

# 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**

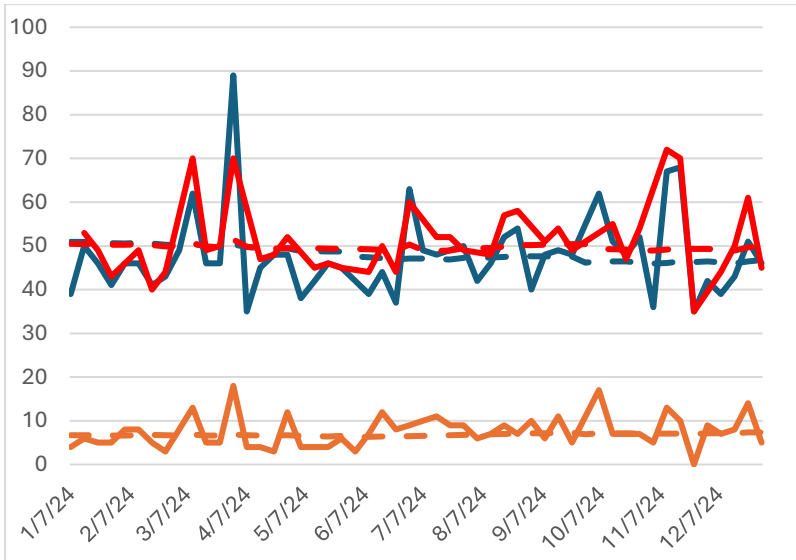
The chart below shows the attendance during 2024. The solid lines are the weekly figures, the dotted lines are the rolling average.

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 £3,410.82 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 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

**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**

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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

### 7.1. Receipts and Payments Accounts

Receipts		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted		
			Total Designated Funds	Appeals and Collections Fund	Total	2023
<b>Voluntary Receipts</b>						
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
<b>Other Fund Raising Activities</b>						
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
<b>Income From Investments</b>						
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
<b>Church Activities</b>						
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
<b>Other Receipts</b>						
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
<b>Total Income</b>		£ 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
<b>Cost of Generating Funds</b>						
17 - Cost of Fund Raising Activities	8.2a	£ 538.61	£ -		£ 538.61	£ 634.69
		£ 538.61	£ -	£ -	£ 538.61	£ 634.69
<b>Church Activities</b>						
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
<b>Church Expenses</b>						
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
<b>Major Capital Expenditure</b>						
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
<b>Other Expenditure</b>						
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
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		£ 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
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£ 345,587.66</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 115,037.71</b>	<b>£ 460,625.37</b>
<b>Other Monetary Assets</b>				
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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£ 357,220.03</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 117,035.76</b>	<b>£ 474,255.79</b>

## 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£5,289.51</b>	<b>£164.75</b>	<b>£0.00</b>

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		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£2,871.88</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>

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

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		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£4,390.86</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>



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
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£2,200.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£59,306.54</b>

## 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		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£538.61</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>

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

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		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£13,004.26</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>

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
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£15,328.70</b>

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
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£59,933.20</b>

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

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
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£35,701.44</b>

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
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£2,730.84</b>



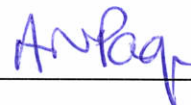
## 9. Glossary

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



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This is my report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> 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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- 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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  - a. To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 act; and
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