

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, DARFIELD

England & Wales · Charity number 1185316

Details

Other names	ALL SAINTS PCC DARFIELD
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2019-09-16
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

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

Activities: We try to enable as many people as possible to come to a Christian faith and become part of a worshipping community within the Church of England. We arrange worship throughout the parish to ensure that services and activities meet the needs of the many groups there. We put our faith into practice through prayer, scripture, music and sacrament so that people's knowledge and trust in Jesus develops

Classification

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

Geography

- Barnsley

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£68,971	£56,369	-	-
2023-12-31	£64,562	£62,825	-	-
2022-12-31	£62,833	£60,359	-	-
2021-12-31	£73,861	£59,899	-	-
2020-12-31	£58,103	£62,787	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Carol Ann Hunter		2020-10-20
Joanne Rachel Louise Darlison		2018-04-18
John McMillan		2011-03-24
Kay Louise Valentine		2016-04-20
Lee Pywell		2025-04-06
Linda Williams		2025-04-06
Peter David Robinson		2017-03-30
Sheila Ann McMillan		2020-10-20

Accounts

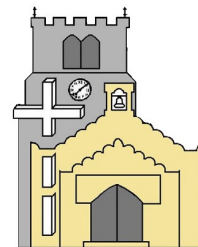
The Parish of All Saints, DARFIELD

All Saints Darfield and St Michael and all Angels, Great Houghton.

Registered Charity No: 1185316

ANNUAL REPORT of the Parochial Church Council:

Year ended 31st December 2024



Administrative Information:

The Parish of All Saints Darfield is part of the Wath 2 Mission Area within the Wath Deanery and the Diocese of Sheffield.

All Saints Church, Darfield is situated in Church Street, Darfield, Barnsley, S73 9JX. Listed Grade I

St Michael and all Angels Church is situated in Church Street, Great Houghton, S72 0BL. Listed Grade II*

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Darfield All Saints [**The PCC**] is a Registered Charity with registration Number **1185316**.

The PCC has responsibility for maintenance of the fabric and environs of these Listed buildings. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Rectory Cottage and Church Hall, both situated in Church Street, Darfield, S73 9JX. The Wath2 Mission Area contains the Parishes of Darfield, Ardsley, Thurnscoe, Bilham, Adwick on Dearne, and Barnburgh with Melton on the Hill. The Mission Area has three full time Oversight Ministers licenced as Associate Ministers in all the Parishes but with specific responsibilities as Priest in Charge of one or more Parish.

The correspondence address is: The Rectory Cottage, Church Street, Darfield, Barnsley, S73 9JX

Aim and Purpose:

Darfield All Saints' PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2020) and a charity registered with the Charity Commissioners [1185316].

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent to promote the ecclesiastical parish mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and Activities:

We aim to be a visible spiritual presence in our communities as we strive to make Jesus known to all.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to come to faith and become members of a worshipping community. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish to ensure that services and activities meet the needs of the many groups within the parish.

It attempts to put faith into practice through prayer, Scripture, music and sacrament and to allow each individual's knowledge of and trust in Jesus to develop. The PCC supports societies and individuals involved in missionary, pastoral and outreach work within the parish and beyond.

Structure, Governance and Management

The full PCC meets up to 12 times per year to make decisions of general concern and importance to the Parish including deciding how the PCC funds are collected and spent. Additional joint meetings with the Parochial Church Council of the Parish of Christ Church Ardsley have covered more general topics such as *Leading your Church into Growth, Living in Love and Faith* and Mission Action Planning

The method of appointment of PCC Members is set out in the Church Representation Rules 2020.

All eligible church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC and to other elected offices.

Historically, responsibility for day to day running of St Michael's Great Houghton has been delegated by the PCC to their District Church Council [DCC] elected at their own Annual District Church Meeting. A number of DCC members are additionally members of the PCC. The DCC is currently in abeyance.

Usually from within its membership, the PCC appoints a Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. The PCC has power to co-opt additional members, generally with full voting rights and to invite such other persons to its meetings as it wishes

The PCC also appoints a Standing Committee which has delegated powers to make decisions on urgent matters between PCC meetings.

If the Parish does not have an incumbent for the time being, the PCC Vice-Chairman takes over as Chairman of the PCC and the PCC may nominate a further individual to deputise. The PCC may also create sub committees for specific purposes which can make recommendations to the PCC. Membership of these committees may include non-PCC members.

Membership of the PCC

Notes: **Readers** licenced to the Parish are members *ex-officio*

Readers with Permission to Officiate may be elected to the PCC as ordinary members.

Churchwardens are elected annually by the Annual Parish Meeting with no restrictions on length of continuous service.

Deanery Synod Representatives are elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting [APCM] for a period of three years [next election 2026]. Vacancies mid-term may be filled by the PCC or at a subsequent APCM

PCC Members are generally elected for a three-year term but may stand for re-election, should they so wish, at the APCM at which their membership term ends.

GtH DCC indicates representatives on the PCC from the District Church Council, St Michael's Great Houghton

Unless otherwise stated all members served from 1st January to 31st December 2024

Name	From 1 st January 2024 to 7 th April 2024	From 7 th April 2024 to 31 st December 2024	Notes
Rev Fiona Kouble	✓	✓	Priest in Charge
Mr Peter Robinson	✓	✓	Churchwarden
Mr John McMillan	✓	✓	
Mrs Kay Valentine	✓	✓	Treasurer
Mrs Jo Darlison	✓	✓	Secretary
Mrs Andrea Harrison		✓	Deanery Synod Diocesan Synod
Mrs Sheila McMillan	✓	✓	
Mrs Carol Hunter	✓	✓	
Mrs Karen Walton	✓	✓	
Mrs Deborah Exley	✓	Resigned 20th Oct 2024	
Mrs Justine Evans	✓	✓	Deanery Synod Diocesan Synod Reader
Mrs Stella Firth	✓	✓	
Mrs Olive Shaw	✓	Resigned 1st July 2024	GtH DCC Deanery Synod rep
Mrs Sylvia Martin	✓	Resigned 1st July 2024	GtH DCC

Activities of the Parochial Church Council, Achievements and Performance

The PCC met regularly during 2023 with a mixture of face-to face, Zoom and hybrid meetings. Some additional meetings were combined with the Parochial Church Council of Christ Church Ardsley and included presentations and activities linked with, for example, Mission Action Planning (MAP). Little progress has been made with the toilet project for a number of reasons. We have also not succeeded in setting up a Finance group to give some support to our badly overstretched Treasurer. We don't necessarily need more people on the PCC as much as we need everyone to consider what they can do to help, to prayerfully consider what gifts of time they can offer.

The established pattern of Sunday Worship continues with a celebration of Holy Communion at St Michaels on the first and third Sundays and at All Saints on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. The Service of the Word on the first and third Sundays at All Saints also continued.

The Café Churches at All Saints and St Michaels continued during the year and in the months with five Sundays, a variety of services took place in both churches on that fifth Sunday, including Brunch Services.

The PCC dealt with the usual range of regular business, with its ongoing financial situation affecting the support to the Diocesan Common Fund and the various Mission agencies.

Most of our activities as a church continued including the Board Games Club and Book Club. The 'Open the Book' bible story sessions in Darfield All Saints' Academy and Sandhill Primary School in Great Houghton continued.

Our traditional Carols by Candlelight service featured in the Christmas Service provision in both Churches with this year an investment by both our congregations in the Posada, or the journey of Mary Joseph and the donkey around homes in the lead up to Christmas. Many cute and hilarious photos were taken.

We continued our ministry to our Parishioners through funerals in both our churches and at the cemeteries and at Barnsley Crematorium. Weddings and Baptisms also took place with regular Baptism evenings held to meet prospective families. In 2024 there were nine services of Infant Baptism and one adult baptism including two infants at Great Houghton. Eleven funerals were held in the church at Darfield and two in Great Houghton. Three weddings were solemnised in Darfield with one wedding blessing held in each of the two churches.

All Saints' Church was open for visitors several times during the year including the national Heritage Open Days, our now annual Snowdrop Trail, an Explorer Day sponsored by the Diocese. St Michael's was also open during the Heritage Open Days. The Church Hall hosted a very successful Christmas Fair.

All Saints welcomed representatives of local organisations and others to the Annual Remembrance Sunday Services and was opened on the previous day to allow a Time of Remembrance. Likewise, St Michael's hosted the Village commemoration in Great Houghton.

St Michael's Church in Great Houghton has been open for an hour on most Thursdays during the year and their Knit and Natter group met on Tuesday afternoons. The church was open weekly for an hour for 'Mindful Mondays' which reduced to monthly from the middle of the year.

The *Salt and Light* Youth Fellowship Group, formerly 4th@4, continued to meet once a month in Darfield. Nine members visited the Diocesan *Breathe Deep* celebration in Sheffield Cathedral where they met with other young people from across the Diocese to listen to talks, play games and have fun in fellowship. A narrow boat trip and a visit to the Cathedral Christmas light display were arranged. Two members, Kian Yates and Tyler Jordan were confirmed in November 2024 at Ardsley.

The *Community Shop on the Go* set up their mobile stall on our Church Hall car Park on alternate Thursdays to sell quality food at affordable prices which would otherwise go to landfill. In conjunction with these visits, our Church Hall has been opened as a Warm Welcome Space providing light refreshments and we plan to open the café weekly from January. Our Church Hall continues to see use by Slimming World, DanceFit, Darfield Scouts, Exodus Youth Group and the U3A on a regular week by week basis. Some casual bookings have seen the Hall booked for children's parties. In a repeat booking the Phoenix Academy of Dance and Performing Arts from Thurnscoe held their Christmas Show in November. A repeat of the silk painting session proved to be popular and raised funds for our Projects Fund.

Rev Fiona Kouble and Rev Christine Moorey continued to visit and conduct assemblies in Upperwood Academy All Saints Academy and Sandhill Primary. Both Darfield schools have organised services in All Saints and visited the church as part of their History and Religious Curriculum. Links with Sandhill Primary School in Great Houghton continue to develop.

Our team of Bellringers, with the help of local visiting ringers have continued to announce our Sunday morning Services at All Saints. They have also been involved with their regular Thursday Practice night and have rung for weddings and other special occasions during the year. The Tower has been opened for visitors whenever the Church has been open for special events.

The Prayer Ministry Team continued to be active. They met every Thursday to pray in confidence for our Parish, for the people and situations for which prayer has been requested. They gathered in the South Chapel before the services in All Saints to pray for the Congregation and for those leading and taking active part in the services, Prayer ministry was also offered during and after the Communion Services. The team maintained the Prayer Trees in All Saints and the Church Hall and the Prayer box in All Saints.

Rev Christine Moorey completed her Curacy in the Mission Area in June 2024 and moved to take temporary responsibility for the Lights for Christ project within the Diocese of Sheffield. On Advent Sunday, 1st December 2024, our Priest in Charge and Oversight Minister, Rev Fiona Kouble, announced that she would be leaving our Parish to take up her new post as Vicar of Tideswell in the Diocese of Derby in March 2025.

Fabric report:

Routine maintenance on our buildings continued through the year. In March an unidentified car was driven at speed into the churchyard gate creating damage that was too severe to repair. Our insurers accepted responsibility, and a new set of gates was commissioned from G M Asquith Fabrications Ltd. The design followed that of the original gates and incorporated most of the original decorative metal work.

We continue to be grateful to the members of the Friends of Darfield Churchyard [FODCY] whose sterling efforts throughout the year keep the vegetation in our churchyard under control.

There has been little visible progress on the project to improve accessibility and install toilets in All Saints.

Safeguarding

The PCC and DCC are committed to implementing *Promoting a Safer Church*, the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policies and Good Practice guidelines. Safeguarding is included on the agenda of every PCC meeting and its relevant policies are regularly reviewed and updated as required by changes in legislation and recommended good practice. In accordance with their duties and where required, individuals are subject to regular checks with the Disclosure and Barring Service [DBS]. Safeguarding Training at an appropriate level is undertaken in line with Diocesan guidelines. The PCC will maintain a Safeguarding Training Needs Analysis and present it each year to the Annual Meeting.

Wath Deanery Synod

We are part of the wider Wath Deanery, which is in the Doncaster Archdeaconry of Sheffield Diocese, the Wath Deanery Synod meets three times a year. The Synod is a gathering of the Clergy and lay parish representatives. We have three representatives, currently Justine Evans and Andrea Harrison and one vacancy. We thank Olive Shaw who represented Great Houghton on the Synod for many years who resigned in June 2024 leaving a vacancy for a representative from Great Houghton for the year starting in April 2025.

At the start of the year, the role of Area Dean was shared by the Rev Andy Brewerton (Vicar of St Thomas, Kilnhurst) and our own Revd Fiona Kouble. Rev Brewerton left at Easter for a post in Cannes, France leaving Rev Fiona as sole Area Dean.

A variety of topics were covered in the Synod meetings, In January 2024 in Thurnscoe, as well as our usual business the Revd John Hibberd, Mission Development Advisor shared a session on **"Good News to Share: Practical ways for churches and individuals"**. A chance for us to consider how do we share the good news?

In July, Elise Dupont a newly appointed advisor for Churches in schools inspired membersThe Deanery Synod holds elections for representation on the Sheffield Diocesan Synod. Justine Evans and Andrea Harrison were duly elected among the lay representatives from the Wath Deanery

In October we shared our Deanery Synod meeting with Tankersley Synod and had a presentation from the Ven, Malcolm Chamberlain, the Archdeacon of Sheffield and Rotherham and Alex Shilkoff, the Diocesan Strategic Programme Director -with an update on the Diocesan Strategy Refresh – if you would like to read more about this - there is a link on the Diocesan Website about the Diocesan Vision : <https://www.sheffield.anglican.org/>

As we look forward to 2025, we have a plan to hold our three Deanery Synods as shared events with Tankersley Deanery.

And as I leave my role as Area Dean in 2025, the Bishop of Sheffield has begun consulting the local clergy about the next appointment -we await his decision.

Fiona Kouble

Wath2 Mission Area

We are part of a wider Mission Area - the parishes of Ardsley, Adwick upon Dearne, Barnburgh with High Melton, Bilham, Darfield and Thurnscoe. We have three fulltime clergy positions allocated to our Mission Area – currently Fiona Kouble covering Ardsley and Darfield and the Revd Sarah Maughan at Thurnscoe. We are delighted that in July 2024 the Revd Jo Twigg was appointed as our third Oversight Minister working with the parishes of Bilham, Barnburgh and Adwick on Dearne.

Lent and Advent courses were shared across the Mission Area

With the upcoming appointment of a new minister for Ardsley and Darfield we will continue with reviewing how the mission area might work.

Financial Review and Explanation of Funds for 2024

The PCC would like to start by thanking all those who have supported the churches financially and in so many other ways, over 2024.

The Financial Statements on page 7 give the combined figures for the whole parish. They show that the total income for the parish in 2024 was £68,971 and total expenditure was £56,369. Full details of receipts, payments and funds are given in the Financial Statements. **Separate year-end accounts for the two churches are on the board and copies are available.**

Income and Expenditure are classified under three headings – Unrestricted, Designated and Restricted.

- **Restricted** amounts have been received for a specific purpose and can only be spent for that purpose.
- **Designated** amounts are identified by the PCC as being for a particular purpose, but this purpose can change if circumstances change.
- **All other** receipts and payments are classed as **Unrestricted** and can be used by the PCC for its general purposes.

Financial Notes for Darfield All Saints Church only.

(Notes for St Michael and All Angels, Houghton, are given on the next page.)

Our overall income for Darfield All Saints Church for 2024 was £62,771 and our expenditure £50,416. This would appear to be a very healthy profit but a different picture appears when we compare our 'unrestricted funds' with our 'restricted and designated funds'. The unrestricted funds, used for the day to day running of the church, had income of £50,403 and expenditure of £50,063, leaving a profit of just £340.

In 2024 we received donations (including a legacy of £5,000) to our designated 'Projects Fund' of £5,511, together with interest of £3,867, leaving the Projects Fund with £83,477 at the year end. This fund is earmarked for use on our proposed Church Toilet Project.

£2,550 was placed into the designated 'Administrator Fund', ready to pay for the six months' costs still owing to the Diocese for our administrator for the second half of 2024.

These two reasons account for much of the £12,016 profit in the designated funds.

Looking at the rest of the accounts in more detail, income from 'planned giving' rose by almost 2.5% on 2023 and income from 'open collections' rose by 19%, which was very welcome. This may have been due in part to the arrival of the 'Contactless Giving' machine in church, where people can give by using their bank card rather than cash, but we need to research that further before we can say for sure.

Income from wedding and funeral fees continued to decline, as in many other churches, - this year by 24%. Church Hall income remains stable – the apparent increase between 2023 and 2024 being explained by arrears of £1280 for 2023 being paid at the start of 2024.

Following a change of energy provider at the end of 2023, our energy costs for the church reduced by 31% from 2023 but they still remain higher than in years prior to that.

We tithe our income from 'planned giving' and this resulted in £2,340 being shared between our five supported missions (CPAS, Scripture Union, Release International, Good News for Everyone and Goldthorpe Salvation Army).

During 2024 the churchyard gates were severely damaged after being 'rammed' and had to be replaced at the cost of £1,500. We received an insurance payout of £1,250 towards this and a donation of £125 from a parishioner covered half of the remaining excess.

We received two grants in 2024 - £260 being a top-up of our previous 'Warm Space' grant and £100 being for LED light bulbs, which went toward the £894 cost of replacing all the bulbs in central aisle of the nave (half of which had already failed.)

We pledged, and paid, £12,500 to the Diocesan Common Fund. This was a reduction, again, on the previous year. We are a 'net-receiving' parish and currently pay less than a quarter of the ministry costs of a vicar/rector. This means that we are reliant on other churches and the diocese to fund our shortfall.

Generally – it is always good to reach the end of the year breaking even on our day to day running. It is also good that we managed to add to our Toilet Fund.

Once again, thank you to everyone who has faithfully given financially to the work of God in this church in the year 2024.

Financial Notes for Houghton St Michael & All Angels Church only.

(Notes for Darfield, All Saints Church, are given above.)

Our overall income for Houghton St Michael & All Angels Church for 2024 was £6,476 and our expenditure £6,230. When we compare our 'unrestricted funds' with our 'restricted funds' we can see that the unrestricted funds, used for the day to day running of the church, had income of £6,187 and expenditure of £5,524, leaving a profit of £665.23. This was largely thanks to a generous donation of £500 from Great Houghton Village Hall Committee. The restricted funds show a deficit of £419 which is because a grant of £500 received in the previous year (2023) was mainly spent in 2024.

Looking at the rest of the accounts in more detail, income from 'planned giving' remained the same as 2023 and income from 'open collections' rose by 19%, which was very welcome.

Income from wedding and funeral fees continued to decline, as in many other churches. In 2024, we hired out the Church Rooms, especially during the time that the Miners' Welfare Hall was closed for refurbishment. Income from that was £105 with a further £740 due to be paid in 2025 to cover the use in 2024.

We received one grant in 2024 - £288.55 being a grant for Christmas 2023 Activities. (The grant was awarded in December 2023 but not paid until January 2024). This was almost spent in full, with the remaining £1.85 being transferred to unrestricted church funds. The remainder of a £500 grant, which we received in 2023 for 'outreach', was spent.

We pledged, and paid, £1,250 to the Diocesan Common Fund.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds which equates to at least three months' unrestricted payments. This is usually equivalent to about £15,000 for the whole parish. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. The balance of £116,345 held in unrestricted (including 'designated') funds at the year-end was more than sufficient to meet the target. This is mainly due to the balance of £83,477 held within All Saints' designated 'projects' fund.

PARISH OF DARFIELD -Combined Accounts

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Year ended 31 December 2024

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
RECEIPTS						
Voluntary receipts						
Planned giving	6a	£ 24,854	£ -	£ 480	£ 25,334	£ 24,280
Collections at services	6b	£ 6,938	£ 111	£ -	£ 7,048	£ 5,913
All other giving/voluntary receipts	6c	£ 1,966	£ 5,200	£ 248	£ 7,414	£ 1,342
Gift Aid recovered	6d	£ 6,858	£ -	£ 145	£ 7,003	£ 6,763
Activities for generating funds	6e	£ 1,320	£ 200	£ -	£ 1,520	£ 1,238
Investment income	6f	£ 631	£ 3,905	£ 470	£ 5,005	£ 3,165
Church activities	6g	£ 13,295	£ -	£ -	£ 13,295	£ 12,259
Other receipts	6h	£ 453	£ -	£ 1,899	£ 2,352	£ 9,602
Total receipts		£ 56,314	£ 9,416	£ 3,241	£ 68,971	£ 64,562
PAYMENTS						
Church Activities						
Diocesan Common Fund	6i	£ 13,750	£ -	£ -	£ 13,750	£ 17,150
Clergy and staffing costs	6j	£ 4,539	£ 150	£ -	£ 4,689	£ 6,043
Church running expenses	6k	£ 21,887	£ -	£ 3,219	£ 25,106	£ 26,343
Hall and Cottage running costs	6l	£ 10,301	£ -	£ -	£ 10,301	£ 10,942
Mission giving and donations	6m	£ 2,440	£ -	£ -	£ 2,440	£ 2,240
Costs of generating funds	6n	£ 84	£ -	£ -	£ 84	£ 108
Governance costs		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Total payments		£ 53,000	£ 150	£ 3,219	£ 56,369	£ 62,825
Excess of receipts over payments		£ 3,314	£ 9,266	£ 22	£ 12,602	£ 1,737
Transfers between funds		-£ 2,308	£ 2,750	-£ 442	£ -	£ -
		£ 1,006	£ 12,016	-£ 420	£ 12,602	£ 1,737
Cash at bank and in hand at 1 January 2024		£ 26,922	£ 76,401	£ 6,036	£ 109,359	£ 107,622
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 December 2024		£ 27,928	£ 88,417	£ 5,616	£ 121,961	£ 109,359

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
Cash Funds						
Cash		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 517
Bank current account		£ 15,418	£ 111	£ -	£ 15,529	£ 14,526
Bank Designated and Restricted acct	4	£ -	£ 13,853	£ 5,616	£ 19,469	£ 11,754
CCLA deposit account	4	£ 12,509	£ 74,454	£ -	£ 86,963	£ 82,562
		£ 27,928	£ 88,417	£ 5,616	£ 121,961	£ 109,359
Investment assets						
Shares (Education Fund) value at 31 Dec 24		£ -	£ -	£ 13,541	£ 13,541	£ 12,839

NOTES

Note 1. There is also a 'Fees Account' at the bank which stood at £300 on 1 January 2024 and was £800 at 31 December 2024. This money is not the property of Darfield All Saints PCC and is not available for spending.

Note 2. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, using Receipts and Payments basis.

Note 3. Fixed assets retained for church use are the Church Hall (purchased 1957) and the Rectory Cottage (purchased from the diocese in 1997). The following assets are recognised but not valued in this statement: - moveable church furnishings which require a faculty for disposal. A full list of assets can be found in the Church Terrier.

Note 4. There are no other monetary assets or liabilities. There are no endowment funds, therefore the endowment fund column has been omitted.

Note 5. The movements in designated and restricted funds during the year were:

	Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfer in	Bal c/fwd
Designated					
Rector's Discretionary	£ 1,698	£ 28	£ 150	£ -	£ 1,575
Projects Fund	£ 74,099	£ 9,378	£ -	£ -	£ 83,477
Quinquennial Fund	£ 605	£ 11	£ -	£ 200	£ 815
Administrator	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 2,550	£ 2,550
Total Designated Funds	£ 76,401	£ 9,416	£ 150	£ 2,750	£ 88,417
Restricted					
Education Fund	£ 3,155	£ 1,039	£ 309	£ -	£ 3,885
Organ and Music Fund	£ 975	£ 166	£ -	£ -	£ 1,141
Youth Worker etc Fund	£ 707	£ 12	£ 112	£ -	£ 607
Warm Space Grant	£ 745	£ 261	£ 1,058	£ -	£ 51
Gates Insurance etc	£ -	£ 1,375	£ 1,375	£ -	£ -
Jam Gang (Houghton)	£ 60	£ -	£ 25	£ -	£ 34
2023 Christmas Grant (houghton)	£ 25	£ 289	£ 264	£ -	£ 0
Events Grant (Houghton)	£ 419	£ -	£ 419	£ -	£ -
Total Restricted Funds	£ 6,036	£ 3,141	£ 3,561	£ -	£ 5,616

The Rector's Discretionary fund has had no income, other than interest, for some years. It is for use at the Rector's Discretion

The Projects Fund represents money from the sale of the Reading Room (in 2014) and money from legacies and donations (in 2017-2024.) It is designated for use on specific projects as they arise.

The Quinquennial fund was set up 2016 to save towards regular quinquennial inspections. Income is by transfer from current acct.

The Administrator fund contains money due to be paid in 2024 but bill not yet received.

