

**The Parish of Kirkbymoorside with Gillamoor,  
Farndale, Bransdale & Edstone**

**MEETING OF PARISHIONERS  
AGENDA**

**19th MAY 2025 @ 7.00pm**

**Kirkbymoorside Bowling Club**

1. Opening Prayers
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Election of Church Wardens

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING.**

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the Meeting (copy attached)
3. Matters arising
4. Financial Statement for the year ended 2024 and budget for 2025 (copies circulated)
5. Annual Reports: The Vicar (copy circulated)

The Secretary on the  
proceedings of the PCC copy  
Circulated

6. Reports on the fabric, goods, and ornaments of  
the churches: (Copies circulated)  
All Saints'  
Saint Aidan's,  
Saint Mary's,  
Saint Nicholas'
7. Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod  
(copy circulated)
8. Reports on : (Copies circulated)  
Ladies Fellowship  
Junior Church (see sec's report)  
Pastoral Group  
Bell Ringers- Tower Captain  
Menzown  
Report from Gillamoor C of E  
Head of Gillamoor School  
Electoral Roll and appointment of  
Electoral Roll Officer
9. Appointment of Deputy Wardens
10. Appointment of Assistant Wardens

11. Election of Parochial representatives of the laity:  
PCC
12. Appointment of Independent Examiner
13. Any other Business
14. Closing Prayers

**The first meeting of the newly formed PCC will be held shortly after the APCM at a date to be notified for the sole purpose of electing officers and committee members and welcomers**

**K-LL 19.4.2025**

**The Parish of Kirkbymoorside with Gillamoor, Farndale, Bransdale & Edstone**

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF PARISHIONERS**

**Monday 20th May at 7.00pm**

**Kirkbymoorside Bowling Club**

**VESTRY MEETING**

**PRESENT:** Rev Paul Sunderland (in the Chair), Anne Warriner, Sue Mumford, Simon Mumford, John Castle, Eleanor Dowsland, Phil Collier, Shirley Anne Collier, Les Clarke, Katrina Lane, Richard Sharpe, Lynn Goslin, Martin Shepherd, Jill Hugill, Steve Helm, Michael Stephens, Sarah Andrews, Anne Rutter, Nicola Woosnam, Rev Yvonne Mike Goslin, Kathy Robson, Brenda Robinson, Eliza Treasure, Joyce Wood, Helen Robertshaw, Clare Haynes, Rev Bridget Gillespie, Kate Storey, Brenda Banks, Lilla Clark, Charlotte Wesley, Brenda Hewitt, Sara Paxton

1. **Opening Prayers** : Led by the Rev Paul
2. **Apologies for Absence:** John Lane, Richard Haynes, David Collins, Judy Collins, Bill Oldfield, Georgina Oldfield, Carol Messham, Aneko Shepherd Steve Helm, Richard Woosnam, Abi Pollard, Nick Andrews, Cath Nicholson, Aneko Shepherd,
3. **Election of Church Wardens** :Nomination forms were received for Anne Warriner and Kathy Robson and there being no other nominations, they were both duly and unanimously elected for 2024/2025. Many thanks were given to both Wardens The Vicar asked people to ensure their support for the important role of wardens.

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING.**

1. **Apologies for absence** : As above.
2. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th March 2023** These having been circulated, they were duly approved and signed by the vicar as a true copy of proceedings.
3. **Matters arising**
4. **Financial Statement for the year ended 2022:** The accounts of All Saints', St Aidan's, St Mary's, St Michael's and St Nicholas' (as attached) have been circulated. Les reported that all churches had less income than expenses. st Mary's was £4302 down income over expenses. Significantly collections from funerals are down. Paul has already spoken to funeral directors about this to suggest this as the norm, there may be exceptions. A question was raised about whether we gave away 10% of income. The answer is that we give approximately 30% to diocese, charities etc. There is no strict practice

of tithing. The hope if we can increase income is that we will increase charitable giving. There being no further questions or anything to report these were proposed by Anne Warriner seconded by Joyce Wood and unanimously accepted. Thanks were noted to Les and to all treasurers.

**5. Annual Reports:**

**The Vicar :** Report as attached has been circulated. Paul read through his report. He then spoke to his report saying that we are all moving forward together prayerfully, hopefully and thankfully and by listening to and be grounded in God. We all need to work together as a team and need to take risks some of which will succeed, some will fail.

