

Vicar's Report

"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth." This year at St. Mary's with Holy Apostles has taught me much about the way that God creates growth within his kingdom. As a PCC this last year, we set three values on which to build a vision for the church. We agreed that we should FOLLOW JESUS, GROW COMMUNITIES, and SHARE THE GOOD NEWS.

Now you might think this a basic vision to hold forth, but a lot of prayer and discussion has gone into those values and every church will have a vision that varies according to the context of ministry, the parish, and the people but also the calling that God places on the community. Our calling is very much to be a church of Word and Spirit. We demonstrate that in our preaching, in allowing the space for the Holy Spirit to be with his people. Events like Gram Seed are also times when we have been encouraged to share the good news and see commitments made to Jesus. Perhaps this is like Paul who planted a good seed in the ground.

Recently church members challenged us to become intentionally prayerful. Since advent, we have prayed corporately several times a week and had seasonal events to dig a little deeper and develop our life of prayer. During Lent, we did this brilliant course on unanswered prayer, which was an exploration of how we stick in there with the greater

purposes of God. Our global mission network is committed to praying each month at Dulverton Hall for all our overseas links. Our house groups have grown personal discipleship in this last year, connecting with sermon themes. At Not Home Alone, there is a real sense that ministry among our older folk is deepening. We have seen from the testimony of Rich, recently we expect healing and forgiveness to flow because we are following Jesus. In many, respects these ministries are watering the seeds sown elsewhere.

In Church ministry, it is such an easy mistake to think that by doing things, then the church will grow. God is teaching me over this period that it is only God that brings growth to the church. Only him! We try and kid ourselves that we should import this new programme or that great idea. Folks only God gives the growth. This is why we pray; we sit at Jesus' feet listening to his word and await the gifting of his Holy Spirit to lead us in the way he desires. Quite literally, to FOLLOW JESUS, means we follow Jesus, not just say that, and still do our own thing.

Where is my evidence? Well this last year, the Lord Jesus has astounded me. After consolidating the church's changes, which was a period of holding tight the reins, God showed me that I needed to let them go, not just a bit, but a lot. Creating the space for the Holy Spirit to move among us was essential

for the church to grow. As I let go, so too God grew the church. 6 months ago, three of us were struggling to keep the 1030 worship together, now we have a worship group of many people, with different gifts and instruments. Encounter church continues to put down the foundation under Jake and Hannah, and several folks came to know Jesus at Church@Rainbow. At long last we now have an active ministry within Friarage School as Jake and our volunteers take assemblies and run after-school clubs there. Little lights toddler group on a Monday will soon run out of room in the Auborough Room. Anglican churches are meant to be steady and reliable, not exciting places! But our church is dynamic, God is bringing new people each week. Our midweek communion is now hitting double figures again and the 9 am service is gradually gaining strength. Our Sunday average attendance rose from 117 to 123 over the year and for that to happen over 52 Sunday's things must have grown considerably. Paul says, "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth."

Inevitably, life is not straightforward. Alongside our seasons of growth, we sadly recognise those moments when other seeds fall to the ground. We are supporting Angela in the huge loss of Alan, and as a church, we will deeply miss his gifts and ministry. The shock of Clive and Pat Brooks, and Ruth Penny who were longstanding members here

are further examples of the 'giving and taking away' experienced in church ministry. Even the Civic Ministry so long a part of this church is changing. Scarborough Borough Council has ended and with it 5 years of responsibility as Chaplain to the mayor and lots of pastoral work with the council members. Out of the blue, we were approached by Big Ideas by the Sea, which is an environmental, arts and historical festival and it was so successful here that the team have asked that St. Mary's become the hub for 2023. May will be an action-packed month to watch out for and any help with hospitality to make this work will be gladly received. Again, as one ministry ends, I have been asked to chaplain the Royal British Legion, which will connect so many other areas of our church's outreach. Over the last year, Arleen has developed a Christian Chaplaincy at the hospice and with that, both a bereavement service and a carol service were added to our ministry here, along with growing a new network of relationships with hospice staff and management. This adds to the deep pastoral work happening at the Rainbow Centre as Jo Lakin takes over as CEO there, alongside the army of fundraisers, pastoral visiting and prayer ministry, our wonderful bells team, and our hospitality that goes on quietly in the background. So things are not static, but growth has more than one dimension.

