

# PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ESCRICK

England & Wales · Charity number 1188789

## Details

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**Other names** ESCRICK PCC, ST HELENS'S CHURCH, ESCRICK

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2020-03-30

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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

**Activities:** The Parish Church is available to the public for private prayer and reflection.

## Classification

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

## Geography

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- North Yorkshire

## Finances

| Period end | Income  | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2024-12-31 | £52,213 | £53,415     | -      | -         |
| 2023-12-31 | £64,874 | £56,579     | -      | -         |
| 2022-12-31 | £52,343 | £46,913     | -      | -         |
| 2021-12-31 | £47,821 | £35,793     | -      | -         |
| 2020-12-31 | £38,070 | £54,488     | -      | -         |

## Trustees

| Name                                       | Role  | Appointed  |
|--|-------|------------|
| <b>Rev Jacqueline Margaret Doyle-Brett</b> | Chair | 2022-01-28 |
| CAROLINE WANDLESS                          |       | 2025-04-06 |
| Carolyn Elizabeth Skilbeck                 |       | 2023-04-23 |
| Christine Margaret Mason                   |       | 2024-04-21 |
| FIONA JANE WALTERS                         |       | 2024-04-21 |
| Hilary Jane Castle                         |       | 2023-04-23 |
| JOHN RICHARD WILSON                        |       | 2024-04-21 |
| Mary Chioma Okeudo-Cogan                   |       | 2024-04-21 |

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## **Achievements and Performance**

We now have a regular pattern of services across the Rivers Partnership. This includes a monthly U3 Holy Communion (United 3: Escrick, Naburn and Stillingfleet) and a U8 (United Eight: all the churches in the Rivers Partnership) on fifth Sundays.

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## **Financial Review**

### **St Helen's Church: Overview of the 2024 Accounts**

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With £26,907 in the current account and the investments worth £30,054 that means St Helen's had a total of £56,151 in funds at the end of December 2024. The comparable December 2023 figure was £55,894. This slight increase of £257 is because the 2024 gains on St Helen's investments slightly outweighed the 'day-to-day' deficit of running the church.

St Helens remains in a solid but appropriate financial position, but we must always be mindful that a large 160-year-old building requires significant attention, care and money and, for example, the Quinquennial Inspection report identified about £7,000 of works that are required so that will impact the 2025 budget.

## **St Helen's Church: Commentary on 2025 Budget**

The 2025 budget is predicated on income of £46,000 and expenditure of £55,500 which delivers an anticipated deficit of £9,500.

At the end of 2025 it is anticipated St Helen's will have £48,907 in funds of which £17,097 will be in the current account whilst the CCLA investment account will be valued at £31,000.

The key assumptions behind this budget are detailed below:

### **Income:**

With the exception of weddings and collections most income will be similar to previous years.

There will be substantially less weddings, for example, there are just five weddings booked for 2024 and, as a comparator, both 2022 and 2023 each had twelve weddings.

Collections are reduced primarily because both 2023 and 2024 had some particularly large funeral related collections. It is possible that there may be similar large collections in 2025 but, that said, these large collections usually result in payments to a nominated charity.

All income from housing containers in the car park has ceased.

### **Expenditure:**

Excluding Freewill, Repairs and Maintenance, and Churchyard most expenditure will be the same as or lower than in previous years.

Repairs and Maintenance is the big increase, and the increase reflects the about £7,000 of works identified in the Quinquennial Inspection.

As agreed by PCC, Freewill increases by £1,000.

Churchyard is essentially the trees and about £1,000 of cost will have already been incurred by about end January, so it is likely total 2025 expenditure will exceed previous years.

Payments to charities are reduced and this reflects the lower anticipated collections described above.

The miscellaneous expenditure was distorted by a couple of 'one-offs' so it is expected to return to a more normal level.

### **Structure, Governance and Management:**

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Helen's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), churchwardens and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church.

All those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The full PCC met six times during the year.

### **Church Council Members on 21 April 2024**

**Ex-Officio**  
Rev Jackie Doyle-Brett

**3 years to serve**  
Fiona Walters

Heather Conolly (Churchwarden)  
Caroline Wandless (Deanery Synod  
Representative)

John Wilson (Treasurer)  
Christine Mason (Secretary)

**2 years to serve**

Carolyn Skilbeck  
Hilary Castle  
Mary Okeudo-Cogan

**1 year to serve**

Margaret Gowthorpe  
Judith Luscombe  
Nigel Wood

**Co-opted for 1 year**

Andrea Watson



**St Helen's Church, Escrick**  
**Accounts to 31 December 2024**

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## St Helen's Church: Income

| INCOME                             | 2024          | 2023          | 2022          |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                                    | <b>3</b>      | <b>£</b>      | <b>£</b>      |
| Planned regular giving             | 8,177         | 8,544         | 8,457         |
| Collections                        | 14,484        | 16,092        | 8,653         |
| HMRC gift aid                      | 4,318         | 3,722         | 3,293         |
| <b>TOTAL GIVING</b>                | <b>26,979</b> | <b>28,358</b> | <b>20,403</b> |
| Weddings                           | 7,907         | 12,412        | 10,981        |
| Funerals                           | 7,540         | 7,164         | 4,939         |
| <b>TOTAL STATUTORY FEES</b>        | <b>15,447</b> | <b>19,576</b> | <b>15,920</b> |
| Monies from the Benefice           | 0             | 0             | 570           |
| Legacies and Donation              | 0             | 0             | 618           |
| Listed Places of Worship VAT claim | 429           | 260           | 0             |
| Fundraising and Events             | 6,795         | 5,252         | 6,681         |
| 100 Club Income                    | 1,081         | 1,174         | 1,058         |
| Allotments and Garages             | 365           | 365           | 460           |
| Housing containers in the car park | 1,000         | 3,700         | 0             |
| Other Grants                       | 0             | 5,922         | 5,953         |
| Miscellaneous Income               | 117           | 267           | 680           |
| <b>TOTAL OTHER INCOME</b>          | <b>9,797</b>  | <b>16,940</b> | <b>16,020</b> |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                | <b>52,213</b> | <b>64,874</b> | <b>52,343</b> |

### Notes:

The main reductions in income were:

- Wedding income reflected the fall in numbers compared to 2022 and 2023 which both benefited from some 'Covid catch-up'.
- Other grants were zero whereas in 2023 St Helens received £5,922 from FOSH (work to the gates) and in 2022 a total of £5,953 was received from FOSH (£3,453) and Diocese £2,500.
- In 2023 a total of £3,700 was paid to locate the containers in the car park but, as the containers were removed early in the year, just £1,000 was received in 2024.

2024 fundraising income included, but were certainly not restricted to, the following amounts:

- Xmas Tree Fair £1,251
- Votive £174
- Books £379
- Hoots £622
- Church Box £567
- Heritage £1,091
- Big Breakfast £547
- Refreshments £396

## St Helen's Church: Expenditure

| EXPENDITURE                              | 2024          | 2023          | 2022          |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|  | £             | £             | £             |
| Freewill to Diocese                      | 14,000        | 13,000        | 12,000        |
| Statutory Fees                           | 2,438         | 2,642         | 2,274         |
| <b>TOTAL TO DIOCESE</b>                  | <b>16,438</b> | <b>15,642</b> | <b>14,274</b> |
|  |               |               |               |
| <b>PAYMENTS TO CHARITIES*</b>            | <b>4,862</b>  | <b>3,493</b>  | <b>1,783</b>  |
|  |               |               |               |
| Organists                                | 3,204         | 2,878         | 3,128         |
| Vergers                                  | 1,365         | 1,583         | 1,121         |
| Bellringers                              | 1,545         | 2,410         | 1,885         |
| Visiting clergy                          | 1,142         | 1,540         | 1,805         |
| Payment to Benefice Account              | 137           | 0             | 206           |
| <b>TOTAL FEES</b>                        | <b>7,393</b>  | <b>8,411</b>  | <b>8,145</b>  |
|  |               |               |               |
| Insurance                                | 5,428         | 5,614         | 5,188         |
| Oil                                      | 2,351         | 3,285         | 4,043         |
| Electricity                              | 3,405         | 3,460         | 1,712         |
| Water                                    | 459           | 162           | 149           |
| Internet                                 | 462           | 447           | 333           |
| <b>TOTAL UTILITIES</b>                   | <b>12,105</b> | <b>12,968</b> | <b>11,425</b> |
|  |               |               |               |
| Repair and maintenance                   | 5,351         | 8,968         | 5,525         |
| Roof Alarm costs                         | 646           | 1,431         | 794           |
| Churchyard                               | 1,177         | 1,200         | 1,087         |
| 100 Club Prizes                          | 650           | 600           | 630           |
| Miscellaneous (inc fundraising expenses) | 3,366         | 1,723         | 2,675         |
| Heritage related                         | 427           | 518           | 575           |
| Riverside Partnership Funding            | 1,000         | 1,625         | 0             |
| <b>TOTAL OTHER EXPENDITURE</b>           | <b>12,617</b> | <b>16,065</b> | <b>11,286</b> |
|  |               |               |               |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>                 | <b>53,415</b> | <b>56,579</b> | <b>46,913</b> |

### Notes:

\*These payments to charities are essentially collections at funerals with subsequent payment to a charity, for example Cancer Research, and services where the collection is for a specific charity, for example Remembrance Sunday and the Royal British Legion.

