

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF KING CROSS, HALIFAX
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
31 DECEMBER 2021**

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021.

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 (appointed 23 November 2021) Vacant from 4 February 2020 to 22 November 2021	
Parochial Church Council	Anne Knell (1) Christine Endeacott (1) Victoria Bevan (3) Anita Robertshaw Graham Foster (2) Shaughn Bevan (2) Graham King (2) David Barker (3) Mary Smith (3) Mary Baton-Marshall (2)	Secretary/Gift aid officer Mission secretary Electoral roll officer Churchwarden Churchwarden Treasurer

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.

Representatives of the Deanery

Synod	Graham Foster Shaughn Bevan
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Safeguarding officer	Shaughn Bevan
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Independent examiner	Mrs E A Short FCA Equitable House 55 Pellon Lane Halifax West Yorkshire HX1 5SP
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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 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.

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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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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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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 Holmfild, 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	<u>3,330</u>
Closing balance	<u>30</u>

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT *(continued)*

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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.



Mrs E A Short FCA
Independent Examiner

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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	–	–	–
Other trading activities	6	750	–	–	–
Investment income	7	674	–	–	809
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	1,363
Net movement in funds		<u>(15,309)</u>	<u>3,513</u>	<u>3,034</u>	<u>(96,978)</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		30,221	17,781	21,101	166,081
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.

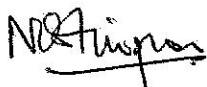
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

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		36,206	48,002
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		60,341	69,103
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	60,341	69,103

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	24,135
Impairment	
At 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021	—
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2021	24,135
At 31 December 2020	21,101

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	30,221	40,172	(55,481)	—	—	14,912

	At 1 Jan 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2020 £
General funds	45,127	56,533	(34,203)	(37,236)	—	30,221

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *(continued)*

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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)*

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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	14,912	21,294	24,135	60,341
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Investments	–	–	21,101	21,101
Current assets	30,220	17,782	–	48,002
Net assets	30,220	17,782	21,101	69,103