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



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

**Registered Charity No. 1176138**

## **The Vicar's Annual Report**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **The Church of St Francis, Marishes.**

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

#### **Fabric and Ornaments**

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

***Gena Douglas  
Deputy Churchwarden.***

### **The Church of St Peter and St Paul, Pickering**

#### **Fabric and Ornaments**

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

#### **Work done includes:**

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

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

#### New items purchased / gifted include:

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

#### Work in the Churchyard

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

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

#### Updates on faculties

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

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

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

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

## Future work and Plans

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

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

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

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

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

## **The PCC Secretary's Report.**

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Parish Hall report.**

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

This

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

the finance report elsewhere in this booklet for details.

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

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

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

The small room is now used to house the pews that have been removed from the north and south aisles of the church until their ultimate fate is decided. The flooring in the two rooms and kitchen remained under observation and the two rooms remains stable and in good condition. The flooring in the kitchen does not appear to have significantly deteriorated in the past year. The rainwater pipes have been checked, thanks to Pam and Andrew who completed this task. Other external works carried out was the removal of a small tree that had seeded between the hall and the garden fence of the Old Vicarage. This was carried out by the owners of the Old Vicarage with my permission and was done to a safe and high standard.

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

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

### **Organist and Choirmaster's report**

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Deanery Synod Report**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

If anyone has safeguarding concerns, please contact me [pkgPSO@outlook.com](mailto:pkgPSO@outlook.com) or 07736 645932.

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

## **Health and Safety Report.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Pickering Bell-ringers Report**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

***Pamela Robb,  
Tower Captain***

## **Pickering Men's Society**

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

***Philip Smith***  
***Secretary.***

## **Servers Report.**

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

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

## **Sanctuary Guild**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Pickering and District Churches Together**

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

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

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

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

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

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

***Hazel Page,  
Secretary.***

## **Fundraising and Social Group.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Our Online Presence**

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

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

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

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

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

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

[www.pickeringchurch.com](http://www.pickeringchurch.com)

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



## **Mothers' Union Report**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Mission & Outreach Committee**

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **The Children's Society**

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

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

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

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

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

## **What does the Society do?**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you for your support.

If you would like a box, please contact me.

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

### **Ryedale Community Foodbank**

Helping people in Ryedale in crisis

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

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

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

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

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

## **RYEDALE FOOD BANK – HEADLINE FIGURES 2023**

	JAN.	FEB.	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN 2024
STOCK IN	5650	3479	5939	3536	3124	3630	2742	3157	4013	4004	3521	4410	5851
STOCK OUT	4124	4051	6054	3726	2614	3115	2673	4145	2905	3589	4354	5011	4360
RED FORMS	111	126	190	117	83	110	85	130	103	113	136	170	142
TOTAL FED	270	289	445	272	174	233	181	339	239	280	341	395	342

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

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

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

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

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

Thank You !

***Gail Radka on behalf of the food bank volunteers.***

## **Financial review for 2023**

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

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

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

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

The Parish Hall continues to be let on a regular basis which provided a gross income of £5,555.

Dividend and interest income improved considerably in 2023 due primarily to an upward movement in rates, with a resultant overall increase of £1,828 or 128%. Just one legacy of £2,000 was received in 2023 compared with five the previous year, totalling £34,729.

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

Total expenditure for the year was £152,946 being an increase of £31,777 or 26% in comparison with 2022. The increase is represented entirely by two exceptional items of expenditure totalling £33,800 (£24,000 for new wooden chairs for the church and £9,800 relating to architect and planning application fees relating to the Parish Hall project). In addition, the Freewill Offer to the Diocese of York increased by £2,000 to £50,000. The net result for the year was an excess of expenditure over income by £28,409.

