

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JAMES SILSDEN

England & Wales · Charity number 1180781

Details

Other names	SILSDEN PARISH CHURCH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2018-11-21
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: PROMOTING IN THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE CHURCH.

Activities: Church of England church

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Bradford City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£74,964	£66,929	-	-
2023-12-31	£80,097	£92,115	-	-
2022-12-31	£178,854	£185,532	-	-
2021-12-31	£91,368	£86,217	-	-
2020-12-31	£77,158	£74,522	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Brian Geoffrey Goddard		2019-03-24
Connor Anderson		2022-04-03
Dr Amelia Deborah Maud Thorley		2019-03-24
Jayne Marie Robinson		2018-04-22
Jennifer Anne Read		2024-11-01
Joanne Towers		2017-03-19
Lynne Marcia Heath		2024-11-01
Michael Arthur Wilkinson		2023-04-04
NEIL CHARLES WHITAKER		2018-04-22
Paul Winstanley		2023-04-04
Rev Simon Grantley Phipps		2025-07-25
Stephanie Spence		2024-04-04
Steven Mark Anderson		2017-03-19
Valerie Ruth Goddard		2019-03-24

Accounts

St James Parish Church, Silsden



Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2025
with reports for 2024
St James, Silsden,
6th April 2025
11.30 am
in the Church Hall

OUR MISSION PRAYER

God of Mission, who works on Earth through all those who love you, we pray for your Church here in Silsden. We pray for our fellowship here at St. James; that we may grow in faith and in the confidence to bring others to find your Son, our Lord Jesus and so to find You.

Send your Holy Spirit on us to bring vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, faith to our lives, hope to our community, and love to our hearts. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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St James the Great, Silsden

Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 6th April 2025 at 11.30 am

Vestry Meeting

1. The meeting opens with prayer
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of last year's Vestry meeting
4. Appointment of tellers
5. Election of churchwardens
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 - Parochial Church Council
11. Appointment of independent examiner of accounts
12. Data Protection
13. Any other business
14. Date of next meeting
15. Closing prayers

Minutes of the 2024 Vestry Meeting and 2024 Annual Parochial Church Meeting held in person Sunday 7 April 2024

Vestry Meeting

1. Neil Whitaker opened the meeting with the collect and welcomed all.
2. Apologies for absence were received from Sue Francis, Fiona Schneider, Sheila Thompson, Alison Winstanley, Paul Winstanley, .
3. Minutes of last year's vestry meeting were approved. Proposed Bob Evans, Seconded Derek Smithson.
4. Tellers – Not required
5. Election of Churchwardens – Neil Whitaker has now completed his 6 year term as Church Warden but would like to continue for a further period, particularly as we are in vacancy at the moment. Therefore we need a special resolution to dis-apply Section 3 of the Church Wardens appointment regulations so that Neil can be re-elected as Church Warden. Proposed Alison Rohatynskyj Seconded Val Goddard. No objections. Jayne Robinson also re-elected as second Churchwarden.
6. The Archdeacon's visitations for 2024 will be held on Tuesday 18th June 7.30 pm at St John's Ben Rhydding and Wednesday 26th June 7.30 pm at Bradford Cathedral.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

7. Minutes of the last Annual Parochial Church meeting were accepted. Proposed Derek Smithson, Seconded Helen Anderson.
8. Matters Arising – None.
9. Reports – most of the required reports had been circulated in advance, allowing for summaries and questions.
 - a) PCC report

b) Churchwardens Report

c) Hon Treasurer presents Accounts and Financial Report.
These had been signed off by independent examiner and approved by PCC. Deborah was thanked for her hard work.

d) Adoption of accounts – The accounts were accepted.
Proposed Malcolm Hudson, Seconded Mary West.

e) Electoral Roll – There are currently 92 names on the electoral roll, 12 people being non-resident.

f) Deanery Synod

10. Elections

Parochial Church Council - Leanne Newsome and Derek Smithson standing down. Stephanie Spence and Joanne Towers appointed to PCC.

Deanery Synod - Paul Winstanley to continue as Deanery Synod representative. Joanne Kaye appointed and Lynne Heath to consider joining him as representatives.

11. Appointment of independent examiner of accounts.

Bob Smith wishes to retire from this role. John Leech, retired manager in NHS Finance and IT, has acted as independent examiner for the first time this year as Bob Smith was away. John Leech is happy to continue as independent examiner. No objections.

12. Data Protection

No issues. All were reminded to take care when sharing e-mail addresses etc. Privacy notices are displayed appropriately.

13. Any other business

No other business.

April PCC to take place on Tuesday 9 April at 7.30 pm in the church hall.

14. Date of next APCM - to be confirmed at a later date.

15. Closing prayers given by Neil.

2024 Reports and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of St James the Great, Silsden

St James' PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, (currently vacanct), in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the church and hall of St James the Great, Silsden.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC)

2024 PROCEEDINGS OF THE PCC

The St James PCC

Deanery Reps: - Paul Winstanley, Joanna Kaye, Lynne Heath

Churchwardens:- Neil Whitaker (lay vice chair), Jayne Robinson (Secretary)

PCC Members:-

2022:- Deborah Thorley (Treasurer), Val Goddard, Brian Goddard (Deputy Churchwarden)

2023:-Steve Anderson, Connor Anderson, Michael Wilkinson

2024:- Stephe Spence, Joanne towers

There have been nine meetings of the St James Silsden Parochial Church Council (PCC) in 2024 plus many meetings of the various mission groups – Fabric, Welcome, Social, and Mission. The mission groups report to PCC (and the Pizza Praise project falls within the Mission Group's remit, and Fiona has joined the Mission Group).

We express our thanks to all the members of the PCC and the mission groups for their work during 2024.

Churchwardens Report

Churchwardens' report of the activities of St James Silsden January to December 2024.

1. General

St James Church remained in vacancy for the whole of 2024 – but there was still lots happening in those 12 months as God has guided us all, and the Holy Spirit gave us energy. This is our attempt at a summary (apologies if we have inadvertently missed anything or anyone).

It has been wonderful to welcome Jen as our new Licensed Lay Minister.

We have continued with our full pattern of two services every Sunday morning, run another Alpha course, celebrated the wonder and joy of Easter together, fallen silent and reflected on Remembrance Sunday, and welcomed many - especially at Christmas with our popular Carol Service and Christingle services.

We are so grateful to all the clergy who have been helping us at our Sunday services and occasional offices – Rev Pat and Rev Bob from our own congregation and many other retired members of the clergy. We thank them - and give thanks for them.

We are also grateful for the support we have received from Bishop Toby, Archdeacon Andy, Area Dean Mike Coe and Assistant Area Dean Mike Green. Thank you to them.

We have loved to see people come up with ideas for new ventures as we want to serve our community and introduce people to Jesus.

Thank you to everyone who has helped during the year in any way – including with:

- prayer groups
- home groups
- Alpha course
- the tech
- bellringing
- music

- baptisms
- helping on Sundays (including with Pizza Praise)
- organising our donations to the foodbank
- coming to the work days
- tending to the graveyard
- helping out with all the administrative tasks involved in running this church.
- cleaning the brasses
- flowers
- repairs and maintenance
- social media
- attending the care homes
- visits
- catering mission

We have seen so many people stepping up to help in whatever way they can – thank you to you all. A great team effort!

Other highlights in 2024 included:

- Pizza Praise
- A wave of baptisms in the second half of the year
- The growth in our home groups
- More leafletting of the new houses
- ‘Friday at the King’ continuing to go well
- The start of the new ‘Saturday Social’
- The wonderful response of St James to the local food banks
- Our continuing engagement with the care homes in Silsden
- Members of our church attending the 2024-25 Personal Growth and Leadership course run by the Diocese (please consider going in 2025-26!)
- The Sunday Strolls

- Our online Advent Calendar
- The special midweek services of morning prayer

2. Fabric, goods and ornaments of the church

We are pleased to report that the heating has worked well in 2024. Admittedly we are never going to want to be without our coats on in our church in winter, but the heating does make an effective difference. Thank you to those who keep a constant eye on it.

We are disappointed that we have been unable to make any progress in getting the situation regarding the hall car park wall resolved. We have reached an impasse with the Council regarding whether or not they are liable for it and we ask for your prayers about this difficult problem.

The Fabric mission group are keeping on top of ongoing maintenance of the church – especially the roof – and the hall. The hall needs some more new windows (but we don't have the funds).

3. Also sadness.....

We lost beloved members of the congregation in 2024 as they went home to the Lord. We thank God for their lives and witness. We hold them, and all who mourn and grieve for them, in our prayers.

4. Thank you

Thank you for all the support you have given – and are giving - to the church, and to ourselves. We very much appreciate that support and we are so grateful to everyone. It is wonderful to see the Holy Spirit at work as St James Church worships every Sunday, prays together, studies in Home Groups, goes out to the Homes, is adventurous, enjoys fellowship together, welcomes everyone and – most of all – proclaims Jesus as Lord. We give

thanks to God for His work here and for the many people involved in making that happen here at St James. Thank you.

Jayne and Neil

Financial Review 2024

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £74964.15 an increase of approx. £5K over 2023. Planned giving gave us £40526.04, an increase of approx. £7K. Many thanks to you all for your gifts to St James in 2024. £8617.37 was claimed as Gift Aid from this income, some donations and by the small donations scheme. £14513 came into general funds from church hall lettings. Details of all the income strands is given in the full accounts.

Total receipts on restricted funds were £1725.49. This figure is low as we did not do any dedicated fundraising for the hall project in 2024.

In 2024 we paid £40000 towards the Share requested by the Diocese – this was 77% of the request and an increase from 2023. We carried out general repairs and maintenance to the church and hall as needed.

Full details of all expenditure can be found in the full accounts.

Reserves Policy

It is the PCC policy to hold at least £1,000 in the unrestricted funds at the end of the year. At the end of 2024 there was £9903.93 held in unrestricted reserves. This included £4000 towards the share which was unpaid due to a banking error (which has gone towards the 2025 share) and £2000 to pay for an expected roofing bill.

2024 has seen an increase in available funds for the work of St James and the wider church. This is very encouraging in the current financial constraints. I want to thank everyone who has contributed, financially or by talents (that reduce our bills). My thanks also to the counting team for their work on Sundays and to Sheila for banking the money.

Deborah

Bank – Barclays Bank

Independent Examiner – John Leech, Knaresborough

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of St James' PCC

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ending 31 December 2024 which are set out on the following pages.

The church's trustees (the PCC) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts (delegated responsibility to the PCC Treasurer). The PCC consider that an independent examination of the accounts is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011)
- To follow the general procedures laid out in section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act
- 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 procedures of the 2011 Act (as explained in the PCC Accountability booklet 5th edition). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records.

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, attention should be drawn in order to enable proper understating of the accounts to be reached.

Signed.....*John S. Leech*.....

Print Name.....JOHN STEPHEN LEECH.....

Date.....21/3/25.....

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS						
	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restrctied Funds 2024	TOTAL 2024	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	TOTAL 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS						
Voluntary Receipts						
Planned giving	40526.04		40526.04	33885.25		33885.25
Collections	5662.05		5662.05	5403.78		5403.78
All other giving	279.24	545.00	824.24	1826.93	3135.51	4962.44
Project 200+		806.39	806.39		7425.01	7425.01
Gift Aid recovered	8617.37	102.71	8720.08	7478.09		7478.09
	55084.70	1454.10	56538.80	48594.05	10560.52	59154.57
Activities for Generating Funds	16443.20	107.30	16550.50	16874.09		16874.09
Investment Income	1675.40	164.09	1839.49	1649.76	94.84	1744.60
Church Activities	1625.75		1625.75	2293.00		2293.00
Other	135.10		135.10	31.35		31.35
Total Receipts	74964.15	1725.49	76689.64	69442.25	10655.36	80097.61
PAYMENTS						
Church Activities						
Diocesan share	40000.00		40000.00	35500.00		35500.00
Clergy and staffing costs	10075.70		10075.70	10229.57		10229.57
Church and Hall running expenses	13875.62	469.83	14345.45	13469.94	44.99	13514.93
Church and Hall repairs and maintenance	2954.68	29.94	2984.62	9507.53	4853.52	14361.05
Project 200+			0.00		18018.00	18018.00
Mission giving	23.00		23.00	72.00		72.00
Other	0.00		0.00	419.00		419.00
Total Payments	66929.00	499.77	67428.77	69198.04	22916.51	92114.55
Excess of Receipts over Payments	8035.15	1225.72	9260.87	244.21	-12261.15	-12016.94
Cash in bank and in hand at 1 January	1870.54	5157.66	7028.20	1645.83	17418.81	19064.64
Cash in bank and in hand at 31 December	9905.69	6383.38	16289.07	1890.04	5157.66	7047.70

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	£	£	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS						
All other giving						
Donations	106.00	545.00	651.00	289.35	3135.51	3424.86
VAT reclaim			0.00	1537.58		1537.58
Project 200+		806.39	806.39		7425.01	7425.01
Legacy	173.24		173.24			0.00
	279.24	1351.39	1630.63	1826.93	10560.52	12387.45
Activities for generating funds						
Church hall lettings	14512.90		14512.90	15838.50		15838.50
Saturday/Sunday Coffee	1284.05	107.30	1391.35	499.74		499.74
Autumn Fair	641.50		641.50	535.85		535.85
Cards	4.75		4.75			0.00
	16443.20	107.30	16550.5	16874.09		16874.09
Investment income						
CBF dividends	1675.40		1675.40	1649.76		1649.76
CCLA fund interest		164.09	164.09		94.84	94.84
PAYMENTS						
Clergy and staffing costs						
Clergy expenses	26.25		26.25	1628.97		1628.97
Organist	1500.00		1500.00	1800.00		1800.00
Cleaner	5469.45		5469.45	3351.00		3351.00
Administrator	3080.00		3080.00	3449.60		3449.60
	10075.70		10075.70	10229.57		10229.57
Church and hall running expenses						
Gas	2421.40		2421.40	1964.28		1964.28
Electricity	2444.30		2444.30	3378.75		3378.75
Water	696.43		696.43	646.68		646.68
Insurance	2651.06		2651.06	2510.93		2510.93
Organ tuning	715.00		715.00	430.00		430.00
Children's work	0.00		0.00			0.00
Pastoral work	25.00		25.00		44.99	44.99
Service consumables	1275.10	366.98	1642.08	973.61		973.61
Cleaning materials	864.85		864.85	1080.82		1080.82
Printing, stationery and web	2013.11	102.85	2115.96	1753.59		1753.59
Music licences	769.37		769.37	731.28		731.28
	13875.62	469.83	14345.45	13469.94	44.99	13514.93
Church and hall repairs and maintenance						
General	2954.68	29.94	2984.62	9507.53	4853.52	14361.05
Project 200+						
		0.00	0.00		18018.00	18018.00
Mission Giving						
CTIS	0.00		0.00	50.00		50.00
British Legion	23.00		23.00	22.00		22.00

	Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Bal c/fwd
Designated				
Utility fees	360.00	240.00		600.00
Restrctited				
Gates	1092.10			1092.10
Churchyard	50.00		29.94	20.06
Electrical works	6.25			6.25
Tower works	6.25			6.25
General projects	0.00			0.00
Project 200+	1518.91	806.39		2325.30
Interest	345.37	164.09		509.46
Flag	128.46			128.46
Vicar's Fund	1006.17			1006.17
Streaming/AV	0.00			0.00
Clock	404.15			404.15
Coffee Machine	200.00			200.00
Pizza Praise	400.00	755.01	469.83	685.18
	5157.66	1725.49	499.77	6383.38

Where the money is		
	01/01/2024	31/12/2024
Current account		
Unrestrctited funds	1868.78	9903.93
Restrctited funds	584.87	840.11
Project 200+	291.23	689.02
DBF fees	32.00	32.00
Charity Money	108.50	108.50
Parish Weekend	308.00	308.00
CTIS eletricity	516.87	0.00
Alpha Weekend	213.00	-479.10
Mason's fees	24.00	24.00
Food bank	20.00	40.00
Fees other	0.00	0.00
Total	3967.25	11466.46
Petty Cash	1.76	1.76
Hall account		
Flower Guild	192.26	192.26
Project 200+	1227.68	1636.28
Total	1419.94	1828.54
CCLA account		
Restricted funds	3053.88	3215.97

Statement of Assets and Liabilities						
	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL 2024	TOTAL 2023
		£	£	£		
Cash Funds						
Bank current account		9903.93	1529.13	0.00	11433.06	2744.88
CCLA account		0.00	3215.97	0.00	3215.97	3053.88
Churchwarden's Petty Cash		1.76	0.00	0.00	1.76	1.76
Hall account		0.00	1638.28	0.00	1638.28	1227.68
		9905.69	6383.38	0.00	16289.07	7028.20
Investment Assets						
Investment fund shares at market value		£61,737.62				

Deanery Synod Report 2024

St James Silsden is part of the South Craven and Wharfedale deanery; a collection of eleven neighbouring churches within the Bradford Episcopal Area.

Our first meeting was in January via Zoom. After general business, Rev'd Ned Lunn, Canon for Intercultural Mission and the Arts at Bradford Cathedral spoke and led a discussion about Bradford 2025 City of Culture and how the Deanery could be involved

Our second meeting was in June at St Thomas Church, Sutton in Craven. As it was in vacancy, we listened to a short presentation on the parish profile given by the Churchwarden. The main speaker for the evening was Geoff Park, the Chief Finance Officer for the Diocese who spoke about the finance issues of the Diocese and the challenges it faced. I was not present at the meeting but did ask a written question concerning Parish Share (the contribution each church in the Diocese is asked to make towards running costs) namely, was the formula to be revised as it is disheartening for those parishes that are unable to pay in full. The answer was No as it was perceived by the Leeds Board of Finance that any change would be too costly to implement and not bring any significant benefit! For information if you go to the Diocesan website to the Finance Section and then to Share Reports you can

see how much each individual church has been requested to pay and the actual payment of Parish Share month on month.