**6. The Secretary:** The report (as attached) had been circulated.

There was nothing to add other than that Clare had reported that all Safeguarding requirements were up to date.

**7. Reports on the fabric, goods, and ornaments of the churches:**

**All Saints'**

**Saint Aidan's,**

**Saint Mary's,** This report had not been circulated so he read out his report a copy of which is attached to these minutes. No comments except that they are looking at a speaker to provide music and lift worship.

**Saint Nicholas'**

**St Michael's and All Angels.** Les asked if anyone would be prepared to help with Gift Aid for St Michael's. If so speak to Les.

Copies of all reports (as attached) had previously been circulated and accepted.

The Vicar thanked all who help and have helped to maintain the fabric of all the churches.

**8. Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod :** a copy of the report (as attached) was circulated and accepted. Sue Mumford mentioned that the deanery has a grant scheme up to £200 for mission which could be used to help with individual church meetings, notices etc.

**9. Reports on : (All circulated and attached )**

**Ladies Fellowship:**

**Menzown:**

**Bell Ringers, Tower Captain**

**Gillamoor School Head Teacher's Report.** There are spaces for a governor if anyone would like to stand.

**Choir report:**

**Electoral Roll and appointment of Electoral Roll Officer.** The electoral roll number is 109 for the Parish. Yo 9 on last year. A copy will be in Church. Kate was thanked and has agreed to stand again as Electoral Roll Officer and proposed by Nicola Woosnam seconded by Bridget and this was carried unanimously.

10. **Appointment of Deputy Wardens:** The deputy wardens act as deputy wardens for St Aidan's, St Mary's and St Nicholas' and St Michael's, Having agreed to stand for a further year the following were duly appointed:  
 St Mary's- Eleanor Dowsland and Phil Collier.  
 St Nicholas' - Les Clarke St  
 Aidan's- In vacancy,  
 St Michael's- In vacancy.
11. **Appointment of Assistant Wardens:** Jill Hugill was appointed Assistant Wardens for All Saints'
12. **Election of Parochial representatives of the laity to the PCC and election of officers:** There were two nominations from Lilla Clark and Sarah Andrews passed unanimously There are three further vacancies and nominations were invited. New members were welcomed.
13. **Appointment of Welcomers:** Mrs H Robertshaw, Mrs J Simpson, Mrs J Wood, Mrs Diana Crossland, Mrs Brenda Hewitt, Mrs L Clark, Mrs J Greenwood, Ms Nicola Cannon Mrs E Treasure These were unanimously appointed en bloc and thanked. The existing PCC members were reappointed en bloc. This is a key ministry role. The Vicar emphasised that this is the first face of the church people see both newcomers or familiar faces. Anne mentioned that we could do with more sacristans at All Saints' and Eucharistic Ministers. Les was also thanked for looking after the silver and brass.
14. **Appointment of Independent Examiner:** Lorraine Baxter is appointed for All Saints' St Michael's and Saint Nicholas , Julian Gospel for St Mary's all agreed unanimously. Thanks were given for all their help last year and their help to come.
15. **Any other Business:**  
 The Vicar opened the meeting to the floor.  
 John Castle reported that we need to appoint Deanery Synod reps. John is ex officio so there are three vacancies. Richard Woosnam was Edstone's rep and is happy to stand for the new Parish. Sue Mumford will also stand . Passed unanimously.  
 Next Deanery Day is 13 July 10-12 at Wyedale about visitors to our churches  
**Meeting of the New PCC to appoint officers.**  
 Simon as Lay Chair, Katrina as Secretary and Les as Treasurer and Clare and Sarah as joint Safeguarding Officer and were agreed unanimously and appointed.

Paul asked if anyone would be prepared to stand as joint treasurer with Les to lessen the load or to help with safeguarding. These can be non PCC members.  
Sarah Andrews is happy to job share safeguarding.