The Education fund is a historical fund restricted for use for educational purposes. It receives dividends from investments and donations.

The Organ and Music fund represents money from past donations and is restricted for use on the organ or music matters.

The Gates fund was an insurance payment and donation spent on new churchyard gates.

The Youth Worker Etc Fund is the remainder of a grant received 2019 from Awards for All for youth work. To use on internet access.

The Warm Space Grant came from BMBC in 2023 for costs of providing fortnightly warm space in church hall. Another grant due 2025.

The Jam Gang Fund is restricted to use for ministry among children

The 2023 Christmas Grant (Houghton) was a grant granted in December 2023 for Christmas items but not received until January 2024

The Events Grant was a £500 mission grant received from Diocese. Balance remaining in 2024 was used for the coffee machine.

Note 6. Further analysis of Receipts and Payments Accounts

Receipts	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 £	2023 £
6a Planned giving					
Tax efficient planned giving	£ 20,358	£ -	£ 480	£ 20,838	£ 19,605
Other planned giving	£ 4,496	£ -	£ -	£ 4,496	£ 4,675
	£ 24,854	£ -	£ 480	£ 25,334	£ 24,280
6b Collections at services	£ 6,938	£ 111	£ -	£ 7,048	£ 5,913
6c All other giving/voluntary receipts					
One off donations	£ 1,966	£ 200	£ 248	£ 2,414	£ 1,342
Other regular donations	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Legacies	£ -	£ 5,000	£ -	£ 5,000	£ -
	£ 1,966	£ 5,200	£ 248	£ 7,414	£ 1,342
6d Gift Aid Recovered	£ 6,858	£ -	£ 145	£ 7,003	£ 6,763
6e Activities for generating funds					
Fund raising events	£ 1,320	£ 200	£ -	£ 1,520	£ 1,238
6f Investment income					
Interest	£ 631	£ 3,905	£ 86	£ 4,621	£ 2,788
Dividends	£ -	£ -	£ 384	£ 384	£ 377
	£ 631	£ 3,905	£ 470	£ 5,005	£ 3,165
6g Church activities					
Statutory fees from wedd & funerals	£ 3,703	£ -	£ -	£ 3,703	£ 5,568
Church Hall Income etc	£ 9,592	£ -	£ -	£ 9,592	£ 6,691
	£ 13,295	£ -	£ -	£ 13,295	£ 12,259
6h Other receipts					
St Michael's share & 4forMission expenses	£ 388	£ -	£ -	£ 388	£ 315
Adjustment for cancelled cheque	£ 65	£ -	£ -	£ 65	£ -
Insurance Claims	£ -	£ -	£ 1,250	£ 1,250	£ -
Grants	£ -	£ -	£ 649	£ 649	£ 9,288
	£ 453	£ -	£ 1,899	£ 2,352	£ 9,602

PARISH OF DARFIELD

Note 6. Further analysis of Receipts and Payments Accounts
Payments

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
6i Diocesan Common Fund	£ 13,750	£ -	£ -	£ 13,750	£ 17,150
6j Clergy and Staffing Costs					
Clergy expenses	£ 1,719	£ 150	£ -	£ 1,869	£ 2,548
Administrator expenses	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Administrator costs (to diocese)	£ 2,820	£ -	£ -	£ 2,820	£ 3,495
	£ 4,539	£ 150	£ -	£ 4,689	£ 6,043
6k Church Running Expenses					
Church expenses	£ 4,149	£ -	£ 1,974	£ 6,123	£ 5,915
Outreach	£ 231	£ -	£ 1,145	£ 1,375	£ 583
Church utility costs	£ 7,986	£ -	£ -	£ 7,986	£ 10,883
Church Insurance	£ 8,728	£ -	£ -	£ 8,728	£ 8,385
Major Repair to Church	£ 794	£ -	£ 100	£ 894	£ 576
	£ 21,887	£ -	£ 3,219	£ 25,106	£ 26,343
6l Hall and Cottage Running costs					
Hall running costs	£ 8,247	£ -	£ -	£ 8,247	£ 8,452
Major Repair to Church Hall	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 625
Cottage running costs	£ 2,054	£ -	£ -	£ 2,054	£ 1,865
	£ 10,301	£ -	£ -	£ 10,301	£ 10,942
5m Mission Giving and Donations	£ 2,440	£ -	£ -	£ 2,440	£ 2,240
5n Cost of Generating Funds					
Stewardship envelopes	£ 74	£ -	£ -	£ 74	£ 67
Fund raising expenses (SumUp)	£ 10	£ -	£ -	£ 10	£ 40
	£ 84	£ -	£ -	£ 84	£ 108

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 25th March 2025 and signed on its behalf by

PD Robinson

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the
trustees/directors/
members of

*The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical
Parish of All Saints, Dalfield*

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2024

Charity no.:

1185316

Company no.:

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Set out on pages

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act).

**Independent
examiner's statement**

[The company's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: JBarker Date: 13/03/2025

Name: JULIE THERESA BARKER .

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

Address:

670 DONCASTER ROAD
ARDSLEY, BARNLEY, S71 5EF.

Section B

Disclosure

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

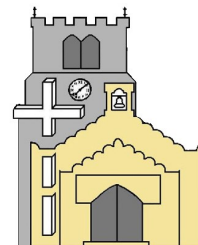
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Accounts

The Parish of All Saints, DARFIELD

All Saints Darfield and St Michael and all Angels, Great Houghton.

Registered Charity No: 1185316



ANNUAL REPORT of the Parochial Church Council:

Year ended 31st December 2023

Administrative Information:

The Parish of All Saints Darfield is part of the Wath 2 Mission area within the Wath Deanery and the Diocese of Sheffield.

All Saints Church, Darfield is situated in Church Street, Darfield, Barnsley, S73 9JX. Listed Grade I

St Michael and all Angels Church is situated in Church Street, Great Houghton, S72 0BL. Listed Grade II*

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Darfield All Saints [**The PCC**] is a Registered Charity with registration Number **1185316**.

The PCC has responsibility for maintenance of the fabric and environs of these Listed buildings. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Rectory Cottage and Church Hall, both situated in Church Street, Darfield, S73 9JX. The Wath2 Mission Area contains the Parishes of Darfield, Ardsley, Thurnscoe, Bilham, Barnburgh with Melton on the Hill, and Adwick upon Dearne.

The correspondence address is: The Rectory Cottage, Church Street, Darfield, Barnsley, S73 9JX

Aim and Purpose:

Darfield All Saints' PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2020) and a charity registered with the Charity Commissioners [1185316].

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent to promote the ecclesiastical parish mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and Activities:

We aim to be a visible spiritual presence in our communities as we strive to make Jesus known to all.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to come to faith and become members of a worshipping community. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish to ensure that services and activities meet the needs of the many groups within the parish.

It attempts to put faith into practice through prayer, Scripture, music and sacrament and to allow each individual's knowledge of and trust in Jesus to develop. The PCC supports societies and individuals involved in missionary, pastoral and outreach work within the parish and beyond.

Structure, Governance and Management

The full PCC meets up to 12 times per year to make decisions of general concern and importance to the Parish including deciding how the PCC funds are collected and spent. Additional joint meetings with the Parochial Church Council of the Parish of Christ Church Ardsley have covered more general topics such as *Leading your Church into Growth, Living in Love and Faith* and Mission Action Planning

The method of appointment of PCC Members is set out in the Church Representation Rules 2020.

All eligible church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC and to other elected offices.

Responsibility for day to day running of St Michael's Great Houghton is delegated by the PCC to their District Church Council [DCC] elected at their own Annual District Church Meeting. A number of DCC members are additionally members of the PCC

Usually from within its membership, the PCC appoints a Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. The PCC has power to co-opt additional members, generally with full voting rights.

The PCC also appoints a Standing Committee which has delegated powers to make decisions on urgent matters between PCC meetings.

If the Parish does not have an incumbent for the time being, the PCC Vice-Chairman takes over as Chairman of the PCC and the PCC may nominate a further individual to deputise. The PCC may also create sub committees for specific purposes which can make recommendations to the PCC. Membership of these committees may include non-PCC members.

Membership of the PCC

Notes: **Readers** licenced to the Parish are members ex-officio

Readers with Permission to Officiate may be elected to the PCC as ordinary members.

Churchwardens are elected annually by the Annual Parish Meeting with no restrictions on length of continuous service.

Deanery Synod Representatives are elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting [APCM] for a period of three years [next election 2023]. Vacancies mid-term may be filled by the PCC or at a subsequent APCM

PCC Members are generally elected for a three-year term but may stand for re-election, should they so wish, at the APCM at which their membership term ends.

GtH DCC indicates representatives on the PCC from the District Church Council, St Michael's Great Houghton

Unless otherwise stated all members served from 1st January to 31st December 2024

Name	From 1 st January 2023 to 26 th March 2023	From 26 th March 2023 to 31 st December 2023	Notes
Rev Fiona Kouble	✓	✓	Priest in Charge
Mr Peter Robinson	✓	✓	Churchwarden
Mr John McMillan	✓	✓	
Mrs Sue Lee	✓	Resigned 11th September 2023	
Mrs Kay Valentine	✓	✓	Treasurer
Mrs Jo Darlison	✓	✓	Secretary Deanery Synod
Mr Rob Stanton	✓	Resigned 12th September 2023	
Mrs Katy Stanton	✓	Resigned 12th September 2023	
Mrs Sheila McMillan	✓	✓	
Mrs Carol Hunter	✓	✓	
Mrs Karen Walton	✓	✓	
Mrs Deborah Exley		✓	
Mrs Justine Evans		✓	
Mrs Stela Firth		✓	
Mrs Olive Shaw	✓	✓	GtH DCC Deanery Synod rep
Mrs Sylvia Martin	✓	✓	GtH DCC

Activities of the Parochial Church Council, Achievements and Performance

The PCC met regularly during 2023 with a mixture of face-to face, Zoom and hybrid meetings. Some additional meetings were combined with the Parochial Church Council of Christ Church Ardsley and included presentations and activities linked with LYCIG – *Leading your Church into Growth* and *Living in Love and Faith*.

The established pattern of Sunday Worship continued with a celebration of Holy Communion at St Michaels on the first and third Sundays and at All Saints on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. The Service of the Word on the first and third Sundays at All Saints also continued. During the year, the monthly Sunday afternoon 'Well' Service at All Saints was renamed as Café Church and a similar monthly Café Church was established at St Michael's on a Saturday afternoon. In the months with five Sundays, a variety of services took place in both churches including Brunch Services.

The PCC dealt with the usual range of regular business, with its ongoing financial situation affecting the support to the Diocesan Common Fund and the various Mission agencies.

Most of our activities as a church continued including the Board Games Club and Book Club. A new team was recruited and set up a regular series of 'Open the Book' bible story sessions in Darfield All Saints' Academy and Sandhill Primary School in Great Houghton.

Our traditional Carols by Candlelight service featured in the Christmas Service provision in both Churches. The main areas of our Parish were 'Angel Bombed' with hundreds of angels knitted by our congregation and friends were distributed around fences, railings and lampposts. We received positive feedback on our Social Media pages. In a new initiative we held Pet Blessing services in both our Churches.

We continued our ministry to our Parishioners through funerals in both our churches and at the cemeteries and at Barnsley Crematorium. Fifteen funeral services were held in All Saints and three in St Michaels followed by interment or cremation and three services were conducted at Barnsley Crematorium.

We celebrated the weddings of four couples at All Saints and one couple at St Michael's and one wedding blessing at St Michael's.

The regular meetings for prospective Baptisms continued and, during the year, six children were baptised at All Saints and one at St Michael's.

Our Day of Remembering in October allowed visitors to remember in their own way as well as incorporating a short service.

All Saints' Church was opened for visitors several times during the year including the national Heritage Open Days with emphasis on 'Creativity Unwrapped' and for our now annual Snowdrop Trail in conjunction with the Maurice Dobson Museum & Heritage Centre. A Bee Trail in the Churchyard was made available during August. All Saints welcomed representatives of local organisations and others to the Annual Remembrance Sunday Services and was opened on the previous day to allow a Time of Remembrance.

St Michael's Church has been open for an hour on most Thursdays during the year and their Knit and Natter group continues to meet on Tuesday afternoons. Two new initiatives were established with the church additionally being open for an hour for 'Mindful Mondays' and, during the Summer Months, hosting Tea and Cake Tuesdays.

We were able to hold a mini-Christmas Coffee Morning to foster our links with our community.

In a new initiative starting in December 2023, *Community Shop on the Go* set up their mobile stall on our Church Hall car Park on alternate Thursdays to sell quality food at affordable prices which would otherwise go to landfill. In conjunction with these visits, our Church Hall has been opened as a Warm Welcome Space providing light refreshments.

Our Church Hall continues to see use by Slimming World, DanceFit, Darfield Scouts, Exodus Youth Group and the U3A on a regular week by week basis. Some casual bookings have seen the Hall booked for children's parties. In a repeat booking the Phoenix Academy of Dance and Performing Arts from Thurnscoe held their Christmas Show in December. A silk painting session proved to be popular and raised funds for our Projects Fund.

Rev Fiona Kouble and Rev Christine Moorey continued to visit and conduct assemblies in Upperwood Academy All Saints Academy and Sandhill Primary. Both Darfield schools have organised services in All Saints and visited the church as part of their History and Religious Curriculum. Links with Sandhill Primary School in Great Houghton continue to develop.

Fabric report:

The regular routine maintenance of equipment in our buildings continued. The slow process of specifying the Project which will add toilet facilities and permanent kitchenette area together with alterations to permit greater accessibility to All Saints continues.

The Friends of Darfield Churchyard continue to undertake the maintenance of our Churchyard for which we are very grateful.

In the early part of the year the remains of one of the walnut trees in the Churchyard had to be made safe and the resulting wood was made available

The condition of the Church Hall continues to be a cause for concern with urgent repairs completed to the lighting in the kitchen and to one of the toilets

Safeguarding

The PCC and DCC are committed to implementing *Promoting a Safer Church*, the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policies and Good Practice guidelines. Safeguarding is included on the agenda of every PCC meeting and its relevant policies are regularly reviewed and updated as required by changes in legislation and recommended good practice.

In accordance with their duties and where required, individuals are subject to regular checks with the Disclosure and Barring Service. Safeguarding Training at an appropriate level is undertaken in line with Diocesan guidelines. The PCC will maintain a Safeguarding Training Needs Analysis and present it each year to the Annual Meeting.

I have continued to audit the safeguarding and maintained the DBS lists as the Diocese have updated their training and website for Safeguarding. There are several applications that have been or are being processed including the Open the Book Team. I will be contacting those that need to update their DBS certificates in the near future.

Parish Safeguarding Officer is Dr Roland Kouble

Activity Reports:

St Michael Great Houghton:

All though we are few in number I am pleased to say that St Michael's is still opening its doors and welcoming people into the family of God. 2023 saw us start new ventures. We have Mindful Monday evening for just sitting and letting your mind wander to so many things to thank God for. Knit and Craft Class, open prayer day, Café Church, Summer Tea and Cakes afternoon, remembering loved ones and Angel Bombing. We have seen new people join our services, some stay, some come now and again. It has been a great year for St Michael's. Thanks to all who have made this happen.

Olive Shaw

Prayer Ministry Team:

There are seven of us: Irene Barraclough, Wendy Chorlton, Pamela Emson, Andrea Harrison, Sue Lee, Karen Walton, and Carol Hunter.

We meet every Thursday for an hour and a half, to pray in confidence for the Church and for the people and situations of those who have requested our prayers. Our ministry reaches far and wide and we are often asked to pray for people not only nationally, but as far away as The States, Australia, and Greece. We also have a secure WhatsApp that only the team can access ~ this serves as a prayer chain and enables us to contact each other with urgent prayer requests which cannot wait until our weekly meetings.

You will see us gather in the South Chapel before the Sunday morning Service begins, where we pray for those who are leading the service, and for everyone in the congregation, that we may be blessed as we receive God's Word and sing His praises that morning. We occasionally visit those who have requested some-one to talk to or pray with, who are unable to get to Church.

Prayer ministry is offered during and after Communion, in the Communion Services which happen twice a month. This is announced during the service, and you will find us in the South Chapel waiting to talk with you or pray with you.

We do not have magic words and are not 'super spiritual' ~ we are a bunch of people who believe in God's goodness and grace, in the power of prayer and are passionate about seeing God's Kingdom furthered. You will also see us active in other areas of the Church ~ some of us serve on the PCC and others are on the cleaning, leading, intercessions and preaching rota's and are actively involved in special services such as the Memorial Service.

You can contact us by phone or text: 07542 527 331 (Carol), through the Parish Office, or by grabbing any of us before, during, or after Services or events.

You may also wish to avail yourself of the Prayer Tree and Prayer Box (which are at present situated in the resource area at the back North corner of our Church).

Carol Hunter

Thanksgivings and Baptisms.

Throughout 2023 we scheduled six Baptism Preparation Evenings but the March meeting was postponed because of snow. Out of the five meetings that happened, we had four families making eleven people in total and there was one home visit.

These evenings look at what is involved in Baptism, arranging a date for the baptism and letting the parents know what will happen in the service.

It provides an opportunity to meet the families and welcome them to church as they prepare to take this important step in their child's life.

The baptisms take place at 12:30 p.m. at Darfield or 1:00 p.m. at Great Houghton.

John McMillan

Friends of Darfield Churchyard: FODCY

FODCY is a small group of people who make sure that the Churchyard and all graves are accessible. The work we do is grass cutting, checking graves, clearing paths and setting flower beds close to the church. A walnut tree blew down in January and part has been removed but the root ball remains. Two grave stones were disturbed and will need re-setting. Some of the Table or Box Tombs are becoming a danger and will need resetting. One cross has been damaged by vandalism and will need re-fixing,

John Kendall

Bell Ringers

The bell ringers have had a good and enjoyable year in 2023. We practice on Thursday evenings and ring for all Sunday services plus special occasions, some weddings and occasional funerals. In 2023 we had a lot of ringing for the King's Coronation. The three young learners, Seb, Charlotte and Will, have all progressed well and are now valuable members of the band. Our Tower Captain is Chris Walton and Ringing Master is Tom Booth. We have about 15 actual Darfield members, but rarely get above 8 ringers on Sundays for a variety of reasons, including university, work, living away, holiday homes (and in some cases – a difficulty in getting out of bed!). We are helped by friends from other towers, notably Barnburgh and Monk Bretton, the latter providing three generations of one family appropriately named Bell. We help other towers too as needed. At the beginning of 2024 Darfield Bellringers have started their own Facebook page which is already proving useful in raising awareness of bell ringing and Darfield bells. This year we hope for more connection with the community and more 'tower open days'. One problem that we have had in 2023 has been the flag on the top of the tower which keeps shredding itself. We need to find a better system for when the flag goes back up at Easter. Other than that, we look forward to another enjoyable year of ringing in 2024.

Chris Walton

Games Night

This is a group that started in June 2022 and has usually met every other month (on a Saturday 7:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m.) since that date and sessions have been currently timetabled in up to the end of 2024.

It has attracted a wide variety of people from the local church family and community with ages ranging from around 10 to 70+ years of age, and at times has had over 20 participants. Several family groups have also attended.

These participants have had the opportunity to play not just traditional board games but a host of a new generation of games that they have appeared to enjoy very much. There has been a real interaction between players, and many have purchased various of these games to play in their own social circles in smaller groups.

The majority of the games we have played so far are ones that last around an hour or less (some taking 10-15 minutes) meaning that participants can generally play at least two different games on a game night. The player count for the games range from 2 to 8 players and sometimes up to 10 players.

Games that have been enjoyed recently are:

Cascadia - a puzzly tile-laying and token-drafting game featuring the habitats and wildlife of the Pacific Northwest

Camel Up - five racing camels, trying to suss out which ones will place first and second and last in a quick race around a pyramid.

Archaeology (The New Expedition) - You are an archaeologist working the dig sites of the Egyptian desert. Search for the right pieces to complete torn parchments, broken pots, and other priceless artefacts.

Skull - the quintessence of bluffing, a game in which everything is played in the players' heads. (this particularly caused a lot of raucous laughter and interaction.

Saboteur - Players take on the role of dwarves. As miners, they are in a mine, hunting for gold. Suddenly, a pick axe swings down and shatters the mine lamp. The saboteur has struck. But which of the players are saboteurs?

Other games include Ticket to Ride, The Foundations of Rome, The 99 game, Azul, Carcassonne, Sagrada, Jaipur, Wingspan and Point Salad. Overall it continues to be a success. *Darren and Rachel Ward*

Book Club

While this group is small it is attended by a mixed group of passionate and enthusiastic book lovers of both genders and a range of ages.

It generally meets every other month on the second Wednesday of the month for just over an hour. Every six months, we all suggest books that we would like to read and randomly compile the reading list for the following few months. So far we have read a whole range of books of different genres; from the fantasy of Diango Wrexler's 'The Forbidden Library', Khaled Hosseini's 'The Kite Runner' a Bildungsroman (a novel dealing with a person's formative years and spiritual education) to the futuristic and dystopian novel 'The Handmaid's Tale' by Margaret Atwood. We have read both what would be thought of as adult literature, as well as books considered to be for children. As we feel that it is refreshing, every so often, to pick up a children's book and remind ourselves why we fell in love with reading: the wealth of imaginative worlds and the unparalleled sense of wonder!

Currently we are reading C. S. Lewis' 'The Last Battle', generally thought of as a children's story but of course, so much more. The concluding book of the 'Chronicles of Narnia', like the rest of the series, is full of 'hidden truths, deep mysteries and spiritual treasures', that illustrate the vital truths of the Christian faith. generally considered an allegory, many of the characters and events represent something from the spiritual realm.

Although no books are universally liked by all our group, they certainly have inspired lively and interesting discussion so far. In addition, we have an informal book borrowing system and have created a network of people who love to share what they are currently reading or one's they can recommend!

Darren & Rachel Ward

A Warm Welcome Space

At the beginning of December, Barnsley Council launched 'Community Shop on the Go', an initiative to provide a mobile food-shop in Darfield every other Thursday morning. The choice and quantities available are huge ranging from your humble brown onion to Medjool dates. The choice varies session by session depending on what the various supermarkets involved need to get rid of. But don't get the idea this is in anyway substandard or needs to be eaten that very day, I got a hand of just off green bananas which lasted a week and would have lasted longer had I not eaten them! Pricing is simple, 6 items for £3, 12 items for £5.

In conjunction with this we opened Supper Room as a Warm Welcoming Space serving tea, toast, crumpets etc. We already have a select group of "regulars" who have a cuppa with their friends and their kids, then do their shopping (or sometimes vice versa). It's great to see the same faces and sometimes remember their orders like the lady who doesn't want butter on her crumpet! We have a small but dedicated group of volunteers but (as usual) we are always looking for more. A couple of hours every fortnight would do it.

This is a straightforward way to make a real difference to the day-to-day struggles that everyone is facing.

Jo Darlison

A Reader's Perspective

This past year I have been given the opportunity to preach regularly at All Saints and I am very grateful for the prayer that has surrounded and supported me, as I made my journey to being relicensed on the 11th December 2023.

Currently, I am working with the ordained ministers to further develop my own ministry, but also to discern how best to serve the people in Darfield and Great Houghton. I love having the opportunity to explore a more all age style of worship as well as a quieter, more reflective service for Lent as I consider how best to use the gifts that God has given me. Looking to the year ahead, I pray that my ministry will flourish and grow, and I look forward to all the opportunities to work together with my fellow Readers, John and Stella and all of our Church family. *Justine Evans*

Curate's Reflections – Rev Christine Moorey:

As I write this, I recognise that I am coming to the end of my curacy, and this is a sad thought as I have felt so welcomed by the congregation at Darfield and Great Houghton and would like to record my thanks and love for them all.

2023 was a full year! Serving my curacy in Darfield and Great Houghton, as well as at Christ Church Ardsley, enabled a rich and varied tapestry of ministerial experiences.

As I look back on last year, of course the personal highlight for me was being ordained as priest. I will never forget that evening. I would like to take this opportunity to say how grateful I am to everyone for supporting me on the journey towards being priested and for their help, support and attendance at the service. I will remember Revd Fiona untying my Deacon's stole and us sharing a tear together as I was ordained. Thank you.

I joined the PCC at Darfield part way through 2023 to gain experience of a different PCC and this has been valuable, thank you. At the time of writing, I look forward to chairing some meetings during Rev Fiona's sabbatical and thank Peter and Jo for their support in preparing for this.

I have very much enjoyed supporting St Michael and All Angels during 2023 with the aim of growing the congregation and helping the church become more visible in the village through a range of new events and services, together with links with Parish Council, the North East Ward Alliance and Sandhill Primary School. I would especially like to record my thanks to Olive for her unwavering support, time, care and encouragement.

Starting a new Open the Book team has been a particular highlight in Darfield and Great Houghton and in All Saints Primary and Sandhill School respectively and I really am delighted to see this come to fruition and hope and pray the team will grow in the coming years.

