

# Alne Parochial Church Council

England & Wales · Charity number 1184626

## Details

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Other names	PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN ALNE
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2019-07-26
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

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## Activities

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

**Activities:** PROVIDING THE COMMUNITY WITH SPIRITUAL AND PRACTICAL SUPPORT INCLUDING WORK WITH SCHOOLS AND THE SICK, THE ELDERLY AND VULNERABLE ADULTS BOTH AT HOME AND IN CARE INSTITUTIONS .

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- North Yorkshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£64,452	£58,956	-	-
2024-12-31	£77,749	£87,536	-	-
2023-12-31	£62,665	£84,339	-	-
2022-12-31	£60,354	£58,336	-	-
2021-12-31	£51,683	£60,077	-	-
2020-12-31	£15,275	£16,942	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Arthur Harland</b>	Chair	1995-04-01
Andrew Naismith		2025-07-22
Carol Watson		2024-04-23
Ian Michael Scott		2024-04-23
Janice Violet Naismith		2025-07-22
Margaret Scott Bond		2025-04-29
Rev Lucy Jane Brencher		2024-09-24
Vivienne Bird		2025-04-29

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# Accounts

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**Alne Parochial Church Council**  
**Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2025**

The Parochial Church Council ("PCC") has pleasure in presenting its Report together with the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the Priest-in-Charge (or the Diocese of York when in a period of interregnum) in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of the buildings of St. Mary's Alne, St. Stephen's Aldwark and St. Michael's Tollerton and the churchyards in Alne and Aldwark.

The PCC is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the PCC and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and the Charities Act 2021 and 2022. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the PCC and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### **Aims and purposes**

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to become part of our parish community. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and considers prayerfully how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in "The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit" and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

## **Objectives and Activities**

### Worship and Prayer

The PCC is keen to offer a range of Sunday services across the three churches over the course of the year that offers worship that is both accessible for all in our communities and worship that serves to deepen personal discipleship and living out Christ's story. Services are led by a team of ordained and experienced lay leaders and across the Parish they reflect different worship styles. Services at St. Stephens and St. Mary's are structured in a more traditional style, with pockets of quiet reflection and times of Taizé style singing and silence. St Mary's offers some family-friendly services on special occasions such as Mother's Day, Harvest and Christingle. At St. Michael's, services are generally more expressive and less formal, with a worship group (of guitars, and sometimes keyboard and flute), that leads more contemporary worship songs. St Michael's has an All-Age Service once a week. All three churches aim to have a service of Holy Communion at least once a month.

All are welcome to attend our regular services. Our activities are posted on the church's Facebook Page and advertised in the Parish Magazine, which is hand delivered to households within the parish. We also publish services on our St Michael's website and 'A Church Near You' webpages for all three churches.

At present there are 88 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, a small increase on the previous year.

In 2025 there was a slight change to our service pattern, as we experimented trying to find a combination of services that was both possible to run and best supported the congregations of all three churches. On the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month at 10:30a.m. we held a joint service at St. Stephens, attended by both St. Mary's and St. Michael's with a view of supporting the congregation at St. Stephen's and growing in faith together. Happily, we saw a few people from Aldwark and neighbouring villages join this larger congregation. Towards the end of 2025 we decided that St Michael's should have 4 weekly morning services; wonderfully we are seeing more people joining St Michael's in 2026.

To coincide with a shared service at St Stephen's, an additional evening service, was started at St. Michael's on the first Sunday at 6pm, focusing on encountering God in worship and bible reflection. This has attracted some from across the Ministry Unit, whilst offering to those from St Michael's a less traditional form of service in the first week. Even after changing back to its separate services, St Michael's is continuing with this monthly evening service.

For the first 5 months a Celtic style service was held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the afternoon at St. Stephen's, but due to very small numbers this was paused.

Communion services were provided across 3 of the 4 Sundays: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at St. Stephen's, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at St. Mary's and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at St. Michael's, with a Communion Service on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday only available within the wider Ministry Unit.

As well as our regular services, in 2025 we enabled our community to celebrate the milestones of life through baptism, marriage, and memorials: 2 marriages were conducted (one at St. Stephen's and one at St. Mary's). 8 funerals took place (6 of which were at St. Mary's and 1 at St. Michael's and 1 at St. Stephen's) and 6 baptisms (1 at St. Stephens and 3 at St. Mary's and 2 at St. Michael's).

St Mary's and St Stephen's have continued to be open each day for private prayer and for general visitors

### **Volunteers**

The PCC would like to thank all our volunteers who work hard to make our church welcoming, smooth running and enjoyable including: Those who lead services, those on the cleaning rota, those who tend the churchyard, those who provide flowers, those who launder the cloths used for communion, those who provide the music, and those who give of their time for the PCC.

### **Mission, Evangelism and discipleship**

#### **Vision Day**

We enjoyed a Ministry Unit Away Day on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2025. Jan Grey from the Diocese helped us reflect on our generosity towards God, ourselves and our communities. We recognized that collectively we need to grow younger and be bold in sharing our faith.

#### **Deanery Synod**

Two members of the PCC sit on the deanery synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. The particular focus in 2025 has been to share knowledge and experience of

some of the practical ways we might implement our plans for "Living Christ's Story". The Venerable Rev'd John Day led a Learning Morning on steps for growing church as we speak about our faith. A group of 5 from the West Galtres Ministry Unit enjoyed a fun and helpful meeting.

### **Communications**

Our parish magazine is distributed monthly to all parishioners freely. The magazine keeps our parishioners informed of the important matters affecting our Church and articles that help develop knowledge and trust in Jesus. It also includes local community news. It is gratifying that several local organisations including the parish councils at Alne and Tollerton, agree to contribute to the cost of producing the parish magazine to cover something of the additional costs incurred resulting from the increased community news.

We have a shared weekly email with a 'Thought for the weekend'. This communication holds together all the 6 churches in the wider West Galtres Ministry Unit. It is currently sent out to 135 people. It helps the churches to pray together and support one another in mission and ministry, and share ideas and resources. The written reflection enables us to think together on an aspect of life with God, either from the news or from our cycle of lectionary readings.

### **Outreach Initiatives**

All three churches actively seek to engage with the village communities. We have continued our focus to reach out to the villagers and raise the profile of the church within the community. These activities plant seeds of faith, not just developing improved relationships between the church and the village, but enabling us to demonstrate the love of Christ to the parishioners. These initiatives also offer opportunities for us to share our personal faith with people.

At St Stephen's these initiatives have been:

- Keeping church open as a place of prayer. St Stephen's is on the rambler's route and we know from the visitor's book that people come into church fairly regularly and enjoy its peace.
- Occasional offices of baptism and marriages
- Holding a busy Carol service
- Prayer stations during the Sept Global Week of Prayer

At St. Mary's these initiatives have been:

- Participation in the annual Street Fayre, which builds good will between the church and the village.
- Holding major festival services (Remembrance Day and the Christingle service).
- Occasional offices of baptism, marriage and funerals
- Prayer stations during the Sept Global Week of Prayer

At St. Michael's these initiatives have been:

- Continued distribution of a "welcome to Tollerton" booklet to all new residents on moving in.
- Hot Spot which ran in the Spring and Autumn. This has continued to be popular with a good number (of different people) attending each session. This has continued to improve the visibility and use of the church within the life of the village. We had to reduce the sessions from weekly to fortnightly, through lack of people resources.
- A Youth Drop-In Café, run weekly during term-time for 11-16 year olds. We offer games, crafts and some sporting activities and include a time where we share our Christian faith.
- Little Angels, run weekly, where we provide a space for mums/carers of babies and toddlers to socialise. Some of the mums from this activity were interested in gathering specifically to discuss faith and so in October a monthly gathering (Little Angels – Connect) was started.
- Discipleship Groups that meet in homes are life giving because of the fellowship and Bible study that attendees enjoy.
- Prayer Groups – once a week a group meets for prayer, being intentional about praying for God's blessing on all three villages, growth in our churches and for those in need of prayer.
- A 24-hour prayer space during September's Global Week of Prayer

### **Opportunities to deepen faith**

Rev'd Lucy led an Alive course in May 2025 at St Michael's Tollerton focusing on the impact of Easter on our lives. love, hope, peace, freedom and purpose

Rev'd Lucy also invited all churches to engage with Thy Kingdom Come prayer in the 10 days before Pentecost, with prayer walks in each of the villages, and in the Global Week of Prayer in September 2025.

In 2025 a new homegroup started in Tollerton, which makes 4 different times to meet for learning together in the Parish of Alne. In October we joined in The Big Church Read, with the book; The Greatest Story Ever Told by Bear Grylls.

### **School's link**

There is a strong relationship with the primary school in Alne, who use St Mary's for end of term services and on other occasions, resulting in a very full church of children and their parents several times per year.

In 2025 Rev'd Lucy went into Alne Primary School each month to take an assembly and also under the initiative called Growing Faith, Rev Lucy has been in at Pentecost, Harvest and Anti Bullying week to deliver immersive Christian faith centred workshops. These have resulted in art work and poetry being displayed in St Mary's and our ties have been strengthened.

### **Festival services**

St Stephen's and St Mary's have had good community engagement at Harvest, Remembrance, Christmas, and in April a Halifax Bomber Memorial Service.