The next meeting of the PCC will be on the Jubilee Room at the Methodist Chapel

*Please note that as all reports and accounts have been circulated they are not attached to these minutes as circulated but are with the minutes in the minute book.*

Meeting closed 8.45pm

K-LL 20th May 2024

## Planned Giving figures Jan 1 2024 - December 31 2024:

### Direct Debits 2024

Jan 1 - Dec 31

Total                    £16519

Tax Efficient           £12501

Non tax eff            £4018

Donors	Tax Eff	Non tax
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31	21	10
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### Weekly Envelopes

Donors	4
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Tax eff	4
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Barrie and Helen Robertshaw



**All Saints Church, Kirbymoorside; St Nicholas Church, Bransdale;  
St Michael & All Angels Church, Great Edstone**

**Independent examiner's report to the members on the unaudited financial statements  
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the PCC") for the year ended 31 December 2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 (the regulations) and the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the PCC's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed :



Mr P Carnell FICB  
15 Ash Tree Close  
Bedale  
North Yorkshire  
DL8 1UJ

Date : 15-May-25

All Saints', St Michael's and St Nicholas'					
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024					
Statement of Assets and Liabilities					
		All Saints Unrestricted Funds £	St Michael's Unrestricted Funds £	St Nicholas' Unrestricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £
					TOTAL 2023 £
Cash Funds					
	HSBC current account	14,150	(107)	9,712	23,756
	CBF Deposit Funds	8,161	11,660	-	19,820
	Skipton Building Society	37,912	-	-	37,912
	Yorkshire Building Society	1,542	-	-	1,542
		61,764	11,553	9,712	83,029
					77,043



## Receipts

### Payments



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St Michael's Church Accounts, 2024												
Opening Balance in KMS PCC HSBC Current Account			£2,152.06		Receipts		Donations Collection		Gift Aid		Fees	
Receipts			£3,535.39				£2,031.00		£1,108.06		£324.33	
Payments			£5,793.21		Payments						£72.00	
Closing Balance in KMS PCC HSBC Current Account			-£105.76									
Interest Accrued to CCLA Account 2024			587.68				Insurance Electric		Maint'ce		Churchyard	
CCLA Investment Account @ 31 Dec 2024			11659.69				976.14		1534.6		317.49	
St Michael's Statement of Assets @ 31 Dec 2024			£11,553.93									
Estimated Budget 2025												
Receipts												
Donations Collection			£500.00		Gift Aid		£100.00		?		Grant Aid	
			£2,250.00		£1,250.00						£4,100.00	
											Interest	
											£439.20	
Payments												
Insurance Electric			500		Maint'ce		400		FW Offerin		Parish Expenses	
1000			850		500		400		0		1250	
Major Repairs											£4,000.00	
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St Aidan's Church, Gillamoor  
Receipts and Payments Account  
For the Year Ended 31st December 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
Collections - General	1250	950
Funerals	-	1125
Funeral and Churchyard Fees	-	1420
Harvest Raffle Collection	-	73
Kirkby PCC - Electric Contribution	-	400
Donation	560	570
Magazine Sales	360	260
Church Box and Postcard Sales	398	105
Interest Received	377	74
Fund Raising	2622	500
	<hr/> 5567	<hr/> 5477
<u>PAYMENTS</u>		
Parish Quota	4020	2144
Heat and Light	1704	3598
Insurance	1032	999
Organist Fees	470	260
Professional Fees	800	-
Office Expenses	-	1875
Repairs and Maintenance	360	-
Bank Charges	88	82
<u>Donations</u>		
Funeral Collections Donated	-	1125
Water Aid - Harvest Collection	-	73
	<hr/> 8474	<hr/> 10156
Excess of Payments over Receipts	<hr/> (2907) <hr/>	<hr/> (4679) <hr/>

St Aidan's Church, Gillamoor  
Bank and Investment Accounts Summary  
For the Year Ended 31st December 2024

<u>HSBC Bank</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
Balance at 1st January 2024	2009	4263
Income Received Per Overleaf	5567	5477
Transfer from Skipton Account	2281	2500
Less Skipton Bank Interest	(377)	(74)
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	9480	12165
Payments per Overleaf	(8474)	10156
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<b>Balance at 31st December 2024</b>	<b>1006</b>	<b>2009</b>
<i>Add</i> Outstanding Cheques	-	-
<i>Less</i> Outstanding Bankings	-	-
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<b>Balance Per Statement at 31st December 2024</b>	<b>1006</b>	<b>2009</b>
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<u>Skipton Building Society</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
Balance 1st January 2024	9904	12330
Withdrawn	(2281)	(2500)
Interest	377	74
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<b>Balance at 31st December 2024</b>	<b>8000</b>	<b>9904</b>
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Parochial Church Council of St. Aidan's Church, Gillamoor  
Independent Examiners Report For The Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024, which are set out on the attached pages, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the regulations") and s.145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act").

