THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, FARSLEY

England & Wales · Charity number 1185811

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2019-10-15
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

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

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Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Leeds City

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Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£101,649	£61,919	-	-
2023-12-31	£85,190	£93,780	-	-
2022-12-31	£74,615	£80,296	-	-
2021-12-31	£67,172	£66,837	-	-
2020-12-31	£55,601	£74,933	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Nathanael Michael Poole	Chair	2025-02-12
Beverley Tuke		2017-04-01
Christine Glover		2021-04-18
Eileen Sheller		2017-04-01
Howard Bradley		2021-04-18
James Webster		2023-04-01
Janet Whitaker		2012-04-01
Jennifer Mason		2024-05-12
Lesley Gibbens		2023-04-01
Val Bergin		2021-04-18

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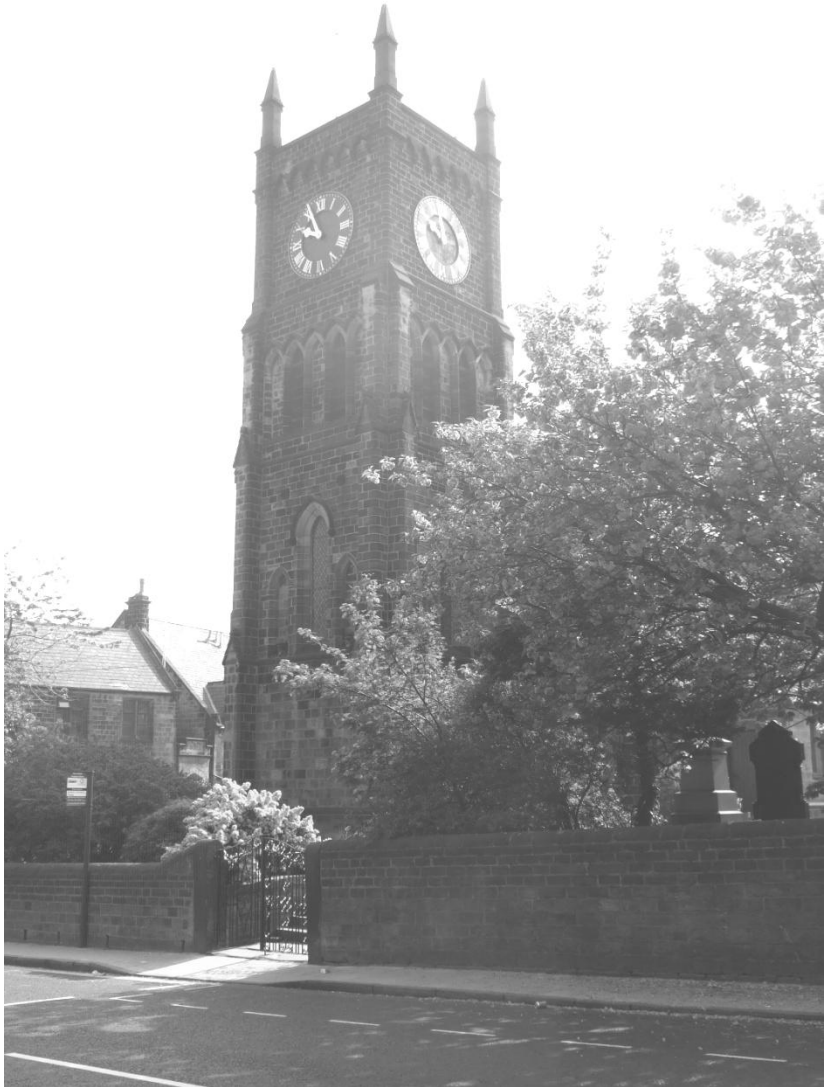
Accounts

Parish Church of
St. John the Evangelist, Farsley



Annual Parochial Church Meeting
April 27th 2025

PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, FARSLEY
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING – April 27th 2025

Agenda
Election of Churchwardens

1. Opening prayer
2. Appointment of Clerk
3. Minutes (circulated)
4. Election of Churchwardens

Church Council Attendance
Meetings 2024-25
11 Monthly meetings were held

Revd. N. Poole		3/3	
A. Aedy	R	11	(2023)*
Mrs. V. Bergin	D	11	(2024)**
Mr. H. Bradley		8	(2024)**
Ms L. Gibbens	S	9	(2023)*
Mrs. C. Glover	D	9	(2024)**
Mr. J. Isaacson	R	5**	(2024)
Mrs. J. Mason		10	(2024)*
Mr. A. Saxton	C	10	Ex-off.
Mrs E. Sheller	C	9	Ex-off
Mrs B. Tuke		7	(2024)*
Mr. J. Webster		11	(2023)*
Mrs J. Whitaker		9	(2023)*

**First 3-year term.*
***Second 3-year term*
C = Churchwarden
D = Deanery Representative
S = PCC Secretary
R = Resigned

Agenda
Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Minutes (circulated)
2. Electoral Roll
3. Annual Report 2024-2025
4. Fabric, Goods and Ornaments Report
5. Audited Accounts for 2024-2025
   Election of Auditor
6. Reports from Church Committees and Groups:
   - Bereavement Group
   - The Church Choir
   - Churches Together in Farsley
   - Deanery Synod
   - Parish Office
   - Parish Safeguarding
   - Sunflower Café

   Appendix – Associated Reports:
   - Friends of St. John's
7. Elections
   i Representatives of Laity (PCC)
   ii. Deanery Synod
8. Chairman's remarks
9. Questions and matters of parochial and general church interest.
10. Closing Prayer

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Church of St John The Evangelist, Farsley.

Minutes of the meeting of parishioners held on Sunday 12th May at 11.50 am 2024

Meeting to elect churchwardens.

1. Gareth opened the meeting with a prayer.
2. The minutes from the last meeting were approved. Gareth proposed that Lesley Gibbens would take the notes for the meeting and Janet seconded this.
3. Nominations for churchwarden were:
   Alan Saxton: proposed - Lorna Sykes; seconded - Janet Whitaker
   Eileen Sheller: proposed Janet Whitaker; seconded – Alan Saxton
   Both were elected unopposed.

Gareth thanked them both for being prepared to take on this important commitment.

Minutes of the APCM held on Sunday 12th May 2024 at 11.55am

1.The minutes of last year's APCM were approved as an accurate record of events.

2.The electoral roll has fallen to 61 over the course of the year.

3. Annual Report Gareth requested questions, comments and thoughts

Q: Why was the APCM postponed?
A: There was a delay in the approval of the accounts by the auditor.

Q: Why are there no reports for Youth Group, Toddlers' group and Deanery Synod?
A: Youth Group has only been established this year so will be included in next year's report. Toddlers' group: there are 13 mums and 3 dads on the register. The average attendance is 15 adults and 15`children at each session. The team running the group consists of Gareth, Diane, Jenny, Elaine and Lorraine. The team will continue to run the group after Gareth leaves.

Thanks to Lesley and Helen for producing the annual report.

4. Fabric, Goods and Ornaments Report

5. Finance: this is the fourth year of not paying the full share. By using all available funds apart from enough money for a few months running costs, we managed to pay 76% by the end of the year. The Leeds average is 81%. The unpaid Share amount goes into arrears – we currently owe the Diocese around £70,000. Meeting the Share requirement in the future should continue to be a priority for the PCC.

The January donation from the Woodhall Trust will appear on next year's accounts in restricted funds for use in work with children and young people. Interest on the endowment can be used more freely. Dorothy Wilkinson left a generous legacy to St. John's. Her family would like it to be used for something significant, which would be meaningful to Dorothy and Gordon. Dorothy's generosity is very much appreciated.

Thanks were expressed to Joel for all his work and for preparing the accounts. He would like to step down as Treasurer in the next three months. It would be very helpful if a successor could be found before Joel leaves. It is possible that the Treasurer's work could be shared out so that the burden of the role is reduced.

The finances were approved, proposed by Janet and seconded by Alan, all in favour.

Alan nominated the same independent examiner, Olalekan Olutayo, for next year Eileen seconded.

One abstention. Majority in favour.

6. Groups: James highlighted the lack of volunteers as a recurring theme in the report and suggested that there should be a focus on encouraging more people to come forward and get involved. Gareth noted that the Friends of St. John's are also struggling with this issue, particularly for practical input and he suggested a change in the timing of activities, such as gardening and maintenance, from Friday morning to a time / times that would be possible for working people to manage, thereby opening up the opportunity to a greater number of people. He added that it could be a church focus to boost the number of Friends because they work very hard on behalf of St. John's and, as a result, the church benefits significantly, both financially and practically.

7. Elections: All being duly nominated and seconded, Val Bergin, Howard Bradley and Christine Glover, were re-elected for a second three-year term as PCC members and Jenny Mason was elected as a new member to the PCC. At the meeting, Bev Tuke, proposed by Shirley Walker and seconded by Lesley Gibbens, was elected as a PCC member for a first three-year term. There is still one remaining vacant place on the PCC. Val Bergin and Christine Glover will continue as Deanery Synod representatives. Huge thanks to Lorna, who, after many years as both churchwarden and member of the PCC, is taking a break and stepping down.

8. Chairman's remarks: Gareth talked about the very hard decision he had made to apply for the post at Pudsey. He is excited for the future but sorry to be leaving Farsley. At his exit interview, he recommended that, as a great group with a core of willing volunteers, we need someone, quite quickly, to keep us growing and moving forward.

9. Matters of general parochial interest: Asked about his areas of achievement here, Gareth identified the work with children and young people as a strength, particularly with the Youth Group, local schools and the Toddler Group. His highlights included the Christmas services, which offered something special for children, young people and adults and a time when the church felt alive, vibrant and connected with the community. He will pray for us to stay united and encouraged us to pray for each other and to stand firm during the Interregnum. He thanked the congregation for everything we've done to help him to become a better vicar. He is looking forward to hearing how we are doing in the future.

Gareth was asked whether he thought there was anything he could have done better or differently. He talked about the problems of taking up the post during Covid, which hindered being able to put a vision in place. He found it a challenge, sometimes difficult to navigate, to meet Parish expectations, following the previous vicar, and also acknowledged his frustration with his own lack of administrational ability! He asked us to consider what we could do to be a better congregation for his successor – a valid point, acknowledged by those present.

Appreciation of Gareth's particular strengths and gifts was put forward from the meeting. His inspirational preaching has been much enjoyed and appreciated. Eileen spoke of the thoughtfulness and confidence she has been able to develop in the musical response of the church, thanks to Gareth's willingness to embrace change and find opportunities for growth. We are very sad to lose him, after such a short time, particularly as the circumstances are so unforeseen and the timing so unlucky for us, but we accept that this is all part of an inevitable process of change and we wish him and his family well in Pudsey.

Gareth's advice to us, as a church family, moving forward, is to be careful of harboring bitterness or negativity, but to continue to be open and honest and to trust God to lead us on.

10. The meeting ended with the Grace at 12.30.

The next PCC meeting is on Monday 3rd June at 7.30pm in the Lounge.

Signed_____ Date: 27.04.25

FABRIC GOODS AND ORNAMENTS

Churchyard and Grounds

Leeds City Council Parks and Cemeteries cuts the grass when necessary. A gardener cares for the memorial garden and makes good this area of the grounds. We also have the support of volunteers from the Friends of St John's, who help keep the grounds looking tidy and colourful. We have recently been served with a letter from Leeds City Council informing us of the need to repair the perimeter wall adjacent to the former Liberal Club. Quotes are being sought for felling the tree responsible for the problem and rebuilding the wall and we are applying for grants to help towards the cost.

Church

Service Inspections

The fire extinguishers and gas installation certificates are kept up to date, along with the electrical testing of fixed and portable appliances.

Maintenance

Volunteers from the Friends of St. John's, along with Terry Whitaker and Ray Sheller, continue to carry out routine maintenance and replacement tasks within the church. New more up to date heaters, similar to those which were no longer working, were installed in time for Christmas and they appear to be working well.

Church Hall and Offices

Service Inspections

The electrical, fire and gas installation certificates are kept up to date, along with the electrical testing of fixed and portable appliance.

Maintenance

The meeting room, hall and kitchen are still being used regularly by MHA, groups and parties. The hall looks clean and bright, but will need ongoing maintenance, if we are to continue to rent it out to outside organisations in the future. New and much-needed ovens were installed in the kitchen, thanks to a grant from Councillor Peter Carhill. The longer-term plan is to improve the hall further, which will include replacing the heating system. Unfortunately, the long-standing problem with the church hall roof means we still have a leak in the hall ceiling, but this is being dealt with and, it is hoped, will be fixed very soon.

The Baby and Toddler Group continues to flourish and is well-attended. Many thanks to Diane, Janine, Jenny, Elaine and Larraine for leading this important connection with the community.

The Youth Group, which was formed only last year, unfortunately had to be curtailed during the interregnum, due to lack of leadership, however, it is hoped to re-start this, or something similar, in the near future, with Nathanael's help and guidance, enabling us to provide a rewarding and enjoyable activity for our young people.

Old Vicarage Flat

Service Inspections

The electrical, fire and gas installation certificates are kept up to date.

Letting

The flat continues to be let on an annual basis and we are fortunate to have a good tenant who appreciates the flat. Several repairs and replacements have been carried out in the flat, this year, to keep it in a good rentable condition.

The wardens are grateful for the support they have been given over the past 10 months, during the vacancy. We would like to thank Janet for her advice and leading services, James for his ideas and producing online services, Ray and Ian, Eileen's brother, for help in maintaining our buildings, Helen for her continued admin support and especially Emma and Andy for producing our 10.30 a.m. service, each week.

Eillen Sheller and Alan Saxton — Churchwardens

March 2025

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, FARSLEY

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the year 2024-2025

Administrative information

St. John's is situated at the junction of Town Street and New Street. The correspondence address is: The Parish Office, The Old Vicarage, New Street, Farsley, Pudsey. LS28 5DJ.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission. (1185811)

PCC members who have served from April 2024 until the date this report was approved are:

Incumbent: Vacancy then The Revd. Nathanael Poole (from February 2025)

Churchwardens: Mr. A. Saxton (2022); Mrs. E. Sheller (2024)

Elected members:

Miss L. Gibbens - Secretary (2023)*
Mr. A. Aedy (2023)*
Mrs V. Bergin (2024)**
Mr. H. Bradley (2024)**
Mrs. C. Glover (2024)**
Mrs. J. Mason (2024)*
Mrs. B. Tuke (2024)*
Mr. J. Webster (2023)*
Mrs J. Whitaker (2023)*

*= first 3-year term **= second 3-year term

Co-opted members:

Mr. J. Isaacson – Treasurer (co-opted 2019); resigned October 2024

Bankers: HSBC, Internet Banking
Legal Adviser: Peter Foskett, Lupton Fawcett Denison Till, Yorkshire House, East Parade, Leeds, West Yorkshire. LS1 5BD.
Independent Examiner: Malcolm Rushworth, 75 Coal Hill Lane, LS13 1DD

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC. Elected members may serve up to two consecutive terms of 3 years, prior to standing down for at least 1 year, before they may stand for re-election. The intention is to provide both continuity and a range of experience to create a fully active committee. In order to carry out its aims and objectives, the PCC

operates through a number of smaller groups, which meet, when required, between full PCC meetings.

Objectives and activities

The parish has been in a period of interregnum from May 2024 (until the appointment of the Revd. Nathanael Poole in February 2025). Previously the Revd. Gareth Howles was Priest-in-Charge of St. John's. The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. (The PCC Powers Measure 1956). Together we are working to develop our objectives in proclaiming the Gospel and serving God, within the Church and the community.

During the past year, the PCC has continued to work to develop and refine the strategies by which our objectives may be achieved. Areas identified as priorities, including safeguarding, church growth, outreach, pastoral care, care, maintenance and development of the church building, ecological issues, community links, and generosity in serving the community, have been further explored in PCC meetings, each month. The PCC has managed all aspects of church business and activity during the vacancy, which began in May 2024.

Achievements and performance

2024 was the year for a complete revision of the church electoral roll. This year, the number of parishioners on the roll is 62, which is an increase of one on last year’s total. The average attendance at the main Sunday morning service is 46 adults and 8 children, a number which increases at festivals and baptisms.

Alan Saxton – Electoral Roll Officer

Review of the Year

There have been eleven full PCC meetings since the last APCM with Alan Saxton or Eileen Sheller, our two churchwardens, chairing them during the vacancy. The Revd. Nathanael Poole has chaired the three meetings which have taken place since he took up his post. The churchwardens have met regularly throughout this time, with Nathanael now joining the team, to deal with a variety of church-related issues and keep things running smoothly on a day-to-day basis, with invaluable support from Helen Whitaker, our Parish Office Administrator,

We continue to care for, maintain and develop the church and the church hall and flat and throughout the year, maintenance and repairs have been carried out, where necessary. The support of volunteers and the Friends of St. John's, both practical and financial, has been vital in enabling this work to take place. Without their time, efforts and generosity, we would struggle to undertake some of the substantial projects, such as replacing the heating and, currently, repairing and renovating the clock. We are very grateful for all the support and we thank them all for everything they do to help us.

We were sad to lose the Revd. Gareth Howles, who left in May 2024 to take up the position of incumbent at Pudsey Parish Church. As a result, this last year has been a challenging one, during which, we have had to manage St. John's through the period of a Vacancy. With some help and support from the Diocese, we managed to secure visiting clergy to enable the 8.30 a.m. weekly Communion service to continue, as well as Communion at the relevant 10.30 a.m. services. Other morning services have been led by our own church members.

The PCC took to heart advice from the Archdeacon offered at the beginning of the Vacancy. He encouraged us to focus, not just on 'keeping things going', but on continuing to work on developing growth in our church through these months. To this end, we have found ways to ensure that many of our 'special' events and services could take place. Harvest festival, Remembrance service, the Advent season and the richness of Christmas worship, including Christingles, outreach to schools, Carols by Candlelight, carol singing in the village, and all the significant Christmas services have taken place under the leadership and guidance of the Churchwardens and the PCC, with lay members, again, stepping up to take on the responsibility of provision and delivery. With the same commitment and generous help of volunteers, we have also managed to keep pastoral and social events going: Friday coffee morning with a regular prayer opportunity, the Bereavement group, Sunflower Memory Café, Parish lunches and the monthly quiz evenings, for example.

The past months have clearly demonstrated the vital importance of a strong team and willing volunteers. We want to build on this to support Nathanael in achieving his vision and plans for the future of our church, so the more people who can offer their time and gifts, the more St. John's and its work will thrive. Whether it is attending an extra service, offering some help with groups and activities or taking on a PCC role, please ask yourself, prayerfully, if there is anything **you** could do.

We are very grateful to everyone who has helped to ensure that worship and fellowship at St. John's has continued and congregations have been sustained, so that we are able to welcome Nathanael to a church, which is well-maintained, lively, thriving and offers a strong and welcoming spiritual centre to the community. We are excited to see where the next stage of the St. John's journey takes us all. Thanks to Alan and Eileen, our churchwardens, and all our PCC members, who have worked extremely hard this year. Thank-you once again, on behalf of the PCC, to all those who work for the good of St. John's, its family and its community. We greatly appreciate all your help and support.

Lesley Gibbens – PCC Secretary

Financial Review 2024

Charity accounts are split between ‘Unrestricted’ funds (of which some may be ‘Designated’ for a specific cause) and ‘Restricted’ funds. Unrestricted funds relate to money the PCC can spend on anything that fulfils the objectives of the church. Restricted funds record donations and expenditure for specific purposes or projects.

This year we have seen a decrease in regular giving and in collections at services. This year our aim is to emphasise the advantages of regular giving via the Parish Giving Scheme. This is a scheme which gives givers the freedom to set up a direct debit to church giving, and the Gift Aid on donations is claimed by the Parish Giving Scheme, which saves us time. Gift Aid recovered is higher than 2023 due to the timing of Gift Aid claims in 2024, including backdated payments.

Our main expenditure in 2024 is the Parish Share. Although the accounts show that we only paid £20,000, an additional £18,000 was paid in January 2025 towards our share request. This meant that we were able to pay £38,000 of the total requested Parish Share (total requested £55,499)

We were not able to make the full Share payment due to our annual income or reserved not being sufficient to cover the full cost.

