

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF KING CROSS, HALIFAX

England & Wales · Charity number 1191160

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2020-09-04

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

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Activities

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

Activities: St Paul's is an Anglican church in the Diocese of Leeds, based in King Cross, Halifax. It offers regular services to anyone who wishes to come and the church is open to all. The church also offers some outreach services to the local community through coffee mornings and social occasions

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Calderdale

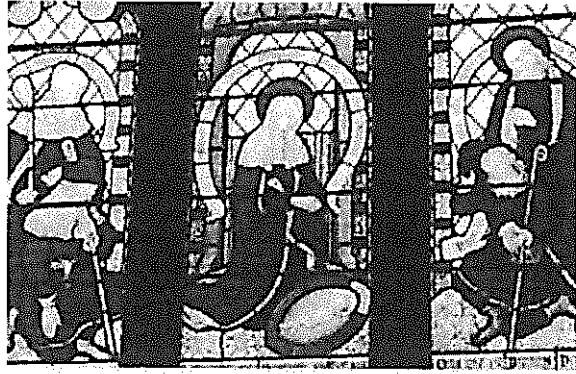
Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£50,178	£54,246	-	-
2023-12-31	£449,342	£462,449	£234,192	0
2022-12-31	£321,836	£283,849	-	-
2021-12-31	£46,062	£57,858	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anita Robertshaw		2019-03-24
Christine Endeacott		1999-04-25
DAVID HENRY BARKER		2018-04-08
Graham Alan Foster		2017-04-23
Graham King		2017-04-23
Joan Porter		2022-04-24
KEITH FAIRHURST		2024-04-21
Kathleen Anne Knell M.A.		2019-03-24
Mark Anthony Chatburn		2023-04-23
Mary Valerie Barton-Marshall		2020-11-01
Rev Nigel Leslie Stimpson		2021-11-23
Shaughn Thomas Bevan		2017-04-23
Thomas Oakes		2023-04-23
Victoria Mary Bevan		2020-05-11

Accounts



**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF KING CROSS, HALIFAX**

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31 DECEMBER 2024

Charity registration number: 1191160

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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF KING CROSS, HALIFAX

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered charity name	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of King Cross, Halifax	
Charity registration number	1191160	
Principal office	King Cross Vicarage West Royd Avenue Halifax HX13NU	
Incumbent	Rev Nigel Stimpson	
Parochial Church Council	Anne Knell (2) Christine Endeacott (2) Victoria Bevan (1) Anita Robertshaw Graham Foster (3) Shaughn Bevan (3) Graham King (3) David Barker (1) Mary Barton-Marshall (3) Keith Fairhurst (3) Tom Oakes (3) Joan Porter (2) Mark Chatburn (3)	Secretary and Gift Aid Officer Mission secretary Electoral Roll Officer Churchwarden Treasurer and Denery Synod Representative Churchwarden and Deanery Synod Representative Deanery Synod Representative

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Parish of King Cross has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Fr Nigel Stimpson (from 23 November 2021), for the whole mission of the church on behalf of the people of the parish. It also has the responsibility for maintaining the parish church of St Paul's and the adjoining grounds.

Independent examiner	Mrs E A Short FCA Equitable House 55 Pellon Lane Halifax West Yorkshire HX1 5SP
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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT *(continued)*

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Benefices of St Paul's King Cross and St Anne's Southowram are held in plurality with Fr Nigel Stimpson as the incumbent. The two churches maintain their identities with separate services and Parochial Church Councils.

St Paul's was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 4 September 2020

Membership of the PCC

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or are elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Appointments and elections are in accordance with Church Representation Rules. There were eleven PCC meetings in 2024, via Zoom or in person. The PCC were confirmed as members of the PCC from April 2024. The figures in brackets refer to the remaining period of service (from the date of the APM 2024) before the member resigns and stand for re-election if he/she wishes.

The incumbent is usually the chairman of the council. The churchwardens are elected annually by those who attend the APM. Deanery synod representatives are elected every three years at the APM. All other officers are elected from and by the Council members.

There is a number of sub-committees which investigate various aspects of the life of the church. These generally meet on an ad hoc basis and any recommendations are passed to the PCC for approval. The committees are as follows:

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It comprises the incumbent, the churchwardens, the treasurer, the secretary and one elected members of the council, currently Christine Endeacott. The committee is empowered to transact the business of the PCC between meetings. The Standing Committee met on several occasions during the year mainly to discuss issues arising from the roof project.

Finance Committee

The Standing Committee substitutes as a Finance Committee as circumstances dictate.

Committee for Missions

Its function is to distribute money to various charities at home and abroad. The money comes from 10 per cent of our planned giving receipts over the year. The Missions Secretary is ex officio and is elected by the PCC. He/she suggests to the PCC which charities should be supported that year. Members of the congregation are invited to put forward proposals before the meeting. Christine Endeacott is the Missions Secretary.

Social Committee

The Committee has held meetings throughout 2024. There was a highly successful series of concerts, drama and talks which were well attended and raised money for the roof fund. We held two Fayres, one in the summer and one at Christmas which also helped raise money for the roof project.

Liturgy Group

This group is led by the incumbent. It is open to all members of the congregation and its purpose is to consider ways of improving our worship both in content and manner. It did not meet in 2024

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT *(continued)*

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The PCC is committed to maintaining St Paul's as a centre of excellence for creative and accessible worship in the Catholic tradition of the Church of England, while fully engaging with our wider Parish community wherever possible.

The PCC also encourages the use of the church and parish room by the congregation and the wider parish/community. Social activities, including the monthly community coffee morning (which continues to attract people from outside the regular congregation) are open to all and are widely publicised. In order to meet the needs of the congregation and others using our facilities, we need to maintain the fabric and ensure that the church and parish room are as welcoming as possible.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

During 2024 the main service of the week was the Sunday Mass. There is also a said Mass on Thursday mornings, followed by refreshments. There were additional services held throughout the year to help celebrate the Church's Liturgical year as well.

We were able to maintain our traditional services during Lent and Holy Week. The main services were held at St Paul's with the congregation from St Anne's attending. There was a weekly devotional service on Zoom which attracted members of both congregations.

In the period leading up to Christmas we held an Advent Carol Service, a Nine Lessons and Carol Service and Crib Service all of which were well attended and attracted visitors who are not regular members of the congregation. As part of our outreach to non-members of the usual congregation, we visited, by invitation of the manager, two hostelrys in the parish and led carol singing which was well received.

During the year we held Choral Evensong three times and another 'Come and Sing' choral evensong which attracted a number of singers who were not from St Paul's. Bishop Smitha also attended and gave the sermon. We performed Stainer's 'Crucifixion' on Palm Sunday.

At present there are 68 members on the electoral roll, 15 of whom live in the parish and 53 outside. During the year, there was one baptism, one wedding and two funerals.

We have continued to maintain the database of email addresses which was established in 2020 and send a weekly newsletter (the Pewsheet) to all those on the list. This enables us to let members of the congregation know about services and other events on a regular basis. We have an active website and a presence on social media, especially Facebook, so anyone interested in the church and its services has access to up-to-date information. Visitors to the website can also make donations by clicking on the relevant icon and for visitors to the church, there is a contactless card machine.

Safeguarding is an agenda item at all PCC meetings, but no new issues were raised in 2024. Members of the PCC are encouraged to complete an online course to make sure they understand all the ramifications of the requirements. The Safeguarding policy is reviewed and approved every year by the PCC and follows Diocesan guidelines.

Because of the need to raise funds for the roof we have continued a number of money-making ventures which have helped to bring the congregation closer together. These include a monthly raffle, a 'Take a Pick' raffle and the sale of cakes and crafts made by, and donated by, members of the congregation.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT *(continued)*

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Deanery synod

As from 21st April 2024, three members of our congregation sit on the Deanery Synod and report back to the PCC on matters discussed. See separate report on page 5.

Engagement with the community

2024 was notable for a series of social events, mainly focussing on music. These events attracted people from the wider parish, not just the congregation. We also held two popular quiz nights and David Glover gave another well attended talk. The monthly community coffee mornings continue to be well supported. A craft group has also been introduced to which all members of the community are welcome.

To attract the wider parish, we held both a Summer Fair and a Christmas Fair in church.

We took part in the Yorkshire Historic Churches Open Day and the church was manned to welcome and inform visitors. We also ensured that the leaflet to help visitors enjoy the highlight of the church and appreciate their significance to our form of worship, was available.

The Ukrainian church continues to hold a monthly service at St Paul.

We maintain a good relationship with Parkinson Lane School. The pupils make regular visits to the church and Father Nigel is a frequent visitor to the school. Father Nigel has also been invited into Warley Road school as well.

There is a wide range of books and CDs for anyone to borrow.

Saint Paul's is registered as a Fairtrade Church and all tea, coffee and sugar used at church are Fairtrade products.

Land and buildings

The fabric of the church continued to be of concern, especially the roof. Fundraising initiatives helped raise some money together with individual donations. The PCC also explored other avenues for grants. We managed to raise the money needed, and work started on the roof in October and was largely completed by the end of 2024.

Work on the organ is continuing off-site and it is hoped that it will be installed during the summer of 2025. We continue to use the loaned electronic organ in the interim.

We would like to thank all those volunteers who make sure that the church is clean and welcoming. In the last months of the year this task was made more difficult because of the removal of the old roof and the accumulation of dust and debris in the church. A special Saturday morning clean up was in place for several weeks. We would also like to thank those who arrange flowers to adorn the church and those who work outside maintaining the grounds which are always attractive and receive favourable comments from the congregation and visitors alike.

The church carries out a health and safety check every year, and any issues raised are dealt with promptly.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT *(continued)*

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE *(continued)*

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

There were three meetings held of the Halifax & Calder Valley Deanery Synod in 2024, as outlined below.

St. John's, Warley in April, St. Thomas', Heptonstall in June and St. Jude's, Savile Park in November.

The first meeting saw the start of the year's objective to gain knowledge and to share each Parishes best practices with an aim to build a directory for other churches to seek advice. Each parish brought a selection of resources illustrating their good practices throughout the year where possible areas of training were identified including, welcome, diversity, communications, children's work and use of church land in ecologically sound ways.

There were also continued updates throughout the year on how Trinity Church was progressing, with regular updates from Ruth Walker (Synod Treasurer and Chaplain to Trinity Academy) and Revd Robb Sutherland.

There was encouragement for deanery engagement in the challenge of Net Zero.

Graham Foster was duly re-elected onto the Diocesan Synod and in November elected as the Area Mission and Pastoral Committee with a Clergy Representative vacancy on the Deanery Synod's Standing Committee being filled by Revd Nigel Stimpson. There is still a Lay Representative seat on the Standing Committee to be filled.

Shaughn Bevan and Graham Foster.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT *(continued)*

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE *(continued)*

COMMITTEE FOR MISSIONS 2024

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

	2024	2023
	£	£
USPG	920	950
Christian Aid	530	560
Leprosy Mission	140	140
	<u>1,590</u>	<u>1,650</u>

HOME MISSIONS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Children's Society	150	160
Church Army	90	100
Community of the Resurrection	80	80
Church Homeless Fund	100	100
Additional Curates Society	210	220
Next Step Trust	—	80
St Augustine's Centre	110	110
Halifax Street Angels	—	80
Mission to Seafarers	100	100
Bible Society	80	80
Yorkshire historic Churches Trust	50	—
	<u>970</u>	<u>1,110</u>

The amounts available for missions is calculated with reference to the previous year's planned giving.

SUMMARY

	2024	2023
	£	£
Balance at bank	2,567	2,768
Total giving	<u>2,560</u>	<u>2,760</u>
Balance	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT *(continued)*

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Finance

In 2024, we paid the Parish Share of £24,960 in full. The PCC has always been committed to paying the Parish Share in full. In line with our commitment to give 10% of our planned giving to mission causes, £2,560 was distributed as proposed by the Secretary for Missions and approved by the PCC. This sum does not include special collections. As part of our annual distribution, we also support a project run by the USPG which aims to protect babies from HIV/AIDS in Tanzania.

We managed to raise the money needed for the replacement of the roof and the work was nearly completed by the end of 2024. The PCC approved the move of £18,000 in the Heating Fund to the roof fund, with the agreement of the donors. Proposed Graham Foster, seconded Shaughn Bevan. The PCC also approved the transfer of money from the CBF Church of England Investment Fund into CCLA, to be held there are drawn down for the roof fund as necessary. Proposed Graham Foster, seconded Victoria Bevan. The value of the investment, when sold on 11th September 2024, was £23,760.46.