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement

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

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



Michael Richmond FCCA  
Champleys Chartered Certified Accountants  
Champleys Mews - Market Place - Pickering - YO18 7AE

23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025

## **St Mary's Farndale**

### **Treasurer's Report for 2024 to St Mary's PCC**

The accounts presented are subject to audit.

Financially, 2024 has been a better year for St Mary's than 2023.

Whereas in 2023 a loss of £ 4302 was incurred, this year there was a slight gain of approximately £ 350.

[ note that the Parish Share and Water Aid payments were cashed in 2025. These sums reduce the apparent gain in 2024]

Noticeable changes from 2023 to 2024 are roughly -

Donations down by £ 700 to £ 750

Funeral and Wedding events contributed an extra £ 3000

An additional £ 600 generated the Fund Raising to £ 1600

The tax refund from Gift Aid amounted to £ 1200

Parish expenses reduced by £ 700 to £ 1500

Charitable giving increased by £ 1400 - passing on Funeral and Wedding donations

The efforts of members of St Mary's have both generated income and acted to bring together those from the Dale and beyond. In particular the Teas and Talks by Phil and Shirley-Ann invite a wide audience. As do the Tombola, Dominos and Harvest events.

Looking forward to 2025 it is not anticipated that there will be any significant increase in expenditure.

A small congregation results in the Church being vulnerable to changes in the congregation's contributions, whether it be in generating income or growing church participation.

Finally, now is an appropriate time for for role of Treasurer for St Mary's to follow that of the other Churches within All Saints parish. This would see the role of Treasurer becoming part of the work of All Saints.

The finances and accounts would still be visible as an individual item. However the work becomes centralised. The sooner this handover can be achieved, the less the backlog of work to be passed over.

My thanks to all for their support.

Nigel Custance  
Treasurer  
St Mary's  
Farndale



Table 1

	St Mary's Church Farndale	
	<b>2024</b>	
<i>note</i>	<b>Income and Expenditure</b>	
	<b>Income 2024</b>	
	Church Plate	921.76
	Donations	758.38
	Funeral and wedding collections	3592.16
	Church Box	579.43
	Fund Raising	1652.56
	Fees	2134
Claimed in 2024	Tax Refund	1230.07
	Legacies	0
Diocesan support	Misc	0
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>10868.36</b>
	<b>Expenditure 2024</b>	
2024 share of £ 2500 appears in 2025 - see below	Parish Share	0
	Parish expenses	1449.48
	Insurance	1508.60
	Heating & Lighting	2539.8
	Repairs	452.16
	Water	80.93
Water Aid £ 100 appears in 2025 - see below	Charitable giving	1796.99
	Organist	0
	Miscellaneous	63.8
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>7891.76</b>
£ 2600 expenditure for 2024 accounts will show in 2025	<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>	<b>2976.6</b>

Checked OK.  
The Revd  
28 Apr 25

**Statement of  
Funds Available  
2024**

**General Fund**

Excess of Income over Expenditure 2024	2976.6
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Comprising at  
31st December  
2024

Skipton Building Society (Fabric Fund) - including £ 528.36 interest	16417.33
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National Westminster Current Account	6260.09
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General Fund at 31st December 2024	22677.42
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**Designated  
Music Fund**

Balance as at 1st January 2024	3553.19
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Interest	118.15
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Balance at 31st December 2024	3671.34
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Jm [Signature]  
28 Apr 25

## Report of the PCC's deliberations & activities in 2024 for APCM 19 May 2025

There were 4 general meetings of the PCC in the year to fulfil its obligations to set a budget for the following year, to scrutinise and approve accounts, to consider the free will offering to the diocese for 2024 and to oversee the stewardship of the land and property it controls on behalf of the diocese.

We are currently using the Moorside Room which seems to be a good venue. There have been no meetings of the Standing Committee.

In addition to the above, the PCC received summaries of parish Safeguarding matters, Incumbents reports, Deanery Synod activities, wardens reports, reports from other Parish churches, financial updates and discussed matters going forward with regard to services and management.