There continues to be a steady stream of visitors to view things of historic significance in St Mary's, and to the graveyard, both of which people find very tranquil and welcoming.

### **Pastoral Care**

Rev'd Lucy has dedicated time to pastoral care where the need was greatest but with one vicar taking care across 4 parishes (6 churches) the need no doubt exceeds her capacity. To increase our effectiveness in this area, she is looking to build a team including lay people who can provide additional pastoral care.

In the community, Rev'd Lucy has visited Oak Trees, the local Care Home in Alne to take a short service of hymn singing and share a short thought. Lucy has stayed to chat to residents too, sometimes giving Home Communion. This is a ministry that could also grow, with a pastoral team.

## **Generous churches**

St. Michael's Tollerton donates 10% of its income to local, national or international Christian Missionary charities. St. Mary's donates to the Children's Society following the Christingle service and to the Royal British Legion following the Remembrance Service.

All three churches again contributed to a "Christmas Tree Angel" appeal, by which toys were purchased as gifts for disadvantaged children in York, arranged through the Salvation Army. A great number of parishioners contributed to this initiative and it was very effective at raising the profile of the 3 churches in a positive way.

In addition, St. Mary's held a shoe-box appeal which resulted in some boxes being donated to the Samaritan's Purse appeal for missionary work with children throughout the world in challenged countries.

In September the Parish of Alne participated in a month's sermon series on Giving.

## **Future hopes for the next 18 months**

### **Prayer**

There are many more opportunities to continue and deepen our prayer life across the Parish. Prayer is the foundation upon which God builds his church. In the 10 days before Pentecost, we will be engaging in Thy Kingdom Come and again in September with the Global Week of Prayer.

### **Families**

We would love to see an increase in all our churches of families and children. We discern that the time is now to build a team to enable an Afternoon Service, to sit alongside our All Age Morning Worship. Rev'd Lucy and Churchwarden Richard will be looking for people to pray into this exciting venture. We will engage with our villages and ask for their thoughts.

### **Teams**

There is a real need to grow our pastoral, family-service and prayer teams. There is also space for growing more Licensed Lay Leaders.

It would be wonderful to have more people stepping up to serve as churchwardens and on the PCCs.

In 2026/7 Rev'd Andy Hagon is going to join the Ministry Team for an extended placement of 12 months. Andy brings with him lots of experience of Bubble Church and other ways of growing younger, as well as a love of preaching and leading worship.

### **Generous Living**

We will continue to explore giving in the context of God's abundance towards us. This will fuel our vision to grow in faith, in outreach and in numbers. As we are generous our churches become the very centre of God's purpose and his flourishing in our villages.

### **Governance**

#### **Reserves policy**

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds which equates to at least six months unrestricted payments. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. This was achieved by the PCC in 2025. For 2026 the reserves policy was changed by the PCC, with a separate policy for St. Michael's.

#### **Safeguarding**

The PCC has complied with the duty to have 'due regard' for the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance. GodZone (the 'Sunday School' at St. Michael's Tollerton, was normally held once each month depending on which children were in attendance. Safeguarding considerations were also taken into account regarding all church-run activities (Hot-Spot, Youth Drop In Café and Little Angels).

#### **Building Maintenance and Development**

No major work was required at any of the three churches in 2025. At St. Mary's the plan to re-develop the inner porch at the main entrance is still on the list of improvements to be made to complete better insulation, improved accessibility and a more welcoming entrance. There is a re-worked plan of how it can be done with further fundraising now being necessary. The Quinquennial inspection has been undertaken and verbally we have been reassured nothing major is required, though we await receipt of the written report.

The written report from the quinquennial inspection that has taken place at St. Stephen's has finally been received and the priority action regarding the 5-year electrical inspection and the corrective work identified has been completed.

### **Structure, governance and management**

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The membership of the PCC consists of the Priest-in-Charge (our vicar), churchwardens and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who are members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for supervising the decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

The full PCC met 4 times during the year in addition to the APCM which was held in April.

### **Administrative information**

The Parish of Aine is part of the Diocese of York within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Church Office, St. Michael's Church, Newton Road Tollerton York YO61 1QX. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2011) and a charity currently registered with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2025 until the date of this report were:

#### **Ex Officio members:**

Priest-in-Charge: Revd Lucy Brencher

Warden: vacancy

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Deputy-warden Mr Richard Swan (warden of St. Michael's, Tollerton)

#### **Elected members:**

Mr Arthur Harland (Lay Chair and Deanery Synod representative)

Mr Peter Cove (Deanery Synod representative)

Mrs Carol Watson (Parish Safeguarding Officer) until 20/10/2025

Mrs Carol Scott (Parish Safeguarding Officer) from 20/10/2025

Mr Ian Scott Treasurer

Mrs Vivienne Bird

Mrs Maggie Bond  
Lady Sharon Oliver until 29/04/2025  
Mr Andrew Naismith from 22/07/2025  
Mrs Jan Naismith from 22/07/2025

## Financial Review

The PCC is accountable for the financial management of the whole parish, but has delegated to Tollerton DCC the responsibility to manage its own income and expenditure.

Within the General Fund all but one item of income and four items of expenditure are attributable to each individual church. These five 'shared' items are shown as shaded in the accounts and each church is allocated their share on the basis of 'use' or 'ability to pay'.

In order to distinguish between PCC Budget/Accounts/General Fund and Tollerton Budget/Accounts/General Fund the following naming conventions will be used:

- PCC Budget or PCC Account or PCC General Fund refers to the two churches Alne and Aldwark
- Tollerton Budget or Tollerton Accounts or Tollerton General Fund refers to Tollerton only
- Combined Budget or Combined Accounts or Combined General Fund refers to the larger set of all three churches

The details of income, expenditure and profiled budget for the Combined Accounts are shown in the accounts below, along with the Statement of Assets which go forward to start 2026.

### PCC General Fund Summary:

By the end of 2025 the PCC General Fund received income of £23,674.88 across both churches, this is £3,074.88 (17%) ahead of budget.

The principal variations within the income streams are:

- Gift Aid & GASDS is £229.60 (9%) under budget.
- Fees retained by (weddings/funerals) £2,268 (57%) ahead budget.

Expenditure across all elements of the PCC General Fund is 6% under budget at £28,934.38. There have been some variations within PCC expenditure

- Aldwark is £138.49 (1%) over budget
- Alne is £2,106.78 (11%) under budget.

PCC General Funds were budgeted to be in deficit by -£13,302.67; the year-end position is a deficit of -£8,259.50. This is £5,043.17 (approx. 38%) ahead of budget.

In short: total income for 2025 is £3,074.88 (17%) ahead of budget; total expenditure for 2025 is £1,968.29 (6%) under budget. Year-end position is a

loss that is £5,043.17 (38%) better than expected.  
Accumulated loss for 2025 is -£8,259.50

**Tollerton General Fund Summary:**

By the end of 2025 the Tollerton General Fund received income of £32,899.41, this is £600.59 (2%) under budget.

The principal variations within the income streams are:

- Income from planned giving and plate is £1,899.80 (2%) under budget
- Gift Aid & GASDS £248.22 (5%) ahead of budget.
- Coffee club and Hot Spot donations totalling £1,114 have been received during the year.

Expenditure across all elements of the Tollerton General Fund is £27,513.58 or £6,013.75 (18%) under budget. The principal variations within expense elements are:

- Church Maintenance costs are £5,208 (61%) under budget and being the principal reason for this underspend.

Tollerton General Funds were budgeted to have a very small deficit of -£27; the year end position is a surplus of £5,385.83.

Approved by the PCC on Monday 18 May and signed on its behalf by

Revd Lucy Brencher, Priest-in-Charge

Signature ..... *L Brencher*

Arthur Harland, Lay Chair of the PCC.

Signature ..... *Arthur K Harland*

## Independent examiner's report to Alne Parochial Church Council ("PCC")

Charity no: 1184626

I report to the PCC on my examination of the combined accounts of the churches of St Mary's Alne, St Stephen's Aldwark and St Michael's Tollerton which constitute the Ecclesiastical Parish of Alne for the year ended 31 December 2025.

### Responsibilities and basis of the report

The members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act") and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations").

I report in respect of my examination of the PCC's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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.

This report, including my statement, has been prepared for and only for the members of the PCC as a body. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the members of the PCC those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the members of the PCC as a body for my examination work, for this report, or for the statements I have made.

### Basis of this report

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

### Independent examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records or do not comply with the Regulations other than in respect of the requirement for a true and fair view.