To help raise the money for the roof, we applied for a number of grants, and the following made welcome awards: National Churches Trust, The Wolfson Foundation, Congregational & General Charitable Trust, Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust, Give to Go Green Match Funding Campaign administered by the Archbishops Council on behalf of the National Church, Benefact Trust, Diocesan for Mission Fund, Diocese of Leeds Church Buildings Fund for Roof insulation and the Reginald Herbert Hall Charitable Estate which paid for the repairs to the organ chamber roof.

The receipts on unrestricted funds were £50,718 (2023 - £45,380), of which 20,654 (2023 - £19,590) was unrestricted planned voluntary donations. Restricted income of £174,686 (2023 - £553,739) was also received, which is in relation to the roof fund and organ fund (see note 14). Restricted expenditure was £288,324 in relation to the new roof and organ projects.

Net movement in funds on unrestricted funds was £4,068 decrease (2023 - £6,220 decrease) while the restricted funds went down by £89,878. (2023 - £142,890 increase).

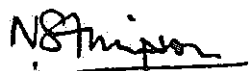
Reserves

Ideally the PCC should have sufficient reserves to meet between 3 and 6 months expenditure. At 31 December 2024 there was a deficit of £808 in the free reserves (2023 - £3,260 surplus). Six months expenditure amounts to approximately £28,000 therefore there is insufficient reserves at this point. The PCC are continually monitoring reserves and striving to increase them, whilst needing to spend considerable amounts on maintaining the church.

Our finances remain in a critical condition and we need to find ways of increasing our regular income. A Stewardship Sunday was held and members of the congregation were invited to let us know what further they could contribute in either time, talents or money. The response was disappointing and will be re-addressed in 2025.

This brief summary in no way represents the efforts put in by our treasurer, Graham King, and for his replacement, Graham Foster, for which we are very grateful

The trustees' annual report was approved on 1 May 2025 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



FR NIGEL STIMPSON
Incumbent

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF KING CROSS, HALIFAX**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF KING
CROSS, HALIFAX**

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of King Cross, Halifax ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

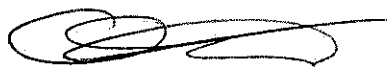
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



MRS E A SHORT FCA
Independent Examiner

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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF KING CROSS, HALIFAX**

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	2024			2023	
		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	
Income and endowments						
Donations and legacies	4	48,461	168,689	–	217,150	593,965
Charitable activities	5	368	–	–	368	397
Other trading activities	6	800	–	–	800	800
Investment income	7	549	5,997	–	6,546	3,957
Total income		<u>50,178</u>	<u>174,686</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>224,864</u>	<u>599,119</u>
Expenditure						
Expenditure on charitable activities	8	54,246	288,324	–	342,570	462,449
Total expenditure		<u>54,246</u>	<u>288,324</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>342,570</u>	<u>462,449</u>
Net gains on investments	9	–	–	431	431	–
Net (expenditure)/income		<u>(4,068)</u>	<u>(113,638)</u>	<u>431</u>	<u>(117,275)</u>	<u>136,670</u>
Transfers between funds		–	23,760	(23,760)	–	–
Other recognised gains and losses						
Net gains on investments		–	–	–	–	2,023
Net movement in funds		<u>(4,068)</u>	<u>(89,878)</u>	<u>(23,329)</u>	<u>(117,275)</u>	<u>138,693</u>
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		3,260	207,603	23,329	234,192	95,499
Total funds carried forward		<u>(808)</u>	<u>117,725</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>116,917</u>	<u>234,192</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 11 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

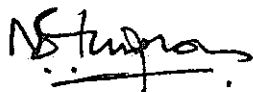
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	12		—		23,329
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		118,536		210,863	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	13	1,619		—	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>116,917</u>		<u>210,863</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>116,917</u>		<u>234,192</u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
Endowment funds			—		23,329
Restricted funds			117,725		207,603
Unrestricted funds			(808)		3,260
Total charity funds	14		<u>116,917</u>		<u>234,192</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 1 May 2025....., and are signed on behalf of the board by:



FR NIGEL STIMPSON
Incumbent

The notes on pages 11 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF KING CROSS, HALIFAX

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is King Cross Vicarage, West Royd Avenue, Halifax, HX1 3NU.

2. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011, and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006

3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2005.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *(continued)*

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(continued)*

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained: only income arising from investments of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

Restricted funds represent income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest and donations received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not invest separately for each fund and because of its materiality and difficulty in undertaking the exercise interest is not apportioned to each individual fund.

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over. The diocesan common fund is accounted for when paid. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Investments

Unlisted equity investments are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently measured at fair value. If fair value cannot be reliably measured, assets are measured at cost less impairment.

Listed investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised in income or expenditure.

Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *(continued)*

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

4. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
DONATIONS			
Planned giving	20,654	—	20,654
Collections and other giving	15,108	7,866	22,974
Miscellaneous gift aid	4,981	8,127	13,108
VAT claim	—	77,553	77,553
Donations	1,262	1,379	2,641
Income tax recovered	6,456	2,008	8,464
New organ project	—	61,436	61,436
Insurance claims	—	—	—
LEGACIES			
Legacies	—	—	—
GRANTS			
Grants	—	10,320	10,320
	<u>48,461</u>	<u>168,689</u>	<u>217,150</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
DONATIONS			
Planned giving	19,590	—	19,590
Collections and other giving	3,440	—	3,440
Miscellaneous gift aid	4,443	5,992	10,435
VAT claim	683	87,426	88,109
Donations	7,645	35,356	43,001
Income tax recovered	7,684	8,215	15,899
New organ project	—	401,900	401,900
Insurance claims	—	1,094	1,094
LEGACIES			
Legacies	—	3,747	3,747
GRANTS			
Grants	—	6,750	6,750
	<u>43,485</u>	<u>550,480</u>	<u>593,965</u>

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
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5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Fees	<u>368</u>	<u>368</u>	<u>397</u>	<u>397</u>

6. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Hire of Parish rooms	<u>800</u>	<u>800</u>	<u>800</u>	<u>800</u>

7. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£
CBF deposit fund	–	5,804	5,804
Bank interest	65	193	258
Dividends (CBF investment fund)	<u>484</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>484</u>
	<u>549</u>	<u>5,997</u>	<u>6,546</u>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£
CBF deposit fund	–	3,259	3,259
Bank interest	60	–	60
Dividends (CBF investment fund)	<u>638</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>638</u>
	<u>698</u>	<u>3,259</u>	<u>3,957</u>

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8. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES BY FUND TYPE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Diocesan parish contribution	24,960	–	24,960
Church running expenses	15,191	–	15,191
Clergy expenses	1,436	–	1,436
Cost of services	4,155	–	4,155
Building maintenance	2,821	–	2,821
Architect/Surveyor fees	–	–	–
Printing and stationery	846	–	846
Extra charity donations	1,188	–	1,188
Committee for Missions	3,362	–	3,362
Bank charges	127	–	127
Wedding and funeral fees	160	–	160
New organ project	–	178,681	178,681
New roof project	–	109,643	109,643
	<u>54,246</u>	<u>288,324</u>	<u>342,570</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Diocesan parish contribution	24,017	–	24,017
Church running expenses	15,174	–	15,174
Clergy expenses	1,134	–	1,134
Cost of services	2,952	–	2,952
Building maintenance	2,897	–	2,897
Architect/Surveyor fees	–	8,910	8,910
Printing and stationery	1,034	–	1,034
Extra charity donations	1,543	–	1,543
Committee for Missions	2,560	–	2,560
Bank charges	89	79	168
Wedding and funeral fees	160	–	160
New organ project	–	401,900	401,900
	<u>51,560</u>	<u>410,889</u>	<u>462,449</u>

9. NET GAINS ON INVESTMENTS

	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Gains/(losses) on listed investments	<u>431</u>	<u>431</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>

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10. INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION FEES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fees payable to the independent examiner for:		
Independent examination of the financial statements	<u>300</u>	<u>250</u>

11. PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

An honorarium of £1,975 was paid to one of the trustees for their services as organist and choir master. No other remuneration or benefits from employment with the church or a related entity were received by the PCC.

12. INVESTMENTS

	The CBF Church of England Investment Fund £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2024	23,329
Additions	—
Disposals	(23,760)
Fair value movements	431
At 31 December 2024	<u>—</u>
Impairment	
At 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024	<u>—</u>
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2024	<u>—</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>23,329</u>

All investments shown above are held at valuation.

13. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	<u>1,619</u>	<u>—</u>

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14. ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE FUNDS

Unrestricted funds

	1 Jan 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	31 Dec 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>3,260</u>	<u>50,178</u>	<u>(54,246)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(808)</u>

	1 Jan 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	31 Dec 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>9,480</u>	<u>45,380</u>	<u>(51,560)</u>	<u>(40)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>3,260</u>

Restricted funds

	1 Jan 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	31 Dec 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Organ fund	1,740	84	—	—	—	1,824
Heating fund	19,439	377	—	(18,000)	—	1,816
New Roof Fund	98,918	53,055	(109,643)	41,760	—	84,090
Organ project	87,506	121,170	(178,681)	—	—	29,995
	<u>207,603</u>	<u>174,686</u>	<u>(288,324)</u>	<u>23,760</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>117,725</u>

	1 Jan 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	31 Dec 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Organ fund	1,670	70	—	—	—	1,740
Heating fund	18,849	590	—	—	—	19,439
New Roof Fund	44,094	63,753	(8,929)	—	—	98,918
Organ project	100	489,326	(401,960)	40	—	87,506
	<u>64,713</u>	<u>553,739</u>	<u>(410,889)</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>207,603</u>

Endowment funds

	1 Jan 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	31 Dec 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
CBF share investment fund	<u>23,329</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(23,760)</u>	<u>431</u>	<u>—</u>

	1 Jan 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	31 Dec 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
CBF share investment fund	<u>21,306</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>2,023</u>	<u>23,329</u>

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15. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Investments	—	—	—	—
Current assets	811	117,725	—	118,536
Creditors less than 1 year	(1,619)	—	—	(1,619)
Net assets	<u>(808)</u>	<u>117,725</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>116,917</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Investments	—	—	23,329	23,329
Current assets	3,200	207,663	—	210,863
Creditors less than 1 year	—	—	—	—
Net assets	<u>3,200</u>	<u>207,663</u>	<u>23,329</u>	<u>234,192</u>

Accounts



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UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31 DECEMBER 2023

Charity registration number: 1191160



Spenser Wilson
Chartered Accountants & Business Advisers

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF KING CROSS, HALIFAX

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered charity name	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of King Cross, Halifax	
Charity registration number	1191160	
Principal office	King Cross Vicarage West Royd Avenue Halifax HX13NU	
Incumbent	Rev Nigel Stimpson	
The Trustees	Anne Knell (3) Christine Endeacott (2) Victoria Bevan (1) Anita Robertshaw Graham Foster (3) Shaughn Bevan (3) Graham King (3) David Barker (1) Mary Smith Mary Barton-Marshall (3) Joan Porter (2) Tom Oakes (3) Mark Chatburn (3)	Secretary/Gift aid officer Mission secretary Electoral Roll Officer Churchwarden Deanery Synod representative Churchwarden and Deanery Synod representative Treasurer (Died August 2023)

Representatives of the Deanery Synod

Graham Foster
Shaughn Bevan
Mark Chatburn

Safeguarding officer Shaughn Bevan

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Parish of King Cross has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Fr Nigel Stimpson, for the whole mission of the church on behalf of the people of the parish. It also has the responsibility for maintaining the parish church of St Paul's and the adjoining grounds.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Benefices of St Paul's King Cross and St Anne's Southowram were suspended following Fr Kevin Barnard's retirement. However, we received notice in September 2023 that the Bishop of Leeds intended to revoke the suspension and that the two churches would be held in plurality with Fr Nigel Stimpson as the first incumbent. The change did not take place until 1 January 2024. The two churches maintain their identities with separate services and Parochial Church Councils.

St Paul's is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 4 September 2020.

Membership of the PCC

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or are elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Appointments and elections are in accordance with Church Representation Rules. There were 9 PCC meetings in 2023, via Zoom or in person. The below were confirmed as members of the PCC from April 2023. The figures in brackets refer to the remaining period of service (from the date of the APGM 2023) before the member resigns and stand for re-election if he/she wishes.

The incumbent is usually the chairman of the council. The churchwardens are elected annually by those who attend the APGM. Deanery synod representatives are elected every three years at the APGM. All other officers are elected from and by the Council members.

There is a number of sub-committees which investigate various aspects of the life of the church. These generally meet on an ad hoc basis and any recommendations are passed to the PCC for approval. The committees are as follows:

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It comprises the incumbent, the churchwardens, the treasurer, the secretary and two elected members of the council, currently Christine Endeacott and Graham Foster. The committee is empowered to transact the business of the PCC between meetings. The Standing Committee met on several occasions during the year mainly to discuss issues arising from the roof project.