The electronic mailing list has been used for regular communications about church life which are also, thanks to Tania put onto the church web site and, thanks to Pam put into Surprise View. Information is also disseminated through social media, thanks to Paul and Martin and other contributors.

The mailing list was renewed in March 2023 with people consenting to continuing with e mail contact on the basis this it is stored digitally on a dual password private system and all e mails are always blind copied.

Although there was no formal Junior Church, the plan to have Sm'All Saints' was adopted.

The All Saints' 100 club currently has 42 members which raises over £1800 net per annum.

The church has been used regularly for concerts and other activities such as a wine tasting and we now appear to be on the annual Ryedale Festival venue list and North York Moors Chamber Music Festival holds occasional out of season concerts in church.

Katrina Lane

Secretary to the PCC

25.04.2025

## **All Saints' Fabric Report 2024**

We are very fortunate as overall All Saints' is in reasonably good repair.

The repointing of the area immediately outside the porch has taken place and, as we were advised by our builder that the slabs were moving a little owing to water underneath from blocked drains, these have been cleared, so hopefully all should now be well with just a little remedial pointing.

Sadly, we had a lot of water ingress from the north aisle and a little from the main roof following the November storm. The north aisle roof needs re-roofing soon and we are waiting for more information from our architect together with estimates. Unfortunately, because of this the Church had to be closed for a short while to allow dehumidifiers in to help dry it out. There is other damage caused by faulty gutters, broken hoppers and blocked downpipes. These have been cleared a couple of times, but the hoppers are broken which is not helping. Also, the design of the downpipes is such that they easily block.

Whilst inspecting the storm damage on the north aisle, our architect checked the main roof and reported that it is beginning to reach the end of its life and will need replacing in the not too far distant future. He estimated the cost would be well into six figures, so we need to be mindful of that when raising funds.

The November storm also caused a large tree at the rear of All Saints to come down, fortunately away from the church. However, a few gravestones were damaged and will need repairing once all the debris is removed. We are greatly indebted to Steve Helm for all his work in the mammoth task of sawing up the wood. However, we are now seeking help to remove the brash and level the ground where the trunk has come out.

The graveyard has now been officially closed, and we are in the process of transferring maintenance to the Town Council, who have either to take it over or pass it on to NYCC.

The pew runners have now been installed in the central pews. These have proved very welcome by those attending the many concerts we now enjoy in Church as well as Sunday morning congregations.

Our children's corner has been moved into the Lady Chapel, and this is now a dual-purpose space. By doing this, we have freed up an area near the north door which is now being used as a prayer corner. Another one has also been created near the piano. These are proving to be popular.

As is necessary every few years, all the gravestones have been 'push' tested, and the loose ones which we deemed unsafe have been laid down.

We are now looking forward to Archdeacon Amanda visiting in June when she will check all the logbooks, inventories, PCC minutes etc., etc., for each of our five Churches so a great deal of extra work is now taking place to prepare for this.

We would like to thank everyone for all that is done to maintain and care for All Saints without whom our Church would not be the lovely welcoming place so many declare it to be in the visitors' book.

Thank you!

Kathy and Anne

## **St.Marys Church Report 2024**

We managed to get the high level work on the roof, gutters and pointing from the 2023 Quinquennial ticked off. Also works done on some external areas that were causing some damp issues, these will probably need a couple of years to show any improvement from inside of the church.

A new noticeboard was required due to the arrival of our new incumbent, The Revd Paul Sunderland, his wife Janette and their two dogs. We look forward to working with him for many years to come.

Heating has been an issue due to rising electricity costs. It was decided to try and manage without the night storage heaters. This may prove to be false economy, time will tell. Church services were also pretty cold.

Churchyard maintenance had its problems. There were some people who were very much against leaving some areas to show their abundance of wildflowers, but we went ahead with the NYMNP's volunteers to cut some areas and leave others. This was followed up with two community cuts and St Marys went into Autumn looking neat and tidy.

There were five tea days held on Thursdays throughout the Daffodil season serving teas and refreshments. These proved to be well worth doing with lots of visitors coming through our church door. Thanks to all were expressed for their help with this fundraiser.