Thank you to all who donate to the church: be it by standing order, online or by cash or card. St John’s has been a beacon of hope to our community over many years and the money we have invested this year in our church for future generations of use could not have happened without your generous support.

Reserves policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on Unrestricted funds of roughly £1,500 at the end of each month, after paying the Parish Share to the Diocese. We end the year with £33,874 in reserve, which is in excess of the reserves policy, though as has been mentioned, this was reduced by a payment of £20,000 for the Parish Share. We were also aware of the need to pay for our Quinquennial review and any additional costs which that may incur. The 2025 share request is £61,049 (around £4,100 a month). We were not able to pay the full Parish Share to the Diocese as noted in the above commentary. We continue to look for ways to minimise our costs and maximise income.

Our major financial commitment for the coming year is in paying the Share to fund the Diocese’s work and ongoing support to the work of the church in our community. This commitment will require the generosity of church members, and our wider community, both in terms of generosity of donations, and generosity of time and ideas.

Alan Saxton – Churchwarden

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
RECEIPTS						
Voluntary receipts						
Planned giving		20,984	-	-	20,985	25,189
Collections at services		5,432	-	-	5,432	6,243
All other giving/Voluntary receipts	5a	996	-	28,794	29,790	7,251
Gift Aid recovered		6,631	-	-	6,631	3,931
Activities for generating funds	5b	6,623	-	-	6,623	7,989
Investment income	5c	402	61	282	745	653
Church activities	5d	31,443	-	-	31,443	33,934
TOTAL RECEIPTS		**72,512**	**61**	**29,076**	**101,649**	**85,190**
PAYMENTS						
Church activities						
Diocesan parish contribution (Share)		20,000	-	-	20,000	44,800
Clergy and staffing costs		12,209	-	-	12,209	5,676
Church running expenses	5e	17,528	-	-	19,098	16,824
Hall running expenses	5f	10,612	-	1,570	10,612	16,972
Spending on restricted projects		-	-	-	-	9,508
TOTAL PAYMENTS		**60,349**	**-**	**1,570**	**61,919**	**93,780**
Surplus/(deficit)		**12,163**	**61**	**27,506**	**39,730**	**(8,590)**
Transfers between funds	3, 4	**12,155**	-	**(12,155)**	-	- -
		24,318	**61**	**15,351**	**39,730**	**(8,590)**
Cash funds at 1 January		**9,556**	**-**	**11,666**	**21,222**	**29,812**
Cash funds at 31 December		**33,874**	**61**	**27,017**	**60,952**	**21,222**

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Total unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Cash funds							
General account (HSBC)		33,874	61	33,935	20,339	54,274	16,403
Cash in hand		-	-	-	-	-	41
Common Fabric fund account (HSBC)		-	-	-	3,244	3,244	1,989
9Children's and Youthwork account (HSBC)		-	-	-	3,434	3,434	2,789
		33,874	**61**	**33,935**	**27,017**	**60,952**	**21,222**
Investment assets	2						
187.27 CIF shares (Split)		-	-	-	4,330	4,330	4,233
202.00 CIF shares (Common Fabric fund)		-	-	-	4,671	4,671	
Farsley IP (CCLA)		665	-	665	-	665	665
Farsley Stevenson (CCLA)		-	-	-	520	520	520
Farsley Sunday School (CCLA)		-	-	-	1,317	1,317	1,317
Farsley Youth (CCLA)		-	-	-	2,009	2,009	2,009
		665	**-**	**665**	**12,847**	**13,512**	**13,310**
Debtors							
Gift aid receivable (HMRC)		2,998	-	-	-	2,998	3,587
		2,998	**-**	**-**	**-**	**2,988**	**3,587**
Liabilities							
Diocese of Leeds – Parish Share		(18,000)	-	(18,000)	-	(18,000)	(68,997)
The Children's Society		(313)	-	(313)	-	(313)	(368)
		(18,313)	**-**	**(18,313)**	**-**	**(18,313)**	**(69,365)**
Other assets							
Church (Loss limit insurance value)						13,330,000	11,200,000
Hall (Loss limit insurance value)						3,330,000	1,780,000
						16,630,000	**11,820,000**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

2 INVESTMENT ASSETS

All funds which are invested in CCLA Church of England Investment Fund shares.

In all cases, the donations have been made to be retained as a capital fund, but the income is for specific purpose, either General funds, Common Fabric fund or Children's and Youthwork fund.

3 MOVEMENTS IN RESTRICTED FUNDS

The movements in restricted funds during the year were:

	Balance b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance c/fwd
Interest	-	282	-	-	282
Hall fund	-	-	-	-	-
Organ Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Church Heating	4818	-	(196)	-	4622
Zoning	1,678	-	(48)	-	1,630
Flowers fund	42	-	(35)	-	7
Hall kitchen grant	350	350	(700)	-	-
Children's and Youthwork	2,789	28,341	(561)	(12,155)	18,414
Common Fabric fund	1,989	103	(30)	-	2,062
	11,666	**29,076**	**(1,570)**	**(12,155)**	**27,017**

All "Transfers" (between funds) are made with the express permission of the original donor.

The Transfer in the year relates to reclassification of a legacy as a Designated, rather than a Restricted, fund.

Children's and Youthwork receipts include £28,141.75 received from the closure of the Woodhall Trust.

The Interest accrued on the restricted and designated funds is not split between the various funds, it will be simply used as required with the consent of the PCC.

3 MOVEMENTS IN RESTRICTED FUNDS (continued)

The Zoning fund represents a grant from the Co-Op and expenditure for creating different ‘zones’ within church to enable different groups to use the building at the same time. Money has been earmarked from this fund to improve the experience of community groups using the church building. The cost in the year relates to improvements to equipment for community use.

The Flowers fund represents accumulated donations and expenditure for the provision of flowers.

The Hall kitchen grant represents a grant received through the MICE scheme from Leeds City Council to contribute towards improving kitchen facilities in the church hall.

The Children’s and Youthwork fund represents accumulated donations and expenditure for children’s and youthwork activities.

The Common Fabric fund represents accumulated donations and expenditure for repairs and maintenance to church fabric (i.e. building and fittings).

Some donations have a restriction in that they are to be used for any purpose ‘except for’ certain, specific, purposes. Given the immateriality of these donations, and that general church running costs are well in excess of these donations, they are not separately presented.

4 MOVEMENTS IN DESIGNATED FUNDS

The movements in designated funds during the year were:

	Balance b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance c/fwd
Legacies	-	61	-	-	-
	-	**61**	**-**	**-**	**61**

5 FURTHER ANALYSIS OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL 2024	TOTAL 2023
a) All other Giving / Voluntary Receipts						
Donations	996	-	996	28,794	29,790	7,251
Gift Day	-	-			-	-
Legacy	-	-	-	-	-	-
	996	**-**	**996**	**28,794**	**29,790**	**7,251**
b) Activities for Generating Funds						
			-			
Photocopying	-	-	-	-	-	-
Efforts	3,454	-	3,454	-	3,454	4,719
Fairs	191	-	191	-	191	-
Coffee Mornings	831	-	831	-	831	1,087
Feed in Tariff (Solar Panels)	2,147	-	2,147	-	2,147	2,183
	6,623	**-**	**6,623**	**-**	**6,623**	**7,989**
c) Investment Income						
CCLA Investments	402	61	463	282	745	297
Interest received	-	-	-	-	-	356
Release of Funds from Farsley IP (Legacy)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Release of Funds (114 CIF Shares)	-	-	-	-	-	-
	402	**61**	**463**	**282**	**745**	**653**
d) Church Activities						
Fees for weddings & funerals	2,351	-	2,351	-	2,351	2,754
Rent - Office	10,130	-	10,130	-	10,130	13,177
Rent - Hall	7,147	-	7,147	-	7,147	6,778
Rent - Flat	8,085	-	8,085	-	8,085	7,605
Other income	3,730	-	3,730	-	3,730	3,620
	31,443	**-**	**31,443**	**-**	**31,443**	**33,934**
e) Church Running Expenses						
Church running expenses	11,910	-	11,910	979	12,889	9,838
Church repairs and maintenance	854	-	854	30	884	1,352
Upkeep of services	1,813	-	1,813	-	1,813	1,995
Admin & office costs	2,664	-	2,664	-	2,664	2,800
Efforts	287	-	287	-	287	-
Children's and youthwork costs	-	-	-	561	561	839
	17,528	**-**	**17,528**	**1,570**	**19,098**	**16,824**
f) Hall Running Expenses						
Hall running expenses	6,643	-	6,643	-	6,643	12,667
Hall & Flat maintenance	3,005	-	3,005	-	3,005	3,308
Commission payable	964	-	964	-	964	997
	10,612	**-**	**10,612**	**-**	**10,612**	**16,972**

Independent examiner's report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Evangelist, Farsley (charity no 1185811) ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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 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.
- 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.

1 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: M P Rushworth

Name: MALCOLM PAUL RUSHWORTH.

Address: 75 Coal Hill Lane, Rodley, Leeds, LS13 1DD.

Date: 19/04/25

REPORTS FROM CHURCH COMMITTEES AND GROUPS

Farsley Bereavement Support Group

The Bereavement Support Group meets every fourth Friday of the month at St. John's Church Hall, between 11.00 a.m. and 12 noon, in the Lounge. The Farsley Bereavement Support Group is a safe and supportive space to talk for those who have lost a loved one recently or for whom more time has passed but support is still needed.

Lorna Sykes – Bereavement Support Group

The Church Choir and Music Group

Our small choir continues to lead the church music at weekly 10.30 a.m. services. Sadly, our friend, June Brown, died in December, reducing our choir numbers to just five, but what they lack in numbers, they more than make up for in enthusiasm. We are always happy to hear from anyone who would like to join us. It would be great to have a strong choir to lead our Sunday morning services.

With the assistance of various friends, we were, once again, able to provide the music for our annual service of Carols by Candlelight. It was well-attended, as always, and the choir gave an excellent performance. My thanks, as always, go to all the choir members, including those who joined us to augment the sound. Their attendance is always appreciated. Choir members are always ready to sing for weddings and funerals, whenever their attendance is requested.

We have not managed any Evensong services, this year, but did join our friends in Calverley, for an Advent Evensong service, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended, especially in view of the mince pies and mulled wine, which were served after the service. Thanks to Jonathan Lacey, organist at St. Wilfred's, for inviting us. We hope this will prove to be an annual event.

We would still love to invite anyone with a musical instrument (voices included), who could give us just an hour a month to help us to continue making exciting music at St John's.

Eileen Sheller – Organist and Choir Leader

Churches Together in Farsley and Rodley

A quiet year - no Jubilee, Coronation or National Event, which we have always enjoyed celebrating together, while raising awareness of our local churches. We have, as usual, maintained our schedule of the Annual Meeting and joint service in January, Christian Aid week in May, our Summer service of Praise and our services together on Palm Sunday and Good Friday, and a wreath was laid on behalf of Churches Together on Armistice Sunday.

It was rather disappointing that the Christmas "procession" on Light Night, which included large lanterns made by children and our schools, did not invite a Christian presence, although there was the usual distribution of well-produced leaflets by our church members, giving the times of all our Christmas services.

We are already making plans for bringing the churches back to the heart of Farsley, however. Watch this space !

Shirley Walker – Churches Together Secretary

Deanery Synod

A meeting at Christchurch, Armley on 14th May 2024 gave an update on the Deanery Synod election process, the practicalities of finding cover during interregnum and finances. Janet Edmunds and Alena Rose-Douglas gave a presentation on the use of church buildings for mission and grants to support mission in the community, for example, grants available from various bodies for practical help, sound systems, signage, physical changes in church to make it more accessible and suitable for the purposes of church. Advice was given on the appropriate grant schemes and how to apply. Churches can register at the Community Funding Portal. Commercial businesses, such as Screwfix, are approachable for help for churches in their local communities. Janet creates a monthly on-line newsletter called “Money for Mission” and matched funding was also discussed. A very informative meeting, ending with prayer.

On 12th September 2024, a meeting was held at St Wilfred’s Calverley. Rev Graham Blackwell gave a presentation on the use of AI (artificial intelligence) technology, with information on some services, free at present but possibly to be paid for in the future. Pros and cons were discussed, for example, fear of security breaches and who is actually collecting this information. We moved on to group work to discuss issues faced by parishes, to be fed back to the Diocese. We ended with prayer.

On 12th November 2024, St George’s church, Leeds hosted the Leeds Episcopal Area Forum led by Rev Paul Ayres and a presentation by the Rev Helen Collinge on lay-training. Parishes asked to consult with their PCC as to those who need or should be positively encouraged to undertake training, and also to identify any unmet training needs in their parish. We worked in groups and our group felt there was a need for training in grant application as there is no existing training course available.

Christine Glover and Val Bergin - Deanery Synod representatives.

Parish Office

Last year, the office has been busy with bookings for the hall with parties, MHA use and charities using the hall for their groups. I have been invoicing and keeping track of getting payments for any bookings that happen with the church hall. Last year we have had some work that has needed to be done on the plumbing in the church hall, so I have been getting quotes and organising this in the background. The notice sheet is still being sent, via email, to those who want to receive it this way and if you would like to be added to the list please let me know by phoning the office or emailing me; 0113 2566878 helen.whitaker@stjohnsfarsley.org.uk

Helen Whitaker – Parish Office Administrator

Safeguarding/DBS

As the Parish Safeguarding Officer and DBS Administrator, I have to undergo all the Safeguarding Training and a DBS check. As it has been four years since I started these roles, I have had to do my Basic, Foundation and Leadership Training again this year, as well as having a DBS check done by the Diocese Safeguarding Team. Anyone who volunteers to help with groups in church, where there are children or vulnerable adults, needs to have a DBS check and do some Safeguarding training. This includes the PCC members. It is important that the Safeguarding training is done as soon as possible for all those who volunteer, especially the PCC.

Promoting a Safer Church - ‘The care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in Church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the life of the Church.’ Therefore it is really important that all those required to do so, complete the Safeguarding Training, DBS check and Self-Declaration forms.

Helen Whitaker – Parish Safeguarding Officer/DBS Administrator

Sunflower Memory Café

This year we happily celebrated nine years of “Sunflower” Saturdays! As can be expected, our numbers rise and fall but we emphasise, once again, that our café is not just for those with dementia and their carers, but for anyone feeling in need of company, a coffee and some entertainment.

We sing, or have expert singers who sing to us; some of us dance (no expertise required); sometimes there are craft activities to get our fingers working and there’s always a quiz to help our little grey cells.

We are, at present, planning our ever-popular Beetle Drive night: total chaos, everybody happy, prizes to be won, including one for the handsomest / most artistic beetle. This is an all-age event - do join us. Date to be announced.

Shirley Walker – Sunflower Memory Café Secretary

APPENDIX – ASSOCIATED REPORTS

Friends of St. John’s

Another successful twelve months for the Friends of St. John’s.

As usual, we have raised monies from various events including Table Top Sales, Farmers’ Market, Heritage event and the Brass Band Concert.

In April 2024 some of the members had an evening meal at the Fat Haddock in Stanningley, choosing either a fish or a curry meal. Everyone who attended really enjoyed this and we decided to attend the same venue later in the year.

On 6 July we held a China Tea Party, which was very successful and well-attended and everyone thoroughly enjoyed. At this we had The Bandstanders Ukulele band playing all through the event and this was thoroughly enjoyed.

In September we held our Heritage Open Day in the church hall which is based on Farsley Village and its people and this was held around the time of the National Heritage Open Weekend. This was well-attended. A wonderful array of photographs was provided and displayed by the two Malcolms, Jim and other helpers. Pudsey Civic Society brought along an array of books. The Friends of Rehoboth Cemetery had a stall with literature about their project of clearing and restoring the old Rehoboth Cemetery on Coal Hill Lane.

We also held two Heritage walks, which were organised and run by Eileen Sheller.

In October members once again went to the Fat Haddock in Stanningley for a fish/curry evening and once again people really enjoyed this.

November saw a highly successful and enjoyable Brass Band Concert presented by the West Yorkshire Brass Band. This was followed afterwards by a Pie and Pea Supper in the Church Hall and everyone who attended really enjoyed this.

It was with great sadness that one of our founder members, Malcolm Haist, passed away in December. He will be greatly missed by all.

On 21 December we presented a Cheque for £4,500 to the church towards the repair of the church clock.

We continue to have monthly sessions gardening in the churchyard.

We are currently still raising money for the repair of the church clock. The repairs will be in two stages. The first stage is to raise £6,000 for the overhaul and repair of the mechanism. For the second stage, we will need to raise several thousand pounds more for the restoration of the clock faces which are corroded.

We also continue to have regular tables at the Farmers' Markets and Table Top sales, selling bric-a-brac and books to help with fundraising.

Linda Allen – Chair of the Friends of St John's

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIS

England & Wales - Charity number 1185811

Accounts

Parish Church of
St. John the Evangelist, Farsley

Annual Parochial Church Meeting
12th May 2024

PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, FARSLEY
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING – 12th May 2024

Agenda
Election of Churchwardens

1. Opening prayer
2. Appointment of Clerk
3. Minutes (circulated)
4. Election of Churchwardens

Church Council Attendance
Meetings 2023-24
12 Monthly meetings were held

Revd. G. Howles		12	
Mr. A. Aedy		11	(2023)
Mrs. V. Bergin	D	11	(2021)*
Mr. H. Bradley		5	(2021)*
Ms L. Gibbens	S	8	(2023)
Mrs. C. Glover	D	12	(2021)*
Mr. J. Isaacson		10	Co-opt
Mr. A. Saxton	C	11	(2020)
Mrs E. Sheller		9	(2020)**
Mrs L. Sykes		11	(2021)*
Mrs B. Tuke		3	(2019)**
Mrs S. Walker	R/R	(3)	(2018)
Mr. J. Webster		11	(2023)
Mrs J. Whitaker		9	(2023)

**Eligible for second 3-year term.*
***Second 3-year term*
C = Churchwarden
D = Deanery Representative
R = Reader
S = PCC Secretary
R = Resigned

Agenda
Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Minutes (circulated)
2. Electoral Roll
3. Annual Report 2023-2024
4. Fabric, Goods and Ornaments Report
5. Audited Accounts for 2023-2024
   Election of Auditor
6. Reports from Church Committees and Groups:
   - Bereavement Group
   - The Church Choir
   - Churches Together in Farsley
   - House and Study Groups
   - Parish Office
   - Parish Safeguarding
   - Sunflower Café

   Appendix – Associated Reports:
   - Friends of St. John's
7. Elections
   i Representatives of Laity (PCC)
   ii. Deanery Synod
8. Chairman's remarks
9. Questions and matters of parochial and general church interest.
10. Closing Prayer

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Church of St John The Evangelist, Farsley.

Minutes of the meeting of parishioners held on Sunday 16th April at 11.50 am 2023.

Meeting to elect churchwardens.

1. Gareth opened the meeting with a prayer.
2. The minutes from the last meeting were approved. Gareth proposed that Jill Mulligan would take the notes for the meeting and Howard seconded it.
3. Alan was elected as church warden for another year. Ideally, we need another church warden to share the role.
4. Gareth expressed his thanks to Alan and also to Lorna and Janet for providing Alan with support.

Minutes of the APCM held on Sunday 16th April 2023 at 11.55am

1.The minutes of last year's APCM were approved as an accurate record of events.

2.The electoral roll has stayed the same this year.

3. Annual Report It has been good to have a normal year with plenty of activities after the previous two years with Covid restrictions.

4. Fabric, Goods and Ornaments Report

5. Finance: this is the third year of not paying the full share, we normally pay about 70% by the end of the year. We need to discuss as a PCC how can we meet that requirement.

The finances were approved, proposed by Janet and seconded by Alan, everyone was in favour.

Gareth proposed the same independent examiner next year and Audrey seconded it.

6. Groups: The Toddler group has restarted, there are about 45-50 children that have attended. There are a good team of helpers. Please continue to pray for them, that they will be a blessing to the community.

Gareth expressed his thanks to The Friends of St John's- it is wonderful to have their support and dedication. They manage to raise lots of money for the church. It is good to keep encouraging them as they do a lot for us and do a great job.

7. Elections: Welcome to Andrew Aedy and James Webster on to the PCC.

Val Bergin has become a deanery synod representative and Christine Glover will continue in the role. We no longer have sidespeople, we tend to have welcomers instead.