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

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

Surplus/(Deficit) for the year:-

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

## **RESERVE POLICY**

### **Unrestricted Funds:**

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

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

### **Designated Funds:**

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

### **Restricted Funds:**

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

### **The Jack and Mabel Goodall Endowment Fund:**

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

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



## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the year ended 31 December 2023

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH**

# PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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

# PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023	2022
		£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
<b>Investments</b>			
CBF-Shares: Fabric Fund		6,103.43	5,578.58
CBF-Shares: Fabric Fund		<u>1,524.05</u>	<u>1,392.99</u>
		<u>7,627.48</u>	<u>6,971.57</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
<b>Bookstall Stock</b>		<u>2,098.95</u>	<u>2,265.31</u>
<b>Cash and Bank Accounts</b>			
Cash in hand		166.36	
Barclays - General Account		3,050.90	
Barclays - Stewardship Account		4,328.69	
Barclays - Parish Hall Account		15,275.18	
Barclays - Reserve Saver Account		19,473.29	
SumUp Processor Account		507.49	
CCLA - Project Fund		29,010.32	
CCLA - Fabric Fund		23,451.08	
CCLA - Jack and Mabel Goodall Account		35,051.80	
		<u>130,315.11</u>	<u>157,418.07</u>
<b>Debtors and Prepayments</b>			
Debtors		329.95	
Prepayments		442.00	
		<u>771.95</u>	<u>2,299.55</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Creditors and accruals</b>			
Creditors		3,510.81	
Deferred Income		96.00	
		<u>(3,606.81)</u>	<u>(3,338.68)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>137,206.68</u>	<u>165,615.82</u>
<b>RESERVES</b>			
Balances brought forward, 1st January 2023			
Unrestricted Fund Reserves		70,807.67	40,050.22
Restricted Fund Reserves		94,808.15	92,642.57
		165,615.82	132,692.79
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		<u>(28,409.14)</u>	<u>32,923.03</u>
Balances carried forward, 31 December 2023		<u>137,206.68</u>	<u>165,615.82</u>
Represented by:-			
General Fund	22	28,190.18	56,934.93
Designated Fund		14,315.57	13,872.74
Fabric Fund		31,078.56	26,030.24
Project Fund		28,570.57	25,277.59
Endowment Fund		<u>35,051.80</u>	<u>43,500.32</u>
		<u>137,206.68</u>	<u>165,615.82</u>

# PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

## SOFA Notes for the year ended 31 December 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b>1. Tax efficient planned giving</b>		
Donations - GA Planned giving envelopes	5,435.15	5,558.75
Donations - GA Standing orders	<u>20,970.00</u>	<u>20,270.00</u>
	<u>26,405.15</u>	<u>25,828.75</u>
<b>2. Other planned giving</b>		
Donations - NGA Planned giving envelopes	866.00	816.00
Donations - NGA Standing orders	<u>1,834.00</u>	<u>2,082.00</u>
	<u>2,700.00</u>	<u>2,898.00</u>
<b>3. Collections at services</b>		
Donations - One-off GA envelopes	1,326.75	1,046.50
Cash collections - Church services	4,172.77	4,450.38
Cash collections - B, W & F to church	1,693.16	1,528.42
Cash collections - for charities	<u>1,325.66</u>	<u>699.13</u>
	<u>8,518.34</u>	<u>7,724.43</u>
<b>4. All other giving and voluntary receipts</b>		
Unplanned gift aid donations	1,102.02	1,062.08
SumUp GA donations	3,065.00	3,567.50
Visitor wall boxes	8,219.39	7,289.05
Unplanned NGA donations	643.34	801.00
SumUp NGA donations	5,269.79	4,743.50
Sundry donations	1,161.49	1,755.21
Visitor GA envelopes	<u>623.70</u>	<u>895.90</u>
	<u>20,084.73</u>	<u>20,114.24</u>
<b>5. Gift aid recovered</b>		
Gift aid tax recovered	<u>10,760.59</u>	<u>11,717.63</u>
<b>6. Legacies received</b>		
Legacies	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>34,729.82</u>
<b>7. Grants</b>		
Grants	<u>-</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
<b>8. Fundraising activities</b>		
Fund raising events	3,775.33	4,178.71
Monday coffee donations	4,589.75	3,175.72
100 Club subscriptions	1,596.00	1,700.00
Sunday coffee donations	1,111.06	683.43
Easyfundraising	147.38	185.37
Light for Christmas	<u>2,910.06</u>	<u>2,578.00</u>
	<u>14,129.58</u>	<u>12,501.23</u>
<b>9. Dividends and interest received</b>		
Dividends	208.49	207.35
Interest - Barclays Reserve Saver	284.63	41.35
Interest - HMRC	0.27	2.19
Deposit Interest - CCLA Fabric	626.32	225.05
Deposit Interest - CCLA Project	813.67	312.21
Deposit Interest - CCLA Endowment	<u>1,317.48</u>	<u>634.94</u>
	<u>3,250.86</u>	<u>1,423.09</u>
<b>10. Wedding and funeral fees received</b>		
DBF fees	4,178.00	3,641.00
PCC fees	3,167.00	2,876.00
Organist fees	1,275.00	1,870.00
Bellringer fees	400.00	300.00
Vergers fees	420.00	660.00
Travelling expenses	223.00	362.00
Heating charges	680.00	955.00
Sexton fees	80.00	-
Funeral fee received in duplicate	<u>467.00</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>10,890.00</u>	<u>10,664.00</u>

# PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

## SOFA Notes for the year ended 31 December 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b>11. Trading activities</b>		
Bookstall income	3,307.34	3,002.56
Parish Hall lettings	5,555.45	5,650.69
Hire of Church	300.00	600.00
	<u>9,162.79</u>	<u>9,253.25</u>
<b>12. Other receipts/income</b>		
Cash collections at funerals for charities	4,913.05	6,668.89
Flower fund income	403.40	779.88
Photocopying	-	5.00
Special appeals	520.73	1,488.11
External visit income	8,651.00	5,230.00
Parish Hall contributions	-	155.97
Contributions to clergy expenses	850.00	850.00
Deanery subscription contributions	60.00	60.00
Barclays loyalty bonus	110.04	-
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<b>14. Diocesan Freewill Offer</b>		
Parish contribution to the Diocese	<u>50,000.00</u>	<u>48,000.00</u>
<b>15. Salaries, wages and honoraria</b>		
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Organist - W&F	1,360.00	1,870.00
Retired clergy fees and expenses	534.00	204.00
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<b>16. Clergy and staff expenses</b>		
Vicar's expenses	808.11	698.98
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<b>17. Church running expenses</b>		
Bank charges - Barclays	789.88	656.57
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Support and training costs	-	250.00
Beeline Broadband	324.00	324.00
Boiler expenses	360.00	546.00
Laundry and cleaning materials	99.75	201.60
Organ costs	648.00	1,392.00
Health and safety	55.00	90.54
CCTV Church roof system	1,514.96	709.36
	<u>20,441.22</u>	<u>21,414.64</u>



# PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

## SOFA Notes for the year ended 31 December 2023

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

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

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



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

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

### **Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

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

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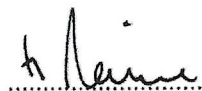
### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

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

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

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

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

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

## PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

### BUDGET for the year ending 31 December 2024

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

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

<b>INCOME</b>		<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
£20,315.42 Balance Brought Forward	£19,346.79	£1,680.24 EON Electric	£740.68
£710 Stewardship -Gift Aid	£1,360.70	£603.29 Insurance	£683.55
£570.80 Collections GADS	£899.60	£650.00 Pickering PCC	£650.00
£597 Wedding Fee	£620.00	£218.00 Wedding fee	
		£178.98 Repairs & Renewals	£258.00
£641.02 HMRC Charity Claim		Sundries Gifts	
£19.22 Bank Interest	£171.82	£18.00 Deanary Fees	£18.00
		£73.16 Bank Charges	£74.15
		£85.00 Organist Fee	
		<b>£3,506.67</b>	<b>£2,424.38</b>
		Balances Forward 31/12/2023	
		Cash in Hand	£3.26
		Community Acc	£8,453.15
		Business Money Manager	£3,063.35
		Fabric Account	£8,454.77
<b>£22,853.46</b>	<b>£22,398.91</b>		<b>£ 22,398.91</b>

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

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Dated: 9 April 2024.....