**St.Marys Churchwardens.**



## NORTHERN RYEDALE DEANERY SYNOD REPORT 2024-5

We met 5 times during the year at venues across the deanery and discussed:

### JULY 2024

Diocesan ICG report – a policy group to set out how to grow parishes/giving  
Ecumenical Working  
Deanery Pilgrimage to the Minster (not pursued)  
Deanery Day on visitors to churches cancelled due to lack of uptake  
Updates of deanery/parish contacts

### SEPTEMBER 2024

Encouraging visitors to Churches looking at relationships built via baptisms and weddings.

### NOVEMBER 2024

Resignation of Archbishop of Canterbury  
Assisted Dying Bill with many differing concerns  
Growth Initiative in Helmsley Parish for teens

### JANUARY 2025

Stewardship/Parish Giving via contactless payments

### APRIL 2025

Mission And Outreach (April 2025) – why and practical examples on how to connect with teens

### STANDING ITEMS

Parish Updates  
Deanery Finance

### DEANERY GRANTS towards Mission & Outreach £500 per year

Previous grants were to  
Kirby Misperton - Prayer Breakfast  
Capernwray Outreach  
Kirkbymoorside - children's work  
Helmsley - Open the Book  
Appleton-le-Moors - history

Applications for 2025 close in July

### WYDALE HALL GIVING 2024 & 2025

£ 500 agreed for each year

### DEANERY FINANCE

Benefices pay £200 each except where a 2 have merged – these pay £400 instead.  
We have reduced the hours we paid for towards Tania as administrator as Joe needs less assistance. Our balance is about £5000, mostly from past sales of a newsletter.

### OTHER

Our synods are open to all church members but only those elected may vote. Minutes are available from [castle@moorsweb.co.uk](mailto:castle@moorsweb.co.uk). Our Area Dean is Joe Kinsella from the Moor and Dale parish based in Thornton-le-Dale area.

## **Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2025 – The Safeguarding Report**

### Introduction

Our church is committed to Safeguarding - to keeping all children, young people and adults at risk safe and free from harm. We have a growing congregation and an increasing number of visitors and this commitment is reaffirmed annually by the PCC. The PCC fulfils this commitment by ensuring appropriate safeguarding policies and procedures are set in place and complied with.

### Compliance

At its meeting on July 15<sup>th</sup> 2024 the PCC fulfilled its annual requirement to confirm its continued compliance with the requirements of the code of practice issued by the House of Bishops under section 5A of the *Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016*. The PCC continues to support and adopt the House of Bishops Safeguarding Policy for children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults and displays a poster *Promoting a Safer Church* to this effect in all five churches in the Parish. The poster gives clear information about who to contact where a safeguarding concern arises. Furthermore, a required local policy has been ratified and published by the PCC and is similarly displayed. A summary version of this policy was made widely available at a dedicated service on Safeguarding Sunday in November 2024. Copies are available in each church and at the APCM.

During the year the PCC established a safeguarding group and set in place a Safeguarding Development Plan in order that compliance is continually kept under review, taking account of any revisions to the code of practice that may from time to time be made. The Plan is based on detailed requirements set out in the Parish Safeguarding Handbook, including setting in place policies and procedures. A copy of the Handbook is placed in each church and is available on the www site at:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2019-10/ParishSafeGuardingHandBookAugust2019Web.pdf>

The Plan is being implemented systematically overseen by the safeguarding group that reports to the PCC.

### Appointment of Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO)

At the APCM in 2024 the PCC appointed two Parish Safeguarding Officers (PSOs) to support the delivery of their safeguarding responsibilities, including the implementation of the Parish Safeguarding Handbook (2019) and the developing Church of England Safeguarding e-manual that may be accessed here:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-e-manual>

The PSOs, with the Vicar are responsible for ensuring any safeguarding concerns are referred to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team and for working with that team, seeking their advice as necessary to implement safer recruitment guidelines and enable mandatory safeguarding training by PCC members and other role holders as specified.

The PSOs have an overview of all church activities involving children, young people and vulnerable adults. They offer safeguarding advice and support to the leaders of these and wider church activities so that they are aware of their safeguarding responsibilities.