8. Chairman's remarks: Gareth thanked Alan for his role as church warden and he thanked the PCC for all the meetings and discussions that had taken place throughout the year. He expressed his thanks to Eileen and the choir for all their hard work and dedication and said that Eileen deserved a week off now and then.

A big thanks go to Shirley for helping here and at Rodley, your support is invaluable. There are challenges ahead - Shirley will continue till the end of September. The last week in September we will celebrate Shirley and all she has done for St John's and Rodley.

How can we support Rodley with their services and continue with our own plus the two evening services we now have once a month?

Is there anyone else who could train as a lay reader? Are there any retired clergy we could ask for

help?

Finances- we need to up our giving, if possible in the current climate.

The heating project- do we start it now? How do we fundraise for it? Some fundraising has already taken place and been very successful. Do we ask the Diocese for a loan?

A Year of Proclamation - most people in the community know the church. How can we add proclamation to our presence in the village?

We need to put events on offering the hope of Jesus, start courses. We need to find new ways of proclaiming the good news of Jesus.

9. No matters of general parochial interest were raised.

10. The meeting ended with the Grace at 12.20.

The next PCC meeting is on Tuesday 2nd May at 7.30pm in church.

Signed_____ Date: 12.05.24

FABRIC GOODS AND ORNAMENTS

Churchyard and Grounds

Leeds City Council Parks & Cemeteries are responsible for the grass cutting, checking the condition of trees and general maintenance. A gardener cares for the memorial garden and makes good this area of the grounds. We also have the support of volunteers from the Friends of Farsley Church, who help keep the grounds looking tidy and colourful.

Church

Service Inspections

The fire extinguishers and gas installation certificates are kept up to date, along with the electrical testing of fixed and portable appliance.

Maintenance

Volunteers from the Friends of St. John's, along with Terry Whitaker and Ray Sheller, continue to carry out routine maintenance and replacement tasks within the church. We hoped to replace the heating system with a modern green system but unfortunately the costs increased to such an extent that this was not viable. We approached the DAC to explain the situation and they approved our request to carry out a straight replacement of the heaters. This was fast tracked so we were able to install the new heaters in time for Christmas.

Church Hall and Offices

Service Inspections

The electrical, fire and gas installation certificates are kept up to date, along with the electrical testing of fixed and portable appliance.

Maintenance

The meeting room, hall and kitchen are still being used regularly by MHA, groups and parties. The Baby and Toddler Group continues to flourish and has been well attended. Many thanks to Naomi and Gareth and their helpers for organising this. A Youth Group has recently been formed and we hope this will expand and will become a rewarding and enjoyable activity for our young people. The hall has been repainted by a contractor and it now looks clean and bright. Many thanks also to Val Bergin who painted the toilets and doors in the hall. The Friends book shelves have been replaced with store bought shelving units which enhance the appearance of the hall. Many thanks to all those who installed them and for the donation which enabled the purchase of the shelves. We hope to clean the floor shortly. We are grateful for a grant from Councillor Peter Cahill for the replacement of the ovens in the kitchen and we aim to install these in the Spring. The longer term plan is to improve the hall which will include replacing the heating system. We have been fortunate to find a roofing contractor who has finally repaired the leaking roof in the hall and has carried out some other roofing repairs.

Old Vicarage Flat

Service Inspections

The electrical, fire and gas installation certificates are kept up to date.

Letting

The flat continues to be let on an annual basis and we are fortunate to have a good tenant who appreciates the flat.

Alan Saxton — Churchwarden
March 2024

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, FARSLEY

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the year 2023-2024

Administrative information

St. John's is situated at the junction of Town Street and New Street. The correspondence address is: The Parish Office, The Old Vicarage, New Street, Farsley, Pudsey. LS28 5DJ.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission. (1185811)

PCC members who have served from April 2023 until the date this report was approved are:

Incumbent: The Revd. Gareth Howles

Churchwardens: Mr. A. Saxton

Reader: Mrs. S. Walker retired November 2023

Elected members:

Miss L. Gibbens - Secretary (2023)*
Mr. A. Aedy (2023)*
Mrs V. Bergin (2021)*
Mr. H. Bradley (2021)*
Mrs. C. Glover (2021)*
Mrs. E. Sheller (2020)**
Mrs. L. Sykes (2021)*
Mrs. B. Tuke (2019)**
Mr. J. Webster (2023)*
Mrs J. Whitaker (2023)*

*= first 3-year term **= second 3-year term

Co-opted members:

Mr. J. Isaacson – Treasurer (co-opted 2019)

Bankers: HSBC, 88 Town Street, Horsforth, Leeds, West Yorkshire. LS18 4AR.
Legal Adviser: Peter Foskett, Lupton Fawcett Denison Till, Yorkshire House, East Parade, Leeds, West Yorkshire. LS1 5BD.
Independent Examiner: Olalekan Olutayo, Shepley Old Hall, HD8 8DG.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC. Elected

members may serve up to two consecutive terms of 3 years, prior to standing down for at least 1 year, before they may stand for re-election. The intention is to provide both continuity and a range of experience to create a fully active committee. In order to carry out its aims and objectives, the PCC operates through a number of smaller groups, which meet, when required, between full PCC meetings.

Objectives and activities

The Revd. Gareth Howles is Priest-in-Charge of St. John's. The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with him in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. (The PCC Powers Measure 1956). Together we are working to develop our objectives in proclaiming the Gospel and serving God, within the Church and the community.

During the past year, the PCC has continued to work to develop and refine the strategies by which our objectives may be achieved. Areas identified as priorities, including safeguarding, church growth, outreach, pastoral care, care, maintenance and development of the church building, ecological issues, community links, and generosity in serving the community, have been further explored in PCC meetings, each month.

Achievements and performance

The number of parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll at the APCM 2023 was 63. Since then, two names have been removed, bringing the current total to 61.The average attendance at the main Sunday morning service is approximately 55 but this number increases at festivals and when Baptisms take place.

Alan Saxton – Electoral Roll Officer

Review of the Year

There have been twelve full PCC meetings since the last APCM with the Revd. Gareth Howles chairing them all. Gareth and Alan Saxton, our churchwarden, have met regularly throughout this time to deal with a variety of church-related issues and keep things running smoothly on a day-to-day basis, with invaluable support from Helen Whitaker, our Parish Office Administrator.

We continue to care for, maintain and develop the church and the church hall and flat and throughout the year, maintenance and repairs have been carried out, where necessary. The church balcony and church hall cellar have both benefitted from a big clearout and the hall itself has been transformed by its redecoration. Fresh paint, new curtains and bookcases, along with some lovely lighting effects, have made it a much more modern and appealing place for our own use, as well as for external hire. Many thanks to everyone who was involved in this process – the results are fantastic.

One of our most significant decisions this year came with the recognition that the spiraling costs of plans to replace the heating system in the church building were prohibitive of actually being able to afford to carry out the work. For a number of years, the PCC heating working party, with the invaluable help and advice of Ray Sheller, has tried resiliently, to find a heating solution for church, which would be as environmentally friendly as possible **and** economically viable. Tireless efforts to secure grants and funding, and the fundraising efforts of both the congregation and the Friends of St. John's, have not been able to match the ever-increasing projected costs. As the old system continued to deteriorate, the PCC decided, with some regret, that in order to deal with the immediate prospect of another challenging winter in church, the heating would be replaced with an affordable, more efficient but like-

for-like system, which could be installed in a short time-frame. Heating was fully restored in good time for the Christmas season and there have even been reports of the church being 'too warm'! Many thanks to all those who have worked so hard and contributed so generously, over the years, to ensure that all possibilities were explored and an eventual solution could be implemented. Particular thanks to the Friends of St. John's for their sustained fundraising campaign.

Church growth continues to be a focus, as we explore new ways of getting the church presence into the community and increased community involvement in church activities. Social events, including our regular quizzes, the Beetle Drive, Bonfire without Bangs, the Christmas Craft evening, Lights Night, Carols, Coffee and Cake, and carol singing at the nursing home and around the local pubs have all been very successful in sharing our presence in the village in an inviting and approachable way. Services such as the Harvest Festival, Remembrance service and the Carols by Candlelight service provide an excellent chance to welcome people into church, who may not be regular attenders. Initiatives for young people have also been important. A successful holiday club, thriving Sunday morning groups, a youth group, school visits, the Christingles and nativity service with donkeys, all offer opportunities to welcome young people into church activities. Baptisms are now included in our normal services, so that those to be baptised can be properly welcomed into their church family.

In July, Shirley Walker attended her final PCC meeting, having announced her intention to retire from her Reader's role in October. We are very grateful to her for all her commitment and hard work over many years, and we wish her all the very best for the future.

In the autumn, Gareth introduced the PCC to the 'Rhythm of Life' initiative, a new approach to 'training' to promote the growth of discipleship. This is intended to breathe fresh life into our worship by looking anew at how we can best incorporate it into our everyday routine. The six headings, Pray, Read, Learn, Tell, Serve and Give will help us focus on how we could all reflect these values in our daily lives by developing personal reading and study, praying for each other and developing dedicated time for prayer, and informal conversations and discussions over coffee, for example. This would lead to personal spiritual growth, the spiritual growth of our church, improvements in pastoral care and opportunities for sharing the good news with our local community. Small study/support groups are key to the structure and you'll be hearing more about this soon.

October saw the Archdeacon's visitation. While he commended our work on Safeguarding, Mission and Growth and found St. John's to be 'in good shape', he queried the fact that we only have one churchwarden and the shortage of volunteers is a recurring theme in some of the reports, as you will read. The more people who can offer their time and gifts, the more St. John's and its work will thrive. Whether it is attending an extra service, offering some help with groups and activities or taking on a PCC role, please ask yourself, prayerfully, whether there is anything **you** could do to help.

Thanks to Alan, our churchwarden, and all our PCC members who have worked hard to support Gareth this year. And finally, thank-you once again, on behalf of the PCC, to all those who work for the good of St. John's its family and its community. We appreciate all the help and support that you give.

Lesley Gibbens – PCC Secretary

Financial Review 2023

Charity accounts are split between 'Unrestricted' funds (of which some may be 'Designated' for a specific cause) and 'Restricted' funds. Unrestricted funds relate to money the PCC can spend on anything that fulfils the objectives of the church. Restricted funds record donations and expenditure for specific purposes or projects.

This year we have seen an increase in regular giving and in collections at services. This has been mainly driven by increased regular giving via the Parish Giving Scheme. This is a scheme which is gives givers the freedom to set up a direct debit to church giving, and the Gift Aid on donations is claimed by the Parish Giving Scheme, which saves us time. Gift Aid recovered is lower in 2023 due to the timing of Gift Aid claims in 2022 including backdated payments.

Our main expenditure in 2023 is the Parish Share. We completed the heating project towards the end of 2023 which came in at a reduced cost and, as such, we were able to use our total of designated funds (which were legacies received from 2018 onwards) which had been earmarked for the heating fund towards paying the Parish Share for 2023. Using these funds (£11,721), accumulated interest (£434) and the main contribution from our unrestricted funds (£32,645), we were able to pay £44,800 on the total requested Parish Share (total requested £59,255). We were not able to make the full Share payment due to our annual income or reserved not being sufficient to cover the full cost. Thank you to all who donate to the church: be it by standing order, online or by cash or card. St John's has been a beacon of hope to our community over many years and the money we have invested this year in our church for future generations of use could not have happened without your generous support.

Reserves policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on Unrestricted funds of roughly £1,500 at the end of each month, after paying the Parish Share to the Diocese. We end the year with £9,556 in reserve, which is in excess of the reserves policy (the 2024 share is £55,499 (around £4,600 a month). We were not able to pay the full Parish Share to the Diocese as noted in the above commentary. We continue to look for ways to minimise our costs and maximise income.

Our major financial commitment for the coming year is in paying the Share to fund the Diocese's work and ongoing support to the work of the church in our community. This commitment will require the generosity of church members, and our wider community, both in terms of generosity of donations, and generosity of time and ideas.

Joel Isaacson – Treasurer

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Total unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
RECEIPTS							
Voluntary receipts							
Planned giving		25,189	-	25,189	-	25,189	21,777
Collections at services		6,243	-	6,243	-	6,243	4,620
All other giving/Voluntary receipts	5a	2,776	-	2,776	4,475	7,251	8,323
Gift Aid recovered		3,931	-	3,931	-	3,931	7,372
Activities for generating funds	5b	5,855	-	5,855	2,134	7,989	4,661
Investment income	5c	25	-	25	628	653	196
Church activities	5d	33,934	-	33,934	-	33,934	27,666
TOTAL RECEIPTS		**77,953**	**-**	**77,953**	**7,237**	**85,190**	**74,615**
PAYMENTS							
Church activities							
Diocesan parish contribution (Share)		(32,645)	(11,721)	(44,366)	(434)	(44,800)	(36,468)
Clergy and staffing costs		(5,676)	-	(5,676)	-	(5,676)	(6,009)
Church running expenses	5e	(15,135)	-	(15,135)	(1,689)	(16,824)	(22,299)
Hall running expenses	5f	(16,265)	-	(16,265)	(707)	(16,972)	(13,376)
Spending on restricted projects		-	-	-	(9,508)	(9,508)	(2,144)
TOTAL PAYMENTS		**(69,721)**	**(11,721)**	**(81,442)**	**(12,338)**	**(93,780)**	**(80,296)**
Surplus/(deficit)		**8,232**	**(11,721)**	**(3,489)**	**(5,101)**	**(8,590)**	**(5,681)**
Transfers between funds	3, 4	-	-	-	-	-	-
		8,232	**(11,721)**	**(3,489)**	**(5,101)**	**(8,590)**	**(5,681)**
Cash funds at 1 January		**1,324**	**11,721**	**13,045**	**16,767**	**29,812**	**35,493**
Cash funds at 31 December		**9,556**	**-**	**9,556**	**11,666**	**21,222**	**29,812**

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Total unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Cash funds							
General account (HSBC)		9,515	-	9,515	6,888	16,403	23,571
Cash in hand		41	-	41	-	41	256
Common Fabric fund account (HSBC)		-	-	-	1,989	1,989	2,649
Children's and Youthwork account (HSBC)		-	-	-	2,789	2,789	3,337
		9,556	**-**	**9,556**	**11,666**	**21,222**	**29,813**
Investment assets	2						
187.27 CIF shares (Split)		-	-	-	4,233	4,233	3,866
202.00 CIF shares (Common Fabric fund)		-	-	-	4,566	4,566	4,170
Farsley IP (CCLA)		665	-	665	-	665	665
Farsley Stevenson (CCLA)		-	-	-	520	520	520
Farsley Sunday School (CCLA)		-	-	-	1,317	1,317	1,317
Farsley Youth (CCLA)		-	-	-	2,009	2,009	2,009
		665	**-**	**665**	**12,645**	**13,310**	**12,547**
Debtors							
Gift aid receivable (HMRC)		3,511	-	3,511	76	3,587	2,387
		3,511	**-**	**3,511**	**76**	**3,587**	**2,387**
Liabilities							
Diocese of Leeds – Parish Share		(68,997)	-	(68,997)	-	(68,997)	(54,542)
The Children's Society		(368)	-	(368)	-	(368)	(368)
		(69,365)	**-**	**(69,365)**	**-**	**(69,365)**	**(54,710)**
Other assets							
Church (Loss limit insurance value)						10,040,000	11,200,000
Hall (Loss limit insurance value)						1,780,000	2,800,000
						11,820,000	**14,000,000**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

2 INVESTMENT ASSETS

All funds which are invested in CCLA Church of England Investment Fund shares.

In all cases, the donations have been made to be retained as a capital fund, but the income is for specific purpose, either General funds, Common Fabric fund or Children's and Youthwork fund.

3 MOVEMENTS IN RESTRICTED FUNDS

The movements in restricted funds during the year were:

	Balance b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance c/fwd
Interest	174	259	(433)	-	-
Hall fund	708	-	(708)	-	-
Heating fund	7,370	6,148	(8,700)	-	4,818
Zoning	2,313	-	(635)	-	1,678
Flowers fund	215	-	(173)	-	42
Hall kitchen grant	-	350	-	-	350
Children's and Youthwork	3,338	290	(839)	-	2,789
Common Fabric fund	2,649	190	(850)	-	1,989
	16,767	**7,237**	**(12,338)**	**-**	**11,666**

All transfers between funds are made with the express permission of the original donor.

Interest accrued on Restricted and Designated funds is not split between the various funds due to its size. Interest accrued will be used as required with the consent of the PCC. In 2023 this was used towards payment of the Parish Share.

The Hall fund represents accumulated donations and expenditure for repairs and maintenance to the Church Hall. In 2023 this was used towards repainting.

The Heating fund represents accumulated donations, grants and expenditure towards renewal of the heating system in the church buildings. We have received £4,014 in individual donations and £2,134 in fundraising activities. The expenditure in the current year relates to the purchase of heaters for the nave of the church.

3 MOVEMENTS IN RESTRICTED FUNDS (continued)

The Zoning fund represents a grant from the Co-Op and expenditure for creating different 'zones' within church to enable different groups to use the building at the same time. Money has been earmarked from this fund to improve the experience of community groups using the church building. The cost in the year relates to improvements to equipment for community use.

The Flowers fund represents accumulated donations and expenditure for the provision of flowers.

The Hall kitchen grant represents a grant received through the MICE scheme from Leeds City Council to contribute towards improving kitchen facilities in the church hall.

The Children's and Youthwork fund represents accumulated donations and expenditure for children's and youthwork activities.

The Common Fabric fund represents accumulated donations and expenditure for repairs and maintenance to church fabric (i.e. building and fittings).

Some donations have a restriction in that they are to be used for any purpose 'except for' certain, specific, purposes. Given the immateriality of these donations, and that general church running costs are well in excess of these donations, they are not separately presented.

4 MOVEMENTS IN DESIGNATED FUNDS

The movements in designated funds during the year were:

	Balance b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance c/fwd
Legacies	11,721	-	(11,721)	-	-
	11,721	**-**	**(11,721)**	**-**	**-**

Funds received as legacies were historically designated by the PCC to be used to finance the ongoing heating project. In 2023, the heating project was re-evaluated and has been almost completed, financed from the heating fund. The PCC approved for the use of the designated fund to pay for the Parish Share request.

5 FURTHER ANALYSIS OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Total unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
RECEIPTS						
a) All other giving/voluntary receipts						
Donations	2,776	-	2,776	4,475	7,251	8,323
	2,776	**-**	**2,776**	**4,475**	**7,251**	**8,323**
b) Activities for generating funds						
Efforts	2,585	-	2,585	2,134	4,719	1,121
Fairs	-	-	-	-	-	364
Coffee mornings	1,087	-	1,087	-	1,087	1,116
Feed in tariff (Solar panels)	2,183	-	2,183	-	2,183	2,060
	5,855	**-**	**5,855**	**2,134**	**7,989**	**4,661**
c) Investment income						
CCLA investments	25	-	25	272	297	154
Interest received	-	-	-	356	356	42
	25	**-**	**25**	**628**	**653**	**196**
d) Church activities						
Fees for weddings and funerals	2,754	-	2,754	-	2,754	1,316
Rent – Office	13,177	-	13,177	-	13,177	8,408
Rent – Hall	6,778	-	6,778	-	6,778	7,053
Rent – Flat	7,605	-	7,605	-	7,605	7,305
Other income	3,620	-	3,620	-	3,620	3,584
	33,934	**-**	**33,934**	**-**	**33,934**	**27,666**
e) Church running expenses						
Church running expenses	9,838	-	9,838	-	9,838	16,566
Church repairs and maintenance	502	-	502	850	1,352	1,271
Upkeep of services	1,995	-	1,995	-	1,995	2,137
Admin and office costs	2,800	-	2,800	-	2,800	2,221
Children's and youthwork costs	-	-	-	839	839	104
	15,135	**-**	**15,135**	**1,689**	**16,824**	**22,299**
f) Hall running expenses						
Hall running expenses	12,667	-	12,667	-	12,667	10,346
Hall and flat maintenance	2,601	-	2,601	707	3,308	2,003
Commission payable	997	-	997	-	997	1,027
	16,265	**-**	**16,265**	**707**	**16,972**	**13,376**

Independent examiner's report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Evangelist, Farsley (charity no 1185811) ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 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

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
- 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: DocuSigned by: Olalekan Olutayo BDE501CC2980406...

