at funerals for charities	6,668.89	5,431.59
Flower fund income	779.88	488.21
Photocopying	5.00	-
Special Appeals	1,488.11	-
External visit income	5,230.00	5,660.00
Donations-One-off GA Envelopes (Visitors)	-	33.00
Parish Hall contributions	155.97	779.80
Contributions to Clergy expenses	850.00	850.00
Deanery subscription contributions	60.00	-
Increase in share value	-	1,002.61
	<u>15,237.85</u>	<u>14,245.21</u>
13. Cost of fundraising activities	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Stewardship costs	113.44	103.12
Monday's coffee expenses	296.45	70.60
Christmas trees	75.00	35.00
Fundraising expenses	1,387.66	640.59
100 Club	844.00	811.00
Sunday coffee expenses	239.00	31.30
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SOFA Notes for the year ended 31st December 2022

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Parish Hall-Cleaning	1,458.99	1,145.97
Parish Hall-Insurance	975.97	779.80
Parish Hall-Repairs & renewals	288.00	223.20
Parish Hall-Performing Rights Society	69.60	97.00
Parish Hall-Sundry expenses	560.00	20.00
Bookstall Expenses	7.98	-
Bookstall cost of sales	2,304.74	917.84
	<u>7,660.97</u>	<u>4,639.66</u>

20. Major repairs to church building

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Major repairs	3,710.00	-
Parish Hall Feasibility Project	5,445.36	1,695.06
	<u>9,155.36</u>	<u>1,695.06</u>

21. Other expenditure not already listed

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Boiler Expenses	-	898.32
Mission and charity giving-home	2,106.01	373.60
Mission and charity giving-overseas	602.88	-
Mission and charity giving-secular	150.00	-
Safeguarding expenses	76.65	355.43
Flower fund expenditure	611.68	373.21
Assigned fee to York DBF	3,641.00	5,464.00
Welcome leaflets	345.00	384.98
Charity giving-funerals	6,668.89	5,431.59
Retreat visit costs	5,549.00	4,761.00
Dona contactless payment system	165.00	482.08
Purchase of sundry equipment	193.10	580.34
Royal School of Church Music	110.00	110.00
Fee payable to other churches	-	253.00
Deanery subscriptions	200.00	-
Sundry donations and gifts	-	30.75
Pickering Area Churches Together	-	45.00
Independent examiner fee	264.00	264.00
Decrease in CCLA share value	930.17	-
	<u>21,613.38</u>	<u>19,807.30</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2022

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

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BUDGET for the year ending 31 December 2023

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

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

FINANCIAL REVIEW FOR 2022

Total income on unrestricted funds were £125,719 of which £97,490 was unrestricted voluntary donations, a further £11,717 was from Gift Aid and a £2,000 Energy Grant from York DBF. Restricted donations of £7,000 from legacies and £522 from interest and share dividends were also received and are detailed in the Financial Statements. The Parish Hall continues to be let on a regular basis which provided a gross income of £5,560. The planned giving through envelopes and banker's orders decreased by 6% and the Gift Aid envelope income decreased by 22%. On a more positive basis, the introduction of the Dona Contactless Portal late in 2021 produced a gross income of £8,311 in 2022. This had no detrimental effect on the income from visitor wall box donations which increased by 47% in 2022. Total income, including tax recovered but excluding legacies, went up by 9% compared with last year. This was partly due to the income from the Dona Contactless Portal, Bookstall sales and increased fundraising activities. We were grateful for the five pecuniary legacies amounting to £34,729 from the estates of Dorothy Stokes, Thelma Taplin, Jean Longster, Bronwyne Shipman and Joyce Snowball, £7,000 of which was set aside towards the cost of future repairs and maintenance of the Fabric of the Church.

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

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

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

Surplus/(Deficit) for the year:-

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Unrestricted Funds	£7,681	£30,591
Restricted Funds	£3,610	£7,142
Endowment Fund	£48,310	(£4,810)
Total surplus/(deficit)	£59,601	£32,923

RESERVE POLICY

Unrestricted Funds:

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

Designated Fund:

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

Restricted Funds:

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

The Jack and Mabel Goodall Endowment Fund:

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

PCC Treasurer - Trevor Richmond MBE

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

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

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the 2011 Act have not been met; or