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Hallgarth Accountants Ltd, 2 Hallgarth, Pickering, North Yorkshire, YO18 7AW

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the year ended 31 December 2023

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH**



# PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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



# PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023	2022
		£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
<b>Investments</b>			
CBF-Shares: Fabric Fund		6,103.43	5,578.58
CBF-Shares: Fabric Fund		<u>1,524.05</u>	<u>1,392.99</u>
		<u>7,627.48</u>	<u>6,971.57</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
<b>Bookstall Stock</b>			
		<u>2,098.95</u>	<u>2,265.31</u>
<b>Cash and Bank Accounts</b>			
Cash in hand		166.36	
Barclays - General Account		3,050.90	
Barclays - Stewardship Account		4,328.69	
Barclays - Parish Hall Account		15,275.18	
Barclays - Reserve Saver Account		19,473.29	
SumUp Processor Account		507.49	
CCLA - Project Fund		29,010.32	
CCLA - Fabric Fund		23,451.08	
CCLA - Jack and Mabel Goodall Account		35,051.80	
		<u>130,315.11</u>	<u>157,418.07</u>
<b>Debtors and Prepayments</b>			
Debtors		329.95	
Prepayments		442.00	
		<u>771.95</u>	<u>2,299.55</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Creditors and accruals</b>			
Creditors		3,510.81	
Deferred Income		96.00	
		<u>(3,606.81)</u>	<u>(3,338.68)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>			
		<u>137,206.68</u>	<u>165,615.82</u>
<b>RESERVES</b>			
Balances brought forward, 1st January 2023			
Unrestricted Fund Reserves		70,807.67	40,050.22
Restricted Fund Reserves		94,808.15	92,642.57
		165,615.82	132,692.79
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		<u>(28,409.14)</u>	<u>32,923.03</u>
Balances carried forward, 31 December 2023		<u>137,206.68</u>	<u>165,615.82</u>
<b>Represented by:-</b>			
General Fund	22	28,190.18	56,934.93
Designated Fund		14,315.57	13,872.74
Fabric Fund		31,078.56	26,030.24
Project Fund		28,570.57	25,277.59
Endowment Fund		35,051.80	43,500.32
		<u>137,206.68</u>	<u>165,615.82</u>

# PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

## SOFA Notes for the year ended 31 December 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b>1. Tax efficient planned giving</b>		
Donations - GA Planned giving envelopes	5,435.15	5,558.75
Donations - GA Standing orders	<u>20,970.00</u>	<u>20,270.00</u>
	<u>26,405.15</u>	<u>25,828.75</u>
<b>2. Other planned giving</b>		
Donations - NGA Planned giving envelopes	866.00	816.00
Donations - NGA Standing orders	<u>1,834.00</u>	<u>2,082.00</u>
	<u>2,700.00</u>	<u>2,898.00</u>
<b>3. Collections at services</b>		
Donations - One-off GA envelopes	1,326.75	1,046.50
Cash collections - Church services	4,172.77	4,450.38
Cash collections - B, W & F to church	1,693.16	1,528.42
Cash collections - for charities	<u>1,325.66</u>	<u>699.13</u>
	<u>8,518.34</u>	<u>7,724.43</u>
<b>4. All other giving and voluntary receipts</b>		
Unplanned gift aid donations	1,102.02	1,062.08
SumUp GA donations	3,065.00	3,567.50
Visitor wall boxes	8,219.39	7,289.05
Unplanned NGA donations	643.34	801.00
SumUp NGA donations	5,269.79	4,743.50
Sundry donations	1,161.49	1,755.21
Visitor GA envelopes	<u>623.70</u>	<u>895.90</u>
	<u>20,084.73</u>	<u>20,114.24</u>
<b>5. Gift aid recovered</b>		
Gift aid tax recovered	<u>10,760.59</u>	<u>11,717.63</u>
<b>6. Legacies received</b>		
Legacies	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>34,729.82</u>
<b>7. Grants</b>		
Grants	<u>-</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
<b>8. Fundraising activities</b>		
Fund raising events	3,775.33	4,178.71
Monday coffee donations	4,589.75	3,175.72
100 Club subscriptions	1,596.00	1,700.00
Sunday coffee donations	1,111.06	683.43
Easyfundraising	147.38	185.37
Light for Christmas	<u>2,910.06</u>	<u>2,578.00</u>
	<u>14,129.58</u>	<u>12,501.23</u>
<b>9. Dividends and interest received</b>		
Dividends	208.49	207.35
Interest - Barclays Reserve Saver	284.63	41.35
Interest - HMRC	0.27	2.19
Deposit Interest - CCLA Fabric	626.32	225.05
Deposit Interest - CCLA Project	813.67	312.21
Deposit Interest - CCLA Endowment	<u>1,317.48</u>	<u>634.94</u>
	<u>3,250.86</u>	<u>1,423.09</u>
<b>10. Wedding and funeral fees received</b>		
DBF fees	4,178.00	3,641.00
PCC fees	3,167.00	2,876.00
Organist fees	1,275.00	1,870.00
Bellringer fees	400.00	300.00
Vergers fees	420.00	660.00
Travelling expenses	223.00	362.00
Heating charges	680.00	955.00
Sexton fees	80.00	-
Funeral fee received in duplicate	<u>467.00</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>10,890.00</u>	<u>10,664.00</u>

# PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

## SOFA Notes for the year ended 31 December 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b>11. Trading activities</b>		
Bookstall income	3,307.34	3,002.56
Parish Hall lettings	5,555.45	5,650.69
Hire of Church	300.00	600.00
	<u>9,162.79</u>	<u>9,253.25</u>
<b>12. Other receipts/income</b>		
Cash collections at funerals for charities	4,913.05	6,668.89
Flower fund income	403.40	779.88
Photocopying	-	5.00
Special appeals	520.73	1,488.11
External visit income	8,651.00	5,230.00
Parish Hall contributions	-	155.97
Contributions to clergy expenses	850.00	850.00
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Laundry and cleaning materials	99.75	201.60
Organ costs	648.00	1,392.00
Health and safety	55.00	90.54
CCTV Church roof system	1,514.96	709.36
	<u>20,441.22</u>	<u>21,414.64</u>

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## SOFA Notes for the year ended 31 December 2023

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

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

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



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

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

### **Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

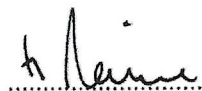
### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

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

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

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

## PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

### BUDGET for the year ending 31 December 2024

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

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

<b>INCOME</b>		<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
£20,315.42 Balance Brought Forward	£19,346.79	£1,680.24 EON Electric	£740.68
£710 Stewardship -Gift Aid	£1,360.70	£603.29 Insurance	£683.55
£570.80 Collections GADS	£899.60	£650.00 Pickering PCC	£650.00
£597 Wedding Fee	£620.00	£218.00 Wedding fee	
		£178.98 Repairs & Renewals	£258.00
£641.02 HMRC Charity Claim		Sundries Gifts	
£19.22 Bank Interest	£171.82	£18.00 Deanary Fees	£18.00
		£73.16 Bank Charges	£74.15
		£85.00 Organist Fee	
		<b>£3,506.67</b>	<b>£2,424.38</b>
		Balances Forward 31/12/2023	
		Cash in Hand	£3.26
		Community Acc	£8,453.15
		Business Money Manager	£3,063.35
		Fabric Account	£8,454.77
<b>£22,853.46</b>	<b>£22,398.91</b>		<b>£ 22,398.91</b>

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

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

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Dated: 9 April 2024.....

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