Our third meeting was in October at St Peter's Addingham. We followed the usual pattern of a presentation about the host parish. This was given by Rev'd Mark Cannon and the churchwarden.

We then went into groups to share good news stories from churches within the deanery. Even though we are in vacancy we certainly had a lot of positive points to share, for instance, the Pizza Praise service, the ministry in the retirement homes within the parish and the increase in attendance at the Together @ 11 services.

The report is on behalf of Lynn Heath, Joanna Kaye and myself your Deanery Synod representatives.

Paul Winstanley

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Send your Holy Spirit on us to bring vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, faith to our lives, hope to our community, and love to our hearts. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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Minutes of the 2023 Vestry Meeting and 2023 Annual Parochial Church Meeting held in person Sunday 2 April 2023

Vestry Meeting

1. David Griffiths opened the meeting with the Mission Prayer and welcomed all.
2. Apologies for absence were received from Val and Brian Goddard.
3. Minutes of the last meeting were approved. Proposed Sue Francis seconded Trevor Woodbridge.
4. Tellers – Not required
5. Election of Churchwardens – Neil Whitaker and Jayne Robinson were re-appointed to serve as Churchwardens.
6. The Archdeacon's visitations will be on Wednesday 21st June 7.30 pm at Keighley Shared Church and Tuesday 27th June 7.30 pm at Bolton St. James, Bolton Road, Bradford.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

7. Minutes of the last Annual Parochial Church meeting were accepted. Proposed Sheila Thompson, seconded Pam Chapman.
8. Matters Arising – None.
9. Reports – most of the required reports had been circulated in advance, allowing for summaries and questions.
 - a) Incumbent
 - b) PCC report
 - c) Mission Groups
 - i) Fabric Mission Group – still in need of a new Chair
 - ii) Social Mission Group – Deborah was thanked for Chairing this group.

The New Gaming Club led by Connor was noted and Connor and family thanked for organizing this.

- iii) Mission Group – Neil thanked for chairing

- iv) Worship Mission Group – Paul Winstanley was thanked for recently agreeing to chair this group.
- v) Home Groups – Thanks were expressed for those running home groups.

All were reminded that membership of the Mission Groups is open to all.

- d) Hon Treasurer presents Accounts and Financial Report. Circulated – These had been signed off by independent examiner.
- e) Adoption of accounts – The accounts were accepted. Proposed Deborah, Seconded Neil.
- f) Churchwardens' Report – no comments.
- g) Electoral Roll – There are currently 91 names on the electoral roll, 11 people being non-resident.
- h) Safeguarding - no comments.
- i) Other reports
 - i) CAMEO
 - ii) Thursday Group
 - iii) Bellringers – Thanks were expressed to our bellringing crew.
 - iv) Pastoral Care Group – work on this to continued.
 - v) Social Media – Sincere thanks were expressed to all those who work on updating our social media websites.

David also thanked our cleaner Avril who starts work at 6.30am every weekday morning, to the brass cleaning crew and gardening crew and to all those who helped in every way to keep our church building and churchyard looking clean and tidy.

10. Elections

- i) Parochial Church Council - 3 people are coming to the end of their 3 year service on the PCC – Steve and Connor Anderson are

both willing to stand again and Michael Wilkinson will be joining the PCC.

ii) Deanery Synod - Paul Winstanley to continue as Deanery Synod representative along with Susan Griffiths. Malcolm Hudson to stand down and was thanked for his work. This means that we have 2 lay vacancies. Deanery synod representatives are automatically PCC members.

11. Appointment of independent examiner of accounts – Bob Smith to be asked if he will be willing to act as independent examiner of accounts for the coming year.
12. Data Protection – No current concerns.
13. Any Other business – Neil gave a vote of thanks to David and Susan for their continued hard work and leadership.
14. Date of next meeting – Next PCC meeting to be held on Wednesday 10 May 2023 at 7.30 in the Mothers' Union Room.
15. David closed the meeting with prayer.

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The Parochial Church Council (PCC)

2023 PROCEEDINGS OF THE PCC

The St James PCC

Clergy: - David Griffiths, Susan Griffiths (until 2 October 2023)

Deanery Reps: - Paul Winstanley

Churchwardens:- Neil Whitaker (lay vice chair), Jayne Robinson (Secretary)

PCC Members:-

2021:- Derek Smithson, Leanne Newsome

2022:- Deborah Thorley (Treasurer), Val Goddard, Brian Goddard (Deputy Churchwarden)

2023:- Steve Anderson, Connor Anderson, Michael Wilkinson

Co-opted:- Bob Evans (until January 2024)

The PCC meet monthly (generally).

Churchwardens Report

The most significant development at St James Silsden during 2023 was, of course, the retirement of David and Susan, with their last service at St James being their memorable, but sad, farewell service of Holy Communion followed by a community party in the

Hall on Sunday 1 October 2023. We thank Susan and David for their 13 years of faithful ministry with us and we miss them.

Since then we have been 'in vacancy' and we are grateful not only to and for all the visiting clergy who have helped us during that time, but also to our marvellous congregation who have got even more stuck in to ensure everything not only keeps going, but also develops. We have continued with our full pattern of two services every Sunday morning, run an Alpha course, had our usual and popular carol service and Christingle services at Christmas, planned a weekend at Scargill House, kept up with our weekly newssheet and launched our new 'Pizza Praise' service.

It has been wonderful to see the launch of Pizza Praise and we are very grateful to Fiona Schneider, and the people from All Saints Ilkley, as they have been instrumental in getting this up and running.

During 2023 we have added the completion of 7 replacement windows to the Project 200+ programme. This was funded mainly by gifts and donations but also with a grant from the Diocese of Leeds. We are very grateful

There are still 7 more windows to be replaced plus works to insulate the hall roof and replace the suspended ceiling. As many grant bodies only award funding on the basis of matching funds we have already raised, further applications are on hold pending church community activities to raise money to boost the limited funds remaining in the project account.

Early in 2023 we realised that the hall car park wall was showing signs of movement and so we immediately cordoned it off and wedged it using the sandbags. This was a safety measure we could simply and relatively cheaply put in place. Unfortunately they are still there as we continue to liaise with Bradford Council about the problem.

David was determined to ensure in 2023 that the heating troubles we had experienced so often over the past few years were remedied once and for all, and it was great to see those prayers answered.

It was good to see so many people participate in the 'Everybody Welcome Course' in 2023 and, whilst we must not sit on our

laurels, we have had good feedback on our welcome. We must keep that welcome going of course.

Our three regular Home Groups have continued to meet as we work together to know and understand the Bible and to develop our faith in God, and as we become more and more confident Christians.

There have been nine meetings of the St James Silsden Parochial Church Council (PCC) during the period covered by this report plus many meetings of the various mission groups – Fabric, Welcome, Social, and Mission – during this time. The Mission Groups report to PCC (and the Pizza Praise project falls within the Mission Group’s remit, and Fiona has joined the Mission Group).

As well as all its usual business the PCC has done a lot of work in 2023 in connection with the vacancy.

In July we had the ‘Pre Vacancy’ meeting with the Deanery Lay Chair, the Archdeacon and the Area Dean.

Then at the PCC meeting in October the PCC considered at length, the pros and cons of an Interim Ministry appointment for St James Silsden. It unanimously agreed to the proposal to appoint a three year interim (but otherwise full time) minister here at St James, with specific objectives.

In November the PCC worked on the Parish Profile, which was signed off at the ‘section 11’ meeting in December.

We express our thanks to all the members of the PCC for their hard work during 2023, a year when there was much for the PCC to consider. We especially thank Bob Evans as he now steps down from PCC (but will stay involved as Chair of the Fabric Mission Group).

Other highlights of the year are:

- Leafletting of the new houses
- Establishing ‘Friday at the King’ pub social
- The anti-slavery pledges we considered during Lent 2023
- The BD1 Brass Band concert in church

- Our special week of prayer in October, at the start of the vacancy
- The wonderful response of St James to the local food banks
- Our continuing engagement with the care homes in Silsden
- We have again had members of our church attend the Personal Growth and Leadership course run by the Diocese (please consider going in 2024)
- The Coronation of King Charles III
- Our online Advent Calendar
- The Christmas and Epiphany parties

Thank you to everyone for finding extra energy to help in so many different ways during the vacancy.

Neil and Jayne

Financial Review 2023

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £69442.25. Planned giving gave us £33885.25, and £7478.09 was claimed as Gift Aid from this, some donations and by the small donations scheme. £15838.50 came into general funds from church hall lettings. Details of all the income strands is given in the full accounts.

Total receipts on restricted funds were £10366.56. This included a grant of £2000 from the Diocese of Leeds for replacement hall windows.

In 2023 we paid £35500 towards the Share requested by the Diocese – this was 67% of the request. We carried out a number of repair works to the church including work on the heating.

Full details of all expenditure can be found in the full accounts.

Reserves Policy

It is the PCC policy to hold at least £1,000 in the unrestricted funds at the end of the year. At the end of 2023 there was £XXX held in unrestricted reserves.

2023 has been again been a difficult year again. I say a big thank you to everyone who has continued to give to the work of the church.

Can I please ask that if you give to the church by cheque that you write it out to **Silsden Parish Church PCC**. If not, the bank will reject it.

Deborah

Bank – Barclays Bank

Independent Examiner – John Leech, Knaresborough

Please note that the accounts given in the following pages have not yet been signed off. There is a small error of £19.50 which the Independent Examiner is tracking down.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of St James' PCC

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ending 31 December 2023 which are set out on the following pages.

The church's trustees (the PCC) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts (delegated responsibility to the PCC Treasurer). The PCC consider that an independent examination of the accounts is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011)
- To follow the general procedures laid out in section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act
- 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 procedures of the 2011 Act (as explained in the PCC Accountability booklet 5th edition). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records.

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, attention should be drawn in order to enable proper understating of the accounts to be reached.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023						
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS						
	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	TOTAL 2023	Unrestricted Fund 2022	Restricted Funds 2022	TOTAL 2022
	£	£	£			
RECEIPTS						
Voluntary Receipts						
Planned giving	33885.25		33885.25	31977.73		31977.73
Collections	5403.78		5403.78	3816.81		3816.81
All other giving	1826.93	3135.51	4962.44	1980.98	4813.30	6794.28
Project 200+		7425.01	7425.01		108293.36	108293.36
Gift Aid recovered	7478.09		7478.09	7936.58	775.00	8711.58
	48594.05	10560.52	59154.57	45712.10	113881.66	159593.76
Activities for Generating Funds						
	16874.09		16874.09	16144.89		16144.89
Investment Income						
	1649.76	94.84	1744.60	1640.68	38.41	1679.09
Church Activities						
	2293.00		2293.00	1386.00		1386.00
Other						
	31.35		31.35	50.17		50.17
Total Receipts	69442.25	10655.36	80097.61	64933.84	113920.07	178853.91
PAYMENTS						
Church Activities						
Diocesan share	35500.00		35500.00	38000.00		38000.00
Clergy and staffing costs	10229.57		10229.57	8673.16		8673.16
Church and Hall running expenses	13469.94	44.99	13514.93	10139.83	263.30	10403.13
Church and Hall repairs and maintenance	9507.53	4853.52	14361.05	11250.71	3549.74	14800.45
Project 200+		18018.00	18018.00		113445.33	113445.33
Mission giving	72.00		72.00	0.00		0.00
Other						
	419.00		419.00	0.00		0.00
Total Payments	69198.04	22916.51	92114.55	68063.70	117258.37	185322.07
Excess of Receipts over Payments	244.21	-12261.15	-12016.94	-3129.86	-3338.30	-6468.16
Cash in bank and in hand at 1 January	1645.83	17418.81	19064.64	4775.69	20757.11	25532.80
Cash in bank and in hand at 31 December	1890.04	5157.66	7047.70	1645.83	17418.81	19064.64

	Unrestrcited funds	Restrctited funds	TOTAL 2023
	£	£	£
RECEIPTS			
All other giving			
Donations	289.35	3135.51	3424.86
VAT reclaim	1537.58		1537.58
Project 200+		7425.01	7425.01
Legacy			0.00
	1826.93	10560.52	12387.45
Activities for generating funds			
Church hall lettings	15838.50		15838.50
Saturday/Sunday Coffee	499.74		499.74
Autumn Fair	535.85		535.85
Cards			0.00
	16874.09		16874.09
Investment income			
CBF dividends	1649.76		1649.76
CCLA fund interest		94.84	94.84
PAYMENTS			
Clergy and staffing costs			
Clergy expenses	1628.97		1628.97
Organist	1800.00		1800.00
Cleaner	3351.00		3351.00
Administrator	3449.60		3449.60
	10229.57		10229.57
Church and hall running expenses			
Gas	1964.28		1964.28
Electricity	3378.75		3378.75
Water	646.68		646.68
Insurance	2510.93		2510.93
Organ tuning	430.00		430.00
Children's work			0.00
Pastoral work		44.99	44.99
Service consumables	973.61		973.61
Cleaning materials	1080.82		1080.82
Printing, stationery and web	1753.59		1753.59
Music licences	731.28		731.28
	13469.94	44.99	13514.93
Church and hall repairs and maintenance			
General	9507.53	4853.52	14361.05
Project 200+			
		18018.00	18018.00
Mission Giving	14		
CTIS	50		50.00
British Legion	22		22.00

	Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Bal c/fwd
Designated				
Utility fees	0.00	360.00		360.00
Restrctited				
Gates	1092.10			1092.10
Churchyard	50.00	2000.00	2000.00	50.00
Electrical works	6.25			6.25
Tower works	6.25			6.25
General projects	0.00			0.00
Project 200+	12111.90	7425.01	18018.00	1518.91
Interest	250.53	94.84		345.37
Flag	48.46	80.00		128.46
Vicar's Fund	1051.16		44.99	1006.17
Streaming/AV	2198.01	655.51	2853.52	0.00
Clock	404.15			404.15
Coffee Machine	200.00			200.00
Pizza Praise	0.00	400.00		400.00
	17418.81	10655.36	22916.51	5157.66

Where the money is		
	01/01/2023	31/12/2023
Current account		
Unrestrcted funds	1644.07	
Restrcted funds	2347.87	584.87
Project 200+	3231.02	291.23
DBF fees	0.00	32.00
Charity Money	108.50	108.50
Parish Weekend	308.00	308.00
CTIS eletricity	516.87	516.87
Alpha Weekend	-784.00	213.00
Mason's fees	48.00	24.00
Food bank	0.00	20.00
Total	7420.33	2098.47
Petty Cash	1.76	1.76
Hall account		
Flower Guild	192.26	192.26
Project 200+	8880.88	1227.68
Total	9073.14	1419.94
CCLA account		
Restricted funds	2959.04	3053.88

Statement of Assets and Liabilities						
	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL 2023	TOTAL 2022
		£	£	£		
Cash Funds						
Bank current account			876.10	0.00	876.10	7222.96
CCLA account		0.00	3053.88	0.00	3053.88	2959.04
Churchwarden's Petty Cash		1.76	0.00	0.00	1.76	1.76
Hall account		0.00	1227.68	0.00	1227.68	8880.88
		1.76	5157.66	0.00	5159.42	19064.64
Investment Assets						
Investment fund shares at market value		£54,526.14				

Deanery Synod Report 2023

The Deanery Synod met on three occasions during the year.

Our first meeting was in March via Zoom. After general business, Revd Jude Smith, Director of Church Revitalisation for the Diocese, gave a presentation on the work of her new team and how they are available to encourage confidence in God, mission and future witness within our churches.

Our second meeting in July was at St Mary's, Bradley. We listened to a short presentation from the Revd Mark Green on his work across the three churches there as minster. This included an announcement of a launch of a new café in the church hall at Kildwick, their cakes are very good! We then had a presentation by Lizzie Reynolds, Mandy Thorlby and Revd Peter Willox on the Otley Resources Hub.

Our third meeting was in October at St Margaret's Ilkley, they had the best coffee, cake and biscuits so far. Jemina Parker, the Diocesan Environmental Officer, spoke on 'Getting started on Our Journey to be a Net Zero Carbon Church'. We were encouraged to appoint an environmental champion to raise awareness of these issues.

There are currently two places vacant of our allotted three for St James. So if you like sampling coffee and cake at other neighbouring churches, finding out what's happening locally and in the Diocese, then why not join me. If you are interested please see me or Deborah for more details.

Paul Winstanley

Accounts

St James Parish Church, Silsden

Our Vision

To be

Jesus Shaped

PEOPLE



PRAYER

TEACHING

TEAM
BUILDING

PROPHETIC
CHALLENGE

Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2023
with reports for 2022
St James, Silsden,
2nd April 2023
11.45 am
in the Church Hall

OUR MISSION PRAYER

God of Mission, who works on Earth through all those who love you, we pray for your Church here in Silsden. We pray for our fellowship here at St. James; that we may grow in faith and in the confidence to bring others to find your Son, our Lord Jesus and so to find You.