Autumn brought the opportunity to help with the new Welcome Space and Community Shop; seeing how this new team came together and how they welcome and support their community has been heartwarming and to help, when possible, has been wonderful.

My third Christmas in post was very busy across all three churches, but nonetheless exciting and a great learning experience.

I would particularly like to express my thanks to Peter and Kay for their support during 2023.

And an enormous thank you to all the congregation for continuing to be so lovely and welcoming.

Finally, a huge thank you to Revd Fiona for all of her time and patience in training me and supporting me both practically and pastorally.

Schools' Ministry

To quote from the Bible Society's website; *"Open the Book (OtB) is an exciting storytelling project where Bible stories are shared with children in a way that is fun, interactive and memorable. As invited guests in school, storytelling teams use the Open the Book programme to prepare and present a 10–15-minute scripted Bible story to a school assembly, involving the children as much as possible."*

I attended an OtB training session in January 2023 and subsequently devised and followed a safe recruitment process to build a team of volunteers; Olive Shaw, Katy Stanton, Janet Lowrie, Jo Darlison, Sheila McMillan and myself. We have met for training and planning sessions at the Rectory Cottage.

Using props and costumes which were beautifully made a few years ago when OtB sessions were previously run in local schools, the team has been visiting All Saints Primary in Darfield and Sandhill Primary in Great Houghton twice per half term.

Both schools have been very welcoming and keen for us to run the sessions. Feedback has been very good and we look forward to continuing with the work into next year.

I have visited Sandhill school to deliver extra, none OtB, stand-alone assemblies in-between OtB visits, including a Christingle Service to parents and children.

Sandhill's feedback has been very encouraging, to quote from a recent email from the RE Lead "Done a pupil voice for RE today and they've all mentioned how they've enjoyed listening to stories! They want to hear more Christian stories....". They are very keen to arrange visits from the school to the church.

I would like to record thanks to the OtB team of volunteers for all of their time and support. I pray for more volunteers to come forward and for someone to take on a leadership role of this vitally important work.

4th@4 Youth Fellowship Group

This is the last report from the "4th@4" Youth group – more of that later! The year began with our annual trip to Breathe Deep in January and this time it was held at Sheffield Cathedral where Sue Holden, the Revd Christine Moorey and myself took 9 of the youth group for a day of meeting with other young people from across the Diocese to listen to talks, play games and have fun in fellowship.

The group has met monthly, and we have had new members join whilst others have left to go onto university. As there has been an increasingly wider age range in the group we met in September to plan how, or indeed if we would move ahead and it was decided that would continue but with two significant changes:

- 1) First we would change our main venue from Christ Church Ardsley to the Darfield Rectory Cottage and decorate the upstairs back room for use by the Youth Group
- 2) Secondly that the group would now split into two separated groups (Year 6 to Year 9 and Year 10 upwards). After much debate – we also came up with 2 new names – Salt: 5:13 and Light 5:14

We have applied for a grant to help with funding the painting and furnishing of the room as well as a future boat trip. We are very grateful to the Hollowford Trust that have given the Youth Group a grant of £400.

I would like to give thanks to Sue Holden and Fiona Kouble who have made the group sessions possible and for their input over the last year. And to Megan Cook, Charlotte Cook (previous members) and Steven Ward who ended the year offering to take on leadership roles.

We are looking forward to some exciting meetings and trips over the next year.

Dr Roland Kouble

Priest in Charge and Oversight Ministers Report.

May 6th 2023 – I wonder if you can remember what happened? Now some of you will have known instantly, some will have a vague recollection that the date rings a bell... some well – what???! Of course it was a Saturday and the date of the Coronation of our King – Charles III. We were also blessed with an extra Bank Holiday on Monday 8th May.

What a momentous occasion in the middle (well near enough) of our year – and a celebration of great joy – following the grief – albeit with thanksgiving of 2022 and His mother's death and funeral.

The Coronation Service was full of God's love, and symbols pointing towards faith hope and duty. The King was presented with an Orb – representing the globe - a Cross at the top a reminder that this is God's world - two sceptres – which represented justice - Spurs – "Receive these spurs, symbols of honour and courage. May you be a brave advocate for those in need" - armills (bracelets to you and me), a sword, a ring, a rather strange looking glove representing gentleness, and of course the crown

And then of course that rather beautifully strange moment when the King disappeared behind a screen whilst the Archbishop of Canterbury anointed Him with oil – a sacred moment between our King and our God – a moment of affirmation for the King – this is your duty now – your role – and I will be with you.

For me, that was perhaps the most moving moment – the moment I couldn't actually see. It reminded me of the moment that the Bishop of Sheffield – the Rt Revd Stephen Croft laid his hands on my head and called upon God's Holy Spirit to come upon and bless me in my future ministry as an ordained deacon; it reminded me of when I laid on the floor of the church in Owlerton, Sheffield as the Veni Creator was played and sung (Come Holy Spirit) in full submission to my God as I was ordained a Priest in the Church of England; it reminded me of the moment when Bishop Stephen licensed me to be the Vicar of Ardsley in 2013 and then in 2022 Rt Revd Pete Wilcox licensed me as Priest in Charge of Darfield and Great Houghton...

We hear the story of Jesus, of God and His people over the year – and every week we are reminded of the story of Jesus' sacrifice, of the Last Supper, a reminder to gather, to encourage, to praise, and to take God's story of love and salvation out into the world... God is very wise and knows that we need moments to stop, reflect and remember; stories and symbols to help us inhabit the role that He has for us. Just as our King was images and words to help Him inhabit his new role as the King of Great Britain and the Commonwealth – so we need the support to be able to fully inhabit the role of His children.

2023 saw us gathering confidence again, remembering that we have a story that is worthy of being shared, of being declared – indeed shouted from the streets in our communities; that Jesus is Lord!!

It has been wonderful welcoming new people into the church family in Great Houghton and for the church to be playing their part in the wider community.

We tried new things – Pet Blessing Services in both Great Houghton and Darfield were fun and welcome. New people experienced the welcome of our church families.

Please notice as you read through this report - God's faith being offered to us – if we are faithful to him, even if we might feel that we only have a tiny mustard seed worth Goodness how He will, and does redeem it.

In December there were so many signs and reminders that God has a plan for His church in our communities...

In All Saints there was some anxiety about having a Christmas Fair – could we do it? we don't have the people anymore to organise? Okay- well let's offer a Christmas Coffee morning and oh my, what a wonderful time was had – so what will happen in 2024??

We launched a new fortnightly Warm Welcome space alongside the new COmunity Foodshop – the church showing up for the community.

Angels were knitted and appeared throughout our communities in Advent and the response that we saw on our parish Facebook pages showed how appreciated they were. Our Christmas Carol Services were wonderfully received and in All Saints we thanked Margaret and Aubrey Venables for so many faithful years of service and leadership with our choirs and music.

We also welcomed Justine Evans as she was licensed as our new Reader – and what joy to behold – Justine shared with us that she had come on quite a journey with God and with the church over the last few years- but He had been faithful and had brought her through some dark valleys to the rich pastures!

School services were held and new people joined our churches, asking about Jesus and Life – real life. Faith, Hope, Peace and Joy realised.

I am thankful to you all for the way in which you have engaged and trusted in God and trusted in my leadership.

[Jesus] said to them, 'Because of your little faith. For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, "Move from here to there", and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.' Matthew 17:20

Well, I sense that in 2024 – our faith is growing and I rejoice for all that I see happening. I trust that as we hear and rehear God's story, as we receive in the Bread and Wine, as we inhabit His purposes, that we too will remember that we are God's children and the victory is already won, whatever might challenge us along the way!

We too - just as our King, Charles III is - are anointed and entrusted by God – to do His work. Praise the Lord!

Rev'd Fiona Kouble

Financial Review and Explanation of Funds

The Financial Statements **on page 12** give the combined figures for the whole parish. They show that the total unrestricted receipts in 2023 were £54,309, of which £37,748 was from voluntary contributions (including £6,763 from Gift Aid). An additional £10,253 was received in restricted funds.

Total unrestricted payments were £53,096, with an additional £9,730 in restricted payments, £8,149 of which related to the spending of grants received.

In summary, the total income for the parish in 2023 was £64,562 and total expenditure was £62,825. Full details of receipts, payments and funds are given in the Financial Statements.

Income and Expenditure are classified under three headings – Unrestricted, Designated and Restricted.

- Restricted amounts have been received for a specific purpose and can only be spent for that purpose.
- Designated amounts are identified by the PCC as being for a particular purpose, but this purpose can change if circumstances change.
- All other receipts and payments are classed as Unrestricted and can be used by the PCC for its general purposes.

Financial Notes for Darfield All Saints Church only.

(Notes for St Michael and All Angels, Houghton, are given on page 11)

Total unrestricted receipts in 2023 for Darfield were £49,746. An additional £8,603 was received in restricted funds, which consisted of £530 donations, £436 interest and dividends, and £7,638 grants.

The 'planned giving' through envelopes and standing orders increased by £546 (2%) from the previous year to £23,430. Thanks go to the many of our regular givers who have maintained or increased their giving in very difficult circumstances. However, open collections reduced by 20% from the previous year to £3,748. Church hall income reduced by 16% to £6,691, but it should be noted that £1,000 arrears for 2023 has now been received in 2024. Our fund-raising income was also slightly down at £1,238 with income coming from a raffle (£95), a stall at Darfield Gala (£72), Silk Painting session (£350 for the projects fund), Christmas Fair (£563), sale of goods (£11) and 'easyfundraising' income (£147). We received 3 grants during the year, being £625 for the Hall toilet macerator, £6,150 towards church energy costs and £863 for the Warm Welcoming Space project.

Overall income for 2023 increased from the 2022 figure by £830 to £58,349.

A total of £58,002 was spent at Darfield in 2023. This included a £16,150 contribution to the Diocesan 'Common Fund' (which largely provides the stipends and housing for the clergy), down from £23,000 in the previous year. We tithe our income from 'planned giving' and this resulted in £2,240 being shared between our five supported missions (CPAS, Scripture Union, Release International, The Bible Society and Goldthorpe Salvation Army). Clergy expenses increased again in 2023, due partly to having a curate as well as a priest-in-charge. Utility bills almost tripled for the church and also increased steeply for the hall due to rising energy costs and standing charges. The increase was so steep that the Diocese offered us a grant of £6,150 towards the church utility bills. Two other large items of expenditure which arose during the year were (a) the cost of making safe a fallen tree in the churchyard (£576), and (b) the repair of the macerator toilet in the hall (£625 but covered by a grant).

For 2023 Darfield's total income exceeded the spending by £347.

In addition to our current account, which is used for the day to day running of the church, we had six restricted funds and three designated funds. All actions on our different 'Funds' are shown on **page 2** of the Financial Statements.

The total amount of money to carry forward to 2024 for Darfield All Saints Church is £90,107. Of this amount £76,401 is in designated funds and £5,583 is in restricted funds. Full details are given in the Financial Statements. That means that we have carried forward £8,123 in unrestricted and undesignated

funds. Bearing in mind that the monthly average cost of keeping Darfield All Saints running is about £5,000, we have around a month and a half running costs readily available in hand.

Our COIF Charities Ethical Investment Fund Income Units continue to provide quarterly dividends to the Education Fund.

We have to record members of the PCC or their immediate family who have received payments shown in the accounts during the year. For 2023 these were –

J Darlison, who was employed from August 2019 as a Mission Partnership Development Worker by the Sheffield Diocese on behalf of the Mission Partnership to support the churches in the partnership. (This has now reduced to three Churches covered by Darfield and Ardsley parishes). PCC and DCC funds are paid to the Diocesan Board of Finance to support this work in line with the agreed division of costs between the churches. In 2023 this amounted to £3,146 from Darfield and £350 from Houghton.

All members of the PCC who have pecuniary interests in PCC discussions declare these interests and withdraw from the discussions and any connected vote.

Financial Notes for Houghton, St Michael and All Angels Church only.

Total unrestricted receipts in 2023 were £5,381, including £3,136 from voluntary contributions and £589 from Gift Aid. Income from 'planned giving' (through envelopes) reduced on the previous year by 19% and income from open collections reduced by 11%. Two grants were received during the year - £1,150 towards energy costs and £500 for 'Mission Events'. £1,288 was received in wedding and funeral fees. Overall income for 2023 increased from the 2022 figure by £1,492. Full details of all income are given in the Financial Statements.

Total spending at St Michael's in 2023 was £5,641 which included £1,000 contribution to the Diocesan Common Fund. 2023 accounts showed an overall profit of £1,390.

St Michael and All Angels church had four restricted funds, JAM Gang, Energy Grant, Events Grant and Christmas 2023 Grant. All actions on our different 'Funds' are shown on page 2 of the Financial Statements.

The total amount of money to carry forward to 2024 for Houghton St Michael and All Angels is £19,253, of which £453 is restricted funds.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds which equates to at least three months' unrestricted payments. This is usually equivalent to about £16,000 for the whole parish. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. The balance of £103,323 held in unrestricted (including 'designated') funds at the year-end was more than sufficient to meet the target. This is mainly due to the balance of £74,099 held within All Saints' designated 'projects' fund.

PARISH OF DARFIELD - COMBINED ACCOUNTS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Year ended 31 December 2023

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
RECEIPTS						
Voluntary receipts						
Planned giving	6a	£ 23,799.50	£ -	£ 480.00	£ 24,279.50	£ 23,844.00
Collections at services	6b	£ 5,912.53	£ -	£ -	£ 5,912.53	£ 7,344.54
All other giving/voluntary receipts	6c	£ 1,272.46	£ 20.00	£ 50.00	£ 1,342.46	£ 4,054.29
Gift Aid recovered	6d	£ 6,763.02	£ -	£ -	£ 6,763.02	£ 6,902.33
Activities for generating funds	6e	£ 888.46	£ 350.00	£ -	£ 1,238.46	£ 1,503.68
Investment income	6f	£ 368.89	£ 2,360.79	£ 435.51	£ 3,165.19	£ 1,406.61
Church activities	6g	£ 12,259.00	£ -	£ -	£ 12,259.00	£ 14,477.65
Other receipts	6h	£ 314.79	£ -	£ 9,287.53	£ 9,602.32	£ 3,299.86
Total receipts		£ 51,578.65	£ 2,730.79	£ 10,253.04	£ 64,562.48	£ 62,832.96
PAYMENTS						
Church Activities						
Diocesan Common Fund	6i	£ 17,150.00	£ -	£ -	£ 17,150.00	£ 24,000.00
Clergy and staffing costs	6j	£ 6,042.95	£ -	£ -	£ 6,042.95	£ 3,519.62
Church running expenses	6k	£ 17,238.29	£ -	£ 9,104.74	£ 26,343.03	£ 18,026.27
Hall and Cottage running costs	6l	£ 10,316.63	£ -	£ 625.00	£ 10,941.63	£ 12,155.14
Mission giving and donations	6m	£ 2,240.00	£ -	£ -	£ 2,240.00	£ 2,285.00
Costs of generating funds	6n	£ 107.65	£ -	£ -	£ 107.65	£ 373.15
Governance costs		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Total payments		£ 53,095.52	£ -	£ 9,729.74	£ 62,825.26	£ 60,359.18
Excess of receipts over payments		-£ 1,516.87	£ 2,730.79	£ 523.30	£ 1,737.22	£ 2,473.78
Transfers between funds		-£ 50.29	£ 200.00	-£ 149.71	£ -	£ -
		-£ 1,567.16	£ 2,930.79	£ 373.59	£ 1,737.22	£ 2,473.78
Cash at bank and in hand at 1 January 2023		£ 28,489.11	£ 73,470.50	£ 5,662.40	£ 107,622.01	£ 105,148.23
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 December 2023		£ 26,921.95	£ 76,401.29	£ 6,035.99	£ 109,359.23	£ 107,622.01

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
Cash Funds						
Cash		£ 517.16	£ -	£ -	£ 517.16	£ 105.19
Bank current account		£ 14,525.87	£ -	£ -	£ 14,525.87	£ 16,963.60
Bank Designated and Restricted acct	5	£ -	£ 5,717.90	£ 6,035.99	£ 11,753.89	£ 11,013.72
CCLA deposit account	5	£ 11,878.92	£ 70,683.39	£ -	£ 82,562.31	£ 79,539.50
		£ 26,921.95	£ 76,401.29	£ 6,035.99	£ 109,359.23	£ 107,622.01
Investment assets						
Shares (Education Fund) value at 31 Dec 2023		£ -	£ -	£ 13,179.07	£ 13,179.07	£ 12,000.40

NOTES

Note 1. There is also a 'Fees Account' at the bank which stood at £1190 on 1 January 2023 and was £300 at 31 December 2023.

This money is not the property of Darfield All Saints PCC and is not available for spending.

Note 2. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, using Receipts and Payments basis.

Note 3. Fixed assets retained for church use are the Church Hall (purchased 1957) and the Rectory Cottage (purchased from the diocese in 1997).

Note 4. There are no other monetary assets or liabilities. There are no endowment funds, therefore the endowment fund column has been omitted.

Note 5. The movements in designated and restricted funds during the year were:

	Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfer in	Bal c/fwd
Designated					
Rector's Discretionary	£ 1,680.26	£ 17.31	£ -	£ -	£ 1,697.57
Projects Fund	£ 71,390.11	£ 8,858.86	£ 6,150.00	£ -	£ 74,098.97
Quinquennial Fund	£ 400.13	£ 4.62	£ -	£ 200.00	£ 604.75
Total Designated Funds	£ 73,470.50	£ 8,880.79	£ 6,150.00	£ 200.00	£ 76,401.29
Restricted					
Education Fund	£ 3,811.14	£ 948.21	£ 1,604.34	£ -	£ 3,155.01
Organ and Music Fund	£ 964.39	£ 10.38	£ -	£ -	£ 974.77
Youth Worker etc Fund	£ 700.48	£ 6.92	£ -	£ -	£ 707.40
Warm Space Grant	£ -	£ 862.53	£ 117.19	£ -	£ 745.34
Toddler Group	£ 89.71	£ -	£ 89.71	£ -	£ -
Energy Grants	£ -	£ 7,300.00	£ 7,300.00	£ -	£ -
Jam Gang	£ 96.68	£ -	£ 36.90	£ -	£ 59.78
St Michael's Events Grant	£ -	£ 500.00	£ 81.41	£ -	£ 418.59
St Michael's Christmas 2023 Grant	£ -	£ -	£ 24.90	£ -	£ 24.90
Total Restricted Funds	£ 5,662.40	£ 9,628.04	£ 9,254.45	£ -	£ 6,035.99

The Rector's Discretionary fund has had no income, other than interest, for some years. It is for use at the Rector's Discretion

The Projects Fund represents money from the sale of the Reading Room (in 2014) and money from legacies and donations (in 2017-2023.) It is designated for use on specific projects as they arise.

The Quinquennial fund was set up 2016 to save towards regular quinquennial inspections. Income is by transfer from current acct.

The Education fund is a historical fund restricted for use for educational purposes. It receives dividends from investments and donations.

The Organ and Music fund represents money from past donations and is restricted for use on the organ or music matters.

The Youth Worker Etc Fund is the remainder of a grant received 2019 from Awards for All for youth work. To use on internet access.

The Warm Space Grant (£862.53) came from BMBC in 2023 for costs of providing fortnightly warm space in church hall.

The Toddler Group Fund was set up 2019 but the group ceased 2020. Remaining cash paid into current account to cover hall use.

The Energy grants were three grants received from the Diocese and used in 2023 towards the increased energy bills for churches.

The Jam Gang Fund is restricted for use on ministry with children at St Michael's.

The St Michael's Events Grant is a Mission grant for use to create events etc at St Michael's to draw people in to the church

The St Michael's Christmas 2023 Grant is for use on St Michael's Christmas 2023 events but not received until January 2024.

Note 6. Further analysis of Receipts and Payments Accounts

Receipts	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 £	2022 £
6a Planned giving					
Tax efficient planned giving	£ 19,125.00	£ -	£ 480.00	£ 19,605.00	£ 17,900.00
Other planned giving	£ 4,674.50	£ -	£ -	£ 4,674.50	£ 5,944.00
	£ 23,799.50	£ -	£ 480.00	£ 24,279.50	£ 23,844.00
6b Collections at services	£ 5,912.53	£ -	£ -	£ 5,912.53	£ 7,344.54
6c All other giving/voluntary receipts					
One off donations	£ 1,272.46	£ 20.00	£ 50.00	£ 1,342.46	£ 1,554.29
Other regular donations	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Legacies	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 2,500.00
	£ 1,272.46	£ 20.00	£ 50.00	£ 1,342.46	£ 4,054.29
6d Gift Aid Recovered	£ 6,763.02	£ -	£ -	£ 6,763.02	£ 6,902.33
6e Activities for generating funds					
Fund raising events	£ 888.46	£ 350.00	£ -	£ 1,238.46	£ 1,503.68
6f Investment income					
Interest	£ 368.89	£ 2,360.79	£ 58.53	£ 2,788.21	£ 1,032.70
Dividends	£ -	£ -	£ 376.98	£ 376.98	£ 373.91
	£ 368.89	£ 2,360.79	£ 435.51	£ 3,165.19	£ 1,406.61
6g Church activities					
Statutory fees from wedd & funerals	£ 5,568.00	£ -	£ -	£ 5,568.00	£ 6,544.00
Church Hall Income etc	£ 6,691.00	£ -	£ -	£ 6,691.00	£ 7,933.65
	£ 12,259.00	£ -	£ -	£ 12,259.00	£ 14,477.65
6h Other receipts					
St Michael's share & 4forMission expenses	£ 314.79	£ -	£ -	£ 314.79	£ 23.52
Insurance Claims	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Grants	£ -	£ -	£ 9,287.53	£ 9,287.53	£ 3,276.34
	£ 314.79	£ -	£ 9,287.53	£ 9,602.32	£ 3,299.86

PARISH OF DARFIELD

Note 6. Further analysis of Receipts and Payments Accounts

Payments

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
6i Diocesan Common Fund	£ 17,150.00	£ -	£ -	£ 17,150.00	£ 24,000.00
6j Clergy and Staffing Costs					
Clergy expenses	£ 2,547.81	£ -	£ -	£ 2,547.81	£ 1,301.23
Administrator expenses	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Administrator costs (to diocese)	£ 3,495.14	£ -	£ -	£ 3,495.14	£ 2,218.39
	£ 6,042.95	£ -	£ -	£ 6,042.95	£ 3,519.62
6k Church Running Expenses					
Church expenses	£ 4,477.16	£ -	£ 1,438.15	£ 5,915.31	£ 5,743.08
Outreach	£ 216.82	£ -	£ 366.59	£ 583.41	£ 428.36
Church utility costs	£ 3,583.20	£ -	£ 7,300.00	£ 10,883.20	£ 5,176.85
Church Insurance	£ 8,385.11	£ -	£ -	£ 8,385.11	£ 6,677.98
Major Repair to Church	£ 576.00	£ -	£ -	£ 576.00	£ -
	£ 17,238.29	£ -	£ 9,104.74	£ 26,343.03	£ 18,026.27
6l Hall and Cottage Running costs					
Hall running costs	£ 8,452.10	£ -	£ -	£ 8,452.10	£ 6,743.47
Major Repair to Church Hall	£ -	£ -	£ 625.00	£ 625.00	£ 684.00
Cottage running costs	£ 1,864.53	£ -	£ -	£ 1,864.53	£ 4,727.67
	£ 10,316.63	£ -	£ 625.00	£ 10,941.63	£ 12,155.14
6m Mission Giving and Donations	£ 2,240.00	£ -		£ 2,240.00	£ 2,285.00
6n Cost of Generating Funds					
Stewardship envelopes	£ 67.17	£ -	£ -	£ 67.17	£ 65.21
Fund raising expenses	£ 40.48	£ -	£ -	£ 40.48	£ 307.94
	£ 107.65	£ -	£ -	£ 107.65	£ 373.15

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 12/03/24 and signed on its behalf by

Mark, Priest in Charge, Revd F. Kumb
Kulathane (Treasurer)



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Darfield All Saints Parish Church		
On accounts for the year ended	31 st December, 2023	Charity no (if any)	1185316
Set out on pages	N/A		

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

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

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

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

Signed: Matthew Law Date: 6/3/2024

Name: Matthew Law

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

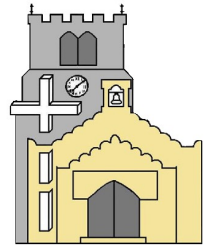
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Accounts

The Parish of All Saints, DARFIELD

All Saints Darfield and St Michael and all Angels, Great Houghton.

Registered Charity No: 1185316



ANNUAL REPORT of the Parochial Church Council:

Year ended 31st December 2022

Administrative Information:

The Parish of All Saints Darfield is part of the Wath Deanery and Diocese of Sheffield within the Church of England.