I confirm that there are no matters in connection with the examination to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parochial Church Council of Aine  
Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2025 £	TOTAL 2024 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
<b>Voluntary receipts:</b>					
Tax Efficient Planned giving	29,921.16	0.00	2,030.00	31,951.16	32,566.17
Other Planned giving	1,880.00	0.00	45.00	1,925.00	4,639.02
Collections at services	5,932.36	0.00	667.27	6,599.63	6,392.54
Other giving / voluntary receipts	1,114.00	0.00	0.00	1,114.00	452.06
Legacies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00
Gift aid recovered	8,218.62	0.00	738.54	8,957.16	8,189.35
Grants	0.00	0.00	5,057.66	5,057.66	7.48
	47,066.14	0.00	8,538.47	55,604.61	67,246.62
<b>Activities for generating funds:</b>					
Fundraising Event income (Gross)	0.00	0.00	1,006.00	1,006.00	1,555.95
Trading Activity income (Gross)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Church Hall lettings	180.00	0.00	0.00	180.00	0.00
<b>Investment income</b>					
Current Account Interest	60.15	0.00	0.00	60.15	118.49
Saving Account Interest	0.00		1,332.80	1,332.80	1,672.29
Rent from PCC owned land/buildings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.00
<b>Insurance Claims</b>					
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Church Activities:</b>					
PCC Fees	6,268.00	0.00	0.00	6,268.00	7,126.00
Magazine Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>53,574.29</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>10,877.27</b>	<b>64,451.56</b>	<b>77,749.35</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
<b>Church Activities:</b>					
Free Will Offer	32,100.00	0.00	0.00	32,100.00	29,900.00
Salaries Wages & Honorarium	1,321.00	0.00	0.00	1,321.00	2,480.40
Clergy & staffing Expenses	123.00	0.00	0.00	123.00	0.00
Mission & Evangelism Costs	3,852.84	0.00	0.00	3,852.84	2,352.80
Church running expenses	12,689.63	0.00	2,508.00	15,197.63	13,440.31
Church Utility expenses	3,244.49	0.00	0.00	3,244.49	4,782.24
Hall running costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mission giving and donations	3,087.00	0.00	0.00	3,087.00	2,568.00
Major Repairs & Works Church	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	32,011.81
Major Repairs & Works Hall	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Building Works	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	56,417.96	0.00	2,508.00	58,925.96	87,535.56
<b>Cost of Generating Funds:</b>					
Cost of Fund Raising	30.00	0.00	0.00	30.00	0.00
Cost of Trading	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	30.00	0.00	0.00	30.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>56,447.96</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,508.00</b>	<b>58,955.96</b>	<b>87,535.56</b>
<b>EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS</b>	<b>-2,873.67</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>8,369.27</b>	<b>5,495.60</b>	<b>-9,786.21</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS:</b>	<b>-2,873.67</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>8,369.27</b>	<b>5,495.60</b>	<b>-9,786.21</b>
Cash & Bank balances at 1st January	62,465.15	0.00	72,553.01	135,018.16	144,804.37
<b>Cash &amp; Bank balances at 31st December</b>	<b>59,591.48</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>80,922.28</b>	<b>140,513.76</b>	<b>135,018.16</b>

**Parochial Church Council of Alne  
Statement of Assets & Liabilities**

Note	Unrestricted General Fund	Designated PCC Mission £	Tollerlon General Fund £	Restricted Alne Fabric Fund	Restricted Aldwark Fabric Fund	Restricted Tollerlon Fund	TOTAL 2025 £	TOTAL 2024 £
<b>Cash funds</b>								
Bank current account	28,426	4,720	26,445	5,120	2,925	2,574	70,351	68,119
Bank deposit account	-	-	-	11,929	4,992	57,907	74,928	87,227
	<u>28,426</u>	<u>4,720</u>	<u>26,446</u>	<u>17,049</u>	<u>4,992</u>	<u>59,781</u>	<u>140,514</u>	<u>133,346</u>
<b>Investment assets</b>								
Investment fund shares at market value								
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**Notes:**

- The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis
- The PCC has one designated fund, the purpose of which is based on The Great Commissions outlined in Matthew 28: 16-20 in which Jesus calls on His disciples to make disciples. The PCC has 3 restricted funds, the purpose of which is limited to paying for any repair works on the building or grounds; or be restricted to the sole work and purpose of the individual church.
- The movement in funds during the year were:

	Bal b/f	Receipts	Payments	Bal c/f
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>				
General Fund	62,465.15	53,574.29	56,447.96	59,591.48
<b>Designated/Restricted</b>				0.00
Des PCC Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Res Alne Fabric	7,277.67	9,770.85	0.00	17,048.52
Res Aldw Fabric	6,580.18	20.82	2,508.00	4,093.00
Res Tollerlon	58,695.16	1,085.60	0.00	59,780.76
	<u>135,018.16</u>	<u>64,451.56</u>	<u>58,955.96</u>	<u>140,513.76</u>

**Aine Parochial Church Council**

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# Accounts

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# **Alne Parochial Church Council**

Registered Charity: 1184626

## **Annual Report and Financial Statements**

**For the year ended 31 December 2024**

# **Alne Parochial Church Council**

## **Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024**

### **Aims and purposes**

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the priest-in-charge in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to become part of our parish community. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the three churches within the parish; St. Mary's Alne, St. Stephen's Aldwark and St. Michael's Tollerton.

### **Achievements and Performance**

#### **Worship and Prayer**

The PCC is keen to offer a range of Sunday services across the three churches over the course of the year that offers worship that is both accessible for all in our communities and worship that serves to deepen personal discipleship and living out Christ's story. Services are led by a team of ordained and experienced lay leaders. Services at St. Stephens and St. Mary's are more traditional with specific family-friendly services in Alne on special occasions such as Mother's Day, Harvest and Christingle whereas at St. Michaels, services are generally more expressive and less formal, with a worship group (of guitars, and sometimes keyboard and flute), that leads more contemporary worship songs. All three churches aim to have a service of Holy Communion at least once a month and we aim to hold a service of Holy Communion every week within the parish.

All are welcome to attend our regular services. Our activities are posted on the church's Facebook Page and advertised in the Parish Magazine, which is hand delivered. We also publish services on our St Michael's website and 'a church near you' webpages for all three churches.

At present there are 84 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, the same as last year.

2024 saw a continuation of the service pattern we have followed post-COVID, with one service per month at St. Stephens, two services each month at St. Mary's and a service every Sunday at St. Michael's.

Following the decision taken the previous year to join with Skelton, Shipton and Newton, which enabled us to advertise for a full time Priest-in-Charge, we were delighted that Revd Lucy Brencher applied and was successful in her application, being duly Licenced on 24/09/24. Until that time, we continued to rely on local retired clergy to take services of Holy Communion and members of our own congregation to take services of Morning Worship.

St Mary's and St Stephen's have continued to be open for private prayer and for general visitors each day

There is a strong relationship with the primary school in Alne, who use St Mary's for end of term services and on other occasions, resulting in a very full church of children and their parents several times per year. In addition,

## **Alne Parochial Church Council Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)**

the school helps with rehearsals to prepare children participating in songs and readings at the family-friendly services. Since starting in role, Rev'd Lucy goes into Alne Primary School each month to take an assembly. There is also a steady stream of visitors to view things of historic significance in St Mary's, and to the graveyard, both of which people find very tranquil and welcoming.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. In total four marriages were conducted in the parish in 2024 (all at St. Stephen's).

9 funerals took place (7 of which were at St. Mary's and 2 at St. Michael's) and 7 baptisms (4 at St. Stephens and 2 at St. Mary's and 1 at St. Michael's).

### **Deanery Synod**

Two members of the PCC sit on the deanery synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. The particular focus in 2024 has been to share knowledge and experience of some of the practical ways we might implement our plans for "Living Christ's Story". Presentations on deepening discipleship, with an additional development day focussing on Discipleship, celebrating Eco-Church and "Growing the Church Younger" were the highlights.

### **Pastoral Care**

Prior to the Licensing of a Priest-in-Charge, our pastoral care had been sadly lacking. Our local retired clergy have helped greatly in taking funerals and providing care for the bereaved family members. Now that Revd Lucy is in post, the situation has improved greatly. In December Rev'd Lucy led a memorial service in the Ministry Unit for those who perhaps struggle with Christmas because of personal loss and bereavement.

### **Mission and Evangelism**

St. Michael's Tollerton donates 10% of its income to local, national or international Christian Missionary charities. St. Mary's donates to the Children's Society following the Christingle service and to the Royal British Legion following the Remembrance Service.

Our parish magazine is distributed monthly to all parishioners freely. The magazine keeps our parishioners informed of the important matters affecting our Church and articles that help develop knowledge and trust in Jesus. It also includes local community news. We were able to conduct our door-to-door deliveries once more this year. It was gratifying that several local organisations including the parish councils at Alne and Tollerton, agreed to contribute to the cost of producing the parish magazine to cover something of the additional costs incurred resulting from the increased community news.

Since October we have a shared weekly email with a 'Thought for the weekend'. This communication holds together all the 6 churches in the wider West Galtres Ministry Unit. It helps the churches to pray together and support one another in mission and ministry, and share ideas and resources. The written reflection enables us to think together on an aspect of life with God, either from the news or from our cycle of lectionary readings.

All three churches actively seek to engage with the village communities. We have continued our focus to reach out to the villagers and raise the profile of the church within the community. These activities plant the seeds, not just developing improved relationships between the church and the village, but enabling us to demonstrate the love of Christ to the parishioners. These initiatives also offer opportunities for us to share our personal faith with people.

## **Alne Parochial Church Council Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)**

At St Stephen's these initiatives have been:

- Hosting the village Christmas Fayre event in the church, which was really successful
- Keeping church open as a place of prayer. St Stephen's is on the rambler's route and we know from the visitor's book that people come into church fairly regularly and enjoy its peace.