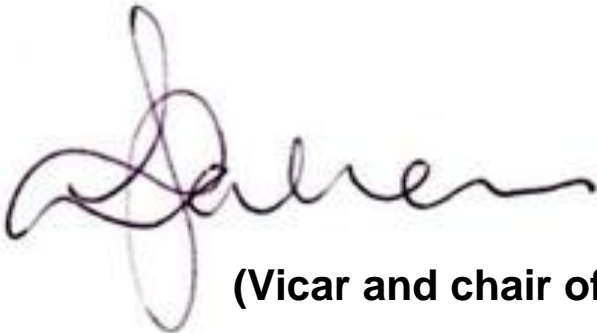
As we FOLLOW JESUS, GROW COMMUNITIES, and SHARE THE GOOD NEWS, there are several plans that we are starting to shape. We want to start a prayer and praise evening on one Sunday a month. We would like to begin a teenage ministry at church. We need to provide another Sunday afternoon service for those who find 9 am too early and miss taking communion. The PCC has made a commitment to environmental responsibility and CNZ30 and we will need to find a champion to drive that campaign, particularly in buildings that are so energy hungry. This is set against large projects to repair the tower roof, restore the clock face, reset the weathervane, repair two fallen walls, and eventually emplace a new noticeboard.

Seeking to Follow Jesus, Grow Communities, and share the good news, needs everyone to contribute. It will need generosity at every level from our time to our finances, to our prayer life, to the courage of speaking about Jesus, to joining in new ministries that open. This year at St. Mary's with Holy Apostles God has taught me new things about the way that God creates growth within his kingdom. "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth."

**The PCC of St Mary's with Holy Apostles
Scarborough**

**Financial Statements for the year ended
31st December 2022**

Approved by the PCC

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'J. Allen', is positioned above the title '(Vicar and chair of the PCC)'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

(Vicar and chair of the PCC)

Date Friday, 07 April 2023

Parochial Church Council of St Mary with Holy Apostles, Scarborough
Charity Number 1186990
Independent Examiners Report Year Ended 31 December 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31 December 2022.

As the Charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of the examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention 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, or
- The accounts did not accord with the accounting records, or
- The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Approved by:



Date

13/03/2023

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Christopher Mattinson FCCA

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For the year ending 31st December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Incoming Resources					
Voluntary income	2a	71,738	8,722	80,459	89,597
Activities for generating funds	2b	43,277		43,277	41,070
Income from investments	2c	419		419	35
Income from Church Activities	2d	20,456		20,456	21,136
Other incoming Resources	2e	3,390		3,390	550
Not Home Alone	2e		2,071	2,071	
2020 Syrian Refugee fund	8b		100	100	
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		139,279	10,893	150,172	152,388
Resources Expended					
Church Activities	3a	113,479	11,770	125,249	122,588
Fund Raising costs	3b	6,275		6,275	2,444
Staff Costs	4	21,684		21,684	17,378
Other costs	5		936	936	409
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		141,438	12,706	154,144	142,819
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS & LOSSES		-2,159	-1,813	-3,972	9,569
Transfers Between funds		-5,760	5,760		
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		-7,919	3,947	-3,972	9,569
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD 1 JANUARY 2022		126,125	22,661	148,786	139,216
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD 31 DECEMBER 2022		118,206	26,608	144,814	148,785

2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestrict ed funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
2a Voluntary income				
Planned giving:				
Donations	50,639	2,525	53,163	56,263
Tax Recoverable	11,739	183	11,922	12,130
Other				
Collections (open plate)	7,226		7,226	6,365
Gifts	1,334	1,015	2,348	3,590
Legacies	800		800	5,500
Grants		5,000	5,000	5,750
	71,738	8,722	80,459	89,598
2b Activities for generating funds				
Hospitality & sales stand	6,815		6,815	249
Car Parking	36,462		36,462	40,821
Other				
	43,277		43,277	41,070
2c Income from investments				
Dividends & Interest	419		419	35
2d Income from Church Activities				
Property income	15,622		15,622	16,274
Fees	4,834		4,834	4,862
	20,456		20,456	21,136
2e Other incoming Resources	3,390		3,390	550
Not Home Alone		2,071	2,071	
8b Syrian refugee fund		100	100	
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	139,279	10,893	150,172	152,389