Finance Committee

The Standing Committee substitutes as a Finance Committee as circumstances dictate.

Committee for Missions

Its function is to distribute money to various charities at home and abroad. The money comes from 10 per cent of our planned giving receipts over the year. The Missions Secretary is ex officio and is elected by the PCC. He/she suggests to the PCC which charities should be supported that year. Members of the congregation are invited to put forward proposals before the meeting. Christine Endeacott is the Missions Secretary.

Social Committee

This did not meet during 2023, but a series of concerts and other events were organised through the PCC. The Committee was revived in 2023, in time for the Christmas Fayre.

Liturgy Group

This group is led by the incumbent. It is open to all members of the congregation and its purpose is to consider ways of improving our worship both in content and manner. It did not meet in 2023.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT *(continued)*

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The PCC is committed to maintaining St Paul's as a centre of Anglo-Catholic worship. The PCC reviews the church's regular services and suggests improvement and amendments as necessary.

The PCC also encourages the use of the church and parish room by the congregation and the wider parish/community. Social activities, including the monthly coffee morning (which continues to attract people from outside the regular congregation) are open to all and are widely publicised. In order to meet the needs of the congregation and others using our facilities, we need to maintain the fabric and ensure that the church and parish room are as welcoming as possible.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

During 2023 the main service of the week was the Sunday Mass. Over the year, we eased the restrictions COVID had placed on how we celebrate, and by the end of the year, had restored the use of the high altar for communion and the receiving of communion in two kinds for those who wished it. We retained the distanced form of the Peace as it was felt to suit the service better. There is also a said Mass on Thursday mornings, followed by refreshments.

We were able to maintain most of our traditional services during Lent and Holy Week, alternating the main services with St Anne's. Members of both congregations were encouraged to attend all services whichever church they were held in, and there was a weekly devotional service on Zoom which attracted members of both congregations.

In the period leading up to Christmas we held a Carol Service and Crib Service both of which were well attended and attracted visitors who are not regular members of the congregation. We also held a 'Songs of Praise' service in October which also attracted a good congregation. A new initiative, 'Come and Sing' Choral Evensong was introduced in July and attracted a number of singers new to St Paul's. We repeated the experience in October, and as a result, recruited a new member of the choir. As part of our outreach to non-members of the usual congregation, we visited, by invitation of the manager, two hostels in the parish and led carol singing which was well received.

At present there are 64 members on the electoral roll, 10 of whom live in the parish and 54 outside. During the year, there were no baptisms, no weddings and three funerals.

We have continued to maintain the database of email addresses which was established in 2020 and send a weekly newsletter (the Pewsheets) to all those on the list. This enables us to let members of the congregation know about services and other events on a regular basis. We have an active website and a presence on social media, especially Facebook, so anyone interested in the church and its services has access to up-to-date information. Visitors to the website can also make donations by clicking on the relevant icon and for visitors to the church, there is a contactless card machine.

Safeguarding is an agenda item at all PCC meetings, but no new issues were raised in 2023. Members of the PCC are encouraged to complete an online course to make sure they understand all the ramifications of the requirements. The Safeguarding policy is reviewed and approved every year by the PCC and follows Diocesan guidelines.

Because of the need to raise funds for the roof we have continued a number of money-making ventures which have helped to bring the congregation closer together. These include a monthly raffle, a 'Take a Pick' raffle and the sale of cakes and crafts made by, and donated by, members of the congregation.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT *(continued)*

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Deanery synod

As from 23rd April 2023, three members of our congregation sit on the Deanery Synod and report back to the PCC on matters discussed. See separate report on page 9.

Engagement with the community

2023 was notable for a series of social events, mainly focussing on music. These events attracted people from the wider parish, not just the congregation. We also held two popular quiz nights and David Glover gave another well attended talk. The monthly coffee mornings continue to be well supported.

To attract the wider parish, we held both a Summer Fair and a Christmas Fair in church.

We took part on the Yorkshire Historic Churches Open Day and the church was manned to welcome and inform visitors. We also produced a leaflet to help visitors enjoy the highlight of the church and appreciate their significance to our form of worship.

The Ukrainian church continues to hold a monthly service at St Paul.

We maintain a good relationship with Parkinson Lane School. The pupils make regular visits to the church and Fr Nigel is a frequent visitor to the school.

There is a wide range of books and CDs for anyone to borrow.

Saint Paul's is registered as a Fairtrade Church and all tea, coffee and sugar used at church are Fairtrade products.

Land and buildings

The fabric of the church continues to be of concern, especially the roof. We finally, after much delay from the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC), received a Faculty to re-roof the church in September 2023. The PCC accepted a quotation for the work for £181,767 + VAT and professional fees. However, the work cannot start until we have raised the necessary money. At the end of 2023, the roof fund stood at £111,000. The PCC is approaching charitable bodies who provide grants towards projects of this kind but progress is slow.

We received a Faculty for the work on the organ and work began with the removal of the existing instrument. We have been loaned an electronic organ for use in the interim.

We would like to thank all those volunteers who make sure that the church is clean and welcoming. We would also like to thank those who arrange flowers to adorn the church and those who work outside maintaining the grounds which are always attractive and receive favourable comments from the congregation and visitors alike.

The church carries out a health and safety check every year, and any issues raised are dealt with promptly.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT *(continued)*

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DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

Deanery Synod Report 2023.

The year started off with Graham Foster and Shaughn Bevan as our representatives for the Halifax & Calder Valley Deanery.

The three meetings of this Synod during 2023 were as follows: -

March 2023 - Holy Nativity, Mixenden.

Rev. Robb Sutherland, as the new Area Dean, welcomed representatives to the last Deanery Synod of the current triennium and hoped that there would be lots of good discussion about how we, as churches across the Deanery, can support the work in our local schools, a subject which the meeting would be mainly concerned with. Robb then introduced Ruth Walker, the Chaplain at Holy Trinity and Rosemary Wright from CICS, (Christians in Calderdale Schools), both of whom would be addressing the meeting. *This was the last meeting of the Triennium, and from then on, we (St. Paul's) were now permitted to have three elected members to the Deanery Synod based upon our Electoral Roll figures. At our AGM, Graham Foster and Shaughn Bevan were re-elected with Mark Chatburn being newly elected as our third member.*

July 2023 - St. Paul's, King Cross

Following the sung service to begin the new triennium, the only business at this meeting was a proposal from Robb Sutherland, based upon the previous discussions at the meeting in March about school's work with the Chaplain at Trinity Academy, to plant a student church after the school day with involvement across the Deanery. To facilitate this work Halifax and Calder Valley Deanery will apply for funding from the Bishop's Development Fund and the Family and Social Welfare Council. This proposal was seconded by Jane Evans and supported unanimously.

November 2023 - All Saints, Skircoat Green.

The guest speaker for this meeting was recently appointed Episcopal Bishop of Huddersfield, Smitha Prasadam, where her main subject was on the number of children attending churches in the Diocese, and how we can help to improve the poor percentage, of which Bishop Smitha quoted an average figure of 0.7% across the Diocese. I was happy to report to the Synod that the Sunday preceding we able to record an Under 16's attendance of 20%.

Graham Foster raised the concerning matter of how worshippers were poorly welcomed when visiting different churches across the Deanery.

A progress report was given by Ruth Walker on how well things had progressed with supporting pupils in churches, including the gaining of funding.

Elections for Officers was undertaken at this meeting, where our own Graham Foster was elected as the Chair of the Halifax & Calder Valley Deanery Synod, replacing outgoing Jane Evans who announced her retirement.

Graham Foster, Mark Chatburn & Shaughn Bevan.
Deanery Synod Representatives.

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YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

COMMITTEE FOR MISSIONS 2022

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

	2023	2022
	£	£
USPG	950	910
Christian Aid	560	546
Leprosy Mission	140	128
	<u>1,650</u>	<u>1,584</u>

HOME MISSIONS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Children's Society	160	150
Church Army	100	75
Community of the Resurrection	80	60
Church Homeless Fund	100	75
Additional Curates Society	220	200
Next Step Trust	80	60
St Augustine's Centre	110	90
Halifax Street Angels	80	60
Mission to Seafarers	100	90
Bible Society	80	60
	<u>1,110</u>	<u>920</u>

The amounts derived from planned giving donations only and does not include one-off collections for specific purposes, e.g. the Syrian/Turkish earthquakes, Christian Aid or the Lent boxes.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE FOR MISSIONS ACCOUNT

	2023
	£
Opening balance	34
Deposited towards 2023 giving	2,734
Less paid to Charities	(2,760)
Closing balance	<u>8</u>

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

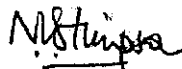
Finance

In 2023, we paid the Parish Share of £24,017 in full. The PCC has always been committed to paying the Parish Share in full but is forced to prioritise the urgent repairs to the church. In line with our commitment to give 10% of our planned giving to mission causes, £2,760 was distributed as agreed by the Committee for Missions and approved by the PCC. This sum does not include special collections.

We also support a project run by the USPG which aims to protect babies from HIV/AIDS in Tanzania.

This brief summary in no way represents the efforts put in by our treasurer, Graham King, for which we are very grateful. As well as maintaining the accounts, he has also negotiated favourable rates for our utilities.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 27/6/2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



FR NIGEL STIMPSON
Incumbent

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF KING
CROSS, HALIFAX** *(continued)*

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of King Cross, Halifax ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2023.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

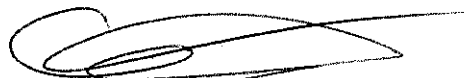
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



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28 June 2024

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

		2023			2022
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	4	43,485	550,480	–	593,965
Charitable activities	5	397	–	–	397
Other trading activities	6	800	–	–	800
Investment income	7	698	3,259	–	3,957
Total income		<u>45,380</u>	<u>553,739</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>599,119</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	8	51,560	410,889	–	462,449
Total expenditure		<u>51,560</u>	<u>410,889</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>462,449</u>
Net income		<u>(6,180)</u>	<u>142,850</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>136,670</u>
Transfers between funds		(40)	40	–	–
Other recognised gains and losses					
Net gains on investments		–	–	2,023	2,023
Net movement in funds		<u>(6,220)</u>	<u>142,890</u>	<u>2,023</u>	<u>138,693</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		9,480	64,713	21,306	95,499
Total funds carried forward		<u>3,260</u>	<u>207,603</u>	<u>23,329</u>	<u>234,192</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 11 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

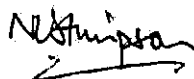
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PARISH OF KING CROSS, HALIFAX**

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	11		23,329		21,306
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		210,863		74,193	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>210,863</u>		<u>74,193</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>234,192</u>		<u>95,499</u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
Endowment funds			23,329		21,306
Restricted funds			207,603		64,713
Unrestricted funds			3,260		9,480
Total charity funds	12		<u>234,192</u>		<u>95,499</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Members of the Parochial Church Council and authorised for issue on ~~27.12.2023~~ and are signed on behalf of the board by:



FR NIGEL STIMPSON
Incumbent

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF KING CROSS, HALIFAX

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is King Cross Vicarage, West Royd Avenue, Halifax, HX1 3NU.

2. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2005.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF KING CROSS, HALIFAX

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3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(continued)*

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained: only income arising from investments of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

Restricted funds represent income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest and donations received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not invest separately for each fund and because of its materiality and difficulty in undertaking the exercise interest is not apportioned to each individual fund.

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over. The diocesan common fund is accounted for when paid. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Investments

Unlisted equity investments are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently measured at fair value. If fair value cannot be reliably measured, assets are measured at cost less impairment.

Listed investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised in income or expenditure.

Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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4. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
DONATIONS			
Planned giving	19,590	–	19,590
Collections and other giving	3,440	–	3,440
Miscellaneous gift aid	4,443	5,992	10,435
VAT claim	683	87,426	88,109
Donations	7,645	35,356	43,001
Income tax recovered	7,684	8,215	15,899
New organ project	–	401,900	401,900
Insurance claims	–	1,094	1,094
LEGACIES			
Legacies	–	3,747	3,747
GRANTS			
Grants	–	6,750	6,750
	<u>43,485</u>	<u>550,480</u>	<u>593,965</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
DONATIONS			
Planned giving	21,518	–	21,518
Collections and other giving	2,203	–	2,203
Miscellaneous gift aid	1,764	31,031	32,795
VAT claim	2,057	–	2,057
Donations	3,594	228,642	232,236
Income tax recovered	2,314	7,759	10,073
New organ project	–	–	–
Insurance claims	–	–	–
LEGACIES			
Legacies	–	–	–
GRANTS			
Grants	19,070	–	19,070
	<u>52,520</u>	<u>267,432</u>	<u>319,952</u>

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5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Fees	397	397	320	320

6. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Hire of Parish rooms	800	800	375	375

7. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£
CBF deposit fund	–	3,259	3,259
Bank interest	60	–	60
Dividends (CBF investment fund)	638	–	638
	<u>698</u>	<u>3,259</u>	<u>3,957</u>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£
CBF deposit fund	81	420	501
Bank interest	54	–	54
Dividends (CBF investment fund)	634	–	634
	<u>769</u>	<u>420</u>	<u>1,189</u>

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YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

8. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES BY FUND TYPE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Diocesan parish contribution	24,017	–	24,017
Church running expenses	15,174	–	15,174
Clergy expenses	1,134	–	1,134
Cost of services	2,952	–	2,952
Building maintenance	2,897	–	2,897
Architect/Surveyor fees	–	8,910	8,910
Printing and stationery	1,034	–	1,034
Extra charity donations	1,543	–	1,543
Committee for Missions	2,560	–	2,560
Bank charges	89	79	168
Wedding and funeral fees	160	–	160
New organ project	–	401,900	401,900
	<u>51,560</u>	<u>410,889</u>	<u>462,449</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Diocesan parish contribution	21,137	–	21,137
Church running expenses	14,864	–	14,864
Clergy expenses	1,226	–	1,226
Cost of services	2,782	–	2,782
Building maintenance	4,264	564	4,828
Major repairs	9,510	–	9,510
Architect/Surveyor fees	–	690	690
Printing and stationery	519	–	519
Extra charity donations	1,891	–	1,891
Committee for Missions	2,734	–	2,734
Bank charges	149	–	149
Wedding and funeral fees	240	–	240
New organ project	–	223,279	223,279
	<u>59,316</u>	<u>224,533</u>	<u>283,849</u>

9. INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION FEES

	2023 £	2022 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for:		
Independent examination of the financial statements	<u>220</u>	<u>180</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *(continued)*

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

10. PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

An honorarium of £1,980 was paid to one of the members of the PCC for their services as organist and choir master. No other remuneration or benefits from employment with the church or a related entity were received by the PCC.

11. INVESTMENTS

	The CBF Church of England Investment Fund £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2023	21,306
Additions	—
Fair value movements	2,023
At 31 December 2023	<u>23,329</u>
Impairment	
At 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023	—
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2023	<u>23,329</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>21,306</u>

All investments shown above are held at valuation.

12. ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE FUNDS

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 Jan 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 Dec 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>9,480</u>	<u>45,380</u>	<u>(51,560)</u>	<u>(40)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>3,260</u>
	At 1 Jan 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 Dec 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>14,912</u>	<u>53,984</u>	<u>(59,316)</u>	<u>(100)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>9,480</u>

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12. ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE FUNDS (continued)

Restricted funds

	At 1 Jan 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 Dec 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Organ fund	1,670	70	–	–	–	1,740
Heating fund	18,849	590	–	–	–	19,439
New Roof Fund	44,094	63,753	(8,929)	–	–	98,918
Organ project	100	489,326	(401,960)	40	–	87,506
	<u>64,713</u>	<u>553,739</u>	<u>(410,889)</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>207,603</u>

	At 1 Jan 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 Dec 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Organ fund	2,206	28	(564)	–	–	1,670
Heating fund	18,672	177	–	–	–	18,849
New Roof Fund	416	44,368	(690)	–	–	44,094
Organ project	–	223,279	(223,279)	100	–	100
	<u>21,294</u>	<u>267,852</u>	<u>(224,533)</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>64,713</u>

Endowment funds

	At 1 Jan 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 Dec 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
CBF share investment fund	<u>21,306</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>2,023</u>	<u>23,329</u>

	At 1 Jan 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 Dec 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
CBF share investment fund	<u>24,135</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>(2,829)</u>	<u>21,306</u>

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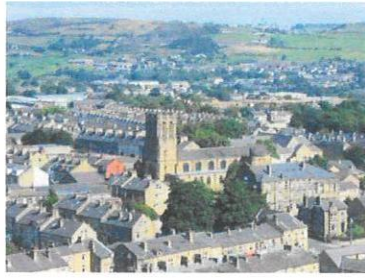
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13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Investments	–	–	23,329	23,329
Current assets	3,260	207,603	–	210,863
Net assets	<u>3,260</u>	<u>207,603</u>	<u>23,329</u>	<u>234,192</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Investments	–	–	21,306	21,306
Current assets	9,480	64,713	–	74,193
Net assets	<u>9,480</u>	<u>64,713</u>	<u>21,306</u>	<u>95,499</u>

Accounts



**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF KING CROSS, HALIFAX
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

31 DECEMBER 2021

Charity registration number: 1191160



Spenser Wilson
Chartered Accountants & Business Advisers

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT *(continued)*

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Membership of the PCC

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or are elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Appointments and elections are in accordance with Church Representation Rules. There were 12 PCC meetings in 2021, mainly via Zoom. The above were confirmed as members of the PCC from April 2021. The figures in brackets refer to the remaining period of service (from the date of the APGM 2021) before the member resigns and stand for re-election.

The incumbent is usually the chairman of the council. The Churchwardens are elected annually by those who attend the APGM. All other officers are elected from and by the Council members.

There is a number of sub-committees which investigate various aspects of the life of the church. These generally meet on an ad hoc basis and any recommendations are passed to the PCC for approval. The committees are as follows:

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It comprises the incumbent, the churchwardens the treasurer, the secretary and two elected members of the council, currently Christine Endeacott and Graham Foster. The committee is empowered to transact the business of the PCC between meetings. The Standing Committee met on several occasions during the shut down to discuss urgent matter about the fabric of the church, particularly the need to decide whether to repair the trusses or re-roof the church.

Finance Committee

The Standing Committee substitutes as a Finance Committee as circumstances dictate.

Project Committee

This committee was established in 2016 to manage the large volume of work associated with the maintenance of the building. It consists of the incumbent, the churchwardens and treasurer and two other members of the PCC, currently Christine Endeacott and Graham Foster. Recommendations for action are approved by the PCC. The Project Committee did not meet in 2021. Its function was largely delegated to the Standing Committee.

Committee for Missions

Its function is to distribute money to various charities at home and abroad. The money comes from 10 per cent of our planned giving receipts over the year. The incumbent is ex officio, and the mission treasurer is elected by the PCC. It was agreed in 2018 that in future the decisions about which charities to support would be made by the PCC to enable the money to be distributed sooner. Members of the congregation are invited to put forward proposals before the meeting. Christine Endeacott is the Missions Secretary.

Social Committee

Events for the year are agreed at an open meeting and various members of the congregation volunteer their services to run these. The coordinator is David Barker. There was no meeting in 2020 because of COVID-19 restrictions curtailed the ability to congregate. However, as part of our commitment to the Heritage Lottery Fund, a number of social events, mainly musical evenings, were arranged and took place in church.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT *(continued)*

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT *(continued)*

Liturgy Group

This group is led by the incumbent. It is open to all members of the congregation and its purpose is to consider ways of improving our worship both in content and manner. It did not meet in 2021.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The PCC is committed to maintaining St Paul's as a centre of Anglo-Catholic worship. The PCC reviews the church's regular services and suggests improvement and amendments as necessary.

The PCC also encourages the use of the church and parish room by the congregation and the wider parish/community. Opportunities have been few in 2021 as Covid-19 restrictions continued. In order to meet the needs of the congregation and others using our facilities, we need to maintain the fabric and ensure that the church and parish room are as welcoming as possible.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

Following the closures during 2020 due to Covid restrictions, the church re-opened on ~~2 December~~ ^{27 SEPTEMBER} 2020. The PCC made the decision that the church should remain open for Sunday Mass, and it has done so, following the Diocesan Covid-19 guidelines e.g. social distancing, no socialising, hand sanitisation, face masks, no physical contact during the peace, no singing and communion in one kind only. The prohibition on singing was lifted in the autumn of 2021 and services are now sung. ML

Because of the restrictions and interregnum, the main service of the week has been the Sunday Mass, but on Holy Days it has also been possible to hold weekday Masses. During Lent and Holy Week, we followed as many of our normal practices as possible, including the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday, the distribution of the palm crosses and the veneration of the cross. The Stations of the Cross, which we would normally have held in church on Fridays during Lent were said privately at home at an agreed time. We celebrated the Good Friday Liturgy but because of Covid-19 restrictions were not able to hold our usual Easter Eve service. St Paul's remains grateful to Fr Richard Lindsay for enabling us to retain as much of our tradition as possible during this difficult period.

At present there are 61 members on the electoral roll, 14 of whom live in the parish and 47 outside. During the year, there were two baptisms, one wedding and four funerals.

Although most regular members of the congregation have returned to church there are still some absentees due to Covid. We have, therefore, maintained the database of email addresses which was established in 2020 and continue to send a weekly newsletter to all those on the list. This enables us to let members of the congregation know about services and other events on a regular basis. We have an active website and a presence on social media, especially Facebook, so anyone interested in the church and its services has access to up-to-date information.

Safeguarding is an agenda item at all PCC meetings, but no issues were raised in 2021. Members of the PCC are encouraged to complete an online course to make sure they understand all the ramifications and requirements.

We delighted to welcome Fr Nigel Stimpson as our priest-in-charge: his licensing was on 23 November 2021 at St Paul's. We share with St Anne in the Grove, Southowram. We consider ourselves fortunate that during the whole of the interregnum Fr Richard Lindsay carried out all our services and provided us with continuity.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT *(continued)*

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE *(continued)*

Deanery synod

Two members of our congregation sit on the Deanery Synod and report back to the PCC on matters discussed. See separate report on page 5.

Engagement with the community

In previous years, St Paul's looked for ways to engage with the wider community including the distribution of Christmas and Easter to every house in the parish, monthly coffee mornings, social events and support of the local Ebenezer project. None of this has been possible in 2021. However, some social events took place, notably the musical evenings and talk from David Glover about old King Cross. All events were widely advertised and drew a good audience from members of the congregation and others. We also started to re-establish our links with local schools.

The Ukrainian church, which had suspended all services during the pandemic, is now worshipping again at St Paul.

There is a wide range of books and CDs for anyone to borrow but these were not available because of possible contamination from the coronavirus.

Saint Paul's is registered as a Fairtrade Church and all tea, coffee and sugar used at church are Fairtrade products. A Traidcraft catalogue is also available from which members of the congregation can purchase goods supporting Fairtrade workers around the world.

Land and buildings

Much of the PCC's time has been occupied with the fabric of the church over the year. We submitted our final report to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) which provided the money for the restoration of the tower, in December 2021. Part of our obligations to the HLF included the design and placing of an information tourist board outside the church and leaflets for visitors explaining the features of the church.

The main preoccupation has been the state of the roof. After much discussion, it was agreed that we should seek planning permission to retile with a lighter material so that the pressure on the trusses was relieved. The application was made to Calderdale Council, but was had to not heard from them by the end of 2021.

Work on the organ continues.

To provide a more comfortable experience for the congregation and choir, we have explored the idea of heated seats. This appears to be a feasible idea and we are waiting from the Diocese to issue a Faculty.

A serious infestation of woodworm resulted in damage to the south isle. The worst of the damage was rectified at a cost of £15,908, but other patches which will need treatment still remain.

The Nicholson Frontal is in a state of disrepair and needs considerable professional restoration before it can be used. We made an application for a grant to Idlewild Trust which was unfortunate rejected. We will reapply in 2022. The price quoted by the conservator was £7,022.

We are grateful to the churchwardens and other members of the Project Committee for all their hard work.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT *(continued)*

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE *(continued)*

We would like to thank all those volunteers who make sure that the church is clean and welcoming. We are particularly grateful to those who continue to ensure that we conform to COVID-19 guidelines on cleanliness. We would also like to thank those who arrange flowers to adorn the church and those who work outside maintaining the grounds which are always attractive and receive favourable comments from the congregation and visitors alike.

The church has a health and safety policy which is reviewed annually, and any issues raised are dealt with promptly. This includes a survey of any risks from asbestos.

ANNUAL DEANERY SYNOD REPORT 2021.

There were three Deanery Synod meetings in 2021.

First meeting

The first meeting of the year was held as a Joint Deanery Synod Meeting of Halifax and Calder Valley and Brighouse and Elland Deaneries on Wednesday 10th February 2021 by Zoom. This was the inaugural meeting of the new synod for both Deaneries in the 3-year cycle.

