

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST PETER, NORTON JUXTA MALTON

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Other names	PCC ST PETER'S CHURCH, NORTON, Parochial Church Council of St. Peters Norton Juxta Malton
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Activities

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

Activities: St Peters Church, Norton is a Church of England parish church serving the local parish through the provision of worship and teaching, small groups, pastoral work, youth & childrens work

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- North Yorkshire

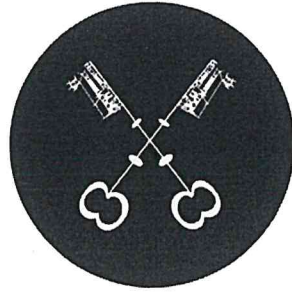
Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£141,801	£121,858	-	-
2023-12-31	£116,172	£119,732	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Jennifer Anne Buckler	Chair	2021-10-13
Hannah Carol Preston		2024-04-21
Heather Patricia Towse		2024-04-21
Jonathan Peter Evans		2024-04-21
Martin John Davison Sunley		2025-05-11
Mererid Hunt		2017-09-13
Neal Cullis		2017-04-02
Rev Janet Elizabeth Burrows		2026-05-17
Sarah Dawn Wright		2025-05-11
Tracey Louise Brown		2025-05-11
Victoria Jane Beatrice Fowler		2025-05-11

Accounts



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ST PETER'S CHURCH, NORTON
THE ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST PETER,
NORTON JUXTA MALTON
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

Incumbent:

Reverend Jenny Buckler

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St Peter's Church, Norton

**Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council
of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter, Norton Juxta Malton
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

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St Peter's Church, Norton - Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

Aim and Purposes:

St Peter's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has responsibilities for the Church Hall which is within the church grounds.

Structure, Governance and Management:

St Peter's Church is situated in Norton juxta Malton Parish and is part of the Diocese of York within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Parish Office, Church House, Langton Road, Norton, Malton, YO17 9AE. The PCC is a corporate body (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006). The PCC registered with the Charity Commission in 2022 under the name 'The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter, Norton Juxta Malton' with a working name 'St Peter's Church, Norton'. The charity number is 1201334. PCC members who have served from 1st January 2024 until the date this report was approved are:

Incumbent: Revd. Jenny Buckler
Curate: Revd Janet Burrows

Elected Wardens: Neal Cullis
Ron Wilson

Elected members: Judy Barker (Treasurer)
Mererid Hunt (Secretary)
Paul Tate-Smith
Graeme Wright (Lay Vice Chair)
Ellen Eagles (until Easter 24)
Matthew Burrows
Bunmi Lana (until March 24)
Jonathan Evans (from APCM 21st April 2024)
Hannah Preston "
Heather Towse "

Electoral Roll Officer: Rita Charvill

Representatives on the Deanery Synod: Neal Cullis
Matt Burrows

Assistant Churchwardens/Sidespersons: Heather Towse, Jacqui Yard, Paul Buckle.

Church Warden Team: Matt Burrows, Rita Charvill, Paul Tate-Smith, Josh Vale.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Peter's the membership consists of the incumbent (our vicar), church wardens and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral role of the church. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees / groups each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life.

Public Benefit

The members of the PCC are aware of the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in "The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit" and have had regard to it in their administration of the PCC. The PCC believes

that by promoting the work of the Church of England in the parish of Norton-juxta-Malton it provides a benefit to the public by:

- providing facilities for public worship and pastoral care both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church can offer; and
- by promoting Christian values and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Church Attendance

There are 102 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, 30 of whom are not resident within the parish. The average weekly attendance, counted during October 2024 was 66 adults and 6 children.

PCC Meetings

The PCC met 10 times during the year and standing items on the agenda included Conflicts of Interest, Finance, Safeguarding, Churchwardens' and Incumbent's reports. In addition, topical and relevant items were discussed, which this year included QI progress, Deanery & Faculty updates, Lay ministry and prayer leading updates.

The minutes are always posted at the back of church on the PCC notice board. If parishioners have questions or comments, they are encouraged to talk to any member of the PCC.

Mererid Hunt (Secretary)

The Vicar's Overview of the Year

This last year has hosted significant change for St Peter's, in many instances a 'passing of the baton' in the Kingdom building relay.