Name: Olalekan Olutayo

Address: Shepley Old Hall HD8 8DG

Date: April 18, 2024 | 17:11 BST

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIS

England & Wales - Charity number 1185811

Accounts

Parish Church of St. John the Evangelist, Farsley

Annual Parochial Church Meeting April 16th 2023

PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, FARSLEY
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING – April 16th 2023

Agenda
Election of Churchwardens

1. Opening prayer
2. Appointment of Clerk
3. Minutes (circulated)
4. Election of Churchwardens

Church Council Attendance
2022-2023: 9 monthly meetings were held

Revd. G. Howles

Mr. J. Isaacson		8	(2019)
Mrs. J. Mulligan		7	(2019)
Mrs. E. Sheller		8	(2020)
Mrs. L. Sykes		7	(2021)
Mrs. B. Tuke	D	6	(2019)
Mrs. S. Walker	R	8	(2018)
Mrs. J. Whitaker	C	8	(2018)
Mr. A. Saxton		6	(2020)
Mr. H. Bradley		4	(2021)
Mrs. C. Glover	D	7	(2021)
Mrs. V. Bergin		8	(2021)

C = Churchwarden
D = Deanery Representative
R = Reader

Agenda
Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Minutes (circulated)
2. Electoral Roll
3. Annual Report 2022-2023
4. Fabric, Goods and Ornaments Report
5. Examined Accounts for 2022-2023
   Election of Examiner
6. Reports from Church Committees and Groups:
   - Baby and Toddler Group
   - Bereavement Group
   - The Church Choir
   - Churches Together in Farsley
   - House and Study Groups
   - Parish Office
   - Parish Safeguarding
   - Social events
   - Sunflower Cafe

   Appendix – Associated Reports:
   - Friends of St. John's
7. Elections
   - i 3 PCC members for 3 years
   - ii 2 Deanery Synod Representatives
   - iii. Sidespeople
8. Chairman's remarks
9. Questions and matters of parochial and general church interest.
10. Closing Prayer

List of Sidespeople, all retiring at this meeting

Mrs. N. Bean; Ms. B. Barmforth; Mrs A. Harris; Ms. J. McClusker; Mr.& Mrs. J. Palfreeman; Mr. J. Parry; Mrs. S. Rhodes; Mrs. A. Thornton; Mrs. S. Walker; Mr. J. Wallis.

Please bring this agenda and all other papers relating to the meeting with you.

Notice is hereby given that the newly elected Parochial Church Council will meet for 15 minutes at the end of the APCM for purposes including the election of Officers and allocation of Action Groups

Church of St. John the Evangelist, Farsley

Church of St. John the Evangelist, Farsley

Minutes of the meeting of parishioners held on Sunday 24th April at 11.25am

1. Opening prayer
2. Election of clerk to the APCM- Jill Mulligan, proposed by Lorna Sykes, seconded by Joel Isaacson. All in favour.
3. Nomination for church warden: Alan Saxton was appointed as church warden, proposed by Eileen Sheller and seconded by Janet Whitaker.
4. Gareth expressed his gratitude to Janet Whitaker who is stepping down as church warden. He thanked her for all her hard work and loyal service to St. John's.

Minutes of the APCM held on Sunday 24th April at 11.30am

1. The minutes of the last meeting were approved, all were in favour.
2. Alan asked for an amendment to be made regarding his church council attendance.
3. Electoral role: 66 people on the electoral role at the time of the APCM.
4. Audited accounts: Melvyn Ward has approved the accounts this year but we will need to elect a new examiner for next year. Gareth thanked Joel for all his hard work. Joel is hopeful that we may be able to pay more of the share this year if giving increases. At present we are paying 50%.

Reports and groups

Toddlers and playgroup- we need a new team of volunteers. At the moment we have 3 committed people but we really need a team of 5or 6. We have all the equipment to start up again but need volunteers to make coffee, chat with parents and do craft activities.

Janet said she had given a card to Jo Reilly expressing thanks on behalf of the church for all her work in playgroup. Bev asked if we could present her with something in church as a thank you too. This will be discussed at the next PCC meeting.

Elections

1. Members of the PCC: there are 3 vacancies this time for the PCC.
   Pauline Harding was proposed by Jacqueline Presley and seconded by Christine Glover.
   Janet Whitaker was proposed by Lorna Sykes and seconded by Jennifer Mason and Joel Isaacson was proposed by Howard Bradley and seconded by Eileen Sheller.
2. Deanery Synod Rep: no-one needs nominating.
3. Sides people: a decision was made to defer the nominations of sides people to the PCC meeting. Gareth said how important a job this was, welcoming people into the church and getting to know the congregation.

Chairman's remarks

Gareth wanted to express his thanks to everyone who contributed to the life of the church from those who helped with teas and coffees, the farmer's market and other events such as the Bonfire without bangs and pancake party. Thank you to Shirley who has committed to doing at least 2 services a month and does it to such a high standard. Thanks go to Eileen for playing the organ, picking the music and organising special events such as the Good Friday reflection service.

A big thank you to Joel as treasurer sorting out the church's finances and to Helen for her organisational skills in the office. Thanks also go to James for all your help with the on-line services and church website. Thank you to the PCC members committing to meeting regularly and making decisions and a special thank you to Janet who has worked so hard and always makes sure that everything gets done that needs to be done.

Now Covid restrictions have lifted church is getting back to normal. We need to look forward to the future: Confident Christians, Growing Churches and Transforming Communities.

Gareth's aim is to set up more small groups that will study together and gain in confidence. There will be a Bible course enabling us all to be more confident with our Bibles. We need to grow our church, encourage more people to attend and get to know Jesus. We need to be good at evangelising and provide good social events too. Friday nights in the hall are now free: the first social event is The Vicar' Quiz on Friday 13th May, please invite your family and friends. We need to build on the success of past events.

Look for opportunities to transform our community such as our Sunflower Café and Bereavement Group.

Finances: we will be talking about giving and how we can pay the Parish share.

Gareth expressed his delight at being the vicar at St John's and said what a wonderful place Farsley is to live in. He would really love more young people to come into our church.

Questions concerning matters of a general and parochial interest

Janet asked about the heating- it is in its final stages with the DAC.

A.O.B: Howard expressed how fantastic it was to see the church transforming, he could feel the energy and it was brilliant to see lots more children in church.

The meeting ended with the Grace at 11.55am

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, FARSLEY
Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the year 2022-2023

Administrative information

St. John's is situated at the junction of Town Street and New Street. The correspondence address is: The Parish Office, The Old Vicarage, New Street, Farsley, Pudsey. LS28 5DJ.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a registered charity with the Charity Commission (1185811).

PCC members who have served from April 2022 until the date this report was approved are:

Incumbent: The Revd. Gareth Howles

Churchwardens: Mr. A. Saxton

Elected members:

Mrs J Mulligan – Secretary (2019) **

Mr. J. Isaacson – Treasurer (co-opted 2019) *
Mrs. E. Sheller (2020) **
Mrs. B. Tuke (2019) **
Mr. A. Saxton (2020) *
Mr. H. Bradley (2021) *
Mrs S. Walker - Reader
Mrs. L. Sykes (2021) *
Mrs. C. Glover (2021) *
Mrs. V. Bergin (2021) *

(*First three-year term; **second three-year term)

Bankers: HSBC, 88 Town street, Horsforth, Leeds, West Yorkshire. LS18 4AR
Legal Adviser: Peter Foskett, Lupton Fawcett Denison Till, Yorkshire House, East Parade, Leeds
LS1 5BD
Independent Examiner:

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC. Elected members may serve up to two consecutive terms of three years, prior to standing down for at least one year, before they may stand for re-election. The intention is to provide both continuity and a range of experience to create a fully active committee. In order to carry out its aims and objectives, the PCC operates through a number of smaller groups, which meet, when required, between full PCC meetings.

Objectives and activities

The Revd. Gareth Howles is Priest-in-Charge of St. John's. The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with him in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. (The PCC Powers Measure 1956). Together we are working to develop our objectives in proclaiming the Gospel and serving God, within the Church and the community.

During the past year, the PCC has continued to work to develop and refine the strategies by which our objectives may be achieved. Areas identified as priorities, including church growth, outreach, pastoral care, care, maintenance and development of the church building, ecological issues, community links, and generosity in serving the community have been further explored in PCC meetings, each month.

Achievements and performance

Church Electoral Roll

The number of parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll at the APCM 2022 was 66. Now the current number on the electoral roll is 63.

Alan Saxton- Electoral Roll Officer

FABRIC, GOODS AND ORNAMENTS

Churchyard and Grounds

Leeds City Council Parks & Cemeteries are responsible for the grass cutting, checking the condition of trees and general maintenance. A gardener cares for the memorial garden and makes good this area of the grounds. We also have the support of volunteers from the Friends of Farsley Church, who help keep the grounds looking tidy and colourful.

Church

Service Inspections

The fire-fighting equipment and gas installation certificates are kept up to date, along with the electrical testing of fixed and portable appliances.

Maintenance

Volunteers from the Friends of St. John's, along with Terry Whitaker and Ray Sheller, continue to carry out routine maintenance and replacement tasks within the church. We have had approval from the DAC to replace the heating system in church. The work has been put out to tender and we hope to proceed shortly. Various fundraising activities will take place over the coming months and your support will be appreciated.

The church has been cleaned regularly by Debbie Whitaker for some time but she has left to follow a different path and the church is now cleaned by fresh as a Daisy. We are grateful for Debbie's dedication and service over this period.

Church Hall and Offices

Service Inspections

The electrical, fire and gas installation certificates are kept up to date, along with the fixed and portable appliance testing.

Maintenance

The meeting room, hall and kitchen are now being used regularly by MHA, groups and parties. We would hope to redecorate and replace the heating in the hall in the next few years.

Old Vicarage Flat

Service Inspections

The electrical, fire and gas installation certificates are kept up to date, along with the electrical testing of fixed and portable appliances.

Maintenance

The meeting room, hall and kitchen are being used regularly by MHA, groups and parties. To these can now be added The Baby and Toddler Group which has been restarted and has been well attended. Many thanks to Naomi and Gareth for organizing this and to all those who actively support it. A youth Group has recently been formed and we hope this will expand and will become a rewarding and enjoyable activity for our young people. We hope to hold an event to clean, tidy and spruce up the hall in the near future and hope to have support from the church family and wider community. The longer-term plan is to improve the hall which will include replacing the heating system.

Old vicarage Flat

Service Inspections

The electrical, fire and gas installation certificates are kept up to date.

Letting

The flat continues to be let on an annual basis and we are fortunate to have a good tenant who appreciates the flat.

A. Saxton – Churchwarden

April 2023

Review of the Year

There have been nine full PCC meetings since the last APCM with the Revd. Gareth Howles chairing the meetings. May saw the introduction of sub groups to the PCC consisting of: Pastoral, Worship, Outreach, Discipleship and Children and Youth work. It was decided that these groups would meet monthly and that every other month there would be a full PCC meeting. The Jubilee weekend was a great success. The road was closed for the afternoon, sand art was on offer at church along with refreshments provided kindly by the Friends of St John's, music was also played from the church bells.

On Pentecost Sunday there was a Churches Together service held with music provided by Eileen and the music group.

The heating project was approved by the DAC and we applied for various grants to help with the cost. Lots of the congregation are fundraising by doing sponsored walks and there is a meal planned. We are now waiting for an electrician to become available to carry out the work. Our thanks go to Ray for all his hard work and expertise in bringing the project to fruition and also to The Friends of St John's for their continual fundraising. We also discussed future renovations of the church hall and the possible temporary removal of some pews in church to allow for tables and chairs to offer refreshments after the 10.30 services.

In Autumn we held our annual Bonfire without bangs, which again was a great success. The Friend's of St John's held a brass band concert which was very successful and Gareth provided us with a very enjoyable gin and quiz night. This was great fun and through donations provided a nice contribution to the heating fund.

For Christmas the trees outside church in the grounds were lit up. We held our carol service by candlelight, two popular Christingle services and Midnight mass. The Nativity service was well attended. Thank you to Farsley Fire and Smoke for the delicious sandwiches after the service.

Gareth has continued to build strong links with the local schools and this year Farsley Farfield had a Christingle service in church.

In January we had a lovely Confirmation service at St John's with Bishop Arun.

There was also a music event by Dean freedman which was held in church. St John's were helping the community by hosting the event for another venue.

A lent course was run at the Community Church written and led by Shirley entitled "Athletes for Christ." At Easter there were joint services with Rodley and the Community Church and on Maundy Thursday, good Friday and Easter Sunday the traditional Communion services, hour at the cross, sonrise service followed by breakfast. A new service was introduced once a month in the evening, a Ted service and the Even song service will begin again after Easter.

Farsley farmer's Market is still taking place after many years at St John's. Bev and Ian Tuke are now standing down from running the café after many

years of devoted service. Great thanks go to them both for all their time and hard work over the years. The Farmer's Market are keen to continue with the café in the future if no-one from church can help run it.

It has been a busy year of services, worship, and social events. Many thanks go to our PCC members and to everyone who work for the good of St John's and its community. Your help and support are greatly appreciated.

Jill Mulligan - PCC Secretary

Financial Review 2022

Charity accounts are split between 'Unrestricted' funds (of which some may be 'Designated' for a specific cause) and 'Restricted' funds. Unrestricted funds relate to money the PCC can spend on anything that fulfils the objectives of the church. Restricted funds record donations and expenditure for specific purposes or projects.
Income received from regular and one-off giving has remained increased in 2022 compared to 2021. Seeing an increase in regular giving is something that is really encouraging to the church - as believers, we are called to give our time and our finances to support the work of the church. In 2021 we joined the Parish Giving Scheme, which allows anyone to give to church by direct debit. This remains very popular and we are continuing to see more people giving in this way. This helps the church as it does not incur the charges we have handling cash and enables us to receive gift aid income faster. In order to meet our obligations to the Diocese and our church's running costs, we would always encourage members of the church to think and pray about how much they donate.

Our restricted income increased, most significantly from income (grants and individual donations) received towards the heating project and a one-off contribution to energy costs from the Diocese.

Other income increases have come from rental income and proceeds from events. This is mainly as a result of the church having been open throughout the whole year, compared with the after-effects of Covid in 2021.

Again this year we were disappointed that we were not able to meet the cost of the whole Parish Share. The Parish Share is the contribution that each parish church in the Diocese of Leeds pays to fund the cost of clergy and housing, and other Diocese costs, from mission to administration. We fully intend to pay what we owe, and have presented the unpaid Share as a liability in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. We paid as much as we could whilst maintaining positive unrestricted cash funds.
Our expenditure has increased this year due to an increase in the amount paid on the Parish Share compared with 2021, and the impact of energy costs for the church and the hall. We would expect to see a further increase in these costs in 2023 given the full year impact.

A decision has been made on the design of the new heating system. During 2022 we spent money on further trial infrared heating systems which was

required to obtain the faculty necessary to start work on the system.

As we close the year we are in a similar position than we were at the end of 2021. With £13,045 in total Unrestricted and Designated funds we have enough to continue the work of St John's. We still have to start construction work on the new heating system, which will commence in 2023. This will be a major financial commitment for which we have £7,370 in restricted funds at the end of 2021 and £11,721 in designated funds.

Thank you to all who donate to the church: be it by standing order, online or by cash or card. St John's has been a light to our community over many years, and as we move into a post-Covid world we can see great opportunities to continue to shine God's love. The church is run by people with generously donated time and wonderful talents; this is supported by generosity in giving money.

Reserves policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on Unrestricted funds of roughly £1,500 at the end of each month, after paying the Parish Share to the Diocese. We end the year with £1,324 in reserve, which is just below the reserves policy. We were not able to pay the full Parish Share to the Diocese as noted in the above commentary. We continue to look for ways to minimise our costs and maximise income.

We continue to have two major financial commitments for the future: paying the Share and funding the heating project. Both of these commitments will require the generosity of church members, and our wider community, both in terms of generosity of donations, and generosity of time and ideas in researching grants and fundraising plans.

Joel Isaacson – Treasurer

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Total unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
RECEIPTS							
Voluntary receipts							
Planned giving		21,777	-	21,777	-	21,777	19,059
Collections at services		4,620	-	4,620	-	4,620	4,041
All other giving/Voluntary receipts	5a	3,393	-	3,393	4,930	8,323	7,609
Gift Aid recovered		7,286	-	7,286	86	7,372	5,718
Activities for generating funds	5b	4,628	-	4,628	33	4,661	4,282
Investment income	5c	4	-	4	192	196	128
Church activities	5d	27,666	-	27,666	-	27,666	26,335
TOTAL RECEIPTS		**69,374**	**-**	**69,374**	**5,241**	**74,615**	**67,172**
PAYMENTS							
Church activities							
Diocesan parish contribution (Share)		(36,468)	-	(36,468)	-	(36,468)	(32,980)
Clergy and staffing costs		(6,009)	-	(6,009)	-	(6,009)	(5,095)
Church running expenses	5e	(19,524)	-	(19,524)	(2,775)	(22,299)	(13,996)
Hall running expenses	5f	(11,548)	-	(11,548)	(1,828)	(13,376)	(9,838)
Spending on restricted projects		-	-	-	(2,144)	(2,144)	(4,652)
Cost of generating funds		-	-	-	-	-	(276)
TOTAL PAYMENTS		**(73,549)**	**-**	**(73,549)**	**(6,747)**	**(80,296)**	**(66,837)**
Surplus/(deficit)		**(4,175)**	**-**	**(4,175)**	**(1,506)**	**(5,681)**	**335**
Transfers between funds	3, 4	-	-	-	-	-	-
		(4,175)	**-**	**(4,175)**	**(1,506)**	**(5,681)**	**335**
Cash funds at 1 January		**5,499**	**11,721**	**17,220**	**18,273**	**35,493**	**35,158**
Cash funds at 31 December		**1,324**	**11,721**	**13,045**	**16,767**	**29,812**	**35,493**

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

G. Howles 16/04/2023

Rev Gareth Howles

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Total unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Cash funds							
General account (HSBC)		1,284	11,721	13,005	10,566	23,571	28,788
Cash in hand		41	-	41	215	256	256
Common Fabric fund account (HSBC)		-	-	-	2,649	2,649	3,036
Children's and Youthwork account (HSBC)		-	-	-	3,337	3,337	3,413
		1,325	**11,721**	**13,046**	**16,767**	**29,813**	**35,493**
Investment assets	2						
187.27 CIF shares (Split)		-	-	-	3,866	3,866	4,380
202.00 CIF shares (Common Fabric fund)		-	-	-	4,170	4,170	4,724
Farsley IP (CCLA)		665	-	665	-	665	665
Farsley Stevenson (CCLA)		-	-	-	520	520	520
Farsley Sunday School (CCLA)		-	-	-	1,317	1,317	1,317
Farsley Youth (CCLA)		-	-	-	2,009	2,009	2,009
		665	**-**	**665**	**11,882**	**12,547**	**13,615**
Debtors							
Gift aid receivable (HMRC)		2,309	-	2,309	78	2,387	4,580
Hall and office rental		-	-	-	-	-	4,700
		2,309	**-**	**2,309**	**78**	**2,387**	**9,280**
Liabilities							
Diocese of Leeds – Parish Share		(54,542)	-	(54,542)	-	(54,542)	(37,730)
The Children's Society		(168)	-	(168)	-	(168)	(168)
Other creditors		-	-	-	-	-	(856)
		(54,710)	**-**	**(54,710)**	**-**	**(54,710)**	**(38,754)**
Other assets							
Church (Loss limit insurance value)						11,200,000	11,200,000
Hall (Loss limit insurance value)						2,800,000	2,800,000
						14,000,000	**14,000,000**

G. Howles

16/04/2023

REV GARETH HOWLES

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Independent examiner's report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Evangelist, Farsley (charity no 1185811) ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2022.

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 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;
- 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: DocuSigned by: Olalekan Olutayo BDE501CC2980406...

Name: Olalekan Olutayo

Address: Shepley Old Hall HD8 8 DG

Date: April 9, 2023 | 09:03 BST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

2 INVESTMENT ASSETS

All funds which are invested in CCLA Church of England Investment Fund shares.

In all cases, the donations have been made to be retained as a capital fund, but the income is for specific purpose, either General funds, Common Fabric fund or Children's and Youthwork fund.