All Saints Church, Darfield is situated in Church Street, Darfield, Barnsley, S73 9JX. Listed Grade I

St Michael and all Angels Church is situated in Church Street, Great Houghton, S72 0BL. Listed Grade II*

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Darfield All Saints [**The PCC**] is a Registered Charity with registration Number **1185316**.

The PCC has responsibility for maintenance of the fabric and environs of these Listed buildings. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Rectory Cottage and Church Hall, both situated in Church Street, Darfield, S73 9JX.

The parish is part of the Wath2 Mission Area with the Parishes of Ardsley, Thurnscoe, Bilham, Barnburgh with Melton on the Hill, and Adwick upon Dearne.

The correspondence address is: The Rectory Cottage, Church Street, Darfield, Barnsley, S73 9JX

Aim and Purpose:

Darfield All Saints' PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2020) and a charity registered with the Charity Commissioners [1185316].

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent to promote the ecclesiastical parish mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and Activities:

We aim to be a visible spiritual presence in our communities as we strive to make Jesus known to all.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to come to faith and become members of a worshipping community. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish to ensure that services and activities meet the needs of the many groups within the parish.

It attempts to put faith into practice through prayer, Scripture, music and sacrament and to allow each individual's knowledge of and trust in Jesus to develop. The PCC supports societies and individuals involved in missionary, pastoral and outreach work within the parish and beyond.

Structure, Governance and Management

The full PCC meets up to 12 times per year to make decisions of general concern and importance to the Parish including deciding how the PCC funds are collected and spent.

The method of appointment of PCC Members is set out in the Church Representation Rules 2020.

All eligible church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC and to other elected offices.

Responsibility for day to day running of St Michael's Great Houghton is delegated by the PCC to their District Church Council [DCC] elected at their own Annual District Church Meeting. A number of DCC members are additionally members of the PCC

Usually from within its membership, the PCC appoints a Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. The PCC has power to co-opt additional members, generally with full voting rights.

The PCC also appoints a Standing Committee which has delegated powers to make decisions on urgent matters between PCC meetings.

If the Parish does not have an incumbent for the time being, the PCC Vice-Chairman takes over as Chairman of the PCC and the PCC may nominate a further individual to deputise. The PCC may also create sub committees for specific purposes which can make recommendations to the PCC. Membership of these committees may include non-PCC members.

Membership of the PCC

Notes: **Readers** licenced to the Parish are members ex-officio

Readers with Permission to officiate may be elected to the PCC as ordinary members

Churchwardens are elected annually by the Annual Parish Meeting with no restriction

Deanery Synod Representatives are elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting [APCM] for a period of three years [next election 2023]. Vacancies mid-term may be filled by the PCC

PCC Members are generally elected for a three-year term but may stand for re-election should they so wish, at the APCM at which their membership term ends.

GtH DCC indicates representatives on the PCC from the District Church Council, St Michael's Great Houghton

Unless otherwise stated all members served from 1st January to 31st December 2022

Name	From 1 st January 2022 to 27 th April 2022	From 27 th April 2022 to 31 st December 2023	Notes
Rev Fiona Kouble	From 3rd April 2022	✓	Licensed as Priest in Charge on 3 rd April 2022
Mr Peter Robinson	✓	✓	Churchwarden Acting Chairman until 3 rd April 2022
Mr John McMillan	✓	✓	
Mrs Sue Lee	✓	✓	
Mrs Kay Valentine	✓	✓	Treasurer
Mrs Jo Darlison	✓	✓	Secretary Deanery Synod
Mr Frank Lee	✓	Resigned December 2022	
Mr Rob Stanton	✓	✓	
Mrs Katy Stanton	✓	✓	
Mrs Sheila McMillan	✓	✓	
Mrs Carol Hunter	✓	✓	
Mrs Karen Walton		From 13th October 2022	Elected by PCC to fill vacancy
Mrs Olive Shaw	✓	✓	GtH DCC Deanery Synod rep
Mrs Sylvia Martin	✓	✓	GtH DCC

Note: Rev Fiona Kouble, Vicar of Christ Church Ardsley, was present at meetings held up to 3rd April 2022 and was additionally licenced as Priest in Charge and oversight Minister on 3rd April 2022, thus becoming Chairman of the PCC

Activities of the Parochial Church Council, Achievements and Performance

The PCC met regularly during 2022 with a mixture of face-to face and Zoom meetings. Some meetings included presentations and activities linked with LYCIG – Leading your Church into Growth

The pattern of regular services across the Parish was maintained with a celebration of Holy Communion once a fortnight in each of our two churches with an additional, generally lay-led, service held in All Saints on the alternate Sundays. Said Holy Communion Services were held on Ash Wednesday, Ascension Day and All Saints Day using the Book of Common Prayer. The pattern of Morning and Evening prayer on Facebook continued. The Café style monthly service, 'The Well' continued throughout the year in the Church Hall.

Rev Fiona Kouble, Vicar of Ardsley was licenced as Oversight Minister within the Wath2 Mission Area and Priest in Charge of the Parish of Darfield on 3rd April 2022 and took over as Chairman of the PCC.

On 20th September 2022, Rev Sarah Maughan was instituted as Rector of Thurnscoe, Oversight Minister and Associate Priest within the parishes of the Wath2 Mission Area. On the same date, Rev Fiona Kouble was licenced as Associate Priest within the Wath2 Mission Area.

The PCC dealt with the usual range of regular business, with its ongoing financial situation affecting the support to the Diocesan Common Fund and the various Mission agencies.

Most of our activities as a church were able to resume with the addition of a Board games Club and Book Club.

Whilst our Mothers Union Branch were able to hold some meetings at the start of the year, it proved impossible to continue and the Branch effectively closed at the end of 2022.

We were able to resume our Carols by Candlelight service in December. Great Houghton hosted a bunch of escaped sheep (of the knitted variety) linked with Advent and Christmas.

We continued our ministry to our Parishioners through funerals and weddings in both our churches and at the cemeteries and Barnsley Crematorium.

The regular meetings for prospective Baptisms and Thanksgivings continued. A trial of including Baptisms in the morning Service at All Saints proved problematic and a revised time of 12:30 scheduled.

Our Day of Remembering in October Included a more formal service in the provision.

St Michael's Church has been open for an hour on most Thursdays during the year and their Knit and Natter group were able to resume in September.

We were able to hold a Christmas Fair to foster our links with our community.

All Saints' Church was opened for visitors several times during the year including the national Heritage Open Days with emphasis on our stained glass, and for our now regular Snowdrop Trail in conjunction with the Maurice Dobson Museum & Heritage Centre.

Rev Fiona Kouble and Rev Christine Moorey continued their links with Upperwood Academy and All Saints Academy. Both schools have organised services in All Saints and visited the church as part of their History and Religious Curriculum. Links with Sandhill Primary School in Great Houghton are also being developed. Year 5 children from All Saints Academy took part in the planting of a rowan tree in the Rectory Cottage Garden as part of the Queen's Green Canopy project celebrating the Platinum Jubilee, in which the TWIGGS team were also involved.

Fabric report:

The regular routine maintenance of equipment in our buildings continued. Progress towards installing toilet facilities in All Saints Church and improving accessibility to the building are also continuing.

The central heating boiler in the Rectory Cottage was replaced during the year, mostly funded by a grant from the Diocesan Church in Action Fund. Internal reorganization of stored materials has allowed two meeting rooms to be available for use.

Thanks are extended to those who spare time keep the St Michael's Memorial rose garden weed free and to care for the roses.

The Friends of Darfield Churchyard continue to undertake the maintenance of our Churchyard for which we are very grateful.

Safeguarding

The PCC and DCC are committed to implementing Promoting a Safer Church, the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policies and Good Practice guidelines. Safeguarding is included on the agenda of every PCC meeting and its relevant policies are regularly reviewed and updated as required by changes in legislation and recommended good practice. In accordance with their duties and where required, individuals are subject to regular checks with the Disclosure and Barring Service. Safeguarding Training at an appropriate level is undertaken in line with Diocesan guidelines. The PCC will maintain a Safeguarding Training Needs Analysis and present it each year to the Annual Meeting.

Activity Reports:

Prayer Ministry Team:

Our Prayer Team is made up of seven committed Church members: Andrea Harrison, Irene Barraclough, Wendy Chorlton, Pam Emson, Sue Lee, Karen Walton and Carol Hunter.

As the clutches of covid began to relinquish its grasp in 2022 and our churches began to recover from the restrictions, the team once more began to offer prayer ministry in the South Chapel after our morning services.

We have continued to meet as a team on a weekly basis to pray for our Churches, their feeding programmes and events and to bring before The Throne of Grace the people who have requested our prayer support for themselves or others. We are also in touch via a group app which allows us to share (with permission) urgent prayer requests as they come in.

It is our privilege to be on the rota for cleaning our beautiful Church building and our members are also actively involved in other Church activities and outreach wherever possible (Bereavement Services, Party in The Park, Summer and Christmas Fayres etc).

Dealing with people's pain can take its toll and we seek to keep ourselves safe and close to God by undergoing training where possible and earlier in the year we met for a day's 'Resilience' training in Church. We also seek to occasionally meet together for fun and fellowship (usually in the form of a meal).

Thanksgivings and Baptisms.

During 2022 there were five Baptism Preparation Evenings, to which nine families came.

These evenings are informative and interactive, for example we use a quiz to find out the reasons for wanting a baptism for their child.

There is a presentation about what is involved in having their child baptised and opportunities for questions to be asked.

The whole evening lasts about an hour. Refreshments are available, making for a relaxed atmosphere.

Baptisms are now planned for after a morning service, enabling our church family to stay and support the baptism family.

If you would like to find out more, why not come along and see what happens for yourself.

Friends of Darfield Churchyard: FODCY

The small team of regular workers have continued their efforts to keep our Churchyard in a condition that impresses our visitors. Their tasks are appropriate to the seasons and include grass cutting, leaf and branch collection, path clearing and edging, checking gravestones, tidying graves and ensuring graves are accessible for visitors. If you have some spare time on Monday or Thursday afternoons, why not join them?

Church Hall

Our regular users of the Church Hall have continued throughout 2022 with the exception of the Toddler Session run by Lucy and friends, which ceased in the summer. These regular users are - Slimming World, Dance Fit (3 sessions!), Scouts, Exodus Youth Project (all weekly) and the U3A (monthly). It is good to see the hall used so regularly for community activities. However, our own church use of the hall is reducing as we no longer have our Mothers' Union and our weekly after-church refreshments slot has dwindled to being more of a monthly event. There were also a number of one-off bookings for parties or meetings in 2022 and a full day for a show put on by a local group from Thurnscoe. The Hall paid its way in 2022 but 2023 brings a whole new set of challenges with the steep rise in energy costs and the deteriorating state of the Hall itself.

Bell Ringers

The ringers practise every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. and regularly ring for weekly Sunday morning services. In 2022 we additionally rang for two weddings and several funerals and for some other important events which included: the licensing of Revd Fiona Kouble as our Priest in Charge, the area Confirmation Service, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Queen Elizabeth's platinum jubilee and then, later in the year, her death and funeral. On Christmas Eve we rang a special celebration of 45 years since our first peal on Darfield bells, with two of the original team ringing for it. On Christmas Day there was the usual joyous and noisy gathering to ring for morning service with 11 ringers and 1 visitor up the tower. The ringers would like to thank the congregation of Darfield All Saints for their continued support and encouragement.

Games Night

This is a group that usually meets every other month on a Saturday night to play more modern board and other games. Having only started in June 2022, it has only met three times because, with a packed schedule of activities for Christmas, it was decided not to hold one in December.

However, it so far has been quite successful and has attracted a cross-section of people of different ages and genders, with individuals and families attending. People generally seemed to have enjoyed themselves, and indeed, several individuals and families have now purchased for themselves some of the games they have tried. In addition, several groups of people have got together socially in-between time, to get more practice and expertise.

Book Club

Whilst this group is in its infancy, having only met three times (the first being a planning meeting), it is attended by a small but passionate group of book lovers.

It meets every other month on the second Wednesday of the month for a session that lasts over an hour. Whilst at the moment, it is made up of mostly women of a certain age, we do have a couple of younger members and hopefully, in time, as the word spreads, we will gain more of varying ages etc.

So far, we have read 'The Alchemist' by Paulo Coelho's and 'Elizabeth's List' by Lulah Ellender, both of which have inspired lively and interesting discussions. In addition, it has also led us to set up an informal book borrowing system between members, and of course, it has created a network of people who now feel free to discuss and share their recent reading matters and, indeed, some of the emotionally charged parts of their lives!

Curate's Reflections – Rev Christine Moorey:

I have now been in post for around 20 months and would like to begin by thanking everyone for their continued welcome and support. As many of you know, my ministry has been affected over the past year due to major surgery and I have been sad to be absent for several months. My report, therefore, may seem a little less full than last year, but I look forward to what God has in store for me for the remainder of my curacy with the wonderful people of Darfield and Great Houghton.

Before my absence I was involved in several school assemblies and school services in church connected with Lent and Easter, and after my return, Christmas events. I have recently been on some 'Open the Book' training and I look forward to developing my school ministry across the schools of Darfield and Great Houghton. I hope and pray this will be an opportunity for growth for both church communities.

I have conducted one funeral since returning from sick leave, at Great Houghton. Supporting the bereaved and conducting a funeral service for their loved one, continues to be a privilege and an area of my ministry which I value greatly.

I helped to organise the memorial days across our parishes and was present at Great Houghton to help host their first Memorial Day; a gentle time of quiet reflection and prayer, creating a space for the local community was a privilege and I am so grateful to Olive for her immense support with that event. We shared a Remembrance Service the following day with our Methodist brother the Revd Mick Neal leading the service and myself preaching; it was lovely to welcome our brothers and sisters from the Methodist church in Great Houghton.

My second Christmas in post was busy and exciting! Being involved with the Advent Sheep trail at Great Houghton was a particular highlight for me; getting to know local business owners and seeing families come to two new services was just wonderful. Seeing how the church can come alongside a community, at such a significant part of our Christian calendar, is so encouraging and I pray for more opportunities to build relationships with our communities and see more people coming to know God and our church families. Another special highlight was preaching at the Darfield Carol Service, seeing the church full at Christmas was just so fantastic (albeit nerve wracking too from that high pulpit!).

I would particularly like to thank church wardens, Peter and Olive, for their relentless support with a list of things too numerous to mention; thank you for making everything possible with such humility, commitment and gentleness; and for answering so many questions, possibly the same questions repeatedly(!), always with such patience. A thank you too, to Aubrey for his support at various, including school, services; so valuable, to enable children to hear, possibly for the first time, live music.

Thank you to Revd Fiona for my training so far; alongside looking after three churches she has me to train! I look forward to the remainder of my training and hopefully(!) being of use and support as the months unfold.

At the time of writing this report, I await my ordination as priest. Thank you for your encouragement with my ministry and look forward to celebrating my very first eucharist at Great Houghton.

4th@4 Youth Fellowship Group

4th@4 Youth group have continued to meet monthly throughout 2022. The annual trip to the Diocesan Youth event *Breathe Deep* was delayed due to Covid restrictions from the usual January to April in 2022 and was, for the first time held at Sheffield Cathedral. Sue Holden (Darfield) has now joined our leadership team.

We have met once a month in church and have welcomed several new younger members to the group.

I would like to give thanks to Sue Holden, Andy Smith and Fiona Kouble who have made the group sessions possible and for their input over the last year.

Dr Roland Kouble

The Well

Our shared café style church (with Ardsley and Thurnscoe parishes) has continued in the Church Hall on the third Sunday of the month - with three exceptions - in August we had a holiday. In October - we had to cancel due to the electrics in the Church Hall not working and in April when we hosted the Maundy Thursday service along with bowls of Goulash soup. This felt like a great way to explore the Easter story together.

In May we said farewell to Sam Ellmore, our ordinand who had helped develop The Well, as he left to prepare for his June 2022 ordination and the beginning of his Curacy in the parishes of Ecclesfield and Grenoside. The services continued to be led by the wider, and over time the numbers attending have been growing.

I am indebted to Sam - and we wish him well as he continues in his next step in ministry, to Robin, Rob and Dave as they develop the music side of our shared worship, for Jo and team for hosting refreshments and for the bakers who regularly contribute and for the rest of the team in offering prayers, sharing reflections, creative responses and not forgetting Jenny and Amelia who ensure that we can all see the service on the screen!

The Well is truly a place to encounter God and to encounter each other.

Rev'd Fiona Kouble

Wath Deanery Synod

We are part of the wider Wath Deanery Synod, which is in the Doncaster Archdeaconry of Sheffield Diocese and the Deanery Synod meets three times a year. In early 2022 Bishop of Sheffield, the Rt Revd Dr Pete Wilcox invited Fiona Kouble to take on the role of Co Area Dean - alongside the current Area Dean Rev Andy Brewerton. They were both formally licensed in April 2022 at All Saints by the Bishop of Sheffield as part of Fiona's licensing as Priest in Charge of Darfield Parish.

In early 2022 each PCC throughout the Deanery was asked to read and act on the contents of the updated Deanery Handbook. Copies are available if anyone would like one.

In the first meeting at Brampton Bierlow, Libby Culmer gave a presentation on Cashless payments with confirmation that this was easy to use.

At our meeting in June Viv Cooling, Church Buildings Officer Team Leader, spoke of using our building to develop relationships in our local communities. She went on to encourage everyone to see the possibilities of our church buildings. Her position is to support and help parishes with building and maintenance related queries. There was discussion after a member of a local PCC asked, "Why is it not possible to use individual cups at Holy Communion?" Bishop Pete has said that it is not allowed by Canon Law and is not the doctrine of the Church of England. There was a lively discussion on local practice with the Common Cup and the theological integrity.

John Marsh, Mission Development Advisor, came to our October meeting in Swinton and talked of new congregations, the discussion that followed focused on "What is a new congregation?", and how would these develop. He is keen to come and meet our team that run The Well!

We also had a shared Deanery Prayer gathering (along with Tankersley Deanery) at Wombwell, St Mary's. The Bishop of Doncaster was present, and we had speakers, prayer and discussion on 'Growing Together in Mission.'

WATH2 Mission Area

We are part of a wider Mission Area - the parishes of Ardsley, Adwick upon Dearne, Barnburgh with High Melton, Bilham, Darfield and Thurnscoe

In April - Fiona Kouble was licensed as the new Priest in Charge of Darfield parish, the churches of All Saints and St Michael and All Angels.

Revd Canon Kathryn Herrod, Priest in Charge of Bilham, Barnburgh and High Melton, and Adwick on Dearne, retired in October 2022. As plans were made early in the year, it was confirmed that there was no expectation that Revd Fiona Kouble would take on responsibility for covering the main services parishes in the Wath2 Mission Area that Revd Kathryn had been leading. We are now advertising for a new minister to join the team and covering the parishes of Bilham, Barnburgh and Adwick on Dearne

We were delighted to be able to appoint to the Mission Area position in Thurnscoe and the installation and licensing of the Revd Sarah Maughan took place on 20th October. She was also licensed as Oversight Minister and Associate Priest for Adwick-upon-Dearne, Ardsley, Barnburgh with Melton on the Hill, Bilham and Darfield. The Revd Fiona Kouble was also licensed as Oversight Minister and Associate Priest at this service to the wider parishes.

We have maintained our Steering Group - ensuring representation from all the parishes and encouraging networking and support across the church families. We will be looking at developing this in the coming years.

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing".

[1 Thessalonians 5: 11]

Priest in Charge and Oversight Ministers Report.

2022 has been a mixed year – a wonderful year, a year to celebrate whilst also acknowledging challenges that have been presented along the way.

I joined you "officially" on April 3rd with a huge celebratory service and the Rt Revd Pete Wilcox, the Bishop of Sheffield as he licensed me as your Priest in Charge. I have been asked a few times why are you not the Rector? This is because I also remain the Vicar of Ardsley, and I cannot hold the official Title of more than one parish at a time - though I can be Priest in Charge of many (don't worry I am NOT taking on any more!). We could add Rector if we legally "united" the two parishes, however I also have absolutely no plans to suggest this, so that in the future we still have the option for a Rector of Darfield and a Vicar of Ardsley! This becomes possible when we are able to continue to grow our Church Families and making connections with our wider communities. We will do this by deepening our own relationships with Jesus Christ, this will probably not be overnight- but then we know that God gives growth in His time and not according to our checklist!

When you read through this report there is so much to celebrate and much room for hope in the Lord. We have welcomed new members to our family and been alongside each other in moments of grief. It was a hard moment earlier in 2022 when our brothers and sisters in Christ at the Low Valley Methodist Chapel had to close, and whilst we understand their sorrow, we have been delighted to offer a haven, a safe refuge for some of their members. I look forward to discovering together how God will bless us and enable us to work to His glory together.

We have been able to begin to really support St Michaels and All Angels to become more visible in Great Houghton – see their report.

We have been able to offer different styles of worship in both of our churches and with our new Worship Leaders Group (people involved in services across both Ardsley and Darfield). I pray that we will continue to develop, to grow and encourage a variety of worship that will enable us to encounter God in different ways and that we will be excited to invite others to come and join us!

Patterns of worship have had to alter across the year as we have adapted, but I do believe that we are now finding a sustainable pattern that still offers space for creativity and the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

The Bellringers in All Saints continue to delight, inspire and call out the Glory of God and the presence of prayer across the community! thank you to Chris Walton our Tower Captain and team.

I am delighted and hopeful at how our school's ministry is developing across both communities.

A Songs of Praise service and Christmas 2022 were exciting times and I think I would not be alone to say that it felt as though we were back after Covid – especial thanks to Mr and Mrs Venables for their endeavours.

There will be more said at our Vision Sunday service, but for now a few thanks – to Peter Robinson our erstwhile solo Church Warden, for always being a head of the game and his resolute support, for our PCC Members for ongoing challenge and encouragement, for our worship leaders- for inspiring worship and sermons, for their willingness to trust in the Lord, to try out new things, to celebrate in the traditions of the Church and for enabling the rest of us to worship our awesome God. For our musicians: for Mr Aubrey Venables, and our musical and choir Mistress Mrs Margaret Venables, and all the members of the choir; and for our growing worship band at The Well. I am also delighted to be able to minister alongside our curate the Revd Christine Moorey.

Growth will only come if prayer is our foundation and so to our Prayer Warriors a particular thanks – but I am grateful to acknowledge all the prayers of the whole church family.

For each of you as you as you have organised flowers, cleaned, counted donations, read, led prayers, tidied up, baked, offered refreshments and welcome, as you have debated the scriptures, the Church, the world around us. For your support, for your challenges I give thanks to God daily.

Where is God leading us too – well to know Him better and to be able to proclaim His word and love into our communities and perhaps a toilet and kitchenette project along the way!!???!! And finally...

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. [Philippians 4: 4 – 9]

Revd Fiona Kouble

Financial Review and Explanation of Funds

The Financial Statements on page 10 give the combined figures for the whole parish. They show that the total unrestricted receipts in 2022 were £58,699, of which £41,655 was from voluntary contributions (including £6,902 from Gift Aid). An additional £4,133 was received in restricted funds.

Total unrestricted payments were £56,498, with an additional £3,861 in restricted payments, £3,276 of which related to the spending of grants received.

In summary, the total income for the parish in 2022 was £62,833 and total expenditure was £60,359. Full details of receipts, payments and funds are given in the Financial Statements.

Income and Expenditure are classified under three headings – Unrestricted, Designated and Restricted.

Restricted amounts have been received for a specific purpose and can only be spent for that purpose.

Designated amounts are identified by the PCC as being for a particular purpose, but this purpose can change if circumstances change.

All other receipts and payments are classed as Unrestricted and can be used by the PCC for its general purposes.

Financial Notes for Darfield All Saints Church only.

(Notes for St Michael and All Angels, Houghton, are given on page 9.)

Total unrestricted receipts in 2022 for Darfield were £53,385. An additional £4,133 was received in restricted funds, which consisted of £480 donations, £377 interest and dividends, and £3,276 grants.

The 'planned giving' (through envelopes and standing orders) reduced by £930 (4%) from the previous year to £22,884. Thanks go to the many of our regular givers who have maintained or increased their giving in very difficult circumstances. Open collections have almost doubled from the previous year to £4,671. Church Hall income made a good recovery in 2022 to £7,934. Our fund-raising income also started to recover and made £1504 with income coming from a table-top sale (£275), a stall at Darfield Gala (£137), Wreath-making sessions (£190), Christmas Fair (£800) and 'easyfundraising' income (£102). We received 3 grants during the year, being £426 for the Hall noticeboard, £2,700 towards the Rectory Cottage boiler and £150 for the Rectory Cottage garden project.

Overall income for 2022 reduced from the 2021 figure by £8,934 down to £57,518, but this is partly due to a reduction in income from legacies over the two years.