Repair and maintenance expenditure included £2,574 related to drainage works and the £1,000 fee for the Quinquennial Inspection.

The miscellaneous expenditure included monies collected and paid to the Diocese in respect of the Bishopthorpe Palace visit and also the collection, across the Rivers Partnership, for Maxine Waller.

## St Helen's Church: Summary of Income and Expenditure

|  | <b>2024</b>    | <b>2023</b>  | <b>2022</b>  |
|--|----------------|--------------|--------------|
|  | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>     | <b>£</b>     |
| Total Income   | 52,213         | 64,874       | 52,343       |
| Total Expenditure                                      | 53,415         | 56,579       | 46,913       |
| <b>Surplus or (deficit) of income over expenditure</b> | <b>(1,202)</b> | <b>8,295</b> | <b>5,430</b> |

## St Helen's Church: Current Account

|  | 2024          | 2023          | 2022          |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|  | £             | £             | £             |
| <b>Opening bank balance on 01 January</b>      | <b>27,299</b> | <b>19,004</b> | <b>12,316</b> |
| Income   | 52,213        | 64,874        | 52,343        |
| Sub-total of opening balance and income        | 79,512        | 83,878        | 64,659        |
| Expenditure including transfers to CCLA        | 53,415        | 56,579        | 46,913        |
| <b>Bank balance on 31 December</b>             | <b>26,097</b> | <b>27,299</b> | <b>19,004</b> |
| Unpresented cheques                            | 1,465         | 1,590         | 1,258         |
| <b>Net closing bank balance on 31 December</b> | <b>24,632</b> | <b>25,709</b> | <b>17,746</b> |

### Notes:

The two unpresented cheques at 31.12.24 were:

- Cheque number 103267: £565
- Cheque number 103276: £900

## St Helen's Church: Investment Account

| Investment Accounts | 2024          | 2023          | 2022          |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                     | £             | £             | £             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>        | <b>30,054</b> | <b>28,595</b> | <b>25,137</b> |

St Helen's investment funds are made up of 478.87 units of accumulation shares held in the Church of England Investment Fund which is managed by CCLA. During the year the value of these investment funds increased from £28,595 at December 2023 to £30,054 at December 2024.

## St Helen's Church: Summary of Funds

|                                    | 2024          | 2023          | 2022          |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Funds on 31 <sup>st</sup> December | £             | £             | £             |
| Current account                    | 26,097        | 27,299        | 19,004        |
| Investment account                 | 30,054        | 28,595        | 25,137        |
| <b>Total funds</b>                 | <b>56,151</b> | <b>55,894</b> | <b>44,141</b> |

The PCC needs to be clear about which funds are restricted, and which are unrestricted and or designated.

- 'Restricted funds' are sums of money that are held on trust for particular purposes and can only be spent on those purposes.
- 'Unrestricted funds' can be spent on any of the PCC's general purposes.
- 'Designated funds' are sums of unrestricted money earmarked by the PCC for specific purposes.

All the Restricted Funds and Designated Funds were spent on the Heritage project, which ran from 2016 to 2019 so all current PCC funds are Unrestricted.

## **St Helen's Church Accounts: treasurer statement and audit certificate**

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Leisa Myers  
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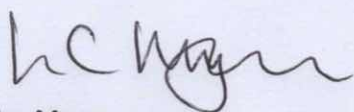
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19<sup>th</sup> March 2025

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#### THE 2024 BUDGET

The 2024 budget is predicated on income of £44,200 and expenditure of £45,925 which delivers an anticipated deficit of £1,725.

At the end of 2024 it is anticipated St Helen's will have £54,074 in funds of which £21,574 will be in the current account whilst the CCLA investment account will be valued at £32,500.

The key assumptions behind this budget are detailed below:

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- The lower number of weddings and funerals obviously reduce wedding and funeral income, but they also impact various other matters including: Collections will be reduced along with subsequent payments to charities.
- Various expenses are reduced including statutory fees, organists, vergers, and bellringers.
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#### **3 years to serve**

Hilary Castle

Carolyn Skilbeck

#### **2 years to serve**

Margaret Gowthorpe

Judith Luscombe

Nigel Wood

#### **1 year to serve**

Christine Mason (Secretary)

Fiona Walters

John Wilson (Treasurer)

#### **1 Vacancy available**



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## St Helen's Church: Income

| INCOME                             | 2023          | 2022          | 2021          |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                                    | £             | £             | £             |
| Planned regular giving             | 8,544         | 8,457         | 8,297         |
| Collections                        | 16,092        | 8,653         | 6,653         |
| HMRC gift aid                      | 3,722         | 3,293         | 3,815         |
| <b>TOTAL GIVING</b>                | <b>28,358</b> | <b>20,403</b> | <b>18,765</b> |
| Weddings                           | 12,412        | 10,981        | 4,039         |
| Funerals                           | 7,164         | 4,939         | 6,330         |
| <b>TOTAL STATUTORY FEES</b>        | <b>19,576</b> | <b>15,920</b> | <b>10,369</b> |
| Monies from the Benefice           | 0             | 570           | 232           |
| Legacies and Donation              | 0             | 618           | 13,003        |
| Listed Places of Worship VAT claim | 260           | 0             | 0             |
| Fundraising and Events             | 5,252         | 6,681         | 3,426         |
| 100 Club Income                    | 1,174         | 1,058         | 1,139         |
| Allotments and Garages             | 365           | 460           | 377           |
| Housing containers in the car park | 3,700         | 0             | 0             |
| Other Grants                       | 5,922         | 5,953         | 0             |
| From investment accounts           | 0             | 0             | 30            |
| Miscellaneous Income               | 267           | 680           | 480           |
| <b>TOTAL OTHER INCOME</b>          | <b>16,940</b> | <b>16,020</b> | <b>18,687</b> |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                | <b>64,874</b> | <b>52,343</b> | <b>47,821</b> |

### Notes:

Collections increased primarily due to the increased number of funerals and, in particular, two of these had very significant collections.

One grant was received during 2023 and that was a £5,922 payment from FOSH in respect of work to the gates into the church grounds. In 2022 St Helens received £3,453 from FOSH in respect of external lighting and it also received a Diocesan grant of £2,500 to assist with heat and light costs.

The £3,700 related to housing containers in the car park was an unexcepted but very welcome bonus.

2023 fundraising income included the following amounts:

- Breakfast £358
- Weighton Waytes £437
- Celebration Concert £752
- Church Donation Box £1,002
- Votive £230
- Books £481
- Refreshments £518
- Heritage £721
- Little Hoots £718

## St Helen's Church: Expenditure

| EXPENDITURE                              | 2023          | 2022          | 2021          |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|  | £             | £             | £             |
| Freewill to Diocese                      | 13,000        | 12,000        | 10,000        |
| Statutory Fees                           | 2,642         | 2,274         | 1,475         |
| <b>TOTAL TO DIOCESE</b>                  | <b>15,642</b> | <b>14,274</b> | <b>11,475</b> |
|  |               |               |               |
| <b>PAYMENTS TO CHARITIES*</b>            | <b>3,493</b>  | <b>1,783</b>  | <b>1,389</b>  |
|  |               |               |               |
| Organists                                | 2,878         | 3,128         | 2,322         |
| Vergers                                  | 1,583         | 1,121         | 533           |
| Bellringers                              | 2,410         | 1,885         | 658           |
| Visiting clergy                          | 1,540         | 1,805         | 580           |
| Payment to Benefice Account              | 0             | 206           | 750           |
| <b>TOTAL FEES</b>                        | <b>8,411</b>  | <b>8,145</b>  | <b>4,843</b>  |
|  |               |               |               |
| Insurance                                | 5,614         | 5,188         | 4,993         |
| Oil                                      | 3,285         | 4,043         | 1,878         |
| Electricity                              | 3,460         | 1,712         | 1,545         |
| Water                                    | 162           | 149           | 135           |
| Internet                                 | 447           | 333           | 337           |
| <b>TOTAL UTILITIES</b>                   | <b>12,968</b> | <b>11,411</b> | <b>8,888</b>  |
|  |               |               |               |
| Repair and maintenance                   | 8,968         | 5,525         | 4,241         |
| Roof Alarm costs                         | 1,431         | 794           | 393           |
| Churchyard                               | 1,200         | 1,087         | 948           |
| 100 Club Prizes                          | 600           | 630           | 470           |
| Miscellaneous (inc fundraising expenses) | 1,723         | 2,675         | 3,096         |
| Heritage related                         | 518           | 575           | 50            |
| Riverside Partnership Funding            | 1,625         | 0             | 0             |
| <b>TOTAL OTHER EXPENDITURE</b>           | <b>16,065</b> | <b>11,286</b> | <b>9,198</b>  |
|  |               |               |               |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>                 | <b>56,579</b> | <b>46,913</b> | <b>35,793</b> |
| Transfer to CCLA                         | 0             | 0             | 25,000        |
| <b>GROSS ADJUSTED EXPENDITURE</b>        | <b>56,579</b> | <b>46,913</b> | <b>60,793</b> |

### Notes:

\*These payments to charities are essentially collections at funerals with subsequent payment to a charity, for example Cancer Research, and services where the collection is for a specific charity, for example Remembrance Sunday and the Royal British Legion. With more funerals than usual in 2023 this resulted in an increase in such payments.