At St. Mary's these initiatives have been:

- Participation in the annual Street Fayre, at which we hosted 'Alne, past and & present', and refreshments accompanied by organ recitals plus plant stalls and children's competitions, which attracted a good number of both adults and children.
- Holding the major festival services (Remembrance Day, a Harvest Festival for Children and the Christingle service).

At St. Michaels's these initiatives have been:

- Continued distribution of a "welcome to Tollerton" booklet to all new residents on moving in.
- Carol singing in the village hall this year at the 'lights switch-on event'
- Hot Spot which ran in the Spring and Autumn. This has continued to be popular with a good number (of different people) attending each session. This has improved the visibility and use of the church within the life of the village. We had to reduce the sessions from weekly to fortnightly through lack of people resources.
- Discipleship Groups that meet in homes are life giving because of the fellowship and Bible study that attendees enjoy.
- Prayer Groups – once a week a group meets for prayer, being intentional about praying for God's blessing on all three villages, growth in our churches and for those in need of prayer.

St. Stephen's, in addition to their wedding and baptism ministry, held their annual Carol Service, which again attracted many parishioners who would not otherwise attend church services.

All three churches again contributed to a "Christmas Tree Angel" appeal, by which toys were purchased as gifts for disadvantaged children in York, arranged through the Salvation Army. A great number of parishioners contributed to this initiative and it was very effective at raising the profile of the 3 churches in a positive way. In addition, St. Mary's held a shoe-box appeal which resulted in many boxes being donated to the Samaritan's Purse appeal for missionary work with children throughout the world in challenged countries.

### **New Things In 2025**

St. Michael's has initiated plans to run a Stay and Play Toddler Group and also a Youth Drop-in Café on weekly basis in term-time. At St. Mary's the plan is to re-start the morning coffee morning, though earlier in the morning with a focus on inviting parents who have just dropped their children off at the school.

The service pattern has also been changed, so that on the first Sunday of each month we come together for a parish family Communion at St. Stephen's, with a "Sunday at 6" contemporary worship service at St. Michael's. In addition, a Celtic style worship for the West Galtres Churches is held at St. Stephen's on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday each month

### **Reserves policy**

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds which equates to at least six months unrestricted payments. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. This was achieved by the PCC in 2024.

## **Alne Parochial Church Council Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)**

### **Safeguarding**

The PCC has complied with the duty to have ‘due regard’ for the House of Bishops’ Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance. GodZone (the ‘Sunday School’ at St. Michael’s Tollerton, was held on three Sundays each month during 2024). Safeguarding considerations were also taken into account regarding those activities which gave rise to contact with potentially vulnerable adults, principally Hot Spot.

### **Building Maintenance and Development**

At St. Mary’s major work was needed to repair the beams and flooring in the tower following rot and associated insect attack. Various woodwork repairs were also carried out within the church. The plan to re-develop the inner porch at the main entrance is, therefore, back on the list of improvements to be made to complete better insulation, improved accessibility and a more welcoming entrance. There is a re-worked plan of how it can be done with further fundraising now being necessary.

At St. Michael’s the church roof was extensively repaired to address sagging and leaking issue. The car park was re-gravelled and enlarged.

All three churches have a list of prioritised work identified in their quinquennial inspections (or for St. Michael’s its 5-year surveyors report) and plans to action the most important points. Both St. Michael’s and St. Mary’s are nearing the time to have their next inspections carried out. We still await the report from the latest quinquennial inspection that has taken place at St. Stephen’s.

### **Volunteers**

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our parish the lively and vibrant community it is.

### **Structure, governance and management**

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The membership of the PCC consists of the Priest-in-Charge (our vicar), churchwardens and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who are members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for supervising the decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

The full PCC met 4 times during the year in addition to the APCM which was held in April. Each of the three individual churches are managed by their own church councils.

### **Administrative Information**

The Parish of Alne is part of the Diocese of York within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Church Office, St. Michael’s Church, Newton Road Tollerton York YO61 1QX. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2011) and a charity currently registered with the Charity Commission.

**Alne Parochial Church Council  
Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)**

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2024 until the date of this report were:

Ex Officio members:

- Priest-in-Charge: Revd Lucy Brencher (from 24/09/24)
- Warden: vacancy
- Warden: vacancy
- Deputy-warden Mrs Alison Dowson (warden of St. Michael’s, Tollerton)
- Deputy-warden Mr Richard Swan (warden of St. Michael’s, Tollerton)

Elected members:

- Mr Arthur Harland (Lay Chair and Deanery Synod representative)
- Mr Bill Ormerod (until 26/09/24)
- Mrs Carol Watson (Parish Safeguarding Officer)
- Mrs Vivienne Bird
- Mr Ian Scott from 23/04/24 elected Treasurer at the APCM
- Mrs Maggie Bond
- Lady Sharon Oliver
- Mr Peter Cove (Deanery Synod representative)

**Financial review**

In 2024 Alne PCC continued to be the single body under which the finances of all three churches were managed. At the PCC held on 29/10/24 the PCC delegated the authority to St. Michael’s District Church Council (DCC) to manage its church income and expenditure and to prepare a separate church-specific set of accounts. The responsibility for the control of all the finances of the parish remains with the PCC. This amendment allowed St. Michael’s to operate according to the Deed of Trust which governs how it must operate whilst at the same time ensuring the PCC retained its legal responsibilities.

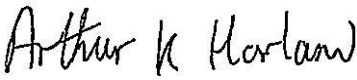
The PCC has adopted a Receipts and Payments basis for the preparation of the financial statements, as in prior years.

Unrestricted funds for the year showed a net deficit of £8,609 (2023: surplus of £9,919) largely arising due to the timing of running costs and utility charges and necessary expenditure on maintenance and repair works. Planned giving increased by 2% to £35,330 (2023: £34,654) but total receipts reduced by 3.7% to £56,208 (2023: £58,369) due to lower one-off receipts and a lower amount of fees for wedding and funerals in the year.

Restricted Funds for the year benefited from the receipt of legacies totalling £15,000, with significant expenditure incurred in the year on repair works at St Mary’s, Alne. Restricted Funds for the year showed a net deficit of £1,178 (2023: deficit of £31,887).

At 31 December 2024 Unrestricted Funds amounted to £62,465 (2023: £71,074) and Restricted Funds amounted to £72,553 (2023: £73,731). At 31 December 2024 the PCC has unclaimed Gift Aid relating to donations received by 31 December 2024 of: Unrestricted Funds £8,133 and Restricted Funds £731. Once claimed and received, these amounts will increase the Unrestricted Funds and Restricted Funds accordingly.

Approved by the PCC on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April and signed on its behalf by Arthur Harland, Lay Chair of the PCC.

Signature .....  .....

## **Independent examiner's report to Alne Parochial Church Council ("PCC")**

I report to the PCC on my examination of the combined accounts of the churches of St Mary's Alne, St Stephen's Aldwark and St Michael's Tollerton which constitute the Ecclesiastical Parish of Alne for the year ended 31 December 2024.

### **Responsibilities and basis of the report**

The members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act") and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations").

I report in respect of my examination of the PCC's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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.

This report, including my statement, has been prepared for and only for the members of the PCC as a body. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the members of the PCC those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the members of the PCC as a body for my examination work, for this report, or for the statements I have made.

### **Basis of this report**

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

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

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records or do not comply with the Regulations other than in respect of the requirement for a true and fair view.

I confirm that there are no matters in connection with the examination to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed .....



22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025

Paul Brencher  
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Church Lane  
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# Aine Parochial Church Council

## Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024

### Receipts and Payment account

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
<b>Voluntary receipts:</b>					
Tax Efficient Planned giving	30,691.17	0.00	1,875.00	<b>32,566.17</b>	29,544.97
Other Planned giving	4,639.02	0.00	0.00	<b>4,639.02</b>	7,417.82
Collections at services	4,719.37	0.00	1,673.17	<b>6,392.54</b>	3,570.94
Other giving / voluntary receipts	282.06	0.00	170.00	<b>452.06</b>	2,999.46
Legacies	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	<b>15,000.00</b>	0.00
Gift aid recovered	8,189.35	0.00	0.00	<b>8,189.35</b>	7,929.02
Grants	7.48	0.00	0.00	<b>7.48</b>	8.70
	<b>48,528.45</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>18,718.17</b>	<b>67,246.62</b>	<b>51,470.91</b>
<b>Activities for generating funds:</b>					
Fundraising Event income (Gross)	405.00	0.00	1,150.95	<b>1,555.95</b>	1,222.80
Trading Activity income (Gross)	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>	7.00
Church Hall lettings	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>	0.00
<b>Investment Income</b>					
Current Account Interest	118.49	0.00	0.00	<b>118.49</b>	108.38
Saving Account Interest	0.00	0.00	1,672.29	<b>1,672.29</b>	1,321.16
Rent from PCC owned land/buildings	30.00	0.00	0.00	<b>30.00</b>	40.00
<b>Insurance Claims</b>					
	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>	0.00
<b>Church Activities:</b>					
PCC Fees	7,126.00	0.00	0.00	<b>7,126.00</b>	8,494.80
Magazine Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>	0.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>56,207.94</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>21,541.41</b>	<b>77,749.35</b>	<b>62,665.05</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
<b>Church Activities:</b>					
Free Will Offer	29,900.00	0.00	0.00	<b>29,900.00</b>	27,699.97
Salaries Wages & Honorarium	2,480.40	0.00	0.00	<b>2,480.40</b>	2,561.30
Clergy & staffing Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>	45.60
Mission & Evangelism Costs	2,352.80	0.00	0.00	<b>2,352.80</b>	2,449.10
Church running expenses	13,440.31	0.00	0.00	<b>13,440.31</b>	8,643.49
Church Utility expenses	4,782.24	0.00	0.00	<b>4,782.24</b>	1,716.76
Hall running costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>	0.00
Mission giving and donations	2,568.00	0.00	0.00	<b>2,568.00</b>	2,798.92
Major Repairs & Works Church	9,292.86	0.00	22,718.95	<b>32,011.81</b>	38,123.74
Major Repairs & Works Hall	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>	0.00
New Building Works	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>	0.00
	<b>64,816.61</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>22,718.95</b>	<b>87,535.56</b>	<b>84,038.88</b>
<b>Cost of Generating Funds:</b>					
Cost of Fund Raising	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>	300.00
Cost of Trading	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>	0.00
	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>300.00</b>
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>64,816.61</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>22,718.95</b>	<b>87,535.56</b>	<b>84,338.88</b>
<b>EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS</b>	<b>-8,608.67</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-1,177.54</b>	<b>-9,786.21</b>	<b>-21,673.83</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS:</b>	<b>-8,608.67</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-1,177.54</b>	<b>-9,786.21</b>	<b>-21,673.83</b>
Cash & Bank balances at 1st January	66,354.27	4,719.55	73,730.55	<b>144,804.37</b>	166,478.20
<b>Cash &amp; Bank balances at 31st December</b>	<b>57,745.60</b>	<b>4,719.55</b>	<b>72,553.01</b>	<b>135,018.16</b>	<b>144,804.37</b>

# Aine Parochial Church Council

## Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024

### Statement of Assets and Liabilities

#### Statement of Assets & Liabilities

	Unrestricted General Fund	Designated PCC Mission £	Tollerton General Fund £	Restricted Aine Fabric Fund	Restricted Aldwark Fabric Fund	Restricted Tollerton Fund	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
<b>Cash funds</b>								
Bank current account	36,686	4,720	21,060	(4,425)	5,504	2,574	<b>66,119</b>	77,577
Bank deposit account	-	-	-	11,703	1,076	56,121	<b>68,900</b>	67,227
	<b>36,686</b>	<b>4,720</b>	<b>21,060</b>	<b>7,278</b>	<b>6,580</b>	<b>58,695</b>	<b>135,018</b>	<b>144,804</b>
<b>Other Monetary Assets</b>								
Income Tax Recoverable	<b>2,445</b>		<b>5,689</b>	<b>731</b>			<b>8,864</b>	<b>8,189</b>

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General Fund	66,354.27	56,207.94	64,816.61	57,745.60
Des PCC Mission	4,719.55	0.00	0.00	4,719.55
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>71,073.82</b>	<b>56,207.94</b>	<b>64,816.61</b>	<b>62,465.15</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>				
Res Aine Fabric	15,347.46	14,649.16	22,718.95	7,277.67
Res Aldw Fabric	1,050.06	5,530.12	0.00	6,580.18
Res Tollerton	57,333.03	1,362.13	0.00	58,695.16
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>73,730.55</b>	<b>21,541.41</b>	<b>22,718.95</b>	<b>72,553.01</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>144,804.37</b>	<b>77,749.35</b>	<b>87,535.56</b>	<b>135,018.16</b>

**Aine Parochial Church Council**

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# **ANNUAL REPORT**

**For the year ended 31 December 2023**

**The Parish of Alne**

# Trustees' Annual Report

## 2023 Report for the Parish of Alne

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All are welcome to attend our regular services. At present there are 84 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, an increase from 76 last year.

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In considering how to fill the vacancy for a Priest, we had support from the Diocese in considering whether we should join with Skelton, Shipton and Newton. This would enable us to advertise for a full-time priest-in-charge who would be responsible for all 6 churches. The alternative would be to advertise for a part time priest whop would be responsible just for Alne parish. The PCC decided that we would seek to appoint a full-time priest-in-charge and join with Skelton, Shipton and Newton.

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There is a strong relationship with the primary school in Alne, who use St Mary's for end of term services and on other occasions, resulting in a very full church of children and their parents several times per year. In addition, the school helps with rehearsals to prepare children participating in songs and readings at the family-friendly services. There is also a steady stream of visitors to view things of historic significance in St Mary's, and to the graveyard, both of which people find very tranquil and welcoming.

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In the absence of both a Priest-in-Charge and a curate, our pastoral care has been sadly lacking. Our local retired clergy have helped greatly in taking funerals and providing care for the bereaved family members.

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- HotSpots which continued though the Spring of 2023 and re-started in the late autumn of 2023. This has continued to gain in popularity with a good number (of different people) attending each week. Though we have probably not reached those who need a 'Warm Bank' (assuming such people do exist in Tollerton) we have clearly met a meet for social gathering and this regular event has significantly improved and increased the visibility of the church in the village. Over the summer we held a monthly after service lunch to which all our HotSpot attendees were invited and a few accepted.

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In addition a cleaning day was arranged which was very well supported by the villagers who are not church members.

All three churches again contributed to a "Christmas Tree Angel" appeal, by which toys were purchased as gifts for disadvantaged children in York, arranged through the Salvation Army. A great number of parishioners contributed to this initiative and it was very effective at raising the profile of the 3 churches in a positive way. In addition, St. Mary's held a shoe-box appeal which resulted in many boxes being donated to the Samaritan's Purse appeal for missionary work with children throughout the world in challenged countries.

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At St. Michael's the guttering improvements, lead flashing repair and general roof maintenance had been completed.

All three churches have a list of prioritised work identified in their quinquennial inspections (or for St. Michael's its 5 year surveyors report) and plans to action the most important points, though St. Stephens awaits getting its latest quinquennial report following the inspection which has taken place.

## **Optional**

### **Information**

### **Volunteers**

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our parish the lively and vibrant community it is.

## **Structure, governance and management**

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The membership of the PCC consists of the Priest-in-Charge (our vicar), churchwardens and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who are members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for supervising the decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. Delegated to DCC's

The full PCC met 4 times during the year in addition to the APCM which was held in April. Each of the three individual churches are managed by their own church councils.

## **Administrative information**

The Parish of Alne is part of the Diocese of York within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Church Office, St. Michael's Church, Newton Road Tollerton York YO61 1QX. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2011) and a charity currently registered with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2023 until December 2023 are:

Ex Officio members:

Priest-in-Charge: vacancy

Warden: vacancy

Warden: vacancy

Deputy-warden Mrs Alison Dowson (warden of St. Michael's, Tollerton)

Deputy-warden Mr Richard Swan (warden of St. Michael's, Tollerton) from April 11

Elected members:

Mr Arthur Harland (Lay Chair and Deanery Synod representative)

Mr Bill Ormerod

Mrs Carol Watson (Parish Safeguarding Officer)

Mrs Vivienne Bird

Mr David Finnegan until 11 April (thereafter continued to fill the role of Treasurer)

Mrs Maggie Bond

Lady Sharon Oliver

Mr Peter Cove (Deanery Synod representative)

Mrs Carol Glen (from 11 April to 17 October)

## **Financial Accounts**

In 2023 Alne PCC continued to be the single account under which the finances of all three churches were managed. The procedures, adopted at the PCC held 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 have continued to be followed, though with some refinement as to what expenditure is recorded as church-specific

## **2023 Financial Report**

### Summary:

The PCC General Fund received income of £57,995 (some £7,000 ahead of budget) plus £413 towards Designated Mission activity. Regular donations were £4k above budget, one-off donations were £1.3k above budget and fund-raising/weddings etc were £2k above budget.

In addition, the Restricted Alne Fabric Fund received £3k income from donations and each church's Restricted Fund received interest payments on their deposit accounts.

Total expenditure in the PCC General Fund was £48,037 plus £119 on Designated PCC Mission activities

Overall, the PCC General Fund received £58,409 and spent £48,156 thus the PCC made a surplus of £10,253 against the budget of £4682 or £5.5k more than expected.

For management purposes, expenditure is now shown by each individual church for the items they directly control and can be seen in the part of the General Fund that is allocated to each church. Only the Freewill Offering, payments to vergers and bell-ringers at weddings and funerals (headed salaries, wages, honorarium), expenses for the vicar (headed Clergy and Staff expenses), the Parish Newsletter (headed Mission and Evangelism) and the Church Office admin costs are met straight from the General Fund on behalf of the PCC. Detailed expenditure by each church, against their allocated funds, is examined below and forms part of the budget process for the PCC accounts in order to allocate appropriate funds for the next year.

The current PCC policy on unallocated General Fund Reserves is to retain at least £20,000 to cover cashflow and other variations but the unallocated Reserves began 2023 with £49,954 so the PCC resolved, in October 2023, to allocate further funds to Alne and Tollerton. They also resolved to allow each church to carry forward any surplus to (or to meet any loss from) their current allocated fund reserves. The Statement of Assets shows the unallocated General Fund Reserves at the end of 2023 have risen to £52,349 with a further £3744 allocated to Alne, £3895 allocated to Aldwark and £6367 allocated to Tollerton. A further £4720 is designated for Mission activity.