3 MOVEMENTS IN RESTRICTED FUNDS

The movements in restricted funds during the year were:

	Balance b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance c/fwd
Interest	144	30	-	-	174
Hall fund	2,536	-	(1,828)	-	708
Heating fund	6,139	2,898	(1,667)	-	7,370
Zoning	2,790	-	(477)	-	2,313
Flowers fund	215	-	-	-	215
Diocese heating contribution	-	2,150	(2,150)	-	-
Children's and Youthwork	3,413	29	(104)	-	3,338
Common Fabric fund	3,036	134	(521)	-	2,649
	18,273	**5,241**	**(6,747)**	**-**	**16,767**

All transfers between funds are made with the express permission of the original donor.

Interest accrued on Restricted and Designated funds is not split between the various funds due to its size. Interest accrued will be used as required with the consent of the PCC.

The Hall fund represents accumulated donations and expenditure for repairs and maintenance to the Church Hall.

The Heating fund represents accumulated donations, grants and expenditure towards renewal of the heating system in the church buildings. We have received £1,098 in individual donations and a £1,800 grant from the Benefact Trust. The expenditure in the current year relates to the purchase of a test wall-mounted infrared heater which was installed to obtain approval for the new heating system from the Diocese of Leeds.

3 MOVEMENTS IN RESTRICTED FUNDS (continued)

The Zoning fund represents a grant from the Co-Op and expenditure for creating different 'zones' within church to enable different groups to use the building at the same time. Money has been earmarked from this fund to improve the experience of community groups using the church building. The cost in the year relates to improvements to the kitchenette and equipment for community use.

The Flowers fund represents accumulated donations and expenditure for the provision of flowers.

The Diocese heating contribution represents a grant received from the Diocese of Leeds to contribute towards rising heating costs.

The Children's and Youthwork fund represents accumulated donations and expenditure for children's and youthwork activities.

The Common Fabric fund represents accumulated donations and expenditure for repairs and maintenance to church fabric (i.e. building and fittings).

4 MOVEMENTS IN DESIGNATED FUNDS

The movements in designated funds during the year were:

	Balance b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance c/fwd
Legacies	11,721	-	-	-	11,721
	11,721	**-**	**-**	**-**	**11,721**

Funds received as legacies have been designated by the PCC to be used to significantly finance the ongoing heating project.

5 FURTHER ANALYSIS OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Total unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
RECEIPTS						
a) All other giving/voluntary receipts						
Donations	3,393	-	3,393	4,930	8,323	7,509
Legacy	-	-	-	-	-	100
	3,393	**-**	**3,393**	**4,930**	**8,323**	**7,609**
b) Activities for generating funds						
Efforts	1,088	-	1,088	33	1,121	579
Fairs	364	-	364	-	364	534
Coffee mornings	1,116	-	1,116	-	1,116	448
Feed in tariff (Solar panels)	2,060	-	2,060	-	2,060	2,721
	4,628	**-**	**4,628**	**33**	**4,661**	**4,282**
c) Investment income						
CCLA investments	4	-	4	150	154	125
Interest received	-	-	-	42	42	3
	4	**-**	**4**	**192**	**196**	**128**
d) Church activities						
Fees for weddings and funerals	1,316	-	1,316	-	1,316	1,884
Rent – Office	8,408	-	8,408	-	8,408	9,331
Rent – Hall	7,053	-	7,053	-	7,053	4,491
Rent – Flat	7,305	-	7,305	-	7,305	7,080
Other income	3,584	-	3,584	-	3,584	3,549
	27,666	**-**	**27,666**	**-**	**27,666**	**26,335**
e) Church running expenses						
Church running expenses	14,416	-	14,416	2,150	16,566	6,906
Church repairs and maintenance	750	-	750	521	1,271	3,285
Upkeep of services	2,137	-	2,137	-	2,137	1,102
Admin and office costs	2,221	-	2,221	-	2,221	2,703
Children's and youthwork costs	-	-	-	104	104	-
	19,524	**-**	**19,524**	**2,775**	**22,299**	**13,996**
f) Hall running expenses						
Hall running expenses	10,346	-	10,346	-	10,346	6,633
Hall and flat maintenance	175	-	175	1,828	2,003	2,319
Commission payable	1,027	-	1,027	-	1,027	886
	11,548	**-**	**11,548**	**1,828**	**13,376**	**9,838**

REPORTS FROM CHURCH COMMITTEES AND GROUPS

Baby and Toddler Group

The group runs termtime from 10-11.30 and we ask for a voluntary contribution of a pound towards refreshments. The sessions are relaxed with freestyle play, refreshments are available throughout the session. There is song time at the end with a mixture of nursery rhymes and bible songs. We try to ensure that we speak to everyone particularly anyone who is new. There are between 25-30 adults with their children and new people come every week. We are nearly at full capacity for the hall so we may need to look at options for the future. We are very grateful for the volunteers who set up and serve refreshments every week. The feedback is that we offer a friendly, welcoming, and relaxed group which is really encouraging. Our aim is to reach out to families and people with young children, building relationships and sharing the Gospel. It is an outreach group with a Christian element ending with a blessing and a prayer at the end.

Children's group at the 10.30 service

During 2022, the children's work at church has been using the church hall as a large space which the children have loved to use to explore, play games and do craft activities during the 10.30am service. All the sessions are grounded in the Bible – following the same readings that are being heard in the main church service. We encourage our children and young people to think about what they are listening to, and have lots of fun putting into action what we have heard!

We have a great group of children attending each week which we thank God for. We now have two groups running at the same time each Sunday – one for younger children (up to Year 4) and one for young people (from Year 5 upwards). We have a dedicated team of leaders and volunteers who give their time to helping our children discover more about who God is and the good news of the Christian faith. We are very grateful for the help of committed volunteers without whom the Sunday School would not be possible. We are aiming to move to three groups in 2023, for which we would need more volunteers.

The children love coming back into the main service and sharing what they have read and created that morning.

As many people who come to Christian faith do so when they are young, we are aiming to grow the Sunday School and reach out to the community. This will be done only with a thorough risk assessment, paying particular attention to health and safety guidelines and ensuring compliance with Diocesan safeguarding policies and DBS requirement.

The Sunday School leaders and volunteers.

Bereavement Support Group

The Bereavement support group meets every 4th Friday of the month at St John's church hall between 11-12 in the lounge. Farsley Bereavement Support Group provides a safe and supportive space to talk for those who have lost someone who is dear to them.

Lorna Sykes

Christmas flyers were produced rather than cards, cheaper to produce and easy to hand out on the evening when the Christmas lights were switched on. The sum of £123.90 was sent to Christian Aid, proceeds from our usual cakes and bric- a- brac stalls in Christian Aid week. A wreath was purchased and laid on behalf of Churches Together at the cenotaph on Armistice Sunday.

Shirley Walker – Churches Together Secretary

Study and House groups

Study Group

We meet once or twice a month for fellowship and bible study. We have recently gone through acts and women of the New Testament and have just started Books of the Bible. We would welcome anyone new. We will be meeting again after Easter.

Janet Whitaker

Study Group

We continue to meet usually in four-week sessions with a break in between. We have looked at Wisdom literature, in particular Ecclesiastes and its relevance for today and what the bible has to say about old age. By contrast we looked at letters to Timothy and Titus. We have a limited amount of space but please ask if you are interested in joining us.

Shirley Walker

Parish Office

The office has been busy with bookings for the hall with parties, MHA use and charities using the hall for their groups. I have been sending out invoices and keeping a check on payments for hall bookings. The filing cabinets is the big job that needs tackling this year. I have been organising quotes for on-going repairs to the church hall, some work has been completed but other jobs are still outstanding. The notice sheet continues to be emailed to those who wish to receive it this way. If you would like to be added to the list phone the office 0113 2566878 or email me helen.whitaker@stjohnsfarsley.org.uk

Helen Whitaker – Parish Office Administrator

Parish Safeguarding/DBS

As the Parish safeguarding officer and DBS administrator, I have to undergo all the safeguarding training and have a DBS check. I will need to repeat my training next year as it is due for renewal. Any PCC member or anyone who helps with young children or vulnerable adults within the church setting needs safeguarding training and a DBS check. A self-declaration form also needs filling in every year. Promoting a safer church- "The care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the life of the church." It is essential that everyone completes the safeguarding training, DBS check and self-declaration forms.

Helen Whitaker – Parish Safeguarding Officer/DBS Administrator

The Church Choir and Music Group

Our small choir continues to lead the church music at weekly morning services. Sadly, due to illness, some of our members find it difficult to sing regularly but they all attend when they feel well enough. I am happy to report that Ruth joined our choir earlier this year, bringing our current number up to six. I am always happy to hear from anyone who would like to add to our number. We value enthusiasm at St John's.

With the assistance of friends, our choir, once again provided the music for our annual service of carols by Candlelight, breaking with tradition in 2022 by holding it on a Saturday- 17th December (to accommodate the world cup final on the following day.) it was well attended and I think well appreciated. My thanks go to all the choir members including those who joined us to augment the sound. Their attendance is always appreciated.

The choir have managed to swell the singing of hymns at three funerals and a wedding lately and have two weddings coming up when the organ and choir have been requested. It is good to see that things do seem to be getting back to normal this year. Thanks to those who joined us to swell the sound even further.

Although we had to curtail Evensong after a couple of attempts as the numbers attending did not make it worthwhile, we do hope to begin again on the third Sunday of each month, beginning this April. We pray that better attendance will ensure the survival of evensong at St Johns.

Sadly, due to various commitments, we are unable to provide a choir during holy week this year but intend to use Stainer's Crucifixion as a meditation. We hope that the congregation will support us and attend as many as possible of the Holy Week services.

My thanks and appreciation go once again to our small but enthusiastic choir. I am sure the congregation sing with more confidence when led by our choir.

Our music group continue to lead the all age services on the third week of each month, when work and home commitments allow. Unfortunately, numbers have been low recently and we would welcome anyone with a musical instrument who feel they could join us once a month to make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Voices are wonderful instruments too!

Eileen Sheller – Organist and Choir leader

Churches Together in Farsley

The small committee continues but unfortunately no-one is keen to take on any of the offices. However, it was good to welcome Reverend Mo, the new minister at the Community Church. She must split her time between four churches as well as ministry training sessions so cannot always meet with us. We have had the usual services together, the AGM, Palm Sunday, Good Friday and the Lent course based on the film " Chocolat." The numbers that attended were small but they enjoyed the course and the discussions. Possibly a change of night might help as Tuesday seems to be a busy night for many people.

Largely, due to benefitting from the Methodist fund offered to the circuit for children and outreach work, we made a very positive contribution to the Queen's Jubilee Weekend when Town street was closed to traffic. Children and their parents enjoyed our sand art station. We offered this free of charge but parents were keen to make donations.

Social events

This year we held a Christmas singalong and bonfire without bangs. Both events were well attended. The farmer's market continues to bring in a steady income each month. Ian and myself are stepping down from running the café this time and unfortunately no one has volunteered to take this commitment on. The Farmer's market has decided that they will continue to run the café rather than it finish altogether.

Bev Tuke

Sunflower Memory Cafe

We started the sunflower memory cafe mostly for people suffering from Alzheimer or Dementia and their carers in February 2016 providing somewhere to come and talk and make friends with people with the same problems. Anybody is welcome to the cafe. It is held every third Saturday of each month from 10 - 12. We have tea, coffee, and toasted teacakes. Most months we have entertainment.

In July this year we took about 26 people to the café at Tong Garden Centre for afternoon tea and had a look round. On the 9th of September we held a beetle drive to raise some money for the café and had a good time. On the 10th December we held the Sunflower café's Christmas party.

Lorna Sykes – Sunflower Memory Cafe Co-ordinator

APPENDIX – ASSOCIATED REPORTS

Friends of St. Johns

Another successful twelve months for the Friends of St. Johns, getting back to normality after Covid. As usual, we have raised money from various events including table top sales, farmer's market, Christmas raffle, heritage event, sponsored wheelchair push/walk and a brass band concert. In January we presented another cheque for £3,000 to the church towards the heating system and we are still fundraising for this. In June we held our Jubilee tea party which was very successful and well attended. We held our Heritage open day in September in the church. This is based on Farsley village and its people and was held as part of the National Heritage open weekend. This was not as well attended as in previous years but this was due in part to the fact it was held a few days before the Queen's funeral. A wonderful array of photographs was provided and displayed. Thanks go to the two Malcolms, Jim and the other helpers. Pudsey civic society brought along an array of books. Allan Hardcastle once again brought along memorabilia. The Friends of Rehoboth cemetery had a stall with literature about their project of clearing and restoring the old Rehoboth cemetery on Coal Hill Lane. In September we also held our sponsored event, but with a difference this time. We had a sponsored wheelchair push and walk. In November we had a very successful brass band concert presented by the West Yorkshire Brass Band; it was very enjoyable. This was sponsored by Nick Taylor in memory of his wife Rachael. We have had three very successful meals for members of the Friends of St Johns and their friends and relatives. These were very well attended. We had a curry night at Deevas, a meal at The Fleece and a Christmas meal at the Fleece. December saw the drawing of the annual Christmas raffle. We continue to have monthly sessions gardening in the churchyard. We also continue to have regular tables at the farmer's markets and table top sales selling bric- a brac and books to help with fundraising.

CAN YOU HELP? We are struggling at present to get enough people to help with the

more physical jobs e. g. setting up and taking down the tables for the farmer's market and table top sales in church and getting out the boxes from the garage for these events. If you or anyone you know can help with these tasks, please see a committee member. You only need to spare half an hour a month. Any help would be greatly appreciated. For the foreseeable future we have had to stop setting up the tables as the majority of the committee are in their 70s and 80s.

Thank you to everyone who helps at our events.

Linda Allen – Chairperson of Friends of St. John's

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIS

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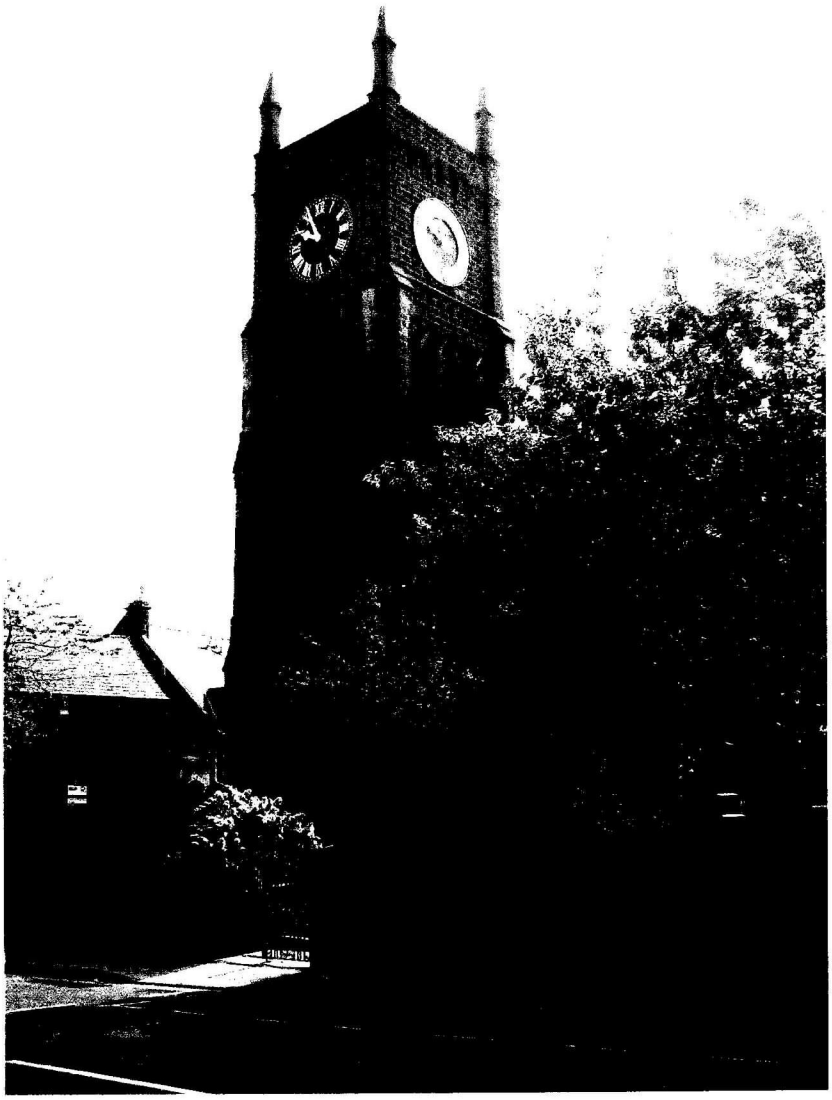
Accounts

Parish Church of St. John the Evangelist, Farsley



Annual Parochial Church Meeting April 24th 2022

PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, FARSLEY
ANNUAL PARISHIAL CHURCH MEETING – April 24th 2022

Agenda
Election of Churchwardens

1. Opening prayer
2. Appointment of Clerk
3. Minutes (circulated)
4. Election of Churchwardens

Church Council Attendance
2021-2022: 11 monthly meetings were held

Revd. G. Howles		11	
Mrs. P. Harding		7	(2019)
Mr. J. Isaacson		9	(2019)
Mrs. J. Mulligan		11	(2019)
Mrs. E. Sheller		10	(2020)
Mrs. L. Sykes		9	(2021)
Mrs. B. Tuke	D	6	(2019)
Mrs. S. Walker	R	9	(2018)
Mrs. J. Whitaker	C	10	(2018)
Mr. A. Saxton			(2020)
Mr. H. Bradley		6	(2021)
Mrs. C. Glover	D	7	(2021)
Mrs. V. Bergin		7	(2021)

C = Churchwarden
D = Deanery Representative
R = Reader

Agenda
Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Minutes (circulated)
2. Electoral Roll
3. Annual Report 2021-2022
4. Fabric, Goods and Ornaments Report
5. Examined Accounts for 2021-2022
   Election of Examiner
6. Reports from Church Committees and Groups:
   - Armley Deanery Synod
   - Bereavement Group
   - Children and Families
   - 10.30 Children's Group
   - The Church Choir
   - The Church in Rodley
   - Churches Together in Farsley
   - Health and Safety
   - House and Study Groups
   - Parish Office
   - Parish Safeguarding
   - Social events
   - Sunflower Cafe

   Appendix – Associated Reports:
   - Friends of St. John's
7. Elections
   - i 3 PCC members for 3 years
   - ii 1 Deanery Synod Representative
   - iii. Sidespeople
8. Chairman's remarks
9. Questions and matters of parochial and general church interest.
10. Closing Prayer

List of Sidespeople, all retiring at this meeting

Mrs. N. Bean; Ms. B. Barmforth; Mrs A. Harris; Ms. J. McClusker; Mr.& Mrs. J. Palfreeman; Mr. J. Parry; Mrs. S. Rhodes; Mrs. A. Thornton; Mrs. S. Walker; Mr. J. Wallis.

Please bring this agenda and all other papers relating to the meeting with you.

Notice is hereby given that the newly elected Parochial Church Council will meet for 15 minutes at the end of the APCM for purposes including the election of Officers and allocation of Action Groups

G. Howles 16/05/22

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, FARSLEY
Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the year 2021-2022

Administrative information

St. John's is situated at the junction of Town Street and New Street. The correspondence address is: The Parish Office, The Old Vicarage, New Street, Farsley, Pudsey. LS28 5DJ.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a registered charity with the Charity Commission (1185811).

PCC members who have served from April 2021 until the date this report was approved are:

Incumbent: The Revd. Gareth Howles

Churchwardens: Mrs. J. Whitaker

Elected members:

Mrs J Mulligan – Secretary (2019) *
Mrs. P. Harding (2019) *
Mr. J. Isaacson – Treasurer (co-opted 2019) *
Mrs. E. Sheller (2020) **
Mrs. B. Tuke (2019) *
*Mr. A. Saxton (2020) **
*Mr. H. Bradley (2021) **
Mrs S. Walker - Reader
Mrs. L. Sykes (2021) *
Mrs. C. Glover (2021) *
Mrs. V. Bergin (2021) *

(*First three-year term; **second three-year term)

Bankers: HSBC, 88 Town street, Horsforth, Leeds, West Yorkshire. LS18 4AR
Legal Adviser: Peter Foskett, Lupton Fawcett Denison Till, Yorkshire House, East Parade, Leeds
LS1 5BD

Independent Examiner: Melvyn Ward

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Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC. Elected members may serve up to two consecutive terms of three years, prior to standing down for at least one year, before they may stand for re-election. The intention is to provide both continuity and a range of experience to create a fully active committee. In order to carry out its aims and objectives, the PCC operates through a number of smaller groups, which meet, when required, between full PCC meetings.

