

**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

Rev. 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

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Church

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 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:  BDE501CC2580406...

Name: Olalekan Olutayo

Address: Shepley Old Hall HD8 8DG

Date: April 18, 2024 | 17:11 BST