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Activities

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Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Calderdale

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£200,307	£184,273	-	-
2023-12-31	£200,696	£108,529	-	-
2022-12-31	£111,794	£87,514	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Stuart Malcolm Stobart	Chair	2021-04-01
Andrew Nicholas Page		2019-04-21
Angela Greenwood		2021-04-01
Audrey Lilian Heap		2023-03-26
Dr Hilary Megan Felton		2006-10-01
Elaine Kidd		2021-04-01
Felicity Jayne Hales		2022-03-20
Julie Ann Hudson		2022-03-20
Mark Young		2021-04-01
Rev Martin William Parrott		2021-04-01
Rev Sarah Louise Long		2024-07-10
William David Kneebone		2023-03-23

Accounts

HOLY TRINITY & ST JUDE'S



ANNUAL REPORT 2024

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APCM Vicar's Report

Reflection on the year

Looking at my report last year, I signed off by saying.....

“We are a very visible part of the community and we need to consider how we can make the most of this wonderful opportunity. This means both taking on some new habits and ideas, and having the courage and faith to let go where “what we have always done” no longer fits into today’s world. In short, we need to get our ducks in line, to turn around, face our community and ask how we can serve those we have been called to witness to.”

It would seem natural to reflect on those words and weigh up how far we have come. Bearing in mind that we are on a journey, not hopping from one short term goal to the next, I would hope we have seen some movement in the right direction of what is a long term commitment to our calling and missional intent.

Hopefully the paragraphs below will shine lights on where we have been working towards this aim.

Challenges

No sooner had we resolved the issues with the dry rot and repaired large parts of the Lady chapel and vestry roof, when we discovered another outbreak in the South Aisle which will be tackled over the early part of 2025. Our major challenges remain building related, diverting a large

amount of time, energy and finances, most of which takes place behind the scenes.

Coupled to this is the challenge of what we replace the Church Hall with; do we do a like for like replacement, reimagine a hall on the same plot of land, or (as the PCC prefer) look to extend and remodel the West End of church, reimagine what our building could offer if developed well.

Opportunities

It has been great since the summer holidays to see a new energy and focus on our Little Saints group as our curate Sarah has taken responsibility of this ministry. If we are to connect with our community and be a relevant and integral part of their lives, both now and in the future, we need to bring families into our fold as young as possible.

As the group begins to make connections with the church beyond just using the hall for its meetings, we have a wonderful opportunity to plant those faith seeds that will, in time begin to bear fruit is nourished and prayed for.

We have also seen a number of new members of all ages join us on Sundays, and to see members of the church engage with and encourage them. As a result we have new choir members, an adult baptism and potentially three confirmation candidates for the next Bishop's service at Easter 2025.

Buildings

As mentioned above, buildings remain a significant item on our agenda. This year has seen us undertake our quinquennial survey and there will be £15k per year needed over the next five years just to repair, renew the current building, and this is before any urgent repairs that may need our attention. This is not unexpected, our church is 140 years old, the building is beginning to look tired and bits are showing signs of age. We need to be realistic with our finances and see both the need to rethink our giving and our attitude to our investments.

Pastoral

I remain perplexed as to how we move forward with our pastoral work. This is a significant part of our calling as a church, to care for each other in good and challenging times. We have a small network that we use to try and keep an eye on those in need of extra help or prayer. This needs to be looked at during the coming year to really get a clear plan in place which ensures that everyone is cared for. This can't happen without a team to build and support it. Please pray for some direction on this piece of ministry.

Mission

We often think of mission as something we **DO**, but I prefer to think of it as something we **ARE**. We have an established Coffee & Chat on Saturday mornings; we have Little Saints

on Fridays; Super Wednesday continues to flourish; our Rainbows, Brownies and Guides meet weekly. Of themselves they are just groups that meet, communities that come together for a couple of hours each week. And that is all they could remain unless..... we see them as communities of mission. We don't DO mission to those who come but we become missional when we serve these groups in God's love and share our faith with joy in our hearts and actions. Mission is when people who come to these groups see Jesus shine out in our lives and want the same for their own. It has been wonderful to see this transition with the work of Little Saints as these missional opportunities have started to bridge just meeting in the church hall to activities in our church building. I wonder what other opportunities we could create in the coming year to continue this transition into being mission minded.

Weddings/baptisms/funerals

This year we have seen a dip in our occasional services in line with the general trend nationally. Whilst we have little influence over the number of people getting married or sadly passing away, I do often reflect that the number of people who chose to mark these occasions in church mirrors our engagement with our community. If people see us as being relevant and have a connection with, then they are more likely to approach us at these significant moments. In this respect, occasional offices are one marker of our missional engagement with our parish, and that reflects back on each one of us to be a visible part our

community, being known as members of St. Jude's and being approachable when the occasion arises for them to ask about our faith.

Volunteers

First of all a huge thank you to everyone who gives of their time to enable our church to function and flourish. We only 'survive' due to the significant number of volunteer hours that go into all our activities and worship. Having said that, this has been another year when the volunteer hours have remained steady, but the number of volunteers has dipped, which means fewer people are doing ever more work. One of the most significant things a member can do in the life of our church is take up a few volunteer hours to spread the load, which means more energy being poured into our activities and less energy expended by the small band of existing volunteers currently doing the work.

Looking forward

Last year I wrote that we "needed to get our ducks in line, to turn around, face our community and ask how we can serve those we have been called to witness to". This remains the same.

The limitations of our buildings remains a significant barrier but we cannot use this as an excuse. Looking ahead to next year, yes we need to address the challenge of redeveloping our building(s), but we also need to

rethinking our giving and look at how much time we can give to the missional life of the church. We need people's desire for a bigger, stronger, more active church to move from a nice-to-have, into a must have; and in turn seeing this desire transition into action. I know we have the capacity to make this happen, and as I have said on numerous occasions before (taking the words of a previous Bishop of Ripon) "we have everything we need to grow to the next step of our journey", we just need to unlock that 'everything' that we collectively possess.

Attendance Trends

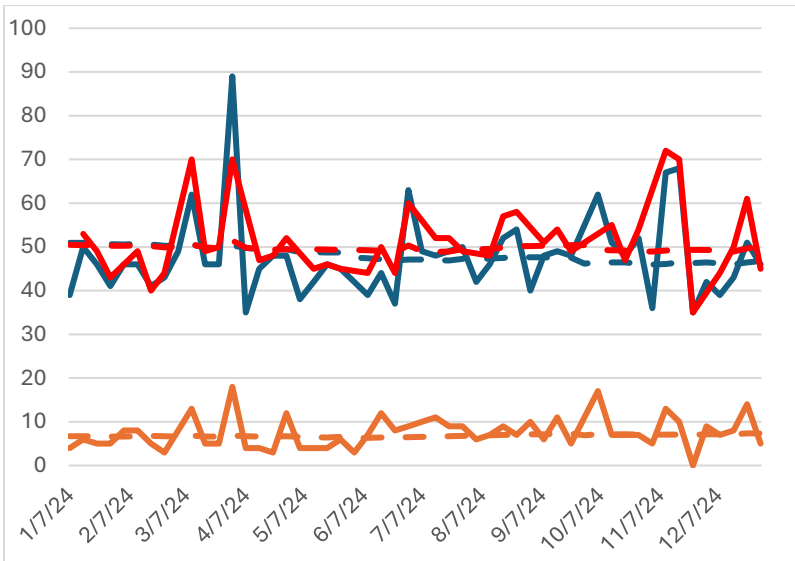
The chart below shows the attendance during 2024. The solid lines are the weekly figures, the dotted lines are the rolling average.

Red = Total communicants

Blue = Adult attendance

Orange = Child attendance

Once again we show a stable weekly attendance, which typically comprises two thirds of the total worshipping community. Our challenge is seeing those who currently attend maybe once or twice a month, attending every week.



And Finally

It has been great to welcome our curate Sarah Long to our parish. She has brought a fresh energy to the work with our children and families, one of our three main priorities. Stepping into ordained ministry is a huge shift in life and work and she has done so with grace and conviction in her new calling. She is with us for three years and it takes this amount of time to fully grow into this new way of life. I have seen already the contribution she has made to our church life and continue to pray for her as she continues her training with us. Please do bear in mind that she is in training so may not have all the answers just yet and also that she continues to study, attend college and has time set aside for spiritual growth.

Churchwardens' Report

As I reflect on the last year I can't quite believe how busy we have been.

The Dias at the front of church was completed for Mothering Sunday 2024.

The work in the Lady chapel to eradicate the dry rot problem seemed to go on for ever, but was finally finished and decorated in Autumn, only for us to find more dry rot in the south aisle, work is ongoing to deal with this and make church watertight. The quinquennial report also flagged up essential work that needs attention, we hopefully have a rolling programme to address these issues.

On a more positive note we have once again opened church for a variety of events. Holy Trinity and The Gleddings schools have held their end of year celebrations and Christmas services with us. Holy Trinity also walked the whole school to church for Easter and Harvest services. Lawrence funeral directors held their annual memorial service with us, which was once again a very moving and comforting service.

We have hosted several successful concerts The Orion Choir, A.S.A.O Society, Hebden Bridge Brass Band, Gilbert and Sullivan Society and the Calderdale Senior Citizens Orchestra, we have several bookings for the coming months so keep an eye out for these on our social media and church magazine. All these events are on top of our usual Church life, services, celebrations and social events.

In June we welcomed Sarah as curate into our Church family, we look forward to being part of her journey, please keep her in your prayers throughout her time with us.

Sadly we have had a number of funerals and memorial services in Church. We have lost several of our dear friends who we will miss tremendously but remember with love. Several funerals have also been held from the wider community.

We have welcomed a number of people who share worship and fellowship with us on a regular basis.

The hall continues to be home to numerous community groups, classes and meetings and of course our own Super Wednesday group which continues to thrive and grow, opportunities on offer each Wednesday morning include art and crafts, board games, chat and fellowship.

Little Saints is also thriving providing play experiences for preschool children and their carers. Our uniformed organisations meet weekly in the hall during term time.

A huge shoutout to Julie and Darrell who oversee the hall bookings and upkeep.

Saturday's coffee and chat held in Church is also continuing to be successful, we welcome church family and people from the wider community for refreshments and friendship.

All these Church based organisations and events are coordinated and run by volunteers. We cannot express our thanks enough to each and everyone who gives their time,

talents and expertise to make these weekly events successful. Any extra volunteers are always welcome, see myself or Nick if you can help in any way.

The PCC have overseen a number of fundraising and social events throughout the year, ranging from afternoon tea, heritage weekend, Halifax Show day refreshments and of course the Christmas fayre, again none of this could happen without volunteers, we appreciate everything anyone does to make these events a success.

We would like to thank Tracy for keeping the hall and church spotlessly clean, it can't have been easy working around all the building work. Howard and Emma for looking after the garden and grounds. The magazine team for their work each month producing, collating and delivering. The choir for leading the singing at our weekly worship and the team of organists and pianists, it's lovely to have "live" music each week, plus thanks to the AV desk jockeys, the elves who make the Christingles, shop for Mother's Day and Easter, decorate the church and hall for celebrations. The coffee team who make refreshments and wash up each Sunday. Thank you all.

We rely on and appreciate your planned giving either through the envelope scheme, direct debit or the collection plate, especially in these financially challenging times, we ask you to continue to support us throughout the year.

A huge thank you to Darrell for all your work and expertise as you stand down as church treasurer, you will be a hard act to follow.

I personally would like to thank Stuart for your work and commitment to Holy Trinity and St Jude's, and of course Nick who picks up all the other jobs and works tirelessly, gives up hours of his time to make everything just so, and Cathy for supporting him.

Finally Holy Trinity and St Jude's wouldn't be what it is without everyone one of us working, worshipping and committing ourselves.

Sorry if you've not been mentioned personally but we would like to thank each and everyone of you who contribute to our church family.

Angela and Nick

Electoral Roll

2025 has been the year for renewing the electoral role in its entirety, which happens every six years. This has resulted in a reduction in number of regular worshippers since the last update. Although there has been a reduction there has also been six regular worshippers added to the electoral role. The number of people on the electoral role for 2025 is 75. Thank you to everyone for helping the process by filling the form out.

PCC

Membership since APCM in March 2024

Revd Stuart Stobart (Chair), Angela Greenwood (churchwarden), Nick Page (churchwarden), Julie Hudson (secretary), Darrell Hudson (treasurer), Revd Martin Parrott, Revd Sarah Long, Elaine Kidd, Felicity Hales, Margaret Medhurst, Mark Young, Becky Hill, Hilary Felton, Bill Kneebone, Sarah Mitchell and Audrey Heap.

Deanery Synod Reps.: Mark Young

The PCC met on 8 occasions with an average attendance of 10.

Finance Summary

2024 has seen some stabilisation in the finances for Holy Trinity and St Jude's. Some of the uncertainty regarding expenses for the provision of live music at our services and the cost of employing a gardener to help keep the churchyard looking tidy have stabilised and we now have a clearer picture of our costs. This has helped us towards being, operationally, in a quite good position.

If we look at the operational income and expenses for the church, and by that we mean the day-to-day income and expenses in running our church, then our income for 2024 was £90,337, approximately £6,000 over budget and our

operational expenses were £70,144, around £25,000 under budget.

Whilst this looks like a good position with a £25,000 surplus, it is the non-operational expenses which have hurt us because we have spent around £95,000 on repairs to the Lady Chapel roof and the building of the new Dias. This means we have had to dip into reserves to cover the £70,000 shortfall.

Whilst not in a precarious position financially we do have to bear in mind that we can't cover too many years with expenses of this magnitude.

Christian Stewardship

Christian Stewardship is the means whereby members of the congregation commit to giving weekly or monthly amounts to support our church. The money is either transferred directly to the church's bank account, card payments or given via the collection plate in the form of cash or stewardship envelopes. These contributions enable the Treasurer to know that there is a constant and reliable stream of income coming in to support the operational costs and maintenance of the buildings and also allowing us to increase our mission in the wider community.

At our Harvest service we were reminded that it is also our Annual Generosity Week. In which our friends and congregation are asked to consider if they are able to

increase their regular giving or make a one off donation. This is a way to help us develop our building further and enable it to become a more welcoming space to support our ministry in the future.

At the start of 2024 we began with 48 contributors; but sadly this has decreased to 45 for the coming year. This is because of the deaths of four of our members and one leaving the area; in addition we have 2 new regular givers.

The year began with 5 Christian Stewardship envelope boxes being issued but ended with 4 contributing, producing an income total of £3,673.90.

Similarly, 2024 began with 43 standing order subscribers but by the end of the year we had decreased to 41, donating a total of £34,514.00.

Some of our congregation prefer to donate electronically by using the [sum up] card payment method in Church and this has given us a further £1,878.69.

Also, we have received E3,410.82 from the offertory plate collections.

All of these funds are gratefully received and will enable our Church to move forward into the future, growing in Christ and making him known.

Elaine Kidd

Safeguarding

The church safeguarding processes and policies are directed by The Church of England safeguarding handbook, “Parish Safeguarding Handbook - Promoting a Safer Church” which is available on the noticeboard at the back of St Jude’s Church. Large posters giving safeguarding information and where to find help and whom to contact at St Jude’s and at Church House are also prominently displayed in the Church and Church Hall.

Our DBS checks are carried out through THIRTYONEEIGHT provider, and DBS checks continue as and when required with renewal of existing positions or new volunteers.

Safeguarding is an item on the PCC agenda every meeting even if there is nothing to report. A review of safeguarding training continues as necessary with an update every three years. All Safeguarding Training is provided via the Church of England Training Portal for Basic and Foundation Safeguarding Training and has now been updated to include the Domestic Abuse, Safer Recruitment and People Management, and Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking training. Leadership training courses are currently by invitation of the Diocese.

Our focus this year (as every year) is guided by the parish safeguarding dashboard which highlights completed, pending and urgent work, and generates our action plans for the PCC to discuss, approve and action.

Concerns Raised

There has been one issue raised which has been dealt with by the diocese.

Gift Aid

Donations make up a large proportion of the income of the Church. Gift Aid is a scheme which refunds the tax on donations made by tax payers. Gift Aid can boost donations by 25% so is well worth doing if possible. It is important to keep the donor's information up to date so if you move house or stop paying tax please let me know.

Nick Page

Buildings and Maintenance

It has been a busy year for building work. The dais was finished for Mothering Sunday just about a year ago. It has worked well for Church services, concerts and other events. The dry rot problem in the Lady Chapel took a long time to resolve but the Lady Chapel is now looking good. Work on the dry rot in the south aisle is continuing. Work outside is being done to stop the leaks. Hopefully this will be finished soon. The quinquennial report was not as bad as feared, however it has flagged up a list of issues which need attention. A timetable of tasks has been drawn up. Following issues with the lights in the hall we took the

opportunity to change the lighting to more efficient LED lights.

Major work is planned to upgrade the telecommunications equipment in the tower. This is being undertaken by the telecommunications companies and does not involve us except for the inconvenience of the work taking place.

Charitable Giving

2024 allocations were held over to 2025 when a full review will be undertaken by the PCC.

Children and Young People

We welcomed a new family. We continue to follow the readings and activities in the Roots programme and provide a colourful display of the work in the Church Hall.

Magazine Report 2024

During 2024 the collating team, Susan Cox, Margaret O'Neill, Christina Whitworth and I, met each month in the Church Hall to fold, staple and name the subscription copies. I am very grateful for their continuing help.

We now have an even bigger group of helpers, all deserving many thanks, who take on the monthly task of delivering magazines by hand to those subscribers who are unable to attend church for any reason. 10 copies are also posted out to those living further afield. Those older members of our congregation might be interested to know that Michael & Margaret Walker still keep in touch with us via the magazine, even though Michael was Vicar here nearly 50 years ago!

During the year the magazine circulation was to 90 subscribers with a few spare copies always available at the back of church, costing £1 each. Just 100 copies were printed each month during 2024.

Marilyn Barraclough

Super Wednesday

We continue to meet in the church hall on Wednesday mornings in term time from 10.00am to noon. We have a steady attendance of approximately 30 people. If you don't already know we serve tea or coffee and biscuits, a selection of fresh fruit and a toasted teacake all for £3.