### Safe Recruitment

The PCC has confirmed *Safer Recruitment and People Management Guidance (2022)* will be followed for the appointment of all roles within the church that involve substantial contact with children and/or vulnerable adults, including the use of confidential declarations, disclosure and barring system (DBS) checks and references as appropriate. Those standing for election as churchwardens, deputy and assistant wardens and sidespeople will be subject to these requirements following election. The PSOs are responsible for ensuring these checks are undertaken, are recorded and reported to the PCC and on the Parish Dashboard. All those eligible for these declarations and checks had completed them or had them in progress or planned by the end of 2024, with the exception of those who for personal reasons had their role temporarily in abeyance.

### Training

All role holders within the church must undertake safeguarding training courses relevant to the role that they hold. PSOs have responsibility for enabling this training that is usually conducted via the Diocesan www site and for recording its certification on the Parish Dashboard. The PSOs are further responsible for ensuring all training is undertaken, recorded and reported to the PCC. All those eligible for training had completed it or were registered for or following relevant programmes by the end of 2024, with the exception of those who for personal reasons had their role temporarily in abeyance.

### Governance

The PCC has received a detailed Safeguarding Report at each of its meetings in the second half of 2024. In addition to affirming and reapproving policies already referred to the PCC has approved required policies and procedures for responding to matters of concern, the recruitment of ex-offenders and the Code of Safer Working Practice. This work will continue in 2025. The PCC receives the latest edition of the Parish Dashboard at every meeting which acts as a rolling compliance audit using a red/amber/green traffic light system to alert areas that require action.

The PCC has used its best endeavours to ensure that the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation 2016/679 (the GDPR) is complied with and is kept under review. Excessive data is not collected or retained for longer than necessary, is used only for the purposes for which it is intended and all personal data is kept up to date and is stored and destroyed securely. The data we hold is only available to authorised office holders and is held securely, either physically in locked storage or electronically under password protection.

### Conclusion

This report reflects the progress made by the PCC in *Promoting a Safer Church* during 2024, reaffirming our commitment to Safeguarding - to keeping all children, young people and adults at risk as safe as possible and free from harm. Looking forward our focus on safeguarding will continue apace as our activities expand, taking account of new guidance from the National and Diocesan Safeguarding Teams as it is published.

## Electoral Roll

All Saints	55
St Mary's	10
St Aidan's	10
St Nicholas	4
St Michael & All Angels	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>92</b>

## Music and worship

We feel that our team is a valuable, effective and much appreciated part of the worshipping church family, and it has been a pleasure to shape our ministry with the new vicar over the last year.

We continue to benefit from the piano and the removal of some front pews. If it were possible the piano needs to be serviced as it has a tuning fault that is occasionally causing problems.

Taizé services have continued on a bi-monthly basis and have been well attended by worshippers from all churches in the town and further afield.

In May we will begin additional services for contemporary worship

There have been a range of musical concerts and events in church over the year raising funds for both All Saints and for charities.

The choir has remained quite small despite some efforts to recruit but have continued to support all major festivals and events occasionally augmented by singers from Moorland Voices.

## Report from MenZown 2024-25.

MenZown continues to meet twice a month in the King's Head, with a programme of speakers in the dining room and a Beer & Banter social evening around a long table in the bar, at which beer prices are subsidised by the brewery. At the last committee meeting, the Treasurer Councillor Simon Woodhams reported over fifty names on his membership list, of whom an average 25-30 attend talks and at least a dozen for the B & B. Healthy finances allow the committee to peg the annual membership of £10, which is waived for members over 90 or where there is genuine need. Subsidy is given to the annual Christmas Dinner and consideration has been given to offering a subsidised fish and chip supper, in addition to free drinks, at the summer social. Trips will be arranged.

MenZown has installed a large, drop-down screen, which has added to the use other groups can make of the King's Head. MenZown is grateful for the energetic and friendly support of landlord Matthew Gardner and his wife Emily and their staff.

The webmaster David Harrison manages the recording of talks, which are then available on the website [www.menzownkms.org](http://www.menzownkms.org) for members to view. Live-streaming has been withdrawn; low take-up did not justify costs. David also circulates information about many other groups and projects in Ryedale as well as posting news items such as the current appeal to keep the Melsonby Iron Age Hoard in the county. He sends reminders of meetings to members. We try to offer lifts to and from meetings.