A total of £56,009 was spent at Darfield in 2022. This included a £23,000 contribution to the Diocesan 'Common Fund' (which largely provides the stipends and housing for the clergy). We tithe our income from 'planned giving' and this resulted in £2,285 being shared between our five supported missions (CPAS, Scripture Union, Release International, The Bible Society and Goldthorpe Salvation Army). Clergy expenses increased in 2022 as we gained a share in not one, but two, clergy (our Priest-in-charge and our curate). Utility bills also increased for both the hall

and church as we returned to using both buildings more regularly than in 2021. A few large items of expenditure which arose during the year were (a) the replacing of the central heating boiler in the Rectory Cottage (covered mainly by a grant), (b) necessary electrical work in the Church Hall and (c) new outdoor noticeboards for both church and hall (the hall being covered by a grant).

For 2022 Darfield's total income exceeded the amount spent by £1,510 but it must be remembered that we received £2,500 in legacies, which went into our 'Projects Fund' for the church toilets. Without this our spending would have exceeded our income.

In addition to our current account, which is used for the day to day running of the church, we had four restricted funds and four designated funds. All actions on our different 'Funds' are shown on page 2 of the Financial Statements.

The total amount of money to carry forward to 2023 for Darfield All Saints Church is £89,759. Of this amount £73,471 is in designated funds and £5,566 is in restricted funds. Full details are given in the Financial Statements. That means that we have carried forward £10,723 in unrestricted and undesignated funds. Bearing in mind that the monthly average cost of keeping Darfield All Saints running is about £5,000, we have just over two month's running costs readily available in hand.

Our COIF Charities Ethical Investment Fund Income Units continue to provide quarterly dividends to the Education Fund.

We have to record members of the PCC or their immediate family who have received payments shown in the accounts during the year. For 2022 these were –

J Darlison, who was employed from August 2019 as a Mission Partnership Development Worker by the Sheffield Diocese on behalf of the 4forMission Partnership to support the four churches in the partnership. PCC and DCC funds are paid to the Diocesan Board of Finance to support this work in line with the agreed division of costs between the churches. In 2022 this amounted to £1,997 from Darfield and £220 from Houghton.

All members of the PCC who have pecuniary interests in PCC discussions declare these interests and withdraw from the discussions and any connected vote.

Financial Notes for Houghton, St Michael and All Angels Church only.

Total unrestricted receipts in 2022 were £5,539, including £3,814 from voluntary contributions and £885 from Gift Aid. Income from both open collections and 'planned giving' (through envelopes) reduced on the previous year by 26% in the case of the 'planned giving' and 16% in the case of open collections. No grants were received during the year. £721 was received in wedding and funeral fees. Overall income for 2022 reduced from the 2021 figure by £1,570. Full details of all income are given in the Financial Statements.

Total spending at St Michael's in 2022 was £4,575 which included £1,000 contribution to the Diocesan Common Fund. 2022 accounts showed an overall profit of £964.

St Michael and All Angels church has one restricted fund, JAM Gang. All actions on our different 'Funds' are shown on page 2 of the Financial Statements.

The total amount of money to carry forward to 2023 for Houghton St Michael and All Angels is £17,863, of which £97 is a restricted amount in the JAM Gang fund.

Parish Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds which equates to at least three months' unrestricted payments. This is usually equivalent to about £16,000 for the whole parish. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. The balance of £101,960 held in unrestricted (including 'designated') funds at the year-end was more than sufficient to meet the target. This is mainly due to the balance of £71,390 held within All Saints' designated 'projects' fund.

PARISH OF DARFIELD - Combined Parish Accounts

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Year ended 31 December 2022

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
RECEIPTS						
Voluntary receipts						
Planned giving	6a	23364	0	480	23844	25109
Collections at services	6b	7345	0	0	7345	5560
All other giving/voluntary receipts	6c	4054	0	0	4054	17749
Gift Aid recovered	6d	6902	0	0	6902	8016
Activities for generating funds	6e	1314	190	0	1504	202
Investment income	6f	149	880	377	1407	405
Church activities	6g	14478	0	0	14478	10344
Other receipts	6h	24	0	3276	3300	6176
Total receipts		57629	1070	4133	62833	73562
PAYMENTS						
Church Activities						
Diocesan Common Fund	6i	24000	0	0	24000	24000
Clergy and staffing costs	6j	3520	0	0	3520	2018
Church running expenses	6k	17442	0	585	18026	20656
Hall and Cottage running costs	6l	8879	0	3276	12155	9715
Mission giving and donations	6m	2285	0	0	2285	3140
Costs of generating funds	6n	373	0	0	373	70
Governance costs		0	0	0	0	0
Total payments		56498	0	3861	60359	59599
Excess of receipts over payments		1131	1070	272	2474	13963
Transfers between funds		-2700	2700	0	0	0
		-1569	3770	272	2474	13963
Cash at bank and in hand at 1 January 2022		30058	69700	5390	105148	91186
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 December 2022		28489	73471	5662	107622	105148

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
Cash Funds						
Cash		15	0	90	105	91
Bank current account		16964	0	0	16964	18696
Bank Designated and Restricted acct	5	0	5441	5573	11014	10349
CCLA deposit account	5	11510	68029	0	79540	76013
		28489	73471	5662	107622	105148
Investment assets						
Shares (Education Fund)		0	0	12000	12000	12839

NOTES

Note 1. There is also a 'Fees Account' at the bank which stood at £1026 on 1 January 2022 and was £1190 at 31 December 2022.

This money is not the property of Darfield All Saints PCC and is not available for spending.

Note 2. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, using Receipts and Payments basis.

Note 3. Fixed assets retained for church use are the Church Hall (purchased 1957) and the Rectory Cottage (purchased from the diocese in 1997).

Note 4. There are no other monetary assets or liabilities. There are no endowment funds, therefore the endowment fund column has been omitted.

Note 5. The movements in designated and restricted funds during the year were:

	Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfer in	Bal c/fwd
Designated					
Rector's Discretionary	1679	1	0	0	1680
Projects Fund	67821	1069	0	2500	71390
Quinquennial Fund	200	0	0	200	400
4forMission Administrator Fund	0	0	0	0	0
Total Designated Funds	69700	1070	0	2700	73471
Restricted					
Education Fund	3185	856	230	0	3811
Organ and Music Fund	1319	1	355	0	964
Youth Worker etc Fund	700	0	0	0	700
Toddler Group	90	0	0	0	90
JAM gang	97	0	0	0	97
Total Restricted Funds	5390	857	585	0	5662

The Rector's Discretionary fund has had no income, other than interest, for some years. It is for use at the Rector's Discretion

The Projects Fund represents money from the sale of the Reading Room (2014) and money from legacies and donations (in 2017-2022.) It is designated for use on specific projects as they arise.

The Quinquennial fund was set up 2016 to save towards regular quinquennial inspections. Income is by transfer from current acct.

The 4forMission Administrator fund was set up in 2017 for any grants we may receive towards the Administrator's salary.

The Education fund is a historical fund restricted for use for educational purposes. It receives dividends from investments.

The Organ and Music fund represents money from past donations and is restricted for use on the organ or music matters.

The Youth Worker Etc Fund is from a grant of £10,000 for youth work etc. £700 remains for use on internet access.

The Toddler Group was set up 2019 but has now ceased. Balance held in cash - from weekly donations from attenders.

The JAM gang was a youth group at Houghton which is not currently running.

Note 6. Further analysis of Receipts and Payments Accounts

Receipts	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 £	2021 £
6a Planned giving					
Tax efficient planned giving	17420	0	480	17900	19775
Other planned giving	5944	0	0	5944	5334
	23364	0	480	23844	25109
6b Collections at services	7345	0	0	7345	5560
6c All other giving/voluntary receipts					
One off donations	1554	0	0	1554	1483
Other regular donations	0	0	0	0	0
Legacies	2500	0	0	2500	16266
	4054	0	0	4054	17749
6d Gift Aid Recovered	6902	0	0	6902	8016
6e Activities for generating funds					
Fund raising events	1314	190	0	1504	202
6f Investment income					
Interest	149	880	3	1033	37
Dividends	0	0	374	374	369
	149	880	377	1407	405
6g Church activities					
Statutory fees from wedd & funerals	6544	0	0	6544	7207
Church Hall Income etc	7934	0	0	7934	3137
	14478	0	0	14478	10344
6h Other receipts					
4forMission expenses	24	0	0	24	18
Insurance Claims	0	0	0	0	6158
Grants	0	0	3276	3276	0
	24	0	3276	3300	6176

PARISH OF DARFIELD

Note 6. Further analysis of Receipts and Payments Accounts

Payments	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	TOTAL 2022	TOTAL 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
6i Diocesan Common Fund	24000	0	0	24000	24000
6j Clergy and Staffing Costs					
Clergy expenses	1301	0	0	1301	562
Administrator expenses	0	0	0	0	0
Administrator costs (to diocese)	2218	0	0	2218	1456
	3520	0	0	3520	2018
6k Church Running Expenses					
Church expenses	5388	0	355	5743	2896
Outreach	199	0	230	428	6794
Church utility costs	5177	0	0	5177	2569
Church Insurance	6678	0	0	6678	6457
Rectory Costs	0	0	0	0	20
Major Repair to Church	0	0	0	0	1920
	17442	0	585	18026	20656
6l Hall and Cottage Running costs					
Hall running costs	6317	0	426	6743	3965
Major Repair to Church Hall	684	0	0	684	0
Cottage running costs	1878	0	2850	4728	5750
	8879	0	3276	12155	9715
6m Mission Giving and Donations	2285	0	0	2285	3140
6n Cost of Generating Funds					
Stewardship envelopes	65	0	0	65	70
Fund raising expenses	308	0	0	308	0
	373	0	0	373	70

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 7/03/2023 and signed on its behalf by

[Signature]

[Signature]



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

The Parish of Darfield

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2022

Charity no
(if any)

Set out on pages

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

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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").

Independent
examiner's statement

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.

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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

R Harrison

Date:

22/02/2023

Name:

Mrs Ruth Harrison

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

Address:

44 Margaret Road, Darfield

Barnsley

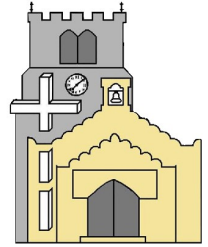
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Accounts

The Parish of All Saints, DARFIELD

All Saints Darfield and St Michael and all Angels, Great Houghton.

Registered Charity No: 1185316



ANNUAL REPORT of the Parochial Church Council:

Year ended 31st December 2021

Administrative Information:

The Parish of All Saints Darfield is part of the Wath Deanery and Diocese of Sheffield within the Church of England.

All Saints Church, Darfield is situated in Church Street, Darfield, Barnsley, S73 9JX. Listed Grade I

St Michael and all Angels Church is situated in Church Street, Great Houghton, S72 0BL. Listed Grade II*

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Darfield All Saints [**The PCC**] is a Registered Charity with registration Number **1185316**.

The PCC has responsibility for maintenance of the fabric and environs of these Listed buildings. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Rectory Cottage and Church Hall, both situated in Church Street, Darfield, S73 9JX.

The parish is part of the 4forMission Partnership with Christ Church, Ardsley and St Helen's Thurnscoe. It is scheduled to become part of the Wath2 Mission Area with the Parishes of Bilham, Barnburgh with Melton on the Hill, and Adwick upon Dearne.

The correspondence address is: The Rectory, Church Street, Darfield, Barnsley, S73 9JX

Aim and Purpose:

Darfield All Saints' PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2020) and a charity registered with the Charity Commissioners [1185316].

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent to promote the ecclesiastical parish mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and Activities:

We aim to be a visible spiritual presence in our communities as we strive to make Jesus known to all.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to come to faith and become a member of a worshipping community. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish to ensure that services and activities meet the needs of the many groups within the parish.

It attempts to put faith into practice through prayer, Scripture, music and sacrament and to allow each individual's knowledge of and trust in Jesus to develop. The PCC supports societies and individuals involved in missionary, pastoral and outreach work within the parish and beyond.

Structure, Governance and Management

The full PCC meets up to 12 times per year to make decisions of general concern and importance to the Parish including deciding how the PCC funds are collected and spent.

The method of appointment of PCC Members is set out in the Church Representation Rules 2020.

All eligible church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC and to other elected offices.

Responsibility for day to day running of St Michael's Great Houghton is delegated by the PCC to their District Church Council [DCC] elected at their own Annual District Church Meeting. A number of DCC members are additionally members of the PCC

Usually from within its membership, the PCC appoints a Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. The PCC has power to co-opt additional members, generally with full voting rights.

The PCC also appoints a Standing Committee which has delegated powers to make decisions on urgent matters between PCC meetings.

If the Parish does not have an incumbent for the time being, the PCC Vice-Chairman takes over as Chairman of the PCC and the PCC may nominate a further individual to deputise. The PCC may also create sub committees for specific purposes which can make recommendations to the PCC. Membership of these committees may include non-PCC members.

Membership of the PCC

Notes: **Readers** licenced to the Parish are members ex-officio

Readers with Permission to officiate may be elected to the PCC as ordinary members

Churchwardens are elected annually by the Annual Parish Meeting

Deanery Synod Representatives are elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting [APCM] for a period of three years [next election 2023]. Vacancies mid-term may be filled by the PCC

PCC Members are generally elected for a three-year term but may stand for re-election should they so wish, at the APCM at which their membership term ends.

GtH DCC indicates representatives on the PCC from the District Church Council, St Michael's Great Houghton

The 2020 APCM was held scheduled for 21st April 2020 but owing to restrictions imposed for COVID-19 was delayed until 20th October 2020 at which elections were held for PCC members. This meeting was held online via ZOOM.

The terms of office of Churchwardens, Deanery Synod Representatives and PCC members were extended until 20th October 2020.

Unless otherwise stated all members served from 1st January to 31st December 2021

Name	From 1 st January 2021 to 27 th April 2021	From 27 th April 2021 to 31 st December 2021	Notes
Mr Peter Robinson	✓	✓	Churchwarden Acting Chairman
Mr John McMillan	✓	✓	
Mrs Stella Firth	✓		
Mrs Andrea Harrison	✓	Resigned 3rd Oct 2021	Deanery Synod Rep
Mrs Sue Lee	✓	✓	
Mrs Kay Valentine	✓	✓	Treasurer
Mr Adam Fingerneissl	✓		Safeguarding
Mrs Jo Darlison	✓	✓	Secretary Deanery Synod
Mr Raymond Firth	✓		
Mr David Griffiths	✓		
Mr Frank Lee		✓	
Mr Andrew Harrison	✓	Resigned 9th Sept 2021	
Mr Rob Stanton	✓	✓	
Mrs Katy Stanton	✓	✓	
Mrs Pam Emson	✓		
Mrs Sheila McMillan	✓	✓	
Mrs Carol Hunter	✓	✓	
Mrs Olive Shaw	✓	✓	GtH DCC Deanery Synod rep
Mrs Sylvia Martin	✓	✓	GtH DCC

Note: Rev Fiona Kouble, Vicar of Christ Church Ardsley, part of our Mission Partnership, has been present at most PCC meetings by invitation in an advisory capacity.

Electoral Roll

All Saints:

Since the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in 2021 no names have been added to the Electoral Roll and six names removed leaving a current total of 74

St Michael's:

Since the Annual Meeting in 2021, no names have been added to the Roll and one name had been removed leaving a current total of 17

Activities of the Parochial Church Council, Achievements and Performance

The PCC met nine times during 2021 using Zoom. Three additional Zoom meetings were held in response to the proposed suspension of presentation which involved meeting with the Bishop of Sheffield, Rt Rev Dr Pete Wilcox, and preparing a parish statement.

In January 2021 a sustainable pattern of Holy Communion Services in the Churches of the Mission Partnership was drawn up to run alongside the online services. However the re-instatement of the National COVID Lockdown meant that the plan had to be suspended before it could be implemented.

When regulations permitted, All Saints Church was open for a limited number of hours each week. As the year went on, and restrictions eased, a revised pattern of Sunday Services was introduced across the four churches in the Mission Partnership in July 2021. This allowed Rev Fiona Kouble to officiate at a Holy Communion Service once a fortnight in each Church. An additional service on alternate Sundays was introduced at All Saints supported by our own worship leadership team. The online, recorded or live streamed service from Ardsley Church has continued throughout the year.

In addition, since the middle of 2021, St Michael's Church has been open on most Thursdays for at least one hour to allow for those who wish to view the Church or for private prayer. All Saints has been open at various times when our Churchyard trails have been in place.

In July 2021, we welcomed Rev Christine Moorey as Curate within the Mission Partnership in her first stipendiary post.

The PCC dealt with the usual range of regular business, with its ongoing financial situation meaning a further reduction in support to the Diocesan Common Fund and the various Mission agencies. Whilst some of our Church activities have resumed, we have not been able to reinstate our major events which support links with our communities. Our Christmas Carol Service was held outdoors we took part in the Christmas event organised by the Cross Keys.

We continued our ministry to our Parishioners through funerals and weddings in both our churches and at the cemeteries and Barnsley Crematorium.

Baptism services resumed across the four churches albeit on Sunday afternoons rather than in the morning services. Regular meetings for parents were arranged rather than individual visits.

Our Day of Remembering was reinstated with a different format.

Rev Fiona Kouble and Rev Christine Moorey have, where restrictions allowed, been able to resume our links with Upperwood Academy and All Saints Academy. Both schools have organised services in All Saints

Fabric report:

The regular routine maintenance of equipment in our buildings continued as circumstances permitted. It is the intention of the PCC to revisit and progress the plans for installing toilet facilities in All Saints Church and to improve accessibility to the building.

St Michaels was again the target for various acts of petty vandalism during the year. One incident involved the disturbance and removal of tiles on the main and porch roofs of the church. Repairs cost £1,920 which except for the £250 excess on the Policy was covered by insurance.

Thanks are extended to those who spare time keep the St Michael's Memorial rose garden weed free and to care for the roses.

The Rectory Cottage suffered a total failure of its heating system which prevented its use as a base for our Mission Partnership development Worker. It is hoped that, once the heating system is replaced that the Cottage may resume its purpose and become a base for our Clergy and provide room for some meetings.

The Cottage Garage, used as storage, was declared unrepairable following the break in in July 2020. A replacement was installed and, again subject to the excess on the policy was funded by our Insurers.

The Friends of Darfield Churchyard continue to undertake the maintenance of our Churchyard despite their inability to hold events to raise funds.

Safeguarding

The PCC and DCC are committed to implementing Promoting a Safer Church, the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policies and Good Practice guidelines. Safeguarding is included on the agenda of every PCC meeting and its relevant policies are regularly reviewed and updated as required by changes in legislation and recommended good practice. In accordance with their duties and where required, individuals are subject to regular checks with the Disclosure and Barring Service. Safeguarding Training at an appropriate level is undertaken in line with Diocesan guidelines. The PCC will maintain a Safeguarding Training Needs Analysis and present it each year to the Annual Meeting.

Activity Reports:

Prayer Ministry Team:

The Prayer Ministry Team is made up of seven members: Andrea Harrison, Irene Barraclough, Wendy Chorlton, Pam Emson, Sue Lee, Karen Walton and Carol Hunter. We have been extremely active in 2021, seeking to ensure the Church Family have remained supported, included and connected through a second year of varying pandemic restrictions.

Together with Kay and Peter, it was our pleasure to ensure that every member on the electoral roll of All Saints and St. Michaels received an Easter Celebration goodie bag which included an Easter card and letter, chocolate egg, encouraging scriptures, an Easter booklet, notice sheet and children's activities (where appropriate). Together with Sue Holden, Rob, Kay and Pete, we continued with the Buddy System, ensuring all our 'buddies' (the members of our Church Family who are not on-line) were contacted on a regular basis and had a notice sheet posted through their letterboxes every week ~ this was sustained until summer when our Churches re-opened and live Church Services reinstated.

The team have maintained weekly meetings throughout the year (first via zoom and then in person when government restrictions allowed), gathering to pray together for our Church and community and for those requesting prayer for themselves and their loved ones. We have received an unprecedented number of requests for personal prayer this year and we have striven to respond to each one with attentive and respectful compassion, ensuring each person or situation is brought into God's presence and prayed for. We have continued our practice of sending cards, extending phone-calls/texts and delivering the laying on of hands where appropriate.

The team were heavily involved with the 'Day of Remembering' held in Church in October and have sustained our duty rota commitments for leading/preaching/reading/intercessions/welcome and hospitality. Sue and Pam represented our Church at the Christmas Market held at The Cross Keys. Carol has continued to host the Monthly Monday evening Prayer Meeting throughout the year, and In December it was our pleasure to reinstate Prayer Ministry after the morning Service.

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union was founded in 1876 by Mary Sumner, the wife of a Church of England Rector, who saw the need for children to be brought up in the Christian Faith. Darfield Mothers' Union was founded in December 1910 and has withstood two World Wars and a 20-month pandemic.

During the pandemic I have sent out a monthly e-News and Update Newsletter from MU Headquarters, Mary Sumner House in London, to our members either by e-mail or post. This Newsletter is continuing.

It was decided to change our meetings after consultation with a few members to Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. instead of Thursday evening at 7.30 p.m. which I thought would be a lot better for members to come and go in daylight. Meetings re-started on Wednesday, 1st September. 2021, with the Rev. Fiona Kouble and the Rev. Christine Moorey and, although attendance was small in number, it was a lovely meaningful meeting with Holy Communion. Following on we had speakers Mrs Anne Balme who spoke on 'Tacky Tack' and Mrs Sylvia Charles who brought a number of interesting objects. Since then unfortunately, we have not had enough members present to justify a speaker. So the motto is "Keep Calm and Carry On". During the past 1-2 years we have lost 4 members (through death) who attended regularly so our membership is now down to 17 paid up members, subscriptions paid this February.

Catherine and I attended the Deanery Meeting recently and learnt that Barnsley Refuge are in need of small saucepans and plastic cups and plates etc. for small children. This is our project. Also, Catherine and Gill contributed to over 1,000 cut out Christmas tree decorations to put in the Christmas cards for the inmates of our Doncaster prisons. I am comforted by the words of Jesus in the NIV Bible, Chapter 18 verse 20, "For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them". I have a card stood on my bedside table which reads, in colour, "Good morning, THIS IS GOD. I WILL BE HANDLING ALL OF YOUR PROBLEMS TODAY; I WILL NOT NEED YOUR HELP. LET IT BE. It was given to me and everyone at the meeting by an American Evangelist over in this Country to speak. I have

forgotten her name but she said she had no money to finance the trip but at the eleventh hour enough money and more was provided. THANKS BE TO GOD.

Hilda Jobling.

Thanksgivings and Baptisms.

Before the pandemic, enquiries were dealt with by home visits but recent events have necessitated a fresh approach.

We now have Baptism Enquiry Evenings every two months in the church led by Fiona and Christine supported by an enlarged group of church members (always room for more!).

This is an opportunity to meet the parents and godparents and to explain the meaning of the service and to respond to any questions they may have before booking a date.

At the present time the services take place on Sunday afternoons but it is hoped that they will eventually be within the morning service.

The families now receive a Bible to be able to share together .

Pray that ways of maintaining contact with them and opportunities to strengthen these links may be developed so that they come to a living faith.

Thursday Fellowship

The Thursday Fellowship meets fortnightly and has met throughout 2021.

The fellowship has developed into a safe space in which to share concerns, pray and study the bible together. We are currently working our way through Acts.

Everybody is welcome to come along and try the fellowship out. We meet as our name suggests on a Thursday night, starting at 7:30 PM, finishing around 9 PM.

At the moment the group meets by Zoom.

Bell Ringers

Throughout the various stages of lockdown over the last two years, the Bell Ringers have continued to ring when possible, even if this involved only ringing half the bells, for 15 minutes or less and with windows wide open, freezing cold. This has been repaid by us weathering Covid well. Despite two of our most regular ringers, David and Hilary Hildred, moving away, we have increased in number with three new learners starting at the end of 2021. We have also received many messages of appreciation from the general community of Darfield, where people have found the sound of the bells a reassurance of continuity through the uncertain times.

Friends of Darfield Churchyard: FODCY

The five regular workers in the church yard, all over pension age, have continued to keep it tidy and well-maintained. Following the first lockdown, in 2020, it took much of the rest of the year to catch up, but during 2021 the churchyard has looked magnificent and has been enjoyed by many during their walks around the village. Lovely photographs and positive comments continue to feature regularly on the various Darfield Facebook pages, showing how much the community of Darfield appreciate and visit our church yard. The church yard has also hosted three different 'Discovery Trails' at different times of 2021.

Church Hall

The various regular users of the Church Hall gradually returned throughout 2021, as Covid restrictions allowed. In addition to our own Mothers Union, the users were: Slimming World, Dance Fit (3 sessions!), and Scouts. Joining these in 2022 are Exodus Youth Project, Parent and Toddler Session and Ballet (2 sessions), and the U3A are also returning after almost two years' absence. It is good to see the hall used so regularly for community activities.