Those attending do a variety of activities – quite a few enjoy painting, and their finished artwork is displayed on the noticeboards in the church hall. Do have a look next time you are there. Some play scrabble or rummikubs, others do quilting or embroidery whilst another group simply

enjoy a chat with friends. Recently we have welcomed residents from Heatherstones with their carers.

It is a free and easy morning to do as you please.

Thanks go to the willing band of helpers Margaret Ainley, Elaine Bielby, Angela Greenwood and Audrey Heap.

Margaret Lord.

Little Saints

The 'Little Saints Toddler Group' welcomes Mothers, Fathers, Carers, Childminders and their children each Friday morning between 9.00am and 10.15am (term time only).

We usually have on average between 12 – 14 adults and their children attending each week.

We provide a variety of play experiences and a craft activity. Drinks are served to the adults usually on arrival.

At the end of each session, we gather together to sing nursery rhymes and listen to a story. This is led by Polly who volunteers her time and gifts to support the group.

As leaders, Cathy and I attended the Diocesan Toddler Group Network in the Autumn term as a way of meeting other leaders and to reflect on what we do.

Up to this point, we had not explored faith and the group was understood to be a secular playgroup.

From our discussions, we decided to run 'Posada' during Advent where a knitted Mary and Joseph would travel around the Little Saints Community to both enable people to get to know one another better and to explore the Christmas story in a personable way. A WhatsApp group was also established so that people could share the journey with others.

Our Advent Posada ended with a scratch nativity in church on our last session where the children dressed up and took impromptu parts of the story. Polly used her gifts of storytelling and performing arts to bring it all together. The time ended with a prayer and bells which was a cue for Santa to join us which was a surprise to all (mainly the adults!).

We had lots of positive feedback and many of our families shared that they had never been in the church before. We also sent out invites to the Christmas services and a couple of our families attended.

As we move forward into next year, we hope to build on welcoming new people (and developing a 'Welcome Pack'), growing the community and building on our Christmas experience to explore ways of gently engaging with faith in a fun, accessible way. Please support us by praying for this vital area of ministry.

Cathy Page and Rev Sarah Long

St Jude's Rainbows

We currently average 20 Rainbows at every meeting.

Rainbows are aged between 4 and 7, girls must have started school before they can join. When we start our meeting and sing our opening song we also sign, something the girls are proud to do.

We made, birdfeeders, celebrated Chinese New Year, made EID cards and heard a Diwali story. Learnt about train Safety from Train Education.

A Lego evening was fun, Rainbow's showed off to building skills.

We made friendship bracelets, Poppies and Easter, Mother's Day and Christmas crafts.

Rainbows decorated Easter Baskets and then went on an Easter Egg hunt around the church grounds.

We entered Animal pictures for the Halifax Show and won 4 prizes, we also had a Teddy bears picnic at Manor Heath Park. Airtime (trampoline park) was a great success for our Christmas Street,

Rainbows love to play run around games, especially those that involve water! They also love to eat, and after making them, fruit kebabs were keenly devoured.

Rainbows have completed the following badges:

Communicate, storyteller, healthy minds, Feel good, helper, and Agility

Rainbows made a Hedgehog using handprints for the Church harvest window and contributed to the Church Christmas Fayre with their jam-packed toy and book stall.

Several Rainbows have gained their Bronze, Silver and Gold awards moving up to Brownies during the year.

Thank you for the lovely church hall, where we always feel warm, and safe.

Thank you to our wonderful leaders, Alison Sarah, Sian and Julie and our young leaders, Hollie, Tilly, Jess, Caitlin, Sara and Tanya.

Julie Murphy

St Jude's Brownies

The Brownies continue to meet in the church hall on Wednesday evenings to enjoy many and varied activities under the watchful eyes of their dedicated leaders.

St Jude's Guides

We have an average of 20 girls in the unit.

Badges gained:

Media critic, upcycling, Be prepared, campaigning, Guiding history, Personal Brand

Phoebe, Mollie, Violet and Sara all achieved their Gold Awards.

Made birdfeeders, plant holders, planted herbs. Made sock puppets and learnt to finger crochet.

Mothers' Day, Fathers' Day and Easter and Christmas Crafts.

Completed several challenges which ranged from sewing buttons, ironing shirts, laying the table correctly and changing a duvet cover.

Invited Safety Education rep to Guides gaining vital knowledge in Railway safety.

Slept over in the church hall after an evening walk around the area, which included a stop off for fish and chips in king cross.

We played All Saints Guides at Rounders (and won)!

Entered exhibits at the Halifax Show, we made key rings from recycled material and won several prizes.

A town trail quiz proved testing, and the treat of a McDonalds ensured we all finished on time.

Bradley Woods was our home for a weekend away in September, we rented a hut and challenged ourselves zip wiring, climbing, axe throwing, and High ropes.

We also joined Brownies and Guides from the County and slept over at The Deep in Hull, we really did sleep with the fishes...

Our jar tombola was a success at the Church Christmas Fayre. Guides also decorated a church window in guide colours for Harvest and attended the Remembrance parade.

For our Christmas treat we went to see Paddington in Peru.

Thank you for the kind use of the warm, bright and spacious church hall and for our leaders Lesley, Joanne, Lucy, Chloe and Julie.

Julie Murphy



Annual Report and Financial Statement
of the
Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity and St Jude, Halifax
For the year ended 31st December 2024

Priest In Charge

Rev Stuart Stobart

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The Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity and St Jude’s Church, Halifax

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1. Financial Review

In 2024 we have seen a little more financial stability than in 2023. We have signed a new 2 year fixed price deal for our electricity supplies and our gas supply contract will run until mid 2025. We have also stabilised the costs for provision of music at our services and the costs of employing a gardener to help with the bulk of the maintenance of the Church yard.

Overall, our income was higher than forecast and expenses were lower, which meant that the costs of running the church were covered from income, providing we exclude the cost of repairs to the Church buildings, which did mean we had to dip into reserves.

2. Income Analysis

Our income from collections and planned giving is a little higher than 2023, boosted by gaining three new regular contributors. Following a decision to move some of our investments from shares into an interest bearing account we have also seen a significant rise in income from that source, although we will have to keep an eye on this as interest rates fall.

Our social events have provided another, much needed, boost to our income with the ever-popular Christmas Fayre proving to be even more successful than last year and income from coffee mornings and our Saturday Coffee and Chat sessions reaching record levels.

Income from our Telecoms leases has been much higher than expected. Due to delays in completing the renewed licences, which, as mentioned in previous Annual Reports, will be at a much lower rate than the previous agreements, the Telecoms companies have continued to pay rentals at the original rate. This, unfortunately, will not last. As in previous years income from this source has been split equally between General Funds, the Fabric Fund and the Grants Fund with approximately £5,590 being credited to each fund.

The Church Hall has continued to prove popular although with very few available slots for new groups the income has remained at around 2023 levels. The pleasing aspect is that running costs, with the exception of the costs of replacing the lighting in the hall, have also remained in line with last year.

The Church Magazine is also still proving popular although sales are slightly lower than last year. Rising costs of paper, printing and postage have meant that The Magazine suffered a deficit of approximately £80 this year but this is considered a small price to pay for such a valuable resource. As always, we must praise the team who produce and deliver this highly regarded service.

2.1. Bequests

We have received three bequests during the year from the estates of Florence Fielding, Kathleen Short and Rev'd Antony Foster. These kind gifts will help us to push forward with the improvements to the Church we have been planning.

3. Expenditure Analysis

Aside from the Parish Share, the majority of the expenditure shown in the accounts (£27,129) relates to Church and Vicarage with a lower amount (£15,328) being required to run the Church Hall.

Both figures include Insurance costs, which, although for some time, has covered all of our property in one policy, has been split between the Church and Church Hall in the same proportions as when two separate policies were held.

However, there are further sums of £95,634 which were spent on the creation of the new Dias and Altar Table and repairs to the Lady Chappel roof and £2,030 relating to the replacement of the lock and keys for the Church Hall and the replacement light fittings highlighted by the Quinquennial inspection.

Although there have been rises in utility bills and insurance costs the increase in total running costs for the Church have been contained to within £250 of last years total costs, which, in the current economic environment is a notable achievement.

Costs have stabilised through the year and we now have a new two-year deal for the electricity supply and the uncertainty about the cost of employing a gardener to maintain the Church Yard and the cost of provision of music.

4. Assets – Stocks and Shares

In January the PCC decided to liquidate the majority of shares in the Number 2 CBF Share account and place the cash in the CCLA Deposit account as the rate of return was far higher. CCLA, who had just introduced new banking systems, managed to create a number of errors in performing this transaction and trying to correct it. The problems have now been resolved and we received £1,200 in compensation for the inconvenience and work we had to do in resolving the issues.

The remaining investments were left in share accounts and the value at the 31st December was £157,423.96. An increase of £65,688.65.

The investments will continue to be monitored going forwards to ensure they continue to meet our requirements but we should also bear in mind that the investments we have chosen are primarily designed to provide income so capital growth may not be as high as with some other investments.

A Breakdown of the Book Value and Current Value of the three Share Accounts is provided below. The balance in the CCLA Deposit account can be found in S7.2 Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Account	Book Value	No Shares	Price 31/12/24	Current Value	Profit/Loss
CBF Share Account 1	£ 60,543.27	4011.280	2312.2700	£ 92,751.62	£ 32,208.35
CBF Share Account 2	£ 29.29	2.700	2312.2700	£ 62.43	£ 33.14
CBF Share Account 3	£ 31,162.78	2794.220	2312.2700	£ 64,609.91	£ 33,447.13
	£ 91,735.34			£ 157,423.96	£ 65,688.62

4.1. Trusts held by The Wakefield Diocesan Church Organisation Society

There is a small fund which is managed by the Leeds Diocesan Board of Finance with the funds being invested in a CCLA, CBF Church of England Deposit Account. Interest is paid to this CCLA account.

The capital arose from the sale of the land and property of the old school site (Savile Hall Halifax) and were received in November 1987. The initial capital amount was 14,717.49 after costs of sale. The current balance in the account is £17,033.12.

The understanding is that only the income from this fund can be accessed and it is for the general running expenses of the church meaning there is currently £2,315.63 available for use.

5. Charitable Contributions

There has only been two Special Collections this year, one which took place in May in favour of the Leprosy Mission and the Christingle collection in December in favour of the Children's Society.

The PCC have also agreed the continued support of various charities from PCC funds, although the final list of donations was not finalised until after the financial year end and will be reported in next year's accounts.

6. Outlook

2025 will be another challenging year as income from the telecoms licences should fall significantly when the new licences are finally completed. We have also lost another 4 of our regular contributors. Whilst there has been some good news in that we have attracted three more parishioners onto our Stewardship Scheme, their contributions have only brought us back to the level seen in 2023 which was significantly lower than the Stewardship Income pre COVID.

Looking forwards, we have further expenses in respect of another outbreak of dry rot, this time over the South Aisle which is likely to cost in the region of £30,000 to rectify. This is in addition to the planned changes to the West End of the Church to make it a more welcoming space for visitors to the Church for which estimates are still awaited.

We have also had the Quinquennial inspection which has highlighted approximately £30,000 of urgent work which will require completing by the end of 2025, plus further issues to be looked at over the following two to three years.

Of course, when preparing this forecast we have used our usual policy of taking a conservative view of income and a pessimistic view of expenditure and we will, as usual, look for opportunities to reduce outgoings but the signs are that over the next few years income will continue to fall and expenditure continue to increase.

Darrell Hudson
Honorary Treasurer

7. Financial Statements for the Year Ending 31st December 2024

7.1. Receipts and Payments Accounts

Receipts		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted		
			Total Designated Funds	Appeals and Collections Fund	Total	2023
Voluntary Receipts						
01 - Planned Giving		£ 38,187.90	£ -		£ 38,187.90	£ 36,844.50
02 - Other Planned Giving		£ 4,000.00	£ -		£ 4,000.00	£ 6,456.36
03 - Collections at Services	8.1a	£ 5,289.51	£ -	£ 164.75	£ 5,454.26	£ 4,111.75
04 - Gift Days, Donations, Church Boxes	8.1b	£ 2,971.88	£ -	£ -	£ 2,971.88	£ 3,177.77
06 Gift Aid Recovered		£ 8,440.30	£ -		£ 8,440.30	£ 9,522.38
07 - Legacies		£ -	£ 4,420.28		£ 4,420.28	£ 83,250.00
08 - Grants	No	£ -	£ 13,344.15		£ 13,344.15	£ 718.10
		£ 58,889.59	£ 17,764.43	£ 164.75	£ 76,818.77	£ 144,080.86
Other Fund Raising Activities						
09 - Fund Raising - Fetes, Coffee Mornings etc.	8.1d	£ 4,390.86	£ -		£ 4,390.86	£ 3,633.35
		£ 4,390.86	£ -	£ -	£ 4,390.86	£ 3,633.35
Income From Investments						
10 - Bank Interest	Note	£ 9,913.87	£ 230.64		£ 10,144.51	£ 1,601.59
10 - Dividends	Note	£ 7,592.79	£ -		£ 7,592.79	£ 10,694.73
10 - Rent from Land and Buildings	Note 5	£ 5,640.33	£ 11,180.68		£ 16,821.01	£ 15,231.61
		£ 23,146.99	£ 11,411.32	£ -	£ 34,558.31	£ 27,527.93
Church Activities						
11 - Fees, Weddings, Funerals, Courses		£ 732.00	£ -		£ 732.00	£ 1,538.00
12 - Church Hall Lettings		£ -	£ 21,333.00		£ 21,333.00	£ 21,040.00
12 - Church Magazine Sales		£ 967.56	£ -		£ 967.56	£ 989.50
		£ 1,699.56	£ 21,333.00	£ -	£ 23,032.56	£ 23,567.50
Other Receipts						
13 - Other Income	8	£ 2,200.00	£ 59,306.54		£ 61,506.54	£ 1,887.10
		£ 2,200.00	£ 59,306.54	£ -	£ 61,506.54	£ 1,887.10
Total Income		£ 90,327.00	£ 109,815.29	£ 164.75	£ 200,307.04	£ 200,696.74

Payments		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted		
			Total Designated Funds	Appeals and Collections Fund	Total	2023
Cost of Generating Funds						
17 - Cost of Fund Raising Activities	8.2a	£ 538.61	£ -		£ 538.61	£ 634.69
		£ 538.61	£ -	£ -	£ 538.61	£ 634.69
Church Activities						
18 - Mission Giving	8	£ -	£ -	£ 164.75	£ 164.75	£ 12,355.97
19 - Diocesan Share		£ 43,015.00	£ -		£ 43,015.00	£ 45,279.00
21 - Clergy Expenses		£ 710.79	£ -		£ 710.79	£ 683.48
		£ 43,725.79	£ -	£ 164.75	£ 43,890.54	£ 58,318.45
Church Expenses						
22 - Parish Education and Training		£ -	£ -		£ -	£ -
23 - Church Running Expenses	8.2c	£ 13,023.66	£ -		£ 13,023.66	£ 13,544.54
23 - Church Insurance		£ 6,791.38	£ -		£ 6,791.38	£ 6,326.14
24 - Church Utility Bills		£ 4,947.42	£ -		£ 4,947.42	£ 4,403.98
25 - Hall Running Costs	8.2	£ -	£ 15,328.70		£ 15,328.70	£ 13,307.99
25 - Magazine and Books expenses		£ 1,044.55	£ -		£ 1,044.55	£ 1,242.47
26 - Audit/Independent Examination Costs		£ 72.94	£ -		£ 72.94	£ 64.94
		£ 25,879.95	£ 15,328.70	£ -	£ 41,208.65	£ 38,890.06
Major Capital Expenditure						
27 - Major Repairs/Decorating - Church	Note 6 8.2e	£ -	£ 59,933.20		£ 59,933.20	£ 5,679.90
28 - Major Repairs/Decorating - Hall	8.2f	£ -	£ 270.00		£ 270.00	£ -
29 - New Building Work	Note 7 8.2g	£ -	£ 35,701.44		£ 35,701.44	£ 3,710.70
		£ -	£ 95,904.64	£ -	£ 95,904.64	£ 9,390.60
Other Expenditure						
99 - Purchase of Fixed Assets for Church purposes		£ -	£ -		£ -	£ -
99 - Other Payments	8.	£ -	£ 2,730.84		£ 2,730.84	£ 1,296.10
		£ -	£ 2,730.84	£ -	£ 2,730.84	£ 1,296.10
Total Expenditure		£ 70,144.35	£ 113,964.18	£ 164.75	£ 184,273.28	£ 108,529.90

7.2. Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Cash Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total 2024
Cash	£ -	£ -	£ 453.20	£ 453.20
Lloyds	£ 7,434.00	£ -	£ -	£ 7,434.00
Virgin	£ 46,275.84	£ -	£ -	£ 46,275.84
CCLA Deposit Account	£ 200,142.48	£ -	£ 114,584.51	£ 314,726.99
Investment Accounts	£ 91,735.34	£ -	£ -	£ 91,735.34
Sub Total	£ 345,587.66	£ -	£ 115,037.71	£ 460,625.37
Other Monetary Assets				
Gift Aid Recoverable	£ 10,547.00	£ -	£ -	£ 10,547.00
Hall Hire Invoices for December 2024	£ -	£ -	£ 968.00	£ 968.00
Church Clock Service, Prepayment	£ 480.00	£ -	£ -	£ 480.00
CCLI Advanced Payment of 2025 Licence	£ 605.37			£ 605.37
Listed Places of Worship Grant application			£ 1,030.05	£ 1,030.05
Totals	£ 357,220.03	£ -	£ 117,035.76	£ 474,255.79

7.3. Notes to the Accounts

1) Accounting Policies

- The financial statements of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.
- The accounts combine the funds under the control of the PCC. In line with Statement of Recommended Practice (Accounting and Reporting by Charities) (SORP), all funds have been allocated to the following categories:
 - Unrestricted – Funds which the PCC may use at its discretion and which are available for the general purposes of the PCC.
 - Designated – Unrestricted funds which the PCC has set aside specifically. These funds can be moved to other funds (redesignated) if the PCC decides.
 - Restricted – Funds which are subject to restrictions over their use, including collections held for paying over to specific organisations.

