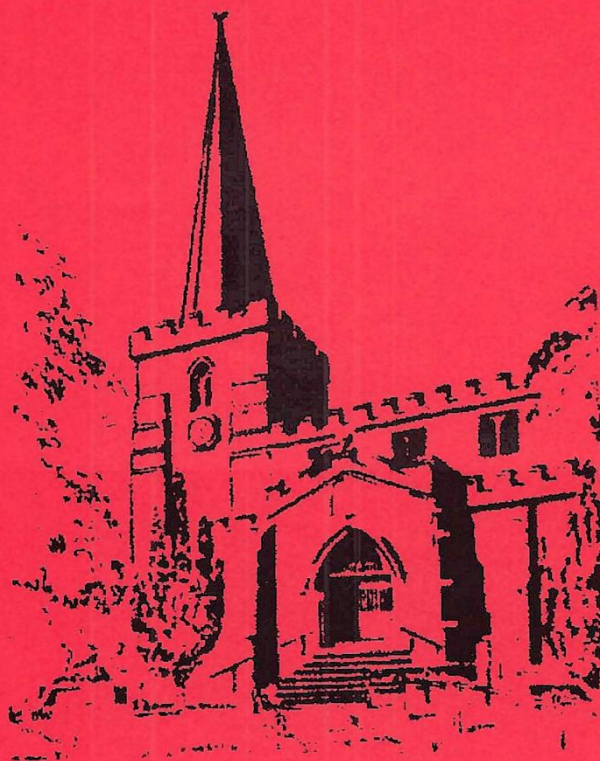


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The Parish Church
Of
St. Peter & St. Paul
Pickering
&
The Church of St Francis, Marishes



Annual accounts and reports
for 2024/25

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The Vicar's Annual Report

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Church of St Francis, Marishes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fabric and Ornaments: there is nothing to report.

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

***Gena Douglas
Deputy Churchwarden.***

The Church of St Peter and St Paul, Pickering

Fabric and Ornaments

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

Maintenance Work done includes:

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

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

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

New items purchased / gifted include:

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

Items Disposed of

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

Work in the Churchyard

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

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

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

Updates on faculties

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

Future work and Plans

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The PCC Secretary's Report.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lesley Jaram.
PCC Secretary.

Health and Safety Report.

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

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

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

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

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

Pamela Robb and Andrew Orland,
Churchwardens.

Organist and Choirmaster's report

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Clive Wass.

Organist and Choirmaster.

Deanery Synod Report

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

God our loving Father,

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

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

Servers Report.

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

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

***Jane Sampson,
Head Server***

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Gail Radka,
Parish Safeguarding and DBS Representative.

Mission & Outreach Committee

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bible and Banter and Brunch with Jesus continue being held.

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

It is all very exciting!!

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

Sanctuary Guild

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pickering Bell-ringers Report

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

***Pamela Robb,
Tower Captain***

Mothers' Union Report

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

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

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

Fundraising and Social Group.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Our Online Presence

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Children's Society

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

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

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

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

A word from the society - What do we do:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank You for your support.

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

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

Ryedale Community Foodbank

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

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

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

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

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

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

RYEDALE FOOD BANK – HEADLINE FIGURES

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

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

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

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

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

Thank You!

Gail Radka on behalf of the food bank volunteers.

Pickering and District Churches Together

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

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

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

***Hazel Page,
Secretary.***

Financial review for 2024

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Reserve Policy

Unrestricted Funds:

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

Designated Funds:

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

Restricted Funds:

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

The Jack and Mabel Goodall Endowment Fund:

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

Andrew Smith,
PCC Treasurer.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2024

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

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

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

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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Dated: 6 March 2025

Helen Raine ACA

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

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

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

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

SOFA Notes for the year ended 31 December 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
1. Tax efficient planned giving		
Donations - GA Planned giving envelopes	4,903.25	5,435.15
Donations - GA Standing orders	<u>23,916.00</u>	<u>20,970.00</u>
	<u>28,819.25</u>	<u>26,405.15</u>
2. Other planned giving		
Donations - NGA Planned giving envelopes	1,034.60	866.00
Donations - NGA Standing orders	<u>2,280.00</u>	<u>1,834.00</u>
	<u>3,314.60</u>	<u>2,700.00</u>
3. Collections at services		
Donations - One-off GA envelopes	1,908.00	1,326.75
Cash collections - Church services	4,413.07	4,172.77
Cash collections - B, W & F to church	1,657.80	1,693.16
Cash collections - for charities	<u>1,987.35</u>	<u>1,325.66</u>
	<u>9,966.22</u>	<u>8,518.34</u>
4. All other giving and voluntary receipts		
Unplanned gift aid donations	364.54	1,102.02
SumUp GA donations	3,111.25	3,065.00
Stripe GA donations	1,111.60	-
Parish Giving Scheme GA donation	15.00	-
Visitor wall boxes	7,215.07	8,219.39
Unplanned NGA donations	592.90	643.34
SumUp NGA donations	3,797.86	5,269.79
Stripe NGA donations	1,307.00	-
Sundry donations	1,489.07	1,161.49
Visitor GA envelopes	<u>807.91</u>	<u>623.70</u>
	<u>19,812.20</u>	<u>20,084.73</u>
5. Gift aid recovered		
Gift aid tax recovered	<u>11,578.59</u>	<u>10,760.59</u>
6. Legacies received		
Legacies	<u>-</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
7. Grants		
Grants - Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme	<u>857.01</u>	<u>-</u>
8. Fundraising activities		
Fund raising events	4,447.62	3,775.33
Monday coffee donations	5,409.34	4,589.75
100 Club subscriptions	1,512.00	1,596.00
Sunday coffee donations	1,431.87	1,111.06
Sponsor a Pew	1,320.00	-
Easyfundraising	162.55	147.38
Light for Christmas	<u>2,575.00</u>	<u>2,910.06</u>
	<u>16,858.38</u>	<u>14,129.58</u>
9. Dividends and interest received		
Dividends	211.71	208.49
Interest - Barclays Reserve Saver	258.56	284.63
Interest - HMRC	0.49	0.27
Deposit Interest - CCLA Fabric	1,198.80	626.32
Deposit Interest - CCLA Project	1,498.46	813.67
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Organist fees	2,210.00	1,275.00
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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