Curate's Reflections – Rev Christine Moorey:

I arrived in Barnsley with my family last June and have now been in post for eight months. I would like to thank the congregation for making us feel welcome and encouraging me in my ministry, especially at a difficult time during the middle of the pandemic.

I have observed that many outreach and mission activities have been temporarily suspended due to Covid, and that Sunday services have also been affected. However, it seems apparent the church has risen to the challenge and provided ongoing access to services and worship via Facebook in the form of weekday morning and evening prayer

as well live streaming or pre-recorded Sunday services. It has been a lovely opportunity to be able to lead morning and evening prayer online; although I cannot see you, perhaps you feel like you have seen me regularly!

I have started to observe a very gradual return of the congregation to in-person services and events but am told some people are still not able to attend in person and I pray the whole church family is able to be together again very soon.

I have had the privilege and pleasure of taking home communion to a number of people across the mission area; seeing the joy this brings to those who receive is a beautiful moment and I hope to be involved in this ministry more in the coming year.

I was involved in a harvest festival services, Christmas and other services for the local schools, both in the church and in school. I have been building relationships with both local schools which has been a wonderful experience.

Regularly visiting All Saints Primary to deliver assemblies, as well as arranging and delivering services in church for both All Saints and Upperwood has been a joy.

I have also been involved in a weekly exploring session whereby children from across all three parishes have met at Christ Church Ardsley to discuss Christianity and explore baptism and/or confirmation. These have been useful training opportunities for me as well as a privilege to be a part of their journey of faith. I have also led a short START course alongside John McMillan and Sam Elmore. This has been an exceptional opportunity to be alongside a member of the local community in her exploration of faith, and then to baptise her at All Saints. I would like to thank Sam for helping with the group and especially John for his support and encouragement in my ministry. Similarly, there have been many opportunities to become involved in baptism ministry across the mission area. Being able to baptise has been a very special moment between the candidate and God. I very much look forward to be a part of encouraging and welcoming baptism families on their journeys of faith.

Sadly, there have been a number of funerals during my first eight months presenting a number of opportunities for funeral ministry training alongside Rev Fiona. I am now building relationships with Funeral Directors, Cemetery and Crematorium staff and seeing the privilege of this aspect of ministry. Meeting with bereaved families and conducting a funeral service for their loved one has been an opportunity to ask God to bring his peace and love into their lives in a real and practical way and has been a wonderful privilege. My very first funeral was at All Saints. I would like to particularly thank the vergers Brian and church warden Peter, for their support with funeral ministry; I have very special memories of them being with me at the very first funeral I took.

My first Christmas in post was busy and rewarding; as well as the school services at All Saints, I also conducted several others across the mission area and saw first-hand how wonderful it is to welcome the community into church and celebrate Christ's birth and share the wonderful, good news of the Christian faith.

I would especially like to thank church warden Peter for his tireless support with numerous things not least opening and closing the church for the many events and services I have been involved in. Also the organist Aubrey for his support at various services including school services.

Finally, I would like to thank Rev Fiona for all of my training so far.

I look forward to getting to know everyone more and becoming more involved in ministering to this community as Covid restrictions lift and community and congregational events can begin once more.

The Future:

Throughout 2021, we moved further towards becoming part of the Wath2 Mission Area. However, two rounds of advertising failed to attract any potential candidates and it remains to be seen if the next round is successful. More recent news of the retirement of Rev Kathryn Herrod, Priest in Charge of Barnburgh with Melton on the Hill, Adwick upon Dearne and Bilham will put extra pressure on a limited Clergy Team within the Mission Area.

With the legal formalities completed, Rev Fiona Kouble will soon be Licenced as our Priest in Charge and Oversight Minister. An Oversight Minister will not be working exclusively in a single Parish which means that it is not a time for us to sit back. With Oversight Ministry goes Focal Ministry where we as a congregation must take responsibility for many activities previously seen as part of an Incumbent's role. The team involved with our non-Communion worship services at All Saints have shown what can be done.

What is in store for us? In the Parish Mission Action Plan 4, the PCC were asked to consider the future of our parish activities for the immediate future

- What have we stopped that we are happy to leave behind?
- What have we developed that we will leave behind
- What have we stopped that we wish to pick up again
- What have we developed which we wish to take forward

Difficult decisions lie ahead as we contemplate what we can achieve.

What we must not lose sight of is that in all we manage to do...

We aim to be a visible spiritual presence in our communities as we strive to make Jesus known to all.

Financial Review and Explanation of Funds

The Financial Statements on [page 8](#) give the combined figures for the whole parish. They show that the total unrestricted receipts in 2021 were £72,932 of which £55,374 was from voluntary contributions (including £8,016 from Gift Aid). An additional £929 was received in restricted funds.

Total unrestricted payments were £52,134, with an additional £7,765 in restricted payments, £6,392 of which related to the spending of grants received.

In summary, the total income for the parish in 2021 was £73,861 and total expenditure was £59,899. Full details of receipts, payments and funds are given in the Financial Statements.

Income and Expenditure are classified under three headings – Unrestricted, Designated and Restricted.

- Restricted amounts have been received for a specific purpose and can only be spent for that purpose.
- Designated amounts are identified by the PCC as being for a particular purpose, but this purpose can change if circumstances change.
- All other receipts and payments are classed as Unrestricted and can be used by the PCC for its general purposes.

Financial Notes for Darfield All Saints Church only.

(Notes for St Michael and All Angels, Houghton, are given on [page 8](#).)

Total unrestricted receipts in 2021 for Darfield were £65,823. An additional £929 was received in restricted funds which consisted of £560 donations and £369 interest and dividends.

The 'planned giving' (through envelopes and standing orders) reduced by £7,423 (24%) from the previous year to £23,814. This was partly due to a number of our congregation leaving. However, thanks go to the many of our regular givers who maintained their giving in very difficult circumstances. Open collections have made a slight recovery and doubled from the previous year to £2,366. We continued to suffer a reduction in income in Church Hall income, which reduced to £3,137, but our income from wedding and funeral fees more than doubled to £6,389 (partly due to a backlog of weddings postponed from the previous year). Due to the Covid 19 situation, we had only one fund-raising event (a stall at the Cross Keys Christmas Market raising £130) but also raised £72 through 'easyfundraising' and 'Amazon Smile'. We received no grants during the year but did receive an insurance payment of £4,488 for the replacement of the Rectory Cottage garage, which had been damaged beyond repair during a break-in the previous year.

Overall income for 2021 increased from the 2020 figure by £12,446, but this is partly due to two legacies totalling £16,266.

A total of £54,467 was spent at Darfield in 2021. This included a £23,000 contribution to the Diocesan 'Common Fund' (which largely provides the stipends and housing for the clergy). This was a reduction on previous years, reflecting our reduced available income. We tithe our income from 'planned giving' and this resulted in £2,420 being shared between our five supported missions (CPAS, Scripture Union, Release International, The Bible Society and Goldthorpe Salvation Army). Within the 'Outreach' heading, £6,392 was spent on the youth club and church hall. This whole amount was covered by a grant received in 2018 and included £3,077 of the grant being returned unspent because of Covid restrictions. Other expenditure remained generally comparable to the previous year, with the exception of £4,533 paid for the new garage for which we received an insurance payment as noted above.

For 2021 Darfield's total income exceeded the amount spent by £12,286 but it must be remembered that we received £16,266 in legacies, which went into our 'Projects Fund' for the church toilets, and also that £6,392 of our spending was from a previous grant. If we exclude these two figures then our income exceeded our spending by £2,411.

In addition to our current account, which is used for the day to day running of the church, we had five restricted funds and four designated funds. One of these restricted funds has now ceased. All actions on our different 'Funds' are shown on [page 2](#) of the Financial Statements.

The total amount of money to carry forward to 2022 for Darfield All Saints Church is £88,250. Of this amount £69,700 is in designated funds and £5,294 is in restricted funds. Full details are given in the Financial Statements.

That means that we have carried forward £13,256 in unrestricted and undesignated funds. Bearing in mind that the monthly average cost of keeping Darfield All Saints running is about £5,500, we have just over two month's running costs readily available in hand.

Our COIF Charities Ethical Investment Fund Income Units continue to provide quarterly dividends to the Education Fund.

We have to record members of the PCC or their immediate family who have received payments shown in the accounts during the year. For 2020 these were –

- K Stanton, who received payment as one of the church hall cleaners amounting to £24.15 in 2021.
- J Darlison, who was employed from August 2019 as a Mission Partnership Development Worker by the Sheffield Diocese on behalf of the 4forMission Partnership to support the four churches in the partnership. PCC and DCC funds are paid to the Diocesan Board of Finance to support this work in line with the agreed division of costs between the churches. In 2021 this amounted to £1,096 from Darfield and £160 from Houghton.

All members of the PCC who have pecuniary interests in PCC discussions declare these interests and withdraw from the discussions and any connected vote.

Financial Notes for Houghton, St Michael and All Angels Church only.

Total unrestricted receipts in 2021 were £7,110, including £4,639 from voluntary contributions and £127 from Gift Aid. The 'planned giving' (through envelopes) increased to 85% of its pre-Covid amount, reaching £1,295. Open collections more than trebled from last year to £3,194. No grants were received during the year but we did receive an insurance payment of £1,670, which was for the replacement of roof tiles. £668 was received in wedding and funeral fees. Overall income for 2021 increased from the 2020 figure by £3,207. Full details of all income are given in the Financial Statements.

Total spending at St Michael's in 2021 was £5,433 which included £1,000 contribution to the Diocesan Common Fund. 2021 accounts showed an overall profit of £1,677.

St Michael and All Angels church has one restricted fund, JAM Gang. All actions on our different 'Funds' are shown on page 2 of the Financial Statements.

The total amount of money to carry forward to 2022 for Houghton St Michael and All Angels is £16,899, of which £97 is a restricted amount in the JAM Gang fund..

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds which equates to at least three months' unrestricted payments. This is usually equivalent to about £19,000 for the whole parish. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. The balance of £99,758 held in unrestricted (including 'designated') funds at the year-end was more than sufficient to meet the target. This is mainly due to the balance of £67,821 held within All Saints' designated 'projects' fund.

PARISH OF DARFIELD - COMBINED PARISH ACCOUNTS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Year ended 31 December 2021

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
RECEIPTS						
Voluntary receipts						
Planned giving	6a	24,749	0	360	25,109	31,743
Collections at services	6b	5,560	0	0	5,560	2,072
All other giving/voluntary receipts	6c	1,288	16,261	200	17,749	5,018
Gift Aid recovered	6d	8,016	0	0	8,016	10,749
Activities for generating funds	6e	202	0	0	202	56
Investment income	6f	6	30	369	405	807
Church activities	6g	10,644	0	0	10,644	7,455
Other receipts	6h	6,176	0	0	6,176	202
Total receipts		56,641	16,291	929	73,861	58,103
PAYMENTS						
Church Activities						
Diocesan Common Fund	6i	24,000	0	0	24,000	34,155
Clergy and staffing costs	6j	1,818	200	0	2,018	1,568
Church running expenses	6k	13,911	0	7,045	20,956	17,609
Hall and Cottage running costs	6l	9,715	0	0	9,715	5,887
Mission giving and donations	6m	2,420	0	720	3,140	3,500
Costs of generating funds	6n	70	0	0	70	69
Governance costs		0	0	0	0	0
Total payments		51,934	200	7,765	59,899	62,787
Excess of receipts over payments		4,707	16,091	(6,836)	13,962	(4,684)
Transfers between funds		120	400	(520)	0	0
		4,827	16,491	(7,356)	13,962	(4,684)
Cash at bank and in hand at 1 January 2021		25,231	53,209	12,746	91,186	95,870
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 December 2021		30,058	69,700	5,390	105,148	91,186

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
Cash Funds						
Cash		2	0	90	91	90
Bank current account		18,696	0	0	18,696	13,876
Bank Designated and Restricted acct	5	0	5,048	5,301	10,349	12,504
CCLA deposit account	5	11,361	64,652	0	76,013	64,716
		30,058	69,700	5,390	105,148	91,186
Investment assets						
Shares (Education Fund) value at 31/12		0	0	13,703	13,703	12,077

NOTES

Note 1. There is also a 'Fees Account' at the bank which stood at £1015 on 1 January 2021 and was £1026 at 31 December 2021. This money is not the property of Darfield All Saints PCC and is not available for spending.

Note 2. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, using Receipts and Payments basis.

Note 3. Fixed assets retained for church use are the Church Hall (purchased 1957) and the Rectory Cottage (purchased from the diocese in 1997).

Note 4. There are no other monetary assets or liabilities. There being no endowment funds, endowment fund column is omitted.

Note 5. The movements in designated and restricted funds during the year were:

	Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfer in	Bal c/fwd
Designated					
Rector's Discretionary	1,679	0	0	0	1,679
Projects Fund	51,530	16,291	0	0	67,821
Quinquennial Fund	0	0	0	200	200
4forMission Administrator Fund	0	0	200	200	0
Total Designated Funds	53,209	16,291	200	400	69,700
Restricted					
Education Fund	2,554	929	298	0	3,185
Organ and Music Fund	1,674	0	355	0	1,319
Youth Worker etc Fund	7,612	0	6,912	0	700
Mission Giving	720	0	720	0	0
Toddler Group	90	0	0	0	90
JAM Gang (Houghton)	97	0	0	0	97
Total Restricted Funds	12,746	929	8,285	0	5,390

The Rector's Discretionary fund has had no income, other than interest, for some years. It is for use at the Rector's Discretion

The Projects Fund represents money from the sale of the Reading Room (in 2014) and money from legacies and donations (in 2017-2021.) It is designated for use on specific projects as they arise.

The Quinquennial fund was set up 2016 to save towards regular quinquennial inspections. Income is by transfer from current acct.

The 4forMission Admin fund is savings for our agreed contribution to administrator's salary. Income is by transfer from current acct.

The Education fund is a historical fund restricted for use for educational purposes. It receives dividends from investments.

The Organ and Music fund represents money from past donations and is restricted for use on the organ or music matters.

The Mission Giving Fund was a donation of £720 received in 2020 to pay out in 2021 as part of our annual mission giving.

The Youth Worker Etc Fund is a grant of £10,000 received from Awards for All for a youth worker and plans for use of church hall for this. Youth work was suspended in 2020 due to Coronavirus lockdowns & has yet to restart. £3077 of the grant returned to provider.

The Toddler Group Fund was set up 2019. Cash only. Weekly donations from attenders. Currently suspended due to Covid.

The JAM gang fund is available for use for ministry among children in Houghton

Note 6. Further analysis of Receipts and Payments Accounts

Receipts	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 £	2020 £
6a Planned giving					
Tax efficient planned giving	19,415	0	360	19,775	26,425
Other planned giving	5,334	0	0	5,334	5,318
	24,749	0	360	25,109	31,743
6b Collections at services	5,560	0	0	5,560	2,072
6c All other giving/voluntary receipts					
One off donations	1,283	0	200	1,483	4,290
Other regular donations	0	0	0	0	103
Legacies	5	16,261	0	16,266	625
	1,288	16,261	200	17,749	5,018
6d Gift Aid Recovered	8,016	0	0	8,016	10,749
6e Activities for generating funds					
Fund raising events	202	0	0	202	56
6f Investment income					
Interest	6	30	1	37	287
Dividends	0	0	369	369	360
Redemption of Shares	0	0	0	0	160
	6	30	369	405	807
6g Church activities					
Statutory fees from wedd & funerals	7,507	0	0	7,507	3,546
Church Hall Income etc	3,137	0	0	3,137	3,909
	10,644	0	0	10,644	7,455
6h Other receipts					
Mission Partnership Expenses	17	0	0	17	202
Insurance Claims	6,158	0	0	6,158	0
Grants	0	0	0	0	0
	6,176	0	0	6,176	202

PARISH OF DARFIELD

Note 6. Further analysis of Receipts and Payments Accounts

Payments

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
6i Diocesan Common Fund	24,000	0	0	24,000	34,155
6j Clergy and Staffing Costs					
Clergy expenses	562	0	0	562	326
Administrator expenses	0	0	0	0	48
Administrator costs (to diocese)	1,256	200	0	1,456	1,194
	1,818	200	0	2,018	1,568
6k Church Running Expenses					
Church expenses	2,841	0	355	3,196	5,083
Outreach	104	0	6,690	6,794	1,554
Church utility costs	2,569	0	0	2,569	3,454
Church Insurance	6,457	0	0	6,457	6,452
Rectory Costs	20	0	0	20	322
Major Repair to Church	1,920	0	0	1,920	744
	13,911	0	7,045	20,956	17,609
6l Hall and Cottage Running costs					
Hall running costs	3,965	0	0	3,965	4,283
Major Repair to Church Hall	0	0	0	0	0
Cottage running costs	5,750	0	0	5,750	1,603
	9,715	0	0	9,715	5,887
6m Mission Giving and Donations	2,420	0	720	3,140	3,500
6n Cost of Generating Funds					
Stewardship envelopes	70	0	0	70	69
Fund raising expenses	0	0	0	0	0
	70	0	0	70	69

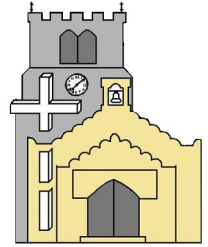
Approved by the Parochial Church Council on

8th March 2022 and signed on its behalf by
P. Robinson PCC Vice Chairman
K. [Signature] (Treasurer)

The Parish of All Saints, DARFIELD

All Saints Darfield and St Michael and all Angels, Great Houghton.

Registered Charity No: 1185316



ANNUAL REPORT of the Parochial Church Council:

Year ended 31st December 2021

Administrative Information:

The Parish of All Saints Darfield is part of the Wath Deanery and Diocese of Sheffield within the Church of England.

All Saints Church, Darfield is situated in Church Street, Darfield, Barnsley, S73 9JX. Listed Grade I

St Michael and all Angels Church is situated in Church Street, Great Houghton, S72 0BL. Listed Grade II*

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Darfield All Saints [**The PCC**] is a Registered Charity with registration Number **1185316**.

The PCC has responsibility for maintenance of the fabric and environs of these Listed buildings. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Rectory Cottage and Church Hall, both situated in Church Street, Darfield, S73 9JX.

The parish is part of the 4forMission Partnership with Christ Church, Ardsley and St Helen's Thurnscoe. It is scheduled to become part of the Wath2 Mission Area with the Parishes of Bilham, Barnburgh with Melton on the Hill, and Adwick upon Dearne.

The correspondence address is: The Rectory, Church Street, Darfield, Barnsley, S73 9JX

Aim and Purpose:

Darfield All Saints' PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2020) and a charity registered with the Charity Commissioners [1185316].

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent to promote the ecclesiastical parish mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and Activities:

We aim to be a visible spiritual presence in our communities as we strive to make Jesus known to all.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to come to faith and become a member of a worshipping community. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish to ensure that services and activities meet the needs of the many groups within the parish.

It attempts to put faith into practice through prayer, Scripture, music and sacrament and to allow each individual's knowledge of and trust in Jesus to develop. The PCC supports societies and individuals involved in missionary, pastoral and outreach work within the parish and beyond.

Structure, Governance and Management

The full PCC meets up to 12 times per year to make decisions of general concern and importance to the Parish including deciding how the PCC funds are collected and spent.

The method of appointment of PCC Members is set out in the Church Representation Rules 2020.

All eligible church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC and to other elected offices.

Responsibility for day to day running of St Michael's Great Houghton is delegated by the PCC to their District Church Council [DCC] elected at their own Annual District Church Meeting. A number of DCC members are additionally members of the PCC

Usually from within its membership, the PCC appoints a Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. The PCC has power to co-opt additional members, generally with full voting rights.

The PCC also appoints a Standing Committee which has delegated powers to make decisions on urgent matters between PCC meetings.

If the Parish does not have an incumbent for the time being, the PCC Vice-Chairman takes over as Chairman of the PCC and the PCC may nominate a further individual to deputise. The PCC may also create sub committees for specific purposes which can make recommendations to the PCC. Membership of these committees may include non-PCC members.

Membership of the PCC

Notes: **Readers** licenced to the Parish are members ex-officio

Readers with Permission to officiate may be elected to the PCC as ordinary members

Churchwardens are elected annually by the Annual Parish Meeting

Deanery Synod Representatives are elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting [APCM] for a period of three years [next election 2023]. Vacancies mid-term may be filled by the PCC

PCC Members are generally elected for a three-year term but may stand for re-election should they so wish, at the APCM at which their membership term ends.

GtH DCC indicates representatives on the PCC from the District Church Council, St Michael's Great Houghton

The 2020 APCM was held scheduled for 21st April 2020 but owing to restrictions imposed for COVID-19 was delayed until 20th October 2020 at which elections were held for PCC members. This meeting was held online via ZOOM.

The terms of office of Churchwardens, Deanery Synod Representatives and PCC members were extended until 20th October 2020.

Unless otherwise stated all members served from 1st January to 31st December 2021

Name	From 1 st January 2021 to 27 th April 2021	From 27 th April 2021 to 31 st December 2021	Notes
Mr Peter Robinson	✓	✓	Churchwarden Acting Chairman
Mr John McMillan	✓	✓	
Mrs Stella Firth	✓		
Mrs Andrea Harrison	✓	Resigned 3rd Oct 2021	Deanery Synod Rep
Mrs Sue Lee	✓	✓	
Mrs Kay Valentine	✓	✓	Treasurer
Mr Adam Fingerneissl	✓		Safeguarding
Mrs Jo Darlison	✓	✓	Secretary Deanery Synod
Mr Raymond Firth	✓		
Mr David Griffiths	✓		
Mr Frank Lee		✓	
Mr Andrew Harrison	✓	Resigned 9th Sept 2021	
Mr Rob Stanton	✓	✓	
Mrs Katy Stanton	✓	✓	
Mrs Pam Emson	✓		
Mrs Sheila McMillan	✓	✓	
Mrs Carol Hunter	✓	✓	
Mrs Olive Shaw	✓	✓	GtH DCC Deanery Synod rep
Mrs Sylvia Martin	✓	✓	GtH DCC

Note: Rev Fiona Kouble, Vicar of Christ Church Ardsley, part of our Mission Partnership, has been present at most PCC meetings by invitation in an advisory capacity.

Electoral Roll

All Saints:

Since the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in 2021 no names have been added to the Electoral Roll and six names removed leaving a current total of 74

St Michael's:

Since the Annual Meeting in 2021, no names have been added to the Roll and one name had been removed leaving a current total of 17

Activities of the Parochial Church Council, Achievements and Performance

The PCC met nine times during 2021 using Zoom. Three additional Zoom meetings were held in response to the proposed suspension of presentation which involved meeting with the Bishop of Sheffield, Rt Rev Dr Pete Wilcox, and preparing a parish statement.

In January 2021 a sustainable pattern of Holy Communion Services in the Churches of the Mission Partnership was drawn up to run alongside the online services. However the re-instatement of the National COVID Lockdown meant that the plan had to be suspended before it could be implemented.

When regulations permitted, All Saints Church was open for a limited number of hours each week. As the year went on, and restrictions eased, a revised pattern of Sunday Services was introduced across the four churches in the Mission Partnership in July 2021. This allowed Rev Fiona Kouble to officiate at a Holy Communion Service once a fortnight in each Church. An additional service on alternate Sundays was introduced at All Saints supported by our own worship leadership team. The online, recorded or live streamed service from Ardsley Church has continued throughout the year.

In addition, since the middle of 2021, St Michael's Church has been open on most Thursdays for at least one hour to allow for those who wish to view the Church or for private prayer. All Saints has been open at various times when our Churchyard trails have been in place.

In July 2021, we welcomed Rev Christine Moorey as Curate within the Mission Partnership in her first stipendiary post.

The PCC dealt with the usual range of regular business, with its ongoing financial situation meaning a further reduction in support to the Diocesan Common Fund and the various Mission agencies. Whilst some of our Church activities have resumed, we have not been able to reinstate our major events which support links with our communities. Our Christmas Carol Service was held outdoors we took part in the Christmas event organised by the Cross Keys.

We continued our ministry to our Parishioners through funerals and weddings in both our churches and at the cemeteries and Barnsley Crematorium.

Baptism services resumed across the four churches albeit on Sunday afternoons rather than in the morning services. Regular meetings for parents were arranged rather than individual visits.

Our Day of Remembering was reinstated with a different format.

Rev Fiona Kouble and Rev Christine Moorey have, where restrictions allowed, been able to resume our links with Upperwood Academy and All Saints Academy. Both schools have organised services in All Saints

Fabric report:

The regular routine maintenance of equipment in our buildings continued as circumstances permitted. It is the intention of the PCC to revisit and progress the plans for installing toilet facilities in All Saints Church and to improve accessibility to the building.

St Michaels was again the target for various acts of petty vandalism during the year. One incident involved the disturbance and removal of tiles on the main and porch roofs of the church. Repairs cost £1,920 which except for the £250 excess on the Policy was covered by insurance.