2) Investments

Investments are stated at cost in the accounts. Their market value at the year-end is shown in section 4 above.

3) Grants

The figure of £13,344.15 relates to grants received under the Listed Places of Worship scheme which allows Churches to apply for grants to cover the VAT element of all eligible building and maintenance work on listed religious buildings. This includes the repairs to the Lady Chappel roof and the construction of the Extended Dias. The scheme does not cover furniture and other objects which are not fixed to the fabric of the building so the costs of the Altar Table and Altar rails could not be included in the claim. These grants are credited to the Fabric Fund

4) Interest and Dividends from Investments.

Interest of £9913.87 was received from monies deposited with the Central Board of Finance (CBF). Due to a change in the way CCLA administer the accounts the interest is credited to the account quarterly a few days after the quarter end, so interest due for the quarter ending 31st December will be included in the 2025 accounts.

It is tradition that some of this interest is allocated to the Choir Members fund and the Organ fund, based on the average interest rate received and the balance on that fund. It was elected to allocate interest at a simple interest rate of 5% of the opening balance to that fund at the start of the year. £184.82 was allocated to the Organ Fund and £45.82 to the Choir Members fund.

5) Rent from Land and Buildings

There was a small income of £50 from Queens Sports Club for the advertising sign in the church grounds on the corner of Free School Lane and Moorlands View. This was posted to General Funds.

The majority of the income from land and buildings is from the Telecoms Leases for the communications masts on the Church Tower. The income in 2024 from this source was £16,772.52 This is allocated evenly between General Funds, Fabric Fund and Grants Fund.

6) Major Repairs/Decorating - Church

The majority of this £59,933.20 relates to the repairs to the Lady Chappel roof which were mentioned in last year's report. Since that time a further outbreak of dry rot has been found in the South Aisle of the Church and £830.64 of this sum relates to the Architects fees in determining the extent of the outbreak and drawing up the scheme of work which was sent out for tender. This work should start early in the New Year.

7) New Building Work

The sum of £35,701.44 relates to architects fees and contractors cost for the

formation of the Extended Dias and the design and fabrication of the new Altar Table and Altar rails.

8) Movements in Designated and Restricted Funds During the Year

		Opening Balance	Income	Payments	Closing Balance
Designated	Grants Fund Note 5	£ 528.28	£ 5,590.34	£ -	£ 6,118.62
	Fabric Fund Note 3, Note 5, 8.1e, 8.2e, 8.2g	£ 98,873.98	£ 76,377.53	£ 95,634.64	£ 79,616.87
	Organ Fund Note 4	£ 3,696.38	£ 184.82	£ -	£ 3,881.20
	Choir Members Note 4	£ 916.48	£ 45.82	£ -	£ 962.30
	Childrens Reserve Fund	£ 16.14	£ 4,420.28	£ 1,253.00	£ 3,183.42
	Super Wednesday Club 8.1 e, 8.2 h	£ 1,155.56	£ 1,863.50	£ 1,477.84	£ 1,541.22
	Choir Children Advancement Fund	£ 545.00	£ -	£ -	£ 545.00
	Youth Group Fund	£ 43.00	£ -	£ -	£ 43.00
	Choir Robes Fund	£ 353.00	£ -	£ -	£ 353.00
	Church Hall Note 8.2 d	£ 13,058.78	£ 21,333.00	£ 15,598.70	£ 18,793.08
Restricted	Appeals and Collections Fund Note 8.1 a, 8.2 b	£ -	£ 164.75	£ 164.75	£ -

8. Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments Accounts

8.1. Receipts

8.1a Collections at Services	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds
Christingle Collection		£97.24	
Leprosy Mission		£67.51	
Plate Collection	£3,410.82		
Sum-Up Payments	£1,878.69		
Grand Total	£5,289.51	£164.75	£0.00

8.1b Gift Aid, Donations, Church Boxes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds
All Soul's AOS	£100.00		
Choir Reunion Collection	£120.50		
Ecclesiastical Insurance Trust 130 Scheme	£130.00		
Gleddings School Services	£817.57		
Orion Choir	£239.75		
Senior Citizens Orchestra	£234.71		
Donations	£1,229.35		
Grand Total	£2,871.88	£0.00	£0.00

8.1c Legacies	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds
Bequests to the Church			£4,420.28
Grand Total	£0.00	£0.00	£4,420.28

8.1d Fund Raising - Fetes, Coffee Mornings etc.	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds
Coffee Mornings	£1,087.90		
Halifax Agricultural Show Coffee Morning	£147.75		
Gilbert & Sullivan and Afternoon Tea	£443.01		
Harvest Supper Proceeds	£224.76		
Hebden Bridge Brass Band Concert	£286.55		
Christmas Fayre	£2,200.89		
Grand Total	£4,390.86	£0.00	£0.00

8.1e Other Income	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds
CCLA Gain on Sale of Fixed Assets			£57,443.04
CCLA Compensation re complaint	£1,200.00		
Super Wednesday	£1,000.00		£1,863.50
Grand Total	£2,200.00	£0.00	£59,306.54

8.2. Payments

8.2a Cost of Fund Raising Activities	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds
Gilbert & Sullivan and Afternoon Tea	£216.71		
Stewardship Envelope Purchase	£64.29		
Christmas Fayre	£257.61		
Grand Total	£538.61	£0.00	£0.00

8.2b Mission Giving	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds
Children's Society (Christingle)		£97.24	
Leprosy Mission		£67.51	
Grand Total	£0.00	£164.75	£0.00

8.2c Church Running Expenses	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds
Church Cleaning	£2,669.99		
Church Telephone/Broadband	£220.36		
Organ Piano Maintenance	£841.00		
Other Church Expenses	£4,007.77		
Altar Expenses	£1,660.52		
Choir and Music Licences	£1,320.65		
Organist Fees	£270.00		
Printing Postage and Stationery	£478.36		
Upkeep of Churchyard	£1,535.61		
Grand Total	£13,004.26	£0.00	£0.00

8.2d Hall Running Expenses	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds
Hall Cleaning			£7,282.50
Hall Insurance			£2,641.09
Hall Running Costs - Other			£2,276.98
Hall Running Gas, Electricity and Water			£2,850.10
Hall Telephone/Broadband			£278.03
Grand Total	£0.00	£0.00	£15,328.70

8.2e Major Repairs/New Building Work Church	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds
Architects fees re Lady Chapel Roof Repairs			£1,331.88
Architects fees re South Aisle Dry Rot outbreak			£830.64
Restoration Projects - Lady Chapel Roof repairs and decoration			£57,523.78
Alvarez & Marsal re Aura Heritage final retention payment.			£246.90
Grand Total	£0.00	£0.00	£59,933.20

8.2f Major Repairs/New Building Work Hall	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds
MPL Yorkshire - Replacement Lock			£270.00
Grand Total	£0.00	£0.00	£270.00

8.2g New Building Work on Church	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds
One17 Architects - Re New Dias and Altar Table			£1,256.64
JPA Joinery - Fabrication of New Dias and Altar Table			£34,444.80
Grand Total	£0.00	£0.00	£35,701.44

8.2h Other Payments	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds
Purchase of Oak Priediue from Vanpoules in memory of Florence Fielding. Paid from Bequest			£1,253.00
Super Wednesday Club Running Expenses			£1,477.84
Grand Total	£0.00	£0.00	£2,730.84

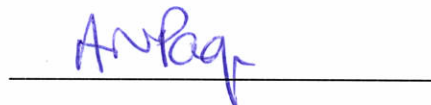
9. Glossary

Abbreviation	Meaning
CBF	Central Board of Finance (See CCLA)
CCLA	Churches Charities and Local Authorities (organisation investing funds on behalf of these 3 sectors)
CCLI	Christian Copyright Licencing International Ltd
DBF	Diocesan Board of Finance
HMRC	Her Majesties Revenue and Customs
PCC	Parochial Church Council
RPF	Returns of Parish Finance
SOFA	Statement of Financial Activities
SORP	Statement of Recommended Practice (Accounting and Reporting by Charities)

Approved by the PCC 23 of MARCH 2024



Treasurer



Chair

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This is my report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31st December 2024 as set out on pages 6 to 13.

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The Church's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Church's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
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- To state whether any particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the account presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all of the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiners Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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Walked to Tesco – to complete part of our Saver badge, understanding the cost of ingredients when planning meals.

Made aprons and painted personalised motifs on them for Father's Day.

Decorated Pebbles and entered them in the Halifax show handicrafts section (and had 2 winners)

Decorated a church window 'under the Sea' theme.

Fearless Fun – We camped at Waddow Hall Clitheroe in Sept for 2 nights – taking part along with hundreds of Brownies and Guides from the North of England including our Brownies which was very special. We took part in Bushcraft- made a fire and emergency shelter, climbed up Jacobs ladder, raced on an inflatable obstacle course, grass sledged, caved, learnt various dances and sung our hearts out at a very energetic campfire.

Under the careful instruction of a Bush craft expert completed the Whittling badge, girls made a tent peg out of wood.

Held a games stall at the Church Christmas Fayre.

Painted glass jars for Christmas then filled with ingredients to make Krispie squares. We tested making the Krispie squares the week before, and of course this required tasting them ... bake off style.

For our Christmas treat we went snowtubing at Ploughcroft ... a busy year

Thank you to all concerned for providing a bright, warm, clean, spacious hall.

Not forgetting thanks to our committed and fun loving Guiders, Joanne, Lesley, Lucy and Chloe.

Vicar's Report



Reflection on the year

The annual report is always a good point to pause and consider where we have come over this last twelve months. When you are engrossed in daily church life it can be difficult to see the wood for the trees. Like all areas of life there have been ups and down, challenges that have thrown us off course, and opportunities that have taken us down roads we didn't expect. Sometimes we get lost in the fog of the things that have disappointed us or gone against our own desires, but stepping back, there has been lots to celebrate and give thanks for. One key question to ask is have deepened our life together and forged closer links with those around us. I hope we would respond positively on both counts, however marginal you may consider that progress to be.

Challenges

Our biggest challenge over the last year has been the pace that things have been changing around church and parish life. With our link with St. Augustine's church we brought the time of the Sunday service forward to 9:45am to allow time to travel between the two churches, we said thank you to Margaret Seed as she stepped down as our director of Music and we have been learning to worship with recorded music, we passed over responsibility for maintaining the churchyard to a professional gardener, learning to let go of some of our regular tasks, we have reverted back to the normal administration of Holy Communion which has come with some anxiety, we have been blessed with the first full year of Mark Young's ministry as he works towards becoming a LLM with the encouragement we have joyfully given him and we have worked through the plans for the new Nave Dais and table with the apprehension that comes with any changes to the building. All in all, our challenge this year has been change! It is no small achievement that we arrived at the end of the year as one family, ready for the challenges of 2024 (which I hope will be more to do with people and mission, rather than buildings and management).

Opportunities

But in the midst of all this background stuff, we have seen our Little Saints group flourish, and Super Wednesday continue to expand which both bring opportunities to share our faith. We are still searching for a new Director of Music with the hope that we can continue to develop our worship with fresh whilst building on our strong music traditions. Our new Nave Dais presents opportunities to hold concerts and invite the community along. We have already booked the Hebden Bridge Brass Band and the Halifax Gilbert and Sullivan Society to perform for us. Our work with schools received a boost this year as we worked with four of our local school and invited them into church to explore. Our church hall continues to thrive and we have a full diary from regular bookings. If you haven't been to any of these groups then please do take a look at what is on offer, these sessions provide a wonderful opportunity to get alongside people from our community and form friendships.

Buildings

"But vicar, look at the flaking paint", "what's happening about the exposed brick work in the Lady Chapel", "Why is there water coming in on the vestry steps", "Did you know the clock is 3 minutes fast?"

St. Jude's church is 134 years old, it is in that stage of its life where there are lots of things that need to be done with it, principally just to maintain it but also to develop it. This year we have had to consider both those challenges - maintenance and development. We work closely with our architect and the diocese to programme our work, needing both appropriate approvals and finance to do so. These unfortunately take time to organise and we are conscious of the work that needs to be done. This last year and been spend getting all these things sorted so that next year we can begin to see some physical developments. One area we did sort out, thanks to the churchwardens is the churchyard and all the work has been completed.

Pastoral

Our pastoral work still remains an area we need to spend time developing. Thanks to Cathy Page and the small team we try our best to keep on top of who is struggling, whether at home or in hospital. The addition of the click button on the newsletter has been a boost to help us do this and I would encourage using this as a quick and timely way to access the pastoral team wither for yourself or someone you may be concerned about.

Trampolined and played in the soft play area at Airtime for our Christmas treat.

Thank you to all concerned for the use of the lovely hall, and to our leaders, Alison, Helen, Sarah, Sian, Hollie, Tilly, Jessica and Caitlin.

Julie Murphy

St Jude's Brownies

The Brownies continue to meet in the church hall on Wednesday evenings to enjoy many and varied activities under the watchful eyes of their dedicated leaders.

St Jude's Guides – 2023

2023 - We have an average of 20 girls attending throughout the year.

Badges gained:

Confectioner, Express Myself, Vlogging, Live smart 4, Saver, Communicate 3, Meditation, Mixology, Fitness, whittling, Reflect 3,

Gold awards gained by Hannah, Olivia, Maryam and Amber – a wonderful achievement.

Activities:

In January we went to trampolining at Airtime in Halifax.

Glass craft – we made hanging glass ornaments for Mother's Day.

Made and ate pancakes.

Had an evening walk via scar bottom woods to king cross for chips, then and sleepover in the hall.

Hosted a Coronation party with All Saints Guides where we decorated biscuits, made coronation outfits fit for a king out of newspaper, played Captains coming and King beetle.

Super Wednesday

The popular Super Wednesday group continue to meet in the church hall between 10am and noon.

Activities such as board games, crafts, jigsaws, and painting are enjoyed by all the group with plenty of opportunity to chat along the way.

If you are interested in joining the group, please see Margaret Lord or Margaret Ainley.

St Jude's Rainbows report

We have increased the numbers of Rainbows and helpers during the year. We started the year with 12 Rainbows and finished with 20, 3 girls moved up to Brownies during the year and we now have a healthy waiting list.

Rainbows can join when they are 4 years old and have started school.

Badges

Nature, Live smart 1, Construction badge, Camp1, First Aid 1, Reflect 1, Fruit and Veg, Family tree.

Activities

Rainbows love to play games favourites are duck, duck, goose, what time is it Mr Wolf? and steal the Queens treasure.

We held an Easter egg hunt, made tents from material and put them up inside and then enjoyed stories while snuggled up in a guide tent on the lawn. Made fruit smoothies, after cutting up fruit as part of the fruit and veg badge.

We learnt to sign our opening song, which the girls have become proficient at.

Held a summer meeting at Manor Heath Park where we had a picnic and played on the swings and slides.

Crafts

Constructed local landmarks from recycled materials, made paper daffodils, Mother's day cards, Father's day cards, Candi cane reindeer, and a fruit tree for the church window at Harvest.

Had a party with the Brownies to celebrate the Kings Coronation.

Celebrated Diwali with stories and coloured in cards.

Mission

Mission is an interesting work. It assumes we are doing something towards sharing our faith, whether that is by talking explicitly about it or implied through what we do for those who live in the parish. Either way I think this year has been a lean year for mission. We did say that this year we would work on the second part of our vision to "make Christ known". I think this remains a challenge for us and will require a change in our thinking, which, like many others parishes has become quite insular since the pandemic as we have looked to regroup and take stock in this changed landscape we find ourselves in.

Generosity Week

This year for the first time in quite a while we had an appeal during the harvest generosity week to donate towards the nave dais project and to review our regular giving. The PCC set the challenge of raising £10,000 and increase giving by £100 per month. This seemed like a huge leap of faith, yet, if we trust that God will provide if it's the right thing to do, we shouldn't be surprised when, after all the pledges and gifts were received we actually raised £10,390 (before including Gift Aid) and increased giving by £141 per month. A generous legacy received during the week meant that the work on the nave dais could go ahead without the need to use any of our investments. As they say, "God is Good!"

Weddings/baptisms/funerals

After the backlog of the pandemic, this year has been unusually quite for weddings and baptisms, with just 4 children being baptised – Violet Hayes, Evelyn Hayes, Hunter Luis-Parry and Cian Lynch, and 3 weddings – Luke and Samantha Fisher, Georgia and Shawn Drake, and David and Margaret Lord. Sadly we had 11 funerals including some dear members of our congregation – Jack Moore, Sylvia Hiley, Mary Thomas, Francis Archer, Donald Haigh, Paul Bottomley, Gordon Norman, John Taylor, Maise Riley, Christine Thorpe and June Rourke.

Volunteers

I am always grateful for the army of members who give up their time to volunteer across the activities at church; Super Wednesday, Children's Church, Little Saints, our bible readers, intercessors, choir members, Eucharistic Assistants, Coffee & Chat team, PCC members, our Safeguarding officer, Treasurer, PCC Secretary, Electoral Roll officer, musicians, magazine team, churchwardens, gardeners, AV operators, home group leaders and I apologise if I have missed out anyone! We do however continue to be limited in our work which remains a frustration, especially in our children's and young people's ministry. We need to continue to pray for progress in this work.

Looking forward

Looking ahead to the coming year, taking stock of all that I have said above, we need to create space for ourselves to both grow in our own faith and in our confidence to open ourselves up to the community both socially and spiritually. We are a beacon in the area, holding a prime position overlooking the moors and surrounded by a large population.

