

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

Rev. 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)
Rev. 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.
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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-opted 2019) *
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:



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.

C. Hawks 18/4/21

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

C. H. H. H.

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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.

G. Hewitt 18/4/21

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

P. Harte

18/4/21

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 go 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