During 2024 several of our elderly dear church family were 'promoted to glory' as our brethren in Salvation Army call it: David, Eric and Robert among others. Eric and Robert in particular were those dedicated, diligent, servant-hearted men who used the gifts and provisions entrusted to them to serve God's Kingdom quietly behind the scenes. The sorts of ministries that are largely unnoticed until they stop and then everyone recognises it! With that in mind I take the opportunity to celebrate and give thanks for all the other 'ministry of helps' in their various forms: from counting the offerings each Sunday, setting-out chairs, replacing lightbulbs, mowing the grass, washing-up... the list is endless, but when done with love in the Name of the Lord, received by God as true worship.

We have seen the conclusion of Friday Night Club for Primary aged children, awaiting the Lord's prompting and provision for what's next. With Susan Smith stepping-down from leading Sunday School, alongside other ministries, for over 60 years, we've marked the transition by concluding Sunday School as it was and Sarah Wright has led the transition to establish a new format of Children's Church on Sunday mornings, where the youngsters are known as St Peter's 'Sparks'. We have celebrated the roles of those who have been faithful signposts pointing to Jesus and this included collecting memories of Susan's ministries to bless and encourage her as she has continued to serve at Toddlers, which is thriving and ever popular.

St Peter's hosted 'Oddments Theatre Company' who performed 'The Hiding Place' – a play about Corrie Ten Boom, a Christian Dutch woman who was detained in Nazi concentration camps for concealing and enabling Jews to evade capture. It was faith-building and challenging to witness a depiction of faith in action in the face of such persecution.

We have received with great joy, the ministry of Revd Janet Burrows, as she was ordained Deacon and begun her role as Assistant Curate in this Parish. Janet is a prayerful, compassionate, administratively astute colleague and already I have seen God release blessing and development through her ministry.

St Peter's has continued participating on the Diocesan Revitalise Programme with termly days at Wydale Hall where different areas of ministry are addressed, for example community engagement to which the Pop-up Café Team were invited and through that time of reflection their openness to offer prayer at the café was emboldened. Outside of the Parish I have been serving on York Diocesan Synod.

The input from 'D Day' (day of discernment) at the end of 2023 was collated this year. God shaped and guided the vision for the team to take it forward, known as the V Team who were gathered following the soft launch at the APCM. Predominantly for spiritual reasons there has been challenge to power of progress, but God has graciously brought revelation and provision.

In this coming year we will need courage and wisdom to address the untenable issues with both the buildings in our care, to press on in partnership with God as He further prunes and deconstructs and sanctifies ready for a

season of new growth and establishing across a number of areas of ministry and mission. We are called to develop a deeper and more robust sense of identity and call on our personal and corporate life at St Peter's.

Rev'd Jenny Buckler

Assistant Curate's Report

It has been a whirlwind six months for me since my ordination as a Deacon at the end of June and officially becoming the Assistant Curate at St Peter's. I have felt so very welcomed and accepted by the entire church family – and it has been great to get to know some of the ministries of the church better, as well as begin to learn the occasional offices (eg funerals and baptisms).

Given I am part-time (I work a Tuesday and Sunday and then occasional evenings and other days as required and to fit around my other role at Malton School), already knowing St Peter's and many of the members of the church family has been of huge benefit and enabled me to get involved very quickly.

I have spent a lot of my Tuesdays supporting the Toddler Group team but have also assisted with communion in the care homes and undertaken a number of pastoral visits. Tuesdays also provide a teaching opportunity in funeral ministry as well as baptismal and marriage preparation. But I've also dropped in on Pop-Up Café and YOOF. I feel very blessed to be learning at St Peter's with so many opportunities to work with others to help God's Kingdom grow.

Sundays, I have been involved in leading services and intercessions, as well as preaching, but have also had the opportunity to put together special services such as the All Souls Service of Remembrance, the Christingle service and carol service. I was also very involved in the Christmas services – all of which have taught me so much about ministry in God's church and been an absolute joy to be part of. I know many of you have commented on how I've grown in confidence throughout this time – and your words of encouragement have also helped me, so thank you.