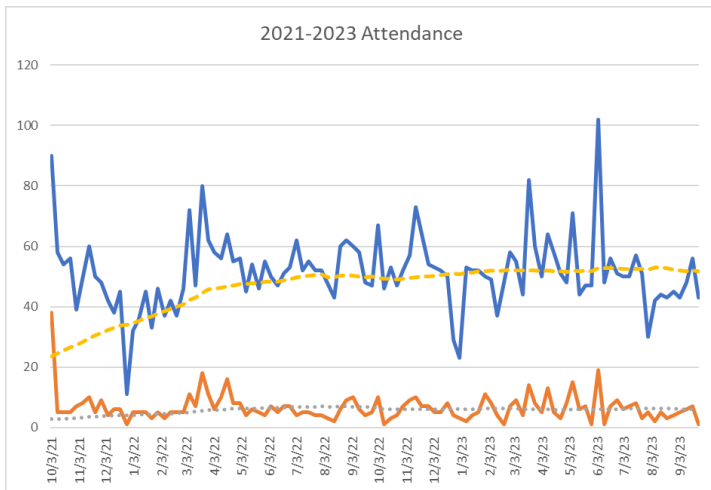
We are a very visible part of the community and we need to consider how we can make the most of this wonderful opportunity. This means both taking on some new habits and ideas, and having the courage and faith to let go where “what we have always done” no longer fits into today’s world.

We still have challenges to our buildings and we cannot shy away from them, but we cannot allow them to dominate all we do either. We must always look through the lens of what impact does our actions have on the people in our parish, this is the reason we are here, learning to step back from our own wants and interests is what will make a difference in our understanding of mission and discipleship.

In short, we need to get our ducks in line, to turn around, face our community and ask how we can serve those we have been called to witness to.

Attendance Trends

I have included the chart below principally to highlight that we have steadied the ship on normal church attendance, which although not at pre-pandemic levels it is solid and, if everyone came together on the same Sunday would actually be a good third more again, lifestyle changes however do pull on many people’s time in a way not seen before the pandemic. So, please be encouraged and make the most of the time we do spend together in worship and socially to build each other up.



Choir Report

The choir has continued to proudly lead the singing at St Jude’s throughout the year. However, there is always room for more people to join their happy throng. As ever thanks go to Margaret Lord who has, after many years, retired as organist and musical director, but continues to lead and sing with the choir each week.

Magazine Report 2023

The church printer has now been moved to what I hope is its permanent home in the Vicar’s vestry. This is where I now print each edition.

During 2023 the collating team, Susan Cox, Margaret O’Neill, Christina Whitworth and I, met each month in the Church Hall to fold, staple and name the subscription copies. I am very grateful for their help and was pleased to welcome Christina to join us.

We continue to have a group of helpers, who again deserve many thanks, who take on the monthly task of delivering the magazines by hand to those subscribers who are unable to attend church for any reason. 10 copies are also posted out to those living further afield.

During the year the magazine circulation was to 95 subscribers with a few spare copies always available at the back of church, costing £1 each. Just 105 copies were printed each month during 2023.

Marilyn Barraclough

Charitable Giving

2023 charity allocations

USPG	£1000
CMS (Church Mission Society)	£1000
Christian Initiative in Calderdale Schools	£ 300
Leeds DBF (Buhemba Parish, Mara)	£ 500
St Augustine's Centre	£ 750
Mission Aviation Fellowship	£ 300
Christian African Relief Trust	£ 300
Leprosy Mission	£ 500
Reach Beyond	£ 300
Calderdale Valley of Sanctuary	£ 250
Water Aid	£ 800

Children & Young People

The number of children attending church remains stable between 4 and 12. The Roots programme provides a variety of activities for all ages enabling our young people to grow in faith through understanding and discussion. A big thankyou to our dedicated team for all the time and effort they take to ensure Children's Church is fun.

Churchwardens' Report

Life at Holy Trinity and St Jude's continues to be busy. Over the last 12 months in addition to our usual services we have opened our doors to several local schools for educational visits. The Gleddings held both their leavers and Christmas services here at St Jude's, and Holy Trinity Primary school celebrated their end of year service with us, unfortunately the weather was against them "crocodile walking" the whole school community to church for their annual Harvest and Christmas services, we relocated to the school hall to help them celebrate.

Lawrence funeral home held their annual memorial service here at church, it was a most moving but comforting service, and we hope they choose to come here again in the future.

We have hosted several concerts over the year, these include The Orion Choir, The Gilbert and Sullivan Society, All Souls A.O.S and The Senior Citizens Orchestra. We already have bookings for the coming year and hope that the addition of the Dias will enhance the concert experience for both the performers and audiences. Keep your eye out on our social media and church magazine for further details of these events.

Sadly, once again we have had a number of funerals and memorial services in Church. We have lost several of our dear friends who we will miss tremendously but remember with love, also several funerals have been held from the wider community.

On a happier note, we have welcomed a number people who share worship and fellowship with us on a regular basis, several families have brought their children for baptism and we have celebrated three weddings in the last year.

Super Wednesday continues to thrive and grow, providing fantastic outreach into the community with art, sewing, board games, chat, and friendship with of course coffee and refreshments,

In February 2023 "Little Saints" a drop-in group for babies and toddlers with their carers began, it is a relatively small but expanding group with resources and experiences for preschool children. Once again, we thank the people who give their time and expertise to run these groups.

We continue to open church on a Saturday morning for coffee and chat, we welcome both church family members and the wider community.

Over the year the PCC have organised several social, community and fundraising events. We cannot express how grateful we are to everyone involved in whatever capacity for your time and support, we have several events in the planning stages for throughout the coming year.

The Church hall continues to be busy with the uniformed organisations and our Church run groups plus numerous other community organisations who use the hall for their various classes, groups and meetings. Thanks Julie and Darrell for all your work coordinating the hall bookings.

We would like to thank Tracy for keeping our Church and hall spotlessly clean, Howard for coordinating the gardening along with Emma the gardener who we employed to help Howard with this never-ending task. We have had some tree maintenance this year with trees pruned and diseased trees felled, thanks to Nick for all the hours spent preparing the faculty applications for this work.

We would like to give a special thank you to Stephen Normanton for his dedication over many, many years climbing the tower and being responsible for winding the clock, weekly before its electrification. After then he has climbed the tower several times a year to change the clock seasonally and make fine adjustments when needed.

He has finally decided that the time has come to hand over this job to someone else. If anyone would like to take on this role, please see either myself or Nick.

We would also like to thank the magazine team for their work each month, I know the magazine is enjoyed not only by Church members but has postal subscribers around the country.

We continue to collect for the local food bank, thanks for your contributions, also to Audrey for delivering it to them.

We rely on and appreciate your planned giving, either through the envelope scheme, direct debit, or the weekly plate, especially in these difficult challenging economic times, we ask you to continue to support us throughout the year.

Finally, Holy Trinity and St Jude's wouldn't be what it is without every one of us working, worshipping, and committing ourselves in whatever capacity large or small, sorry if we've not mentioned you personally but we would like to thank each and every one who contributes to our Church family.

Angela and Nick

Electoral Roll

The number on the current Electoral Roll for the parish of Holy Trinity and St Jude in March 2024 is 127.

Unfortunately, there have been some deaths of members of the congregation, but there have been some new members enrolling. 2025 will be a full renewal of the Electoral Role.

Felicity Hales. (Electoral Roll Officer)

Building and maintenance report 2022/23

As I write this report The Church building is undergoing a transformation with the installation of the new dais. It will be a great addition for the worship and community use of the building.

Work on the Lady Chapel has been delayed until the better weather of spring and summer, if it ever arrives. This will be a major undertaking.

The grounds are looking as good as ever thanks to the hard work of Howard and Emma the gardener.

We have a large number of trees in the Church grounds and sadly a small number have had to be removed.

2024 also brings round the quinquennial inspection which is sure to highlight areas requiring further work.

Events

2023 was again a busy year with a number of concerts by organisations such as The Gilbert & Sullivan Society, Overgate Hospice Choir and The Senior Citizen's Orchestra held in church.

In May we held a Coronation Tea followed by Hymns in church, led by Margaret Lord and the Choir, to celebrate King Charles III coronation, raising £55.50.

The Harvest Supper in October was well attended, enjoyed by all and raised £173.74.

The annual Christmas Fayre was as usual a busy event and raised £1,503.

Thanks go to all volunteers for helping to make all our events so memorable and profitable.

All Safeguarding Training has been online via the Church of England Training Portal over the past year for Basic and Foundation Safeguarding Training and has now been updated to include the Domestic Abuse (see below), Safer Recruitment and People Management, and Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking training. Leadership training courses are currently by invitation of the Diocese.

Concerns Raised

There haven't been any issues raised this year.

Next Steps

Going forward, the areas of safeguarding St Jude's will be focusing on will be maintaining the parish safeguarding dashboard and putting action plans in place so that everything is up to date for a possible visit to check our safeguarding status at any time.

Gift Aid Report 2022/23

Gift Aid continues to be a major contributor to our Church income.

If you make regular donations to Church you should have completed a Gift Aid Form. It is important that this is kept up to date. If you move house or you no longer pay tax on your income it is important that you let me know so the records can be updated.

I can also claim gift aid on small cash donations put into the donation plate provided that these are in cash and are less than £30.00. So even if you are no longer a taxpayer we can still increase your giving by using this scheme.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to have a chat with me.

Nick Page



PCC

Membership since the APCM in March

Revd Stuart Stobart (chair), Angela Greenwood (churchwarden), Nick Page (churchwarden), Julie Hudson (secretary), Darrell Hudson (treasurer), Revd Martin Parrott, Elaine Kidd, Felicity Hales, Margaret Medhurst, Mark Young, Becky Hill, Hilary Felton, Bill Kneebone, Sarah Mitchell, Audrey Heap and Grem McIntyre.

Deanery Synod Reps.: Hilary Felton and Mark Young.

The PCC met on 8 occasions with an average attendance of 11.

Finance Summary

2023 has, financially, been a year of mixed news for Holy Trinity and St Jude's. We have been protected from the majority of the impact of the high fuel prices by managing to secure fixed price deals before the rising prices hit their peak. We were also fortunate that the cost of the tree maintenance in the church yard was far less than budgeted. We also received a boost from the kindness of our parishioners in their response to our Generosity Week appeal and received four bequests during the year. These kind gifts will help us with the improvements to the church which we are planning which have proved to be more expensive than expected.

Unfortunately, our income is falling. In spite of the increases in regular giving promised during generosity week. income from voluntary receipts was down by approximately 5% on 2022 continuing a trend seen over the past 2 or 3 years. We will also see income from our telecom's leases fall significantly in 2024 as new legislation means rentals will fall considerably, in our case over 50%.

Coupled with falling income we have seen our costs rising plus new expenses for employing a gardener and a new Director of Music meaning that 2024 will be the first year we will have to dip into reserves in order to cover our day to day running costs.

We have taken steps to mitigate this by swapping some investments around to attempt to gain a higher income but it is clear that 2024 will be a challenging year which will require careful management.

Darrell Hudson - Treasurer

Christian Stewardship Report

Christian Stewardship is the means whereby members of the congregation commit to giving weekly or monthly amounts to support our church. The money is either transferred directly to the church's bank account, card payments or given via the collection plate in the form of cash or stewardship envelopes. These contributions enable the Treasurer to know that there is a constant and reliable stream of income coming in to support the operational costs and maintenance of the buildings and allowing us to increase our mission in the wider community.

This October we launched our Generosity Week Harvest campaign. In which we asked friends, electoral roll members and congregation to consider if they were able to increase their regular giving or make a one-off donation. This was to help us develop our building with a new Nave Dais and Table which will support our ministry in the future.

At the start of 2023 we began with 47 contributors; but now we have a slight increase to 48 for the coming year. This is because of the death of one of our members and the addition of 2 new regular givers.

The year began with 5 Christian Stewardship envelope boxes being issued but ended with 6 contributing producing an income total £5,760.50.

Similarly, 2023 began with 42 standing order subscribers but by the end of the year we had increased to 43, donating a total of £31,084.

Some of our congregation prefer to donate electronically by using the [sum up] card payment method in Church and this has given us a further £1,457.07.

Also, we have received £2,427.39 from the offertory plate collections.

Overall, all of these funds are gratefully received and will enable our Church to move forward into the future, growing in Christ and making him known.

Elaine Kidd

Safeguarding

After the beginning of last year's success of getting a lot of the safeguarding training completed, (many thanks to those who made this possible), momentum has however lapsed a little bit towards the end of the year. So, some essential training still needs to be done so the safeguarding dashboard can be completed.

This year sees the start of a five-year project by the Church of England to come and assess each church, that their safeguarding policies are up to date and in place. The aim is to be as transparent as possible as a church and that we have all areas of safeguarding covered correctly for the safety of our parish and wider community.

Safeguarding Policy, Guidance and Information

The Church of England safeguarding handbook, "Parish Safeguarding Handbook - Promoting a Safer Church" is easily available on the noticeboard at the back of St Jude's Church. Large posters giving safeguarding information and where to find help and whom to contact at St Jude's and at Church House are also prominently displayed in the Church and Church Hall.

Safeguarding Learning and Development

DBS checks are carried out through THIRTYONEEIGHT provider, and we are nearly at 100% completion for all relevant members. DBS checks will continue as and when required with renewal of existing positions or new volunteers.

Safer Recruitment and People Management

Safeguarding Training has been very much in focus. We observed the Safeguarding Sunday with a talk about the importance and necessity of training for those working with children and vulnerable adults. It was a chance to raise awareness that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and to work together as a Church.

Safeguarding is an item on the PCC agenda every meeting even if there is nothing to report.

A review of safeguarding training has been undertaken as it is now required that the highest level of training is updated every three years. Everyone who needs an update will be reminded.



**Annual Report and Financial Statement
of the
Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity and St Jude, Halifax
For the year ended 31st December 2023**

Priest In Charge

Rev Stuart Stobart

Treasurer

Darrell Hudson

Independent Examiner

Joanne Royle

The Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity and St Jude’s Church, Halifax

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1. Financial Review

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Coupled with falling income we have seen our costs rising plus new expenses for employing a gardener and a new Director of Music meaning that 2024 will be the first year we will have to dip into reserves in order to cover our day to day running costs.

2. Income Analysis

Voluntary receipts from our usual sources was down by approximately 5% on 2022 with donations and planned giving being lower than last year whilst collections at services have risen slightly. However, income was boosted from legacies received during the year, some of which we have been able to add to general funds.

Our social events have continued to provide welcome additional funds during the year. Our ever-popular Christmas Fayre, plus sales of Tea and Coffee after our Sunday Services were this year supplemented by a Coronation Tea and Hymns event, a Harvest Supper and a concert by the Halifax Gilbert and Sullivan Society.

We did have an excellent response to our Generosity Week appeal which raised £6,500 although this has been earmarked for the new Alter Table on the Dias alterations.

Income from investments has been almost identical to 2022 but income from Bank Interest has grown significantly as we benefit from the continued rise in interest rates.

We have continued to receive a steady income from the telecoms leases in the Church tower which will contribute approximately £15,000 this year. As in previous years this has been split equally between General Funds, the Fabric Fund and the Grants Fund with £5060 being credited to each of them. As mentioned above, these leases are expiring and the new leases will see this income falling to £8,000 per annum during 2024.

The Church Hall has continued to prove popular with income from lettings being up by over 25% from 2022. Of course the increased occupancy has resulted in an increase in running

costs but the hall is still more than covering it's running costs and generated a surplus of £7,700 for the year.

The Church Magazine is also still proving popular although sales are slightly lower than last year. Rising costs of paper, printing and postage have meant that The Magazine suffered a deficit of approximately £250 this year but this is considered a small price to pay for such a valuable resource. As always, we must praise the team who produce and deliver this highly regarded service.

2.1. Bequests

We have received four bequests during the year from the estates of Murial Littlefield, James Farrar, Gordon Normanton and Selwyn Crabtree. These kind gifts will help us to push forward with the improvements to the Church we have been planning.

3. Expenditure Analysis

Aside from the Parish Share, the majority of the expenditure shown in the accounts (£24,958) relates to Church and Vicarage with a lower amount (£13,308) being required to run the Church Hall.

Both figures include Insurance costs, which, although for some time, has covered all of our property in one policy, has been split between the Church and Church Hall in the same proportions as when two separate policies were held.

Overall church running costs have been approximately 8% higher in 2023 than in 2022. Although the predicted increase in utility costs have contributed to this increase the majority of the additional costs relate to the costs of employing a gardener to help with the day-to-day grounds upkeep and the cost of the tree felling and general tree maintenance.

We expect this level of expenditure to rise considerably in 2024 mainly due to the additional costs of employing the gardener and the probability of appointing a new Director of Music following Margaret Lord's retirement earlier this year.

4. Assets – Stocks and Shares

There have been no changes to investments during the year. However, the turmoil in the financial markets following the Russian invasion of Ukraine have inevitably had an effect. The value of our investments has risen from ££357,611.44 at the end of 2022 to £391,256.82, although the share price is not quite at its peak it is still a growth of £118,368.

The investments will continue to be monitored going forwards to ensure they continue to meet our requirements but we should also bear in mind that the investments we have chosen are primarily designed to provide income so capital growth may not be as high as with some other investments.

A Breakdown of the Book Value and Current Value of the three Share Accounts is provided below.

Account	Book Value	No Shares	Price 31/12/23	Current Value	Profit/Loss
CBF Share Account 1	£ 60,543.27	4011.270	2260.5300	£ 90,675.96	£ 30,132.69
CBF Share Account 2	£ 181,183.00	10502.700	2260.5300	£ 237,416.68	£ 56,233.68
CBF Share Account 3	£ 31,162.78	2794.220	2260.5300	£ 63,164.18	£ 32,001.40
	£ 272,889.05			£ 391,256.82	£ 118,367.77

4.1. Trusts held by The Wakefield Diocesan Church Organisation Society

There is a small fund which is managed by the Leeds Diocesan Board of Finance with the funds being invested in a CCLA, CBF Church of England Deposit Account. Interest is paid to this CCLA account.

The capital arose from the sale of the land and property of the old school site (Savile Hall Halifax) and were received in November 1987. The initial capital amount was 14,717.49 after costs of sale. The current balance in the account is £16,174.60.

The understanding is that only the income from this fund can be accessed and it is for the general running expenses of the church meaning there is currently £1,457.11 available for use.