The PCC spent within its budget for Freewill, underspent on expenses due to the vacancy and overspent slightly on Admin. The details of this and the individual churches are picked up in the 2024 Budget report on this agenda.

Aldwark spent very little during the year. Alne's significant overspending was on the upkeep of their churchyard. Tollerton's significant overspending was on Major Repairs that included fencing and the deposit for carpark work.

Alne's Restricted Fund spent £30,829 on new heating and cupboards whilst Tollerton's Restricted Fund spent £5353 on roof repairs and audiovisual improvements.

Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
<b>Voluntary receipts:</b>					
Tax Efficient Planned giving	27,507.25	0.00	2,037.72	29,544.97	26,245.39
Other Planned giving	7,417.82	0.00	0.00	7,417.82	6,118.51
Collections at services	3,407.01	0.00	163.93	3,570.94	1,244.76
Other giving / voluntary receipts	2,505.86	413.60	80.00	2,999.46	1,888.61
Legacies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
Gift aid recovered	7,929.02	0.00	0.00	7,929.02	5,960.56
Grants	8.70	0.00	0.00	8.70	1,508.39
	48,775.66	413.60	2,281.65	51,470.91	44,966.22
<b>Activities for generating funds:</b>					
Fundraising Event Income (Gross)	536.70	0.00	686.10	1,222.80	100.00
Trading Activity Income (Gross)	0.00	0.00	7.00	7.00	0.00
Church Hall lettings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
<b>Investment Income</b>					
Current Account Interest	108.38	0.00	0.00	108.38	3.54
Saving Account Interest	0.00	0.00	1,321.16	1,321.16	8.77
Rent from PCC owned land/buildings	40.00	0.00	0.00	40.00	5.02
<b>Insurance Claims</b>					
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Church Activities:</b>					
PCC Fees	8,494.80	0.00	0.00	8,494.80	8,579.00
Magazine Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>57,965.54</b>	<b>413.60</b>	<b>4,296.91</b>	<b>62,666.05</b>	<b>53,682.56</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
<b>Church Activities:</b>					
Free Will Offer	27,699.97	0.00	0.00	27,699.97	25,000.00
Salaries Wages & Honorarium	2,561.30	0.00	0.00	2,561.30	2,684.55
Clergy & staffing Expenses	45.60	0.00	0.00	45.60	1,210.33
Mission & Evangelism Costs	2,330.32	118.78	0.00	2,449.10	1,375.34
Church running expenses	8,643.49	0.00	0.00	8,643.49	7,886.11
Church Utility expenses	1,716.76	0.00	0.00	1,716.76	424.80
Hall running costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mission giving and donations	2,798.92	0.00	0.00	2,798.92	2,055.00
Major Repairs & Works Church	2,240.64	0.00	35,883.10	38,123.74	19,440.63
Major Repairs & Works Hall	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Building Works	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	48,037.00	118.78	35,883.10	84,038.88	60,076.96
<b>Cost of Generating Funds:</b>					
Cost of Fund Raising	0.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	
Cost of Trading	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	0.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>48,037.00</b>	<b>118.78</b>	<b>36,183.10</b>	<b>84,338.88</b>	<b>60,076.96</b>
<b>EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS</b>	<b>9,918.54</b>	<b>294.82</b>	<b>-31,887.19</b>	<b>-21,673.83</b>	<b>-6,394.41</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS:</b>	<b>9,918.54</b>	<b>294.82</b>	<b>-31,887.19</b>	<b>-21,673.83</b>	<b>-6,394.41</b>
Cash & Bank balances at 1st January	56,435.73	4,424.73	105,617.74	166,478.20	
<b>Cash &amp; Bank balances at 31st December</b>	<b>66,354.27</b>	<b>4,719.55</b>	<b>73,730.55</b>	<b>144,804.37</b>	<b>-6,394.41</b>

Parochial Church Council of Aine  
Statement of Assets & Liabilities

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<b>Cash funds</b>										
Bank current account	52,349	3,744	3,895	6,367	4,720	3,929	-	2,574	77,877	77,877
Bank deposit account	-	-	-	-	-	11,418	1,050	54,759	67,227	67,227
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<b>Investment assets</b>										
Investment fund shares at market value										

Notes:

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Res Aldw Fabric	1,030.72	19.34	0.00	0.00	1,050.06
Res Tollerton	61,677.85	1,008.92	5,353.74	0.00	57,333.03
	<b>166,476.20</b>	<b>62,665.05</b>	<b>84,338.88</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>144,804.37</b>

## Independent Examiner's Report

Section A Report to the trustees of Parochial Church Council of Alne

On accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023

Charity no (if any) 1184626

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023.

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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: accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed: *Paul Dack*

Date: *31 January 2024*

Name: Paul Dack

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Chartered Accountant

Address: 5 Mill Mount, Crayke Road, Easingwold

### Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

None

**Aine Parochial Church Council**

England & Wales - Charity number 1184626

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# Accounts

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# **ANNUAL REPORT**

**For the year ended 31 December 2022**

**The Parish of Alne**

# **Trustees' Annual Report**

## **2022 Report for the Parish of Alne**

### **AIMS and purposes**

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the priest-in-charge, the Reverend Deborah Coyne, in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

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are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. In total four marriages were conducted in the parish in 2022 (2 at St. Stephen's and 2 at St. Mary's), which is less than has been normal historically. Sadly, this is largely due to the new owners of the local Aldwark Manor Hotel adopting a different policy to the previous owners, in that they prefer to conduct the ceremony on-site rather than direct the couples towards the church.

7 funerals took place (6 of which were at St. Mary's) and 5 baptisms (2 at St. Stephens and 3 at St. Mary's)

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### **Pastoral Care**

Some members of our parish are unable to attend church due to sickness or age. Our Priest-in-Charge visited church members who requested it, to celebrate communion with them either at their homes or in hospital and she also visited many parishioners offering prayer or just a chat.

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- Hosting a monthly coffee morning to which all parishioners are invited.
- The school children's production of a wall-hanging

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- The continued distribution of the "welcome to Tollerton" booklet to all new residents as they move in.
- Carol singing on the green at the 'lights switch-on event'
- The Good Friday walk based on the stations of the cross
- The craft fair in church on the occasion of the Queen's Jubilee and holding the jubilee service

- on the village green
- HotSpot@church, which started on 3rd November and after a slow start grew in popularity, continuing through Spring 2023. We have probably not reached those who need a 'Warm Bank' (assuming such people do exist in Tollerton) but we clearly met a meet for social gathering and this regular event has significantly improved and increased the visibility of the church in the village.

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In 2022 the PCC also adopted a policy regarding domestic abuse.

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At St. Mary's a new heating system was installed, which aims to heat the people rather than the space, by utilising under-pew heating. The plan to re-develop the porch at the main entrance has been put on hold due to the complexities arising from having to change the direction of the door opening. Urgent stonework repairs to the tower were also completed (with the rest to be progressed in 2023) and the clock face was refurbished whilst the access scaffold was in place.

At St. Michael's a hearing loop system was installed along with some improvements to the projection system.

All three churches have a list of prioritised work identified in their quinquennial inspections (or for St. Michael's its 5 year surveyors report) and plans to action the most important points, though St. Stephens is now due its next quinquennial inspection.

## **Optional Information**

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Warden: vacancy

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Deputy-warden Mrs Alison Dowson (warden of St. Michael's, Tollerton)

Elected members:

Mr Bill Ormerod

Mrs Carol Watson (Parish Safeguarding Officer)

Mrs Vivienne Bird

Mr David Finnegan (Treasurer)

Mrs Maggie Bond

Mrs Sharon Oliver

## **Financial Accounts**

In 2022 Alne PCC continued to be the single account under which the finances of all three churches were managed. The procedures, adopted at the PCC held 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 have continued to be followed, though with some refinement as to what expenditure is recorded as church-specific

## **Financial Accounts 2022**

### Summary:

The PCC General Fund received income of £50,440 (some £4,300 ahead of budget) plus a Mission grant of £1250 towards 'hot spot' heating at Tollerton. Donations were £2k above budget, Gift Aid claim £1.3k above budget and fund-raising/weddings etc were £1k above budget.

In addition, the Restricted Alne Fabric Fund received £3.1k income, the Restricted Aldwark Fabric Fund received £0.34k income and the Restricted Tollerton Fund received £5.2k income.

Expenditure is now shown by each individual church for the items they directly control and can be seen in their Designated Funds. Only the Freewill Offering, payments to vergers and bell-ringers at weddings and funerals (headed salaries, wages, honorarium), our contribution to Benefice Expenses for the vicar (headed Clergy and Staff expenses), the Parish Newsletter (headed Mission and Evangelism) and the Church Office admin costs are met straight from the General Fund.

Total expenditure in the General and Designated Funds was £48,795 plus £386 on Mission activities.

Overall, the PCC General and Designated Funds received £50,440 and spent £48,795 with a further £1250 received and £386 spent on Mission activities. Thus the PCC made a small surplus of £1645 on General (budget was £1070) plus £864 on Mission which, when added to the GF Reserves, brings them up to £54,423 plus a further £6481 designated for Aldwark Fabric.