Kathia as Area Dean of Halifax and Calder Valley Deanery and of Brighouse and Elland Deanery and responsible for a parish in Bradshaw and Holmfield, gave an outline of Deanery Synod Role and Activities - Area Dean, followed by opportunity for questions and conversation

In the Deanery of Halifax and Calder Valley there are 23 parishes, 4 of which are currently in vacancy. These are, St Paul's King Cross, St Anne's Southowram, St Mark's Siddal and All Saints Halifax. There are 13 stipendiary clergy, 6 self-supporting clergy and 5 curates. Kathia said that we are well supported with readers and well supported with retired clergy, there is also some lay pastoral assistance.

Kathia then moved onto the role and purpose of the Deanery Synod, which is to represent every parish in the Deanery, working together as a group, especially with regard to mission in the area.

The role of elected members is to bring views and experiences from their own parishes to debates and discussions which may be held at the Deanery Synod and also to report back to their own PCCs on the content of Deanery Synod meetings and any decisions taken. Members can also vote in the election of Diocesan and General Synod members.

Kathia then handed over to Jane Evans (Luddenden), who is one of the Halifax and Calder Valley Deanery Synod representatives on the Diocesan Synod, to talk about the link to the Diocesan Synod and how the synodic system works in the Church of England.

In the discussion that followed, it was felt that, though Diocesan Synod minutes are available, they are not sent to parishes, and it might be a good idea to get a report from the Diocesan representatives, sent to Deanery Synod members. It was also pointed out that the timing of Deanery Synods was often such that it was too late to influence future discussions at Diocese level and information received was sometimes out of date. The fact that only 50% of lay posts are filled on the Diocesan Synod was brought up and filling those vacancies would go some way to improving the link with the Diocese. Kathia told the meeting of upcoming elections, and it was really important that vacancies were filled and asked members to give serious thought and consideration to either standing or thinking of who they would like to represent them at the Diocesan Synod.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT *(continued)*

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ANNUAL DEANERY SYNOD REPORT 2021 *(continued)*

Kathia then asked members who had been on Deanery Synod before, what they had found most useful and asked new members, what would they like to get out of it? Previous members felt it was the meeting together and sharing ideas and knowledge, which was the main benefit. It was also felt that, at the present time, under the Covid restrictions, Zoom had been highly beneficial both for the Deanery and at a local parish level. Kathia thought it might be a good idea to continue with Zoom for winter meetings, but for the summer Deanery Synod, meet in person and mingle, once we are able to do that again. For new members, sharing of resources and ideas was hoped for, but also that the Deanery Synod could become an affective communications channel between the Diocese and the parishes.

Election of Officers for each of the Deaneries

Because this is a new Synod, officers need to be elected to the positions of lay chair, secretary and treasurer. A Deanery Synod Standing Committee also needs to be elected. The purpose of the Standing Committee is to act as a management committee to the Deanery Synod and to deal with any Deanery Synod matters in between meetings. The Standing Committee will also set the agenda for Synod meetings, determine topics to be covered and decide on guest speakers etc.

The Standing Committee is made up of the Area Dean, Lay Chair and Deanery Synod Secretary, these positions are ex-officio, plus 4 elected members of Deanery Synod, 2 clergy and 2 lay members.

Halifax and Calder Valley Deanery Synod.

The elected officers are:

Lay Chair, Jane Evans (Luddenden)

Secretary, Jimmy Stewart (Bradshaw and Holmfield)

Treasurer, Alan Steers (Halifax Minster)

Halifax and Calder Valley Deanery Synod Standing Committee:

Graham Foster (King Cross)

Ian Knowles (Southowram)

Rev John Jukes (Todmorden and Walsden)

Rev John Helliwell (Mount Pellon & St Augustine)

The **second meeting** was a Joint Deanery Synods Meeting held on Tuesday 22nd June 2021 Via Zoom

The meeting was all about helping ourselves and each other to emerge, positively from the challenges of the last eighteen months. Bishop Nick's message was previously circulated.

"Emerging Positively"- Revd Canon Robin Gamble, Bishop's Advisor for Church Growth

Robin Gamble began by introducing himself, he is not only the Bishop's Advisor on Church Growth, but also the vicar of St. Wilfrid's, Calverley, where they have been working, like many churches, at coming out of lockdown as well as possible Before doing anything, Robin felt that we should adopt the right attitude, beliefs and optimism and we should be confident Christians, with confidence in ourselves, confidence in our churches and confidence in our God. Assuming we have that faith and confidence,

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Robin told of some of the steps taken at St Wilfrid's and elsewhere as they came out of lockdown. These included bringing together the flock, making contact, inviting people to come back to church, whether by letter, email or as Robin himself did, making personal visits, all of which, he felt, were much appreciated. A second step was to follow up on the new contacts made during the restrictions, many churches have been delivering food parcels, visiting people, helping out etc. and now was the time "To make contact with our new contacts", perhaps by inviting them to Services in church or even having a special Service of Thanksgiving, to which they could come along. Robin invited us, as a church, as a third step, to pray every week, for new growth, "For new green shoots". Another suggestion was to hold garden parties or other social events, occasions to which people could be invited. In the midst of all this inviting different people to different events, Robin emphasised perhaps the most important thing was to focus on people as individuals, maybe getting members of your PCCs to invite two individuals they know, to come along to a welcoming, inviting, "Good to be at" event.

Finally, LYCIG (Leading Your Church Into Growth) have organised a special weekend residential conference, 17 to 19th September and the theme of the conference is "Out of lockdown, into growth", all the details of which can be found on the LYCIG website or Robin could send application leaflets to anyone interested in attending.

Small group discussion: What have learnt and where do we go from here?

Before splitting into small groups to discuss the questions posed by Bishop Nick, those questions being, "What have we put in place that we can now lose?" "What have we gained/learned that we want to retain and grow?" "What have we lost that should stay lost?" and "What have we lost that we need to regain?" Jane Evans invited three members of our Synods to give their own take on their experiences of lockdown, the positives and the challenges.

Revd Cathy Reardon (Mytholmroyd/Cragg Vale) began with the negative side of lockdown, the mental and physical health issues, experienced by people in her congregations. The mental health issues had ranged from mild depression to borderline complete breakdown. Physical health issues, particularly with mobility and especially with some of the older people struggling to walk, is painful to see in people you know and love.

On the positive side of lockdown, Cathy told of on-line connection, in Mytholmroyd and Cragg Vale they have had, and plan to continue with, on-line Services. Services have included saying Compline every weekday evening. Also held via Zoom, were weekly coffee afternoons, which gave people the opportunity to get together, to chat and laugh. Something else being looked at is giving training to people who have not been able to get on-line, helping them to learn how to access on-line facilities, with the possibility in mind that we might be under restrictions again in the winter.

Graham Foster (King Cross) began by telling the meeting of the "Bad things" experienced at St Paul's. Their priest retired in February 2020 and having no parish priest since, this put great pressure on the churchwardens and the PCC. The church building was closed until September 2020, due to the building

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works on the tower. More recently, the roof slates have been declared as too heavy and need replacing with a lighter material.

The "Good things" as Graham described them were, from September 2020 to the present, they have not missed a Sunday congregation Communion Service in the St Paul's building. A grant of £700,000 has been offered to refurbish and extend the organ and also, they have agreed on a new heated seat system in church. Both these items subject to faculty approval.

Barbara Smith, the last of the three speakers, told of the lack of skills which had prevented them from giving on-line Services, which has made it quite difficult keeping in touch with everybody, that is until they were able to open the church for "in person" services. Efforts have been made to keep in touch though, especially with the elderly and those living on their own, these efforts have been mostly by telephone. Barbara talked of a marked reluctance to return to church, from some people and Robin Gamble's suggestion of going out and making a personal visit is something which will be taken up, in an effort to try and persuade them to come back.

What has been particularly good, has been the policy of, when allowed by lockdown regulations, keeping the church building open every day, during daylight hours, something that was started a couple of years earlier. Evidence shows that the opportunity to visit the church has been well used, with candles lit, donations left, and notes and letters of appreciation posted through the vicarage door. Most of the people visiting appear to be from within the parish but not part of the usual congregation. Trying to keep in touch with some of these people is something which needs to be looked at, going forward.

Jane Evans thanked the speakers for their reflections on the challenges and opportunities brought by lockdown. Jane asked representatives to take those thought-provoking reflections, together with the questions posed by Bishop Nick, into their small group discussion and come back with at least one thing which they will take away with them.

Feedback from the small groups and follow-up discussion.

Welcoming back everyone to the meeting, Jane asked for feedback, concentrating on what people were going to take away, from the things that they had heard and discussed, that could be actually implemented in their parishes. Debra Singleton (Lightcliffe) commented on how much missed, was singing in church and would take back news of an upcoming event at Halifax Minster. The event is called "Songs of Praise" and will take place on the Minster lawn on Sunday, the 11th of July, at 4pm. These details were supplied by Alan Stears (Minster), and it was felt that many would be taking this information back to their churches.

Gary Laird (Outlane) told the meeting that his church had run Services throughout lockdown, either on Zoom, on-line or in person and he felt that something which had been gained and was a positive which should be continued was the fact that they had increased, to thirteen, their number of lesson readers and now include more people, in the Service, than they have ever done before.

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One thing that Ian Byfield (All Saints) would be taking away was the fact that, even though we may be good at keeping in contact with people, as a group, there has been a lot more ringing round and having one-to-one conversations and he felt that this was something which we need to build on.

One member suggested that there might be an argument for continuing to use Zoom for some meetings in the future. As our two Deaneries stretch over such a large distance and representatives might be reluctant to travel out in the winter months, holding a meeting or other event online might be an answer. Another advocate of Zoom was Andrea Hampshire (Southowram) who felt that its use focused the mind and encouraged speakers to get to the point. Ian Byfield also added that it might be an idea to have hybrid meetings, where people who could attend did, and those who couldn't, could join via Zoom. Ian also mentioned that Zoom could be used for telephone conferencing, for those without access to computers.

Answering the question "What have we lost that should stay lost?" Barbara Smith opined that we had lost the notion that we can only worship in church. People have realised we can worship even if we are not in church, even if we are in individual homes, it is still worship and God is with us.

Jane Evans thanked everyone for the feedback and then asked representatives to think about and answer the question "Who do you turn to for help, when you need it, and how can we work together as a Deanery to help make some of these good things happen?" Jane used the example of one church not using Zoom because of the lack of expertise, while an adjacent parish was using Zoom for Services, coffee mornings, keeping in touch etc. and could have shared their knowledge to help their neighbouring church get on-line. Are there things like that that we could help each other with?

Synod business

Diocesan Synod election results:

The results for the Halifax & Calder Valley Deanery elections for Lay representatives are: Elected. Jane Evans (Luddenden), Graham Foster (King Cross) and Mark Johnston (Walsden).

There were three candidates and three vacancies, so all were elected without the need for a ballot.

Elected as Clergy representatives were Caroline Greenwood (Warley/St. Hilda), Karen Marshall (Heptonstall/Hebden Bridge), Daniel Miles (Mytholmroyd/Cragg Vale) and Robb Sutherland (Mixenden).

There were four Clergy vacancies and four candidates, so once again, all were elected without the need for a ballot.

Archdeacon Anne had announced that she will be retiring on the 31st of October.

The third meeting of the year was held as a Joint Deanery Synod Meeting on Wednesday 13th October at Halifax Minster

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The main business of this meeting was Living in Love and Faith (LLF) - An Introduction to the LLF teaching and learning material and taster of the LLF course, led by Marilyn Banister

Jane Evans told the meeting of the aim of the LLF course, which is to help us all think more deeply about living in love and faith, in the context of faith and understanding of human identity, changing patterns of relationship in families, changing attitudes to sexuality and what it means to us as Christians. Jane explained that some pilot courses had been run in different parts of our Diocese and as part of the Diocesan response to the request to help pursue discussions of living in love and faith, a team of advocates or "champions" was established, under the leadership of Bishop Helen-Ann, Bishop of Ripon. Jane welcomed one of those Diocesan Champions, Ms Marilyn Banister. Marilyn is also the Lay Chair of South Craven and Wharfedale Deanery and a member of the Bradford Cathedral Council. As LLF champion was here with us to give us an introduction to LLF and to give a flavour of the course which is to be launched on the 23rd of October, in the Halifax and Calder Valley Deanery.

Marilyn split her presentation into four categories. Why? What? How? When? Why was there a need for LLF? What resources are available? How will people engage? When will this happen? With the use of slides and video, she began with "Why" and the LLF course being about the Christian understanding of being human, about learning together and acknowledging complexity, understanding different perspectives better and engaging the whole Church, which leads into discernment in decision making. The intention of the people who set up the course, is for diverse groups to contribute and that we hear from those groups.

Regarding "What", the resources available include the website [,https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith/about-living-love-and-faith](https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith/about-living-love-and-faith) , podcasts, essays from LLF team members, the "Story Films" etc. and the Living in Love and Faith book. Marilyn gave a brief synopsis of the book, which ends with an appeal from the Bishops, for the readers to tell their opinions and what they think.