£5,922 of the repair and maintenance expenditure related to the expenditure on the gates into the church grounds (and which was ultimately, and very kindly, reimbursed by The Friends of St Helens). In addition, £1,560 was spent on some remedial works to the church's guttering.

## St Helen's Church: Summary of Income and Expenditure

|  | 2023         | 2022         | 2021          |
|--|--------------|--------------|---------------|
|  | £            | £            | £             |
| Total Income   | 64,874       | 52,343       | 47,821        |
| Total Expenditure                                      | 56,579       | 46,913       | 35,793        |
| <b>Surplus or (deficit) of income over expenditure</b> | <b>8,295</b> | <b>5,430</b> | <b>12,028</b> |

### Notes:

In terms of previous years it is noted that the 2021 surplus was very much due to a most generous bequest of £10,000.

## St Helen's Church: Current Account

|  | 2023          | 2022          | 2021          |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|  | £             | £             | £             |
| <b>Opening bank balance on 01 January</b>      | <b>19,004</b> | <b>12,316</b> | <b>25,288</b> |
| Income   | 64,874        | 52,343        | 47,821        |
| Sub-total of opening balance and income        | 83,878        | 64,659        | 73,109        |
| Expenditure including transfers to CCLA        | 56,579        | 46,913        | 60,793        |
| <b>Bank balance on 31 December</b>             | <b>27,299</b> | <b>19,004</b> | <b>12,316</b> |
| Unpresented cheques                            | 1,590         | 1,258         | 0             |
| <b>Net closing bank balance on 31 December</b> | <b>25,709</b> | <b>17,746</b> | <b>12,316</b> |

### Notes:

The two unpresented cheques at 31.12.23 were:

- Cheque number 103255: £910
- Cheque number 103260: £680

## St Helen's Church: Investment Account

| Investment Accounts | 2023          | 2022          | 2021          |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                     | £             | £             | £             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>        | <b>28,595</b> | <b>25,137</b> | <b>27,929</b> |

St Helen's investment funds are made up of 478.87 units of accumulation shares held in the Church of England Investment Fund which is managed by CCLA. During the year the value of these investment funds increased from £25,137 at December 2022 to £28,595 at December 2023.

This £3,458 increase in value is obviously welcome, but, in practice, it broadly returns the investment value back to where it was in December 2021 or, in other words, it means the ground lost in a very disappointing 2022 has been recovered.

## St Helen's Church: Summary of Funds

|  | 2023          | 2022          | 2021          |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Funds on 31 <sup>st</sup> December       | £             | £             | £             |
| Current account less unpresented cheques | 25,709        | 17,746        | 12,316        |
| Investment account                       | 28,595        | 25,137        | 27,929        |
| <b>Total funds</b>                       | <b>54,304</b> | <b>42,883</b> | <b>40,245</b> |

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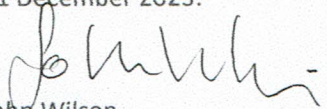
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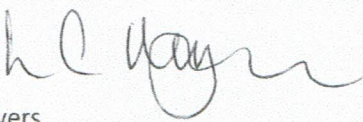
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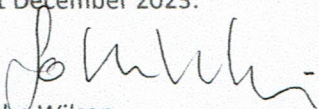
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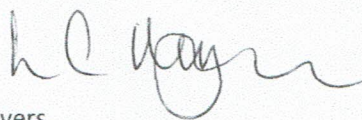
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# Accounts

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# **2022 Report and Accounts** **for the Parochial Church Council of St Helen's Church, Escrick**

## **Aims and Objectives**

St. Helen's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Priest-in-Charge, Reverend Jackie Doyle-Brett and Assistant Minister Rev Maxine Waller, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church; pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of St. Helen's Church, Escrick and its finances.

## **Objectives and Activities**

The PCC is committed to providing a welcoming environment for all, whether they are regular worshippers or not. We strive to be open and accessible in every respect, and to make St. Helen's the heart of our village community. In order to achieve this, the PCC recognises the need to be financially sustainable and encourages generous giving. We are also committed to strengthening and further developing our relationship with the village Church of England Primary School.

When planning our activities for the year, we considered our main objectives and tried to put in place services, opportunities for worship and community engagement that would enable us to achieve these. In particular, we tried to enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of services that specifically meet the needs of members of the community who would not ordinarily attend church, particularly families.
- A varied programme of 'Heritage Activities' which engage a wide demographic.
- Regular opportunities to engage with music within the church from bell ringing to singing in our choir.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St. Helen's.

## **Achievements and Performance**

As well as our own regular pattern of services, we have also been encouraged to attend services held across the Partnership. Several special services have been held here at Escrick, including Easter, Harvest Festival, Remembrance and Christmas Services. In general there has been an increase in attendance, most notably over the Christmas period which is very encouraging. Family Fun @4 continues to run successfully once a month and Rev Maxine has held Saturday morning Forget-Me-Not Services.

It is much appreciated that we are able to keep our church doors open every day, thanks to Nancy Mackenzie. St Helen's is home to a range of activities, such as the monthly Heritage evenings, prayer lunches, Heritage Hub, Little Hoots toddler group and Hoot's Cafe among others. There are also special events throughout the year such as poetry evenings and concerts and it is also used by local organisations for their regular meetings. Such events are not only important to the people that

attend them but also to the church as a whole for they integrate the church into the wider community and show what a welcoming place St. Helen's is.

Through our charity of the quarter, we continue to support various local charities and organisations and would like to thank all members of the community who have generously contributed to these important causes.

In September a new pattern of services was introduced across the Rivers Partnership, including a monthly U3 Holy Communion (United 3: Escrick, Naburn and Stillingfleet) and a U8 (United Eight: all the churches in the Rivers Partnership) on fifth Sundays.

Also in September the Benefice unanimously agreed to reintroduce the chalice following COVID restrictions. It was also unanimously agreed for Wedding Banns to be read in any of the three churches.

In November, the church was once again bedecked with knitted poppies for our Remembrance service. The poppies were knitted by volunteers from the community and created an impressive display for worshippers and visitors alike. The stunning Carols by Candlelight service was another memorable service as was the Christmas concert given by The Weighton Wayte.

This year as well as our popular Big Breakfast, in early December we held for the first time a Christmas Tree Festival which proved very successful.

An active relationship is maintained with Escrick Primary School and the Church/School Liaison group meet each term to seek ways of helping to teach Christian values and enhance relations to our mutual benefit. Once a month a group of volunteers present Open the Book and members of the clergy visit the school and take collective worship. In December Christingle was held in school. The service was led by Rev Maxine and each child was given a Christingle orange. In July St Helen's hosted the Leavers service when holding crosses were presented to the leavers. Children are also encouraged to participate in our special services and throughout the year they provide examples of work for our display board. Two Foundation Governors currently represent the Church on the School's Board of Governors. We look forward to continuing this positive partnership in the year ahead.

### **Financial Review**

Total income received in 2022 was £52,343 whilst total expenditure was £46,913 meaning there was a surplus in 2022 of £5,430. This is a reasonably encouraging result, but it should be noted that on 30<sup>th</sup> December a £2,500 grant was received from the Diocese to assist with future fuel costs. Excluding this fuel related grant the surplus in 2022 would have been £2,930.

2022 benefitted from having a total of twelve weddings and a significant increase in fundraising income with, in particular, the net funds raised at the Christmas Tree Festival £2,302 and the Big Breakfast £589 being integral to delivering the surplus. It is worth noting that (and excluding the impact of the future fuel grant) without the substantial increase in fundraising income 2022 would have seen a deficit as opposed to a surplus, and this shows how important fundraising is to the financial well-being of St Helens.

In addition to the fuel related grant, St Helen's also received an extremely generous grant of £3,453 from The Friends of St Helens (FOSH) in respect of work to the floodlights and external lighting, but, in practice, this simply offset the expenditure incurred by the church.

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The overall surplus of £5,430 meant that at year end St Helens had £19,004 in its Barclays current account at the end of December, but with two outstanding cheques totalling £1,258 the net account balance was £17,746 compared with £12,316 at December 2021.

The value of St Helen's investment account with CCLA unfortunately decreased in value from £27,929 at December 2021 down to £25,137 at December 2022 and this £2,792 fall in value very much reflected broader global economic conditions.

With a net amount of £17,746 in the current account and £25,137 in its investment account that meant St Helen's had a total of £42,883 in funds at the end of December 2022. Excluding the £2,500 fuel grant the funds as on 31<sup>st</sup> December were £40,383 and this is very similar to the total of £40,245 funds in December 2021.