5. Charitable Contributions

Typically, the PCC and members of the congregation would have given support to a number of charitable causes during the year by way of retiring collections. Although not as numerous as before the COVID pandemic collections took place in August for the Leprosy Mission and, in January, a payment was made to the Childrens Society representing money collected for them in addition to the traditional Christingle boxes and an additional donation

from the Church. In October the retiring collection following the wedding of Margaret Seed and David Lord was sent to the Anthony Nolan Trust and, although we did not have an official Poppy Day collection box this year we did have a collection which was passed to them.

The PCC have also continued to support various charities from PCC funds, with two rounds of donations being made this year. The first round represented donations from the funds available from 2022 and the second round being funds available from this year.

These charities are listed separately in section 8.2 of these accounts.

6. Outlook

2024 will be a challenging year. As mentioned above, income in 2023 was down on 2022 and is likely to fall further as the new Telecoms leases begin at much lower rates that we have enjoyed in the past. We have also seen additional costs as we have now employed a gardener to help with the upkeep of the churchyard and we are hunting for a new Director of Music following Magaret Lord's retirement. We are also due to have the Quinquennial inspection in 2024 which is a further expense. The result is, for the first time in many years our income may not cover our operating expenses.

Of course, when preparing this forecast we have used our usual policy of taking a conservative view of income and a pessimistic view of expenditure and we will, as usual, look for opportunities to reduce outgoings but the signs are that over the next few years income will continue to fall and expenditure continue to increase.

We do have significant expenditure planned for 2024 in the form of the Nave Dias and Alter Table alterations and the repairs to the Lady Chapel roof but these have been covered from reserves earmarked for the purpose. We must, however, be aware that the Quinquennial inspection may highlight issues which will require significant funds to resolve.

Darrell Hudson
Honorary Treasurer

7. Financial Statements for the Year Ending 31st December 2023

7.1. Receipts and Payments Accounts

Receipts						
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted			
		Total Designated Funds	Appeals and Collections Fund		Total	2022
Voluntary Receipts						
01 - Planned Giving	£36,844.50	£0.00			£36,844.50	£38,561.68
02 - Other Planned Giving Note 3	£0.00	£6,456.36			£6,456.36	£0.00
03 - Collections at Services	£3,884.46	£0.00	£227.29		£4,111.75	£6,631.29
04 - Gift Days, Donations, Church Boxes	£3,177.77	£0.00	£0.00		£3,177.77	£3,004.25
06 - Gift Aid Recovered	£9,522.38	£0.00			£9,522.38	£10,014.55
07 - Legacies	£3,250.00	£80,000.00			£83,250.00	£0.00
08 - Grants	£0.00	£718.10			£718.10	£0.00
	£56,679.11	£87,174.46	£227.29		£144,080.86	£58,211.77
Other Fund Raising Activities						
09 - Fund Raising - Fetes, Coffee Mornings etc.	£3,633.35	£0.00			£3,633.35	£3,081.94
	£3,633.35	£0.00	£0.00		£3,633.35	£3,081.94
Income From Investments						
10 - Bank Interest Note 4	£1,381.93	£219.66			£1,601.59	£549.99
10 - Dividends	£10,694.73	£0.00			£10,694.73	£10,635.88
10 - Rent from Land and Buildings Note 5	£5,110.53	£10,121.08			£15,231.61	£17,189.70
	£17,187.19	£10,340.74	£0.00		£27,527.93	£28,375.57
Church Activities						
11 - Fees, Weddings, Funerals, Courses	£1,538.00	£0.00			£1,538.00	£2,062.00
12 - Church Hall Lettings	£0.00	£21,040.00			£21,040.00	£16,679.00
12 - Church Magazine Sales	£989.50	£0.00			£989.50	£1,050.70
	£2,527.50	£21,040.00	£0.00		£23,567.50	£19,791.70
Other Receipts						
13 - Other Income	£113.41	£1,773.69			£1,887.10	£2,333.13
	£113.41	£1,773.69	£0.00		£1,887.10	£2,333.13
Total Income	£80,140.56	£120,328.89	£227.29		£200,696.74	£111,794.11

Payments						
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted			
		Total Designated Funds	Appeals and Collections Fund		Total	2022
Cost of Generating Funds						
17 - Cost of Fund Raising Activities	£634.69	£0.00			£634.69	£318.17
	£634.69	£0.00	£0.00		£634.69	£318.17
Church Activities						
18 - Mission Giving	£0.00	£12,128.68	£227.29		£12,355.97	£2,176.75
19 - Diocesan Share	£45,279.00	£0.00			£45,279.00	£47,662.00
21 - Clergy Expenses	£683.48	£0.00			£683.48	£789.57
	£45,962.48	£12,128.68	£227.29		£58,318.45	£50,628.32
Church Expenses						
22 - Parish Education and Training	£0.00	£0.00			£0.00	£0.00
23 - Church Running Expenses	£13,544.54	£0.00			£13,544.54	£11,725.26
23 - Church Insurance	£6,326.14	£0.00			£6,326.14	£5,817.00
24 - Church Utility Bills	£4,403.98	£0.00			£4,403.98	£4,761.60
25 - Hall Running Costs	£0.00	£13,307.99			£13,307.99	£10,966.13
25 - Magazine and Books expenses	£1,242.47	£0.00			£1,242.47	£1,024.93
26 - Audit/Independent Examination Costs	£64.94	£0.00			£64.94	£61.44
	£25,582.07	£13,307.99	£0.00		£38,890.06	£34,356.36
Major Capital Expenditure						
27 - Major Repairs/Decorating - Church Note 6	£0.00	£5,679.90			£5,679.90	£488.40
28 - Major Repairs/Decorating - Hall	£0.00	£0.00			£0.00	£0.00
29 - New Building Work	£3,710.70	£0.00			£3,710.70	£0.00
	£3,710.70	£5,679.90	£0.00		£9,390.60	£488.40
Other Expenditure						
99 - Purchase of Fixed Assets for Church purpose	£0.00	£0.00			£0.00	£75.59
99 - Other Payments	£63.00	£1,233.10			£1,296.10	£1,647.65
	£63.00	£1,233.10	£0.00		£1,296.10	£1,723.24
Total Expenditure	£75,952.94	£32,349.67	£227.29		£108,529.90	£87,514.49

7.2. Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Cash Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total 2023
Cash	£ -	£ -	£ 139.54	£ 139.54
Lloyds	£ 9,204.89	£ -	£ -	£ 9,204.89
Virgin	£ 10,906.41	£ -	£ 13,058.78	£ 23,965.19
CCLA Deposit Account	£ 39,518.96	£ -	£ 98,873.98	£ 138,392.94
Investment Accounts	£ 265,635.21	£ -	£ 7,253.84	£ 272,889.05
Sub Total	£ 325,265.47	£ -	£ 119,326.14	£ 444,591.61
Other Monetary Assets				
Gift Aid Recoverable	£ 10,825.00	£ -	£ -	£ 10,825.00
Hall Hire Invoices for December 2021	£ -	£ -	£ 1,066.00	£ 1,066.00
Church Clock Service, Prepayment	£ 720.00	£ -	£ -	£ 720.00
Totals	£ 336,810.47	£ -	£ 120,392.14	£ 457,202.61

7.3. Notes to the Accounts

1) Accounting Policies

- The financial statements of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.
- The accounts combine the funds under the control of the PCC. In line with Statement of Recommended Practice (Accounting and Reporting by Charities) (SORP), all funds have been allocated to the following categories:
 - Unrestricted – Funds which the PCC may use at its discretion and which are available for the general purposes of the PCC.
 - Designated – Unrestricted funds which the PCC has set aside specifically. These funds can be moved to other funds (redesignated) if the PCC decides.
 - Restricted – Funds which are subject to restrictions over their use, including collections held for paying over to specific organisations.

2) Investments

Investments are stated at cost in the accounts. Their market value at the year-end is shown in section 4 above.

3) Other Planned Giving

The sum of £6,456.36 was raised during the Generosity Week Campaign in October.

The funds have been allocated to the Fabric Fund and earmarked for the construction of the new Altar Table and Altar Rails in the Nave Dias alterations.

4) Interest and Dividends from Investments.

Interest of 1601.59 was received from monies deposited with the Central Board of Finance (CBF) with a further £1,489.61 due at the end of December credited to the account on the 3rd January 2024. It is tradition that some of this interest is allocated to the Choir Members fund and the Organ fund, based on the average interest rate received and the balance on that fund. It was elected to allocate interest at a simple interest rate of 5% of the opening balance to that fund at the start of the year. £176.02 was allocated to the Organ Fund and £43.64 to the Choir Members fund.

5) Rent from Land and Buildings

There was a small income of £50 from Queens Sports Club for the advertising sign in the church grounds on the corner of Free School Lane and Moorlands View. This was posted to General Funds.

The majority of the income from land and buildings is from the Telecoms Leases for the communications masts on the Church Tower. The income in 2023 from this source was 15,181.61. This is allocated evenly between General Funds, Fabric Fund and Grants Fund.

6) Major Repairs/Decorating - Church

Further repairs will be required to the roof and timbers in the Lady Chapel. Interim work was carried out to make the roof watertight over the Winter of 2022/23 and the architects fees relating to the main work are shown here. It is expected that the contractors will be on site to complete the work in early Spring as the weather improves.

7) Movements in Designated and Restricted Funds During the Year

		Opening Balance	Income	Payments	Closing Balance
Designated	Grants Fund Note 5, 8.2 b	£ 7,596.42	£ 5,060.54	£ 12,128.68	£ 528.28
	Fabric Fund Note 5, 8.1 c, 8.2 e	£ 12,318.88	£ 92,235.00	£ 5,679.90	£ 98,873.98
	Organ Fund Note 4	£ 3,520.36	£ 176.02	£ -	£ 3,696.38
	Choir Members Note 4	£ 872.84	£ 43.64	£ -	£ 916.48
	Childrens Reserve Fund	£ 16.14	£ -	£ -	£ 16.14
	Super Wednesday Club Note 8.1 e, 8.2 f	£ 614.97	£ 1,773.69	£ 1,233.10	£ 1,155.56
	Choir Children Advancement Fund	£ 545.00	£ -	£ -	£ 545.00
	Youth Group Fund	£ 43.00	£ -	£ -	£ 43.00
	Choir Robes Fund	£ 353.00	£ -	£ -	£ 353.00
	Church Hall Note 8.2 d	£ 5,326.77	£ 21,040.00	£ 13,307.99	£ 13,058.78
Restricted	Appeals and Collections Fund Note 8.1 a, 8.2 b	£ -	£ 227.29	£ 227.29	£ -

8. Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments Accounts

8.1. Receipts

8.1 a Collections at Services	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds
Carol Service Collection	£133.26		
Childrens Society Retiring Collection		£63.21	
Christingle Collection		£71.32	
Leprosy Mission		£20.76	
Plate Collection	£2,294.13		
Retiring Collection		£72.00	
Sum-Up Payments	£1,457.07		
Grand Total	£3,884.46	£227.29	£0.00

8.1 b Collections at Services	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds
Donations	£3,177.77		
Grand Total	£3,177.77	£0.00	£0.00

8.1 c Legacies	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds
Donations	£3,250.00		£80,000.00
Grand Total	£3,250.00	£0.00	£80,000.00

8.1 d Collections at Services	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds
Coffee Mornings	£957.00		
Coronation Tea and Hymns	£215.13		
Gilbert & Sullivan Concert	£424.85		
Harvest Supper Proceeds	£173.74		
Christmas Fayre	£1,862.63		
Grand Total	£3,633.35	£0.00	£0.00

8.1 e Other Income	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds
Amazon Smile	£13.41		
Sale of unused Psalters	£100.00		
Super Wednesday			£1,773.69
Grand Total	£113.41	£0.00	£1,773.69

8.2. Payments

8.2 a Cost of Fund Raising Activities	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds
Gilbert & Sullivan Concert	£238.10		
Coronation Tea	£159.63		
Christmas Fayre	£236.96		
Grand Total	£634.69	£0.00	£0.00

8.2 b Mission Giving	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds
Anthony Nolan Trust		£35.00	
Bible Society			£300.00
Calderdale Valley of Sanctuary			£500.00
Children's Society (Christingle)			£128.68
Childrens Society Retiring Collection (Christingle)		£134.53	
Christian African Relief Trust			£600.00
Christians in Calderdale Schools			£600.00
Christians Together Calderdale Gathering Place / Food Bank			£500.00
CMS (Church Mission Society)			£2,000.00
Leeds DBF (Buhemba Parish, Mara)			£1,000.00
Leprosy Mission			£1,000.00
Leprosy Mission		£20.76	
Mission Aviation Fellowship			£600.00
Reach Beyond			£600.00
Rooyal British Legion Poppy Appeal		£37.00	
St Augustine's Centre			£1,500.00
USPG			£2,000.00
Water Aid			£800.00
Grand Total	£0.00	£227.29	£12,128.68

8.2 c Church Running Expenses	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds
Church Cleaning	£2,464.00		
Church Telephone/Broadband	£210.04		
Organ Piano Maintenance	£379.60		
Other Church Expenses	£2,848.61		
Altar Expenses	£583.57		
Choir and Music Licences	£216.00		
Printing Postage and Stationery	£361.83		
Upkeep of Churchyard	£6,480.89		
Grand Total	£13,544.54	£0.00	£0.00

8.2 d Hall Running Expenses	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds
Hall Cleaning			£6,942.62
Hall Insurance			£2,460.16
Hall Running Costs - Other			£988.76
Hall Running Gas, Electricity and Water			£2,661.47
Hall Telephone/Broadband			£254.98
Grand Total	£0.00	£0.00	£13,307.99


8.2 e Major Repairs/New Building Work Church	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds
Architects fees re Lady Chapel Roof Repairs			£3,714.30
Temporary Repairs to Lady Chapel Roof			£1,965.60
Architects Fees re Chancel Steps alterations	£3,710.70		
Grand Total	£3,710.70	£0.00	£5,679.90

8.2 f Other Payments	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds
Sundry Expenses	£63.00		
Super Wednesday Club Running Expenses			£1,233.10
Grand Total	£63.00	£0.00	£1,233.10

9. Glossary

Abbreviation	Meaning
CBF	Central Board of Finance (See CCLA)
CCLA	Churches Charities and Local Authorities (organisation investing funds on behalf of these 3 sectors)
CCLI	Christian Copyright Licencing International Ltd
DBF	Diocesan Board of Finance
HMRC	Her Majesties Revenue and Customs
PCC	Parochial Church Council
RPF	Returns of Parish Finance
SOFA	Statement of Financial Activities
SORP	Statement of Recommended Practice (Accounting and Reporting by Charities)

Approved by the PCC 3 of MARCH 2024



Treasurer



Chair

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This is my report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31st December 2023 as set out on pages 6 to 13.

Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner.

The Church's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Church's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- To follow procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- To state whether any particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report.


My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the account presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all of the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiners Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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Joanne Royle ACA
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Accounts

Another badge gained was History of Guiding, where girls learnt traditional skills, outdoor cooking, morse code, and knotting.

We love to play games and ate lots of ice cream while celebrating the Queens Platinum Jubilee

At the end of the year 15 Guides were attending weekly and we are very grateful every Tuesday to hold our meetings in the bright, spacious and warm church hall.

Thank you to Lesley, Joanne, Lucy and Chloe our fabulous leaders.

Julie Murphy.

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In July, we held our annual overnight pack holiday at Scamonden Activity centre, the Brownies picked the Encanto theme, they their own dream catchers and sand art, along with completing outdoor activities, such as water play and had a campfire, with lots of midges for company!

Anne Howard

St Jude's Guides – 2022

St Jude's Guides have gained several badges. These include Expore 3, where we used our map reading skills on a wet hike in February. We have completed challenges, grown plants, found out how many useful objects you can fit in a empty smartie tube (smarties previously consumed by the guides) and entered a competition to design an emoji associated with guiding which was entered at the Halifax Show, we are proud to announce we had 3 winners!

We constructed Bee/Bug hotels out of wood, which completed our skills for the future badge. We love crafting and for Mothers day made silk scarves, which we dyed, in addition to lavender soap.

We camped at Bradley Wood Brighthouse for 3 nights in May and had a great time. Due to Covid we hadn't camped for 3 years and embraced being out under canvas again.

Amongst other challenges we abseiled, climbed, completed high rope challenges, got lost in a cave bus, cooked over an open fire and sang our hearts out at the site campfire. We are very proud of Niamh who was presented with her Gold Award at camp.

We ran two game stalls at the Christmas Fayre, and gained Natural Remedies badge making soap from conkers!.

St Jude's Brownies 2022

2022 has been another fun packed year for St Jude's Brownies, we were able to return to planning activities outside of the meeting place and held our annual overnight pack holiday.

Brownies started the year working towards their Live Smart Skills builder; the Brownies made their own Guacamole wraps, practiced their money skills and ran their own marketplace. They also completed the Jobs badge, looking at different types of jobs and those they may like to do in the future.

In March, we had a day out visiting Bradley Wood Activity centre in Brighouse, the Brownies participated in Archery, Low Ropes, Cave bus and the Zip wire. The Brownies enjoyed trying new activities and challenging themselves and finished the day with a sing song around the camp circle.



For Mother's Day, the Brownies made their own painting on Canvas gifts.

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the Brownies arranged a party for their family and friends to attend; they provided refreshments and entertainment to guests which included Brownies playing the piano, telling jokes, reading poems and showing the audience their pet snake.

Vicar's Report



Each year since my arrival the landscape of our life together has changed, sometimes it has been positive step forwards, occasionally it has been frustrating steps back, with the addition of one or two side steps as we begin to settle down in this post-pandemic world.

It is very easy to become frustrated when we 'remember when.....' only to realise that we are not going to return back to those days. People have changed, the community has moved on and the energy levels we all seemed to have had have dipped.

I am reminded of Ezekiel looking out over the field of dry bones, seemingly without hope yet filled with the potential that can be breathed into them if we allow the Holy Spirit to move among us.

This last year has been a time to scan this view and look at where God is at work and rejoicing. God has been at work, raising up our gifts and challenging our expectations, and stretching the status quo.