The LLF course and "How" it will be organised was the next part of the talk. It will take place over five sessions.

- Session one. Learning together. What does it mean to learn together as followers of Jesus Christ?
- Session two. Identity. How does our identity in Christ relate to sex and gender?
- Session three. Relationship. What kind of relationship does God call us to?
- Session four. Sex. Where do our bodies and sex fit into all of this?
- Session five. Life together. How do diversity and difference affect our life together as a church?

As a follow on from the course, a "Next Step Group" has been formed; it is led by the Bishop of London, Dame Sarah Mullally DBE and its tasks are to encourage participation in learning together, in and across churches everywhere, to listen attentively to one and other and for Bishops, who are themselves committed to learning from the LLF resources, to listen to what is emerging from churches engagement. The Next Step Group is not representative which is why advocates have been appointed, to encourage participation and listening and there is also a reference group, of grass roots people who are active in

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their local church communities and is designed to be diverse in age, ethnicity and sexuality and act as a sounding board for the Next Steps Group.

Marilyn then told the meeting that we are now entering the period when courses are run, between now and April 2022. Then the Bishops will get together, together with the General Synod in a discernment and decision-making process.

Discussion in small groups

The meeting was invited, by Marilyn, to split into groups of three, one of the group to act as a speaker, talking about, perhaps something of their life story or maybe something appertaining to the LLF course, anything they felt comfortable in speaking about. One of the group would listen and one would observe, with members taking it in turn to be speaker, listener and observer.

After this exercise, the feedback included the thoughts that it was good to be listened to and that there was a skill and a requirement to focus when listening and reflecting back on what had been said.

Finally, in winding up her presentation, Marilyn asked people, if they do the course, to listen, learn and reflect and to give their feedback, as the only way that Bishops and the General Synod can move forward is by having engagement with and hearing the views of as many people as possible.

Jane Evans thanked Marilyn, very much indeed, for coming such a long way, thanked her for preparing the presentation and persevering with the temperamental technology. Mentioning the small group listening exercise, Jane pointed out that this is part of the first session of the five-week course and that it affirms and emphasises it being all about "listening to each other, learning from each other and doing our best to walk in each other's footsteps". The Halifax and Calder Valley course will be facilitated by Revd Jenny Clarke, of Bradshaw and Holmfield and the Revd Daniel Miles, of Mytholmroyd, two good facilitators who are going to lead us through the process and be there with pastoral support if needed.

Deanery Notices

Living in Love and Faith Course:

HX & Calder Valley Deanery: The 5-weeks course will be run in the Deanery on Saturday mornings from 23rd October at Holy Trinity & St Jude's Church, Halifax. Meet at 9am for coffee and bacon sandwiches. The course itself will start at 9.30am and finish promptly at 11am.

Deanery Facebook Page: It's a place for churches to advertise to the rest of us when they have events etc. People who use Facebook should search for Halifax & Calder Valley Deanery and follow us - then post when they have something to advertise. [Halifax & Calder Valley Deanery | Facebook](#)

From 1st November, the Ven Peter Townley, Archdeacon of Pontefract, will be the Acting Archdeacon of Halifax for the duration of the vacancy.

Graham Foster and Shaughn Bevan.

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COMMITTEE FOR MISSIONS 2021

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

	2021	2020
	£	£
USPG	970	1,200
Christian Aid	970	1,200
Leprosy Mission	170	200
	<u>2,110</u>	<u>2,600</u>

HOME MISSIONS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Children's Society	200	250
Church Army	100	125
CR Mirfield	80	100
Church Homeless Fund	100	125
ACS	265	325
Next Step	80	100
St Augustine's	120	150
Halifax Street Angels	80	100
Mission to Seafarers	120	150
Bible Society	75	75
	<u>1,220</u>	<u>1,500</u>

The amounts available for missions is calculated with reference to the previous year's planned giving.

SUMMARY

	2021
	£
Opening balance	294
Committee for missions	3,066
Distributions	3,330
Closing balance	<u>30</u>

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Finance

For a third year, we did not pay our Parish Share in full. We paid £15,000 over the year leaving a shortfall of £9,602. The PCC has always been committed to paying the Parish Share in full but is forced to prioritise the urgent repairs to the church. In 2021, the cost of making good the damage caused by woodworm ate up our reserves (£15,908).

In line with our commitment to give 10% of our planned giving to mission causes, £3,330 was distributed as agreed by the Committee for Missions and approved by the PCC.

We also support a project run by the USPG which aims to protect babies from HIV/AIDS in Tanzania.

This brief summary in no way represents the efforts put in by our treasurer, Graham King, for which we are very grateful. As well as maintaining the accounts, he has also negotiated favourable rates for our utilities.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 17 April 2022 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Fr Nigel Stimpson
Incumbent

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF KING
CROSS, HALIFAX**

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of King Cross, Halifax ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2021.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

		2021			2020
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	4	37,349	5,890	–	43,239
Charitable activities	5	1,399	–	–	1,399
Other trading activities	6	750	–	–	750
Investment income	7	674	–	–	674
Total income		<u>40,172</u>	<u>5,890</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>46,062</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	8	55,481	2,377	–	57,858
Total expenditure		<u>55,481</u>	<u>2,377</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>57,858</u>
Net expenditure		<u>(15,309)</u>	<u>3,513</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>(11,796)</u>
Other recognised gains and losses					
Net gains on investments		–	–	3,034	3,034
Net movement in funds		<u>(15,309)</u>	<u>3,513</u>	<u>3,034</u>	<u>(8,762)</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		30,221	17,781	21,101	69,103
Total funds carried forward		<u>14,912</u>	<u>21,294</u>	<u>24,135</u>	<u>60,341</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 17 to 24 form part of these financial statements.

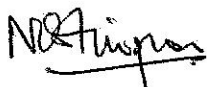
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments	11	24,135	21,101
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>36,206</u>	<u>48,002</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>36,206</u>	<u>48,002</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>60,341</u>	<u>69,103</u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Endowment funds		24,135	21,101
Restricted funds		21,294	17,782
Unrestricted funds		<u>14,912</u>	<u>30,220</u>
Total charity funds	12	<u>60,341</u>	<u>69,103</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Members of the Parochial Church Council and authorised for issue on 17 April 2022, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Fr Nigel Stimpson
Incumbent

The notes on pages 17 to 24 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is King Cross Vicarage, West Royd Avenue, Halifax, HX1 3NU.

2. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2005.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

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11. INVESTMENTS

	Other investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2021	21,101
Additions	—
Fair value movements	3,034
At 31 December 2021	<u>24,135</u>
Impairment	
At 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021	—
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2021	<u>24,135</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>21,101</u>

All investments shown above are held at valuation.

12. ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE FUNDS

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 Jan 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2021 £
General funds	<u>30,221</u>	<u>40,172</u>	<u>(55,481)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>14,912</u>

	At 1 Jan 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2020 £
General funds	<u>45,127</u>	<u>56,533</u>	<u>(34,203)</u>	<u>(37,236)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>0</u>

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12. ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE FUNDS *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 Jan 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 Dec 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Organ fund	3,083	1,500	(2,377)	–	–	2,206
Heating fund	14,698	3,974	–	–	–	18,672
Tower fund	–	–	–	–	–	–
Roof Truss	–	–	–	–	–	–
New Roof Fund	–	416	–	–	–	416
	<u>17,781</u>	<u>5,890</u>	<u>(2,377)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>21,294</u>

	At 1 Jan 2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 Dec 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Organ fund	4,258	23	(1,197)	–	–	3,084
Heating fund	13,387	1,311	–	–	–	14,698
Tower fund	83,571	99,888	(220,696)	37,237	–	–
Roof Truss	–	2,850	(2,850)	–	–	–
New Roof Fund	–	–	–	–	–	–
	<u>101,216</u>	<u>104,072</u>	<u>(224,743)</u>	<u>37,236</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>17,781</u>

Endowment funds

	At 1 Jan 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 Dec 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
CBF share investment fund	<u>21,101</u>	–	–	–	3,034	<u>24,135</u>

	At 1 Jan 2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 Dec 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
CBF share investment fund	<u>19,738</u>	–	–	–	1,363	<u>21,101</u>

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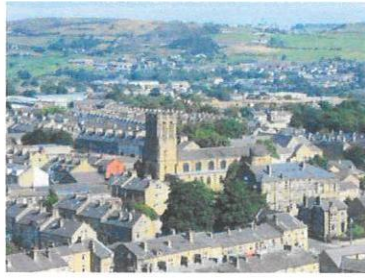
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13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Investments	–	–	24,135	24,135
Current assets	14,912	21,294	–	36,206
Net assets	<u>14,912</u>	<u>21,294</u>	<u>24,135</u>	<u>60,341</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Investments	–	–	21,101	21,101
Current assets	30,220	17,782	–	48,002
Net assets	<u>30,220</u>	<u>17,782</u>	<u>21,101</u>	<u>69,103</u>

Accounts



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31 DECEMBER 2021

Charity registration number: 1191160



Spenser Wilson
Chartered Accountants & Business Advisers

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Membership of the PCC

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or are elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Appointments and elections are in accordance with Church Representation Rules. There were 12 PCC meetings in 2021, mainly via Zoom. The above were confirmed as members of the PCC from April 2021. The figures in brackets refer to the remaining period of service (from the date of the APGM 2021) before the member resigns and stand for re-election.

The incumbent is usually the chairman of the council. The Churchwardens are elected annually by those who attend the APGM. All other officers are elected from and by the Council members.

There is a number of sub-committees which investigate various aspects of the life of the church. These generally meet on an ad hoc basis and any recommendations are passed to the PCC for approval. The committees are as follows:

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It comprises the incumbent, the churchwardens the treasurer, the secretary and two elected members of the council, currently Christine Endeacott and Graham Foster. The committee is empowered to transact the business of the PCC between meetings. The Standing Committee met on several occasions during the shut down to discuss urgent matter about the fabric of the church, particularly the need to decide whether to repair the trusses or re-roof the church.

Finance Committee

The Standing Committee substitutes as a Finance Committee as circumstances dictate.

Project Committee

This committee was established in 2016 to manage the large volume of work associated with the maintenance of the building. It consists of the incumbent, the churchwardens and treasurer and two other members of the PCC, currently Christine Endeacott and Graham Foster. Recommendations for action are approved by the PCC. The Project Committee did not meet in 2021. Its function was largely delegated to the Standing Committee.

Committee for Missions

Its function is to distribute money to various charities at home and abroad. The money comes from 10 per cent of our planned giving receipts over the year. The incumbent is ex officio, and the mission treasurer is elected by the PCC. It was agreed in 2018 that in future the decisions about which charities to support would be made by the PCC to enable the money to be distributed sooner. Members of the congregation are invited to put forward proposals before the meeting. Christine Endeacott is the Missions Secretary.

Social Committee

Events for the year are agreed at an open meeting and various members of the congregation volunteer their services to run these. The coordinator is David Barker. There was no meeting in 2020 because of COVID-19 restrictions curtailed the ability to congregate. However, as part of our commitment to the Heritage Lottery Fund, a number of social events, mainly musical evenings, were arranged and took place in church.

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Liturgy Group

This group is led by the incumbent. It is open to all members of the congregation and its purpose is to consider ways of improving our worship both in content and manner. It did not meet in 2021.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The PCC is committed to maintaining St Paul's as a centre of Anglo-Catholic worship. The PCC reviews the church's regular services and suggests improvement and amendments as necessary.

The PCC also encourages the use of the church and parish room by the congregation and the wider parish/community. Opportunities have been few in 2021 as Covid-19 restrictions continued. In order to meet the needs of the congregation and others using our facilities, we need to maintain the fabric and ensure that the church and parish room are as welcoming as possible.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

Following the closures during 2020 due to Covid restrictions, the church re-opened on ~~2 December~~ ^{27 SEPTEMBER} 2020. The PCC made the decision that the church should remain open for Sunday Mass, and it has done so, following the Diocesan Covid-19 guidelines e.g. social distancing, no socialising, hand sanitisation, face masks, no physical contact during the peace, no singing and communion in one kind only. The prohibition on singing was lifted in the autumn of 2021 and services are now sung. ML

Because of the restrictions and interregnum, the main service of the week has been the Sunday Mass, but on Holy Days it has also been possible to hold weekday Masses. During Lent and Holy Week, we followed as many of our normal practices as possible, including the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday, the distribution of the palm crosses and the veneration of the cross. The Stations of the Cross, which we would normally have held in church on Fridays during Lent were said privately at home at an agreed time. We celebrated the Good Friday Liturgy but because of Covid-19 restrictions were not able to hold our usual Easter Eve service. St Paul's remains grateful to Fr Richard Lindsay for enabling us to retain as much of our tradition as possible during this difficult period.