Send your Holy Spirit on us to bring vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, faith to our lives, hope to our community, and love to our hearts. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

St James PCC is Registered as a Charity with the Charity Commission – Charity Number 1180781 – Official Charity Name: *The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St James Silsden.*

St James the Great, Silsden

Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 2nd April 2023 at 11.45 am

Vestry Meeting

1. The meeting opens with prayer
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of last year's Vestry meeting
4. Appointment of tellers
5. Election of churchwardens
6. Archdeacon's Visitations

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

7. Minutes of last year's APCM
8. Matters arising
9. Reports – most of the required reports have been circulated in advance, allowing for summaries and questions
 - a) Incumbent
 - b) PCC Report
 - c) Mission Groups
 - i. Fabric Mission Group
 - ii. Social Mission Group
 - iii. Mission Group
 - iv. Worship Mission Group
 - v. Home Groups
 - d) Hon Treasurer presents Accounts and Financial Report
 - e) Adoption of accounts
 - f) Churchwardens' Report
 - g) Electoral Roll
 - h) Safeguarding

- i) Other reports
 - i. CAMEO
 - ii. Thursday Group
 - iii. Bellringers
 - iv. Pastoral Care Group
 - v. Social Media
- 10. Elections
 - Parochial Church Council
 - Deanery Synod
- 11. Appointment of independent examiner of accounts
- 12. Data Protection
- 13. Any other business
- 14. Date of next meeting
- 15. Closing prayers

Minutes of the 2022 Vestry Meeting and 2022 Annual Parochial Church Meeting held in person Sunday 3 April 2022

Vestry Meeting

1. David Griffiths opened the meeting with the Mission Prayer and welcomed all.
2. Apologies for absence were received from Val and Brain Goddard, Sue Francis, Pat and Derek Smithson.
3. Minutes of the last meeting were approved. Proposed Alison Rohatynskj, seconded Helen Anderson
4. Tellers – Not required
5. Election of Churchwardens:- Neil Whitaker and Jayne Robinson were appointed to serve as Churchwardens.
6. The Archdeacon's visitations will be on 16 June at Fountains Church, Bradford and 21 June at All Saints, Ilkley.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

7. Minutes of the last Annual Parochial Church Meeting were accepted. Proposed Joanne Towers, seconded Steve Anderson
8. Matters Arising – None
9. Reports, these were pre-printed.

The reports were accepted as printed with no comments on the majority of the reports.

Mission Groups – it was reminded that anyone can join a Mission Group

Adoption of Accounts – The accounts were accepted. Proposed Malcolm Hudson, seconded Sue Wilkinson

Electoral Roll- In 2022 there are 83 on the electoral roll with being 10 non residents.

10. Elections:

PCC: The following were elected to the PCC:- Deborah Thorley, Brian Goddard, Val Goddard.

11. Appointment of independent examiner of accounts:
David thanked Bob Smith for his past work. He is willing to continue in the role.
12. Data Protection: A new web based database is to be developed. All will need to give their agreement for their data to be stored and used.
13. David thanked everyone for their support over the previous year.
14. Date of Next PCC meeting: 11 May
15. David closed the meeting with prayer.

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VICAR'S REPORT for 2022

THE VISION of St. JAMES is to be JESUS SHAPED

These categories are sometimes hard to define and many of our church activities span 2 or more of them.

JESUS SHAPED MEANS:-

PEOPLE

Becoming confident Christians, led by the Holy Spirit, enabled to show God's love to all people.

Alpha

This continues to be a great inspiration as we see people coming to find out more about Jesus and some joining us at church.

The team also are growing in all sorts of ways which is very exciting. This a very good course that takes seriously the Holy Spirit's reality and necessity in our lives. We have a person signed up for Alpha 9 starting this September.

This a good example as people, team building and teaching are all touched by this church life activity.

A big thank you to all involved - pray please.

Service Leading

This is another area of encouragement as we encourage leaders and peoples' gifts as individuals and Home Groups lead services from time to time. Thank you.

Pastoral Care

We are in the process of putting a team in place to carry this important work forward.

Gaming Club – Smash in Silsden

A big thanks to Connor, Simon, Steve, Helen and Deborah for this smashing initiative which sees about 9 young folks in their teens and early 20's rock up every 2 weeks. Great for us to be relating and getting to know a group we rarely see. Pray that we will see some in church soon!

TEAM BUILDING

Encouraging everyone to be part of a world-wide community of Christians, with servant hearts and on a shared adventure.

Churchwardens

It has been great to work with Jayne and Neil again - thanks guys! They work hard and we need to look after and support them as we move into a vacancy. Thank you to Brain our Deputy Church Warden. I hope that we can get 2 deputies for next year

Churches Together in Silsden (CTIS)

This too is going well and thank you to Jayne who sits on this committee for us. This group now includes Christian Aid and we work well together. An encouraging development for Christmas

and the Roving Nativity is a plan to go and do more carol singing, after the lights turn on, in The Punchbowl Pub who are keen to have us!

Parochial Church Council (PCC)

We continue to meet bi-monthly allowing the various Mission Groups - Social, Mission, Worship and Fabric, to meet in the month between. The system is working well with a thanks to the Mission Group Chairs - Neil - Mission, Deborah - Social and newly appointed Paul Winstanley to Worship. We still need a Chair to replace me at Fabric.

Thank you to you all on the PCC who serve us.

Technology

Change, death and taxes are certainties in this life. On the technology front changes comes thick and fast. It is great to have the TV's in church and they are working well in our Sunday services and funerals.

A new Audio Visual Desk will be going in at Easter time which will further improve things. Hopefully we will have a better sound system in place soon. Thank you to our techo's - the Andersons!

Project 200+

This continues with some new windows going in at Easter. The grant giving landscape has changed post Covid and I am disappointed that this project is not finished and that we have not moved onto PROJECT 300+ - the refurbishment of the church - heating, decoration, lighting, insulation

A big thanks to Brian - it would not have happened without him - and to Derek and Malcolm on the PROJECT 200+ Mission Group.

Parish Share

Thank you for all your giving - money, time and talents.

However the level of our monetary giving is disappointing - we could and should be more generous in this area of our Christian life. Lack of such resources is hampering our mission on many fronts.

We are generally well off but the money stays in our pockets and banks benefiting no one!

Administration

Thank you to “our” Deborah for looking after so well and worrying about our finances, hall bookings, Safeguarding, bell ringers, rotas

Cleaning

Thank you to Avril who is in here at 6.30am every week day morning cleaning up our mess - please thank her when you see her.

Other Teams

Brass cleaners, flowers, vergers, Communion assistants, garden crew, Friends Of the Graveyard, Work Day attendees, bell ringers, Website, worship preparers, intercessors, readers, data protectors,

TEACHING

Knowing and understanding the Bible and learning about our faith from each other.

Everybody Welcome course

No welcome = a bad welcome.

We have a mixed success rate on this subject!

Having asked people about the welcome they received some say it is good - a few say bad. A person told me that they sat in church for the first time and heard the folks behind say to each other

“they are new” but no attempt was made by them to say “hello” - “come for Coffee” - “do you know how to get Holy Communion” - anything!!!!!!

This course has been well received and has got us thinking about many aspects of welcome - signage to the toilets, out on the street, lighting, what the place looks like inside and out as well as the greeting as people walk in the door!

Home Groups

Another activity that could also be in Team Building. These groups are going very well doing all sorts of things. We hope that a few people from our current Alpha course will be joining up! We plan to begin another group soon and are actively looking and training new leaders in preparation. Thank you to leaders, Jayne, Alison, Val, Brian, Neil and Pat.

Personal Growth and Leadership Course

This has again been a great course that a total of 16 of us have been on as it encourages “having a go”. Vision, planning, being intentional, accountable, taking chances, growing others and ourselves.

I hope many more of us will take this course.

PROPHETIC CHALLENGE

Speaking out against injustice, and acting to build God's kingdom.

Mission Group

These guys are doing a great job with Modern Slavery and getting us and Silsden better informed about this upsetting subject - thank you.

Plastic Reduction

We continue to try and practice what we preach - plastic reduction. It helped us to go for old fashioned tiles in the new toilets instead of the cheaper option of plastic sheet - mind you tiles look SO much better!

Food Bank

We continue to collect and deliver food to the Salvation Army and distribute food from the Vicarage. Thank you for giving.

PRAYER

Making prayer, for each of us, a central and natural conversation with God.

Zoom Prayers

A disappointing response from you on this initiative which is a discipline that is easy, effective and quick - 20 minutes a week. Attendance - 2 to 5

Pre-Gathering Set Up Prayers

This meeting at 9.00am in church before we set up the hall for the monthly Sunday Gathering service has been good with 4 - 6 attending for 30 minutes - thank you to Susan and Michael for heading this up.

Prayer Triplets

Great that we have our first one up and running which was encouraged through the Diocesan Personal Growth and Leadership Course as it encourages making things happen with vision and intentionality - thank you Pam, Steph and Jayne.

Intercessions

We need to encourage and help people with this challenging task.

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Brian Goddard (Deputy Churchwarden)

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A big thank you to all the PCC members as there is a lot to consider these days from policies of all sorts to buildings and building God's Kingdom through it all – please thank them yourselves and pray for them.

Chair – David Griffiths

Mission Groups

FABRIC MISSION GROUP

PROJECT 200 +

Phase 3 of Project 200+ was successfully completed this year with contractor Enoch Harrison & Son Ltd installing the glazed panels above the hall doors and spending the last penny of our National Lottery Community Fund grant.

Users are obviously appreciating the investment as feedback on the building renovation has been very positive including such comments as:

- Looks really good!!
- Great wi-fi, floor is lovely and windows are brill
- Amazing. Love it!



We are extremely grateful to all our grant funders who have generously supported us and the multiple gifts and donations which have enabled us to undertake these much-needed works.

One further activity planned for the Easter school holidays this year, replacement of all seven windows on the west side of the hall, has been made possible thanks to generous donations, the Benefice Trust and a contribution from the Diocese of Leeds.

The project is not finished though. The hall ceiling and roof is the focus of the next stage of the work and our fund raising activity is ongoing to, hopefully, enable us to achieve this in the not too distant future.

Finally, a big 'thank you' to everyone involved in the project this year for your continued faithfulness and support.

Brian Goddard

SOCIAL MISSION GROUP

The social mission group are:- Deborah Thorley (chair), Joanne Towers, Louise Outhwaite, Leanne Newsome, Mags Croft, Alison Rohatynskyj and Jackie Hudson.

We are starting to organise events again. In 2022 we held a successful Danish Evening and a Hot Aire Concert as fund raising events and a Harvest Supper and Christmas Party for our church family to enjoy.. If anyone has ideas for events, please let me know.

Chair – Deborah Thorley

MISSION GROUP

St James Mission Group currently has 6 members. We would very much welcome other church members to join this group.

We currently meet on Zoom, and whilst we have fallen into a habit of meeting on Monday evenings, we could meet on another evening of course.

We met 12 times in 2022 and our meetings, being online, tend to be short and snappy.

The problem of slavery, and how we can react to that, is something we discuss regularly. We held an awareness-raising coffee morning to co-incide with Anti -Slavery Day in October 2022.

This group covers Alpha at St James

We have also considered

- How we reach out to the new houses in Silsden
- How we can open our church for the wider community to come and see what we do
- Advent and Christmas opportunities
- Church coffee

We continue to consider how St James church can keep working for God's mission.

WORSHIP MISSION GROUP

HOME GROUPS

Monday Homegroup

The Monday Group, led by Brian and Val Goddard, has grown this year and now has 9 members meeting regularly each week.

We have enjoyed a varied programme throughout the year including:

- The Unanswered Prayer course. This is a very thoughtful and challenging set of 5 videos .
- A study working through some of the history books of the Bible to learn about people such as the prophet Samuel, how the kingdom of Israel developed from its first King, Saul, to King Solomon, the divided kingdom, exile to Babylon and subsequent return.
- Currently we are working through Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

Our approach to Bible studies is varied. Sometimes we use videos from various sources including the Bible Project (which has an overview of all the books of the Bible) but often each member of the group researches some verses from the book we are studying and then shares what they have learnt with the rest of the group at our meeting.

The group has also been active in supporting the 11:00 services at St James and took one of the Advent services in 2022.

Financial Review 2022

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £64933.84. Planned giving gave us £31977.73, and £7936.58 was claimed as Gift Aid from this, some donations and by the small donations scheme. £14080.00 came into general funds from church hall lettings. Details of all the income strands is given in the full accounts.

Total receipts on restricted funds were £113920.07. This included £6000 from the All Churches Trust and £96725. 60 from the National Lottery Community Fund for Project 200+.

In 2022 we paid £38000 towards the Share requested by the Diocese – this was 72% of the request. We completed Phase 3 of the Project 200+ works to the hall. We carried out a number of repair works to the church including work on the heating.

Full details of all expenditure can be found in the full accounts.

Reserves Policy

It is the PCC policy to hold at least £1,000 in the unrestricted funds at the end of the year. At the end of 2022 there was £1645.83 held in unrestricted reserves.

2022 has been again been a difficult year again. I say a big thank you to everyone who has continued to give to the work of the church.

Can I please ask that if you give to the church by cheque that you write it out to **Silsden Parish Church PCC**. If not, the bank will reject it.

Deborah

Bank – Barclays Bank

Independent Examiner – Bob Smith, Lower Park Green, Silsden

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of St James' PCC

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ending 31 December 2022 which are set out on the following pages.

The church's trustees (the PCC) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts (delegated responsibility to the PCC Treasurer). The PCC consider that an independent examination of the accounts is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011)
- To follow the general procedures laid out in section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

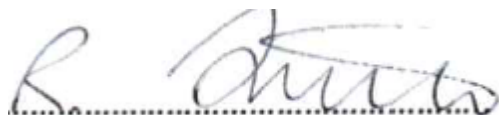
Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general procedures of the 2011 Act (as explained in the PCC Accountability booklet 5th edition). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records.

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, attention should be drawn in order to enable proper understating of the accounts to be reached.

Robert Smith, 8 March 2023

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Smith', written over a dotted line.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022							
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS							
	Notes	Unrestricted Fund 2022	Restricted Funds 2022	TOTAL 2022	Unrestricted Funds 2021	Restricted Funds 2021	TOTAL 2021
RECEIPTS							
Voluntary Receipts							
Planned giving		31977.73		31977.73	29371.50		29371.50
Collections		3816.81		3816.81	4924.36		4924.36
All other giving	5a	1980.98	4813.30	6794.28	4596.57	4948.38	9544.95
Project 200+			108293.36	108293.36		22121.91	22121.91
Gift Aid recovered		7936.58	775.00	8711.58	7329.58	686.25	8015.83
		45712.10	113881.66	159593.76	46222.01	27756.54	73978.55
Activities for Generating Funds							
	5b	16144.89		16144.89	13685.00		13685.00
Investment Income							
	5c	1640.68	38.41	1679.09	1586.84	4.17	1591.01
Church Activities							
		1386.00		1386.00	2070.00		2070.00
Other							
		50.17		50.17	43.82		43.82
Total Receipts		64933.84	113920.07	178853.91	63607.67	27760.71	91368.38
PAYMENTS							
Church Activities							
Diocesan share		38000.00		38000.00	35000.00		35000.00
Clergy and staffing costs	5d	8673.16		8673.16	5151.64		5151.64
Church and Hall running expenses	5e	10139.83	263.30	10403.13	8775.24		8775.24
Church and Hall repairs and maintenance	5f	11250.71	3549.74	14800.45	12038.56	17453.66	29492.22
Project 200+	5g		113445.33	113445.33		7777.92	7777.92
Mission giving	5h	0.00		0.00			0.00
Other							
		0.00		0.00	20.00		20.00
Total Payments		68063.70	117258.37	185322.07	60985.44	25231.58	86217.02
Excess of Receipts over Payments							
		-3129.86	-3338.30	-6468.16	2622.23	2529.13	5151.36
Cash in bank and in hand at 1 January							
		4775.69	20757.11	25532.80	2153.46	18227.98	20381.44
Cash in bank and in hand at 31 December							
		1645.83	17418.81	19064.64	4775.69	20757.11	25532.80

5. Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments							
		Unrestricted Funds 2022	Restricted Funds 2022	TOTAL 2022	Unrestricted Funds 2021	Restricted Funds 2021	TOTAL 2021
	RECEIPTS						
a	All other giving						
	Donations	1980.98	3613.30	5594.28	4596.57	3105.15	7701.72
	VAT reclaim		1200.00	1200.00		1843.23	1843.23
	Project 200+		108293.36	108293.36		22121.91	22121.91
	Legacy			0.00		0.00	0.00
		1980.98	113106.66	115087.64	4596.57	27070.29	31666.86
b	Activities for generating funds						
	Church hall lettings	14080.00		14080.00	13205.00		13205.00
	Saturday/Sunday Coffee	1295.59		1295.59	476.00		476.00
	Autumn Fair	764.30		764.30	0.00		0.00
	Cards	5.00		5.00	4.00		4.00
		16144.89		16144.89	13685.00		13685.00
c	Investment income						
	CBF dividends	1640.68		1640.68	1586.84		1586.84
	CCLA fund interest		38.41	38.41		4.17	4.17
d	PAYMENTS						
	Clergy and staffing costs						
	Clergy expenses	2066.76		2066.76	2233.84		2233.84
	Organist	1400.00		1400.00	150.00		150.00
	Cleaner	2496.00		2496.00	2275.00		2275.00
	Administrator	2710.40		2710.40	492.80		492.80
		8673.16		8673.16	5151.64		5151.64
e	Church and hall running expenses						
	Gas	1757.77		1757.77	2306.47		2306.47
	Electricity	1462.33		1462.33	1315.64		1315.64
	Water	459.70		459.70	325.39		325.39
	Insurance	2245.37		2245.37	2118.70		2118.70
	Organ tuning	350.00		350.00	170.00		170.00
	Children's work	0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00
	Pastoral work	0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00
	Service consumables	395.15	263.30	658.45	108.45		108.45
	Cleaning materials	962.91		962.91	525.97		525.97
	Printing, stationery and web	1836.43		1836.43	1260.04		1260.04
	Music etc licences	670.17		670.17	644.58		644.58
		10139.83	263.30	10403.13	8775.24		8775.24
f	Church and hall repairs and maintenance						
	General	11250.71	3549.74	14800.45	12038.56	17453.66	29492.22
g	Project 200+		113445.33	113445.33		7777.92	7777.92
h	Mission Giving						
	CTIS	0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00
	British Legion	0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00
				0.00	0.00		0.00

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Where the money is		
	01/01/2022	31/12/2022
Current account		
Unrestrcited funds	4705.98	1644.07
Restrctited funds	572.61	2347.87
Project 200+	0.00	3231.02
DBF fees	211.00	0.00
Charity Money	108.50	108.50
Parish Weekend	1134.00	308.00
CTIS Electricity	516.87	516.87
Stonemason	197.00	48.00
Alpha Weekend	-360.00	-784.00
Total	7085.96	7420.33
Petty Cash	69.71	1.76
Hall account		
Flower Guild	192.26	192.26
Project 200+	17263.87	8880.88
Total	17456.13	9073.14
CCLA account		
Restricted funds	2920.63	2959.04

Statement of Assets and Liabilities						
	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL 2022	TOTAL 2021
		£	£	£		
Cash Funds						
Bank current account		1644.07	5578.89	0.00	7222.96	5278.59
CCLA account		0.00	2959.04	0.00	2959.04	2920.63
Churchwarden's Petty Cash		1.76	0.00	0.00	1.76	69.71
Hall account		0.00	8880.88	0.00	8880.88	17263.87
		1645.83	17418.81	0.00	19064.64	25532.80
Investment Assets						
Investment fund shares at market value		£56,754.58				

Churchwardens' Report

Thank you for electing us as Churchwardens at last year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

At that time we were still feeling our way with reopening after the Covid-restricted months but as the year progressed we were able to ease back into more normal times. We thank God that we have been able to do so.