Perhaps the biggest change that we have experienced has been the addition of St. Augustine's to my parochial responsibilities. This has taken a fair degree of my time as I have looked to settle in there and understanding the complex community they minister into. The impact on our worship life has been the reduction in Sundays I am

around our parish and the need as we move into the new year to change our service times and rethink the first Sunday into an all age service. This has been all the more challenging as we bid a sad farewell to Carolyn as she moved to her new home in Selby. At the same time we rejoice that Mark Young has begun training as a Licensed Lay Minister (Reader) and will begin to have an impact on our worship in the months ahead as he works through his programme of training.

This last twelve months has been the first since I arrived that services have developed a regular rhythm as restrictions lifted and we worked out a sustainable way to distribute both elements at communion and also learn how to worship around the nave table.

Within the community we have continued to grow the Super Wednesday group which is now seeing regular members returning week on week, and our art group flourishes under the watchful eye of Margaret Ainley. Our response to the warm spaces movement allowed us to reopen the Saturday morning coffee mornings. Although not as busy as we first expected we continue to remain open to welcome those who come in for a coffee and a chat. Beyond our walls we have begun reconnecting with Trinity Fold Care Home for a monthly service and we are in talks about returning to Savile Park Care Home for services there too. The work in our school continues to find new avenues to explore and the return to quarterly Sunday services in the hall are a great boon. We have also deepened connections with The Gleddings school and discussions are in hand to work in Savile Park Primary School down the road.

The work among our families and children has not moved forward at the pace we would like, mainly down to time and the availability of people to volunteer.

The remainder enjoy playing Scrabble or Rummikub, sewing and patchwork or simply sitting and chatting. Some disabled people come with their carers and enjoy doing jigsaws.

The running of the group became easier over the autumn when several church members came forward to join the team providing the refreshments.

We can still accommodate more visitors if anyone else wants to come and join us on Wednesday mornings between 10.00 and noon in the church hall.

Margaret Seed

St Jude's Rainbows report Jan 2022 – Dec 2022

Rainbows at St Jude's have had a slow increase in numbers. We started the year with 6 girls and finished the year with 14 some leaving us to join Brownies at St Jude's. We have a healthy waiting list; girls can join us from 4 Years old as long as they have started School.

We have gained lots of badges: Storyteller, communicator, express myself theme. Recycling, nature and explore badges, have adventures theme. We love to play games especially on the lawn in spring and summer.

We ate pancakes, made Mothers day, Fathers day, Easter and Christmas crafts. Planted bulbs, held a party for the Queens Platinum Jubilee, and ran a toy stall at the Christmas Fayre. Our Rainbows entered a pebble painting and recycle an object competition at the Halifax Show and won in 4 categories.

Rainbows love to come to St Jude's church hall, its light, bright clean and warm. Thank you from all the girls and leaders, Alison, Helen, Hollie and Tilly

Julie Murphy on behalf of St Jude's Rainbows.

Magazine Report 2022

During 2022 the collating team met each month in the Church Hall.

I continued to produce the initial copy which Lesley Lord printed for us as long as she was able. For the double Summer and September editions, David Lord's son Chris very kindly oversaw commercial printing while the church printer was moved into its new home at the back of church. This is where I now print each edition.

We continue to have a group of helpers, who again deserve many thanks, who continue the monthly task of helping with collating or delivering the magazines by hand to those subscribers who are unable to attend church for any reason. 12 copies are also posted out to those living further afield.

During the year the magazine circulation was to 100 subscribers with a few spare copies always available at the back of church, costing £1 each. Just 115 copies were printed each month during 2022.

Marilyn Barraclough

Super Wednesday

This group continues to flourish and to make a profit for church funds. We were all very sorry when Lesley Lord, who had been running the group for some time, died suddenly in the summer.

Our average attendance is about 25 or so. About half the group enjoy painting under the watchful eye of Margaret Ainley.

This will need to be looked at again in the coming year. There has been good news however with our work with babies and toddlers. It is hoped that we will be starting a new group 'Little Saints' as a drop-in hub in the hall on Friday mornings, we are grateful to Vicky who has recently moved into the parish for her energy to get this group up and running. As ever we will need more volunteers to make this group sustainable.

We continue to be challenged by the building and you will be aware of the work being completed in the Lady Chapel to remove and repair the damage left by the fungus we had growing out of the woodwork in the ceiling. Alongside these ongoing repairs we have also begun thinking at PCC about the future development of the building, the coming year will see the long-standing plans to extend the chancel steps and create new communion rails and easier access into the chancel come to fruition, creating a more attractive and permanent staging area for our communion table. We have also had news that we need to replace the church hall and we are looking at what the best way forward for this might be; a new hall or a redevelopment of the back of church. Next year will see the start of a long consultation process to ensure we make the right decision on how we move forward with this.

As things have relaxed over the year it has been good to welcome four families into church to have their children baptised; Madeleine Denison, Sidney Collins, Sophie McDermott, Leo and Zackary Faulkner, five children in all. We also had two weddings; Samuel and Grace Wade and Kallum and Jennifer Burnside. We sadly also said goodbye to twenty-one people some who had been faithful members of our church; Christine Tame, Rodney Barnett, Jennifer Davidson, Harry Saunders, Selwyn Crabtree, Peter Davie, Lesley Lord, Wendy Sugden, Audrey Johnson, Christine Crosland, Beryl Hernik,

James Farrar, Margaret Rose Berry, Dora Hrycak, Kathryn Jane Hanson, Nicholas Durnam, Audrey Rogerson, Jeff Hill, Roger Edward Treverton Coton, Lorna Marie Coton, June Bamforth.

And finally, in the midst of all this, I took my twice delayed sabbatical. I realize I still need to spend some time unpacking what I got up to and I hope to find some space next year to do so. I am grateful to everyone who held the fort whilst I was away especially our churchwardens Nick and Angela who made sure our visiting clergy had everything needed for the services they took, and to Carolyn who made sure all those who were on the rota knew they were on the rota. We are extremely blessed with a large group of people who volunteer week in and week out to ensure our church can do all it does and I offer a big thank you to each and every one. Looking forward, we will continue to need a growing band of volunteers who can ensure that all we do will continue to flourish as we move on into another year.

As Paul often wrote in his letters, please do continue to encourage one another and pray for each other as we seek to serve the Lord in all we say and do. Not everything we will do will be perfect or energising, nonetheless, build each other up!

Children & Young People

Our young people have continued to follow the Roots programme which provides resources for worship and learning each week.

Thank you once again to our Children's Church team who contribute tirelessly to inspire and support our youngsters on their faith journey.

Audrey Heap

Choir Report

This has been another difficult year for the choir, especially with the death of Lesley Lord. She had been a stalwart member for many years and was always willing and ready to leap in and sing any part (except bass) at a moment's notice. She leaves an enormous hole in our group.

On the plus side we were very glad to welcome Christina Whitworth to join the sopranos - but then Carolyn Barnett left us just before Christmas to live with her family near Selby.

Once again, I repeat my annual plea for more singers to come and join the group. During holiday periods it is sometimes impossible to sing an anthem or give a good lead in the service because we do not have enough people or a balanced group attending.

My thanks go, as ever, to the talented and hard-working group of singers who make up our church choir. and freely give of their time week by week.

Margaret Seed

Our annual Christmas fayre was a busy event and saw us reaching friends old and new raising around £1700. We split across the church and hall sites again allowing more time and space for fellowship and browsing of stalls.

Samantha Jones

Charitable Giving

2022 charity allocations

USPG	£1000
CMS (Church Mission Society)	£1000
Christian Initiative in Calderdale Schools	£ 300
Leeds DBF (Buhemba Parish, Mara)	£ 500
St Augustine's Centre	£750
Mission Aviation Fellowship	£ 300
Christian African Relief Trust	£ 300
Bible Society	£ 300
Leprosy Mission	£ 500
Christians Together Calderdale	
Gathering Place/Food Bank	£ 500
Reach Beyond	£ 300
Calderdale Valley of Sanctuary	£ 250
Children's Society (Christingle)	£128.68

Churchwardens' Report

Life at Holy Trinity and St Jude's continues to be busy. Over the last 12 months we have opened Church in addition to weekly worship on numerous occasions. We have welcomed educational visits from Holy Trinity Primary School, Savile Park Primary School and St Augustine's Primary School, also The Gleddings and Holy Trinity School have both held their leavers services and Christmas services with us inviting their families and friends to join them.

We have hosted concerts by the Senior Citizens Orchestra, The Halifax Chamber Choir, The Orion Choir, All Souls Amateur Operatic Society, a duet concert for the Alzheimer's society and a lunchtime piano recital by Gill Crossland. We have already taken bookings for the coming months, keep an eye on our social media and magazine for further updates.

Sadly, we have accommodated too many funerals, dear friends, and members of our church family and also the wider community. On a happier note, families have been welcomed for baptisms and a couple of weddings have been celebrated.

The warm space initiative on a Saturday morning has varied attendance, we have had several visitors popping in to have a look around after seeing the doors open, dog walkers sheltering from the rain and other people coming for a cuppa after seeing our social media, our local community support officers usually pop in when they are passing. Of course, we have our 'regulars', members of our church family who come to support us, it's lovely having a chat and a catch up! please come along and bring your neighbours and friends. We have also been able to resume visiting and sharing worship in some care homes in the parish and have a small dedicated team that monthly visit a care home, if you feel you can assist with this please see Stuart.

The Church Hall continues to be busy with regular bookings ranging from Satchell Learning to Salsa dancing, yoga and Pilates to disability sports, choirs and orchestra rehearsals.

As you know several church organisations also meet in the hall, our uniformed organisations, Super Wednesdays, and Little Saints. A house group meets in the hall as do the team that collates the church magazine. Huge thanks to Darrell and Julie for coordinating all the hall bookings.

All the above and much more cannot happen without lots of work and commitment, we would like to thank everyone who keeps our Church and hall fit for purpose and worship. Whatever your role, however large or small we cannot express our gratitude enough for your time and energy, we can't name everyone individually, but you know who you are! Thank you.

However, we are diminishing in numbers of people that "do" if we want to continue reaching out into the community and provide the current range of activities we need more help. Can you spare an hour or two? could you help at Super Wednesday on a rota basis? make refreshments and chat on a Saturday morning now and again? Join the care home team which is a monthly commitment or be available to help at our social events. If we spread the load, it eases the burden of the few!

We have several projects that need attention, including completing repairs in the Lady Chapel, work outside in the grounds, plus the quinquennial inspection is due this coming year, all a drain on our finances, but expertly budgeted for.

Building and maintenance report 2022/23

The end of the pandemic has seen an increase in the use of the buildings. This inevitably has a knock-on effect on the wear and tear on the buildings. The problem in the Lady Chapel is ongoing and once the better weather arrives work will need to be done to solve the cause of the dry rot.

The trees in the Church grounds have required some maintenance which has resulted in the large horse chestnut tree being removed. Further work will be required to keep the trees in a safe state.

Howard and a small band of volunteers have continued to do a great job looking after the grounds. More helpers are always welcome.

The hall continues to be well used. The building is coming to the end of its predicted lifespan. Maintenance issues are beginning to mount, and a long-term solution needs to be thought about before too long.

The quinquennial report is due this year and will undoubtedly throw up some repair requirements.

Nick Page

Events

2022 has seen a lot of change for our Stepping Out group.

We started the year having a garden party which was a relaxed affair with a plant sale, refreshments and garden games. The weather was kind and we raised around £300.

The year began with 11 Christian Stewardship envelope boxes being issued but ended with 5 contributing (minus 6) producing an income total £2,775.68

Similarly, 2022 began with 45 standing order subscribers but by the end of the year we had dropped to 42, donating a total of £35,786

Some of our previous envelope givers have now started using the [sum up] card payment method in Church and this has given us a further £1,611.39

Also, we have received £2,893.15 from the offertory plate collections.

Overall, our income from Stewardship Envelopes and Standing orders has fallen by £3,800 from amounts received in 2021 although the increase in contributions from the Card payments and Loose Plate Collections has made up the majority of this shortfall.

All of these funds are gratefully received and will enable our Church to move forward into the future, growing in Christ and making him known.

Elaine Kidd

Gift Aid Report 2022/23

Gift Aid continues to be a major source of income. £10,014.55 was claimed this year. Please continue to make your contributions. If your details change, please let me know. If you would like any further information on the scheme, please do not hesitate to ask.

Nick Page

As our congregation numbers fall and our income diminishes, we thank you for your continued financial support, especially during this difficult cost of living crisis.

Finally, as we move forward the landscape is not what it was pre Covid, we ask for your patience and prayers as we negotiate any changes, both the expected and unexpected. We hope that we can work together as a church family to ensure that our church grows and flourishes.

Angela and Nick

PCC

Membership since the APCM in March

Revd Stuart Stobart (Chair), Angela Greenwood (Churchwarden), Nick Page (Churchwarden), Julie Hudson (Secretary), Darrell Hudson (Treasurer), Carolyn Barnett (Reader Representative), Revd Martin Parrott, Margaret Seed, David Lord, Howard Barnes, Elaine Kidd, Samantha Jones, Felicity Hales, Margaret Medhurst, Mark Young, Lee Hill, Becky Hill, Hilary Felton, Joanne Holmes, Dorothy Campling (stepped down September) and Bill Kneebone (appointed September).

Deanery Synod Reps.: Lee Hill, Hilary Felton.

The PCC met on 7 occasions with an average attendance of 13.

Electoral Roll

The number on the current Electoral Roll for the parish of Holy Trinity and St Jude in March 2023 is 129.

Unfortunately there have been several deaths of members of the congregation as well as people moving out of the area, but others have moved back to the church.

Elisabeth Davie. (Electoral Roll Officer)

Finance Summary

Well, here we are again! It only seems a few weeks ago that I was delivering my first report to you after taking over from Richard but, yet another year has passed already! So, here is a whistlestop tour of our financial position for 2022.

The headlines are that we had an operating surplus of a little over £24,000 for 2022. Income, after adjusting for exceptional items in 2021, was up by approximately £15,000 and expenses contained well within budget expectations. This was after some unbudgeted repairs to the clock and the organ which totalled £5,000.

Hall bookings are continuing to grow with very few weekday slots left available and even a number of regular bookings on Saturdays. Income from this source is now at its highest level since 2017.

The outlook for next year and beyond is a little concerning with income from Planned giving down on last year and likely to decline further over the next few years. We will also see income from the telecoms equipment in the tower fall by around 60% over the next year or two as new licences come into force with much lower rents.

We must also be mindful of around £40,000 of expenditure which is not included in the budget but we are aware will need funding. This covers essential repairs to the Lady Chapel roof, the upcoming Quinquennial Inspection (which may throw up even more costs) the changes to the Chancel Steps and the cost of urgent work on the trees in the Church Grounds.

This isn't all doom and gloom as these costs can be covered from cash reserves without having to disturb any longer-term investments but this position may change if any further unexpected expenses arise.

We are running well and covering our day-to-day costs and continue to keep a tight rein on expenses so we will continue to weather any future storms.

Darrell Hudson

Christian Stewardship Report

Christian Stewardship is the means whereby members of the congregation commit to giving weekly or monthly amounts to support our church. The money is either transferred directly to the church's bank account, card payments or given via the collection plate in the form of cash or stewardship envelopes. These contributions enable the Treasurer to know that there is a constant and reliable stream of income coming in to support the operational costs and maintenance of the buildings and also allowing us to increase our mission in the wider community.

We began 2022 with 56 contributors; however, this has now dropped to 47 for 2023. Unfortunately, this is because some of our members have died, moved into Nursing Homes or ceased worshipping with us.



Annual Report and Financial Statement
of the
Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity and St Jude, Halifax
For the year ended 31st December 2022

Priest In Charge

Rev Stuart Stobart

Treasurer

Darrell Hudson

Independent Examiner

Joanne Royle

The Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity and St Jude’s Church, Halifax

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1. Financial Review

Although not without its challenges 2022 has, thankfully seen a continued easing of the restrictions from the COVID-19 pandemic and has allowed us to get some more of a sense of normality in our lives. However, this wasn't helped by the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the turmoil in the world financial markets which followed. Amongst other things this has contributed to the vast surge in inflation which is affecting all of us.

Although this has had an effect on Holy Trinity and St Jude's we have, thankfully, been protected from the massive rises in energy costs as we managed to secure fixed price deals until 2024 for electricity and 2025 for gas.

Although we have had some unexpected expenses, which are detailed below, we have managed to keep expenditure within budget and income has been above our pessimistic predictions which has left us in a good position, financially at the end of 2022. However, we are aware of considerable costs on the horizon which will make 2023 challenging.

2. Income Analysis

Voluntary receipts for the year are broadly in line with 2021. Planned Giving through envelopes and standing orders is approximately 10% lower than last year though contributions via the loose plate collections and card payments increased sufficiently to cover the shortfall. However, a knock-on effect of the fall in Planned Giving for 2023 is that the amount of gift aid tax relief we receive will also reduce.

Social events have continued to provide welcome additional funds throughout the year and the sales of tea and coffee after our Sunday services, the Garden Party and the Christmas Fayre have raised over £3,000 between them.

Income from investments is higher than in 2021 following the switch of some underperforming investments last year. We have also seen an increase in income from Bank Interest with interest rates having risen from 0.2% at the end of 2021 to 3.2% at the end of 2022.

We continue to receive a steady income from the telecoms leases in the church tower which have contributed a little over £17,000 to church funds during the past twelve months. As in previous years this has been split equally between General Funds, the Fabric Fund and the Grants Fund with £5713 being credited to each of them.

The Church Hall has continued to prove popular with income over twice the 2021 figure and exceeding the 2019 figure which was the last full year of normal operation. The decision during 2022 to stop taking one off party bookings and the increase in the hire charges to

help offset the increasing energy costs does not seem to have affected demand. The hall is, once again, covering its running costs and has made a healthy surplus of £5,326 after recovering the small deficit from last year.

The Church Magazine is still proving popular although sales are not quite at the record levels seen in 2021. The Magazine has made a small surplus this year despite factors such as paper costs and postage being factored in for the latter half of the year. As always, we must praise the team who produce and deliver this highly regarded service.