At present there are 61 members on the electoral roll, 14 of whom live in the parish and 47 outside. During the year, there were two baptisms, one wedding and four funerals.

Although most regular members of the congregation have returned to church there are still some absentees due to Covid. We have, therefore, maintained the database of email addresses which was established in 2020 and continue to send a weekly newsletter to all those on the list. This enables us to let members of the congregation know about services and other events on a regular basis. We have an active website and a presence on social media, especially Facebook, so anyone interested in the church and its services has access to up-to-date information.

Safeguarding is an agenda item at all PCC meetings, but no issues were raised in 2021. Members of the PCC are encouraged to complete an online course to make sure they understand all the ramifications and requirements.

We delighted to welcome Fr Nigel Stimpson as our priest-in-charge: his licensing was on 23 November 2021 at St Paul's. We share with St Anne in the Grove, Southowram. We consider ourselves fortunate that during the whole of the interregnum Fr Richard Lindsay carried out all our services and provided us with continuity.

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Deanery synod

Two members of our congregation sit on the Deanery Synod and report back to the PCC on matters discussed. See separate report on page 5.

Engagement with the community

In previous years, St Paul's looked for ways to engage with the wider community including the distribution of Christmas and Easter to every house in the parish, monthly coffee mornings, social events and support of the local Ebenezer project. None of this has been possible in 2021. However, some social events took place, notably the musical evenings and talk from David Glover about old King Cross. All events were widely advertised and drew a good audience from members of the congregation and others. We also started to re-establish our links with local schools.

The Ukrainian church, which had suspended all services during the pandemic, is now worshipping again at St Paul.

There is a wide range of books and CDs for anyone to borrow but these were not available because of possible contamination from the coronavirus.

Saint Paul's is registered as a Fairtrade Church and all tea, coffee and sugar used at church are Fairtrade products. A Traidcraft catalogue is also available from which members of the congregation can purchase goods supporting Fairtrade workers around the world.

Land and buildings

Much of the PCC's time has been occupied with the fabric of the church over the year. We submitted our final report to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) which provided the money for the restoration of the tower, in December 2021. Part of our obligations to the HLF included the design and placing of an information tourist board outside the church and leaflets for visitors explaining the features of the church.

The main preoccupation has been the state of the roof. After much discussion, it was agreed that we should seek planning permission to retile with a lighter material so that the pressure on the trusses was relieved. The application was made to Calderdale Council, but was had to not heard from them by the end of 2021.

Work on the organ continues.

To provide a more comfortable experience for the congregation and choir, we have explored the idea of heated seats. This appears to be a feasible idea and we are waiting from the Diocese to issue a Faculty.

A serious infestation of woodworm resulted in damage to the south isle. The worst of the damage was rectified at a cost of £15,908, but other patches which will need treatment still remain.

The Nicholson Frontal is in a state of disrepair and needs considerable professional restoration before it can be used. We made an application for a grant to Idlewild Trust which was unfortunate rejected. We will reapply in 2022. The price quoted by the conservator was £7,022.

We are grateful to the churchwardens and other members of the Project Committee for all their hard work.

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We would like to thank all those volunteers who make sure that the church is clean and welcoming. We are particularly grateful to those who continue to ensure that we conform to COVID-19 guidelines on cleanliness. We would also like to thank those who arrange flowers to adorn the church and those who work outside maintaining the grounds which are always attractive and receive favourable comments from the congregation and visitors alike.

The church has a health and safety policy which is reviewed annually, and any issues raised are dealt with promptly. This includes a survey of any risks from asbestos.

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There were three Deanery Synod meetings in 2021.

First meeting

The first meeting of the year was held as a Joint Deanery Synod Meeting of Halifax and Calder Valley and Brighouse and Elland Deaneries on Wednesday 10th February 2021 by Zoom. This was the inaugural meeting of the new synod for both Deaneries in the 3-year cycle.

Kathia as Area Dean of Halifax and Calder Valley Deanery and of Brighouse and Elland Deanery and responsible for a parish in Bradshaw and Holmfield, gave an outline of Deanery Synod Role and Activities - Area Dean, followed by opportunity for questions and conversation

In the Deanery of Halifax and Calder Valley there are 23 parishes, 4 of which are currently in vacancy. These are, St Paul's King Cross, St Anne's Southowram, St Mark's Siddal and All Saints Halifax. There are 13 stipendiary clergy, 6 self-supporting clergy and 5 curates. Kathia said that we are well supported with readers and well supported with retired clergy, there is also some lay pastoral assistance.

Kathia then moved onto the role and purpose of the Deanery Synod, which is to represent every parish in the Deanery, working together as a group, especially with regard to mission in the area.

The role of elected members is to bring views and experiences from their own parishes to debates and discussions which may be held at the Deanery Synod and also to report back to their own PCCs on the content of Deanery Synod meetings and any decisions taken. Members can also vote in the election of Diocesan and General Synod members.

Kathia then handed over to Jane Evans (Luddenden), who is one of the Halifax and Calder Valley Deanery Synod representatives on the Diocesan Synod, to talk about the link to the Diocesan Synod and how the synodic system works in the Church of England.

In the discussion that followed, it was felt that, though Diocesan Synod minutes are available, they are not sent to parishes, and it might be a good idea to get a report from the Diocesan representatives, sent to Deanery Synod members. It was also pointed out that the timing of Deanery Synods was often such that it was too late to influence future discussions at Diocese level and information received was sometimes out of date. The fact that only 50% of lay posts are filled on the Diocesan Synod was brought up and filling those vacancies would go some way to improving the link with the Diocese. Kathia told the meeting of upcoming elections, and it was really important that vacancies were filled and asked members to give serious thought and consideration to either standing or thinking of who they would like to represent them at the Diocesan Synod.

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Kathia then asked members who had been on Deanery Synod before, what they had found most useful and asked new members, what would they like to get out of it? Previous members felt it was the meeting together and sharing ideas and knowledge, which was the main benefit. It was also felt that, at the present time, under the Covid restrictions, Zoom had been highly beneficial both for the Deanery and at a local parish level. Kathia thought it might be a good idea to continue with Zoom for winter meetings, but for the summer Deanery Synod, meet in person and mingle, once we are able to do that again. For new members, sharing of resources and ideas was hoped for, but also that the Deanery Synod could become an affective communications channel between the Diocese and the parishes.

Election of Officers for each of the Deaneries

Because this is a new Synod, officers need to be elected to the positions of lay chair, secretary and treasurer. A Deanery Synod Standing Committee also needs to be elected. The purpose of the Standing Committee is to act as a management committee to the Deanery Synod and to deal with any Deanery Synod matters in between meetings. The Standing Committee will also set the agenda for Synod meetings, determine topics to be covered and decide on guest speakers etc.

The Standing Committee is made up of the Area Dean, Lay Chair and Deanery Synod Secretary, these positions are ex-officio, plus 4 elected members of Deanery Synod, 2 clergy and 2 lay members.

Halifax and Calder Valley Deanery Synod.

The elected officers are:

Lay Chair, Jane Evans (Luddenden)

Secretary, Jimmy Stewart (Bradshaw and Holmfield)

Treasurer, Alan Steers (Halifax Minster)

Halifax and Calder Valley Deanery Synod Standing Committee:

Graham Foster (King Cross)

Ian Knowles (Southowram)

Rev John Jukes (Todmorden and Walsden)

Rev John Helliwell (Mount Pellon & St Augustine)

The **second meeting** was a Joint Deanery Synods Meeting held on Tuesday 22nd June 2021 Via Zoom

The meeting was all about helping ourselves and each other to emerge, positively from the challenges of the last eighteen months. Bishop Nick's message was previously circulated.

"Emerging Positively"- Revd Canon Robin Gamble, Bishop's Advisor for Church Growth

Robin Gamble began by introducing himself, he is not only the Bishop's Advisor on Church Growth, but also the vicar of St. Wilfrid's, Calverley, where they have been working, like many churches, at coming out of lockdown as well as possible. Before doing anything, Robin felt that we should adopt the right attitude, beliefs and optimism and we should be confident Christians, with confidence in ourselves, confidence in our churches and confidence in our God. Assuming we have that faith and confidence,

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Robin told of some of the steps taken at St Wilfrid's and elsewhere as they came out of lockdown. These included bringing together the flock, making contact, inviting people to come back to church, whether by letter, email or as Robin himself did, making personal visits, all of which, he felt, were much appreciated. A second step was to follow up on the new contacts made during the restrictions, many churches have been delivering food parcels, visiting people, helping out etc. and now was the time "To make contact with our new contacts", perhaps by inviting them to Services in church or even having a special Service of Thanksgiving, to which they could come along. Robin invited us, as a church, as a third step, to pray every week, for new growth, "For new green shoots". Another suggestion was to hold garden parties or other social events, occasions to which people could be invited. In the midst of all this inviting different people to different events, Robin emphasised perhaps the most important thing was to focus on people as individuals, maybe getting members of your PCCs to invite two individuals they know, to come along to a welcoming, inviting, "Good to be at" event.

Finally, LYCIG (Leading Your Church Into Growth) have organised a special weekend residential conference, 17 to 19th September and the theme of the conference is "Out of lockdown, into growth", all the details of which can be found on the LYCIG website or Robin could send application leaflets to anyone interested in attending.

Small group discussion: What have learnt and where do we go from here?

Before splitting into small groups to discuss the questions posed by Bishop Nick, those questions being, "What have we put in place that we can now lose?" "What have we gained/learned that we want to retain and grow?" "What have we lost that should stay lost?" and "What have we lost that we need to regain?" Jane Evans invited three members of our Synods to give their own take on their experiences of lockdown, the positives and the challenges.

Revd Cathy Reardon (Mytholmroyd/Cragg Vale) began with the negative side of lockdown, the mental and physical health issues, experienced by people in her congregations. The mental health issues had ranged from mild depression to borderline complete breakdown. Physical health issues, particularly with mobility and especially with some of the older people struggling to walk, is painful to see in people you know and love.

On the positive side of lockdown, Cathy told of on-line connection, in Mytholmroyd and Cragg Vale they have had, and plan to continue with, on-line Services. Services have included saying Compline every weekday evening. Also held via Zoom, were weekly coffee afternoons, which gave people the opportunity to get together, to chat and laugh. Something else being looked at is giving training to people who have not been able to get on-line, helping them to learn how to access on-line facilities, with the possibility in mind that we might be under restrictions again in the winter.

Graham Foster (King Cross) began by telling the meeting of the "Bad things" experienced at St Paul's. Their priest retired in February 2020 and having no parish priest since, this put great pressure on the churchwardens and the PCC. The church building was closed until September 2020, due to the building

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works on the tower. More recently, the roof slates have been declared as too heavy and need replacing with a lighter material.

The "Good things" as Graham described them were, from September 2020 to the present, they have not missed a Sunday congregation Communion Service in the St Paul's building. A grant of £700,000 has been offered to refurbish and extend the organ and also, they have agreed on a new heated seat system in church. Both these items subject to faculty approval.

Barbara Smith, the last of the three speakers, told of the lack of skills which had prevented them from giving on-line Services, which has made it quite difficult keeping in touch with everybody, that is until they were able to open the church for "in person" services. Efforts have been made to keep in touch though, especially with the elderly and those living on their own, these efforts have been mostly by telephone. Barbara talked of a marked reluctance to return to church, from some people and Robin Gamble's suggestion of going out and making a personal visit is something which will be taken up, in an effort to try and persuade them to come back.

What has been particularly good, has been the policy of, when allowed by lockdown regulations, keeping the church building open every day, during daylight hours, something that was started a couple of years earlier. Evidence shows that the opportunity to visit the church has been well used, with candles lit, donations left, and notes and letters of appreciation posted through the vicarage door. Most of the people visiting appear to be from within the parish but not part of the usual congregation. Trying to keep in touch with some of these people is something which needs to be looked at, going forward.

Jane Evans thanked the speakers for their reflections on the challenges and opportunities brought by lockdown. Jane asked representatives to take those thought-provoking reflections, together with the questions posed by Bishop Nick, into their small group discussion and come back with at least one thing which they will take away with them.

Feedback from the small groups and follow-up discussion.

Welcoming back everyone to the meeting, Jane asked for feedback, concentrating on what people were going to take away, from the things that they had heard and discussed, that could be actually implemented in their parishes. Debra Singleton (Lightcliffe) commented on how much missed, was singing in church and would take back news of an upcoming event at Halifax Minster. The event is called "Songs of Praise" and will take place on the Minster lawn on Sunday, the 11th of July, at 4pm. These details were supplied by Alan Stears (Minster), and it was felt that many would be taking this information back to their churches.