As we reopened fully the PCC ran the review of our services pattern and we thank everyone who provided their input to that review. The outcome was that we would continue to have a Sunday morning pattern of: Parish Communion at 9.30am, followed by an 11am service of worship in a different style, with coffee/tea in between; and this pattern has now established itself within our church life and for the Silsden community.

We were also able to develop the projection of our services, started as a necessary Covid precaution, and previously trialled in our Gathering services, by acquiring two large screens for the church. These are much clearer and give us great flexibility. Thank you to everyone who helped install these and provided the funds to purchase them.

Also at the time of last year's APCM we had been experiencing some problems with the church heating and these problems have of course continued, and are proving very difficult to solve. We are very grateful to everyone from church and from our wider

community who helped us with all the trouble shooting and constant adjustments that have been needed as we try to identify the core problem, or series of problems. It has been frustrating for many that the fix has been hard to find but persistence and patience will pay off in the end and we are thankful that we have been able to get some warmth into our church and that we were able to go ahead with our Christmas services having had to operate from the hall on the Sundays leading up to Christmas.

The new services pattern, thinking about our welcome and the new screens has resulted in some changes to the interior of the church building. Our new children's area ensure families are – literally - central to our Sunday mornings together and our worship, whilst a new control desk area will bring our tech team (thank you to them all!) down from the balcony and into the main body of the church where they can be more involved in the worship and where they are better placed for adjusting volume etc. We continue to broadcast our 9.30am service on YouTube, so that people can still attend our services where, for whatever reason, attendance at the building is not an option for them or where they just want to come and check us out before venturing through the church door. Much time goes into preparing the sound and vision in the run up to each Sunday – for the Youtube broadcast, and for the projection at both services; thank you to Steve, Connor, Simon and Val specifically for all their work with this.

As everyone will know, David and Susan are planning to retire and bring to an end their time of ministry in Silsden. After 12 years with us we will be very sorry to see them go – but now is not yet the time for the goodbyes and the farewells; that time will come in due course. The churchwardens and the PCC have, though, been preparing the ground for when the vacancy at St James finally arrives. Rev Mike Dean, our Area Dean, has been to see us to talk us through the process and we have had preliminary conversations about things like the 'Parish Profile'. The process that we have to go through when the vacancy arises will be shared with you. In the meantime David and Susan do, of course, remain committed to this church and our Parish and everything remains 'business as usual' for now.

As we can see with the heating situation, keeping our church buildings and plant maintained and improved takes a lot of doing and inevitably involves large expense. In the midst of that we also need to pay our way for the mission of our wider church (including the cost of our incumbent clergy). So thank you for all your giving – whether to the church generally or for its mission, or to specific projects such as Project 200+.

Thank you to everyone who has served our church over the last year - welcomers, readers, money counters, coffee teams, tech crew ,Parochial Church Council members, Deanery Synod representatives, our mission groups, the Home Group leaders, the Alpha Team, the, the weekly newssheet team and contributors, Deborah, our Parish Administrator and Treasurer, those who help at the work days, those who garden around church, those who clean, those who polish, those who produce and arrange the lovely flowers in church, those who change the altar cloths and the candles, our musicians, the Friends of the Graveyard, Rev Pat Smith for helping out by leading some of our services – and of course Rev David and Rev Susan.

There are of course so many people who serve in many other ways to make our church function – we thank God for everyone who contributes to all areas of our church ministry – and we say thank you to them.

We also thank you to Brian Goddard, our Deputy Churchwarden, for all his work with the David, Susan and ourselves as we have navigated our way through another very busy year.

We would like to conclude by referring to our church Vision – to be Jesus-shaped. What a vision that is for our church and for each of us personally as we strive to follow our Lord and become more like Him, and remind ourselves that God's mission to make new disciples (new followers) of Jesus and so know God, is entrusted to us.

Jayne and Neil

Safeguarding

St James Silsden has adopted the Church of England's Safeguarding policy, which is reviewed annually. We also have in place procedures for ensuring that this policy is applied in all parts of St James' work.

I am pleased to report that there have been no safeguarding incidents at St James in 2022.

Other Reports

CAMEO (Come And Meet Each Other)

During the last few months CAMEO (Come And Meet Each Other) has started to meet again on the First Tuesday of every month at The Old Post Office. The group is for all women who would like to meet for a coffee or tea (and sometimes lunch/cake) and a chat. We do not have an agenda – just conversation and friendship. We meet from 1.30pm and all are welcome. If you would like to join us then please do. We would love to see you.

For some time now we have also been thinking about having a CAMEO group which meets one evening each month giving those who are unavailable to meet in an afternoon the opportunity to join us. Is this something that you would like to see happening? We could vary the venue each month - perhaps going to a pub or restaurant for a drink, a coffee or even something to eat. If you think this is a good idea then please have a word with me.

Susan

Thursday Group

We meet in The Vicarage, on a Thursday afternoon, every two weeks. We begin at 2.00pm with Holy Communion, followed by a cup of tea and biscuits and a chat. We generally end our meeting at around 3.00pm/3.15pm.

Our group is open to everyone – both young and not so young - there is no upper or lower age limit!

If you would like to join us for Communion and for friendship then please do. We would love to see you.

And finally, a VERY BIG thank you to everyone who works hard to make this group possible - picking people up, dropping them off, making cups of tea.... I appreciate all that you do.

Why not come and join us. We look forward to seeing you there.

Best wishes,

Susan Griffiths

Bellringers

2022 was a bit busy on the bellringing front with ringing for three National events – the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee, the Queen’s Funeral and the Proclamation of King Charles III. We managed to ring for all these events and for most Sunday services during the year.

Deborah

Pastoral Care Group

We are looking to restart this group on a more regular/formal basis; as well as considering the possibility of reinstating the telephone calling we initiated during Covid. We are aware that several members of our congregation already visit various other members of our congregation on a weekly basis and it would be good to know more about your visits, (who you are visiting, how often etc.) as well as hearing of any ways in which we may be able to help.

If you have any information or know of anyone who is ill or would like a visit then please let Susan, David or Pat know.

Thank you.

Social Media

We continue to use social media to engage with our local population , to share events, messages and communications
We use 3 platforms Facebook, Instagram and Twitter

Instagram

We have 112 followers seeing our occasional photo posts - mainly for advertising events and occasions - coffee mornings, Christmas, Easter services etc.

Facebook

We have 521 followers on our main St James page (the administrators are Ali plus Helen)

We have a separate Facebook page for our Alpha course information, and Neil runs this page.

We post 2 - 3 times a week on our main Facebook page on average with eg details of services, events, news, mission information etc

We also follow and regularly share from other pages - e.g Silsden Buzz, Gala , Hive, Town Hall, Diocese, Church of England, our Archbishops, Clewer Initiative, TKC , Good Shepherd. We respond to comments or questions if appropriate e.g when is church open for individual prayer..

We share our posts to - Silsden Buzz (17k members) , Silsden and Steeton Whats On (1.2k members

Direct messages are responded to by the administrators - either answering question directly, signpost to our church website (e.g for bookings) or give the vicarage email or telephone numbers

Our most engaged with posts this year include - Christmas, Easter, Queens funeral notices

Twitter

Neil runs our Twitter account which is currently used for providing information about our church services and other events. This account also retweets (forwards) prayers and messages from the Church of England, and our Archbishops and bishops.

"ST. JAMES' CHURCH SILSDEN IS JESUS SHAPED"

We express this Vision using the 5 JSP themes as follows :-

1 PEOPLE

Becoming confident Christians, led by the Holy Spirit, enabled to show God's love to all people.

2 TEACHING

Knowing and understanding the Bible and learning about our faith from each other.

3 TEAM BUILDING

Encouraging everyone to be part of a world-wide community of Christians, with servant hearts and on a shared adventure.

4 PRAYER

Making prayer, for each of us, a central and natural conversation with God.

5 PROPHETIC CHALLENGE

Speaking out against injustice and acting to build God's kingdom.

Accounts

**St James Parish Church,
Silsden**

Our Vision

To be

Jesus Shaped

PEOPLE



PRAYER

TEACHING

TEAM
BUILDING

PROPHETIC
CHALLENGE

Annual Parochial Church
Meeting 2022
with reports for 2021
St James, Silsden,
3rd April 2022
10.30am
in the Church Hall

OUR MISSION PRAYER

God of Mission, who works on Earth through all those who love you, we pray for your Church here in Silsden. We pray for our fellowship here at St. James; that we may grow in faith and in the confidence to bring others to find your Son, our Lord Jesus and so to find You.

Send your Holy Spirit on us to bring vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, faith to our lives, hope to our community, and love to our hearts. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

St James PCC is Registered as a Charity with the Charity Commission – Charity Number 1180781 – Official Charity Name: *The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St James Silsden.*

St James the Great, Silsden

Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 3rd April 2022 at 1030am

Vestry Meeting

1. The meeting opens with prayer
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of last year's Vestry meeting
4. Appointment of tellers
5. Election of churchwardens
6. Archdeacon's Visitations

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

7. Minutes of last year's APCM
8. Matters arising
9. Reports – most of the required reports have been circulated in advance, allowing for summaries and questions
 - a) Incumbent
 - b) PCC Report
 - c) Mission Groups
 - i. Fabric Mission Group
 - ii. Social Mission Group
 - iii. Mission Group
 - iv. Worship Mission Group
 - d) Hon Treasurer presents Accounts and Financial Report
 - e) Adoption of accounts
 - f) Churchwardens' Report
 - g) Electoral Roll

- h) Safeguarding
- i) Other reports
 - i. CAMEO
 - ii. Thursday Group
 - iii. Bellringers
- 10. Elections
 - Parochial Church Council
 - Deanery Synod Rep
- 11. Appointment of independent examiner of accounts
- 12. Data Protection
- 13. Any other business
- 14. Date of next meeting
- 15. Closing prayers

Minutes of the 2021 Vestry Meeting and 2021 Annual Parochial Church Meeting held in person and via Zoom on Sunday 25 April 2021

Vestry Meeting

1. David Griffiths opened the meeting and welcomed both those in person in the hall and those joining via Zoom.
2. Apologies for absence were received from Sue Francis, Louise Outhwaite and Alison Loryman.
3. Minutes of the last meeting were approved.
Proposed Pam Rycroft, seconded Alison Rohatynski
4. Tellers – Not required
5. Election of Churchwardens:- Neil Whitaker and Jayne Robinson were appointed to serve as Churchwardens.
6. The Archdeacon's visitation will be on Zoom on 24 June at 7.30pm.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

7. Minutes of the last Annual Parochial Church Meeting were accepted. Proposed Helen Anderson, seconded Joanne Towers.
8. Matters Arising – None
9. Reports, these were pre-printed.

The reports were accepted as printed with no comments on the majority of the reports.

Mission Groups – thanks were given to the Chairs of the groups.

Adoption of Accounts – The accounts were accepted. Proposed Val Goddard, seconded Michael Wilkinson.

Electoral Roll- In 2021 there are 83 on the electoral roll with 7 being non residents.

Other Reports – Thanks were given to Revd Pat Smith for her work with the Mothers' Union. Thanks were

given to Alison Rohatynskj, Helen Anderson and Neil Whitaker for their work with our social media accounts.

10. Elections:

PCC: The following were elected to the PCC:- Leanne Newsome, Derek Smithson

11. Appointment of independent examiner of accounts: David thanked Bob Smith for his past work. He is willing to continue in the role.
12. Data Protection: Nothing to report.
13. There was no any other business.
14. Date of Next PCC meeting: 15 June 2021.
15. David closed the meeting with prayer.

2021 Reports and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of St James the Great, Silsden

St James' PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend David Griffiths, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the church and hall of St James the Great, Silsden.

VICAR'S REPORT for 2021

This year's resolution – "fail more and lean less" – trying new things and trusting God more!

If this is not very galvanic – I apologise but Covid has got me yesterday!

PRAYER

We will grow our prayer life at St James, making prayer for all of us a central and natural conversation with God.

Prayer is one of our vision priorities that we want to encourage and deepen this as a church and as individuals.

PRAYER GROUP – a weekly prayer meeting using Zoom has been seeing 3 - 6 people meeting for just 15 minutes - it works surprisingly well!

If you have not tried this please do as we want to see more of these small prayer groups coming into action and ask you to see this important aspect of our church

life improve. Zoom is a good medium and the short time means that it is focused.

Prayer courses have been run through our Home Groups this last year and have been well received.

TEACHING

We will work together to know and understand the Bible and to develop our faith in God.

Encouraging greater confidence as Christians is one of our vision priorities that we want to encourage and deepen as a church and as individuals.

WORKSHOPS - suspended - the future of our youth and children's work is uncertain and of some concern to me. A group of us are meeting with Ima Lomax from "The Kitchen Table Project" on Zoom on Thursday 5 May - if anyone wishes to join us to rethink the future please contact me.

HOME GROUPS - continue to enhance our church life and faith journey greatly and it has been a joy to learn of people trying things that they have never done before. We are very grateful to the leaders and hosts of the Home Groups for their service to us. The number of groups has been 3 this last year led by Neil, Val and Brian, Alison and Jayne [coming out of our Alpha 4 course] with a 4th one formed for Lent led by Rev. Pat Smith. These groups are part of our vision to build confident Christians and to develop new leaders. Thank you Lord and thank you for their leaders and hosts as they have "failed more and leaned less"!

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE - 9.30am - thank you to the Anderson crew for all the work they are putting in with the Wi-Fi in church and sorting the tech out that enables us to Stream this service. We are also committed to continue to Stream this service as part of our Mission. Indeed there will be a commitment to always, if possible, Stream all our Mission events and

church meetings. We are seeing some new faces here but also need to see some older faces return.

INFORMAL SERVICE - 11.00am - this has been running since last September. Val and Brian, and home group members and mission group members have joined the leading of this service. This is a development of the monthly Gathering that we had been running for four years before Covid hit. This has meant that our goal to offer this kind of service weekly has been achieved!

We are seeing some new faces. Val and Michael are running the Proclaim Worship Software which is taking some of the workload from the Andersons which is great - thank you.

We have been pushed into new ways of being church, using music and teaching resources more imaginatively and seeing more people "have a go" at 'breakout room' leading, prayers, bible reading which is great and provides pipelines for leadership training and experience - please let's have more!

As we begin to meet physically we are looking to keep this service as our focus to attract younger people to meet with Jesus and it will therefore remain in a state of some fluidity as we try new things that may or may not succeed. This may well be a combination of service delivery using Zoom and physical meetings, going outside the church building to help with community projects and having a service in a field!. It will mean experimenting with doing "church" differently - getting out of our church buildings and being 'church' in the community - getting behind community activities, already up and running, whose aims align with our Kingdom values - helping with the environment - beach clean ups, litter picks, greening initiatives - helping in the park and then holding a service outside for any to attend.

With the arrival of summer and an improvement in the Covid situation the above may happen!

ALPHA - We had our first ALPHA Course in 2019 - it was small but was very encouraging as we saw people touched by God and we were too! We have just begun our 6th. course a big thanks to Neil who has led this, Alison, Brian, Malcolm, Jacky, Mags, Michael, Susan and Jayne the hosts, and tech. support helpers.

Although this next item should be in the APCM Report for 2022 - 16 of us had a great Alpha Weekend at Scargill House in Kettlewell in February - our first residential time to look at The Holy Spirit - there was a unanimous response that we should do it again! So a big thanks to folks who came as guests and the hosts that led the week end and to the Scargill Community.

PROPHETIC CHALLENGE

We will help to make a fairer and sustainable world by speaking out against injustice and working to build God's kingdom.

Prophetic action and challenge is one of our vision priorities that we want to encourage and deepen as a church and as individuals.

FOOD BANK - Locally we continue to be involved with supporting the food bank at the Salvation Army in Keighley. Our local Co-Op store send their redundant fresh food and donated items to the Army via our church on Wednesdays. At the Vicarage we are keeping some food to hand out on behalf of CTIS [Churches Together in Silsden] to about 2 people. This situation is being monitored and discussions have taken place with Keighley Salvation Army about the possibility of us being a satellite food bank for them in Silsden.

PLASTIC - one of our vision objectives is environmental as we try to reduce our negative impact on the

environment. This has taken a real hit with all the PPE and plastic test kits BUT this remains one of our vision actions - please do what you can NOT to purchase excessive plastic - go for the paper and cardboard which will not last for 200 years and end up in our grandchildren's stomachs!