SOFA Notes for the year ended 31 December 2024

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

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

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

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

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Dated: 6 March 2025

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

The Church of St. Francis, MARISHES
Balance Sheet at Year End 2024

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

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

BUDGET for the year ending 31 December 2025

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2024

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

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

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments			
CBF-Shares: Fabric Fund		6,243.13	6,103.43
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		<u>7,802.06</u>	<u>7,627.48</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Bookstall Stock		<u>711.44</u>	<u>2,098.95</u>
Cash and Bank Accounts			
Cash in hand		0.00	
Barclays - General Account		5,514.81	
Barclays - Stewardship Account		3,489.45	
Barclays - Parish Hall Account		9,288.16	
Barclays - Reserve Saver Account		19,731.85	
SumUp Processor Account		862.30	
CCLA - Project Fund		32,602.78	
CCLA - Fabric Fund		23,424.22	
CCLA - Jack and Mabel Goodall Account		30,746.13	
		<u>125,659.70</u>	<u>130,148.75</u>
Debtors and Prepayments			
Debtors		756.15	
Prepayments		622.00	
		<u>1,378.15</u>	<u>771.95</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors and accruals			
Creditors		2,432.22	
Deferred Income		120.00	
		<u>(2,552.22)</u>	<u>(3,606.81)</u>
Net Assets		<u>132,999.13</u>	<u>137,040.32</u>
RESERVES			
Balances brought forward, 1st January 2024			
Unrestricted Fund Reserves		42,339.39	70,641.31
Restricted Fund Reserves		94,700.93	94,808.15
		137,040.32	165,449.46
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		<u>(4,041.19)</u>	<u>(28,409.14)</u>
Balances carried forward, 31 December 2024		<u>132,999.13</u>	<u>137,040.32</u>
Represented by:-			
General Fund	22	29,135.78	28,023.82
Designated Fund		9,288.16	14,315.57
Fabric Fund		31,226.28	31,078.56
Project Fund		32,602.78	28,570.57
Endowment Fund		<u>30,746.13</u>	<u>35,051.80</u>
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	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
1. Tax efficient planned giving		
Donations - GA Planned giving envelopes	4,903.25	5,435.15
Donations - GA Standing orders	<u>23,916.00</u>	<u>20,970.00</u>
	<u>28,819.25</u>	<u>26,405.15</u>
2. Other planned giving		
Donations - NGA Planned giving envelopes	1,034.60	866.00
Donations - NGA Standing orders	<u>2,280.00</u>	<u>1,834.00</u>
	<u>3,314.60</u>	<u>2,700.00</u>
3. Collections at services		
Donations - One-off GA envelopes	1,908.00	1,326.75
Cash collections - Church services	4,413.07	4,172.77
Cash collections - B, W & F to church	1,657.80	1,693.16
Cash collections - for charities	<u>1,987.35</u>	<u>1,325.66</u>
	<u>9,966.22</u>	<u>8,518.34</u>
4. All other giving and voluntary receipts		
Unplanned gift aid donations	364.54	1,102.02
SumUp GA donations	3,111.25	3,065.00
Stripe GA donations	1,111.60	-
Parish Giving Scheme GA donation	15.00	-
Visitor wall boxes	7,215.07	8,219.39
Unplanned NGA donations	592.90	643.34
SumUp NGA donations	3,797.86	5,269.79
Stripe NGA donations	1,307.00	-
Sundry donations	1,489.07	1,161.49
Visitor GA envelopes	<u>807.91</u>	<u>623.70</u>
	<u>19,812.20</u>	<u>20,084.73</u>
5. Gift aid recovered		
Gift aid tax recovered	<u>11,578.59</u>	<u>10,760.59</u>
6. Legacies received		
Legacies	<u>-</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
7. Grants		
Grants - Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme	<u>857.01</u>	<u>-</u>
8. Fundraising activities		
Fund raising events	4,447.62	3,775.33
Monday coffee donations	5,409.34	4,589.75
100 Club subscriptions	1,512.00	1,596.00
Sunday coffee donations	1,431.87	1,111.06
Sponsor a Pew	1,320.00	-
Easyfundraising	162.55	147.38
Light for Christmas	<u>2,575.00</u>	<u>2,910.06</u>
	<u>16,858.38</u>	<u>14,129.58</u>
9. Dividends and interest received		
Dividends	211.71	208.49
Interest - Barclays Reserve Saver	258.56	284.63
Interest - HMRC	0.49	0.27
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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

SOFA Notes for the year ended 31 December 2024

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

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

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

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

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

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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Dated: 6 March 2025

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

The Church of St. Francis, MARISHES
Balance Sheet at Year End 2024

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

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PICKERING PARISH CHURCH

BUDGET for the year ending 31 December 2025

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