2.1. Bequests

We have been made aware of two bequests to the church during the year. The first from the Late Selwyn Crabtree for an amount which will be determined once his estate has been wound up. The second is from the Late James Gordon Farrar for £2000.

These bequests will not be available until the winding up of the estates has been completed so, at the moment, we do not know when the funds will be received.

2.2. Bad Debts

There is one bad debt for hire of the church hall for £230. This was pursued by the Treasurer and Hall Booking Manager and an admission of debt was obtained. The original debt was for £240 and a small reduction of £10 was received but on examination of the finances of the debtor it was apparent that there were no funds available to make further repayments and no further action for recovery of the remaining debt will be taken.

3. Expenditure Analysis

Aside from the Parish Share, the majority of the expenditure shown in the accounts (£22,193) relates to Church and Vicarage with a lower amount (£10,966) being required to run the Church Hall.

Both figures include Insurance costs, which, although the policy now covers all of our property in one policy, have been split between the Church and Church Hall in the same proportions as when two separate policies were held.

Both Church and Hall Utility Bills are higher than in 2020, This is largely due to the increased usage although some impact was seen due to the recent rises in energy costs. We were fortunate in being able to fix Electricity Costs until August 2024 and Gas prices until September 2025 before the major rises occurred so we are shielded from major increases.

We expect running costs to be 5 – 10% higher in 2023, particularly for the church hall as we are seeing an increase in regular bookings which will result in increased heating costs. However, the higher rates of inflation seen in the second half of 2022 are likely to continue and will have a knock-on effect on our expenses.

We have seen some unexpected costs during the year:

- £2192 to repair the sticking mechanism for the main Church Bell
- £580 to repair the power supply to the electric winding mechanism for the clock.
- £450 for repairs to the organ draw stop.
- £2062 for repairs to Organ pipes which had become distorted (although this was covered from the Organ Fund).
- £340 for repairs to one of the Church Central Heating Boilers.

Fortunately, we have been able to contain other expenses and remain within the budget set for 2022.

4. Assets – Stocks and Shares

There have been no changes to investments during the year. However, the turmoil in the financial markets following the Russian invasion of Ukraine have inevitably had an effect. The value of our investments has fallen from £407,734.22 at the end of 2021 to £357,611.44, although this is still a growth of £84,722.

The investments will continue to be monitored going forwards to ensure they continue to meet our requirements but we should also bear in mind that the investments we have chosen are primarily designed to provide income so capital growth may not be as high as with some other investments.

A Breakdown of the Book Value and Current Value of the three Share Accounts is provided below.

Account	Book Value	No Shares	Price 30/12/22	Current Value	Profit/Loss
CBF Share Account 1	£ 60,543.27	4011.270	2066.1400	£ 82,878.45	£ 22,335.18
CBF Share Account 2	£ 181,183.00	10502.700	2066.1400	£ 217,000.49	£ 35,817.49
CBF Share Account 3	£ 31,162.78	2794.220	2066.1400	£ 57,732.50	£ 26,569.72
	£ 272,889.05			£ 357,611.44	£ 84,722.39

4.1. Trusts held by The Wakefield Diocesan Church Organisation Society

There is a small fund which is managed by the Leeds Diocesan Board of Finance with the funds being invested in a CCLA, CBF Church of England Deposit Account. Interest is paid to this CCLA account.

The capital arose from the sale of the land and property of the old school site (Savile Hall Halifax) and were received in November 1987. The initial capital amount was 14,717.49 after costs of sale. The current balance in the account is £15,672.32

The understanding is that only the income from this fund can be accessed and it is for the general running expenses of the church meaning there is currently £954.83 available for use.

5. Charitable Contributions

Typically, the PCC and members of the congregation would have given support to a number of charitable causes during the year by way of retiring collections. Although not as numerous as before the COVID pandemic collections took place in April for the USPG Ukrainian appeal, in September for the Leprosy Mission and in October for the DEC Pakistan flood appeal.

Collections have taken place for the Royal British Legion Poppy Day appeal and the Children's Society Christingle Appeal, with the collecting boxes being sent back directly to these organisations. The PCC will also continue to support various charities from PCC funds although no donations have been made so far from the fund available in 2022.

6. Outlook

A conservative view of income and a pessimistic view of expenditure when preparing the budget for 2023 indicates that we should have sufficient income to cover all of our normal operating expenses. This budget was prepared in October 2022 based largely on experience from the first 9 months of 2022 and the latter part of 2021 where we had returned to fairly normal operations following the COVID-19 restrictions.

We do have a significant income from telecoms companies for use of the Church Tower. The concern is that these leases are due for renewal with the O2/Vodafone contract expiring in July 2023 and the H3G/EE expiring the following April. It is likely that the renewed leases will see a reduction to between 40% and 60% of the current rates.

A further concern is that income from planned giving has fallen over the past year. It is acknowledged that this source of income is coming from a congregation which is increasingly mature and we do need to consider how we can maintain income levels from other sources going forwards.

Hopefully this will not be a problem for many years to come and the support of our loyal and hardworking congregation will help us to flourish now that the COVID-19 restrictions have largely disappeared and our Church related activities increase.

Although we have forecast that normal operating costs can be covered from income, there are a number of one-off costs which are anticipated in 2023 which will have to be covered from reserves. Estimates of these costs are as follows:

Cost of Tree felling	£10,000
Quinquennial Inspection	£5,000
Chancel Steps	£10,000
Architect's fees re Church Hall replacement	£5,000
Further repairs to Lady Chapel after fungus issue and water ingress	£10,000
Total	£40,000

Currently there are sufficient funds in the CCLA deposit account to cover these costs and it is not anticipated that we will have to realise any investments for the time being. However, it must be stressed that these figures are high level estimates and actual figures may be much different. These figures do not include any expenditure for the actual Church Hall upgrade or replacement although that is unlikely to start next year.

Darrell Hudson
Honorary Treasurer

7. Financial Statements for the Year Ending 31st December 2022

7.1. Receipts and Payments Accounts

Receipts						
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted			
		Total Designated Funds	Appeals and Collections Fund		Total	2021
Voluntary Receipts						
01 - Planned Giving	£38,561.68	£0.00			£38,561.68	£42,367.40
02 - Other Planned Giving	£0.00	£0.00			£0.00	£0.00
03 - Collections at Services	£4,504.54	£0.00	£2,126.75		£6,631.29	£2,770.49
04 - Gift Days, Donations, Church Boxes	£3,004.25	£0.00	£0.00		£3,004.25	£1,734.14
06 Gift Aid Recovered	£10,014.55	£0.00			£10,014.55	£9,654.16
07 - Legacies	£0.00	£0.00			£0.00	£0.00
08 - Grants	£0.00	£0.00			£0.00	£0.00
	£56,085.02	£0.00	£2,126.75		£58,211.77	£56,526.19
Other Fund Raising Activities						
09 - Fund Raising - Fetes, Coffee Mornings etc.	£3,081.94	£0.00			£3,081.94	£2,946.45
	£3,081.94	£0.00	£0.00		£3,081.94	£2,946.45
Income From Investments						
10 - Bank Interest Note 3	£360.29	£189.70			£549.99	£15.25
10 - Dividends	£10,635.88	£0.00			£10,635.88	£10,037.72
10 - Rent from Land and Buildings Note 4	£5,763.24	£11,426.46			£17,189.70	£21,890.56
	£16,759.41	£11,616.16	£0.00		£28,375.57	£31,943.53
Church Activities						
11 - Fees, Weddings, Funerals , Courses	£2,062.00	£0.00			£2,062.00	£1,277.00
12 - Church Hall Lettings	£0.00	£16,679.00			£16,679.00	£8,575.00
12 - Church Magazine Sales	£1,050.70	£0.00			£1,050.70	£1,330.90
	£3,112.70	£16,679.00	£0.00		£19,791.70	£11,182.90
Other Receipts						
13 - Other Income	£500.00	£1,833.13			£2,333.13	£66,118.54
	£500.00	£1,833.13	£0.00		£2,333.13	£66,118.54
Total Income	£79,539.07	£30,128.29	£2,126.75		£111,794.11	£168,717.61

Payments						
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted			
		Total Designated Funds	Appeals and Collections Fund		Total	2021
Cost of Generating Funds						
17 - Cost of Fund Raising Activities 8.2 a	£318.17	£0.00			£318.17	£481.66
	£318.17	£0.00	£0.00		£318.17	£481.66
Church Activities						
18 - Mission Giving	£0.00	£50.00	£2,126.75		£2,176.75	£5,916.17
19 - Diocesan Share	£47,662.00	£0.00			£47,662.00	£47,123.00
21 - Clergy Expenses	£789.57	£0.00			£789.57	£1,286.50
	£48,451.57	£50.00	£2,126.75		£50,628.32	£54,325.67
Church Expenses						
22 - Parish Education and Training	£0.00	£0.00			£0.00	£0.00
23 - Church Running Expenses 8.2 c	£9,662.76	£2,062.50			£11,725.26	£8,176.44
23 - Church Insurance	£5,817.00	£0.00			£5,817.00	£5,540.00
24 - Church Utility Bills	£4,761.60	£0.00			£4,761.60	£4,501.92
25 - Hall Running Costs 8.2 d	£0.00	£10,966.13			£10,966.13	£8,961.10
25 - Magazine and Books expenses	£1,024.93	£0.00			£1,024.93	£1,017.75
26 - Audit/Independent Examination Costs	£61.44	£0.00			£61.44	£432.00
	£21,327.73	£13,028.63	£0.00		£34,356.36	£28,629.21
Major Capital Expenditure						
27 - Major Repairs/Decorating - Church Note 5	£0.00	£488.40			£488.40	£2,202.00
28 - Major Repairs/Decorating - Hall	£0.00	£0.00			£0.00	£0.00
29 - New Building Work	£0.00	£0.00			£0.00	£0.00
	£0.00	£488.40	£0.00		£488.40	£2,202.00
Other Expenditure						
99 - Purchase of Fixed Assets for Church purposes 8.2 f	£75.59	£0.00			£75.59	£35,586.00
99 - Other Payments 8.2 g	£104.50	£1,543.15			£1,647.65	£576.95
	£180.09	£1,543.15	£0.00		£1,723.24	£36,162.95
Total Expenditure	£70,277.56	£15,110.18	£2,126.75		£87,514.49	£121,801.49

7.2. Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Cash Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total 2022
Cash	£ -	£ -	£ 104.45	£ 104.45
Lloyds	£ 16,965.79	£ -	£ -	£ 16,965.79
Virgin	£ 16,368.86	£ -	£ -	£ 16,368.86
CCLA Deposit Account	£ 14,993.69	£ -	£ 31,102.93	£ 46,096.62
Investment Accounts	£ 272,889.05	£ -	£ -	£ 272,889.05
Sub Total	£ 321,217.39	£ -	£ 31,207.38	£ 352,424.77
Other Monetary Assets				
Gift Aid Recoverable	£ 7,189.50	£ -	£ -	£ 7,189.50
Hall Hire Invoices for December 2021	£ -	£ -	£ 1,086.00	£ 1,086.00
Church Clock Service, Prepayment	£ 200.00	£ -	£ -	£ 200.00
CCLI Licences Paid	£ 532.17	£ -	£ -	£ 532.17
Totals	£ 329,139.06	£ -	£ 32,293.38	£ 361,432.44

7.3. Notes to the Accounts

1) Accounting Policies

- The financial statements of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.
- The accounts combine the funds under the control of the PCC. In line with Statement of Recommended Practice (Accounting and Reporting by Charities) (SORP), all funds have been allocated to the following categories:
 - **Unrestricted** – Funds which the PCC may use at its discretion and which are available for the general purposes of the PCC.
 - **Designated** – Unrestricted funds which the PCC has set aside specifically. These funds can be moved to other funds (redesignated) if the PCC decides.
 - **Restricted** – Funds which are subject to restrictions over their use, including collections held for paying over to specific organisations.

2) Investments

Investments are stated at cost in the accounts. Their market value at the year-end is shown in section 4 above.

3) Interest and Dividends from Investments.

Interest of £549.99 was received from monies deposited with the Central Board of Finance (CBF). It is tradition that some of this interest is allocated to the Choir Members fund and the Organ fund, based on the average interest rate received and the balance on that fund. However, as the interest rates received over the past year have been so low that it was elected to allocate interest at a simple interest rate of 3% of the opening balance to that fund at the start of the year. £162.61 was allocated to the Organ Fund and £27.09 to the Choir Members fund.

4) Rent from Land and Buildings

There was a small income of £50 from Queens Sports Club for the advertising sign in the church grounds on the corner of Free School Lane and Moorlands View. This was posted to General Funds.

The majority of the income from land and buildings is from the Telecoms Leases for the communications masts on the Church Tower. The annual income from this source is currently £17,139.72. This is allocated evenly between General Funds, Fabric Fund and Grants Fund.

5) Major Repairs/Decorating - Church

Further repairs will be required to the roof and timbers in the Lady Chapel. Interim work has been carried out to make the roof watertight over the Winter and the main work will be carried out in the New Year when the better weather starts.

6) Movements in Designated and Restricted Funds During the Year

		Opening Balance	Income	Payments	Closing Balance
Designated	Grants Fund 4, 8.2 b	£ 1,933.19	£ 5,713.23	£ 50.00	£ 7,596.42
	Fabric Fund 4, 8.2 c	£ 7,094.05	£ 5,713.23	£ 488.40	£ 12,318.88
	Organ Fund 3, 8.2 c	£ 5,420.25	£ 162.61	£ 2,062.50	£ 3,520.36
	Choir Members 8.1 d	£ 903.15	£ 67.09	£ 97.40	£ 872.84
	Childrens Reserve Fund	£ 16.14	£ -	£ -	£ 16.14
	Super Wednesday Club 8.1 d, 8.2 d	£ 267.59	£ 1,793.13	£ 1,445.75	£ 614.97
	Choir Children Advancement Fund	£ 545.00	£ -	£ -	£ 545.00
	Youth Group Fund	£ 43.00	£ -	£ -	£ 43.00
	Choir Robes Fund	£ 353.00	£ -	£ -	£ 353.00
	Church Hall 8.2.d	-£ 386.10	£ 16,679.00	£ 10,966.13	£ 5,326.77
Restricted	Appeals and Collections Fund 8.1 a, 8.2 b	£ -	£ 2,126.75	£ 2,126.75	£ -

8. Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments Accounts

8.1. Receipts

8.1 a Collections at Services	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds
Loose Plate Collections	£ 2,893.15		
Sum Up Payments	£ 1,611.39		
Rodeny Barnet Funeral Retiring Collection			£ 1,038.30
Retiring Collection for USPG			£ 213.00
Scipio Brook - Funeral Retiring Collection			£ 330.00
Audrey Johnson			£ 187.60
Leprosy Mission			£ 32.85
Sum-Up Payments			£ 145.00
DEC Pakistan Flood appeal retiring collection			£ 180.00
	£ 4,504.54	£ -	£ 2,126.75

8.1 b Gift Days, Donations, Church Boxes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds
Donations	£ 3,004.25		
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Christmas Fayre	£ 2,026.47		
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Super Wednesday Subscriptions		£ 1,793.13	
Choir Wedding Fees Income		£ 40.00	
Virgin Money Donation re complaint	£ 500.00		
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8.2. Payments

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Church Cleaning	£ 1,892.00		
Church Telephone/Broadband	£ 219.52		
Organ/Piano Maintenance	£ 1,117.50	£ 2,062.50	
Other Church Expenses	£ 4,415.84		
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Upkeep of Churchyard	£ 501.85		
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Hall Cleaning		£ 5,227.62	
Hall Insurance		£ 2,262.17	
Hall Running costs - other		£ 986.46	
Hall Running Gas, Electricity and Water		£ 2,400.44	
Hall Telephone/Broadband		£ 89.44	
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8.2 e Major Repairs/Decorating - Church	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds
Repairs to Central Heating Boiler	£ 337.80		
Architects Fees re Dry Rot issue in Lady Chapel	£ 150.60		
	£ 488.40	£ -	£ -


8.2 f Purchase of Fixed Assets for Church Purposes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds
DVD Player for Church AV Installation	£ 75.99		
	£ 75.99	£ -	£ -

8.2 g Other Payments	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds
Sundry Expenses	£ 104.50		
Choir Lunch		£ 97.40	
Super Wednesday club running costs		£ 1,445.75	
	£ 104.50	£ 1,543.15	£ -

9. Glossary

Abbreviation	Meaning
CBF	Central Board of Finance (See CCLA)
CCLA	Churches Charities and Local Authorities (organisation investing funds on behalf of these 3 sectors)
CCLI	Christian Copyright Licencing International Ltd
DBF	Diocesan Board of Finance
HMRC	Her Majesties Revenue and Customs
PCC	Parochial Church Council
RPF	Returns of Parish Finance
SOFA	Statement of Financial Activities
SORP	Statement of Recommended Practice (Accounting and Reporting by Charities)

Approved by the PCC 12 of MAR 2023



Treasurer



Chair

10. Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Holy Trinity and St Jude's Church Halifax

This is my report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31st December 2022 as set out on pages 7 to 14.

Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner.

The Church's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Church's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- To follow procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- To state whether any particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report.


My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the account presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all of the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiners Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect to the requirements
 - a. To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 act; and
 - b. To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met: or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Joanne Royle ACA
Date 6/3/23



Annual Report and Financial Statement
of the
Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity and St Jude, Halifax
For the year ended 31st December 2022

Priest In Charge

Rev Stuart Stobart

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The Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity and St Jude’s Church, Halifax

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1. Financial Review

Although not without its challenges 2022 has, thankfully seen a continued easing of the restrictions from the COVID-19 pandemic and has allowed us to get some more of a sense of normality in our lives. However, this wasn't helped by the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the turmoil in the world financial markets which followed. Amongst other things this has contributed to the vast surge in inflation which is affecting all of us.

Although this has had an effect on Holy Trinity and St Jude's we have, thankfully, been protected from the massive rises in energy costs as we managed to secure fixed price deals until 2024 for electricity and 2025 for gas.