Gary Laird (Outlane) told the meeting that his church had run Services throughout lockdown, either on Zoom, on-line or in person and he felt that something which had been gained and was a positive which should be continued was the fact that they had increased, to thirteen, their number of lesson readers and now include more people, in the Service, than they have ever done before.

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One thing that Ian Byfield (All Saints) would be taking away was the fact that, even though we may be good at keeping in contact with people, as a group, there has been a lot more ringing round and having one-to-one conversations and he felt that this was something which we need to build on.

One member suggested that there might be an argument for continuing to use Zoom for some meetings in the future. As our two Deaneries stretch over such a large distance and representatives might be reluctant to travel out in the winter months, holding a meeting or other event online might be an answer. Another advocate of Zoom was Andrea Hampshire (Southowram) who felt that its use focused the mind and encouraged speakers to get to the point. Ian Byfield also added that it might be an idea to have hybrid meetings, where people who could attend did, and those who couldn't, could join via Zoom. Ian also mentioned that Zoom could be used for telephone conferencing, for those without access to computers.

Answering the question "What have we lost that should stay lost?" Barbara Smith opined that we had lost the notion that we can only worship in church. People have realised we can worship even if we are not in church, even if we are in individual homes, it is still worship and God is with us.

Jane Evans thanked everyone for the feedback and then asked representatives to think about and answer the question "Who do you turn to for help, when you need it, and how can we work together as a Deanery to help make some of these good things happen?" Jane used the example of one church not using Zoom because of the lack of expertise, while an adjacent parish was using Zoom for Services, coffee mornings, keeping in touch etc. and could have shared their knowledge to help their neighbouring church get on-line. Are there things like that that we could help each other with?

Synod business

Diocesan Synod election results:

The results for the Halifax & Calder Valley Deanery elections for Lay representatives are: Elected. Jane Evans (Luddenden), Graham Foster (King Cross) and Mark Johnston (Walsden).

There were three candidates and three vacancies, so all were elected without the need for a ballot.

Elected as Clergy representatives were Caroline Greenwood (Warley/St. Hilda), Karen Marshall (Heptonstall/Hebden Bridge), Daniel Miles (Mytholmroyd/Cragg Vale) and Robb Sutherland (Mixenden).

There were four Clergy vacancies and four candidates, so once again, all were elected without the need for a ballot.

Archdeacon Anne had announced that she will be retiring on the 31st of October.

The third meeting of the year was held as a Joint Deanery Synod Meeting on Wednesday 13th October at Halifax Minster

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The main business of this meeting was Living in Love and Faith (LLF) - An Introduction to the LLF teaching and learning material and taster of the LLF course, led by Marilyn Banister

Jane Evans told the meeting of the aim of the LLF course, which is to help us all think more deeply about living in love and faith, in the context of faith and understanding of human identity, changing patterns of relationship in families, changing attitudes to sexuality and what it means to us as Christians. Jane explained that some pilot courses had been run in different parts of our Diocese and as part of the Diocesan response to the request to help pursue discussions of living in love and faith, a team of advocates or "champions" was established, under the leadership of Bishop Helen-Ann, Bishop of Ripon. Jane welcomed one of those Diocesan Champions, Ms Marilyn Banister. Marilyn is also the Lay Chair of South Craven and Wharfedale Deanery and a member of the Bradford Cathedral Council. As LLF champion was here with us to give us an introduction to LLF and to give a flavour of the course which is to be launched on the 23rd of October, in the Halifax and Calder Valley Deanery.

Marilyn split her presentation into four categories. Why? What? How? When? Why was there a need for LLF? What resources are available? How will people engage? When will this happen? With the use of slides and video, she began with "Why" and the LLF course being about the Christian understanding of being human, about learning together and acknowledging complexity, understanding different perspectives better and engaging the whole Church, which leads into discernment in decision making. The intention of the people who set up the course, is for diverse groups to contribute and that we hear from those groups.

Regarding "What", the resources available include the website [,https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith/about-living-love-and-faith](https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith/about-living-love-and-faith) , podcasts, essays from LLF team members, the "Story Films" etc. and the Living in Love and Faith book. Marilyn gave a brief synopsis of the book, which ends with an appeal from the Bishops, for the readers to tell their opinions and what they think.

The LLF course and "How" it will be organised was the next part of the talk. It will take place over five sessions.

- Session one. Learning together. What does it mean to learn together as followers of Jesus Christ?
- Session two. Identity. How does our identity in Christ relate to sex and gender?
- Session three. Relationship. What kind of relationship does God call us to?
- Session four. Sex. Where do our bodies and sex fit into all of this?
- Session five. Life together. How do diversity and difference affect our life together as a church?

As a follow on from the course, a "Next Step Group" has been formed; it is led by the Bishop of London, Dame Sarah Mullally DBE and its tasks are to encourage participation in learning together, in and across churches everywhere, to listen attentively to one and other and for Bishops, who are themselves committed to learning from the LLF resources, to listen to what is emerging from churches engagement. The Next Step Group is not representative which is why advocates have been appointed, to encourage participation and listening and there is also a reference group, of grass roots people who are active in

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their local church communities and is designed to be diverse in age, ethnicity and sexuality and act as a sounding board for the Next Steps Group.

Marilyn then told the meeting that we are now entering the period when courses are run, between now and April 2022. Then the Bishops will get together, together with the General Synod in a discernment and decision-making process.

Discussion in small groups

The meeting was invited, by Marilyn, to split into groups of three, one of the group to act as a speaker, talking about, perhaps something of their life story or maybe something appertaining to the LLF course, anything they felt comfortable in speaking about. One of the group would listen and one would observe, with members taking it in turn to be speaker, listener and observer.

After this exercise, the feedback included the thoughts that it was good to be listened to and that there was a skill and a requirement to focus when listening and reflecting back on what had been said.

Finally, in winding up her presentation, Marilyn asked people, if they do the course, to listen, learn and reflect and to give their feedback, as the only way that Bishops and the General Synod can move forward is by having engagement with and hearing the views of as many people as possible.

Jane Evans thanked Marilyn, very much indeed, for coming such a long way, thanked her for preparing the presentation and persevering with the temperamental technology. Mentioning the small group listening exercise, Jane pointed out that this is part of the first session of the five-week course and that it affirms and emphasises it being all about "listening to each other, learning from each other and doing our best to walk in each other's footsteps". The Halifax and Calder Valley course will be facilitated by Revd Jenny Clarke, of Bradshaw and Holmfield and the Revd Daniel Miles, of Mytholmroyd, two good facilitators who are going to lead us through the process and be there with pastoral support if needed.

Deanery Notices

Living in Love and Faith Course:

HX & Calder Valley Deanery: The 5-weeks course will be run in the Deanery on Saturday mornings from 23rd October at Holy Trinity & St Jude's Church, Halifax. Meet at 9am for coffee and bacon sandwiches. The course itself will start at 9.30am and finish promptly at 11am.

Deanery Facebook Page: It's a place for churches to advertise to the rest of us when they have events etc. People who use Facebook should search for Halifax & Calder Valley Deanery and follow us - then post when they have something to advertise. [Halifax & Calder Valley Deanery | Facebook](#)

From 1st November, the Ven Peter Townley, Archdeacon of Pontefract, will be the Acting Archdeacon of Halifax for the duration of the vacancy.

Graham Foster and Shaughn Bevan.

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COMMITTEE FOR MISSIONS 2021

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

	2021	2020
	£	£
USPG	970	1,200
Christian Aid	970	1,200
Leprosy Mission	170	200
	<u>2,110</u>	<u>2,600</u>

HOME MISSIONS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Children's Society	200	250
Church Army	100	125
CR Mirfield	80	100
Church Homeless Fund	100	125
ACS	265	325
Next Step	80	100
St Augustine's	120	150
Halifax Street Angels	80	100
Mission to Seafarers	120	150
Bible Society	75	75
	<u>1,220</u>	<u>1,500</u>

The amounts available for missions is calculated with reference to the previous year's planned giving.

SUMMARY

	2021
	£
Opening balance	294
Committee for missions	3,066
Distributions	3,330
Closing balance	<u>30</u>

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Finance

For a third year, we did not pay our Parish Share in full. We paid £15,000 over the year leaving a shortfall of £9,602. The PCC has always been committed to paying the Parish Share in full but is forced to prioritise the urgent repairs to the church. In 2021, the cost of making good the damage caused by woodworm ate up our reserves (£15,908).

In line with our commitment to give 10% of our planned giving to mission causes, £3,330 was distributed as agreed by the Committee for Missions and approved by the PCC.

We also support a project run by the USPG which aims to protect babies from HIV/AIDS in Tanzania.

This brief summary in no way represents the efforts put in by our treasurer, Graham King, for which we are very grateful. As well as maintaining the accounts, he has also negotiated favourable rates for our utilities.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 17 April 2022 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Fr Nigel Stimpson
Incumbent

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF KING CROSS, HALIFAX

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of King Cross, Halifax ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2021.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

		2021			2020
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	4	37,349	5,890	–	43,239
Charitable activities	5	1,399	–	–	1,399
Other trading activities	6	750	–	–	750
Investment income	7	674	–	–	674
Total income		<u>40,172</u>	<u>5,890</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>46,062</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	8	55,481	2,377	–	57,858
Total expenditure		<u>55,481</u>	<u>2,377</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>57,858</u>
Net expenditure		<u>(15,309)</u>	<u>3,513</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>(11,796)</u>
Other recognised gains and losses					
Net gains on investments		–	–	3,034	3,034
Net movement in funds		<u>(15,309)</u>	<u>3,513</u>	<u>3,034</u>	<u>(8,762)</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		30,221	17,781	21,101	69,103
Total funds carried forward		<u>14,912</u>	<u>21,294</u>	<u>24,135</u>	<u>60,341</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 17 to 24 form part of these financial statements.

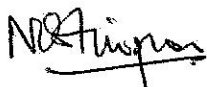
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	11		24,135		21,101
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		36,206		48,002	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>36,206</u>		<u>48,002</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>60,341</u>		<u>69,103</u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
Endowment funds			24,135		21,101
Restricted funds			21,294		17,782
Unrestricted funds			14,912		30,220
Total charity funds	12		<u>60,341</u>		<u>69,103</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Members of the Parochial Church Council and authorised for issue on 17 April 2022, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Fr Nigel Stimpson
Incumbent

The notes on pages 17 to 24 form part of these financial statements.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF KING CROSS, HALIFAX

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is King Cross Vicarage, West Royd Avenue, Halifax, HX1 3NU.

2. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2005.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *(continued)*

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

11. INVESTMENTS

	Other investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2021	21,101
Additions	—
Fair value movements	3,034
At 31 December 2021	<u>24,135</u>
Impairment	
At 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021	—
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2021	<u>24,135</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>21,101</u>

All investments shown above are held at valuation.

12. ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE FUNDS

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 Jan 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2021 £
General funds	<u>30,221</u>	<u>40,172</u>	<u>(55,481)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>14,912</u>

	At 1 Jan 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2020 £
General funds	<u>45,127</u>	<u>56,533</u>	<u>(34,203)</u>	<u>(37,236)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>0</u>

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12. ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE FUNDS *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 Jan 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 Dec 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Organ fund	3,083	1,500	(2,377)	–	–	2,206
Heating fund	14,698	3,974	–	–	–	18,672
Tower fund	–	–	–	–	–	–
Roof Truss	–	–	–	–	–	–
New Roof Fund	–	416	–	–	–	416
	<u>17,781</u>	<u>5,890</u>	<u>(2,377)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>21,294</u>

	At 1 Jan 2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 Dec 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Organ fund	4,258	23	(1,197)	–	–	3,084
Heating fund	13,387	1,311	–	–	–	14,698
Tower fund	83,571	99,888	(220,696)	37,237	–	–
Roof Truss	–	2,850	(2,850)	–	–	–
New Roof Fund	–	–	–	–	–	–
	<u>101,216</u>	<u>104,072</u>	<u>(224,743)</u>	<u>37,236</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>17,781</u>

Endowment funds

	At 1 Jan 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 Dec 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
CBF share investment fund	<u>21,101</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>3,034</u>	<u>24,135</u>

	At 1 Jan 2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 Dec 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
CBF share investment fund	<u>19,738</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>1,363</u>	<u>21,101</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *(continued)*

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Investments	–	–	24,135	24,135
Current assets	14,912	21,294	–	36,206
Net assets	<u>14,912</u>	<u>21,294</u>	<u>24,135</u>	<u>60,341</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Investments	–	–	21,101	21,101
Current assets	30,220	17,782	–	48,002
Net assets	<u>30,220</u>	<u>17,782</u>	<u>21,101</u>	<u>69,103</u>