## THE 2023 BUDGET

### **Income**

Income in 2023 is expected to be £43,000 which compares unfavourably with 2022 income of £52,343. The two main reasons for this are an anticipated drop in weddings from twelve in 2022 to about eight in 2023 plus no grant monies are assumed in 2023.

In practice, a grant may well be received from the Friends of St Helen's (FOSH) in respect of some works to the church's gates, but this would simply cancel out the costs which are also not included in this budget i.e. the impact of any FOSH grant would essentially be neutral.

In 2022 the increased level of fundraising was a key reason for a reasonably strong financial result, and it is assumed fundraising will grow by about an extra 10% up to £7,200.

### **Expenditure**

In totality expenditure is expected to fall to around £45,000 in 2023 compared with £46,913 in 2022. This is largely due to expected reductions in statutory fees, the likes of bellringer, organist, and verger costs and this reflects the reduction in weddings.

There are three main increases compared with 2022 and they are: an assumed increase of £3,500 in electricity costs; a contribution of £1,500 by St Helen's to Rivers Partnership administration costs and a £1,000 uplift to the Freewill Offer.

### **Overall Financial Situation**

With income at £43,000 and expenditure at £45,000 that means St Helen's expects to have a £2,000 deficit in 2023 which, in turn, would reduce the year end current account balance by £2,000 down to £15,746.

In 2022 the CCLA investments performed poorly but it is assumed about half the 2022 losses will be made good in 2023 and this would increase the value of these investments up to £26,500, an increase of £1,367.

With £15,746 in the current account and £26,500 in investments that would mean St Helen's ends 2023 with a total of £42,246 which is close to the 2022 total of £42,833.

### **Additional Information**

#### **Volunteers:**

St Helen's is fortunate to count on a small army of volunteers who in one way or another contribute to keeping the wheels turning, be it praying, preparing for special services and events or regular activities such as cleaning, flower arranging, churchyard maintenance, distributing magazines and many other tasks. A huge thank you to everyone, we are very grateful for your help and support. Recognition of these joint efforts was recently achieved when St Helen's was shortlisted for the National Church Awards: Open for Visitors Award 2022.

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#### **Structure, Governance and Management:**

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Rev Maxine Waller

Caroline Wandless (Churchwarden)

Caroline Wandless (Deanery)

#### **3 years to serve**

Margaret Gowthorpe

Judith Luscombe

Nigel Wood

Representative)

**2 years to serve**

Christine Mason

Fiona Walters

John Wilson

**1 year to serve**

Hilary Castle

Carolyn Skilbeck

St Helen's Church, Escrick: Overview of the 2022 Accounts

**St Helen's Church, Escrick**

**Accounts to 31 December 2022**

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## St Helen's Church: Overview of the 2022 Accounts

Total income received in 2022 was £52,343 whilst total expenditure was £46,913 meaning there was a surplus in 2022 of £5,430. This is a reasonably encouraging result, but it should be noted that on 30<sup>th</sup> December a £2,500 grant was received from the Diocese to assist with future fuel costs. Excluding this fuel related grant the surplus in 2022 would have been £2,930.

2022 benefitted from having a total of twelve weddings and a significant increase in fundraising income with, in particular, the net funds raised at the Christmas Tree Festival £2,302 and the Big Breakfast £589 being integral to delivering the surplus. It is worth noting that (and excluding the impact of the future fuel grant) without the substantial increase in fundraising income 2022 would have seen a deficit as opposed to a surplus, and this shows how important fundraising is to the financial well-being of St Helens.

In addition to the fuel related grant, St Helen's also received an extremely generous grant of £3,453 from The Friends of St Helens (FOSH) in respect of work to the floodlights and external lighting, but, in practice, this simply offset the expenditure incurred by the church.

St Helen's did not receive any large bequests, donations, or any other similarly favourable one-off events during the year.

Expenditure was generally routine, other than the work on the floodlights and external lighting, with no major unexpected costs, but it is noted that St Helen's increased its freewill offer by 20% up to £12,000. In addition, the increased number of weddings inevitably resulted in additional statutory fees being paid to the Diocese along with extra payments in respect of the likes of bellringers, organists, and vergers.

The overall surplus of £5,430 meant that at year end St Helens had £19,004 in its Barclays current account at the end of December, but with two outstanding cheques totalling £1,258 the net account balance was £17,746 compared with £12,316 at December 2021.

The value of St Helen's investment account with CCLA unfortunately decreased in value from £27,929 at December 2021 down to £25,137 at December 2022 and this £2,792 fall in value very much reflected broader global economic conditions.

With a net amount of £17,746 in the current account and £25,137 in its investment account that meant St Helen's had a total of £42,883 in funds at the end of December 2022. Excluding the £2,500 fuel grant the funds as on 31<sup>st</sup> December were £40,383 and this is very similar to the total of £40,245 funds in December 2021.

## St Helen's Church: Income

| INCOME                             | 2022          | 2021          | 2020          |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                                    | £             | £             | £             |
| Planned regular giving             | 8,457         | 8,297         | 7,419         |
| Collections                        | 8,653         | 6,653         | 5,435         |
| HMRC gift aid                      | 3,293         | 3,815         | 807           |
| <b>TOTAL GIVING</b>                | <b>20,403</b> | <b>18,765</b> | <b>13,661</b> |
| Weddings                           | 10,981        | 4,039         | 2115          |
| Funerals                           | 4,939         | 6,330         | 3240          |
| <b>TOTAL STATUTORY FEES</b>        | <b>15,920</b> | <b>10,369</b> | <b>5,355</b>  |
| Monies from the Benefice           | 570           | 232           | 3,000         |
| Legacies and Donation              | 618           | 13,003        | 3,570         |
| Listed Places of Worship VAT claim | 0             | 0             | 2,552         |
| Fundraising                        | 6,681         | 3,426         | 4,745         |
| 100 Club Income                    | 1,058         | 1,139         | 982           |
| Allotments and Garages             | 460           | 377           | 550           |
| Heritage Lottery Grant             | 0             | 0             | 0             |
| Roof Alarm Grants                  | 0             | 0             | 3116          |
| Other Grants                       | 5,953         | 0             | 500           |
| From investment accounts           | 0             | 30            | 19            |
| Miscellaneous Income               | 680           | 480           | 20            |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                | <b>52,343</b> | <b>47,821</b> | <b>38,070</b> |

### Notes:

Two grants were received during 2022:

- A £3,453 payment from FOSH in respect of work to the external lighting. This reimbursed the church for what it had spent.
- A £2,500 grant from the Diocese to help with future fuel costs.

2022 fundraising income included the following amounts:

- Christmas Tree Festival £2,302
- Big Breakfast £598
- Church Box £863
- Votive £222
- Books £289
- Refreshments £334
- Heritage £617
- Little Hoots £291
- Workshop £220

## St Helen's Church: Expenditure

| EXPENDITURE                              | 2022          | 2021          | 2020          |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|  | £             | £             | £             |
| Freewill to Diocese                      | 12,000        | 10,000        | 10,000        |
| Statutory Fees                           | 2,274         | 1,475         | 1,600         |
| <b>TOTAL TO DIOCESE</b>                  | <b>14,274</b> | <b>11,475</b> | <b>11,600</b> |
|  |               |               |               |
| <b>PAYMENTS TO CHARITIES*</b>            | <b>1,783</b>  | <b>1,389</b>  | <b>2,438</b>  |
|  |               |               |               |
| Organists                                | 3,128         | 2,322         | 1,188         |
| Vergers                                  | 1,121         | 533           | 276           |
| Bellringers                              | 1,885         | 658           | 0             |
| Visiting clergy                          | 1,805         | 580           | 131           |
| Payment to Benefice Account              | 206           | 750           | 750           |
| <b>TOTAL FEES</b>                        | <b>8,145</b>  | <b>4,843</b>  | <b>2,347</b>  |
|  |               |               |               |
| Insurance                                | 5,188         | 4,993         | 4,978         |
| Oil                                      | 4,043         | 1,878         | 1,596         |
| Electricity                              | 1,712         | 1,545         | 1,846         |
| Water                                    | 149           | 135           | 272           |
| Internet                                 | 333           | 337           | 388           |
| <b>TOTAL UTILITIES</b>                   | <b>11,411</b> | <b>8,888</b>  | <b>9,080</b>  |
|  |               |               |               |
| Repair and maintenance                   | 5,525         | 4,241         | 5,967         |
| Roof Alarm costs                         | 794           | 393           | 4,288         |
| Churchyard                               | 1,087         | 948           | 2,224         |
| 100 Club Prizes                          | 630           | 470           | 600           |
| Miscellaneous (inc fundraising expenses) | 2,675         | 3,096         | 2,151         |
| Heritage related                         | 575           | 50            | 13,793        |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>                 | <b>46,913</b> | <b>35,793</b> | <b>54,488</b> |
| <b>Transfer to CCLA</b>                  |               | <b>25,000</b> |               |
| <b>GROSS ADJUSTED EXPENDITURE</b>        |               | <b>60,793</b> |               |

### Notes:

\*These payments to charities are essentially collections at funerals with subsequent payment to a charity, for example Cancer Research, and services where the collection is for a specific charity, for example: Remembrance Sunday and the Royal British Legion.