Although we have had some unexpected expenses, which are detailed below, we have managed to keep expenditure within budget and income has been above our pessimistic predictions which has left us in a good position, financially at the end of 2022. However, we are aware of considerable costs on the horizon which will make 2023 challenging.

2. Income Analysis

Voluntary receipts for the year are broadly in line with 2021. Planned Giving through envelopes and standing orders is approximately 10% lower than last year though contributions via the loose plate collections and card payments increased sufficiently to cover the shortfall. However, a knock-on effect of the fall in Planned Giving for 2023 is that the amount of gift aid tax relief we receive will also reduce.

Social events have continued to provide welcome additional funds throughout the year and the sales of tea and coffee after our Sunday services, the Garden Party and the Christmas Fayre have raised over £3,000 between them.

Income from investments is higher than in 2021 following the switch of some underperforming investments last year. We have also seen an increase in income from Bank Interest with interest rates having risen from 0.2% at the end of 2021 to 3.2% at the end of 2022.

We continue to receive a steady income from the telecoms leases in the church tower which have contributed a little over £17,000 to church funds during the past twelve months. As in previous years this has been split equally between General Funds, the Fabric Fund and the Grants Fund with £5713 being credited to each of them.

The Church Hall has continued to prove popular with income over twice the 2021 figure and exceeding the 2019 figure which was the last full year of normal operation. The decision during 2022 to stop taking one off party bookings and the increase in the hire charges to

help offset the increasing energy costs does not seem to have affected demand. The hall is, once again, covering its running costs and has made a healthy surplus of £5,326 after recovering the small deficit from last year.

The Church Magazine is still proving popular although sales are not quite at the record levels seen in 2021. The Magazine has made a small surplus this year despite factors such as paper costs and postage being factored in for the latter half of the year. As always, we must praise the team who produce and deliver this highly regarded service.

2.1. Bequests

We have been made aware of two bequests to the church during the year. The first from the Late Selwyn Crabtree for an amount which will be determined once his estate has been wound up. The second is from the Late James Gordon Farrar for £2000.

These bequests will not be available until the winding up of the estates has been completed so, at the moment, we do not know when the funds will be received.

2.2. Bad Debts

There is one bad debt for hire of the church hall for £230. This was pursued by the Treasurer and Hall Booking Manager and an admission of debt was obtained. The original debt was for £240 and a small reduction of £10 was received but on examination of the finances of the debtor it was apparent that there were no funds available to make further repayments and no further action for recovery of the remaining debt will be taken.

3. Expenditure Analysis

Aside from the Parish Share, the majority of the expenditure shown in the accounts (£22,193) relates to Church and Vicarage with a lower amount (£10,966) being required to run the Church Hall.

Both figures include Insurance costs, which, although the policy now covers all of our property in one policy, have been split between the Church and Church Hall in the same proportions as when two separate policies were held.

Both Church and Hall Utility Bills are higher than in 2020, This is largely due to the increased usage although some impact was seen due to the recent rises in energy costs. We were fortunate in being able to fix Electricity Costs until August 2024 and Gas prices until September 2025 before the major rises occurred so we are shielded from major increases.

We expect running costs to be 5 – 10% higher in 2023, particularly for the church hall as we are seeing an increase in regular bookings which will result in increased heating costs. However, the higher rates of inflation seen in the second half of 2022 are likely to continue and will have a knock-on effect on our expenses.

We have seen some unexpected costs during the year:

- £2192 to repair the sticking mechanism for the main Church Bell
- £580 to repair the power supply to the electric winding mechanism for the clock.
- £450 for repairs to the organ draw stop.
- £2062 for repairs to Organ pipes which had become distorted (although this was covered from the Organ Fund).
- £340 for repairs to one of the Church Central Heating Boilers.

Fortunately, we have been able to contain other expenses and remain within the budget set for 2022.

4. Assets – Stocks and Shares

There have been no changes to investments during the year. However, the turmoil in the financial markets following the Russian invasion of Ukraine have inevitably had an effect. The value of our investments has fallen from £407,734.22 at the end of 2021 to £357,611.44, although this is still a growth of £84,722.

The investments will continue to be monitored going forwards to ensure they continue to meet our requirements but we should also bear in mind that the investments we have chosen are primarily designed to provide income so capital growth may not be as high as with some other investments.

A Breakdown of the Book Value and Current Value of the three Share Accounts is provided below.

Account	Book Value	No Shares	Price 30/12/22	Current Value	Profit/Loss
CBF Share Account 1	£ 60,543.27	4011.270	2066.1400	£ 82,878.45	£ 22,335.18
CBF Share Account 2	£ 181,183.00	10502.700	2066.1400	£ 217,000.49	£ 35,817.49
CBF Share Account 3	£ 31,162.78	2794.220	2066.1400	£ 57,732.50	£ 26,569.72
	£ 272,889.05			£ 357,611.44	£ 84,722.39

4.1. Trusts held by The Wakefield Diocesan Church Organisation Society

There is a small fund which is managed by the Leeds Diocesan Board of Finance with the funds being invested in a CCLA, CBF Church of England Deposit Account. Interest is paid to this CCLA account.

The capital arose from the sale of the land and property of the old school site (Savile Hall Halifax) and were received in November 1987. The initial capital amount was 14,717.49 after costs of sale. The current balance in the account is £15,672.32

The understanding is that only the income from this fund can be accessed and it is for the general running expenses of the church meaning there is currently £954.83 available for use.

5. Charitable Contributions

Typically, the PCC and members of the congregation would have given support to a number of charitable causes during the year by way of retiring collections. Although not as numerous as before the COVID pandemic collections took place in April for the USPG Ukrainian appeal, in September for the Leprosy Mission and in October for the DEC Pakistan flood appeal.

Collections have taken place for the Royal British Legion Poppy Day appeal and the Children's Society Christingle Appeal, with the collecting boxes being sent back directly to these organisations. The PCC will also continue to support various charities from PCC funds although no donations have been made so far from the fund available in 2022.

6. Outlook

A conservative view of income and a pessimistic view of expenditure when preparing the budget for 2023 indicates that we should have sufficient income to cover all of our normal operating expenses. This budget was prepared in October 2022 based largely on experience from the first 9 months of 2022 and the latter part of 2021 where we had returned to fairly normal operations following the COVID-19 restrictions.

We do have a significant income from telecoms companies for use of the Church Tower. The concern is that these leases are due for renewal with the O2/Vodafone contract expiring in July 2023 and the H3G/EE expiring the following April. It is likely that the renewed leases will see a reduction to between 40% and 60% of the current rates.

A further concern is that income from planned giving has fallen over the past year. It is acknowledged that this source of income is coming from a congregation which is increasingly mature and we do need to consider how we can maintain income levels from other sources going forwards.

Hopefully this will not be a problem for many years to come and the support of our loyal and hardworking congregation will help us to flourish now that the COVID-19 restrictions have largely disappeared and our Church related activities increase.

Although we have forecast that normal operating costs can be covered from income, there are a number of one-off costs which are anticipated in 2023 which will have to be covered from reserves. Estimates of these costs are as follows:

Cost of Tree felling	£10,000
Quinquennial Inspection	£5,000
Chancel Steps	£10,000
Architect's fees re Church Hall replacement	£5,000
Further repairs to Lady Chapel after fungus issue and water ingress	£10,000
Total	£40,000

Currently there are sufficient funds in the CCLA deposit account to cover these costs and it is not anticipated that we will have to realise any investments for the time being. However, it must be stressed that these figures are high level estimates and actual figures may be much different. These figures do not include any expenditure for the actual Church Hall upgrade or replacement although that is unlikely to start next year.

Darrell Hudson
Honorary Treasurer

7. Financial Statements for the Year Ending 31st December 2022

7.1. Receipts and Payments Accounts

Receipts						
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted			
		Total Designated Funds	Appeals and Collections Fund		Total	2021
Voluntary Receipts						
01 - Planned Giving	£38,561.68	£0.00			£38,561.68	£42,367.40
02 - Other Planned Giving	£0.00	£0.00			£0.00	£0.00
03 - Collections at Services	£4,504.54	£0.00	£2,126.75		£6,631.29	£2,770.49
04 - Gift Days, Donations, Church Boxes	£3,004.25	£0.00	£0.00		£3,004.25	£1,734.14
06 Gift Aid Recovered	£10,014.55	£0.00			£10,014.55	£9,654.16
07 - Legacies	£0.00	£0.00			£0.00	£0.00
08 - Grants	£0.00	£0.00			£0.00	£0.00
	£56,085.02	£0.00	£2,126.75		£58,211.77	£56,526.19
Other Fund Raising Activities						
09 - Fund Raising - Fetes, Coffee Mornings etc.	£3,081.94	£0.00			£3,081.94	£2,946.45
	£3,081.94	£0.00	£0.00		£3,081.94	£2,946.45
Income From Investments						
10 - Bank Interest Note 3	£360.29	£189.70			£549.99	£15.25
10 - Dividends	£10,635.88	£0.00			£10,635.88	£10,037.72
10 - Rent from Land and Buildings Note 4	£5,763.24	£11,426.46			£17,189.70	£21,890.56
	£16,759.41	£11,616.16	£0.00		£28,375.57	£31,943.53
Church Activities						
11 - Fees, Weddings, Funerals , Courses	£2,062.00	£0.00			£2,062.00	£1,277.00
12 - Church Hall Lettings	£0.00	£16,679.00			£16,679.00	£8,575.00
12 - Church Magazine Sales	£1,050.70	£0.00			£1,050.70	£1,330.90
	£3,112.70	£16,679.00	£0.00		£19,791.70	£11,182.90
Other Receipts						
13 - Other Income	£500.00	£1,833.13			£2,333.13	£66,118.54
	£500.00	£1,833.13	£0.00		£2,333.13	£66,118.54
Total Income	£79,539.07	£30,128.29	£2,126.75		£111,794.11	£168,717.61

Payments						
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted			
		Total Designated Funds	Appeals and Collections Fund		Total	2021
Cost of Generating Funds						
17 - Cost of Fund Raising Activities 8.2 a	£318.17	£0.00			£318.17	£481.66
	£318.17	£0.00	£0.00		£318.17	£481.66
Church Activities						
18 - Mission Giving	£0.00	£50.00	£2,126.75		£2,176.75	£5,916.17
19 - Diocesan Share	£47,662.00	£0.00			£47,662.00	£47,123.00
21 - Clergy Expenses	£789.57	£0.00			£789.57	£1,286.50
	£48,451.57	£50.00	£2,126.75		£50,628.32	£54,325.67
Church Expenses						
22 - Parish Education and Training	£0.00	£0.00			£0.00	£0.00
23 - Church Running Expenses 8.2 c	£9,662.76	£2,062.50			£11,725.26	£8,176.44
23 - Church Insurance	£5,817.00	£0.00			£5,817.00	£5,540.00
24 - Church Utility Bills	£4,761.60	£0.00			£4,761.60	£4,501.92
25 - Hall Running Costs 8.2 d	£0.00	£10,966.13			£10,966.13	£8,961.10
25 - Magazine and Books expenses	£1,024.93	£0.00			£1,024.93	£1,017.75
26 - Audit/Independent Examination Costs	£61.44	£0.00			£61.44	£432.00
	£21,327.73	£13,028.63	£0.00		£34,356.36	£28,629.21
Major Capital Expenditure						
27 - Major Repairs/Decorating - Church Note 5	£0.00	£488.40			£488.40	£2,202.00
28 - Major Repairs/Decorating - Hall	£0.00	£0.00			£0.00	£0.00
29 - New Building Work	£0.00	£0.00			£0.00	£0.00
	£0.00	£488.40	£0.00		£488.40	£2,202.00
Other Expenditure						
99 - Purchase of Fixed Assets for Church purposes 8.2 f	£75.59	£0.00			£75.59	£35,586.00
99 - Other Payments 8.2 g	£104.50	£1,543.15			£1,647.65	£576.95
	£180.09	£1,543.15	£0.00		£1,723.24	£36,162.95
Total Expenditure	£70,277.56	£15,110.18	£2,126.75		£87,514.49	£121,801.49

7.2. Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Cash Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total 2022
Cash	£ -	£ -	£ 104.45	£ 104.45
Lloyds	£ 16,965.79	£ -	£ -	£ 16,965.79
Virgin	£ 16,368.86	£ -	£ -	£ 16,368.86
CCLA Deposit Account	£ 14,993.69	£ -	£ 31,102.93	£ 46,096.62
Investment Accounts	£ 272,889.05	£ -	£ -	£ 272,889.05
Sub Total	£ 321,217.39	£ -	£ 31,207.38	£ 352,424.77
Other Monetary Assets				
Gift Aid Recoverable	£ 7,189.50	£ -	£ -	£ 7,189.50
Hall Hire Invoices for December 2021	£ -	£ -	£ 1,086.00	£ 1,086.00
Church Clock Service, Prepayment	£ 200.00	£ -	£ -	£ 200.00
CCLI Licences Paid	£ 532.17	£ -	£ -	£ 532.17
Totals	£ 329,139.06	£ -	£ 32,293.38	£ 361,432.44

7.3. Notes to the Accounts

1) Accounting Policies

- The financial statements of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.
- The accounts combine the funds under the control of the PCC. In line with Statement of Recommended Practice (Accounting and Reporting by Charities) (SORP), all funds have been allocated to the following categories:
 - **Unrestricted** – Funds which the PCC may use at its discretion and which are available for the general purposes of the PCC.
 - **Designated** – Unrestricted funds which the PCC has set aside specifically. These funds can be moved to other funds (redesignated) if the PCC decides.
 - **Restricted** – Funds which are subject to restrictions over their use, including collections held for paying over to specific organisations.

2) Investments

Investments are stated at cost in the accounts. Their market value at the year-end is shown in section 4 above.

3) Interest and Dividends from Investments.

Interest of £549.99 was received from monies deposited with the Central Board of Finance (CBF). It is tradition that some of this interest is allocated to the Choir Members fund and the Organ fund, based on the average interest rate received and the balance on that fund. However, as the interest rates received over the past year have been so low that it was elected to allocate interest at a simple interest rate of 3% of the opening balance to that fund at the start of the year. £162.61 was allocated to the Organ Fund and £27.09 to the Choir Members fund.

4) Rent from Land and Buildings

There was a small income of £50 from Queens Sports Club for the advertising sign in the church grounds on the corner of Free School Lane and Moorlands View. This was posted to General Funds.

The majority of the income from land and buildings is from the Telecoms Leases for the communications masts on the Church Tower. The annual income from this source is currently £17,139.72. This is allocated evenly between General Funds, Fabric Fund and Grants Fund.

5) Major Repairs/Decorating - Church

Further repairs will be required to the roof and timbers in the Lady Chapel. Interim work has been carried out to make the roof watertight over the Winter and the main work will be carried out in the New Year when the better weather starts.

6) Movements in Designated and Restricted Funds During the Year

		Opening Balance	Income	Payments	Closing Balance
Designated	Grants Fund 4, 8.2 b	£ 1,933.19	£ 5,713.23	£ 50.00	£ 7,596.42
	Fabric Fund 4, 8.2 c	£ 7,094.05	£ 5,713.23	£ 488.40	£ 12,318.88
	Organ Fund 3, 8.2 c	£ 5,420.25	£ 162.61	£ 2,062.50	£ 3,520.36
	Choir Members 8.1 d	£ 903.15	£ 67.09	£ 97.40	£ 872.84
	Childrens Reserve Fund	£ 16.14	£ -	£ -	£ 16.14
	Super Wednesday Club 8.1 d, 8.2 d	£ 267.59	£ 1,793.13	£ 1,445.75	£ 614.97
	Choir Children Advancement Fund	£ 545.00	£ -	£ -	£ 545.00
	Youth Group Fund	£ 43.00	£ -	£ -	£ 43.00
	Choir Robes Fund	£ 353.00	£ -	£ -	£ 353.00
	Church Hall 8.2.d	-£ 386.10	£ 16,679.00	£ 10,966.13	£ 5,326.77
Restricted	Appeals and Collections Fund 8.1 a, 8.2 b	£ -	£ 2,126.75	£ 2,126.75	£ -

8. Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments Accounts

8.1. Receipts

8.1 a Collections at Services	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds
Loose Plate Collections	£ 2,893.15		
Sum Up Payments	£ 1,611.39		
Rodeny Barnet Funeral Retiring Collection			£ 1,038.30
Retiring Collection for USPG			£ 213.00
Scipio Brook - Funeral Retiring Collection			£ 330.00
Audrey Johnson			£ 187.60
Leprosy Mission			£ 32.85
Sum-Up Payments			£ 145.00
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	£ 4,504.54	£ -	£ 2,126.75

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Repairs to Central Heating Boiler	£ 337.80		
Architects Fees re Dry Rot issue in Lady Chapel	£ 150.60		
	£ 488.40	£ -	£ -


8.2 f Purchase of Fixed Assets for Church Purposes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds
DVD Player for Church AV Installation	£ 75.99		
	£ 75.99	£ -	£ -

8.2 g Other Payments	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds
Sundry Expenses	£ 104.50		
Choir Lunch		£ 97.40	
Super Wednesday club running costs		£ 1,445.75	
	£ 104.50	£ 1,543.15	£ -

9. Glossary

Abbreviation	Meaning
CBF	Central Board of Finance (See CCLA)
CCLA	Churches Charities and Local Authorities (organisation investing funds on behalf of these 3 sectors)
CCLI	Christian Copyright Licencing International Ltd
DBF	Diocesan Board of Finance
HMRC	Her Majesties Revenue and Customs
PCC	Parochial Church Council
RPF	Returns of Parish Finance
SOFA	Statement of Financial Activities
SORP	Statement of Recommended Practice (Accounting and Reporting by Charities)

Approved by the PCC 12 of MARCH 2023



Treasurer



Chair

10. Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Holy Trinity and St Jude's Church Halifax

This is my report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31st December 2022 as set out on pages 7 to 14.

Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner.

The Church's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Church's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- To follow procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- To state whether any particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report.


My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the account presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all of the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiners Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect to the requirements
 - a. To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 act; and
 - b. To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met: or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Joanne Royle ACA
Date 6/3/23