MODERN SLAVERY - we have made a start on this with Brian Gregory and the Mission Group's lead for which I am very grateful to Neil and the Mission Group. We will be getting better informed and acting to oppose this godless crime.

'PROJECT 200 +' - Jayne and Neil have touched on this and it was very exciting to watch long dreamed of, and worked for, works carried out in 2021 with Phase 3 - opening that beautiful oak hall door is an occasion not just a process! A big thanks to Brian, Derek and Malcolm without whom it would not have happened.

Sadly the Covid event has changed the whole grant funding world as well as so much more - so Phase 4 works will not be happening this year but hopefully next.

'PROJECT 300 +' - having served us and our community for 300 years our church building also needs modernising for the next 300 years and we are planning to do this but when we do not know. We are applying for a grant to carry out a stain glass window condition survey having seen that the East window has problems as we cleaned it this last summer.

Major works do need to be carried out, but, alas, that will be for a future Incumbent.

We will continue to improve our church with a larger 80 inch screen going in and a new Audio Visual desk for the tech. crew at ground level.

PEOPLE

We want to be confident Christians, led by the Holy Spirit, enabled to show God's love to all people and so bring change to the world.

SILSDEN'S GRAND JULY - Has not been meeting and there are no plans for any events this year. Although not a church group, Neil is Chair and Deborah is Treasurer. It is a great Ecumenical platform and has other community members with no church or religious affiliation.

QUEEN'S JUBILEE - We are working with the other community groups to celebrate 2 – 5th. June with, hopefully a street party in the Highstreet and a CTIS service of Thanksgiving in the bandstand on Sunday 5th.

SILSDEN'S GALA TEAM - There is only David on this committee at the moment and others from St. James and the other churches would be great. We are planning a full scale Gala this year with procession. Please consider joining this valuable community group.

SILSDEN EMERGENCY COMMITTEE - David is the rep. on this committee and needs to be replaced as we look to succession planning as he approaches retirement. This committee came out of the Silsden's 'Gasgate' in order to be better prepared for any town emergencies and has, with Brad. Met., prepared a plan and has resources stored at the Town Hall. We have met to plan and go through mock emergencies using Zoom. The committee has also done a great job offering a Telephone Help Line, Chat Service and practical assistance follow up when needed during the Covid pandemic.

CHRISTIAN AID COMMITTEE - This committee has joined with CTIS [Churches Together in Silsden] and the two groups have joint meetings on Zoom - activities have been limited but we have plans in place for Christian Aid Week next month.

PERSONAL GROWTH and LEADERSHIP COURSE - 12 of us have completed this diocesan course - the 3rd that we have attended. It is going well, is pretty intense, thought provoking and is helping us to be intentional, try new things - pushing our own, often self-imposed, limitations.

We need to attract and train new, younger leaders and that is part of our Vision 2022 aims.

Please consider coming on the next one which is in September 2022

GRAVEYARD RENOVATIONS - another unexpected area that could be part of our Mission. As we have built on Brad. Met's. work to stabilise the dangerous headstones in our graveyard by getting £15,000 of grants to resurrect fallen headstones; community members are responding positively. We have seen 6 + people turn up as FOG [Friends Of the Graveyard] to help work on the graveyard. Our Church Work Days join with The FOG as part of our Mission on the 2nd. Saturday of the month @ 10.00am - please come and join!

TEAM BUILDING

Encouraging everyone to help build a world-wide community of Christians, with servant hearts on a shared adventure.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL [PCC] - a big thanks to the outgoing PCC - it has been a very

challenging year and the technology challenge has divided church and some members of the PCC as the availability of Wi-Fi and the equipment and ability to employ platforms like Zoom meant that some people have lost out. I am sorry about this, we have tried to keep in meaningful contact with all of you – if I have failed – I am sorry – and ask that we apply ourselves in a new way to the future and the new challenges that now present themselves.

PCC MISSION GROUPS - These are composed of Mission Groups for Mission, Social, Fabric and Worship aspects of our church life and have been reorganised, meeting bi-monthly and have wider remits. Thank you to all the leaders of the Mission Groups - vacant - Worship; Deborah Thorley - Social; Neil Whitaker - Mission; and David leads the Fabric group at the moment.

THE CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SILSDEN [CTIS] - has been meeting on Zoom and now physically. Our Chair - Barbara Ayrton, Secretary - Pam Lloyd and Jayne Robinson and Treasurer - Pam Lloyd. We welcome Clare the new Methodist minister. Thank you to Jayne who is our church rep. If anyone else would like to be rep. with Jayne please contact Jayne or me.

We are getting behind the effort to get electricity into the Band Stand and Cenotaph to enhance what we can do there as CTIS and other community events.

THE PARISH SHARE - our part to the running costs of the Diocese was not paid in full for 2021. We paid £35000 towards the Share which was 63% of that requested. We were short by £. Thank you for your giving - if you can increase it please do as we are in "financially challenging" waters!

CHURCHWARDENS - we have been served this last year by Jayne and Neil and a big thank you to them. This has been further enhanced by Brian Goddard our Deputy Churchwarden - I have valued greatly their help during these challenging days. Neil has been fab at keeping up with the everchanging Covid rules and getting risk assessments sorted.

THE LEADERSHIP MISSION GROUP - has been a great blessing to as we meet for brief meetings from twice to once a week via Zoom. The team comes from, and is answerable to, the PCC. Its members are the Church Wardens Jayne and Neil, Deputy Church Warden, Brian, Val, Susan and myself.

PASTORAL CARE TEAM - a big thanks to all who have stepped up or put up with all the changes in this area of our church life. We have set up a communication system using emails with a Weekly Newssheet - thank you Deborah, Neil and Susan for this. We have also been sending out paper communications by hand monthly for those not on the internet - thank you to the delivery crew. We have also set up a pastoral "tree" where 1 person rings 6 others weekly to see how they are and there is a system to provide further assistance should it be needed.

On the community front David has made contact with areas of the town where more vulnerable people live and made contact with the key community people in those areas and has offered to be an avenue of assistance should it be required. This is reducing now but key relationships have been built up which will continue to be of value.

ADMINISTRATOR - A big thanks to Deborah our Administrator who is also our Treasurer, Safeguarding

Officer, Electoral Roll Officer, Bell Ringing Chief and is a great asset to us as she works at Diocesan HQ to!

MAINTENANCE - a big thanks to Avril our Cleaner, the Gardening crew, Brass Polishing team and flowers and church decoration crews.

Our church runs on all sorts of groups made up of you individuals giving your gifts back to God in service and I say a big **THANK YOU** to you all.

Love David

The Parochial Church Council (PCC)

2021 PROCEEDINGS OF THE PCC

The St James PCC

Clergy: - David Griffiths, Susan Griffiths

Deanery Reps: - Michael Wilkinson, Malcolm Hudson

Churchwardens:- Neil Whitaker (lay vice chair], Jayne Robinson (Secretary)

PCC Members:-

2019:- Deborah Thorley (Treasurer), Val Goddard, Brian Goddard (Deputy Churchwarden)

2020:- Steve Anderson, Connor Anderson, Joanne Towers

2021:- Derek Smithson, Leanne Newsome

The PCC meet monthly via Zoom

A big thank you to all the PCC members as there is a lot to consider these days from policies of all sorts to buildings and building God's Kingdom through it all - please thank them yourselves and pray for them.

Chair - David Griffiths

Mission Groups

FABRIC MISSION GROUP

See notes in vicar's report.

PROJECT 200 +

We have achieved another milestone with Project 200+ this year with the delivery of Phase 3. Enoch Harrison and Son Ltd have been very busy over the Summer to complete the works during the Pied Piper school holiday.

We are extremely grateful to all our funders who have generously supported us and enabled us to progress the scheme:



- The National Lottery Community Fund who awarded us a grant of £96,725 to modernise the hall entrance, replace the hall toilets and lay a new floor in the hall.
- The Bernard Sunley Foundation who gave us £15,000 for the conversion of the old Scout store into a toilet for the church.
- All the multiple gifts and donations which have been kindly donated, and which have enabled us to undertake all these works and give the church vestry a much needed refurbishment.

Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, it has not been possible to hold fund raising events this year, but it is hoped the improving situation will allow these to restart in 2022 because there are further works needed to complete the modernisation of the hall.

Phase 4 is planned for Summer 2023 when we hope to have finance available to remove the suspended ceiling, insulate the roof, replace the electrics, renew windows and radiators and redecorate. We have

already received a grant of £6,000 from the Allchurches Trust and a pledge for £20,000 from the Garfield Weston Foundation. We are approaching other potential funders to raise the £70,000 required, but please keep your gifts and donations coming to help us move forward with this next phase as soon as possible.

Thank you for your faithfulness and support so far.

Brian Goddard

SOCIAL MISSION GROUP

The social mission group are:- Deborah Thorley (chair), Joanne Towers, Louise Outhwaite, Leanne Newsome, Mags Croft, Alison Rohatynskyj and Jackie Hudson.

We were very disappointed that we were not able to have any events in 2021 but we are now planning for some in 2022. Our remit is to look at both the social side of our church life and to raise funds for all projects. If you have any ideas, then please do let us know.

Chair – Deborah Thorley

MISSION GROUP

A definition of 'Mission': working to bring about God's Kingdom and telling through our words and our lives the good news of Jesus Christ to everyone.

The Mission Group has met regularly since our last APCM (April 2021).

Our remit is:

- to concentrate on our Church's outreach in terms of the sharing of our faith in Christ and how that is illustrated and lived out, by us, in the world.

- to do this by thinking about how we
 - project a faith that is real
 - work with the other mission groups to pursue the aim of welcome and hospitality from our church
 - promote positive relations between people across our community
 - stay authentic – through: prophetic challenge; being radical and inspiring; promoting local social justice; and by encouraging us all to be (even) more passionate about Jesus.

Much of our work has involved learning about modern day slavery and how it is an evil which exists in our communities. We have looked at a lot of information and come up with what we consider are the best sources of that information (such as Unseen UK). For resources we continue to look to the Clewer Initiative - the national work of the Church of England to combat modern slavery

We want to inform people – you and our wider community – about modern day slavery; then decide what we can and should do in response.

We are still at the informing stage – as we learn and then start to share what we learn through eg our newssheet, and when the Mission Group led the 11am service on 6 February.

In the near future we hope to organise an information event in our church hall – aimed at, not only our church, but the wider Silsden community.

We have also considered, and continue to consider, our church's mission and outreach – thinking about ways of making our church more visible, how to build on our Christingle services outreach, Alpha, and the elements of our revised Vision which concern Mission, and which therefore need taking forward.

Our thanks to Helen and Alison who look after our social media.

A prayer from the Diocese of Oxford:

God of love,

The sea is so great and our boat is so small.

Inspire your church as we put out into deep water,

Help us to be contemplative, compassionate and courageous in your mission,

Guide us by your Spirit to discover where you are working,

Help us to join in the building of your kingdom

and anoint us afresh to make disciples of all ages in your name

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who calls us and sends us

With you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever.

Amen

Please let us have your ideas for mission at St James and please do consider joining the Mission Group

Alison, Jayne, Joanna, Louise, Neil and Paul

WORSHIP MISSION GROUP

See vicar's report about revised service times.

Financial Review 2021

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £63607.67. Planned giving gave us £29371.50, and £7329.58 was claimed as Gift Aid from this, some donations and by the small donations scheme. £13205.00 came into

general funds from church hall lettings. Details of all the income strands is given in the full accounts.

Total receipts on restricted funds were £27756.54. This included £15000 from the Bernard Sunley Trust for Project 200+.

In 2021 we paid £35000 towards the Share requested by the Diocese – this was 63% of the request. We carried out a number of repair works to the church and continued work on improving the churchyard and making memorials safe (£12038.56 from unrestricted income and £17453.66).

Full details of all expenditure can be found in the full accounts.

Reserves Policy

It is the PCC policy to hold at least £1,000 in the unrestricted funds at the end of the year. At the end of 2021 there was £4775.69 held in unrestricted reserves., some of this has been allocated to pay for further repairs to the vestry roof.

2021 has been again been a difficult year. I say a big thank you to everyone who has continued to give to the work of the church.

Can I please ask that if you give to the church by cheque that you write it out to **Silsden Parish Church PCC**. If not, the bank will reject it.

Deborah

Bank – Barclays Bank

Independent Examiner – Bob Smith, Lower Park Green, Silsden

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of St James' PCC

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ending 31 December 2021 which are set out on the following pages.

The church's trustees (the PCC) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts (delegated responsibility to the PCC Treasurer). The PCC consider that an independent examination of the accounts is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011)
- To follow the general procedures laid out in section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act
- 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 procedures of the 2011 Act (as explained in the PCC Accountability booklet 5th edition). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records.

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, attention should be drawn in order to enable proper understating of the accounts to be reached.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021							
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS							
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2021	Restricted Funds 2021	TOTAL 2021	Unrestricted Funds 2020	Restricted Funds 2020	TOTAL 2020
RECEIPTS							
Voluntary Receipts							
Planned giving		29371.50		29371.50	28156.30		28156.30
Collections		4924.36		4924.36	3912.17		3912.17
All other giving	5a	4596.57	4948.38	9544.95	6624.71	7365.56	13990.27
Project 200+			22121.91	22121.91		7126.73	7126.73
Gift Aid recovered		7329.58	686.25	8015.83	8314.66	766.52	9081.18
		46222.01	27756.54	73978.55	47007.84	15258.81	62266.65
Activities for Generating Funds							
	5b	13685.00		13685.00	11476.13		11476.13
Investment Income							
	5c	1586.84	4.17	1591.01	1532.31	44.89	1577.20
Church Activities							
		2070.00		2070.00	1656.00		1656.00
Other							
		43.82		43.82	182.50		182.50
Total Receipts		63607.67	27760.71	91368.38	61854.78	15303.70	77158.48
PAYMENTS							
Church Activities							
Diocesan share		35000.00		35000.00	35000.00		35000.00
Clergy and staffing costs	5d	5151.64		5151.64	6714.67		6714.67
Church and Hall running expenses	5e	8775.24		8775.24	9097.98		9097.98
Church and Hall repairs and maintenance	5f	12038.56	17453.66	29492.22	9606.38	2679.73	12286.11
Project 200+	5g		7777.92	7777.92		11290.31	11290.31
Mission giving	5h			0.00	50.00		50.00
Other							
		20.00		20.00	82.80		82.80
Total Payments		60985.44	25231.58	86217.02	60551.83	13970.04	74521.87
Excess of Receipts over Payments		2622.23	2529.13	5151.36	1302.95	1333.66	2636.61
Cash in bank and in hand at 1 January		2153.46	18227.98	20381.44	850.51	16894.32	17744.83
Cash in bank and in hand at 31 December		4775.69	20757.11	25532.80	2153.46	18227.98	20381.44

5. Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments							
		Unrestricted Funds 2021	Restrtd Funds 2021	TOTAL 2021	Unrestricted Funds 2020	Restrtd Funds 2020	TOTAL 2020
	RECEIPTS						
a	All other giving						
	Donations	4596.57	3105.15	7701.72	2793.46	6248.00	9041.46
	VAT reclaim		1843.23	1843.23		0.00	0.00
	Project 200+(z)		22121.91	22121.91		7126.73	7126.73
	Legacy			0.00		1117.56	1117.56
	Gift Week (*)			0.00	3831.25		3831.25
		4596.57	27070.29	31666.86	6624.71	14492.29	21117.00
b	Activities for generating funds						
	Church hall lettings	13205.00		13205.00	11382.78		11382.78
	Saturday/Sunday Coffee	476.00		476.00	86.40		86.40
	Autumn Fair			0.00	0.00		0.00
	Cards	4.00		4.00	6.95		6.95
		13685.00		13685.00	11476.13		11476.13
c	Investment income						
	CBF dividends	1586.84		1586.84	1532.31		1532.31
	CCLA fund interest		4.17	4.17		44.89	44.89
d	PAYMENTS						
	Clergy and staffing costs						
	Clergy expenses	2233.84		2233.84	2060.47		2060.47
	Organist	150.00		150.00	400.00		400.00
	Cleaner	2275.00		2275.00	3515.00		3515.00
	Administrator	492.80		492.80	739.20		739.20
		5151.64		5151.64	6714.67		6714.67
e	Church and hall running expenses						
	Gas	2306.47		2306.47	2202.84		2202.84
	Electricity	1315.64		1315.64	1146.41		1146.41
	Water	325.39		325.39	355.30		355.30
	Insurance	2118.70		2118.70	2091.41		2091.41
	Organ tuning	170.00		170.00	160.00		160.00
	Children's work	0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00
	Pastoral work	0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00
	Service consumables	108.45		108.45	129.37		129.37
	Cleaning materials	525.97		525.97	1128.57		1128.57
	Printing, stationery and web	1260.04		1260.04	1245.83		1245.83
	Music etc licences	644.58		644.58	638.25		638.25
		8775.24		8775.24	9097.98		9097.98
f	Church and hall repairs and maintenance						
	General	12038.56	17453.66	29492.22	9606.38	2679.73	12286.11
g	Project 200+		7777.92	7777.92		11290.31	11290.31
h	Mission Giving						
	CTIS	0.000		0.00	50.00		50.00
	British Legion	0.000		0.00	0.00		0.00
		0.000		0.00	50.00		50.00
	2020(z) £766.52 Gift Aid claimed for Project 200+ included in Gift Aid reclaim figures						
	2020(*) £590 Gift Aid claimed for Gift Week included in Gift Aid reclaim figures						

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Where the money is		
	01/01/ 2021	31/ 12/ 2021
Current account		
Unrestricted funds	2083.75	4705.98
Restricted funds	4691.64	572.61
Project 200+	0.00	0.00
DBF fees	0.00	211.00
Charity Money	108.50	108.50
Parish Weekend	1134.00	1134.00
CTIS Electricity	0.00	516.87
Stonemason	0.00	197.00
Alpha Weekend	0.00	-360.00
Total	8017.89	7085.96
Petty Cash	69.71	69.71
Hall account		
Flower Guild	192.26	192.26
Project 200+	2919.88	17263.87
Total	3112.14	17456.13
CCLA account		
Restricted funds	10616.46	2920.63

Statement of Assets and Liabilities						
	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL 2021	TOTAL 2020
		£	£	£		
Cash Funds						
Bank current account		4705.98	572.61	0.00	5278.59	6775.39
CCLA account		0.00	2920.63	0.00	2920.63	10616.46
Churchwarden's Petty Cash		69.71	0.00	0.00	69.71	69.71
Hall account		0.00	17263.87	0.00	17263.87	2919.88
		4775.69	20757.11	0.00	25532.80	20381.44
Investment Assets						
Investment fund shares at market value		£62,442.49				

Churchwardens' Report

Jayne was elected Churchwarden at last year's APCM, where Neil was re-elected. It is a privilege for us to be able to serve in this way.