Thanks are extended to those who spare time keep the St Michael's Memorial rose garden weed free and to care for the roses.

The Rectory Cottage suffered a total failure of its heating system which prevented its use as a base for our Mission Partnership development Worker. It is hoped that, once the heating system is replaced that the Cottage may resume its purpose and become a base for our Clergy and provide room for some meetings.

The Cottage Garage, used as storage, was declared unrepairable following the break in in July 2020. A replacement was installed and, again subject to the excess on the policy was funded by our Insurers.

The Friends of Darfield Churchyard continue to undertake the maintenance of our Churchyard despite their inability to hold events to raise funds.

Safeguarding

The PCC and DCC are committed to implementing Promoting a Safer Church, the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policies and Good Practice guidelines. Safeguarding is included on the agenda of every PCC meeting and its relevant policies are regularly reviewed and updated as required by changes in legislation and recommended good practice. In accordance with their duties and where required, individuals are subject to regular checks with the Disclosure and Barring Service. Safeguarding Training at an appropriate level is undertaken in line with Diocesan guidelines. The PCC will maintain a Safeguarding Training Needs Analysis and present it each year to the Annual Meeting.

Activity Reports:

Prayer Ministry Team:

The Prayer Ministry Team is made up of seven members: Andrea Harrison, Irene Barraclough, Wendy Chorlton, Pam Emson, Sue Lee, Karen Walton and Carol Hunter. We have been extremely active in 2021, seeking to ensure the Church Family have remained supported, included and connected through a second year of varying pandemic restrictions.

Together with Kay and Peter, it was our pleasure to ensure that every member on the electoral roll of All Saints and St. Michaels received an Easter Celebration goodie bag which included an Easter card and letter, chocolate egg, encouraging scriptures, an Easter booklet, notice sheet and children's activities (where appropriate). Together with Sue Holden, Rob, Kay and Pete, we continued with the Buddy System, ensuring all our 'buddies' (the members of our Church Family who are not on-line) were contacted on a regular basis and had a notice sheet posted through their letterboxes every week ~ this was sustained until summer when our Churches re-opened and live Church Services reinstated.

The team have maintained weekly meetings throughout the year (first via zoom and then in person when government restrictions allowed), gathering to pray together for our Church and community and for those requesting prayer for themselves and their loved ones. We have received an unprecedented number of requests for personal prayer this year and we have striven to respond to each one with attentive and respectful compassion, ensuring each person or situation is brought into God's presence and prayed for. We have continued our practice of sending cards, extending phone-calls/texts and delivering the laying on of hands where appropriate.

The team were heavily involved with the 'Day of Remembering' held in Church in October and have sustained our duty rota commitments for leading/preaching/reading/intercessions/welcome and hospitality. Sue and Pam represented our Church at the Christmas Market held at The Cross Keys. Carol has continued to host the Monthly Monday evening Prayer Meeting throughout the year, and In December it was our pleasure to reinstate Prayer Ministry after the morning Service.

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union was founded in 1876 by Mary Sumner, the wife of a Church of England Rector, who saw the need for children to be brought up in the Christian Faith. Darfield Mothers' Union was founded in December 1910 and has withstood two World Wars and a 20-month pandemic.

During the pandemic I have sent out a monthly e-News and Update Newsletter from MU Headquarters, Mary Sumner House in London, to our members either by e-mail or post. This Newsletter is continuing.

It was decided to change our meetings after consultation with a few members to Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. instead of Thursday evening at 7.30 p.m. which I thought would be a lot better for members to come and go in daylight. Meetings re-started on Wednesday, 1st September. 2021, with the Rev. Fiona Kouble and the Rev. Christine Moorey and, although attendance was small in number, it was a lovely meaningful meeting with Holy Communion. Following on we had speakers Mrs Anne Balme who spoke on 'Tacky Tack' and Mrs Sylvia Charles who brought a number of interesting objects. Since then unfortunately, we have not had enough members present to justify a speaker. So the motto is "Keep Calm and Carry On". During the past 1-2 years we have lost 4 members (through death) who attended regularly so our membership is now down to 17 paid up members, subscriptions paid this February.

Catherine and I attended the Deanery Meeting recently and learnt that Barnsley Refuge are in need of small saucepans and plastic cups and plates etc. for small children. This is our project. Also, Catherine and Gill contributed to over 1,000 cut out Christmas tree decorations to put in the Christmas cards for the inmates of our Doncaster prisons. I am comforted by the words of Jesus in the NIV Bible, Chapter 18 verse 20, "For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them". I have a card stood on my bedside table which reads, in colour, "Good morning, THIS IS GOD. I WILL BE HANDLING ALL OF YOUR PROBLEMS TODAY; I WILL NOT NEED YOUR HELP. LET IT BE. It was given to me and everyone at the meeting by an American Evangelist over in this Country to speak. I have

forgotten her name but she said she had no money to finance the trip but at the eleventh hour enough money and more was provided. THANKS BE TO GOD.

Hilda Jobling.

Thanksgivings and Baptisms.

Before the pandemic, enquiries were dealt with by home visits but recent events have necessitated a fresh approach.

We now have Baptism Enquiry Evenings every two months in the church led by Fiona and Christine supported by an enlarged group of church members (always room for more!).

This is an opportunity to meet the parents and godparents and to explain the meaning of the service and to respond to any questions they may have before booking a date.

At the present time the services take place on Sunday afternoons but it is hoped that they will eventually be within the morning service.

The families now receive a Bible to be able to share together .

Pray that ways of maintaining contact with them and opportunities to strengthen these links may be developed so that they come to a living faith.

Thursday Fellowship

The Thursday Fellowship meets fortnightly and has met throughout 2021.

The fellowship has developed into a safe space in which to share concerns, pray and study the bible together. We are currently working our way through Acts.

Everybody is welcome to come along and try the fellowship out. We meet as our name suggests on a Thursday night, starting at 7:30 PM, finishing around 9 PM.

At the moment the group meets by Zoom.

Bell Ringers

Throughout the various stages of lockdown over the last two years, the Bell Ringers have continued to ring when possible, even if this involved only ringing half the bells, for 15 minutes or less and with windows wide open, freezing cold. This has been repaid by us weathering Covid well. Despite two of our most regular ringers, David and Hilary Hildred, moving away, we have increased in number with three new learners starting at the end of 2021. We have also received many messages of appreciation from the general community of Darfield, where people have found the sound of the bells a reassurance of continuity through the uncertain times.

Friends of Darfield Churchyard: FODCY

The five regular workers in the church yard, all over pension age, have continued to keep it tidy and well-maintained. Following the first lockdown, in 2020, it took much of the rest of the year to catch up, but during 2021 the churchyard has looked magnificent and has been enjoyed by many during their walks around the village. Lovely photographs and positive comments continue to feature regularly on the various Darfield Facebook pages, showing how much the community of Darfield appreciate and visit our church yard. The church yard has also hosted three different 'Discovery Trails' at different times of 2021.

Church Hall

The various regular users of the Church Hall gradually returned throughout 2021, as Covid restrictions allowed. In addition to our own Mothers Union, the users were: Slimming World, Dance Fit (3 sessions!), and Scouts. Joining these in 2022 are Exodus Youth Project, Parent and Toddler Session and Ballet (2 sessions), and the U3A are also returning after almost two years' absence. It is good to see the hall used so regularly for community activities.

Curate's Reflections – Rev Christine Moorey:

I arrived in Barnsley with my family last June and have now been in post for eight months. I would like to thank the congregation for making us feel welcome and encouraging me in my ministry, especially at a difficult time during the middle of the pandemic.

I have observed that many outreach and mission activities have been temporarily suspended due to Covid, and that Sunday services have also been affected. However, it seems apparent the church has risen to the challenge and provided ongoing access to services and worship via Facebook in the form of weekday morning and evening prayer

as well live streaming or pre-recorded Sunday services. It has been a lovely opportunity to be able to lead morning and evening prayer online; although I cannot see you, perhaps you feel like you have seen me regularly!

I have started to observe a very gradual return of the congregation to in-person services and events but am told some people are still not able to attend in person and I pray the whole church family is able to be together again very soon.

I have had the privilege and pleasure of taking home communion to a number of people across the mission area; seeing the joy this brings to those who receive is a beautiful moment and I hope to be involved in this ministry more in the coming year.

I was involved in a harvest festival services, Christmas and other services for the local schools, both in the church and in school. I have been building relationships with both local schools which has been a wonderful experience.

Regularly visiting All Saints Primary to deliver assemblies, as well as arranging and delivering services in church for both All Saints and Upperwood has been a joy.

I have also been involved in a weekly exploring session whereby children from across all three parishes have met at Christ Church Ardsley to discuss Christianity and explore baptism and/or confirmation. These have been useful training opportunities for me as well as a privilege to be a part of their journey of faith. I have also led a short START course alongside John McMillan and Sam Elmore. This has been an exceptional opportunity to be alongside a member of the local community in her exploration of faith, and then to baptise her at All Saints. I would like to thank Sam for helping with the group and especially John for his support and encouragement in my ministry. Similarly, there have been many opportunities to become involved in baptism ministry across the mission area. Being able to baptise has been a very special moment between the candidate and God. I very much look forward to be a part of encouraging and welcoming baptism families on their journeys of faith.

Sadly, there have been a number of funerals during my first eight months presenting a number of opportunities for funeral ministry training alongside Rev Fiona. I am now building relationships with Funeral Directors, Cemetery and Crematorium staff and seeing the privilege of this aspect of ministry. Meeting with bereaved families and conducting a funeral service for their loved one has been an opportunity to ask God to bring his peace and love into their lives in a real and practical way and has been a wonderful privilege. My very first funeral was at All Saints. I would like to particularly thank the vergers Brian and church warden Peter, for their support with funeral ministry; I have very special memories of them being with me at the very first funeral I took.

My first Christmas in post was busy and rewarding; as well as the school services at All Saints, I also conducted several others across the mission area and saw first-hand how wonderful it is to welcome the community into church and celebrate Christ's birth and share the wonderful, good news of the Christian faith.

I would especially like to thank church warden Peter for his tireless support with numerous things not least opening and closing the church for the many events and services I have been involved in. Also the organist Aubrey for his support at various services including school services.

Finally, I would like to thank Rev Fiona for all of my training so far.

I look forward to getting to know everyone more and becoming more involved in ministering to this community as Covid restrictions lift and community and congregational events can begin once more.

The Future:

Throughout 2021, we moved further towards becoming part of the Wath2 Mission Area. However, two rounds of advertising failed to attract any potential candidates and it remains to be seen if the next round is successful. More recent news of the retirement of Rev Kathryn Herrod, Priest in Charge of Barnburgh with Melton on the Hill, Adwick upon Dearne and Bilham will put extra pressure on a limited Clergy Team within the Mission Area.

With the legal formalities completed, Rev Fiona Kouble will soon be Licenced as our Priest in Charge and Oversight Minister. An Oversight Minister will not be working exclusively in a single Parish which means that it is not a time for us to sit back. With Oversight Ministry goes Focal Ministry where we as a congregation must take responsibility for many activities previously seen as part of an Incumbent's role. The team involved with our non-Communion worship services at All Saints have shown what can be done.

What is in store for us? In the Parish Mission Action Plan 4, the PCC were asked to consider the future of our parish activities for the immediate future

- What have we stopped that we are happy to leave behind?
- What have we developed that we will leave behind
- What have we stopped that we wish to pick up again
- What have we developed which we wish to take forward

Difficult decisions lie ahead as we contemplate what we can achieve.

What we must not lose sight of is that in all we manage to do...

We aim to be a visible spiritual presence in our communities as we strive to make Jesus known to all.

Financial Review and Explanation of Funds

The Financial Statements on [page 8](#) give the combined figures for the whole parish. They show that the total unrestricted receipts in 2021 were £72,932 of which £55,374 was from voluntary contributions (including £8,016 from Gift Aid). An additional £929 was received in restricted funds.

Total unrestricted payments were £52,134, with an additional £7,765 in restricted payments, £6,392 of which related to the spending of grants received.

In summary, the total income for the parish in 2021 was £73,861 and total expenditure was £59,899. Full details of receipts, payments and funds are given in the Financial Statements.

Income and Expenditure are classified under three headings – Unrestricted, Designated and Restricted.

- Restricted amounts have been received for a specific purpose and can only be spent for that purpose.
- Designated amounts are identified by the PCC as being for a particular purpose, but this purpose can change if circumstances change.
- All other receipts and payments are classed as Unrestricted and can be used by the PCC for its general purposes.

Financial Notes for Darfield All Saints Church only.

(Notes for St Michael and All Angels, Houghton, are given on [page 8](#).)

Total unrestricted receipts in 2021 for Darfield were £65,823. An additional £929 was received in restricted funds which consisted of £560 donations and £369 interest and dividends.

The 'planned giving' (through envelopes and standing orders) reduced by £7,423 (24%) from the previous year to £23,814. This was partly due to a number of our congregation leaving. However, thanks go to the many of our regular givers who maintained their giving in very difficult circumstances. Open collections have made a slight recovery and doubled from the previous year to £2,366. We continued to suffer a reduction in income in Church Hall income, which reduced to £3,137, but our income from wedding and funeral fees more than doubled to £6,389 (partly due to a backlog of weddings postponed from the previous year). Due to the Covid 19 situation, we had only one fund-raising event (a stall at the Cross Keys Christmas Market raising £130) but also raised £72 through 'easyfundraising' and 'Amazon Smile'. We received no grants during the year but did receive an insurance payment of £4,488 for the replacement of the Rectory Cottage garage, which had been damaged beyond repair during a break-in the previous year.

Overall income for 2021 increased from the 2020 figure by £12,446, but this is partly due to two legacies totalling £16,266.

A total of £54,467 was spent at Darfield in 2021. This included a £23,000 contribution to the Diocesan 'Common Fund' (which largely provides the stipends and housing for the clergy). This was a reduction on previous years, reflecting our reduced available income. We tithe our income from 'planned giving' and this resulted in £2,420 being shared between our five supported missions (CPAS, Scripture Union, Release International, The Bible Society and Goldthorpe Salvation Army). Within the 'Outreach' heading, £6,392 was spent on the youth club and church hall. This whole amount was covered by a grant received in 2018 and included £3,077 of the grant being returned unspent because of Covid restrictions. Other expenditure remained generally comparable to the previous year, with the exception of £4,533 paid for the new garage for which we received an insurance payment as noted above.

For 2021 Darfield's total income exceeded the amount spent by £12,286 but it must be remembered that we received £16,266 in legacies, which went into our 'Projects Fund' for the church toilets, and also that £6,392 of our spending was from a previous grant. If we exclude these two figures then our income exceeded our spending by £2,411.

In addition to our current account, which is used for the day to day running of the church, we had five restricted funds and four designated funds. One of these restricted funds has now ceased. All actions on our different 'Funds' are shown on [page 2](#) of the Financial Statements.

The total amount of money to carry forward to 2022 for Darfield All Saints Church is £88,250. Of this amount £69,700 is in designated funds and £5,294 is in restricted funds. Full details are given in the Financial Statements.

That means that we have carried forward £13,256 in unrestricted and undesignated funds. Bearing in mind that the monthly average cost of keeping Darfield All Saints running is about £5,500, we have just over two month's running costs readily available in hand.

Our COIF Charities Ethical Investment Fund Income Units continue to provide quarterly dividends to the Education Fund.

We have to record members of the PCC or their immediate family who have received payments shown in the accounts during the year. For 2020 these were –

- K Stanton, who received payment as one of the church hall cleaners amounting to £24.15 in 2021.
- J Darlison, who was employed from August 2019 as a Mission Partnership Development Worker by the Sheffield Diocese on behalf of the 4forMission Partnership to support the four churches in the partnership. PCC and DCC funds are paid to the Diocesan Board of Finance to support this work in line with the agreed division of costs between the churches. In 2021 this amounted to £1,096 from Darfield and £160 from Houghton.

All members of the PCC who have pecuniary interests in PCC discussions declare these interests and withdraw from the discussions and any connected vote.

Financial Notes for Houghton, St Michael and All Angels Church only.

Total unrestricted receipts in 2021 were £7,110, including £4,639 from voluntary contributions and £127 from Gift Aid. The 'planned giving' (through envelopes) increased to 85% of its pre-Covid amount, reaching £1,295. Open collections more than trebled from last year to £3,194. No grants were received during the year but we did receive an insurance payment of £1,670, which was for the replacement of roof tiles. £668 was received in wedding and funeral fees. Overall income for 2021 increased from the 2020 figure by £3,207. Full details of all income are given in the Financial Statements.

Total spending at St Michael's in 2021 was £5,433 which included £1,000 contribution to the Diocesan Common Fund. 2021 accounts showed an overall profit of £1,677.

St Michael and All Angels church has one restricted fund, JAM Gang. All actions on our different 'Funds' are shown on page 2 of the Financial Statements.

The total amount of money to carry forward to 2022 for Houghton St Michael and All Angels is £16,899, of which £97 is a restricted amount in the JAM Gang fund..

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds which equates to at least three months' unrestricted payments. This is usually equivalent to about £19,000 for the whole parish. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. The balance of £99,758 held in unrestricted (including 'designated') funds at the year-end was more than sufficient to meet the target. This is mainly due to the balance of £67,821 held within All Saints' designated 'projects' fund.

PARISH OF DARFIELD - COMBINED PARISH ACCOUNTS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Year ended 31 December 2021

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
RECEIPTS						
Voluntary receipts						
Planned giving	6a	24,749	0	360	25,109	31,743
Collections at services	6b	5,560	0	0	5,560	2,072
All other giving/voluntary receipts	6c	1,288	16,261	200	17,749	5,018
Gift Aid recovered	6d	8,016	0	0	8,016	10,749
Activities for generating funds	6e	202	0	0	202	56
Investment income	6f	6	30	369	405	807
Church activities	6g	10,644	0	0	10,644	7,455
Other receipts	6h	6,176	0	0	6,176	202
Total receipts		56,641	16,291	929	73,861	58,103
PAYMENTS						
Church Activities						
Diocesan Common Fund	6i	24,000	0	0	24,000	34,155
Clergy and staffing costs	6j	1,818	200	0	2,018	1,568
Church running expenses	6k	13,911	0	7,045	20,956	17,609
Hall and Cottage running costs	6l	9,715	0	0	9,715	5,887
Mission giving and donations	6m	2,420	0	720	3,140	3,500
Costs of generating funds	6n	70	0	0	70	69
Governance costs		0	0	0	0	0
Total payments		51,934	200	7,765	59,899	62,787
Excess of receipts over payments		4,707	16,091	(6,836)	13,962	(4,684)
Transfers between funds		120	400	(520)	0	0
		4,827	16,491	(7,356)	13,962	(4,684)
Cash at bank and in hand at 1 January 2021		25,231	53,209	12,746	91,186	95,870
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 December 2021		30,058	69,700	5,390	105,148	91,186

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
Cash Funds						
Cash		2	0	90	91	90
Bank current account		18,696	0	0	18,696	13,876
Bank Designated and Restricted acct	5	0	5,048	5,301	10,349	12,504
CCLA deposit account	5	11,361	64,652	0	76,013	64,716
		30,058	69,700	5,390	105,148	91,186
Investment assets						
Shares (Education Fund) value at 31/12		0	0	13,703	13,703	12,077

NOTES

Note 1. There is also a 'Fees Account' at the bank which stood at £1015 on 1 January 2021 and was £1026 at 31 December 2021. This money is not the property of Darfield All Saints PCC and is not available for spending.

Note 2. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, using Receipts and Payments basis.

Note 3. Fixed assets retained for church use are the Church Hall (purchased 1957) and the Rectory Cottage (purchased from the diocese in 1997).

Note 4. There are no other monetary assets or liabilities. There being no endowment funds, endowment fund column is omitted.

Note 5. The movements in designated and restricted funds during the year were:

	Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfer in	Bal c/fwd
Designated					
Rector's Discretionary	1,679	0	0	0	1,679
Projects Fund	51,530	16,291	0	0	67,821
Quinquennial Fund	0	0	0	200	200
4forMission Administrator Fund	0	0	200	200	0
Total Designated Funds	53,209	16,291	200	400	69,700
Restricted					
Education Fund	2,554	929	298	0	3,185
Organ and Music Fund	1,674	0	355	0	1,319
Youth Worker etc Fund	7,612	0	6,912	0	700
Mission Giving	720	0	720	0	0
Toddler Group	90	0	0	0	90
JAM Gang (Houghton)	97	0	0	0	97
Total Restricted Funds	12,746	929	8,285	0	5,390

The Rector's Discretionary fund has had no income, other than interest, for some years. It is for use at the Rector's Discretion

The Projects Fund represents money from the sale of the Reading Room (in 2014) and money from legacies and donations (in 2017-2021.) It is designated for use on specific projects as they arise.

The Quinquennial fund was set up 2016 to save towards regular quinquennial inspections. Income is by transfer from current acct.

The 4forMission Admin fund is savings for our agreed contribution to administrator's salary. Income is by transfer from current acct.

The Education fund is a historical fund restricted for use for educational purposes. It receives dividends from investments.

The Organ and Music fund represents money from past donations and is restricted for use on the organ or music matters.

The Mission Giving Fund was a donation of £720 received in 2020 to pay out in 2021 as part of our annual mission giving.

The Youth Worker Etc Fund is a grant of £10,000 received from Awards for All for a youth worker and plans for use of church hall for this. Youth work was suspended in 2020 due to Coronavirus lockdowns & has yet to restart. £3077 of the grant returned to provider.

The Toddler Group Fund was set up 2019. Cash only. Weekly donations from attenders. Currently suspended due to Covid.

The JAM gang fund is available for use for ministry among children in Houghton

Note 6. Further analysis of Receipts and Payments Accounts

Receipts	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 £	2020 £
6a Planned giving					
Tax efficient planned giving	19,415	0	360	19,775	26,425
Other planned giving	5,334	0	0	5,334	5,318
	24,749	0	360	25,109	31,743
6b Collections at services	5,560	0	0	5,560	2,072
6c All other giving/voluntary receipts					
One off donations	1,283	0	200	1,483	4,290
Other regular donations	0	0	0	0	103
Legacies	5	16,261	0	16,266	625
	1,288	16,261	200	17,749	5,018
6d Gift Aid Recovered	8,016	0	0	8,016	10,749
6e Activities for generating funds					
Fund raising events	202	0	0	202	56
6f Investment income					
Interest	6	30	1	37	287
Dividends	0	0	369	369	360
Redemption of Shares	0	0	0	0	160
	6	30	369	405	807
6g Church activities					
Statutory fees from wedd & funerals	7,507	0	0	7,507	3,546
Church Hall Income etc	3,137	0	0	3,137	3,909
	10,644	0	0	10,644	7,455
6h Other receipts					
Mission Partnership Expenses	17	0	0	17	202
Insurance Claims	6,158	0	0	6,158	0
Grants	0	0	0	0	0
	6,176	0	0	6,176	202

PARISH OF DARFIELD

Note 6. Further analysis of Receipts and Payments Accounts

Payments

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
6i Diocesan Common Fund	24,000	0	0	24,000	34,155
6j Clergy and Staffing Costs					
Clergy expenses	562	0	0	562	326
Administrator expenses	0	0	0	0	48
Administrator costs (to diocese)	1,256	200	0	1,456	1,194
	1,818	200	0	2,018	1,568
6k Church Running Expenses					
Church expenses	2,841	0	355	3,196	5,083
Outreach	104	0	6,690	6,794	1,554
Church utility costs	2,569	0	0	2,569	3,454
Church Insurance	6,457	0	0	6,457	6,452
Rectory Costs	20	0	0	20	322
Major Repair to Church	1,920	0	0	1,920	744
	13,911	0	7,045	20,956	17,609
6l Hall and Cottage Running costs					
Hall running costs	3,965	0	0	3,965	4,283
Major Repair to Church Hall	0	0	0	0	0
Cottage running costs	5,750	0	0	5,750	1,603
	9,715	0	0	9,715	5,887
6m Mission Giving and Donations	2,420	0	720	3,140	3,500
6n Cost of Generating Funds					
Stewardship envelopes	70	0	0	70	69
Fund raising expenses	0	0	0	0	0
	70	0	0	70	69

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on

8th March 2022 and signed on its behalf by
P. Robinson PCC Vice Chairman
K. [Signature] (Treasurer)



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Darfield All Saints Parish

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2021

Charity no
(if any)

1185316

Set out on pages

Remember: include the page numbers of additional sheets

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2021.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

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

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

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Matthew Law

Date:

1 March, 2022

Name:

Matthew Law

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

Address:

9 Tay Close, Mapplewell, Barnsley, South Yorkshire, S75 6FS

Section B**Disclosure**

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

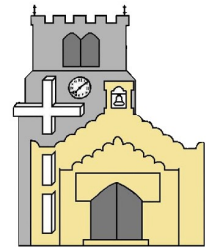
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Accounts

The Parish of All Saints, DARFIELD

All Saints Darfield and St Michael and all Angels, Great Houghton.