Objectives and activities

The Revd. Gareth Howles is Priest-in-Charge of St. John's. The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with him in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. (The PCC Powers Measure 1956). Together we are working to develop our objectives in proclaiming the Gospel and serving God, within the Church and the community.

During the past year, the PCC has continued to work to develop and refine the strategies by which our objectives may be achieved. Areas identified as priorities, including church growth, outreach, pastoral care, care, maintenance and development of the church building, ecological issues, community links, and generosity in serving the community have been further explored in PCC meetings, each month.

Achievements and performance

Church Electoral Roll

The number of parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll at the APCM 2021 was 67. Since then 2 names have been removed and 1 added so the total for the APCM 2022 is 66.

Alan Saxton- Electoral Roll Officer

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FABRIC, GOODS AND ORNAMENTS

Churchyard and Grounds

Leeds City Council Parks & Cemeteries are responsible for the grass cutting, checking the condition of trees and general maintenance. A gardener looks after the memorial garden and makes good this area of the grounds. We also have the support of volunteers from the Friends of Farsley Church, who help keep the grounds looking tidy and colourful.

Church

Service Inspections

The fire-fighting equipment and gas installation certificates are kept up to date, along with the fixed and portable testing.

Maintenance

Volunteers from the Friends of St. John's, along with Terry Whitaker and Ray Sheller, continue to carry out routine maintenance and replacement tasks within the church. Our replacement heating system for the church has finally been sent to the DAC for approval. We hope to have this installed before next winter.

Church Hall and Offices

Service Inspections

The electrical, fire and gas installation certificates are kept up to date, along with the fixed and portable appliance testing.

Maintenance

The meeting room, hall and kitchen are now being used regularly by MHA, groups and parties. We would hope to redecorate and replace the heating in the hall in the next few years.

Old Vicarage Flat

Service Inspections

The electrical, fire and gas installation certificates are kept up to date, along with the fixed and portable appliance testing.

Letting

The flat continues to be let on an annual basis, through the letting agency Lindley & Simpson. There have been a few minor repairs needed and a new barn door was fitted over the past twelve months.

J. Whitaker – Churchwarden

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Review of the Year

There have been eleven full PCC meetings since the last APCM with the Revd. Gareth Howles chairing the meetings. This year again started with many covid restrictions but as the year progressed it became easier to meet again in church, although singing was not permitted until April when the choir came back into church, and then only the choir were allowed to sing. We continued with our safety measures allowing covid friendly communion to take place and eventually as restrictions were lifted we were all excited to finally be able to sing again in church. Our online services continued for those who were unable to attend church and we continued to support Pudsey Project by collecting and delivering food items.

April saw the appointment of Helen Whitaker as our new parish administrator. She has settled in well, organizing the office and ensuring that everyone is up to date with their safeguarding training. We had a big tidy up and sort out of the parish hall and cellar and welcomed Rose Upton into the parish, joining us from Ridley Hall in Cambridge on placement. She was keen to learn about parish ministry. The parish giving scheme was launched after a presentation from Janet Edmond, a finance advisor from the Diocese.

The final proposal for the new heating system was sent to the DAC for approval. We pray that by winter the new heating system will be approved and installed. Our continued thanks go to Ray Sheller for his time and expertise in order to sort out the best heating solution for St John's. Our gratitude also goes to the Friends of St John's, whose ongoing fundraising activities are vital to the continued upkeep, maintenance and development of our church. Thank you for your hard work and generosity.

In September, we had a lovely visit from Gareth's curacy church in East Morton and Riddlesden, an enjoyable evening was had by.

The Alpha course was well attended at St John's and some of the attendees now attend the main church service. In October we held our harvest festival and harvest supper. It was lovely to be able to hold our bonfire without bangs event which is always well attended by the local community.

At Christmas we enjoyed hosting a carol service by candlelight, two Christingle services, a midnight mass service and communion service on Christmas day. The nativity service was memorable with the added attraction of two donkeys. Thanks go to Farsley Fire and Smoke for providing the delicious sandwiches after the service.

It has been a busy year of services, worship and social events. Many thanks go to Janet Whitaker for all her years as church warden and the invaluable work she has done. Many thanks also go to our PCC members and to all those who work for the good of St John's and its community. Your help and support are greatly appreciated.

Jill Mulligan - PCC Secretary

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St John the Evangelist Church, Farsley

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the St John the Evangelist Church, Farsley for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of St John the Evangelist Church, Farsley 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 St John the Evangelist Church, Farsley 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of St John the Evangelist Church, Farsley as required by section 130 of the Act;
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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:

M. Ward.

Name: Melvyn Ward

Address: 12 Airedale Quay, Rodley, LEEDS, LS13 1NZ

Date: April 14th 2022

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Financial review 2022

Charity accounts are split between 'Unrestricted' funds (of which some may be 'Designated' for a specific cause) and 'Restricted' funds. Unrestricted funds relate to money the PCC can spend on anything that fulfils the objectives of the church. Restricted funds record donations and expenditure for specific purposes or projects.

Financially, 2020 was a difficult year for St. John's, and in 2021 we have seen an improvement. It has been encouraging that our income received from regular and one-off giving has remained similar to 2020. This is indicative that the church continued to receive regular financial support from the congregation and community during the 2020 closures. We would love to see an increase in regular giving - as believers, we are called to give our time and our finances to support the work of the church. In 2021 we joined the Parish Giving Scheme, which allows anyone to give to church by direct debit. This has been popular and we are continuing to see more people giving in this way. This helps the church as it does not incur the same charges we have handling cash and enables us to receive gift aid income faster.

Our restricted income increased, most significantly from a generous donation of £3,000 from the Friends of St. John's.

Other income increases have come from rental income and proceeds from events. We have seen an increase in rental income as the church hall has been open for most of the year, whereas in 2020 the hall was closed for bookings for the majority of the year. We were able in 2021 to have events towards the end of the year, such as a harvest supper, bonfire party and children's 'light' party, and a Christmas fair. This was not possible in 2020.

We had reduced unrestricted expenditure in 2021 compared to 2020. Some of the decrease comes from a £3,000 reduction in the amount paid on the Parish Share. 2020 was the first year in many years that we were not able to pay the full Parish Share in the year that it fell due. We were disappointed that we were not able to meet the cost of this in 2021 too. The Parish Share is the contribution that each parish church in the Diocese of Leeds pays to fund the cost of clergy and housing, and other Diocese costs, from mission to administration. We fully intend to pay what we owe, and have presented the unpaid Share as a liability in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

The main reason for reduced expenditure is from a £9,000 reduction in repairs and maintenance cost (£2,780 of church expenditure is also paid from the restricted Common Fabric Fund in 2021 and £2,250 from the Designated fund in 2020). The reason for the decrease is due to 2020's repairs and maintenance expense being mainly as a result of the quinquennial. Every five years, each church in the Church of England must perform a 'quinquennial', which is a review of the church building by a qualified person to identify repairs and maintenance work. This review identified a number of urgent repairs required to the church building and grounds which took place in 2020.

We have continued to investigate developments in the heating system, and during 2021 have spent money on trial infrared heating systems to understand the most appropriate new system to present to the Diocese in 2022 for approval.

As we close the year we are in a more positive position than we were at the end of 2020. With £17,221 in total Unrestricted and Designated funds we have enough to continue the work of St John's. We still have to start construction work on the new heating system, which is expected to commence in 2022 following approval. This will be a major financial commitment for which we have £6,139 in restricted funds at the end of 2021 and £11,721 in designated funds.

Thank you to all who donate to the church: be it by standing order, online or by cash or card. St John's has been a beacon of hope to our community in the past year and the money we have invested this year in moving church online, and shoring up the building for future generations of use could not have happened without your generous support.

Reserves policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on Unrestricted funds of roughly £1,500 at the end of each month, after paying the Parish Share to the Diocese. We end the year with £5,500 in reserve, which is just below the reserves policy (the 2021 share was £53,285 which equates to £4,440 per month – in 2022 this increases to £4,489 per month). We were not able to pay the full Parish Share to the Diocese as noted in the above commentary. We continue to look for ways to minimise our costs and maximise income.

We continue to have two major financial commitments for the future: paying the Share and funding the heating project. Both of these commitments will require the generosity of church members, and our wider community, both in terms of generosity of donations, and generosity of time and ideas in researching grants and fundraising plans. 2022 offers a fresh start and we look forward to continuing to meet together in person again, worshipping and serving our community and each other.

Joel Isaacson – Treasurer

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Total unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
RECEIPTS							
Voluntary receipts							
Planned giving		19,059	-	19,059	-	19,059	20,441
Collections at services		4,041	-	4,041	-	4,041	5,130
All other giving/Voluntary receipts	5a	3,965	100	4,065	3,544	7,609	5,061
Gift Aid recovered		5,563	-	5,563	155	5,718	4,261
Activities for generating funds	5b	4,282	-	4,282	-	4,282	1,872
Investment income	5c	1	-	1	127	128	177
Church activities	5d	26,335	-	26,335	-	26,335	18,659
TOTAL RECEIPTS		**63,246**	**100**	**63,346**	**3,826**	**67,172**	**55,601**
PAYMENTS							
Church activities							
Diocesan parish contribution (Share)		(32,980)	-	(32,980)	-	(32,980)	(35,860)
Clergy and staffing costs		(5,095)	-	(5,095)	-	(5,095)	(3,434)
Church running expenses	5e	(11,216)	-	(11,216)	(2,780)	(13,996)	(23,364)
Hall running expenses	5f	(9,264)	-	(9,264)	(574)	(9,838)	(10,197)
Spending on restricted projects		-	-	-	(4,652)	(4,652)	(1,656)
Cost of generating funds		(276)	-	(276)	-	(276)	(422)
TOTAL PAYMENTS		**(58,831)**	**-**	**(58,977)**	**(8,006)**	**(66,837)**	**(74,933)**
Surplus/(deficit)		**4,415**	**100**	**4,515**	**(4,180)**	**335**	**(19,332)**
Transfers between funds	3, 4	(70)	-	(70)	70	-	-
		4,345	**100**	**4,445**	**(4,110)**	**335**	**(19,332)**
Cash funds at 1 January		**1,154**	**11,621**	**12,775**	**22,383**	**35,158**	**54,490**
Cash funds at 31 December		**5,499**	**11,721**	**17,220**	**18,273**	**35,493**	**35,158**

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Total unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Cash funds							
General account (HSBC)		5,458	11,721	17,179	11,609	28,788	28,315
Cash in hand		41	-	41	215	256	214
Common Fabric fund account (HSBC)		-	-	-	3,036	3,036	2,625
Children's and Youthwork account (HSBC)		-	-	-	3,413	3,413	4,004
		5,499	**11,621**	**17,220**	**18,273**	**35,493**	**35,158**
Investment assets	2						
187.27 CIF shares (Split)		-	-	-	4,380	4,380	3,829
202.00 CIF shares (Common Fabric fund)		-	-	-	4,724	4,724	4,130
Farsley IP (CCLA)		665	-	665	-	665	665
Farsley Stevenson (CCLA)		-	-	-	520	520	520
Farsley Sunday School (CCLA)		-	-	-	1,317	1,317	1,317
Farsley Youth (CCLA)		-	-	-	2,009	2,009	2,009
		665	**-**	**665**	**12,950**	**13,615**	**12,471**
Debtors							
Gift aid receivable (HMRC)		4,500	-	4,500	80	4,580	2,580
Hall and office rental		4,700	-	4,700	-	4,700	2,300
		9,200	**-**	**9,200**	**80**	**9,280**	**4,880**
Liabilities							
Diocese of Leeds – Parish Share		(37,730)	-	(37,730)	-	(37,730)	(17,425)
The Children's Society		(168)	-	(168)	-	(168)	-
Other creditors		(856)	-	(856)	-	(856)	(1,568)
		(38,754)	**-**	**(38,754)**	**-**	**(38,754)**	**(18,993)**
Other assets							
Church (Loss limit insurance value)						11,200,000	11,200,000
Hall (Loss limit insurance value)						2,800,000	2,800,000
						14,000,000	**14,000,000**

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

2 INVESTMENT ASSETS

All funds which are invested in CCLA Church of England Investment Fund shares.

In all cases, the donations have been made to be retained as a capital fund, but the income is for specific purpose, either General funds, Common Fabric fund or Children's and Youthwork fund.

3 MOVEMENTS IN RESTRICTED FUNDS

The movements in restricted funds during the year were:

	Balance b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance c/fwd
Interest	142	2	-	-	144
Hall fund	3,110	-	(574)	-	2,536
Organ fund	-	250	(250)	-	-
Heating fund	9,497	449	(3,807)	-	6,139
Zoning	2,790	-	-	-	2,790
Flowers fund	215	-	-	-	215
Children's and Youthwork	4,004	4	(595)	-	3,413
Common Fabric fund	2,625	3,121	(2,780)	70	3,036
	22,383	**3,826**	**(8,005)**	**70**	**18,273**

All transfers between funds are made with the express permission of the original donor.

Interest accrued on Restricted and Designated funds is not split between the various funds due to its size. Interest accrued will be used as required with the consent of the PCC.

The Hall fund represents accumulated donations and expenditure for repairs and maintenance to the Church Hall.

The Organ fund represents accumulated donations and expenditure for repairs and service of the organ.

The Heating fund represents accumulated donations, grants and expenditure towards renewal of the heating system in the church buildings. The expenditure in the current year relates to the purchase of test infrared heaters which are required to be in place for approval from the Diocese of Leeds.

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3 MOVEMENTS IN RESTRICTED FUNDS (continued)

The Zoning fund represents a grant from the Co-Op and expenditure for creating different 'zones' within church to enable different groups to use the building at the same time. Money has been earmarked from this fund to improve the experience of community groups using the church building.

The Flowers fund represents accumulated donations and expenditure for the provision of flowers.

The Children's and Youthwork fund represents accumulated donations and expenditure for children's and youthwork activities.

The Common Fabric fund represents accumulated donations and expenditure for repairs and maintenance to church fabric (i.e. building and fittings).

4 MOVEMENTS IN DESIGNATED FUNDS

The movements in designated funds during the year were:

	Balance b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance c/fwd
Legacies	11,621	100	-	-	11,721
	11,621	**100**	**-**	**-**	**11,721**

Funds received as legacies have been designated by the PCC to be used to significantly finance the ongoing heating project.

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5 FURTHER ANALYSIS OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Total unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
RECEIPTS						
a) All other giving/voluntary receipts						
Donations	3,965	-	3,965	3,544	7,509	3,561
Legacy	-	100	100	-	100	1,500
	3,965	**100**	**4,065**	**3,544**	**7,609**	**5,061**
b) Activities for generating funds						
Efforts	579	-	579	-	579	415
Fairs	534	-	534	-	534	-
Coffee mornings	448	-	448	-	448	381
Feed in tariff (Solar panels)	2,721	-	2,721	-	2,721	1,076
	4,282	**-**	**4,282**	**-**	**4,282**	**1,872**
c) Investment income						
CCLA investments	1	-	1	124	125	141
Interest received	-	-	-	3	3	36
	1	**-**	**1**	**127**	**128**	**177**
d) Church activities						
Fees for weddings and funerals	1,884	-	1,884	-	1,884	2,528
Rent – Office	9,331	-	9,331	-	9,331	3,105
Rent – Hall	4,491	-	4,491	-	4,491	2,494
Rent – Flat	7,080	-	7,080	-	7,080	7,035
Other income	3,549	-	3,549	-	3,549	3,498
	26,335	**-**	**26,335**	**-**	**26,335**	**18,660**
e) Church running expenses						
Church running expenses	6,906	-	6,906	-	6,906	6,448
Church repairs and maintenance	505	-	505	2,780	3,285	9,967
Upkeep of services	1,102	-	1,102	-	1,102	1,603
Admin and office costs	2,703	-	2,703	-	2,703	2,484
Church contribution to ongoing projects	-	-	-	-	-	2,629
Children's and youthwork costs	-	-	-	-	-	234
	11,216	**-**	**11,216**	**2,780**	**13,996**	**23,365**
f) Hall running expenses						
Hall running expenses	6,633	-	6,633	-	6,633	6,088
Hall and flat maintenance	1,745	-	1,745	574	2,319	3,229
Commission payable	886	-	886	-	886	880
	9,264	**-**	**9,264**	**574**	**9,838**	**10,197**

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REPORTS FROM CHURCH COMMITTEES AND GROUPS
Armley Deanery Synod

Bev Tuke - Deanery Synod Representative

The first face to face synod was held a few months ago. There was a presentation from the new deanery secretary who hopes to unite everyone in the Leeds area this year. The aim is to get back into a normal routine of regular Deanery Synod meetings.

Bereavement Support Group

Farsley bereavement support group, due to covid, have had to change their date and time over the last few months back to the fourth Friday morning of the month at St John's church hall. We restarted the group again on the 24th of September 2021 at St John's church hall in the lounge between 11-12. Farsley bereavement support group is a safe and supportive space to talk for those who have lost someone who is dear to them.

Lorna Sykes

Children and Families- ABC church

ABC has fulfilled its major aim: to introduce very young children (and their grownups) to church and then hopefully integrate them into the 10.30 service. We have a number of children who now attend the main church service who began their church journey attending ABC. We were unable, due to covid restrictions in 2020 and 2021, to recruit new members to ABC. As a result of this, ABC did not reopen after restrictions were lifted. The children's services are developing in other areas within the main church service.

Bev Tuke - ABC Co-ordinator

Children's group at the 10.30 service

For the first half of 2021, the Sunday school was still meeting online, with a half hour group involving singing, a Bible reading and a craft activity. We had around seven regular attendees. From the summer, we were excited to start meeting again in person and have been enjoying using the church hall as a large space which the children have loved to use to explore, play games and do craft activities during the 10.30 service. All the sessions are grounded in the Bible – following the same readings that are being heard in the main church service. We encourage our children and young people to think about what they are listening to, and have lots of fun putting into action what they have heard. The group of regular attending children have grown to around twenty children a week, which we thank god for. As a result, we now have two groups running at the same time each Sunday- (one for younger children up to year four) and one for young people (from year five onwards). We have a dedicated team of leaders and volunteers (and would always appreciate more), who give their time to helping our children discover more about who God is and the good news of the Christian faith. We are very grateful for the help of committed volunteers without whom the Sunday School would not be possible. The children love coming back into the main service to share what they have read and created that morning. As many people who come to the Christian faith do so when they are young, we are aiming to grow the Sunday school and reach out into the community. This will be done only

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with a thorough risk assessment, paying particular attention to health and safety guidelines and ensuring compliance with Diocesan safeguarding policies and DBS requirements.

The Sunday School leaders and volunteers

The Church Choir

Well, after another year of erratic and unusual services, due to the effect of the pandemic, I am happy to report that our small but willing choir is now able to rehearse and sing at services as normal. Last Easter we were unable to sing anything Easter related but, by Christmas, with the help of outside singers, we were able to put on a candlelight carol service with a choir of seventeen (originally twenty four but depleted due to choir members, or their family contracting covid). The congregation numbers were down on previous years for all the Christmas services, but very much enjoyed by those who were able to join us. This Easter we are joined by friends once again to perform a "Come and Sing" meditation on Handel's Messiah and Cross of Christ on Good Friday, when a choir of eighteen will swell the sound.
Many thanks to all the choir members, and those who sing with us when they are able. I'm sure the congregation sing with more confidence when led by our choir.