By the time last year's APCM was held the church building had been reopened after another long closure in the first quarter of 2021 as the Covid virus resurged. The ongoing presence of this virus has meant we have spent quite a bit of time during the last year working with David and Susan to keep on top of the Church of England's guidance, keeping risk assessments up to date and monitoring the Government regulations to make sure we were compliant. We are grateful to the Diocese and the Church of England generally for their help and guidance throughout the Covid crisis.

Over the Summer we refined some of the detail of our church's Vision (it remains our Vision that we want to be 'Jesus Shaped'). It was invigorating to have a look at our Vision again, to fine-tune our priorities and to come up with an updated list of areas for our church to make progress with.

The Summer also saw the carrying out and completion of our Phase 3 works for Project 200+ and also the installation of the new toilet at the back of church. We are grateful to (and thank God for) the Lottery Community Fund grant we received for the works to the

Hall, and the Bernard Sunley Foundation grant we received towards the works to create the new toilet at the back of church. We are very pleased with the result and we are grateful to the building contractor for the works. We are, though, particularly grateful to Brian Goddard, Derek Smithson and Rev David for their hours of work in getting these projects to a conclusion.

It is good to see the use of the Hall coming back after the pandemic, with different groups being able to meet again.

We need to raise funds for Phase 4 of the Hall (there are a series of windows in particular which are in serious disrepair) and during the last 12 months we have had works done to ancillary roofs (not the main roof) to the church building, sorted out a problem drain and stopped some movement in a non-structural wall. Thank you to Rev David for his tenacity with these works and to Malcolm Hudson for his expert advice.

Thank you for all your giving – whether to the church generally or to specific projects such as Project 200+.

It was good to be able to fully open the building in September, as we continued with two Sunday morning services, and it has been good to be able to welcome back, not only our whole congregation, but also our bellringers and Chris Brook our organist – it is great to be able to hear our church bells and our church organ again. It is also wonderful to meet for coffee again on Sunday mornings (albeit with a Covid break across the turn of the year).

This all means we have rotas back up and running again – with welcomers, readers, money counters, coffee teams, tech crew etc. Thank you to everyone who serves in this way. Thank you also to everyone who serves our church and community in other ways too – our Parochial Church Council members, those on our mission groups, the Home Groups, the Alpha Team, the Bible Course team, the weekly newssheet team and

contributors, Rev Pat Smith for helping out by leading some of our services – and of course Rev David and Rev Susan.

We are grateful that we could acquire a TV screen for the church, and it has worked well in improving the quality of the projection at our services. We are also continuing to broadcast our 9.30am service on YouTube, so that people can still attend our services where, for whatever reason, attendance at the building is not an option for them. Much time goes into preparing the sound and vision in the run up to each Sunday; thank you to Steve, Connor, Simon and Val specifically for all their work with this.

Continuing with the thank yous, there are of course are so many people who serve in many other ways to make our church function – church administration and finances are very important necessities, whilst pastoral care, spreading God's love within our community and constant prayer are also important parts of a dynamic church. Then there are those who help at the work days, those who garden around church, those who clean, those who polish, those who produce and arrange the lovely flowers in church, the Friends of the Graveyard – the list goes on. We thank God for everyone who contributes to all areas of our church ministry – and we say thank you to them.

We would like also to thank Brian Goddard, our Deputy Churchwarden, for all his work with the David, Susan and ourselves as we have navigated our way through another unpredictable year.

There is a lot going on at St James Church! We feel the Holy Spirit in action in our church and we couldn't be the active church we are without everything you all do too, in and for our church. Thank you.

Jayne and Neil

Safeguarding

St James Silsden has adopted the Church of England's Safeguarding policy, which is reviewed annually. We also have in place procedures for ensuring that this policy is applied in all parts of St James' work.

I am pleased to report that there have been no safeguarding incidents at St James in 2021.

Other Reports

CAMEO (Come And Meet Each Other)

Unfortunately, this group has not met since the start of the Covid Pandemic. We used to meet once a month in one of our local cafes for a coffee and a chat. It would be good to get this going again. If this is something that you are interested in joining, or returning to, then please let me know and we can hopefully make it happen. We used to meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 1.30pm. Is this still a good time for everyone?

Also, just before the pandemic started we were thinking of starting a second group - meeting once a month at a local pub in an evening - maybe moving from venue to venue each time. This would give those among us who are not available during the day the chance to meet together for a drink and a chat. Is this still something that you would like to think about starting? If so, please let me know.

I look forward to hearing from some of you and hopefully starting / restarting our CAMEO adventures.

With love, Susan

Thursday Group

This is (or was) our fortnightly Communion service held at 2pm at The Vicarage.

It is a small and welcoming group who meet together to share in a service of Holy Communion followed by a cup of tea and some biscuits. Sadly, during the Covid times we have been unable to meet but we are missing each other and now are now hoping and planning to restart this again at the end of March. If you would like to join us then we would love to see you. We can provide lifts for those who need them. Please have a word with me if you would like to know more. Looking forward to getting together again.

With love, Susan

Bellringers

We held an open day on 1 August 2021 on Yorkshire Day as part of the organised events by the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers to recruit new ringers. We were successful and recruited one new ringer and informed others of what we do.

We have been ringing on Monday afternoons during winter (it is a much nicer time than a cold dark Thursday evening) and have rung between the two Sunday services at 9.30am.

We will review ringing times again to suit the ringers, so if anyone wants to join please do talk to me.

Deborah

"ST. JAMES' CHURCH SILSDEN IS JESUS SHAPED"

We express this Vision using the 5 JSP themes as follows :-

1 PEOPLE

Becoming confident Christians, led by the Holy

Spirit, enabled to show God's love to all people.

2 TEACHING

Knowing and understanding the Bible and

learning about our faith from each other.

3 TEAM BUILDING

Encouraging everyone to be part of a world-wide

community of Christians, with servant hearts and

on a shared adventure.

4 PRAYER

Making prayer, for each of us, a central and

natural conversation with God.

5 PROPHEMIC CHALLENGE

**Speaking out against injustice and
acting to build
God's kingdom.**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2021	Restricted Funds 2021	TOTAL2021	Unrestricted Funds 2020	Restricted Funds 2020	TOTAL 2020
RECEIPTS							
Voluntary Receipts							
Planned giving		29371.50		29371.50	28156.30		28156.30
Collections		4924.36		4924.36	3912.17		3912.17
All other giving	5a	4596.57	4948.38	9544.95	6624.71	7365.56	13990.27
Project 200+			22121.91	22121.91		7126.73	7126.73
Gift Aid recovered		7329.58	686.25	8015.83	8314.66	766.52	9081.18
		46222.01	27756.54	73978.55	47007.84	15258.81	62266.65
Activities for Generating Funds							
	5b	13685.00		13685.00	11476.13		11476.13
Investment Income							
	5c	1586.84	4.17	1591.01	1532.31	44.89	1577.20
Church Activities							
		2070.00		2070.00	1656.00		1656.00
Other							
		43.82		43.82	182.50		182.50
Total Receipts							
		63607.67	27760.71	91368.38	61854.78	15303.70	77158.48
PAYMENTS							
Church Activities							
Diocesan share		35000.00		35000.00	35000.00		35000.00
Clergy and staffing costs	5d	5151.64		5151.64	6714.67		6714.67
Church and Hall running expenses	5e	8775.24		8775.24	9097.98		9097.98
Church and Hall repairs and maintenance	5f	12038.56	17453.66	29492.22	9606.38	2679.73	12286.11
Project 200+	5g		7777.92	7777.92		11290.31	11290.31
Mission giving	5h			0.00	50.00		50.00
Other							
		20.00		20.00	82.80		82.80
Total Payments							
		60985.44	25231.58	86217.02	60551.83	13970.04	74521.87
Excess of Receipts over Payments							
		2622.23	2529.13	5151.36	1302.95	1333.66	2636.61
Cash in bank and in hand at 1 January							
		2153.46	18227.98	20381.44	850.51	16894.32	17744.83
Cash in bank and in hand at 31 December							
		4775.69	20757.11	25532.80	2153.46	18227.98	20381.44

5. Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted Funds 2021	Restrictd Funds 2021	TOTAL 2021	Unrestricted Funds 2020	Restrictd Funds 2020	TOTAL 2020
a						
RECEIPTS						
All other giving						
Donations	4596.57	3105.15	7701.72	2793.46	6248.00	9041.46
VAT reclaim		1843.23	1843.23		0.00	0.00
Project 200+ (z)		22121.91	22121.91		7126.73	7126.73
Legacy			0.00		1117.56	1117.56
Gift Week (*)			0.00	3831.25		3831.25
	4596.57	27070.29	31666.86	6624.71	14492.29	21117.00
b						
Activities for generating funds						
Church hall lettings	13205.00		13205.00	11382.78		11382.78
Saturday/Sunday Coffee	476.00		476.00	86.40		86.40
Autumn Fair			0.00	0.00		0.00
Cards	4.00		4.00	6.95		6.95
	13685.00		13685.00	11476.13		11476.13
c						
Investment income						
CBF dividends	1586.84		1586.84	1532.31		1532.31
CCLA fund interest		4.17	4.17		44.89	44.89
d						
PAYMENTS						
Clergy and staffing costs						
Clergy expenses	2233.84		2233.84	2060.47		2060.47
Organist	150.00		150.00	400.00		400.00
Cleaner	2275.00		2275.00	3515.00		3515.00
Administrator	492.80		492.80	739.20		739.200
	5151.64		5151.64	6714.67		6714.67
e						
Church and hall running expenses						
Gas	2306.47		2306.47	2202.84		2202.84
Electricity	1315.64		1315.64	1146.41		1146.41
Water	325.39		325.39	355.30		355.30
Insurance	2118.70		2118.70	2091.41		2091.41
Organ tuning	170.00		170.00	160.00		160.00
Children's work	0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00
Pastoral work	0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00
Service consumables	108.45		108.45	129.37		129.37
Cleaning materials	525.97		525.97	1128.57		1128.57
Printing, stationery and web	1260.04		1260.04	1245.83		1245.83
Music etc licences	644.58		644.58	638.25		638.25
	8775.24		8775.24	9097.98		9097.98
f						
Church and hall repairs and maintenance						
General	12038.56	17453.66	29492.22	9606.38	2679.73	12286.11
g						
Project 200+		7777.92	7777.92		11290.31	11290.31
h						
Mission Giving						
CTIS	0.000		0.00	50.00		50.00
British Legion	0.000		0.00	0.00		0.00
	0.000		0.00	50.00		50.00

2020(z) £766.52 Gift Aid claimed for Project 200+ included in Gift Aid reclaim figures
2020(*) £590 Gift Aid claimed for Gift Week included in Gift Aid reclaim figures

Notes

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been produced in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis
2. Fixed assets retained for church use are the access to the church hall car park
3. The movements in designated and restricted funds during the year were:

	Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Bal c/fwd
Designated				
Utility fees	932.00	275.00	0.00	1207.00
Restrctied				
Gates	1092.10			1092.10
Churchyard	8355.57		8355.57	0.00
Electrical works	6.25			6.25
Tower works	6.25			6.25
General projects	3902.85	1843.23	5746.08	0.00
Boiler	74.76		74.76	0.00
Project 200+	2919.88	22121.91	7777.92	17263.87
Interest	207.95	4.17		212.12
Flag	56.20	110.00		166.20
Vicar's Fund	1051.16			1051.16
Live Streaming	555.01			555.01
Roof Repairs	0.00	2341.25	2341.25	0.00
Clock	0.00	1200.15	796.00	404.15
Drains	0.00	140.00	140.00	0.00
	18227.98	27760.71	25231.58	20757.11

Where the money is

	01/01/2021	12/31/2021
Current account		
Unrestrcited funds	2083.75	4705.98
Restrcited funds	4691.64	572.61
Project 200+	0.00	0.00
DBF fees	0.00	211.00
Charity Money	108.50	108.50
Parish Weekend	1134.00	1134.00
CTIS Electricity	0.00	516.87
Stonemason	0.00	197.00
Alpha Weekend	0.00	-360.00
Total	8017.89	7085.96
 Petty Cash	 69.71	 69.71
 Hall account		
Flower Guild	192.26	192.26
Project 200+	2919.88	17263.87
Total	3112.14	17456.13
 CCLA account		
Restricted funds	10616.46	2920.63

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2021	TOTAL 2020
Cash Funds						
Bank current account		4705.98	572.61	0.00	5278.59	6775.39
CCLA account		0.00	2920.63	0.00	2920.63	10616.46
Churchwarden's Petty Cash		69.71	0.00	0.00	69.71	69.71
Hall account		0.00	17263.87	0.00	17263.87	2919.88
		4775.69	20757.11	0.00	25532.80	20381.44
Investment Assets						
Investment fund shares at market value		£62,442.49				

	In	Out	In hand
fees other		780	780 0
fees dbf		464	253 211
Stonemason		869	672 197
Alpha Weekend		350	710 -360

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of St James' PCC

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ending 31 December 2021 which are set out on the following pages.

The church's trustees (the PCC) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts (delegated responsibility to the PCC Treasurer). The PCC consider that an independent examination of the accounts is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011)
- To follow the general procedures laid out in section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act
- 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 procedures of the 2011 Act (as explained in the PCC Accountability booklet 5th edition). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records.

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, attention should be drawn in order to enable proper understating of the accounts to be reached.

Name: ROBERT SMITH 

Date: 14/03/22

Address: 34, LOWER PARK GREEN, SILSDEN, WEST YORKSHIRE
BD20 9QE.

Accounts

**St James Parish Church,
Silsden**

Our Vision

**To be a
Jesus Shaped
Church**

PEOPLE



PRAYER

TEACHING

TEAM
BUILDING

PROPHETIC
CHALLENGE

Annual Parochial Church
Meeting 2021
with reports for 2020
St James, Silsden,
25th April 2021
12.15
in the Church Hall or via Zoom

OUR MISSION PRAYER

God of Mission, who alone brings growth to your Church, we pray for your Church here in Silsden. We pray for our fellowship here at St. James; that we may grow in number and in faith. Send your Holy Spirit on us to bring vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, faith to our lives, hope to our community, and love to our hearts. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

St James PCC is Registered as a Charity with the Charity Commission – Charity Number 1180781 – Official Charity Name: *The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St James Silsden.*

St James the Great, Silsden

Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 25th April 2021 at 12.15pm

Vestry Meeting

1. The meeting opens with prayer
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of last year's Vestry meeting
4. Appointment of tellers
5. Election of churchwardens
6. Archdeacon's Visitations

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

7. Minutes of last year's APCM
8. Matters arising
9. Reports – most of the required reports have been circulated in advance, allowing for summaries and questions
 - a) Incumbent
 - b) PCC Report
 - c) Mission Groups
 - i. Fabric Mission Group
 - ii. Social Mission Group
 - iii. Mission Group
 - iv. Worship Mission Group
 - d) Deanery Synod Report
 - e) Hon Treasurer presents Accounts and Financial Report
 - f) Adoption of accounts
 - g) Churchwardens' Report

- h) Electoral Roll
- i) Safeguarding
- j) Other reports
 - i. Mother's Union
 - ii. Nursing and residential homes
 - iii. Prayer Group
 - iv. Social Media
- 10. Elections
 - Parochial Church Council
- 11. Appointment of independent examiner of accounts
- 12. Data Protection
- 13. Any other business
- 14. Date of next meeting
- 15. Closing prayers

Minutes of the 2020 Vestry Meeting and 2020 Annual Parochial Church Meeting held in person and via Zoom on Sunday 18 October 2020

Vestry Meeting

1. David Griffiths opened the meeting and welcomed both those in person in the hall and those joining via Zoom.
2. There were no apologies for absence.
3. Minutes of the last meeting were approved.
Proposed Steve Anderson, seconded Alison Rohatynskj
4. Tellers – Not required
5. Election of Churchwardens:- Neil Whitaker was appointed to serve as Churchwarden.
6. There will be no Archdeacon's visitations this year.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

7. Minutes of the last Annual Parochial Church Meeting were accepted. Proposed Pam Rycroft, seconded Jayne Robinson.
8. Matters Arising – None
9. Reports, these were pre-printed.

The reports were accepted as printed with no comments on the majority of the reports.

Adoption of Accounts – The accounts were accepted.
Proposed Deborah Thorley, seconded Neil Whitaker.

Electoral Roll- In 2020 there are 86 on the electoral roll with 7 being non residents.

10. Elections:

PCC: The following were elected to the PCC:- Connor Anderson, Steve Anderson and Joanne Towers

Deanery Synod: Michael Wilkinson and Malcolm Hudson were elected.

Welcomers/Sides: No new welcomers were elected.

Electoral Roll Officer: Deborah Thorley was elected.