The Restricted Funds hold £42,909 for Alne Fabric with £1,031 for Aldwark Fabric and £61,678 for Tollerton.

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Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
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<b>Voluntary receipts:</b>					
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Other Planned giving	3,340.00	0.00	0.00	3,340.00	6,118.51
Collections at services	2,284.30	0.00	0.00	2,284.30	1,244.76
Other giving / voluntary receipts	422.90	0.00	6,098.67	6,521.57	1,888.61
Legacies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
Gift aid recovered	7,286.47	0.00	0.00	7,286.47	5,960.56
Grants	0.00	1,250.00	1,104.00	2,354.00	1,508.39
	43,078.89	1,250.00	8,269.67	52,598.56	44,966.22
<b>Activities for generating funds:</b>					
Fundraising Event income (Gross)	766.50	0.00	0.00	766.50	100.00
Trading Activity income (Gross)	170.00	0.00	0.00	170.00	0.00
Church Hall lettings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
<b>Investment Income</b>					
Current Account Interest	32.05	0.00	0.00	32.05	3.54
Saving Account Interest	0.00	0.00	394.20	394.20	8.77
Rent from PCC owned land/buildings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.02
<b>Insurance Claims</b>					
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Church Activities:</b>					
PCC Fees	6,392.40	0.00	0.00	6,392.40	8,579.00
Magazine Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>50,439.84</b>	<b>1,250.00</b>	<b>8,663.87</b>	<b>60,353.71</b>	<b>53,682.55</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
<b>Church Activities:</b>					
Free Will Offer	25,750.00	0.00	0.00	25,750.00	25,000.00
Salaries Wages & Honorarium	1,691.95	0.00	0.00	1,691.95	2,884.55
Clergy & staffing Expenses	2,227.62	0.00	0.00	2,227.62	1,210.33
Mission & Evangelism Costs	2,202.65	386.27	0.00	2,588.92	1,375.34
Church running expenses	437.43	11,496.83	0.00	11,934.26	7,886.11
Church Utility expenses	0.00	2,847.83	0.00	2,847.83	424.80
Hall running costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mission giving and donations	0.00	2,142.00	0.00	2,142.00	2,055.00
Major Repairs & Works Church	0.00	0.00	9,153.65	9,153.65	19,440.83
Major Repairs & Works Hall	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Building Works	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	32,309.65	16,872.93	9,153.65	58,336.23	60,076.96
<b>Cost of Generating Funds:</b>					
Cost of Fund Raising	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Cost of Trading	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>32,309.65</b>	<b>16,872.93</b>	<b>9,153.65</b>	<b>58,336.23</b>	<b>60,076.96</b>
<b>EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS</b>	<b>18,130.19</b>	<b>-15,622.93</b>	<b>-489.78</b>	<b>2,017.48</b>	<b>-6,394.41</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	<b>6,741.98</b>	<b>4,340.00</b>	<b>-11,081.98</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS:</b>	<b>24,872.17</b>	<b>-11,282.93</b>	<b>-11,571.76</b>	<b>2,017.48</b>	<b>-6,394.41</b>
Cash & Bank balances at 1st January	45,632.78	12,764.42	106,107.52	164,504.72	
<b>Cash &amp; Bank balances at 31st December</b>	<b>70,504.95</b>	<b>1,481.49</b>	<b>94,535.76</b>	<b>166,522.20</b>	<b>-6,394.41</b>

## Statement of Assets &amp; Liabilities

	Note	Unrestricted General Fund £	Designated PCC Mission Fund £	Designated Alne Fund £	Designated Aldwark Fund £	Designated Tollerton Fund £	Restricted Alne Fabric Fund £	Restricted Aldwark Fabric Fund £	Restricted Tollerton Fund £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
<b>Cash funds</b>											
Bank current account		49,917	4,425	81	6,481	-	2,090	-	7,928	70,922	58,397
Bank deposit account		-	-	-	-	-	40,819	1,031	53,750	95,600	106,108
	2	49,917	4,425	81	6,481	-	42,909	1,031	61,678	166,522	164,505
<b>Investment assets</b>											
Investment fund shares at market value											
<b>Notes:</b>											
1 The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis											
2 The movement in funds during the year were:											
		<u>Bal b/f</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Transfer</u>	<u>Bal c/f</u>					
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>											
General Fund		45,632.78	50,439.84	32,309.65	-13,845.70	49,917.27					
<b>Designated/Restricted</b>											
Des PCC Mission		3,561.00	1,250.00	386.27		4,424.73					
Des Alne R&M		2,454.44	0.00	6,348.85	3,975.73	81.32					
Des Aldwk R&M		6,748.98	0.00	2,190.84	1,923.00	6,481.14					
Des Tollrtn R&M		0.00	0.00	7,946.97	7,946.97	0.00					
Res Alne Fabric		45,977.05	3,100.12	6,168.00		42,909.17					
Res Aldw Fabric		688.03	342.69	0.00		1,030.72					
Res Tollerton		59,442.44	5,221.06	2,985.65		61,677.85					
		<b>164,504.72</b>	<b>60,353.71</b>	<b>58,336.23</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>166,522.20</b>					

## Independent Examiner's Report

Section A Report to the trustees of Alne Parochial Church Council

On accounts for the year ended **31 December 2022**

Charity no **1184626**

## Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022.

As the charity trustees Of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements Of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"),

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

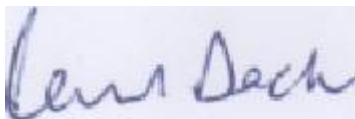
### Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or  
the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:



Date: 10th April 2023

Name: Paul Dack

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any) : Chartered Accountant

**Address:** 5 Mill Mount, Crayke Road, Easingwold.

Section B

Disclosure

There are two matters that I wish to highlight for trustees.

(a) There were two significant receipts relating to Gift Aid recovery (£7,286) and an Energy Grant from the Diocese (£1,250) that I was not able to confirm to supporting documentation.

(b) Although I am satisfied with the overall balances, there were a number of transactions associated with general running costs that have been allocated to Designated Reserves which, in my view, should more properly have been allocated to General Reserves, A more detailed note has been provided to the Treasurer to be shared with trustees.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1184626

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# **ANNUAL REPORT**

**For the year ended 31 December 2021**

**The Parish of Alne**

# **Trustees' Annual Report**

## **2021 Report for the Parish of Alne**

### **Aims and purposes**

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the priest-in-charge, the Reverend Deborah Coyne, in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to become part of our parish community. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the three churches within the parish; St. Mary's Alne, St. Stephen's Aldwark and St. Michael's Tollerton.

## **Achievements and Performance**

### **Worship and Prayer**

The PCC is keen to offer a range of Sunday services across the three churches over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. Services at St. Stephens and St. Mary's are more traditional whereas at St. Michaels are more modern, family-friendly and less formal, with guitar led worship singing modern worship songs. All three churches aim to have a service of Holy Communion at least once a month.

All are welcome to attend our regular services. At present there are 85 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll.

2021 was, like 2020, an exceptional year due to the restrictions imposed due to Covid-19. For the majority of the year it was not possible to hold in-person services. In addition, our Priest-in-Charge, Revd Debbie Coyne, was off work for the whole year with a long-term illness.

Prior to in-person services being possible, and whilst our Priest-in-Charge was off work with long-term illness, our curate held services via Zoom. These were provided for all the parishes for which Revd Coyne is Priest-in-Charge. Though far from being the same as in-person services, these were well attended throughout the period. In addition, the content of these services was provided on the Benefice website and so were accessible at any subsequent time.

In-person services re-started on June 27<sup>th</sup> and continued throughout the rest of 2021, initially following a pattern of a service every Sunday at St. Michael's, with services on alternating Sundays at St. Mary's and St. Stephen's. later in the year, St. Stephens reduced to a single service each month.

St. Mary's was opened for private prayer and for general visitors on a daily basis.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. Marriages are a particularly important aspect of the ministry at St. Stephen's, where couples frequently arrange their reception after the service at the local Aldwark Manor Hotel. Many of the couples attend for 6 months in order to qualify to be married in the parish and this provides a wonderful opportunity for them to hear the Gospel. Many return later to have their children baptised, travelling many miles to do so.

The number of weddings was affected by Covid-19, and whilst some couples re-arranged their wedding having been postponed as a result of the pandemic, some decided just to cancel. In total 8 marriages were conducted (5 at St. Stephen's and 3 at St. Mary's); 9 funerals took place (8 of which were at St. Mary's and 7 baptisms (3 at St. Stephens and 4 at St. Mary's)

## **Deanery Synod**

One member of the PCC sits on the deanery synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. Of particular importance this year was the review carried out by the Diocese, which requested the views of all PCC's and Alne PCC met specifically to discuss our feedback and duly fed this back to the Diocese and to the Synod.

## **Pastoral Care**

Some members of our parish are unable to attend church due to sickness or age. Our Curate visited all church members who have requested it, to celebrate communion with them either at their homes or in hospital and she also visited many parishioners offering prayer or just a chat.

## **Mission and Evangelism**

St. Michael's Tollerton donates 10% of its income to local, national or international Christian Missionary charities.