Registered Charity No: 1185316



ANNUAL REPORT of the Parochial Church Council:

Year ended 31st December 2020

Administrative Information:

The Parish of All Saints Darfield is part of the Wath Deanery and Diocese of Sheffield within the Church of England.

All Saints Church, Darfield is situated in Church Street, Darfield, Barnsley, S73 9JX. Listed Grade I

St Michael and all Angels Church is situated in Church Street, Great Houghton, S72 0BL. Listed Grade II*

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Darfield All Saints [**The PCC**] is a Registered Charity with registration Number **1185316**.

The PCC has responsibility for maintenance of the fabric and environs of these Listed buildings. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Rectory Cottage and Church Hall, both situated in Church Street, Darfield, S73 9JX.

The parish is part of the 4forMission Partnership with Christ Church, Ardsley and St Helen's Thurnscoe.

The correspondence address is: The Rectory, Church Street, Darfield, Barnsley, S73 9JX

Aim and Purpose:

Darfield All Saints' PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2020) and a charity registered with the Charity Commissioners [1185316].

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent to promote the ecclesiastical parish mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and Activities:

We aim to be a visible spiritual presence in our communities as we strive to make Jesus known to all.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to come to faith and become a member of a worshipping community. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish to ensure that services and activities meet the needs of the many groups within the parish.

It attempts to put faith into practice through prayer, Scripture, music and sacrament and to allow each individual's knowledge of and trust in Jesus to develop.

The PCC supports societies and individuals involved in missionary, pastoral and outreach work within the parish and beyond.

Structure, Governance and Management

The full PCC meets up to 12 times per year to make decisions of general concern and importance to the Parish including deciding how the PCC funds are collected and spent.

The method of appointment of PCC Members is set out in the Church Representation Rules 2020.

All eligible church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC and to other elected offices.

Responsibility for day to day running of St Michael's Great Houghton is delegated by the PCC to their District Church Council [DCC] elected at their own Annual District Church Meeting. A number of DCC members are additionally members of the PCC

Usually from within its membership, the PCC appoints a Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. The PCC has power to co-opt additional members, generally with full voting rights.

The PCC also appoints a Standing Committee which has delegated powers to make decisions on urgent matters between PCC meetings.

If the Parish does not have an incumbent for the time being, the PCC Vice-Chairman takes over as Chairman of the PCC and the PCC may nominate a further individual to deputise. The PCC may also create sub committees for

specific purposes which can make recommendations to the PCC. Membership of these committees may include non-PCC members.

Membership of the PCC

Notes: Readers licenced to the Parish are members ex-officio

Readers with Permission to officiate may be elected to the PCC as ordinary members

Churchwardens are elected annually by the Annual Parish Meeting

Deanery Synod Representatives are elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting [APCM] for a period of three years [next election 2023]. Vacancies mid-term may be filled by the PCC

PCC Members are generally elected for a three-year term but may stand for re-election should they so wish, at the APCM at which their membership term ends.

GtH DCC indicates representatives on the PCC from the District Church Council, St Michael's Great Houghton

The 2020 APCM was held scheduled for 21st April 2020 but owing to restrictions imposed for COVID-19 was delayed until 20th October 2020 at which elections were held for PCC members. This meeting was held online via ZOOM. The terms of office of Churchwardens, Deanery Synod Representatives and PCC members were extended until 20th October 2020.

Unless otherwise stated all members served from 1st January to 31st December 2020

Name	From 1 st January 2020 to 20 th October 2020	From 20 th October 2020 to 31 st December 2020	Notes
Rev David Hildred	Resigned 11-Jun-2020		Incumbent
Mrs Stella Firth	✓		Reader
Mr John McMillan	✓		Reader
Mr Peter Robinson	✓	✓	Churchwarden
Mr John McMillan		Co-opted 10-Nov-20	
Mrs Stella Firth		Co-opted 10-Nov-20	
Mrs Wendy Chorlton	✓		Churchwarden
Mrs Andrea Harrison	✓	✓	Deanery Synod Rep
Mrs Sue Lee	✓		Deanery Synod Rep
Mrs Sue Lee		Co-opted 10-Nov-20	Ordinary member
Mrs Carol Ogley	Resigned 26-Sep-20		
Mrs Kay Valentine	✓	✓	Treasurer
Mr Adam Fingerneissl	✓	✓	Safeguarding
Mrs Jo Darlison	✓	✓	Secretary Deanery Synod from 20 th October 2020
Mr Raymond Firth	✓		
Mr David Griffiths	✓		
Mr Frank Lee		✓	
Mr Andrew Harrison		✓	
Mr Rob Stanton		✓	
Mrs Katy Stanton		✓	
Mrs Pam Emson		✓	
Mrs Sheila McMillan		✓	
Mrs Carol Hunter		Co-opted 10-Nov-20	
Mrs Olive Shaw	✓	✓	GtH DCC Deanery Synod rep
Mrs Sylvia Martin	✓	✓	GtH DCC

Note: Rev David Hildred ceased to be the Incumbent of All Saints on his induction as Team Rector in the Parish of Kidderminster East in the Diocese of Worcester on 11th June 2020. Peter Robinson, Churchwarden, took over as Acting Chairman of the PCC from that date.

Activities of the Parochial Church Council, Achievements and Performance

2020 has been a challenging year to all of us and not least to our PCC and Church Family.

In January 2020, plans were published by the Diocese of Sheffield to show changes in the allocation of Ordained Clergy to Parishes. Each Parish was provisionally allocated to a Mission Area with each area having an allocation of Clergy as Oversight Ministers. A local Focal Minister or Focal Ministry Team would be appointed in each Parish and would share the organisation supervised by the Oversight Minister.

The first challenge came in January when our Rector, Rev David Hildred, announced that he was leaving to take up the post of Team Rector of Kidderminster East. His planned removal date was delayed to mid-May by the first COVID Lockdown.

The Parish then faced the compulsory closure of our buildings and suspension of all our face-to-face activities. The move to worshipping on-line brought new challenges but left those of our congregation without internet access unable to share in our acts of Worship. This particularly affected the congregation at St Michael's. Changes in circumstances meant a move from Zoom based services to Facebook Services shared by the three parishes in our Mission Partnership, co-ordinated by Rev. Fiona Kouble, Vicar of Ardsley, to which all three parishes contribute.

During the Summer and Autumn, we were able to open All Saints twice a week for private prayer whilst complying with Government and Church of England instructions and guidelines. It proved impossible to open St Michael's for private prayer because of the lack of available helpers. One Holy Communion Service was held in All Saints on Christmas Eve but plans for a limited resumption of Services in 2021 had to be put on hold.

The PCC has adapted to holding its meetings online and has continued to administer the Parish.

In 2019, the PCC had voted to seek Alternative Episcopal Oversight and had negotiated with the Bishop of Sheffield an agreement that under certain specified circumstances it could seek the support of the Bishop of Maidstone, an assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Sheffield. The main reason being that of male headship within the Parish. Although, not due for review until 2024, the decision had to be ratified once the Parish moved into Vacancy. In July 2020 the PCC undertook this review with voting that overturned the previous decision. This decision led to a small number of our congregation deciding to worship elsewhere.

The boundaries of what is provisionally called the Wath 2 Mission Area were confirmed as the Parishes of Ardsley, Darfield (with Gt Houghton), Thurnscoe, Bilham, Barnburgh with Melton on the Hill, and Adwick upon Dearne, six parishes with eleven churches and a current allocation of two full time and one half time Oversight Ministers. A new Mission Area Steering Group was created with membership drawn from all the parishes which has met several times with its initial focus on recruitment to fill the vacant full-time post in the Area. This Group is eventually intended to co-ordinate activities and share expertise across the Mission Area.

Groups such as the Prayer Ministry Team and one Fellowship Group have adapted their activities to meet online and, when permitted, socially distanced outdoors. The regular monthly Prayer Meeting also continued online. A Buddying System was set up to support the more vulnerable and shielding members of our congregation. Our Web Site, Facebook page and our two sites on *A Church Near You* now host the weekly News-Sheet to supplement the copies distributed by the Buddies and others to those without internet access. All online sites are now being actively managed to ensure they are accurate, up to date and relevant.

At Christmas 2020, all member of our Church Family including those not on our Electoral Roll received a Christmas Goodie Bag with contents to stimulate and entertain.

In 2018, our Community Survey revealed a need within Darfield for activities aimed at young people. A grant from Awards for All was aimed at funding this activity and plans were made to open a Youth Group in early 2020. This duly happened with the first few meetings being successful. However, after only four meetings, the group had to close and is yet to re-start. A small group has been meeting to plan for re-opening when circumstances allow but this can only happen if we are able to find suitable leaders and helpers.

Our Toddler Group who had acted out our Nativity at Christmas 2019, was also suspended in March 2020.

We were unable to organise any of our usual events involving our local community. This, along with having the Church Hall closed for most of the year and no services in Church affected our financial situation. More details will be found in the financial section of this report.

At our last Annual Meeting, delayed from April to October, we were able to bring the PCC up to full strength but only one Churchwarden was elected. At St Michaels the Annual Meeting in March 2020 elected only three members for the District Church Council with no one able to act as Warden. The District Council were not able to meet after March 2020. No services have been held at St Michael's since March 2020 with the Weekly Heritage opening sessions and the Knit and Natter Group having to be suspended.

Fabric Report

A constant feature of the buildings under our care is the routine maintenance to boilers, fire extinguishers, First Aid boxes and alarms. This has continued even though our Church buildings were closed for Worship. The five-yearly inspections of both our Churches were completed in the Autumn of 2020 and the Architect's reports identify work which needs to be done to maintain the integrity of the buildings.

The pendulum spring in the Tower Clock at All Saints has been replaced and the clock is now back to showing the time and chiming the hours.

We continue to be grateful for the team of volunteers from the *Friends of Darfield Churchyard* who work hard all year to bring nature under control and to keep our Churchyard neat and tidy. Their programme of events to raise finance to support their work has also had to be suspended.

During the year, St Michaels suffered some petty vandalism, usually to loose stones from the wall on the Rodes Avenue side of the building which were easily rectified. In December two of the outside lights were vandalised which resulted in replacements having to be fitted. Thanks are extended to those who spare time to keep the St Michael's Memorial rose garden weed free and to care for the roses.

Safeguarding

The PCC and DCC are committed to implementing Promoting a Safer Church, the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policies and Good Practice guidelines. Safeguarding is included on the agenda of every PCC meeting and its relevant policies are regularly reviewed and updated as required by changes in legislation and recommended good practice. In accordance with their duties and where required, individuals are subject to regular checks with the Disclosure and Barring Service. Safeguarding Training at an appropriate level is undertaken in line with Diocesan guidelines. The PCC will maintain a Safeguarding Training Needs Analysis and present it each year to the Annual Meeting.

What the Future Holds

We are moving towards being part of the Wath 2 Mission Area and hope that the job advertisement and appointment process for the new Oversight Minister for the Mission Area will be under way soon. The logistics of the process would suggest that the earliest date for them to take post would be August/September 2021. Until then, we face a temporary pattern of worship times as we gradually return to services in our Churches.

One thing is certain, we will not be able to just walk back into our buildings and pick up where we left off in March 2020. At the very least, we will need an enhanced team to undertake major initial and ongoing cleaning and some of the roles which contribute to the smooth running of our services are currently unfilled.

We need to re-build the teams involved in the Toddler Group and Youth Group if these ministries are to continue. Our congregations at All Saints and particularly at St Michael's will also need support as we move forward.

Financial Review and Explanation of Funds

The Financial Statements starting on page 7 give the combined figures for the whole Parish. They show that the total unrestricted receipts in 2020 were £56,914 of which £38,010 was from voluntary contributions and £10,749 was from Gift Aid. An additional £1,188 was received in restricted funds.

Total unrestricted payments were £61,264, with an additional £1,523 in restricted payments (£1,469 of which related to the spending of grants received)

In summary, the total income for the parish in 2020 was £58,103 and total expenditure was £62,787. Full details of receipts, payments and funds are given in the Financial Statements.

Income and Expenditure are classified under three headings – Restricted, Designated and Unrestricted.

- **Restricted** amounts have been received for a specific purpose and can only be spent for that purpose.
- **Designated** amounts are identified by the PCC as being for a particular purpose, but this purpose can change if circumstances change.
- **Unrestricted** amounts cover all other receipts and payments and can be used by the PCC for its general purposes.

Financial Notes for Darfield All Saints Church only.

(Notes for St Michael and All Angels, Houghton, are given on page 6.)

The total of unrestricted receipts in 2020 was £53,118, including £36,466 from voluntary contributions and £9,355 from Gift Aid. Due to the Covid 19 situation, we had no fund-raising events throughout the year but raised £56 through 'easyfundraising'. An additional £1,188 was received in restricted funds which consisted of £823 in donations and £365 in interest and dividends.

The 'planned giving' (through envelopes and standing orders) reduced by £3,836 (11%) from the previous year to £31,237. In view of the Covid 19 situation with lockdowns and no church services, and also a number of deaths within our congregation, this was still a very good outcome and praise should go to our regular givers who maintained their giving in very difficult circumstances. Open collections, however, were more badly hit and reduced by 77% to £1,183, although some extra one-off donations helped to counteract this. The main reduction in income was from fund raising activities (as none could take place) and from Church Hall income, which reduced by 65% to £3,893. Overall income for 2020 reduced from the 2019 figure by £31,237, but this is partly explained by the fact that we had no grants in 2020 whereas we had £12,240 in 2019. Full details of all income are given in the Financial Statements.

A total of £58,062 was spent in 2020 in maintaining the Christian ministry of Darfield All Saints. This included £33,155 contribution to the diocesan 'Common Fund' (which largely provides the stipends and housing for the clergy). We had pledged to give £41,052, but our large reduction in income meant that we could not keep that pledge without significant inroads into our reserves set aside for the church toilet and other projects. We tithe our income from planned giving and this resulted in £3,500 being shared between our four supported missions (CPAS, Scripture Union, Release International and The Bible Society). Within the 'Outreach' heading, £1,428 was spent on the youth club and church hall. This whole amount was covered by a grant received in 2018. Full details of all payments are given in the Financial Statements.

For 2020 the amount spent exceeded income by £3,756 but it must be remembered that £1,428 of this was grant money held from 2018.

In addition to our current account, which is used for the day to day running of the church, we have five restricted funds and four designated funds. One of these restricted funds was newly set up in 2020 to accommodate some money given specifically for 'mission giving'. This will be spent in 2021. All actions on our different 'Funds' are shown on page 8 of the Financial Statements.

The total amount of money to carry forward to 2021 for Darfield All Saints Church is £75,964. Of this amount £53,209 is in designated funds and £12,649 is in restricted funds. Full details are given in the Financial Statements.

That means that we have carried forward £10,105 in unrestricted and undesignated. Bearing in mind that the monthly average cost of keeping Darfield All Saints running is about £5,500, we have just under two month's running costs readily available in hand.

Our COIF Charities Ethical Investment Fund Income Units continue to provide quarterly dividends to the Education Fund.

We have to record members of the PCC or their immediate family who have received payments shown in the accounts during the year. For 2020 these were –

- H Hildred, who received payment as one of the church hall cleaners amounting to £167.13 in 2020.
- K Stanton, who received payment as one of the church hall cleaners amounting to £420.54 in 2020.
- J Darlison, who has been employed since August 2019 as a Mission Partnership Development Worker by the Sheffield Diocese on behalf of the 4forMission Partnership to support the four churches in the partnership. PCC and DCC funds are paid to the Diocesan Board of Finance to support this work in line with the agreed division of costs between the churches. In 2020 this amounted to £1,019 from Darfield and £175 from Houghton.

All members of the PCC who have pecuniary interests in PCC discussions declare these interests and withdraw from the discussions and any connected vote.

Financial Notes for Great Houghton, St Michael and All Angels Church only.

Total unrestricted receipts in 2020 were £3,903, including £1,544 from voluntary contributions and £1,394 from Gift Aid. The 'planned giving' (through envelopes) reduced by £1,017 (67%) from the previous year to £506. This was due, in large part, to the Covid 19 situation with lockdowns and no church services, and also a reduction in our congregation. Open collections were even more badly hit and reduced by 76% to £919, although some extra one-off donations helped to counteract this. Overall income for 2020 reduced from the 2019 figure by £4,571. Full details of all income are given in the Financial Statements.

Total spending at St Michael's in 2020 was £4,832 which included £1,000 contribution to the Diocesan Common Fund. We had actually pledged to pay £5,733, the same as in the previous year. 2020 accounts showed an overall deficit of £929.

St Michael and All Angels church had two restricted funds at the start of 2020, JAM Gang and Ward Alliance. The balance of the Ward Alliance fund, which was the result of a grant received in 2019, was spent in 2020 and that fund is now closed. All actions on our different 'Funds' are shown on page 2 of the Financial Statements.

The total amount of money to carry forward to 2021 for Houghton St Michael and All Angels is £15,222, of which £97 is a restricted amount in the JAM Gang fund..

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds which equates to at least three months' unrestricted payments. This is usually equivalent to about £19,000 for the whole parish. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. The balance of £78,440 held in unrestricted (including 'designated') funds at the year-end was more than sufficient to meet the target. This is mainly due to the balance of £51,300 held within All Saints' designated 'projects' fund.

Independent Examiner's Report

The combined Parish accounts were examined by Mrs Ruth Harrison, Independent Examiner, who confirmed that the accounting records complied with section 130 of the Charities Act, the submitted accounts were in accord with the accounting records and that the accounts complied with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, 2008, as to the form and content of the accounts.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Year ended 31 December 2020

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	TOTAL 2020 £	TOTAL 2019 £
RECEIPTS						
Voluntary receipts						
Planned giving	6a	31,743	0	0	31,743	36,596
Collections at services	6b	2,072	0	0	2,072	8,823
All other giving/voluntary receipts	6c	4,195	0	823	5,018	3,906
Gift Aid recovered	6d	10,749	0	0	10,749	11,557
Activities for generating funds	6e	56	0	0	56	2,634
Investment income	6f	48	394	365	807	830
Church activities	6g	7,455	0	0	7,455	16,807
Other receipts	6h	202	0	0	202	12,521
Total receipts		56,520	394	1,188	58,103	93,674
PAYMENTS						
Church Activities						
Diocesan Common Fund	6i	34,155	0	0	34,155	45,868
Clergy and staffing costs	6j	1,015	552	0	1,568	1,043
Church running expenses	6k	15,333	754	1,523	17,609	23,109
Hall and Cottage running costs	6l	5,887	0	0	5,887	7,688
Mission giving and donations	6m	3,500	0	0	3,500	4,394
Costs of generating funds	6n	69	0	0	69	177
Governance costs		0	0	0	0	0
Total payments		59,958	1,306	1,523	62,787	82,279
Excess of receipts over payments		(3,438)	(912)	(335)	(4,684)	11,395
Transfers between funds		40	0	(40)	0	0
		(3,398)	(912)	(375)	(4,684)	11,395
Cash at bank and in hand at 1 January 2020		28,628	54,121	13,121	95,870	84,476
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 December 2020		25,230	53,209	12,746	91,186	95,870

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	TOTAL 2020 £	TOTAL 2019 £
Cash Funds						
Cash		0	0	90	90	80
Bank current account		13,876	0	0	13,876	17,322
Bank Designated and Restricted acct	5	0	4,848	7,657	12,504	14,026
CCLA deposit account	5	11,355	48,362	5,000	64,716	64,442
	1	25,230	53,209	12,746	91,186	95,870
Investment assets						
Shares (Education Fund)		0	0	12,077	12,077	11,362

NOTES

Note 1. There is also a 'Fees Account' at the bank which stood at £733 on 1 January 2020 and was £1015 at 31 December 2020. This money is not the property of Darfield All Saints PCC and is not available for spending.

Note 2. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, using Receipts and Payments basis.

Note 3. Fixed assets retained for church use are the Church Hall (purchased 1957) and the Rectory Cottage (purchased from the diocese in 1997).

Note 4. There are no other monetary assets or liabilities. There are no endowment funds, therefore the endowment fund column has been omitted.

Note 5. The movements in designated and restricted funds during the year were:

	Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfer in	Bal c/fwd
Designated					
Rector's Discretionary	1,516	163	0	0	1,679
Projects Fund	51,300	230	0	0	51,530
Quinquennial Fund	753	1	754	0	0
4forMission Administrator Fund	552	0	552	0	0
Total Designated Funds	54,121	394	1,306	0	53,209
Restricted					
Education Fund	2,192	363	0	0	2,554
Organ and Music Fund	1,671	2	0	0	1,674
Mission Giving	0	720	0	0	720
Youth Worker etc Fund	9,040	0	1,428	0	7,612
Toddler Group	80	103	53	(40)	90
JAM gang	97	0	0	0	97
Ward Alliance	41	0	41	0	0
Total Restricted Funds	13,121	1,188	1,523	(40)	12,746

The Rector's Discretionary fund is for use at the Rector's Discretion. Income of £160 this year due to compulsory sale of shares

The Projects Fund represents money from the sale of the Reading Room (in 2014) and money from legacies and donations (in 2017-2020.) It is designated for use on specific projects as they arise.

The Quinquennial fund was set up 2016 to save towards regular quinquennial inspections. Income is by transfer from current acct.

The 4forMission Administrator fund was set up in 2017 to save for our agreed contribution to the administrator's salary. It's income is by transfer from the current account.

The Education fund is a historical fund restricted for use for educational purposes. It receives dividends from investments.

The Organ and Music fund represents money from past donations and is restricted for use on the organ or music matters.

The Mission Giving Fund was a donation of £720 received in 2020 to pay out in 2021 as part of our annual mission giving.

The Youth Worker Etc Fund is a grant of £10,000 received from Awards for All for a youth worker and plans for use of church hall for this. £960 spent in 2019. £1428 spent in 2020. Youth work was suspended in 2020 due to Coronavirus lockdowns.

The Toddler Group Fund was set up 2019. Cash only. Income is weekly donations from attendees. Expenditure is refreshments etc.

The JAM Gang fund is used for ministry among children

The Ward Alliance fund was used to purchase funeral equipment. CD player bought in 2019 and CD's in 2020. Now closed.

Note 6. Further analysis of Receipts and Payments Accounts

Receipts	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	2020 £	2019 £
6a Planned giving					
Tax efficient planned giving	26,425	0	0	26,425	31,131
Other planned giving	5,318	0	0	5,318	5,465
	31,743	0	0	31,743	36,596
6b Collections at services	2,072	0	0	2,072	8,823
6c All other giving/voluntary receipts					
One off donations	3,570	0	720	4,290	3,694
Other Regular Donations	0	0	103	103	212
Legacies	625	0	0	625	0
	4,195	0	823	5,018	3,906
6d Gift Aid Recovered	10,749	0	0	10,749	11,557
6e Activities for generating funds					
Fund raising events	56	0	0	56	2,634
6f Investment income					
Interest	48	234	5	287	475
Dividends	0	1	359	360	355
Redemption of shares	0	160	0	160	0
	48	394	365	807	830
6g Church activities					
Statutory fees from wedd & funerals	3,546	0	0	3,546	5,661
Church Hall Income etc	3,909	0	0	3,909	11,146
	7,455	0	0	7,455	16,807
6h Other receipts					
4forMission expenses	202	0	0	202	171
Insurance Claims	0	0	0	0	0
Grants	0	0	0	0	12,350
	202	0	0	202	12,521

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Note 6. Further analysis of Receipts and Payments Accounts

Payments

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	TOTAL 2020 £	TOTAL 2019 £
6i Diocesan Common Fund	34,155	0	0	34,155	45,868
6j Clergy and Staffing Costs					
Clergy expenses	326	0	0	326	1,002
Administrator expenses	48	0	0	48	41
Contribution to M P Admin Salary	641	552	0	1,194	0
	1,015	552	0	1,568	1,043
6k Church Running Expenses					
Church expenses	4,288	754	41	5,083	8,202
Outreach	73	0	1,482	1,554	1,472
Church utility costs	3,454	0	0	3,454	4,986
Church Insurance	6,452	0	0	6,452	5,995
Rectory Costs	322	0	0	322	402
Major Repair to Church	744	0	0	744	2,052
	15,333	754	1,523	17,609	23,109
6l Hall and Cottage Running costs					
Hall running costs	4,283	0	0	4,283	6,110
Major Repair to Church Hall	0	0	0	0	0
Cottage running costs	1,603	0	0	1,603	1,578
	5,887	0	0	5,887	7,688
6m Mission Giving and Donations	3,500	0	0	3,500	4,394
6n Cost of Generating Funds					
Stewardship envelopes	69	0	0	69	67
Fund raising expenses	0	0	0	0	110
	69	0	0	69	177

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 13th April 2021 and signed on its behalf by