11. Appointment of independent examiner of accounts: David thanked Bob Smith for his past work. He is willing to continue in the role.
12. Data Protection: Neil spoke to the meeting stressing the importance of Data Protection. Members need to be vigilant and not give out private information without the persons' knowledge
13. There was no any other business.
14. Date of Next PCC meeting: 8th December.
15. David closed the meeting with prayer.

2020 Reports and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of St James the Great, Silsden

St James' PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend David Griffiths, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the church and hall of St James the Great, Silsden.

VICAR'S REPORT for 2020

**In line with our New Year's church resolution
"let's fail more in 2021" because we are trying
more new things!**

PRAYER

**Making prayer, for each of us, a central and
natural
conversation with God.**

Prayer is one of our vision priorities that we want to encourage and deepen this as a church and as individuals.

Prayer group - this has not been meeting physically monthly as it did previously but a weekly prayer meeting using Zoom has been seeing 3 - 6 people meeting for just 15 minutes - it works surprisingly well! I want to see more of these small prayer groups coming into action and ask you to see this important aspect of our church life improve.

A prayer course for the church is planned for later in the year.

TEACHING

Knowing and understanding the Bible and learning about our faith from each other.

Encouraging greater confidence as Christians is one of our vision priorities that we want to encourage and deepen as a church and as individuals.

Workshops - suspended - the future of our youth work is uncertain and of some concern to me. I hope that we can restart the Gaming Day that we began last year as one expression of our Mission to younger people.

Home Groups - continue to enhance our church life and faith journey greatly and it has been a joy to learn of people trying things that they have never done before. We are very grateful to the leaders and hosts of the Home Groups for their service to us. The number of groups has been 2 this last year led by Neil and John, Val and Brian. We have launched a 3rd group coming out of our Alpha 4 course led by Alison Loryman and Jayne Robinson. We are looking to launch a 4th Home Group to meet during the day. These groups are part of our vision to build confident Christians and to develop new leaders. Thank you Lord!

Sunday Gathering - 10.30am - this has been running now for 4.5 years and Val and Brian, and home group members have joined the leading of this service on Zoom. This has meant that our goal to offer this service weekly has been achieved! Numbers of people attending have fallen and we have not seen many new faces. However, we have seen some and for 1 person they have yet to come to a physical church service.

We have been pushed into new ways of being church, using music and teaching resources more imaginatively and seeing more people "have a go" at 'breakout room' leading, prayers, bible reading which is great and provides pipelines for leadership training and experience.

As we begin to meet physically we are looking to keep this service as our focus to attract younger people to meet with Jesus and it will therefore remain in a state of some fluidity as we try new things that may or may not succeed. This may well be a combination of service delivery using Zoom and physical meetings. It will mean experimenting with doing "church" differently - getting out of our church buildings and being 'church' in the community - getting behind community activities, already up and running, whose aims align with our Kingdom values - helping with the environment - beach clean ups, litter picks, greening initiatives - helping in the park and then holding a service outside for any to attend.

Holy Communion Service - 9.30am - thank you to the Anderson crew for all the work they are putting in with the Wi-Fi in church and hall and sorting the tech out that enables us to Zoom and Stream this service. As we begin to meet physically again we are also committed to continue to Stream and Zoom this service as part of our Mission. Indeed there will be a commitment to always, if possible, Stream and Zoom all our Mission events and church meetings.

Alpha- We had our first ALPHA Course in 2019 - it was small but was very encouraging as we saw people touched by God and we were too! We have just finished our 4th. course and are running a 5th in autumn of this [2021] year. Thanks to Neil who has led this, Alison, Brian, Malcolm, Michael and Jayne the discussion leaders, and tech. support helpers.

PROPHETIC CHALLENGE

**Speaking out against injustice and acting to build
God's Kingdom.**

Prophetic action and challenge is one of our vision priorities that we want to encourage and deepen as a church and as individuals.

Food Bank - Locally we continue to be involved with supporting the food bank at the Salvation Army in Keighley. Our local Co-Op and Aldi stores send their redundant fresh food and donated items to the Army via our church on Wednesdays. At the Vicarage we are keeping some food to hand out on behalf of CTIS [Churches Together in Silsden] to about 6 people. This situation is being monitored and discussions have taken place with Keighley Salvation Army about the possibility of us being a satellite food bank for them in Silsden.

Plastic - one of our vision objectives is environmental as we try to reduce our negative impact on the environment. This has taken a real hit with all the PPE and plastic test kits BUT this remains one of our vision actions - please do what you can NOT to purchase excessive plastic - go for the paper and cardboard which will not last for 200 years and end up in our grandchildren's stomachs!

Modern Slavery - we have made a start on this with Brian Gregory and the Mission Group's lead. We will be getting better informed and acting to oppose this godless crime.

'PROJECT 200 +' - See the Fabric Mission Group report.

'PROJECT 300 +' - having served us and our community for 300 years our church building also needs modernising for the next 300 years and we are planning to do this but when we do not know. We are applying for a grant to carry out a stain glass window condition survey having seen that the East window has problems as we cleaned it this last summer.

PEOPLE

Becoming confident Christians, led by the Holy Spirit, enabled to show God's love to all people.

SILSDEN'S GRAND JULY - Has not been meeting and there are no plans for any events this year. Although not a church group, Neil is Chair and Deborah is Treasurer. It is a great Ecumenical platform and has other community members with no church or religious affiliation.

SILSDEN'S GALA TEAM - There is only David on this committee at the moment and others from St. James and the other churches would be great. We are planning a modest Gala this year with no procession but are staying "light on our organisational feet"!

SILSDEN EMERGENCY COMMITTEE - David is the rep. on this committee and needs to be replaced as we look to succession planning as he approaches retirement. This committee came out of the Silsden's 'Gasgate' in order to be better prepared for any town emergencies and has, with Brad. Met., prepared a plan and has resources stored at the Town Hall. We have met to plan and go through mock emergencies using Zoom. The committee has also done a great job offering a Telephone Help Line, Chat Service and practical assistance follow up when needed during the Covid pandemic.

CHRISTIAN AID COMMITTEE - This committee has joined with CTIS [Churches Together in Silsden] and the two groups have joint meetings on Zoom - activities have been limited but we have plans in place for Christian Aid Week next month.

PERSONAL GROWTH and LEADERSHIP COURSE - We have 10 of us on this diocesan course - the 2nd that we have attended. It is going well, is pretty intense, thought provoking and is helping us to be intentional, try new things - pushing our own, often self-imposed, limitations.

We need to attract and train new, younger leaders and that will be part of our Vision 2021 aims that are currently being revised.

Please consider coming on the next one.

CHURCH TOWER 'BROADCASTS' - this threw up some interesting issues for our Mission as it proved popular, seemed to scratch an itch "out there"- although illegal. It was well received by many people and 1 person has come to church as a result. Why aren't people coming to our church then!?

GRAVEYARD RENOVATIONS - another unexpected area that could be part of our Mission. As we have built on Brad. Met's. work to stabilise the dangerous headstones in our graveyard by getting £15,000 of grants to resurrect fallen headstones; community members are responding positively. We have seen 6 people turn up to help work on the graveyard and church as a result and I plan to organise more Community Work Days when we can. Our Church Work Days could join with these as part of our Mission. We could use a Gathering service time to do this - take food together at the conclusion and invite the non-church folks to come to a short service at the end.

TEAM BUILDING

Encouraging everyone to be part of a world-wide community of Christians, with servant hearts and on a shared adventure.

The Parochial Church Council [PCC] - a big thanks to the outgoing PCC - it has been a challenging year and the technology challenge has divided church and some members of the PCC as the availability of Wi-Fi and the equipment and ability to employ platforms like Zoom meant that some people have lost out.

PCC Mission Groups - These are composed of Mission Groups for Mission, Social, Fabric and Worship aspects of our church life and have been reorganised, meeting bi-monthly and have wider remits. Thank you to all the

leaders of the Mission Groups - Michael Wilkinson - Worship; Deborah Thorley - Social; Neil Whitaker - Mission; and David leads the Fabric group at the moment.

The Churches Together in Silsden - has been meeting on Zoom [wish I had some shares in it]. Our Chair - Barbara Ayrton, Secretary - Pam Lloyd and Jayne Robinson and Treasurer - Pam Lloyd. We are planning for unlock, should it come, and Ruth from the Methodists is technically on the ball and has produced some evening services and a Good Friday March film. Thank you to Jayne who is our church rep. If anyone else would like to be rep. please contact David.

We are getting behind the effort to get electricity into the Band Stand and Cenotaph to enhance what we can do there as CTIS and other community events.

The Parish Share - our part to the running costs of the Diocese was not paid in full for 2020 = £55,627. We paid £35,000 towards the Share which was 63% of that requested. We were short by £22,627. Thank you for your giving - if you can increase it please do as we are in "financially challenging" waters!

Church Wardens - we have been served this last year by Neil and a big thank you to him. This has been further enhanced by Brian Goddard our Deputy Church Warden - I have valued greatly their help during these challenging days.

Leadership Mission Team - has been a great blessing too as we meet for brief meetings twice a week via Zoom. The team comes from, and is answerable to, the PCC. Its members are the Church Warden Neil, Deputy Church Wardens, Brian and Jayne, Val, Susan and David.

Pastoral Care Team - a big thanks to all who have stepped up or put up with all the changes in this area of our church life. We have set up a communication system using emails with a Weekly Newssheet - thank

you Deborah, Neil and Susan for this. We have also been sending out paper communications by hand monthly for those not on the internet- thank you to the delivery crew. We have also set up a pastoral "tree" where 1 person rings 6 others weekly to see how they are and there is a system to provide further assistance should it be needed.

On the community front David has made contact with areas of the town where more vulnerable people live and made contact with the key community people in those areas and has offered to be an avenue of assistance should it be required. This has been regularly followed up with telephone calls and visits.

Some vulnerable people shielding have been teamed up with a person to assist with shopping and moral maintenance.

Administration - A big thanks to Deborah our Administrator.

Maintenance - a big thanks to Avril our Cleaner, the Gardening crew, Brass Polishing team and flowers and church decoration crews.

Our church runs on all sorts of groups made up of you individuals giving your gifts back to God in service and I say a big **THANK YOU** to you all.

Love David

The Parochial Church Council (PCC)

2020 PROCEEDINGS OF THE PCC

The St James PCC

Clergy: - David Griffiths, Susan Griffiths

Deanery Reps: - Michael Wilkinson, Malcolm Hudson

Churchwarden:- Neil Whitaker (lay vice chair]

PCC Members:-

2018:- Derek Smithson, Leanne Newsome, Jayne Robinson

[Secretary and Deputy Churchwarden]

2019:- Deborah Thorley (Treasurer), Val Goddard, Brian Goddard (Deputy Churchwarden)

2020:- Steve Anderson, Connor Anderson, Joanne Towers

The PCC meet bi-monthly via Zoom

A big thank you to all the PCC members as there is a lot to consider these days from policies of all sorts to buildings and building God's Kingdom through it all - please thank them yourselves and pray for them.

Chair - David Griffiths

Mission Groups

FABRIC MISSION GROUP

Thanks to all the members of this group who bring expertise and experience to the table - Mags Croft, Deborah Thorley, Derek Smithson, Brian Goddard, Connor Anderson, Malcolm Hudson, Steve Anderson.

In spite of everything it has been a busy year.

Some of the works -

- Wi-Fi installed in the church and hall - big thanks to Steve and Connor
- Church walls + windows cleaned
- Under balcony and hall repainted
- Graveyard memorial renovations
- Cellar drain unblocked + sludge tank installed
- Church + hall roof repairs
- New photocopier

We have met by Zoom bi-monthly with catch up mini meetings when passing each other or on site.

PROJECT 200 +

We are very grateful to everyone who has kindly supported the project this year. The amount given has enabled us to proceed with some key aspects of the works - Phase 1 - heating is now complete after some poor installation issues have been rectified. Phase 2 is complete - bi-fold doors + disabled access outside works.

Event fund raising has not been possible but plans are in place as soon as we can meet physically and some events are booked - thank you to the Events Fund Raising Group which has now widened its brief to also do some fund raising events for church fund raising with the title Social Mission Group led by Deborah who will report on their activities. A special thanks we give to Cath Liddle who is our publicity officer for PROJECT 200 + - preparing our press releases and advising us on general publicity.

Also thanks to Martin Williamson our local artist for his mugs and magnets and the lovely Nativity painting that he has donated and that has been framed beautifully as a gift to us by Pellers - Steve Brayshaw - 07779 058051. Martin will be producing Christmas cards from the painting for our fund raising.

Our application to the National Lottery Community Fund has borne fruit - £96,725 worth! It has been a 2.5 year haul and thanks goes to Derek Smithson and Brian Goddard for sticking in there! Brian's skills with IT have meant that our presentations are slick and accurate and have impressed the National Lottery.

We have also been given a further £15,000 for the church WC and a pledge of £15,000 for Phase 4 [2022] by The Bernard Sunley Foundation.

So Phase 3 is to commence on 26 July next consisting of -

- Conversion of the existing Scout's Store into a church WC
- Refurbishment of the Hall entrance lobby + door
- Renewal of the Hall toilets
- New main hall wooden floor + underneath a new foul sewer for the church WC + new mains electricity feed to church

We plan to commission the remainder of the works as our finances permit. Elements of the project still to be funded include kitchen modernisation, more efficient office and meeting room layout, new double-glazed windows throughout the hall, dedicated storage areas for main hall users, electrical rewiring, refurbished roofing, new rain water fittings and refurbishment of the main hall itself - ceiling removed, light well etc.

We have begun the fund raising for the anticipated further 2 phases to complete the project by 2023 - please keep praying + give if you can + thank you Lord!!!!

Chair - David Griffiths

SOCIAL MISSION GROUP

The social mission group are:- Deborah Thorley (chair), Joanne Towers, Louise Outhwaite, Leanne Newsome, Mags Croft, Alison Rohatynskyj and Jackie Hudson.

We were very disappointed that we were not able to have any events in 2020 but we are now planning for some in 2021. Our remit is to look at both the social side of our church life and to raise funds for all projects. If you have any ideas, then please do let us know.

Chair - Deborah Thorley

MISSION (MISSION) GROUP

The Mission Group is one of 4 mission groups set up by the PCC in 2020 (the other mission groups are Fabric mission group, Worship mission group and Social mission group).

The Mission Group is looking at what God wants his church here in Silsden to do and say – to build His Kingdom through service and to tell the Good News of the Gospels.

We had our first meeting in July and have met regularly since then (all meetings on Zoom so far!)

Mission Group led the 10.30am service on 24 January when we gave an introduction to the work of the Group (which included the diagram we had prepared to show how important mission is to being church) and we considered all the mission we engage with at St James.

With the connections we have with Rev Brian Gregory and his anti-slavery charity we suggested to the PCC that we could usefully run a campaign to raise awareness of modern day slavery here in Silsden, which PCC agreed. We introduced that to the church at our 10.30am service on 14 March (when Brian Gregory was our special guest) and are now starting to put together a programme.

Whilst that project will take up quite a bit of our time we will still continue to consider how St James church can keep working for God's mission.

Chair – Neil Whitaker

WORSHIP MISSION GROUP

Nearly a year ago we had our first meeting and we have continued to meet every two months except for November/December time when we had a break due to another lockdown which was going to delay reopening. Our remit from the PCC was to review our Sunday services, home groups and anything else relating to our services here at St James.

We have been working on a new pattern of Sunday services to start when we are back in church without restrictions.

This pattern is still to be ratified by the PCC so it isn't available at the time of my writing this.

We also discussed a big day of celebration sometime in the future when we are back in church. This will be done in discussion with both the mission & social mission groups.

Chair - Michael

Deanery Synod Report

Meetings have been on Zoom as was part of last year.

Unfortunately we have nothing to report as we have been unable to attend any meetings due to clashing with Alpha courses.

Michael & Malcolm

Financial Review 2020

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £61854.78. Planned giving gave us £28156.30, and £8314.66 was claimed as Gift Aid from this, some donations and by the small donations scheme. £11382.78 came into general funds from church hall lettings. Details of all the income strands is given in the full accounts.

Total receipts on restricted funds were £15303.70. We continue to receive income from a legacy for works to the churchyard and also in 2020 received a grant of £5000 from the Harry Tillotson Trust for further churchyard work. (Silsden Town Council also allocated a grant of £10000 to churchyard work).

In 2019 we paid £35000 towards the Share requested by the Diocese – this was 63% of the request. We

carried out some repair works to the church (£9606.38) and started work on the churchyard (£2679.73).

From Project 200+ we spend £11290.31 which included £7388.361 on architect fees.

Full details of all expenditure can be found in the full accounts.

Reserves Policy

It is the PCC policy to hold at least £1,000 in the unrestricted funds at the end of the year. At the end of 2020 there was £2153.46 held in unrestricted reserves.

2020 has been a difficult year. I say a big thank you to everyone who has continued to give to the work of the church. The amount given as planned giving has only fallen by 6%. The main drop in income in 2020 was due to a reduction in hall use and fund raising activities.

Can I please ask that if you give to the church by cheque that you write it out to **Silsden Parish Church PCC**. If not, the bank will reject it.

Deborah

Bank – Barclays Bank

Independent Examiner – Bob Smith, Lower Park Green, Silsden

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of St James' PCC

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ending 31 December 2019 which are set out on the following pages.

The church's trustees (the PCC) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts (delegated responsibility to the PCC Treasurer). The PCC consider that an independent examination of the accounts is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011)

- To follow the general procedures laid out in section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act
- 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 procedures of the 2011 Act (as explained in the PCC Accountability booklet 5th edition). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records.

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, attention should be drawn in order to enable proper understating of the accounts to be reached.