The payments to the Diocese increased by almost £2,800 which reflects the £2,000 increase in the Freewill Offer but also a substantial increase in statutory fees related to the increase in weddings which totalled twelve over the year. These additional weddings also largely account for the increase in payments to organists, vergers, bellringers and visiting clergy.

The bulk of the repair and maintenance expenditure related to the expenditure on the external lighting (and which was ultimately, and very kindly, reimbursed by The Friends of St Helens) plus some remedial works to the church's guttering.

## St Helen's Church: Summary of Income and Expenditure

|  | 2022         | 2021          | 2020            |
|--|--------------|---------------|-----------------|
|  | £            | £             | £               |
| Total Income   | 52,343       | 47,821        | 38,070          |
| Total Expenditure                                      | 46,913       | 35,793        | 54,488          |
| <b>Surplus or (deficit) of income over expenditure</b> | <b>5,430</b> | <b>12,028</b> | <b>(16,418)</b> |

### Notes:

In terms of previous years it is noted that the 2021 surplus was very much due to a most generous bequest of £10,000 whilst the 2020 expenditure included a final retention payment of £13,793 related to the heritage project.

## St Helen's Church: Current Account

|  | 2022          | 2021          | 2020          |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|  | £             | £             | £             |
| <b>Opening bank balance at 01 January</b>      | <b>12,316</b> | <b>25,288</b> | <b>41,706</b> |
| Income   | 52,343        | 47,821        | 38,070        |
| Sub-total of opening balance and income        | 64,659        | 73,109        | 79,776        |
| Expenditure including transfers to CCLA        | 46,913        | 60,793        | 54,488        |
| <b>Bank balance at 31 December</b>             | <b>19,004</b> | <b>12,316</b> | <b>25,288</b> |
| Unpresented cheques                            | 1,258         | 0             | 0             |
| <b>Net closing bank balance at 31 December</b> | <b>17,746</b> | <b>12,316</b> | <b>25,288</b> |

### Notes:

The two unpresented cheques at 31.12.22 were:

- Cheque number 103233: £914
- Cheque number 103237: £344

## St Helen's Church: Investment Account

| Investment Accounts | 2022          | 2021          | 2020         |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
|                     | £             | £             | £            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>        | <b>25,137</b> | <b>27,929</b> | <b>1,376</b> |

St Helen's investment funds are made up of accumulation shares held in the Church of England Investment Fund which is managed by CCLA. During the year the value of these investment funds declined from £27,929 at December 2021 down to £25,137 at December 2022.

This £2,792 fall in value is obviously disappointing, but it is very much reflective of global economic conditions. These investment funds are held on a long-term basis and hopefully their value will gradually recover in coming months.

## St Helen's Church: Summary of Funds

|                                    | 2022          | 2021          | 2020          |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Funds on 31 <sup>st</sup> December | £             | £             | £             |
| Current account                    | 17,746        | 12,316        | 25,288        |
| Investment account                 | 25,137        | 27,929        | 1,376         |
| <b>Total funds</b>                 | <b>42,883</b> | <b>40,245</b> | <b>26,664</b> |

The PCC needs to be clear about which funds are restricted, and which are unrestricted and or designated.

- 'Restricted funds' are sums of money that are held on trust for particular purposes and can only be spent on those purposes.
- 'Unrestricted funds' can be spent on any of the PCC's general purposes.
- 'Designated funds' are sums of unrestricted money earmarked by the PCC for specific purposes.

All the Restricted Funds and Designated Funds were spent on the Heritage project, which ran from 2016 to 2019 so all current PCC funds are Unrestricted.

## **St Helen's Church Accounts: treasurer statement and audit certificate**

### **Treasurer statement:**

These accounts are an accurate, fair and full representation of the finances of St Helen's Church at 31 December 2022.

John Wilson  
St Helen's Church PCC Treasurer

### **Audit certificate:**

The income and expenditure accounts and the summary of funds are in agreement with properly maintained accounts and records maintained by the St Helen's PCC Treasurer, John Wilson.

 9/3/23  
Leisa Myers  
St Helen's Church Auditor

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ESCRICK**

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# Accounts

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# **2021 Report and Accounts** **for the Parochial Church Council of St Helen's Church, Escrick**

## **Aims and Objectives**

St. Helen's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Richard Kirkman until his retirement in June 2021, and with other Church leaders from July 2021, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church; pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of St. Helen's Church, Escrick.

## **Objectives and Activities**

The PCC is committed to providing a welcoming environment for all, whether they are regular worshippers or not. We strive to be open and accessible in every respect, and to make St. Helen's the heart of our village community. In order to achieve this, the PCC recognises the need to be financially sustainable and encouraging generous giving has had to become a focus for us. We are also committed to strengthening and further developing our relationship with the village Church of England Primary School.

When planning our activities for the year, we considered our main objectives and tried to put in place services, opportunities for worship and community engagement that would enable us to achieve these. In particular, we tried to enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of services that specifically meet the needs of members of the community who would not ordinarily attend church, particularly families.
- A varied programme of 'Heritage Activities' which engage a wide demographic.
- Regular opportunities to engage with music within the church from bell ringing to singing in our newly formed choir.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St. Helen's.

Unfortunately, the Covid-19 pandemic again at times curtailed and restricted our activities and even closed the Church. However by the end of 2021 things were looking more positive but, that said, the situation inevitably impacted on events and fundraising which, in turn impacted on church finances during 2021.

## **Achievements and Performance**

At the start of 2021 the Covid restrictions meant many of our services were online. One special online service took place on 14th February 2021, when Sammi Tooze from the Generous Giving team at the Diocese, helped us to bless all the pledges that have been made as a result of our 2020 'Sustainable Giving' project. The theme of the service was 'thankfulness' and during this period of church closure, when income had been significantly reduced, we were indeed thankful for a successful programme and the generosity of those who are able to support the church financially.

In February, we were pleased to welcome Dave Rogers to the Benefice, in his new role as Assistant Priest to the joint Benefice. Dave brought with him energy, enthusiasm and lots of new ideas.

St Helen's experienced further significant change in June 2021 with the retirement of Richard Kirkman, who had been priest in charge for 25 years. During the interregnum, we were incredibly fortunate to have the support of a number of clergy and lay people who allowed us to maintain our regular pattern of services: Rev. Francis Loftus, Rev. Dave Rogers and Chris Elliott to name but a few.

Although the Covid-19 pandemic has remained a concern and a consideration over the past year, it has been wonderful that by the end of the year the life and work of St. Helen's was returning slowly to something like normality. Services in person, weddings and christenings once again taking place and best of all, tea and cake are back on the menu! Our family services are back up and running under the new name, Family Fun @ 4, and these have been well attended. Heritage events are once again a regular occurrence. There have also been some new ventures this year including Little Hoot's Baby and Toddler Group which began in September and the church choir, led by our organist, Nigel Bellamy. Such events are not only important to the people that attend them but also to the church as a whole for they integrate the church into the wider community and show what a welcoming place St. Helen's is.

Throughout the course of the year there have been a number of memorable services. One particularly special service was held in August to celebrate the unveiling of a new plaque in the churchyard 'Remembering the Babies and Children buried with no marked graves'. Mrs Peggy Brown unveiled the plaque which had been kindly provided and fitted by J W Myers Monumental Masons. In November, the church was once again bedecked with knitted poppies for our Remembrance service. The poppies were knitted by volunteers from the community and created an impressive display for worshippers and visitors alike. The stunning Carols by Candlelight service was another memorable service and benefitted from the singing of our new church choir.

The past year has also seen the relationship between the church and the local primary school continue to grow and strengthen. Christine Mason and Caroline Wandless meet the headteacher on a regular basis and seek opportunities to support one another. Church representatives are now able to contribute to whole school worship through 'Open the Book' assemblies once a month as well as providing visiting clergy. A number of classes have also been into church to explore the building and others have provided work to go on display within St Helen's. We look forward to continuing this positive partnership in the year ahead.

### **Financial Review**

Total income received in 2021 was £47,821 and this included an extremely generous bequest of £10,000 which inevitably influenced the overall financial picture. With total expenditure of £35,793 this means that there was a surplus in 2021 of £12,027. Excluding the £10,000 bequest and 2021 showed a surplus of £2,027.

During 2021 income was adversely affected by the Covid-19 situation with, for example, church closed for a period, fewer weddings than would normally be expected and a negative impact on fundraising activities. Hopefully there will gradually be a return to greater normality in 2022 and this should help increase the level of income.

2021 expenditure was generally routine with no major unexpected costs although, that said, maintaining a 160-year-old grade 2\* listed building and its accompanying excellent grounds will always generate some repair and maintenance costs.