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



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

Dated: 2 MARCH 2023



PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31 December 2022

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

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

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

SOFA Notes for the year ended 31st December 2022

9. Dividends and interest received	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Dividends	207.35	200.51
Interest-Barclays Reserve Saver	41.35	0.68
Interest-HMRC	2.19	-
Deposit interest-CCLA Fabric	225.05	7.16
Deposit interest-CCLA Project	312.21	10.27
Deposit interest-CCLA Endowment	634.94	5.80
	<u>1,423.09</u>	<u>224.42</u>
10. Wedding and funeral fees received	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
DBF fees	3,641.00	5,464.00
PCC fees	2,876.00	5,656.00
Organist fees	1,870.00	2,295.00
Bellringers fees	300.00	800.00
Verger fees	660.00	570.00
Travelling expenses fees	362.00	428.00
Heating charges fees	955.00	850.00
Sexton fees	-	114.00
	<u>10,664.00</u>	<u>16,177.00</u>
11. Trading activities	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Tea towels/bags	-	30.00
Bookstall	3,002.56	1,210.76
Parish Hall-Lettings	5,650.69	3,782.09
Hire of Church	600.00	575.00
	<u>9,253.25</u>	<u>5,597.85</u>
12. Other receipts/income	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Cash collections at funerals for charities	6,668.89	5,431.59
Flower fund income	779.88	488.21
Photocopying	5.00	-
Special Appeals	1,488.11	-
External visit income	5,230.00	5,660.00
Donations-One-off GA Envelopes (Visitors)	-	33.00
Parish Hall contributions	155.97	779.80
Contributions to Clergy expenses	850.00	850.00
Deanery subscription contributions	60.00	-
Increase in share value	-	1,002.61
	<u>15,237.85</u>	<u>14,245.21</u>
13. Cost of fundraising activities	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Stewardship costs	113.44	103.12
Monday's coffee expenses	296.45	70.60
Christmas trees	75.00	35.00
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Parish Hall-Sundry expenses	560.00	20.00
Bookstall Expenses	7.98	-
Bookstall cost of sales	2,304.74	917.84
	<u>7,660.97</u>	<u>4,639.66</u>

20. Major repairs to church building

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Major repairs	3,710.00	-
Parish Hall Feasibility Project	5,445.36	1,695.06
	<u>9,155.36</u>	<u>1,695.06</u>

21. Other expenditure not already listed

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Boiler Expenses	-	898.32
Mission and charity giving-home	2,106.01	373.60
Mission and charity giving-overseas	602.88	-
Mission and charity giving-secular	150.00	-
Safeguarding expenses	76.65	355.43
Flower fund expenditure	611.68	373.21
Assigned fee to York DBF	3,641.00	5,464.00
Welcome leaflets	345.00	384.98
Charity giving-funerals	6,668.89	5,431.59
Retreat visit costs	5,549.00	4,761.00
Dona contactless payment system	165.00	482.08
Purchase of sundry equipment	193.10	580.34
Royal School of Church Music	110.00	110.00
Fee payable to other churches	-	253.00
Deanery subscriptions	200.00	-
Sundry donations and gifts	-	30.75
Pickering Area Churches Together	-	45.00
Independent examiner fee	264.00	264.00
Decrease in CCLA share value	930.17	-
	<u>21,613.38</u>	<u>19,807.30</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2022

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

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

BUDGET for the year ending 31 December 2023

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

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

FINANCIAL REVIEW FOR 2022

Total income on unrestricted funds were £125,719 of which £97,490 was unrestricted voluntary donations, a further £11,717 was from Gift Aid and a £2,000 Energy Grant from York DBF. Restricted donations of £7,000 from legacies and £522 from interest and share dividends were also received and are detailed in the Financial Statements. The Parish Hall continues to be let on a regular basis which provided a gross income of £5,560. The planned giving through envelopes and banker's orders decreased by 6% and the Gift Aid envelope income decreased by 22%. On a more positive basis, the introduction of the Dona Contactless Portal late in 2021 produced a gross income of £8,311 in 2022. This had no detrimental effect on the income from visitor wall box donations which increased by 47% in 2022. Total income, including tax recovered but excluding legacies, went up by 9% compared with last year. This was partly due to the income from the Dona Contactless Portal, Bookstall sales and increased fundraising activities. We were grateful for the five pecuniary legacies amounting to £34,729 from the estates of Dorothy Stokes, Thelma Taplin, Jean Longster, Bronwyne Shipman and Joyce Snowball, £7,000 of which was set aside towards the cost of future repairs and maintenance of the Fabric of the Church.

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

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

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

Surplus/(Deficit) for the year:-

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Unrestricted Funds	£7,681	£30,591
Restricted Funds	£3,610	£7,142
Endowment Fund	£48,310	(£4,810)
Total surplus/(deficit)	£59,601	£32,923

RESERVE POLICY

Unrestricted Funds:

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

Designated Fund:

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

Restricted Funds:

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

The Jack and Mabel Goodall Endowment Fund:

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

PCC Treasurer - Trevor Richmond MBE