Our parish magazine is distributed monthly to all parishioners freely. The magazine keeps our parishioners informed of the important matters affecting our Church and articles that help develop knowledge and trust in Jesus. It also includes local community news. Again, we followed guidelines issued by the Diocese that the church should not deliver printed material due to Covid-19, so magazines were made available at the church gate and other selected locations in the villages instead, until door to door delivery recommenced later in the year.

All three churches actively seek to engage with the village communities. St. Mary's participated in the annual Street Fayre, hosting 'Alne, past and & present', book and plant stalls, an organ recital, bell ringing and brass rubbing, attracting a good number of both adults and children. In addition, St. Mary's participated in the village Open Gardens event and hosted a cello concert, and the major festival services (Remembrance Day, a Harvest Festival for Children and the Christingle service on Christmas Eve) attract many parishioners. Additional restoration funds were also raised for the church by a villager doing a sponsored channel swim, which boosted donations for the year significantly.

All three churches contributed to a "Christmas Tree Angel" appeal, by which toys were purchased as gifts for disadvantaged children in York, arranged through the Salvation Army. A great number of parishioners contributed to this initiative and it was very effective at raising the profile of the 3 churches in a positive way.

St. Michaels initiated a "pray one for me" initiative, delivering cards to all houses in the village inviting parishioners to respond with their prayer requests. St. Michael's also produced a "Welcome to Tollerton" booklet, incorporating both church and general village information, copies of which are delivered to newcomers into the village. Special services were arranged, which took place in the Village hall rather than the church; the first to remember those who were lost, particularly in the last two years due to Covid-19 and the second a carol service where children brought the 'baby Jesus rocks' they had found (the theme being "Have you found Baby Jesus?").

St. Stephen's, in addition to their wedding and baptism ministry, held their annual Carol Service, which again attracted many parishioners who would not otherwise attend church services.

## **Reserves policy**

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds which equates to at least six months unrestricted payments. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. This was achieved by all three churches individually in 2020 and by the PCC in 2021.

## **Safeguarding**

The PCC has complied with the duty to have 'due regard' for the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance. GodZone (the 'Sunday

School' at St. Michael's Tollerton, was held on just six occasions in the latter part of 2021.

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Curate: Reverend Carmel Gittens

Warden: vacancy

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Deputy-warden Mrs Alison Dowson (warden of St. Michael's, Tollerton)

Elected members:

Mr Bill Ormerod  
Mrs Carol Watson (Parish Safeguarding Officer)  
Mrs Vivienne Bird (from 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021)  
Mr David Finnegan (Treasurer, from 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021)  
Mrs Maggie Bond (from 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021)  
Mrs Sharon Oliver (from 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021)

## **Financial Accounts**

In 2021 the three church accounts were merged, so that Alne PCC became the single account under which the finances of all three churches were managed. The procedures to be used were formally proposed and adopted at the PCC meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 and the process of integrating the historically three separate financial accounts was completed by mid-year, including retro-fitting the first half-year accounts for all three individual churches into the new single account, enabling the whole year to be reported on as single entity.

## **Parochial Church Council of Alne**

**March 2022**

### **Full Year Financial Performance for 2021**

These accounts have been Independently Examined and the signed declaration is attached.

Alne PCC is the charity that administers funds for the three churches of St Mary's Alne, St Stephen's Aldwark and St Michael's Tollerton. This is the first year these arrangements have taken place so the accounts do not show comparisons with previous years.

It should be remembered that 2020 and 2021 were severely disrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

1. The main account is the General Fund and this began the year with £54,313 (£34,905 + £19,408 designated for Mission and Building Maintenance)  
During the year it received a total income of £48,170 which was made up of around
  - £33,500 in donations that were increased by a tax refund of £5,960 from HMRC
  - £8600 in miscellaneous income and wedding/funeral fees.

Total income was significantly lower than expected, largely due to the effects of coronavirus on church activities.

During the year the General Fund paid out a total of £44,400 (£37,443 + £6,967) which was made up of

- £25,000 as our Freewill Offering to the York Diocese for our clergy and other support but this falls very short of the actual costs incurred by the diocese for us.
- £2,055 as charitable donations for mission based work that we could not do.
- £2,684 as the costs of weddings and funerals
- £1,375 as the costs of the Parish Magazine
- £5,100 as the costs of running the three churches (heat, light, insurance, licences etc)
- £1,210 as our contribution to the Benefice Ministry Team expenses.
- £6,967 on repairing and maintaining the three churches (designated funds)

Thus the General Fund made a surplus of around £3,700 in 2021 which means it closed the year with £58,396 in the bank (£45,632 + £12,764 designated for Mission and Building Maintenance).

2. In addition to the PCC's General Fund, each church has a fund that is legally restricted to either Building Repairs and Improvements (for both Alne and Aldwark churches) or to that at Tollerton plus Mission activities. These funds are detailed in the statement of assets below. The Restricted Funds started the year with £116,585 and received £5,512 in donations, grants and a legacy before spending £15,666 on major woodworm repairs, various improvements in line with their Five Year Programmes and a retention payment. It is likely that additional funds will be required at two churches within a year or so.

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Tax Efficient Planned giving	25,823.89	0.00	421.50	<b>26,245.39</b>	
Other Planned giving	5,718.51	0.00	400.00	<b>6,118.51</b>	
Collections at services	1,244.76	0.00	0.00	<b>1,244.76</b>	
Other giving / voluntary receipts	575.00	0.00	1,313.61	<b>1,888.61</b>	
Legacies	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	<b>2,000.00</b>	
Gift aid recovered	5,960.56	0.00	0.00	<b>5,960.56</b>	
Grants	240.00	0.00	1,268.39	<b>1,508.39</b>	
	<b>39,562.72</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5,403.50</b>	<b>44,966.22</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Activities for generating funds:</b>					
Fundraising Event income (Gross)	0.00	0.00	100.00	<b>100.00</b>	
Trading Activity income (Gross)	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>	
Church Hall lettings	20.00	0.00	0.00	<b>20.00</b>	
<b>Investment Income</b>					
Current Account Interest	3.54	0.00	0.00	<b>3.54</b>	
Saving Account Interest	0.00		8.77	<b>8.77</b>	
Rent from PCC owned land/buildings	5.02	0.00	0.00	<b>5.02</b>	
<b>Insurance Claims</b>					
	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>Church Activities:</b>					
PCC Fees	8,579.00	0.00	0.00	<b>8,579.00</b>	
Magazine Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>48,170.28</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5,512.27</b>	<b>53,682.55</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
<b>Church Activities:</b>					
Free Will Offer	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	<b>25,000.00</b>	
Salaries Wages & Honorarium	2,684.55	0.00	0.00	<b>2,684.55</b>	
Clergy & staffing Expenses	1,210.33	0.00	0.00	<b>1,210.33</b>	
Mission & Evangelism Costs	1,375.34	0.00	0.00	<b>1,375.34</b>	
Church running expenses	4,693.39	3,192.72	0.00	<b>7,886.11</b>	
Church Utility expenses	424.80	0.00	0.00	<b>424.80</b>	
Hall running costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>	
Mission giving and donations	2,055.00	0.00	0.00	<b>2,055.00</b>	
Major Repairs & Works Church	0.00	3,774.31	15,666.52	<b>19,440.83</b>	
Major Repairs & Works Hall	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>	
New Building Works	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>	
	<b>37,443.41</b>	<b>6,967.03</b>	<b>15,666.52</b>	<b>60,076.96</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Cost of Generating Funds:</b>					
Cost of Fund Raising	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>	
Cost of Trading	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>	
	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>37,443.41</b>	<b>6,967.03</b>	<b>15,666.52</b>	<b>60,076.96</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS</b>	<b>10,726.87</b>	<b>-6,967.03</b>	<b>-10,154.25</b>	<b>-6,394.41</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	0.00	323.38	-323.38	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS:</b>	<b>10,726.87</b>	<b>-6,643.65</b>	<b>-10,477.63</b>	<b>-6,394.41</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Cash & Bank balances at 1st January	34,905.91	19,408.07	116,585.15	<b>170,899.13</b>	
<b>Cash &amp; Bank balances at 31st December</b>	<b>45,632.78</b>	<b>12,764.42</b>	<b>106,107.52</b>	<b>164,504.72</b>	<b>0.00</b>

Note	Unrestricted General Fund £	Designated PCC Mission Fund £	Designated Alne R&M Fund £	Designated Aldwark R&M Fund £	Designated Tollerton R&M Fund £	Restricted Alne Fabric Fund £	Restricted Aldwark Fabric Fund £	Restricted Tollerton Fund £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
<b>Cash funds</b>										
Bank current account	45,633	3,561	2,454	6,749	-	-	-	-	58,397	
Bank deposit account	-	-	-	-	-	45,977	688	59,442	106,108	
	<b>45,633</b>	<b>3,561</b>	<b>2,454</b>	<b>6,749</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>45,977</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>59,442</b>	<b>164,505</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Investment assets</b>										
Investment fund shares at market value	3									

**Notes:**

1 The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis

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## Independent Examiner's Report

Section A Report to the trustees of Alne Parochial Church Council

On accounts for the year ended **31 December 2021**

Charity no 1184626

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 December 2021**.

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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: accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed: *Paul Dack*

Date: *5-3-22*

Name: Paul Dack

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): ACA

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