During 2021 it was agreed to keep around £10,000 in the current account which should be sufficient for ongoing cashflow purposes, and the balance of the funds were transferred into a CCLA investment account. The value of the CCLA account will move in response to broader financial market conditions.

On 31st December 2021 St Helen's had a total of £40,245 in funds and this was split between £12,316 in the current account and £27,929 in the investment account.

During 2021 total expenditure was, as noted above, £35,793 so the funds held by St Helen's represent the equivalent of a financial buffer of about 12 months but, once again, with a large historic building and the likes of quinquennial repairs it can be necessary to spend some substantial sums or, in other words, there is always a degree of uncertainty.

Ideally St Helen's will start to generate a regular ongoing financial surplus, and this would, in turn, allow gradual increases to the annual freewill offering; indeed the 2022 freewill offer has been increased by 20% or an extra £2,000 compared with 2021.

#### THE 2022 BUDGET

For 2022 PCC has decided to increase its freewill offer up to £12,000 and with most other costs and incomes expected to be broadly similar to 2021 then, unless there are, for example some significant bequests and donations, it is anticipated there will be about a £3,000 deficit in 2022. Hopefully income will be stronger than budgeted and progress on the fundraising front would be extremely helpful and if income is higher than £37,000 that should help reduce the anticipated deficit.

Costs are generally well-controlled and, particularly after some modest allowance for increased fuel costs it is difficult to see any material savings being generated during 2022.

#### **Additional Information**

##### **Volunteers:**

We would like to thank all of the people who are involved in the life of St Helen's Church: Richard, Dave, Francis, Jackie, Chris and the visiting preachers who lead our services; the many volunteers who support services every week, giving welcome, leading prayers and reading; those who hold St Helen's in their prayers; the people who tirelessly undertake the many chores involved in maintaining our beautiful building and grounds, particularly Brian Castle and his team of green fingered volunteer gardeners; those who create the wonderful floral displays in the church; Nigel Bellamy for providing us with glorious music on the organ each week; the newly formed choir who sing for Communion services; the bell ringers who have restarted their ringing; those who help to raise vital church funds and support our charitable work; all the members of the PCC who have continued to meet, sometimes online, throughout the pandemic to ensure St Helen's had continued to function; and to our churchwarden, Caroline Wandless, and her ever supportive husband, Roger, who do much for our church behind the scenes, working with great enthusiasm and commitment. Thank you all.

### **Structure, Governance and Management:**

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Helen's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), churchwardens and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church.

All those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The full PCC met eight times during the year.

### **Church Council Members on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021:**

#### **Ex-Officio**

(Clergy in Vacancy)  
Caroline Wandless (Churchwarden)  
Maurice Vassie (Deanery Representative)

Christine Mason (Co-opted)  
Pat Reader (Co-opted)

#### **3 years to serve**

Louise Bartle  
Fiona Walters  
John Wilson

#### **2 years to serve**

Sadie Ashton  
Hilary Castle  
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## St Helen's Church: Income

| INCOME                             | 2021          | 2020          | 2019           |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
|                                    |               |               | £              |
| Planned regular giving             | 8,297         | 7,419         | 5,401          |
| Collections                        | 6,653         | 5,435         | 9,393          |
| HMRC gift aid                      | 3,815         | 807           | 2,796          |
| <b>TOTAL GIVING</b>                | <b>18,765</b> | <b>13,661</b> | <b>17,590</b>  |
| Weddings                           | 4,039         | 2115          | 3,065          |
| Funerals                           | 6,330         | 3240          | 5,575          |
| <b>TOTAL STATUTORY FEES</b>        | <b>10,369</b> | <b>5,355</b>  | <b>8,640</b>   |
| Monies from the Benefice           | 232           | 3,000         | 0              |
| Legacies and Donation              | 13,003        | 3,570         | 250            |
| Listed Places of Worship VAT claim | 0             | 2,552         | 72,055         |
| Fundraising                        | 3,426         | 4,745         | 7,470          |
| 100 Club Income                    | 1,139         | 982           | 912            |
| Allotments and Garages             | 377           | 550           | 0              |
| Heritage Lottery Grant             | 0             | 0             | 334,799        |
| Roof Alarm Grants                  | 0             | 3116          | 0              |
| Other Grants                       | 0             | 500           | 9,120          |
| From investment accounts           | 30            | 19            | 19,009         |
| Miscellaneous Income               | 480           | 20            | 2,743          |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                | <b>47,821</b> | <b>38,070</b> | <b>472,588</b> |

### Notes:

During the year the church received a total of £12,895 from two legacies and one large donation.

In terms of fundraising income, it included:

- Willow weaving £600 (net £250 after costs)
- Wreaths £1,069 (including a raffle but net £124 after costs)
- Heritage £406
- Church Box £479
- Votive / books £309

The miscellaneous income related to a gift to the rector on his retirement.

## St Helen's Church: Expenditure

| EXPENDITURE                              | 2021          | 2020          | 2019           |
|--|---------------|---------------|----------------|
|  |               |               | £              |
| Freewill to Diocese                      | 10,000        | 10,000        | 15,450         |
| Statutory Fees                           | 1,475         | 1,600         | 2,263          |
| <b>TOTAL TO DIOCESE</b>                  | <b>11,475</b> | <b>11,600</b> | <b>17,713</b>  |
|  |               |               |                |
| <b>PAYMENTS TO CHARITIES*</b>            | <b>1,389</b>  | <b>2,438</b>  | <b>2,802</b>   |
|  |               |               |                |
| Organists                                | 2,322         | 1,188         | 1,424          |
| Vergers                                  | 533           | 276           | 351            |
| Bellringers                              | 658           | 0             | 646            |
| Visiting clergy                          | 580           | 131           | 305            |
| Payment to Benefice Account              | 750           | 750           | 1,500          |
| <b>TOTAL FEES</b>                        | <b>4,843</b>  | <b>2,347</b>  | <b>4,226</b>   |
|  |               |               |                |
| Insurance                                | 4,993         | 4,978         | 4,885          |
| Oil                                      | 1,878         | 1,596         | 2,671          |
| Electricity                              | 1,545         | 1,846         | 2,775          |
| Water                                    | 135           | 272           | 210            |
| Internet                                 | 337           | 388           | 0              |
| <b>TOTAL UTILITIES</b>                   | <b>8,888</b>  | <b>9,080</b>  | <b>10,541</b>  |
|  |               |               |                |
| Repair and maintenance                   | 4,241         | 5,967         | 1,803          |
| Installation of Roof Alarm               | 393           | 4,288         | 0              |
| Churchyard                               | 948           | 2,224         | 1,506          |
| 100 Club Prizes                          | 470           | 600           | 600            |
| Miscellaneous (inc fundraising expenses) | 3,096         | 2,151         | 2,579          |
| Heritage Project                         | 50            | 13,793        | 438,188        |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>                 | <b>35,793</b> | <b>54,488</b> | <b>479,958</b> |
| <b>Transfer to CCLA</b>                  | <b>25,000</b> |               |                |
| <b>GROSS ADJUSTED EXPENDITURE</b>        | <b>60,793</b> |               |                |

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| Expenditure including transfers to CCLA        | 60,793        | 54,488        | 479,958       |
| <b>Closing bank balance at 31 December</b>     | <b>12,316</b> | <b>25,288</b> | <b>41,706</b> |
| Unpresented cheques at 31 December             | 0             | 902           | 1,230         |
| <b>Net closing bank balance at 31 December</b> | <b>12,316</b> | <b>24,386</b> | <b>40,476</b> |

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## St Helen's Church: Investment Account

| Investment Accounts | 2021          | 2020         | 2019         |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
|                     | £             | £            | £            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>        | <b>27,929</b> | <b>1,376</b> | <b>1,287</b> |

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## St Helen's Church: Summary of Funds

|                                    | 2021          | 2020          |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Funds on 31 <sup>st</sup> December | £             | £             |
| Current account                    | 12,316        | 25,288        |
| Investment account                 | 27,929        | 1,376         |
| <b>Total funds</b>                 | <b>40,245</b> | <b>26,664</b> |

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## St Helen's Church: Overview of the 2021 Accounts

Total income received in 2021 was £47,821 and this included an extremely generous bequest of £10,000 which inevitably influences the overall financial picture. With total expenditure of £35,793 this means that there was a surplus in 2021 of £12,027. Excluding the £10,000 bequest and 2021 showed a surplus of £2,027.

During 2021 income was adversely affected by the Covid-19 situation with, for example, church closed for a period, fewer weddings than would normally be expected and a negative impact on fundraising activities. Hopefully there will gradually be a return to greater normality in 2022 and this should help increase the level of income.

2021 expenditure was generally routine with no major unexpected costs although, that said, maintaining a 160-year-old grade 2\* listed building and its accompanying excellent grounds will always generate some repair and maintenance costs.

During 2021 it was agreed to keep around £10,000 in the current account which should be sufficient for ongoing cashflow purposes, and the balance of the funds were transferred into a CCLA investment account. The value of the CCLA account will move in response to broader financial market conditions.

On 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 St Helen's had a total of £40,245 in funds and this was split between £12,316 in the current account and £27,929 in the investment account.