Eileen Sheller – Organist and Choir leader

The Church in Rodley

We started the year with an Anglican church service on January 3rd but then had to cease worship until Sunday April 4th when Mrs. Shirley Walker led our Easter Sunday service and thankfully we have continued with our services for the rest of the year.
Our hall users also had to cease meeting in January but some restarted in April using various restrictions. We gradually got back to normal in early September. We welcomed back the ladies' group, craft class and playgroup along with the DYB explorer scout section and Leeds city council used our premises as a polling station in May.
We were sad to host the funeral of Marian Houseman in early January and we also lost another of our long-standing members, Florence Priestley later in the year.
We were happy to have two baptisms in July and we have had several "local arrangement" services during the year, which seem to have been well received by everyone.
Church council meetings restarted in August after a long absence. Services with restricted communion commenced mid-year and we still continue with this at present. A harvest festival was held in September, a toy service in November and a Christingle and nativity in December. Many of our members attended the Remembrance Day service which was held at the Rodley park memorial.
We are grateful to Mrs. Shirley walker for taking many services at Rodley and for many other local people who helped during her absence.

Brian Thornton - Rodley Church

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Churches Together in Farsley

Along with other organisations we were not able to meet last year as covid restrictions still applied, not only in our worship but also in finding suitable spaces in our buildings for committee meetings. As far as possible communications were maintained between the three churches. John Proctor laid a wreath on our behalf at the cenotaph on Armistice Sunday and a very nice Christmas card was designed and produced for distributing to as many residencies as possible within the community. As ever it is the distribution process which seems to fall on fewer and fewer willing or able people; several cards were left behind this year. We were able to have our AGM and are starting to think about how we can continue to work together in Christian witness for Farsley and Rodley.

Shirley Walker - Churches Together Secretary

Health and Safety

This year, the PCC has continued to be vigilant in applying the existing health and safety procedures and ensuring that any new developments are risk-assessed and added to our policies. Our comprehensive policy document and risk assessments are available, on request from Bev Tuke or from the church warden.

Bev Tuke - Health and Safety Representative

Study and House groups

Cursillo

We have only met a couple of times this year so far but are looking forward to when we can meet regularly, to encourage and support one another through prayer, study and action.

Study Group

Eileen, Nicola and myself have been able to continue our study of Acts through zoom meetings. We welcome anyone wishing to join us and look forward to meeting together again in the near future.

Janet Whitaker

Wednesday Night Home Group

The aim of the Wednesday night home group is to have a space to meet together as friends and think about the Christian faith each week. Throughout 2021, we have enjoyed meeting up again, as previously in 2020, we met online when lockdown began. We have varied the structure each week but have always included praying together for one another, the world and the church. We have done short bible studies and discussed aspects of the Christian faith.

We have also enjoyed meeting socially and celebrating together with a garden party and Christmas party.

2020 was a challenging year, and in many ways 2021 had its own challenges too but it has been great to continue to meet together. We warmly welcome anyone who would like to come along and join us.

Joel and Vicky Isaacson

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Parish Office

I have now been in the job a year and the office is busy with lots of bookings to hire the hall and the groups that already use our facilities. I have sent out booking invoices for the hiring of the hall, ensuring that payments are on time. I have enjoyed organising the office but there is still more to do, like tackling the filing cabinets. I answer the phones and emails about booking enquires, building works in the hall, church and flat, organise the appointments for Gareth's "vicar's hour", compile the notice sheet plus various other jobs that need doing in the day to day running of the office.
The notice sheet is ongoing and if you need anything adding to it please let me know either by telephoning 0113 2566878 or by email helen.whitaker@stjohnsfarsley.org.uk
If you wish to receive the notice sheet by email please let me know.

Helen Whitaker – Parish Office Administrator

Parish Safeguarding/DBS

Anyone that volunteers now have to have DBS checks and must take part in safeguarding training. I have gone through the church groups bringing them up to date with training and checks that need to be completed. I need all volunteers to complete their training and checks as soon as possible. I have had to take part and do several training courses myself in order to facilitate my role. If you are wanting to volunteer please let me know so I can pass on the relevant information and help you undergo the correct training.

Helen Whitaker – Parish Safeguarding Officer/DBS Administrator

Social events

Since covid restrictions have diminished, more social events have been able to take place. We have had a Harvest supper, Christmas Fair and pancake day event for the children. These events were well attended and provide a great opportunity to introduce people to our church community. The farmer's market cafe is run by church members for church and is now making a small profit each month. We will be holding a Spring fair in 2022 and taking part in the village Jubilee celebrations in June 2022.

Bev Tuke

Sunflower Memory Cafe

We started the sunflower memory cafe mostly for people suffering from Alzheimer or Dementia and their carers in February 2016 providing somewhere to come and talk and make friends with people with the same problems. Anybody is welcome to the cafe. It is held every third Saturday of each month from 10 - 12. We have tea, coffee and toasted teacakes. Most months we have entertainment.

This year we have only been able to hold three sunflower cafes, the first on the 17th of September, due to covid. It was lovely to see some old friends again and to meet some new ones. In December, we held the sunflower Christmas party; fun was had by all. Next year we are hoping to have some new activities and go on some new outings.

Lorna Sykes – Sunflower Memory Cafe Co-ordinator

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APPENDIX – ASSOCIATED REPORTS

Friends of St. John

It has been quite a successful twelve months for the Friends of St John's, but not as busy as in previous years due to covid restrictions. We are hopefully now getting back to normal. As usual, we have raised money from various events including table top sales, farmer's markets, Christmas raffle, the Heritage event and sponsored walks. In November we presented a cheque for £3,000 to the church towards the heating system and we are currently still fundraising for this. A Heritage walk booklet, previously produced, is still selling well and we have also been selling our annual calendar, which this year has been based on photographs of Farsley in the past. In September, we held our heritage open day in the church which is based on Farsley village and its people and this was held as part of the national Heritage open weekend. This year again was very well attended. A wonderful array of photographs was provided and displayed by the two Malcolms, Jim and other helpers. Pusey Civic Society brought along an array of books. Allan Hardcastle, once again, brought along memorabilia, but this time his theme was World War two fire service artefacts. The Friends of Rehoboth cemetery had a stall with literature about their project of clearing and restoring the old Rehoboth cemetery on Coal Hill lane. We also held our annual sponsored walk in September. The annual brass band concert and raffle were cancelled due to covid restrictions. December saw the drawing of our annual Christmas raffle. We paid £349.20 for the church organ repairing. We continue to have monthly gardening sessions in the churchyard. We also continue to have regular tables at the farmer's markets and table top sales selling bric-a-brac and books to help with fundraising. Thank you to everyone who helps at our events.

Linda Allen – Chairperson of Friends of St. John's

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIS

England & Wales - Charity number 1185811

Accounts

Parish Church of St. John the Evangelist, Farsley

Annual Parochial Church Meeting April 18th 2021

PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, FARSLEY
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING – April 18th 2021

Agenda
Election of Churchwardens

1. Opening prayer
2. Appointment of Clerk
3. Minutes (circulated)
4. Election of Churchwardens

Church Council Attendance

2020-2021: 8 monthly meetings were held

Revd. S. McWhinney		4	
Mr. C. Glenn (co-opted)		8	(2019)
Mrs. P. Harding		3	(2019)
Mr. J. Isaacson (co-opted)		7	(2019)
Mrs. J. Mulligan		6	(2019)
Mrs. E. Sheller		8	(2020)
Mrs. L. Sykes	C	8	(2018)
Mrs. B. Tuke	D	6	(2019)
Mrs. S. Walker	R	7	(2020)
Ms. H. Whitaker		8	(2018)
Mrs. J. Whitaker	C	8	(2018)
Mr. A. Saxton		2	(2020)
Mr. H. Bradley (co-opted)		2	(2020)
Revd. G. Howles		1	

C = Churchwarden
D = Deanery Representative
R = Reader

Agenda
Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Minutes (circulated)
2. Electoral Roll
3. Annual Report 2020-2021
4. Fabric, Goods and Ornaments Report
5. Examined Accounts for 2020-2021
   Election of Examiner
6. Reports from Church Committees and Groups:
   - Armley Deanery Synod
   - Bereavement Group
   - Children and Families
   - 10.30 Children's Group
   - The Church Choir
   - The Church in Rodley
   - Churches Together in Farsley
   - Farsley Parents and Toddlers
   - Health and Safety
   - House and Study Groups
   - Parish Office
   - Parish Safeguarding
   - Sunflower Cafe

   Appendix – Associated Reports:
   - Friends of St. John's
7. Elections
   i 3 PCC members for 3 years
   ii 1 Deanery Synod Representatives
   iii. Sidespeople
8. Chairman's remarks
9. Questions and matters of parochial and general church interest.
10. Closing Prayer

List of Sidespeople, all retiring at this meeting

Mrs. N. Bean; Ms. B. Barmforth; Mrs A. Harris; Ms. J. McClusker; Mr.& Mrs. J. Palfreeman; Mr. J. Parry; Mrs. S. Rhodes; Mrs. A. Thornton; Mrs. S. Walker; Mr. J. Wallis.

Please bring this agenda and all other papers relating to the meeting with you.

Notice is hereby given that the newly elected Parochial Church Council will meet for 15 minutes at the end of the APCM for purposes including the election of Officers and allocation of Action Groups

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, FARSLEY

Minutes of the meeting of parishioners held on Sunday 18th October at 2pm.

Meeting to elect churchwardens

1. Opening Prayer

2. Election of clerk to the APCM – Jill Mulligan. Proposed Janet Whitaker; seconded Lorna Sykes. All in favour.

3. Election of church wardens – Janet Whitaker and Lorna Sykes re-elected until May. All in favour. Shirley expressed her gratitude to them both for all their hard work.

Minutes of the APCM held on Sunday 18th October at 2pm.

1.Janet asked if anyone had any queries about last year's minutes. Eileen Sheller proposed that the minutes were accurate, Lorna Sykes seconded and everyone was in favour.

2. Electoral Role: Malane Pickard reported that there were currently 68 names on the electoral role, previously there were 71.

3. Annual report 2019-2020 has been prepared and distributed.

4.Fabric, Goods and Ornaments report – Janet expressed thanks to Friends of St Johns for all their help and support.

5. Audited accounts: Melvyn Ward approved the accounts. Joel explained that 2019 had been a good year financially. There was lots of backdated gift aid and a legacy. 2020 is different as there are no hall bookings and very few weddings so our income is lower. We now have some new utility providers so we have made some savings. We are paying half the share at the moment but the aim is to increase that when we can. Joel asked everyone to pray about their giving.

1. Reports: Children's services- ABC is continuing on zoom at 9.30 and Sunday School on zoom at 10.30.
   House and Study groups – the groups are meeting on zoom and by telephone.
   Sunflower Café- the group are still unable to meet at the moment.
   The Bereavement group will hopefully meet up in the new year.
   The Farmer's market is back up and running on the 4th Saturday.
   There is the possibility of some indoor stalls but no café.
   Churches Together- we are hoping to work with them in the future.

2. Elections:

   (i) Members of the PCC: There were three vacancies for the PCC for three years. Meetings are usually held on the first Monday of every month, except in August. Three nominations have been received. Eileen Sheller, Alan Saxton and Shirley Walker were appropriately proposed and seconded and duly elected. Howard Bradley was co-opted to the PCC. The Deanery Synod representative is Bev Tuke; Shirley Walker shared this role but is now stepping down.

   (ii) Mike and Lesley retired from the PCC. Thanks, were expressed to Mike and Lesley for their hard work and contribution to the PCC.

   (iii) All Sidespersons officially 'retire' at this meeting- there is no role at the moment so there will be no elections.

3. Chairman's Remarks: Janet began by saying that Lorna and herself were not planning to stand for election as Church wardens next year as it had been such a difficult year. She said it would be lovely if someone volunteered and then could shadow them and learn the role. Next year should be easier as we will have a new vicar and a new parish administrator.
   Janet went on to thank everyone for their support and she thanked Shirley for her work as a Deanery Synod representative.
   Janet expressed her thanks to Revd Sue McWhinney for all her support and said how lost we would have been without her help. She went on to express her thanks to James Webster for all his hard work with the online services.
4. Vacancy Update- There were 10 applicants for the post. Gareth Howles was appointed and will be joining us on the 3rd of December. His first service will be on the 6th of December. We are all looking forward to welcoming him.
5. The vicarage is in use at the moment- 3 young people, interns are getting a taste of church life and receiving training.
6. Progress in Developing the Church Building- the heating project has been put on hold during lockdown. Ray Sheller is kindly looking at the possibility of using infrared heating. Our current heating is not working well, Lorna is trying to sort something out as a temporary measure for the heating. We have £9,000 saved towards the heating; we will need to do some fundraising.
7. Bev Tuke expressed a great big thank you to Janet and Lorna for all their hard work this year and especially for all the love shown to the older members of the congregation.

Questions Concerning Matters of General and Parochial Interest: This is an opportunity for anyone to ask questions or raise issues. **Q:** Would coffee mornings begin again?
A. These would still go ahead on zoom.

8. AOB: There was no other business.

9. The meeting closed with prayer at 5.20 pm

Signed_____ 2020

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, FARSLEY
Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the year 2019-2020

Administrative information

St. John's is situated at the junction of Town Street and New Street. The correspondence address is: The Parish Office, The Old Vicarage, New Street, Farsley, Pudsey. LS28 5DJ.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a registered charity with the Charity Commission (1185811).

PCC members who have served from April 2019 until the date this report was approved are:

Incumbent: The Revd. Paul Tudge until retirement on January 24th 2020.
The Revd. Gareth Howles was licensed on 3rd December 2020.

Churchwardens: Mrs. L. Sykes
Mrs. J. Whitaker

Representative to the Deanery Synod: Mrs. B. Tuke

Elected members:

Mrs J Mulligan – Secretary (2019) *
Mrs. P. Harding (2019) *
Mr. J. Isaacson – Treasurer (co-opted 2019) *
Mrs. E. Sheller (2020) **
Mrs. B Tuke (2019) *
Ms. H. Whitaker (2018) **
*Mr. C. Glenn (co-opted2019) **
*Mr. A. Saxton (2020) **
Mr. H. Bradley (co-opted 2020)
Mrs S. Walker – Reader (2020)

(*First three-year term; **second three-year term)

Bankers: HSBC, 88 Town street, Horsforth, Leeds, West Yorkshire. LS18 4AR
Legal Adviser: Peter Foskett, Lupton Fawcett Denison Till, Yorkshire House, East Parade, Leeds
LS1 5BD

Independent Examiner: Melvyn Ward

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC. Elected members may serve up to two consecutive terms of three years, prior to standing down for at least one year, before they may stand for re-election. The intention is to provide both continuity and a range of experience to create a fully active committee. In order to carry out its aims and objectives, the PCC operates through a number of smaller groups, which meet, when required, between full PCC meetings.

Objectives and activities

From December 6th 2020, the Revd. Gareth Howles has been Priest-in-Charge of St. John's. On December 3rd 2020 he was inducted as vicar. The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with him in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. (The PCC Powers Measure 1956). Together we are working to develop our objectives in proclaiming the Gospel and serving God, within the Church and the community.

During the past year, the PCC has continued to work to develop and refine the strategies by which our objectives may be achieved. Areas identified as priorities, including church growth, outreach, pastoral care, care, maintenance and development of the church building, ecological issues, community links, and generosity in serving the community have been further explored in PCC meetings, each month.

Achievements and performance

Church Electoral Roll

The number of parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll at the APCM 2020 was 71. Since then 4 names have been removed, so the total for the APCM 2021 is 67.

Malane Pickard - Electoral Roll Officer

FABRIC, GOODS AND ORNAMENTS

Churchyard and Grounds

Leeds City Council Parks & Cemeteries are responsible for the grass cutting, checking the condition of trees and general maintenance. A gardener looks after the memorial garden and makes good this area of the grounds. We also have the support of volunteers from the Friends of Farsley Church and Choq, who help keep the grounds looking tidy and colourful.

Church

Service Inspections

The fire-fighting equipment and gas installation certificates have been obtained.

Maintenance

Volunteers from the Friends of St. John's continue to carry out routine maintenance and replacement tasks within the church. We are investigating the replacement of the heating in the church building.

Church Hall and Offices

Service Inspections

The annual gas, electrical and fire certificates were issued, following inspections.

Maintenance

The meeting room, hall and kitchen continue to be used by the MHA, Farsley. We have only been able to offer the hall for AA meetings during the Pandemic therefore reducing the uses of both hall and Church. We would hope to replace the heating in the hall and redecorate in the future.

Old Vicarage Flat

Service Inspections

The annual gas, electrical and fire certificates were issued, following inspections.

Letting

The first floor flat continues to be let for a further twelve months.

L. Sykes and J. Whitaker – Churchwardens

April 2021

Review of the Year

There have been eight full PCC meetings since the last APCM with the Revd. Paul Tudge taking the first two and church warden Janet Whitaker chairing the rest, mostly through zoom. The church wardens have met with Sue McWhinney during the year to discuss on-line services.

St John's has seen a year of real change. Paul Tudge retired after many years at St John's and Covid 19 struck closing the church, something that no one could have envisaged. The church wardens with the help of the PCC and Sue McWhinney had to lead the church services. The wardens soon learned to be inventive and resourceful, delivering the clergy letter and notice sheets and other goodies. James Webster was an invaluable member of the church team editing and helping to produce the on-line services along with Sue McWhinney. The Easter services had to be cancelled and the APCM in March was rescheduled until October; all the PCC members continued until the next APCM. New safety measures were put in place allowing the church to open up for private prayer and then Covid friendly communion. The on-line services also continued. We were pleased to be able to support the Pudsey Project by opening up the hall and collecting food items and also laptops, this was a real community effort and everyone pulled together.

Our heating party has continued to research and investigate the replacement of the current heating system with something more efficient, economical and environmentally friendly. We are trialing a system at present in the side chapel. Our continued gratitude and thanks go to Ray Sheller for all his time, expertise and guidance in order to sort out the best solution for our heating. Our gratitude also goes to the Friends of St John's for their on-going fundraising activities which are vital to the continued upkeep, maintenance and development of our beautiful church. Thank you for your hard work and generosity.

We are hugely grateful to Paul and the Tudge family for everything they have done during their time at St John's. They will be sadly missed but we wish them every happiness in their new home and in this next chapter of their life.

We welcomed Gareth Howles and his family in December. Although things were very different at Christmas it was wonderful to enjoy some Christmas services. St John's were able to offer an on-line Christingle service, a drive-in carol service and services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Gareth and his family eventually moved into the vicarage and we look forward to his ministry with us in the years to come.

In spite of everything that the year has thrown at us, prayer, worship, pastoral outreach and giving has taken place. The pandemic has made us all think differently.

Many thanks go to Lesley Gibbens for all her years as PCC secretary and to Mike for all his years as treasurer. Special thanks go to the church wardens for all their invaluable work this year and to Sue McWhinney and James Webster for their continued support and contributions.

Many thanks too to all our PCC members and to all those who work for the good of St John's, your help and support are greatly appreciated.

Jill Mulligan - PCC Secretary

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St John the Evangelist Church, Farsley

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the St John the Evangelist Church, Farsley for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of St John the Evangelist Church, Farsley 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 St John the Evangelist Church, Farsley 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of St John the Evangelist Church, Farsley as required by section 130 of the Act;
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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:

M. Ward.

Name: Melvyn Ward

Address: 12 Airedale Quay, Rodley, LEEDS, LS13 1NZ

Date: 22nd March 2021

Financial review 2020

Charity accounts are split between 'Unrestricted' funds (of which some may be 'Designated' for a specific cause) and 'Restricted' funds. Unrestricted funds relate to money the PCC can spend on anything that fulfils the objectives of the church. Restricted funds record donations and expenditure for specific purposes or projects.

Financially, 2020 was a difficult year for St. John's with the church closed for much of the year, fewer events and the temporary closure of the hall due to lockdown restrictions, we saw a reduction in all our income streams.

2019 was an unusual year in terms of income as we received a legacy of £10,000 and a catch up of gift aid funding totalling around £18,000. So, comparatively it was unlikely that we would meet income levels of last year.

We had lower costs in comparison to previous years as running costs reduced due to less usage of the buildings and our staffing costs reduced. However, this was the first year in many years that we were not able to pay the full Parish Share in the year that it fell due. The Parish Share is the contribution that each parish church in the Diocese of Leeds pays to fund the cost of clergy and housing, and other Diocese costs, from mission to administration. We fully intend to pay what we owe, and have presented the unpaid Share as a liability in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Every five years, each church in the Church of England must perform a 'quinquennial', which is a review of the church building by a qualified person to identify repairs and maintenance work. This review identified a number of urgent repairs required to the church building and grounds which took place in 2020 - the cost of the quinquennial and works for 2020 account for around £6,950 of the £9,967 (2019: £2,264) church repairs. This was partially funded via a £200 grant from borough of Pudsey charity.