Name: R. Smith

Date: 27/03/21

Address: 34, LOWER PARK GREEN, SILSDEN BD26 9QE

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020							
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS							
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2020	Restricted Funds 2020	TOTAL 2020	Unrestricted Funds 2019	Restricted Funds 2019	TOTAL 2019
					£	£	£
RECEIPTS							
Voluntary Receipts							
Planned giving		28156.30		28156.30	29922.05		29922.05
Collections		3912.17		3912.17	5247.35		5247.35
All other giving	5a	6624.71	7365.56	13990.27	930.14		930.14
Project 200+			7126.73			40978.97	40978.97
Gift Aid recovered		8314.66	766.52	9081.18	8677.15	3873.86	12551.01
		47007.84	15258.81	55139.92	44776.69	44852.83	89629.52
Activities for Generating Funds							
	5b	11476.13		11476.13	17912.25		17912.25
Investment Income							
	5c	1532.31	44.89	1577.20	1487.71	81.88	1569.59
Church Activities							
		1656.00		1656.00	1440.00		1440.00
Other							
		182.50		182.50	133.20		133.20
Total Receipts		61854.78	15308.70	77158.48	65749.85	44934.71	110684.56
PAYMENTS							
Church Activities							
Diocesan share		35000.00		35000.00	42500.00		42500.00
Clergy and staffing costs	5d	6714.67		6714.67	12061.03		12061.03
Church and Hall running expenses	5e	9097.98		9097.98	9455.51		9455.51
Church and Hall repairs and maintenance	5f	9606.38	2679.73	12286.11	2224.05	78.35	2302.40
Project 200+	5g		11290.31	11290.31		49950.51	49950.51
Mission giving	5h	50.00		50.00	70.00		70.00
Other							
		82.80		82.80	405.00		405.00
Total Payments		60551.83	13970.04	74521.87	66715.59	50028.86	116744.45
Excess of Receipts over Payments		1302.95	1338.66	2636.61	-965.74	-5094.15	-6059.89
Cash in bank and in hand at 1 January							
		850.51	16894.32	17744.83	1816.25	21988.47	23804.72
Cash in bank and in hand at 31 December							
		2153.46	18227.98	20381.44	850.51	16894.32	17744.83

5. Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments							
	Unrestricted Funds 2020	Restricted Funds 2020	TOTAL 2020	Unrestricted Funds 2019	Restricted Funds 2019	TOTAL 2019	
				£	£	£	
	RECEIPTS						
a	All other giving						
	Donations	2793.46	6248.00	9041.46	930.14	930.14	
	Project 200+(z)		7126.73	7126.73		44852.83	44852.83
	Legacy		1117.56	1117.56			0.00
	Gift Week (*)	3831.25		3831.25	0.00	0.00	0.00
		6624.71	14492.29	21117.00	930.14	44852.83	45782.97
b	Activities for generating funds						
	Church hall lettings	11382.78		11382.78	16681.00		16681.00
	Saturday/Sunday Coffee	86.40		86.40	392.65		392.65
	Autumn Fair	0.00		0.00	808.30		808.30
	Cards	6.95		6.95	30.30		30.30
		11476.13		11476.13	17912.25		17912.25
c	Investment income						
	CBF dividends	1532.31		1532.31	1487.71		1487.71
	CCLA fund interest		44.89	44.89		81.88	81.88
d	PAYMENTS						
	Clergy and staffing costs						
	Clergy expenses	2060.47		2060.47	1854.23		1854.23
	Organist	400.00		400.00	2050.00		2050.00
	Cleaner	3515.00		3515.00	5200.00		5200.00
	Administrator	739.20		739.20	2956.80		2956.80
		6714.67		6714.67	12061.03		12061.03
e	Church and hall running expenses						
	Gas	2202.84		2202.84	2262.28		2262.28
	Electricity	1146.41		1146.41	1361.88		1361.88
	Water	355.30		355.30	560.33		560.33
	Insurance	2091.41		2091.41	2023.48		2023.48
	Organ tuning	160.00		160.00	300.00		300.00
	Children's work	0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00
	Pastoral work	0.00		0.00	7.98		7.98
	Service consumables	129.37		129.37	698.12		698.12
	Cleaning materials	1128.57		1128.57	399.89		399.89
	Printing, stationery and web	1245.83		1245.83	1255.95		1255.95
	Music etc licences	638.25		638.25	585.60		585.60
		9097.98		9097.98	9455.51		9455.51
f	Church and hall repairs and maintenance						
	General	9606.38	2679.73	12286.11	2224.05	78.35	2302.40
q	Project 200+						
			11290.31	11290.31		49950.51	49950.51
h	Mission Giving						
	CTIS	50.00		50.00	50.00		50.00
	British Legion	0.00		0.00	20.00		20.00
		50.00		50.00	70.00		70.00
	(z) £766.52 Gift Aid claimed for Project 200+ included in Gift Aid reclaim figures						
	(*) £590 Gift Aid claimed for Gift Week included in Gift Aid reclaim figures						

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been produced in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis				
2. Fixed assets retained for church use are the access to the church hall car park				
3. The movements in designated and restricted funds during the year were:				
	Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Bal c/fwd
Designated				
Utility fees	632.00	300.00	0.00	932.00
Restricted				
Gates	1092.10	0.00	0.00	1092.10
Churchyard	2598.75	6117.56	360.74	8355.57
Electrical works	6.25	0.00	0.00	6.25
Tower works	6.25	0.00	0.00	6.25
General projects	5528.85	0.00	1626.00	3902.85
Boiler	74.76	0.00	0.00	74.76
Project 200+	6316.94	7893.25	11290.31	2919.88
Interest	163.06	44.89	0.00	207.95
Flag	56.20	0.00	0.00	56.20
Vicar's Fund	1051.16	0.00	0.00	1051.16
Live Streaming	0.00	1248.00	692.99	555.01
	16894.32	14055.7	13277.05	18227.98

Where the money is		
	01/ 01/ 2020	31/ 12/ 2020
Current account		
Unrestricted funds	836.50	2083.75
Restricted funds	5.81	4691.64
Project 200+	0.00	0.00
DBF fees	0.00	0.00
Chaplaincy money	500.00	0.00
Charity Money	33.50	108.50
Parish Weekend	0.00	1134.00
Total	1375.81	8017.89
Petty Cash	14.01	69.71
Hall account		
Flower Guild	192.26	192.26
Project 200+	6316.94	2919.88
Total	6509.20	3112.14
CCLA account		
Restricted funds	10571.57	10616.46

Statement of Assets and Liabilities						
	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL 2020	TOTAL 2019
		£	£	£		
Cash Funds						
Bank current account		2083.75	4691.64	0.00	6775.39	842.31
CCLA account		0.00	10616.46	0.00	10616.46	10571.57
Churchwarden's Petty Cash		69.71	0.00	0.00	69.71	14.01
Hall account		0.00	2919.88	0.00	2919.88	6316.94
		2153.46	18227.98	0.00	20381.44	17744.83
Investment Assets						
Investment fund shares at market value		£54,701.08				

Churchwardens' Report

The Churchwardens' report for last year was written on 12 March 2020. Eleven days later we were in lockdown, all church buildings were closed, and the world had changed.

Here we are 12 months later and the pandemic still continues. There are, though, now positive signs as the vaccine roll-out continues, our church building reopens again and Spring is in the air.

But it has been a hard 12 months, a difficult year, full of sadness, grief, worry, loneliness and isolation for so many - including of course so many of our congregation. So I start this report by pausing to remember what you have each been through over the last year.

The pandemic has brought so much change to our church life - the most obvious change being the severe limitations on our ability to meet together for worship and for fellowship. When, a year ago, all church buildings were closed the Clergy and wardens team had to move quickly. After a crash course for all of us in using Zoom the we were able to have daily meetings - with immediate priorities of ensuring everyone had access to help, and considering what options we had for worship and for everyone keeping in contact. From

these discussions came the telephone link system, the newssheet and Zoom worship.

Once we were allowed to re-open the church building we then had to spend time on risk assessments and things like track and trace so that the PCC could then decide when we could safely reopen the building. When that time came last September it had to be with conditions which made church attendance very different from normal times – with distancing and face coverings, no singing, and a limit on numbers. Despite all this it was wonderful to be able to re-open the building. However - with the pandemic far from over we could not hold our usual Christmas celebrations in the building – and then came the resurgence of the virus, and the PCC had to make the decision to close the building again.

When we first reopened the building we recognized that with limited numbers allowed in our building then streaming the services to the internet would enable those who had access to the internet to participate in our services from the building remotely, which would also make space within the building for those who could not attend via the internet (we were acutely aware that there were many of our congregation who are not able to access church through the internet).

We were able to set up a system for livestreaming services from the church building. To do this we have had to grapple with copyright, privacy rules, bandwidth limits, the vagaries of Zoom and the fickleness of YouTube. It has been a steep learning curve but it has worked and will be a constant work in progress as we seek improvements.

Through developing livestreamed and Zoom services to cover an immediate problem we have realised that there is a mission element to using the internet for sharing our worship – we can reach people who would not otherwise attend the building.

Certainly livestreaming removes the walls and doors of a building and reaches out to people into their homes or onto their phones. Leaving a service on YouTube for people to access in their own time also means we are increasing our offering from a couple of hours each week on a Sunday to 168 hours each week. That must increase the prospects of people hearing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

For example our streamed Christingle service this year – including the video Nativity that we produced – has had over 400 viewings, and people appear to be still having a look at it.

So a big thank you to Steve , Connor and Simon Anderson for sorting out the internet we now have in church and for their ingenuity, hard work, dedication and patience in developing and providing (and operating every Sunday morning – up on the balcony) the streaming facility we can now provide. Thank you also to the Diocese for the grant monies which enabled us to buy some important equipment to help the delivery of streaming.

During the last 12 months, as well as using Zoom for online worship, Zoom has been indispensable in enabling the Home Groups to continue to function, for us to carry on with PCC meetings, and as a way of finishing one Alpha course, and delivering two further Alpha courses (thank you to the Alpha hosting team).

With the PCC still being able to meet through Zoom they have been able to carry on with church planning and church business. The PCC has over the last year changed the way it operates – forming the mission groups (Worship, Mission, Fabric and Social) with a view to increasing the capacity of the PCC (and I remind everyone that you can serve on any of these groups without having to be also a member of the PCC). One of the things the PCC did was to reflect on what we at St James could learn from the lockdown. This exercise

reminded me that the church is the people not the building.

A big thank you to all PCC members who served over the last 12 months (with our 2020 APCM being delayed then, unusually, we've had two PCCs during the period covered by this report) and thank you to those who serve on the new mission groups.

There are so many people at St James to thank for their work for our church – over the last year. I've already mentioned the streaming team, the Alpha team, the PCC and the mission groups, and I mention the clergy and other wardens below. We say thank you to the Project 200+ team who have really put the hours in to keep that project going and to sort out the funding, even during the pandemic.

I would like to thank David and Susan, and the other members of the wardens team, for their hard work, positivity and adaptability during this difficult 12 month period.

On the wardens side Alison was going to step down as churchwarden last April but stayed in post until much later in the year to help us navigate our way through the unexpected and unprecedented position we found ourselves in. So thank you to Alison. Thank you to Brian Goddard, our Deputy Churchwarden, and thank you to Jayne Robinson who became a second deputy Churchwarden last Autumn.

But there are so many people who work in so many different ways to make our church function – including the running and appearance of the church building and its surroundings; church finances; church administration; in providing ministry and spreading God's love within our community; and through constant prayer – and who have kept that going during this particularly challenging year. Thank you to you all – it is very much appreciated. Thank you.

Neil

Safeguarding

St James Silsden has adopted the Church of England's Safeguarding policy, which is reviewed annually. We also have in place procedures for ensuring that this policy is applied in all parts of St James' work.

I am pleased to report that there have been no safeguarding incidents at St James in 2020.

Other Reports

Mothers' Union

Our report this year is very short one due to the Corona virus which led to the cancellation of all our M.U. meetings after the February one.

January was our A.G.M. meeting with our usual 'bring and share' supper. It was reported that we had 23 members and 3 indoor members: 4 members had lapsed.

Joyce Parker was presented with a bouquet of flowers and thanked for her work as Branch Leader over the years. The M.U. was run by the Committee during 2020. Rev. Pat had agreed to take on the role of contact person.

Sadly one of our M.U. members Cathryn Robinson, also a life long member of St. James Church, died towards the end of the year.

We enjoyed a wonderful quiet, meditative meeting in February when Gillian Coe visited us. She spoke about God's Wonderful World showing photographs she had taken accompanied by scripture verses. A small number of members met together at Joyce Parker's for the 'Wave of Prayer'

All our other meetings were cancelled but we hope to re-install them as soon as we are able and it is safe to do so.

We have not tried to have 'Zoom' meetings during the pandemic as when asked the majority of members who come to meetings said that they did not have the technical knowledge, or equipment so would not like meetings to be held in this way.

We have kept in touch with our members by sending Easter cards, 'Just to Say' cards with a Christian message during autumn, and Christmas cards with a

'Daily Strength' booklet as a little token of our love and concern for each of them.

Our outing to 'The Chocolate House' also had to be cancelled but we hope to do this later this year 2021 if it is still operating and we are set free from 'lock-down' regulations.

Unfortunately we have been unable to do any fund raising this year but a letter was sent out to members with regard to remaining members and paying our subscriptions so that some M.U. work and commitment could continue.

All members received a copy of the M.U. 'Wave of Prayer' for 2021 with the above letter along with the date and time.

We look forward with hope that we will soon be able to meet again and that Normal Service will be resumed as soon as possible in our work as M.U. members.

Rev. Pat Smith

Seconded by Mrs J. Towers & Mrs L. Newsome (who share the job of Secretary)

Nursing home/residential homes

We have four teams who normally help take monthly Holy Communion Services at The Gables, The Raikes, Summerfield and Spring Bank with an average attendance of fifteen. It is quite noticeable to me that we now minister to more people with dementia and I am constantly looking for ways to help these people to participate and engage with the Services. I am told that all the Homes appreciate the time and effort we put in on these occasions.

I would like to express my thanks to these teams, who have helped me at the various Homes for some years now. This ministry would not be possible without their help and they cope very well with what are sometimes difficult and challenging circumstances. I do hope most

of these helpers will feel able to once again take up this Ministry when it is possible to visit the Homes again.

Due to Covid19 we only visited all four Homes twice during 2020 and that was in January and February. One of the Homes was also fortunate to have a Service very early in March as it fell some weeks before the seriousness of the situation became more apparent and 'Lockdown' was imposed.

I have kept in regular contact with all of the Homes and assured them that our thoughts and prayers are with, and for, both Residents and Staff.

For Christmas 2020 I recorded a visual Service on my lap-top which I then saved on four memory sticks and, with the help of a neighbour, produced four CD's with Carols on to accompany the visual recording. These were given to each of the Homes to use in the run-up to Christmas, Christmas Day or throughout the season of Christmas.

I did the same for Easter 2021 when Brian Mason was instrumental in helping to produce a CD with Easter themed hymns to accompany the visually recorded Service. This was again very much appreciated by the Homes and Residents.

As the weather improves I will be exploring with the Homes the possibility of conducting some Services outdoors. Initially this may mean my teams of helpers will not be allowed so the possibility of these happening will depend on whether the Homes have enough staff to help me out.

Revd. Pat Smith

Prayer Group

The Prayer Group has not meet during the Pandemic. But we have issued Prayer Request reports regularly to

Prayer Group Members for them to include in their weekly prayer times.

Social Media

St James social media has been very busy over the past 12 months - keeping and growing our connections with the local community and far beyond.

We now use 3 platforms - Facebook (Alison & Helen) Instagram (Alison) and Twitter (Neil). We also share the You Tube streaming of services and other videos - Christingle, nativity, Walk of Witness etc

St James Facebook page has seen 100% growth over the past year, and we have over 400 people/organisations who 'like' our page (so see what we post automatically). We post about our services and events, and share information and prayer from the Church of England, Diocese and other organisations. We share our posts to 'Silsden Buzz' regularly to increase our 'reach' to their 12,000 members. We share lots of photos and videos and get lots of positive responses from the community - demonstrating that there is a large 'on the edge' audience willing to listen to and support us - even if they are not (yet) wanting to join services or Alpha.

As admin on Facebook (and previously as churchwarden/PCC member) I respond to other Facebook posts on Silsden Buzz on behalf of the church or direct people to the website/vicarage for more information - highlights this year have been David's broadcasts from the church tower, the campaigning for return of the generator for the nativity scene, the work done in the graveyard, not forgetting the reactions to David's blackboard notices outside church (prompting some lively discussions) and queries about the man in the boiler suit who tends the churchyard....

Instagram is a photos-based platform - so on our St James page we share the same photos as on Twitter

and Facebook – we have 103 followers including local organisations and businesses (churches, sport, beauty, hair, pubs etc) and those further afield such as CAPUK, Clergy support trust, LYCIG, CRE.

Our Twitter account is run by Neil and has 146 followers - again we share information about our services and events, and share prayers and commentary from other accounts such as the Diocese of Leeds, Bishop Toby, Archbishop of Canterbury, Church of England, Bishop Nick Baines.

If you haven't already taken a look – please do so – our pages/accounts are easy to find.

If you want some assistance on how to access social media, want something posted on your behalf or have any questions – please get in touch with me.

Ali Rohatynskyj

"St. JAMES CHURCH SILSDEN IS TO BE A JESUS SHAPED CHURCH"

**We express this Vision using the 5 JSP
themes as follows :-**

1 PEOPLE

**Becoming confident Christians, led by
the Holy**

**Spirit, enabled to show God's love to all
people.**

2 TEACHING

**Knowing and understanding the Bible
and**

**learning about our faith from each
other.**

3 TEAM BUILDING

**Encouraging everyone to be part of a
world-wide**

**community of Christians, with servant
hearts and**

on a shared adventure.

4 PRAYER

**Making prayer, for each of us, a central
and**

natural conversation with God.

5 PROPHETIC CHALLENGE

**Speaking out against injustice and
acting to build
God's kingdom.**