During 2021 total expenditure was, as noted above, £35,793 so the funds held by St Helen's represent the equivalent of a financial buffer of just over 12 months but, once again, with a large historic building and the likes of quinquennial repairs it can be necessary to spend some substantial sums or, in other words, there is always a degree of uncertainty.

Ideally St Helen's will start to generate a regular ongoing financial surplus, and this would, in turn, allow gradual increases to the annual freewill offering; indeed the 2022 freewill offer has been increased by 20% or an extra £2,000 compared with 2021.

## St Helen's Church: Income

| INCOME                             | 2021          | 2020          | 2019           |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
|                                    |               |               | £              |
| Planned regular giving             | 8,297         | 7,419         | 5,401          |
| Collections                        | 6,653         | 5,435         | 9,393          |
| HMRC gift aid                      | 3,815         | 807           | 2,796          |
| <b>TOTAL GIVING</b>                | <b>18,765</b> | <b>13,661</b> | <b>17,590</b>  |
| Weddings                           | 4,039         | 2115          | 3,065          |
| Funerals                           | 6,330         | 3240          | 5,575          |
| <b>TOTAL STATUTORY FEES</b>        | <b>10,369</b> | <b>5,355</b>  | <b>8,640</b>   |
| Monies from the Benefice           | 232           | 3,000         | 0              |
| Legacies and Donation              | 13,003        | 3,570         | 250            |
| Listed Places of Worship VAT claim | 0             | 2,552         | 72,055         |
| Fundraising                        | 3,426         | 4,745         | 7,470          |
| 100 Club Income                    | 1,139         | 982           | 912            |
| Allotments and Garages             | 377           | 550           | 0              |
| Heritage Lottery Grant             | 0             | 0             | 334,799        |
| Roof Alarm Grants                  | 0             | 3116          | 0              |
| Other Grants                       | 0             | 500           | 9,120          |
| From investment accounts           | 30            | 19            | 19,009         |
| Miscellaneous Income               | 480           | 20            | 2,743          |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                | <b>47,821</b> | <b>38,070</b> | <b>472,588</b> |

### Notes:

During the year the church received a total of £12,895 from two legacies and one large donation.

In terms of fundraising income, it included:

- Willow weaving £600 (net £250 after costs)
- Wreaths £1,069 (including a raffle but net £124 after costs)
- Heritage £406
- Church Box £479
- Votive / books £309

The miscellaneous income related to a gift to the rector on his retirement.

## St Helen's Church: Expenditure

| EXPENDITURE                              | 2021          | 2020          | 2019           |
|--|---------------|---------------|----------------|
|  |               |               | £              |
| Freewill to Diocese                      | 10,000        | 10,000        | 15,450         |
| Statutory Fees                           | 1,475         | 1,600         | 2,263          |
| <b>TOTAL TO DIOCESE</b>                  | <b>11,475</b> | <b>11,600</b> | <b>17,713</b>  |
|  |               |               |                |
| <b>PAYMENTS TO CHARITIES*</b>            | <b>1,389</b>  | <b>2,438</b>  | <b>2,802</b>   |
|  |               |               |                |
| Organists                                | 2,322         | 1,188         | 1,424          |
| Vergers                                  | 533           | 276           | 351            |
| Bellringers                              | 658           | 0             | 646            |
| Visiting clergy                          | 580           | 131           | 305            |
| Payment to Benefice Account              | 750           | 750           | 1,500          |
| <b>TOTAL FEES</b>                        | <b>4,843</b>  | <b>2,347</b>  | <b>4,226</b>   |
|  |               |               |                |
| Insurance                                | 4,993         | 4,978         | 4,885          |
| Oil                                      | 1,878         | 1,596         | 2,671          |
| Electricity                              | 1,545         | 1,846         | 2,775          |
| Water                                    | 135           | 272           | 210            |
| Internet                                 | 337           | 388           | 0              |
| <b>TOTAL UTILITIES</b>                   | <b>8,888</b>  | <b>9,080</b>  | <b>10,541</b>  |
|  |               |               |                |
| Repair and maintenance                   | 4,241         | 5,967         | 1,803          |
| Installation of Roof Alarm               | 393           | 4,288         | 0              |
| Churchyard                               | 948           | 2,224         | 1,506          |
| 100 Club Prizes                          | 470           | 600           | 600            |
| Miscellaneous (inc fundraising expenses) | 3,096         | 2,151         | 2,579          |
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# Accounts

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# **2020 Report and Accounts** **for the Parochial Church Council of St Helen's Church, Escrick**

## **Aims and Objectives**

St. Helen's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Richard Kirkman, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church; pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of St. Helen's Church, Escrick.

## **Objectives and Activities**

The PCC is committed to providing a welcoming environment for all, whether they are regular worshippers or not. We strive to be open and accessible in every respect, and to make St. Helen's the heart of our village community. In order to achieve this, the PCC recognises the need to be financially sustainable and encouraging generous giving has had to become a focus for us. We are also committed to strengthening and further developing our relationship with the village Church of England Primary School.

When planning our activities for the year, we considered our main objectives and tried to put in place services, opportunities for worship and community engagement that would enable us to achieve these. In particular, we tried to enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of services that specifically meet the needs of members of the community who would not ordinarily attend church, particularly families.
- A varied programme of 'Heritage Activities' which engage a wide demographic.
- Regular opportunities to engage with music within the church from bell ringing to choral evensong and concerts.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St. Helen's.

Unfortunately, the Covid-19 pandemic which began in the first quarter of 2020, led to not only the cancellation of almost all church events but also a lengthy period of complete closure. Whilst we were relatively quick to adapt to online services and meetings, many of our events, particularly our Heritage and fundraising events, could not be replicated in a 'virtual' form. This inevitably had an impact on church finances during 2020.

## **Achievements and Performance**

Generous giving was a central focus during 2020. It was with a heavy heart that we had to reduce our Freewill Offer this year. Due to the level of expenditure linked to our Heritage Lottery Fund project and the closure of the church, we were unable to maintain the offer of previous years. It was felt that it would be very unwise to offer more than we could sensibly afford. It was therefore decided that we would have to reduce our Freewill Offer to £10,000 for 2020, with a view to returning to previous levels as soon as possible. In light of the financial impact of the pandemic, we were further assured that this was the correct course of action.

With 'giving' in mind, our 'Sustainable Giving' project was launched on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020 by Archdeacon Sam Rushton. At the service, packs were given out, inviting people to review their giving and consider planned giving. As part of the project, we also invested in a card reader to allow people to donate electronically, and encouraged people to consider remembering the church in their will. The timing of this project was certainly fortuitous as it led to an increase in the number of people donating regularly via Direct Debit which helped to sustain church funds during the period of national lockdown, and, in addition, this should make future income streams more robust.

In March 2020, on the final Sunday service before St Helen's was forced to close its doors, we were delighted to take part in the 'Come and See' mission of the northern bishops. A special 'all age' service was held in church which combined our regular Sunday congregation with those who usually attend our 'Open Door' family service. The result was a vibrant and creative service filled with prayer, songs, crafts and worship.

Between the periods of national lockdown, we enjoyed several other special services. In November, the church looked truly spectacular when it was adorned with hundreds and hundreds of hand knitted poppies as part of our Remembrance commemorations. These poppies had been knitted by volunteers throughout the community and industriously sewn onto swathes of netting to allow them to be displayed within the church. It really was an awe-inspiring sight. When one looked closer, it became evident that in addition to the traditional red poppies, there were also some black, purple and white poppies integrated into the display. The poppies certainly provided a very fitting backdrop to the Remembrance service and made the words and music all the more poignant. We would like to thank everyone who was involved in this terrific project and look forward to seeing it again in some form later this year.

Due to Coronavirus restrictions, singing has not been permitted at services. Whilst this obviously affects all services, it was particularly missed at Christmas time. However, this did not dampen our spirits and we were able to celebrate with some very special 'listening' services with readings, poems, prayers and music on the organ accompanied by a small choir. Whilst this was admittedly not quite the same as a full church enthusiastically singing 'O Come All Ye Faithful', these services were very well received by all who attended.

During the periods of national lockdown, many services have taken place online, via Zoom, including our 'Open Door' family service, Mothering Sunday and Benefice services. Again, these may not be quite the same as they are in person, but they have allowed us to stay connected and to worship together even when we had to be apart.

Our parish magazine is normally distributed monthly to all parishioners however, once again, the pandemic has brought about change. We are very fortunate to have a very able magazine editor who was quickly able to switch our parish magazine from paper to electronic format and this is now shared as widely as possible via email and social media platforms. The magazine keeps our parishioners informed of the important matters affecting our Church and articles that help develop our knowledge and trust in Jesus.

### **Financial Review**

The accounts in each of the previous four years, that is 2016 to 2019 inclusive, had been very heavily influenced by the £630,000 Heritage Project and, for example, in 2020 our expenditure was £38,070

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With at least the early months of 2021 likely to be again heavily impacted by Covid it is anticipated that future income streams will again be impaired, but hopefully things will gradually return to some normality and, if so, the objective must be to try and balance income and expenditure.