As we close the year we are in a more difficult position than we were at the end of 2019. However, with £12,775 in total Unrestricted and Designated funds we have enough to continue the work of St John's. We still have to start building work on the heating project, though this is expected to commence in 2021. This will be a major financial commitment.

Despite the difficulties of 2020 it has been encouraging to see continued donations to the church throughout this time. Thank you to all who donate to the church: be it by standing order, online or by cash or card. St John's has been a beacon of hope to our community in the past year and the money we have invested this year in moving church online, and shoring up the building for future generations of use could not have happened without your generous support.

Reserves policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on Unrestricted funds of roughly £1,500 at the end of each calendar month, after paying the Parish Share to the Diocese. Previous years' financial reports have expressed the desire to increase this balance to nearer £4,000, to have enough to pay the following month's Parish Share in reserve. We end the year with £1,154 in reserve, which is below the reserves policy. As noted in the Financial Review, the reason for the balance in the Unrestricted Funds not meeting this target is mainly due to the reduction in income. We were not able to pay the full Parish Share to the Diocese as noted in the above commentary.

2021 brings hope that we will again be able to meet up together, as a church, as we have done in the past. We have two major financial commitments for the future: paying the Share and funding the heating project. Both of these commitments will require the generosity of church members, and our wider community, both in terms of generosity of donations, and generosity of time and ideas in researching grants and fundraising plans.

Joel Isaacson – Treasurer

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Total unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
RECEIPTS							
Voluntary receipts							
Planned giving		20,441	-	20,441	-	20,441	27,656
Collections at services		5,130	-	5,130	-	5,130	8,061
All other giving/Voluntary receipts	5a	2,597	1,500	4,097	964	5,061	26,490
Gift Aid recovered		4,098	-	4,098	163	4,261	26,079
Activities for generating funds	5b	1,872	-	1,872	-	1,872	8,773
Investment income	5c	4	-	4	173	177	193
Church activities	5d	18,659	-	18,659	-	18,659	29,458
TOTAL RECEIPTS		**52,801**	**1,500**	**54,301**	**1,300**	**55,601**	**126,710**
PAYMENTS							
Church activities							
Diocesan parish contribution (Share)		(35,860)	-	(35,860)	-	(35,860)	(50,830)
Clergy and staffing costs		(3,434)	-	(3,434)	-	(3,434)	(5,446)
Church running expenses	5e	(18,251)	(4,879)	(23,130)	(234)	(23,364)	(18,626)
Hall running expenses	5f	(10,197)	-	(10,197)	-	(10,197)	(14,918)
Spending on restricted projects		-	-	-	(1,656)	(1,656)	(5,725)
Cost of generating funds		(422)	-	(422)	-	(422)	(1,780)
TOTAL PAYMENTS		**(68,164)**	**(4,879)**	**(73,043)**	**(1,890)**	**(74,933)**	**(97,325)**
Surplus/(deficit)		**(15,363)**	**(3,379)**	**(18,741)**	**(590)**	**(19,332)**	**29,385**
Transfers between funds	3, 4	-	-	-	-	-	-
		(15,363)	**(3,379)**	**(18,741)**	**(590)**	**(19,332)**	**29,385**
Cash funds at 1 January		**16,517**	**15,000**	**31,517**	**22,973**	**54,490**	**22,142**
Restatement		-	-	-	-	-	2,963
Cash funds at 31 December		**1,154**	**11,621**	**12,775**	**22,383**	**35,158**	**54,490**

The Unrestricted cash funds balance were restated in the prior period to correct cash funds available as at 1 January 2019.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Total unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
							Cash funds
General account (HSBC)		1,113	11,621	12,734	15,581	28,315	47,993
Cash in hand		41	-	41	173	214	345
Common Fabric fund account (HSBC)		-	-	-	2,625	2,625	2,504
Children's and Youthwork account (HSBC)		-	-	-	4,004	4,004	4,214
		1,154	**11,621**	**12,775**	**22,383**	**35,158**	**55,056**
Investment assets	2						
187.27 CIF shares (Split)		-	-	-	3,829	3,829	3,582
202.00 CIF shares (Common Fabric fund)		-	-	-	4,130	4,130	3,863
Farsley IP (CCLA)		665	-	665	-	665	665
Farsley Stevenson (CCLA)		-	-	-	520	520	520
Farsley Sunday School (CCLA)		-	-	-	1,317	1,317	1,317
Farsley Youth (CCLA)		-	-	-	2,009	2,009	2,009
		665	**-**	**665**	**11,805**	**12,470**	**11,956**
Debtors							
Gift aid receivable (HMRC)		2,500	-	2,500	80	2,580	2,613
Hall and office rental		2,300	-	2,300	-	2,300	553
		4,800	**-**	**4,800**	**80**	**4,880**	**3,166**
Liabilities							
Diocese of Leeds – Parish Share		(17,425)	-	(17,425)	-	(17,425)	-
The Children's Society		-	-	-	-	-	(394)
Other creditors		(1,568)	-	(1,568)	-	(1,568)	(1,194)
		(18,993)	**-**	**(18,993)**	**-**	**(18,993)**	**(1,588)**
Other assets							
Church (Loss limit insurance value)						11,200,000	11,200,000
Hall (Loss limit insurance value)						2,800,000	2,800,000
						14,000,000	**14,000,000**

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

2 INVESTMENT ASSETS

All funds which are invested in CCLA Church of England Investment Fund shares.

In all cases, the donations have been made to be retained as a capital fund, but the income is for specific purpose, either General funds, Common Fabric fund or Children's and Youthwork fund.

3 MOVEMENTS IN RESTRICTED FUNDS

The movements in restricted funds during the year were:

	Balance b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance c/fwd
Interest	113	29	-	-	142
Hall fund	3,037	73	-	-	3,110
Organ fund	115	-	(115)	-	-
Heating fund	9,107	811	(421)	-	9,497
Zoning	3,210	-	(420)	-	2,790
Church Tower (Repainting)	500	-	(500)	-	-
Front steps repair	-	200	(200)	-	-
Flowers fund	173	42	-	-	215
Children's and Youthwork	4,215	23	(234)	-	4,004
Common Fabric fund	2,503	122	-	-	2,625
	22,973	**1,300**	**(1,890)**	**-**	**22,383**

All transfers between funds are made with the express permission of the original donor.

Interest accrued on Restricted and Designated funds is not split between the various funds due to its size. Interest accrued will be used as required with the consent of the PCC.

The Hall fund represents accumulated donations and expenditure for repairs and maintenance to the Church Hall.

The Organ fund represents accumulated donations and expenditure for repairs and service of the organ.

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3 MOVEMENTS IN RESTRICTED FUNDS (continued)

The Heating fund represents accumulated donations, grants and expenditure towards renewal of the heating system in the church buildings.

The Zoning fund represents a grant from the Co-Op and expenditure for creating different 'zones' within church to enable different groups to use the building at the same time.

The Church Tower (Repainting) fund represents a grant from Borough of Pudsey Charity for the repainting of the interior of the tower.

The Front steps repair fund represents a grant from Borough of Pudsey Charity for repair to the front steps to the church.

The Flowers fund represents accumulated donations and expenditure for the provision of flowers.

The Children's and Youthwork fund represents accumulated donations and expenditure for children's and youthwork activities.

The Common Fabric fund represents accumulated donations and expenditure for repairs and maintenance to church fabric (i.e. building and fittings).

4 MOVEMENTS IN DESIGNATED FUNDS

The movements in designated funds during the year were:

	Balance b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance c/fwd
Legacies	15,000	1,500	(4,879)	-	11,621
	15,000	**1,500**	**(4,879)**	**-**	**11,621**

Funds received as legacies have been designated by the PCC to be used to partly finance the ongoing heating project, and have been used in 2020 to finance additional works required to the kitchenette at the back of church and roofing works performed as a result of the 2020 quinquennial review.

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5 FURTHER ANALYSIS OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Total unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
RECEIPTS						
a) All other giving/voluntary receipts						
Donations	2,597	-	2,597	964	3,561	16,490
Legacy	-	1,500	1,500	-	1,500	10,000
	2,597	**1,500**	**4,097**	**964**	**5,061**	**26,490**
b) Activities for generating funds						
Photocopying	-	-	-	-	-	210
Efforts	415	-	415	-	415	3,820
Fairs	-	-	-	-	-	965
Coffee mornings	381	-	381	-	381	1,722
Feed in tariff (Solar panels)	1,076	-	1,076	-	1,076	2,056
	1,872	**-**	**1,872**	**-**	**1,872**	**8,773**
c) Investment income						
CCLA investments	4	-	4	137	141	145
Interest received	-	-	-	36	36	48
	4	**-**	**4**	**173**	**177**	**193**
d) Church activities						
Fees for weddings and funerals	2,528	-	2,528	-	2,528	4,318
Rent – Office	3,105	-	3,105	-	3,105	8,507
Rent – Hall	2,494	-	2,494	-	2,494	5,710
Rent – Flat	7,035	-	7,035	-	7,035	6,900
Other income	3,497	-	3,498	-	3,498	4,023
	18,659	**-**	**18,659**	**-**	**18,659**	**29,458**
e) Church running expenses						
Church running expenses	6,448	-	6,448	-	6,448	8,459
Church repairs and maintenance	7,716	2,250	9,967	-	9,967	2,264
Upkeep of services	1,603	-	1,603	-	1,603	2,187
Admin and office costs	2,484	-	2,484	-	2,484	4,989
Church contribution to ongoing projects	-	2,629	-	-	2,629	-
Children's and youthwork costs	-	-	-	234	234	727
	18,251	**4,879**	**23,130**	**234**	**23,364**	**18,626**
f) Hall running expenses						
Hall running expenses	6,088	-	6,088	-	6,088	10,869
Hall and flat maintenance	3,229	-	3,229	-	3,229	3,185
Commission payable	880	-	880	-	880	864
	10,197	**-**	**10,197**	**-**	**10,197**	**14,918**

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REPORTS FROM CHURCH COMMITTEES AND GROUPS

Armley Deanery Synod

Due to lockdown there were very few meetings and the majority were on zoom.

Bev Tuke - Deanery Synod Representative

Bereavement Support Group

We held the last Bereavement Support Group on February 28th 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Shortly after this the country went into lockdown.

We are hoping to open up again in the near future in the church hall on the first Tuesday afternoon of each month.

Lorna Sykes

Children and Families

ABC church is a thirty-minute Sunday service aimed at pre-schoolers. This has continued via zoom throughout the Covid pandemic. Details on how to attend are published on the church website and on the church notice sheet. Attendance has been consistent with an average of five families attending weekly. There is a core of nine families at present. The group hopes to expand when lockdown comes to an end.

The service has a regular order and content using a beginner's bible, there are craft activities, music and song which is organised and delivered by a couple of mums. Thanks go to Cat and Louise. The same programme has been used for the past three years since the group began so it may be time to rethink and refresh the material.

I would like to take this opportunity to gratefully thank all the parents for their leadership and participation, particularly through lockdown. ABC church is a team effort involving all members contributing to the production and delivery of the service.

Bev Tuke - ABC Co-ordinator

Children's group at the 10.30 service

Our children's group has continued to evolve throughout 2020. Through the first quarter of the year it was well attended with thirteen regularly present. It is run by a group of able volunteers who look to their own faith for guidance as well as using resources such as Roots, to plan the sessions. Activities were varied from singing and dancing to exploring the church and its grounds. Following each session, the children would present their morning's learning to the congregation. The team are very grateful for the help of committed volunteers, who assisted with the group, without whom it would not have been possible.

Shortly after lockdown began an on-line Sunday School was launched. Leaders continued to use Roots to inform their planning. The sessions involve singing, a Bible reading and a craft activity. They have been well received and numbers have started to increase with seven regular attenders.

As most people who come to Christian faith do so when they are young, we are aiming to bring Sunday School back into the church in order to reach out to the community. This will be done only with a thorough risk assessment, paying particular attention to Covid19 guidelines and ensuring compliance with Diocesan safeguarding policies and DBS requirement.

Joel & Vicky Isaacson, Charles & Jo Glenn, Cat Carroll, Helen Whitaker, Margaret Marsden and Sarah Young.

The Church Choir

Sadly, due to the pandemic, our choir has been unable to meet much during the past year. The lockdown started just before Easter and lasted until late Summer when we were able to open our doors once more to a small, socially distanced choir which numbered up to seven at some services. We even managed a choir of fourteen for a one-off rehearsal and recording of some well-loved Christmas carols and songs. These were made use of in church services, on-line services and at the drive-in carol service which took place in Go Outdoors's car park on the Sunday before Christmas. Thank you to all who managed to attend the recording which proved to be a great success and thank you to Gareth for organizing what was to be his first outdoor event at the car park. A bit of a baptism of fire but it was welcomed by church and non-church members as the start of what was to be a very strange Christmas period. Sadly, lockdown arrived once more in January and the choir have been unable to sing for us again. My thanks to Janet and Naomi for agreeing to sing on-line. We now have a small collection of recorded music which we can use until we can get back to some sort of normality. I look forward to that time with hope and I pray that it will not be too long before we can get back to singing at morning services and choral evensong once a month.

Eileen Sheller - Choir Leader and Organist

The Church in Rodley

What a year, nothing any of us could have expected due to the Coronavirus pandemic. It started well, if sadly, with a farewell to Rev. Paul Tudge, Rosie and family early in January. Then all went to plan until March 22nd (our Mothering Sunday service) and the last for months following Government lockdown.

In between January and March, we attended the United Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at Farsley Community Church, we raised £176.76 for Water Aid via the "Jars of Change" project and shared in the Lent group at St John's, Farsley. In the interregnum the Rev. Sue McWhinney was a great help at Rodley in the absence of a vicar.

Following the lifting of the lockdown, we restarted Sunday services on September 27th under strict distancing and cleanliness regulations, with no singing. We did manage to have some sort of Harvest with a donation going to St George's Crypt. We had to close down again from November 8th until a second re-opening on December 6th.

The December 6th service marked the first service at Rodley led by the new vicar, the Rev. Gareth Howles but After December 28th we had to close for a third time. During this time, we are very grateful to those volunteers who gave time and energy to ensuring we complied to all the new rules.

On a final note, our finances have seriously depleted, our income is only 45% of the previous year's income. We are praying that we can return to normal by mid-2021.

Brian Thornton - Rodley Church

Churches Together in Farsley

It has been difficult to communicate with the Community Church over the past year with regard to when the church was open and whether any meetings were possible. We have not been able to share any services over the Easter period or for Christian Aid week. Hopefully with Gareth's arrival and the improved health of the nation better times will lay ahead.

Shirley Walker - Churches Together Secretary

Farsley Parents and Toddlers

Attendance

The number of families attending was good when we started the January term but very gradually reduced. This could be as a result of growing concerns over Covid 19. The sessions were cancelled on Monday 16th March.

Activities

We held a bake sale ahead of Chinese New Year and raised sufficient funds to renew the Toddler's annual Hope Pastures' pony adoption and to donate £20 to Denim4Dementia, the committee's chosen charity.

Fundraising

The photo session was booked for 17th March but could not good ahead so we unfortunately missed out on any commission for this.

Committee

Committee members all took it in turns to help in the kitchen when ever Eileen or Sue were unable to join us. A new team will have to be sought in readiness for re-opening. The committee have discussed waiting until September to reopen and have discussed a possible visit to a park over the Summer.

Jo Reilly - Group Leader.

Health and Safety

This year, the PCC has continued to be vigilant in applying the existing health and safety procedures and ensuring that any new developments are risk-assessed and added to our policies. Our comprehensive policy document and risk assessments are available, on request from Bev Tuke or from the church wardens.

Bev Tuke - Health and Safety Representative

Study and House groups

Cursillo

Cursillo is a movement of the Church, providing a method by which Christians are empowered to grow through prayer, study and action, and enabled to share God's love with everyone. Unfortunately, we have not been able to meet since the first lockdown. Not all of us have access to on-line meetings. We are looking forward to being able to get together again, share our experiences and support each other going forward.

Eileen's Study Group

We have been able to meet via zoom on alternate Tuesday evenings and have been looking at the book of Acts and Women of the New Testament. There are just three of us, Eileen, Nicola and myself but we welcome anyone wishing to join us. Hopefully we can start meeting together again in the near future.

Janet Whitaker – on behalf of Cursillo and Eileen's study group

Wednesday Night Home Group

The aim of the Wednesday night home group is to have a space to meet together as friends and think about the Christian faith each week. Throughout 2020, as a group we met almost every week. This changed from meeting in person to meeting on-line when lockdown began. We have varied the structure each week but have always included praying together for one another, the world and the church. We have discussed the previous Sunday's sermons, looked closely at bible passages and followed some short-structured courses.

We had a number of socials over zoom, from the obligatory zoom quiz to meeting up on-line for Sunday lunch.

It has been a challenging year but it has been great to continue to meet together. We warmly welcome anyone who would like to come along and join us.

Joel and Vicky Isaacson

Shirley's House Group

Since the first lockdown the Marsden Court house group has not met. The majority of members are not comfortable with zoom technology and some have been shielding. I have kept in touch with members and they have valued receiving the weekly newsletter and clergy letter via Lorna.

Shirley Walker - on behalf of Shirley's House Group

Parish Office

At the end of February this year, Nancy Walsh, our Parish office assistant left after thirteen years with the Parish. We will miss her and wish her well in the future.

In March with no parish office assistant and Covid 19 we decided to temporarily close the parish office and divide the jobs between members of the PCC. Emails to the office were diverted to the church warden's emails to deal with any enquires and the office phone was diverted to my home phone for the same reason.

I would like to thank Helen Whitaker for taking on the role of preparing the weekly notice sheet and keeping everyone informed of the on-line services, dial-in coffee and prayers and any other notices that needed to be sent out.

Lorna Sykes – Church Warden on behalf of the Parish Office

Parish Safeguarding

At the beginning of 2020 we were fully up to date with all the specific requirements set in place to cover safeguarding. All leaders of activities at St John's were vetted nationally or completed voluntary assurances of their suitability for the role undertaken. The national lockdown in March brought a halt to face to face activities, church services, children's groups and activities in the church hall. This created a group of vulnerable people forced to isolate, limiting their social contact with friends and relatives.

Thankfully those with knowledge and technical equipment soon established methods of meeting on-line via zoom, pre-recorded services and telephone links. Everything was done in accordance with safeguarding guidelines to protect children and vulnerable adults. The ABC and children's groups were particularly good at keeping in touch. The situation was expected to last for a few months but unfortunately is still with us although we are gradually re-opening our buildings. We need to stay vigilant for those with limited access to the outside world as these are the ones that continue to be the most vulnerable.

Pauline Harding - PCC Safeguarding Officer

Sunflower Memory Café

We started the Sunflower Memory Café mostly for people suffering from Alzheimer or dementia and their carers in February 2016 providing somewhere to come and talk and make friends with people with the same problems. Anybody is welcome to the café. The café is held every third Saturday of each month from 10 to 12. We have tea, coffee and toasted teacakes. The attendance is about twenty-five to thirty each month.

Due to Covid 19 we have not been able to hold a café since February 2020. We are looking forward to opening up the Sunflower memory Café in spring or summer 2021 and seeing all our old friends and making some new ones.

Lorna Sykes – Sunflower Memory Café Co-ordinator

APPENDIX – ASSOCIATED REPORTS

Friends of St. John

Firstly, on behalf of the Friends of St. John's, I would like to welcome Gareth to St John's. I hope by now he and his family are settling in ok. I look forward to us being able to work together when times get back to some sort of normality. Not the most successful year to report, no table top sales, brass band concert or Heritage days and only a couple of farmers markets. On the positive side we have managed to retain our membership numbers which we are very pleased about. We also had a successful sponsored walk in September from which we managed to raise over £200.

Looking forward, we are hoping to start our table top sales again in June and our book store at the farmers market as soon as possible. We have also got plans for a Heritage walk, Heritage Day, sponsored walk, brass band concert and a 2022 calendar. We are also hoping to be in a position shortly to donate towards the church heating project.

Our gardening team have managed to keep going, observing lockdown rules and looking after the churchyard.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all who have been touched by Covid.

Malcolm Rushworth - Secretary of Friends of St. John's