	Unrestrict ed funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 £	2021 £
3 RESOURCES EXPENDED				
3a Church Activities				
Mission giving		6,098	6,098	5,000
Free Will Giving	67,000		67,000	62,500
Other Ministry Costs	7,348	2,774	10,122	14,744
Church Running & Maintenance	19,744	2,500	22,244	16,373
Parish House running costs	12,577	250	12,827	13,686
Costs of Curates house	2,052		2,052	1,953
Office Costs	2,195	10	2,205	2,475
Telephone, broadband, IT	1,797		1,797	1,488
Other expenses	17		17	3,458
Bank and Financial Charges	749	138	887	911
	113,479	11,770	125,249	122,588
3b Fund Raising costs				
Refreshments	1,135		1,135	
Car Parking	5,140		5,140	2,444
	6,275		6,275	2,444
4 Staff Costs				
Wages & Salaries	21,684		21,684	17,378
	21,684		21,684	17,378
5 Other costs				
Not Home Alone		936	936	
Syrian Refugee fund				409
		936	936	409
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	141,438	12,706	154,144	142,819

The PCC has 5 (all part time) paid employees, an organist, verger, 2 cleaners (on job share) and an administrator.

The PCC also contribute to the costs of the cleaner at Parish House - included in Parish House running costs.

5 Fixed Assets

The freehold and buildings comprise the curate's house at 13 Woodall Avenue, Scarborough. It is believed to be worth considerably more than the Balance sheet valuation of £55,000 and is not being depreciated in the accounts. It is insured for £254,043

The PCC also owns St Mary's Parish House which is not shown in the accounts, as the PCC has never paid anything for it. It is insured for £2,019,408

6 Debtors	2022	2022	2021
Debtors			
Prepayments and accrued income	8,001	8,001	11,078
	8,001	8,001	11,078

7 Liabilities

Amounts falling due in one year

Creditors

Accruals and deferred income	11,328	200	11,528	7,987
PAYE & NI Contributions	753		753	
	12,081	200	12,281	7,987

8 Funds

8a The restricted/designated funds operating during the year are as follows:

Main account	Balance 31/12/21	Incoming Resources	Expended Resources	Transfers	Balance 31/12/22
Children's & Youth Worker	18,389	240		-13,294	5,335
20s to 40s ministry		1,394	1,507	13,294	13,181
Church@Rainbow		1073	262		811
Not Home Alone		2,071	936		1,135
Camera	125				125
Grants and church ministry gifts		6,015	3,765		2,250
Mission (designated fund)	1,356		6,098	5,760	1,018
Syrian refugee fund	2,791	100			2,891
Bank Charges			138		-138
Total	22,661	10,893	12,706	5,760	26,608

8b The following fund is managed by St Mary's on behalf of Churches Together in Scarborough – CTIS.

This is a council initiative to support the teaching of English to Syrian refugees. NYCC provided a grant for this purpose. This money is held in St Mary's Mission Account, but does not belong to St Mary's. The balance is included within the cash at bank figure at the year end and within restricted funds.

	Balance 31/12/21	Incoming Resources	Expended Resources	Balance 31/12/22
2022 Syrian Refugee Fund	2,791	100		2,891
	2,791	100		2,891

9 Analysis of Net Assets By fund

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
Tangible Fixed Assets	55,000		55,000	55,000
Current Assets	75,487	26,608	102,095	101,773
Liabilities	-12,281		-12,281	-7,987
	118,206	26,608	144,814	148,786

Parochial Church Council of St Mary with Holy Apostles
Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2022

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	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS			
13 Woodall Ave	5a	55,000	55,000
		55,000	55,000
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	6	8,001	11,078
Cash at bank & in hand		94,094	90,695
		102,095	101,773
LIABILITIES			
Creditors - amounts falling due in 1 year	7	12,281	7,987
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
Total assets less current liabilities		144,814	148,786
TOTAL NET ASSETS		144,814	148,786
PARISH FUNDS			
Unrestricted		118,206	126,125
Restricted	9	26,608	22,661
		144,814	148,786

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