Next year 2026 MenZown will celebrate its Silver Jubilee **25 in 26**. The speaker programme was ready in February. MenZown was co-founded back in 2001 by Canon David Purdy, to whom best wishes are sent. £50 was donated to church funds in memory of the late Mrs. Carol Bishop. She supported with secretarial duties, until her health failed.

MenZown seeks to offer friendship and fellowship to others in the town and beyond it. Social isolation, particularly for those retired, is not good for health and well-being. This issue has become more important as public funding is withdrawn and local authorities find their finances squeezed. MenZown advertising continues both virtually, in newspapers and magazines, in our own Surprise View, posters in the street, church porch, pew notices and even in a doctor's surgery.

The key to success is a willingness to welcome the stranger and newcomer and to encourage them to come back. This is more likely when they have met and spoken with others and made what used to be called an introduction, which is why name badges have been used for some years. Anecdotally I have been told that someone could tell MenZown was meeting by the sound of laughter coming through the King's Head windows into the street. Guests from elsewhere, eating in the King's Head, have commented and enquired what the group is?

**Richard Sharpe.**

## **What is Faith Group (*God in the pub*)**

Originally beginning four years ago, this group has explored what it means to have a faith and belong to a Christian community in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, how people's attitude and understanding with regard to church and Christianity have changed.

Twelve people started this year's sessions and in the last twelve months Carol and I have run three groups in the George and Dragon on a Tuesday evening from 7pm-8pm.

Our three sessions have looked at:

Women in the Bible

A Story to Live By – using Kathy Galloway's book of the same title.

The book looks at the questions of Meaning, Belonging, Identity, Values, Care and Difference. Because we only have an hour, our discussions are limited, so we made the decision to do another group of sessions using the same book, focussing on the same questions but with a more Christ-centred approach. We began this current run of sessions on 29<sup>th</sup> April and are already finding our discussions challenging.

Since its inception, group numbers have increased and we enjoy talking together in small groups and then coming together at the end of the session for a shared discussion. We don't always agree or share the same views, but this is part of what these sessions are about – a safe space in which to be honest and open about our faith and to listen to the views of others without judgement. If we do disagree, participants are encouraged to use the word "ouch" which gives both "offender" and "offended" an opportunity to gently explain and expand their viewpoint. This approach works and we are able to learn from one another and understand each other better.

A social side has grown from the group as quite a number of us retire to the bar afterwards to share some further fellowship over a drink. We laugh a lot which is a joy and there is a lovely sense of shared values.

Rev'd Yvonne Yates

Carol Messham

## Pastoral Care Team

As a group of churches we recognise the importance of good pastoral care and endeavour to visit and support as many of our parishioners as request a visit.

The team is small but very efficient and we are able to share any concerns we have in confidence about individuals visited or those we feel need more support.

Paul asked me a little while ago to head up the Pastoral Care Team and I am happy to do this.

However, I wonder if we can share the 'load' a little better. I have asked a couple of people who I know have completed Safeguarding Training if they would be willing to visit people on an 'ad hoc' basis as opposed to regular visiting. Some people just need a finite amount of support to get back on their feet following a hospital stay or feeling unable to get about in the way they used to and so this has been agreed with the two people I approached. They are also willing to take Holy Communion out to homes if this is requested.

If anyone feels they could volunteer in this way, then Paul and I would be pleased to hear from you. You must be willing to undertake some Safeguarding Training.

We know how busy people are and the commitments they already have and so an 'ad hoc' approach may be the way forward. Many of you do so much already and so to add to your load would not be helpful.

I also wondered about producing a small leaflet to give to people if they feel they want some extra help. It would mainly be for anyone leaving hospital and coming home to an empty fridge for example, but could be used by anyone who is temporarily housebound.

I envisaged a list of basics like milk, bread, a home-cooked meal, cake.

We all have room in our freezers I hope where we might store a meal for one or a few slices of cake.

I haven't got very far with this, but would welcome any thoughts and ideas that might bring this to fruition. Many of our parishioners feel very vulnerable after a stay in hospital and a helping hand for a few weeks is an essential part of recovery and rehabilitation I think.

Please contact me if you'd like to discuss being a part of this: 07834536540 or [ylyates@btinternet.com](mailto:ylyates@btinternet.com) or just grab me after a service in church.

Thank you.

*Yvonne*