

**Parish Church of
St. John the Evangelist, Farsley**



**Annual Parochial Church
Meeting
April 16th 2023**

PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, FARSLEY
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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

Rev. 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

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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 5 or 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 Foscett, 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 Friends 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, sunrise 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

Rev GARETH HOWLES

16/04/2023

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:  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