Moving forwards St Helen's Church should seek to maintain a reserve of at least £25,000 and this is reflective of two key factors: firstly, this represents about six to nine months of income and secondly the maintenance of a larger than average village church, which is grade2\* listed and over 160 years old, will inevitably mean periodic significant expenditure.

### **Additional Information**

#### **Volunteers:**

We would like to thank all of the people who are involved in the life of St Helen's Church: Richard, Francis, Malcom, Chris and the visiting preachers who lead our services; the many volunteers who support services every week, giving welcome, leading prayers and reading; the people who tirelessly undertake the many chores involved in maintaining our beautiful building and grounds, particularly Brian Castle and his team of green fingered volunteer gardeners; those who create the wonderful floral displays in the church; Nigel Bellamy for providing us with glorious music on the organ each week; the bell ringers who we have greatly missed this year; those who help to raise vital church funds and support our charitable work; all the members of the PCC who have continued to meet online throughout the pandemic to ensure St Helen's had continued to function; and to our amazing churchwarden, Caroline Wandless, and her ever supportive husband, Roger, who do so much for our church behind the scenes, working with great enthusiasm and commitment. Thank you all.

#### **Structure, Governance and Management:**

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Helen's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), churchwardens and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church.

All those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The full PCC met eight times during the year.

**Church Council Members on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020:**

**Ex-Officio**

Rev Richard Kirkman (Chairman)  
Caroline Wandless (Churchwarden)  
Maurice Vassie (Deanery Representative)

Christine Mason (Co-opted)  
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**3 years to serve**

Sadie Ashton  
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**2 years to serve**

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At the end of the year St Helen's had £25,288 in its current account and a further £1,376 in an investment account making a total of £26,664 in funds, but that should be reduced by £902 due to an unrepresented cheque making net total funds of £25,742.

At the time of writing (late February 2021) church is again closed due to a Covid related national lockdown, so once again our income streams are impaired, but hopefully things will gradually return to some normality and, if so, the objective must be to try and balance income and expenditure.

Whilst the monies held in our accounts provide some comfort, they only equate to about eight months expenditure and they will inevitably be reduced if church continues to run a deficit and, in addition, we always need to be mindful that the costs of maintaining a 160-year-old grade 2\* listed building will always generate significant repair and maintenance costs.

## St Helen's Church Income

| INCOME                             | 2020          | 2019           |
|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
|                                    |               | £              |
| Planned regular giving             | 7,419         | 5,401          |
| Collections                        | 5,435         | 9,393          |
| HMRC gift aid                      | 807           | 2,796          |
| <b>TOTAL GIVING</b>                | <b>13,661</b> | <b>17,590</b>  |
|                                    |               |                |
| Weddings                           | 2115          | 3,065          |
| Funerals                           | 3240          | 5,575          |
| <b>TOTAL STATUTORY FEES</b>        | <b>5,355</b>  | <b>8,640</b>   |
|                                    |               |                |
| Monies from the Benefice           | 3,000         | 0              |
| Legacies and Donation              | 3,570         | 250            |
| Listed Places of Worship VAT claim | 2,552         | 72,055         |
| Fundraising                        | 4,745         | 7,470          |
| 100 Club Income                    | 982           | 912            |
| Allotments and Garages             | 550           | 0              |
| Heritage Lottery Grant             | 0             | 334,799        |
| Roof Alarm Grants                  | 3116          | 0              |
| Other Grants                       | 500           | 9,120          |
| From investment accounts           | 19            | 19,009         |
| Miscellaneous Income               | 20            | 2,743          |
|                                    |               |                |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                | <b>38,070</b> | <b>472,588</b> |

### Notes:

During the year the church received a £3,000 benefice distribution and, in addition, it received a total of £3,000 in legacies from the estates of Sir Timothy Forbes-Adams and Mrs Dixon.

In 2019 the income from the allotments and garages was included within fundraising. In terms of fundraising income, it included: Ceilidh £1,768; Tealights £520; Calendars £422; and a range of other activities.

The 2019 figures were hugely influenced by the heritage project and that makes meaningful comparisons relatively difficult.

## St Helen's Church Expenditure

| EXPENDITURE                              | 2020          | 2019           |
|--|---------------|----------------|
|  |               | £              |
| Freewill to Diocese                      | 10,000        | 15,450         |
| Statutory Fees                           | 1,600         | 2,263          |
| <b>TOTAL TO DIOCESE</b>                  | <b>11,600</b> | <b>17,713</b>  |
|  |               |                |
| <b>PAYMENTS TO CHARITIES*</b>            | <b>2,438</b>  | <b>2,802</b>   |
|  |               |                |
| Organists                                | 1,188         | 1,424          |
| Vergers                                  | 276           | 351            |
| Bellringers                              | 0             | 646            |
| Visiting clergy                          | 131           | 305            |
| Payment to Benefice Account              | 750           | 1,500          |
| <b>TOTAL FEES</b>                        | <b>2,347</b>  | <b>4,226</b>   |
|  |               |                |
| Insurance                                | 4,978         | 4,885          |
| Oil                                      | 1,596         | 2,671          |
| Electricity                              | 1,846         | 2,775          |
| Water                                    | 272           | 210            |
| Internet                                 | 388           | 0              |
| <b>TOTAL UTILITIES</b>                   | <b>9,080</b>  | <b>10,541</b>  |
|  |               |                |
| Repair and maintenance                   | 5,967         | 1,803          |
| Installation of Roof Alarm               | 4,288         | 0              |
| Total Grounds                            | 2,224         | 1,506          |
| 100 Club Prizes                          | 600           | 600            |
| Miscellaneous (inc fundraising expenses) | 2,151         | 2,579          |
| Heritage Project                         | 13,793        | 438,188        |
|  |               |                |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>                 | <b>54,488</b> | <b>479,958</b> |

\*These payments to charities are essentially either:

- Collections at funerals with specific instructions to make payment to a particular charity, for example Cancer Research – this is the majority of this money;
- Some services where the collection is for a specific charity, for example: Remembrance Sunday and the Royal British Legion; and Christingle and the Children's Society.

More generally the main outgoing was the £13,793 retention payment related to the heritage project but, in addition, there was an increased amount spent on repair and maintenance and also grounds with this, in part, reflecting works subsequent to the quinquennial inspection and also the required periodic work on trees in the churchyard.

The internet cost was previously included within the miscellaneous costs.

## St Helen's Church Summary of Expenditure and Income

|  | 2020            | 2019           |
|--|-----------------|----------------|
|  | £               | £              |
| Total Income   | 38,070          | 472,588        |
| Total Expenditure                                      | 54,488          | 479,958        |
| <b>Surplus or (deficit) of income over expenditure</b> | <b>(16,418)</b> | <b>(7,370)</b> |

## St Helen's Church Summary of Funds: Current Account

|  | 2020          | 2019          |
|--|---------------|---------------|
|  | £             | £             |
| <b>Opening bank balance at 01 January</b>      | <b>41,706</b> | <b>49,076</b> |
| Income   | 38,070        | 472,588       |
| Sub-total of opening balance and income        | 79,776        | 521,664       |
| Expenditure                                    | 54,488        | 479,958       |
| <b>Closing bank balance at 31 December</b>     | <b>25,288</b> | <b>41,706</b> |
| Unpresented cheques at 31 December             | 902           | 1,230         |
| <b>Net closing bank balance at 31 December</b> | <b>24,386</b> | <b>40,476</b> |

There was just one unpresented cheque at 31 December 2020. No 103201: £902.00

## St Helen's Church Summary of Funds: Investment Accounts

To help finance the heritage project PCC closed all but one of its CCLA investment accounts and at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020, the value of the investment was just £1,376..

The values of these accounts at 31 December were:

| Investment Accounts | 2020 £       | 2019 £       |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>TOTAL</b>        | <b>1,376</b> | <b>1,287</b> |

## **St Helen's Church restricted, unrestricted and designated funds**

The PCC needs to be clear about which funds are restricted, and also which are unrestricted and or designated.

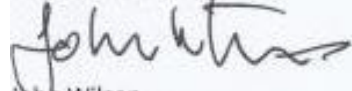
- 'Restricted funds' are sums of money that are held on trust for particular purposes and can only be spent on those purposes.
- 'Unrestricted funds' can be spent on any of the PCC's general purposes.
- 'Designated funds' are sums of unrestricted money earmarked by the PCC for specific purposes.

During 2018 and 2019 all the Restricted Funds and Designated Funds were spent on the Heritage project, so all current PCC funds are Unrestricted.

## St Helen's Church Accounts 2020: treasurer statement and audit certificate

### Treasurer statement:

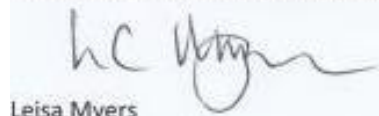
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St Helen's Church PCC Treasurer

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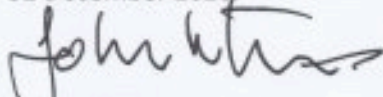


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