This coming year, I will be leading some of the services at the local care homes and also start to lead funerals on my own. Working with a team from church I also hope we can set up a new church website and would like to explore ways in which we can really strengthen and build on our life of prayer.

I would very much value your prayers as I prepare for my Year 1 report and formal meeting with the Diocese – that I will be able to clearly identify and give examples of the ways in which I have grown and developed into my role as Deacon; but that God would also show me where He would like me to develop and strengthen my ministry.

Rev'd Janet Burrows

Church Wardens' Report

Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church:

The following routine inspection and maintenance activities have been carried out this year, including:

- The annual inspection of the church **lightning protection system** was carried out on 9th July; the resulting report indicated some remedial action may be required (yet to be undertaken due to concerns over potential cost);
- The **annual fire equipment inspection** was carried out (12th July – for both church and Church House) and all items were certified as serviceable; a powder extinguisher formerly in place by the servery has been replaced with a CO₂ alternative (as recommended by Keith Halliday, York Diocese buildings adviser);
- The **biannual tuning of the pipe organ** was carried out by Geoffrey Coffin of Principal Pipe Organs on 11th June and 5th November; no significant issues were discovered and the instrument was judged to be in good order;
- The annual 24 hour gate closure took place on 27th/28th October; an earlier arrangement had to be rescheduled due to the failure of one of the car park entrance gateposts and the consequent need to arrange for its replacement and for the gate to be re-hung;
- The annual heating system service and issue of a new **Gas Certificate** has been postponed until the late winter/early spring as the church building has been in only occasional use during the colder months and the system has been little used;
- The grounds maintenance team have kept the lawns, borders, boundary hedges etc. in excellent order throughout the year. As ever, we remain very grateful for their evident skill and very hard work. Some seasonal planting was again undertaken in the main flower border on the south side of the nave by young people from our youth club ("Yoof") – to whom we also express our gratitude.

The following incidental tasks were actioned during the course of the year:

- A catch-up Fire Safety Audit of the church building was carried out by the North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue fire safety auditor, Sarah Dargue on 30th May, following an accidental small electrical fire on Saturday 23rd March in the servery at the north-west corner of the building which was reported to the Fire & Rescue Service; appropriate actions to reduce the risk of recurrence had been taken in the interim; we were advised that the next Fire Safety Audit of St Peter's buildings would likely be a minimum of 5 years hence (i.e. at least 2029);
- Minor roof leaks were reported on a couple of occasions in both the north Aisle and chapel roofs during periods of exceptionally heavy rain and strong winds; the former could not be traced back to any obvious roof defect so no remedial action could be taken; debris was removed from the chapel roof at the location water was deemed likely to have got in to prevent pooling and a sealing compound applied; neither leak has recurred to date;

Other issues:

- Two diseased and storm-damaged trees in the eastern boundary plantation were felled following the grant of faculty by the Archdeacon of York and a wind-damaged large bough of a further tree at the western boundary of the site, in front of Church House, was removed to make this tree safe. The effect on the visual amenity of the site's remaining trees was judged to be minor.
- A very significant roof leak at the south-east corner of Church House, in an area where significant work was carried out quite recently, was remedied (at no charge) by the original contractor and has not so far recurred.
- Fire safety: a number of issues arising from the fire safety audit in 2023 have now been addressed. A full **fire risk assessment** has been completed, **Radio-linked smoke alarms** have been installed such that a fire detected by any of the devices will provoke a chain reaction and sound all of the alarms simultaneously – including one in the ringing chamber to ensure any occupants at the time are alerted to evacuate in a safe and timely manner. Signage to indicate both the **location of emergency exits** and the **location of firefighting equipment** has been displayed at key points around the building. An emergency **Fire Assembly Point** sign has been installed on the church field to facilitate orderly evacuation of either building in the event of fire or other emergency. High luminance **emergency torches** have been obtained to be sited near to each emergency exit in the church to assist evacuation. The Churchwarden Team will form the core of a **Fire warden team** to be deployed in emergency. One quotation has been obtained for the installation of LED illuminated **Emergency Exit** signage for the church. A further quotation will be obtained shortly.
- An unsuccessful attempt was made to replace a failed High Intensity Discharge tube (HID) in the westernmost lumiere in the north side of the nave (clerestory level). It is assumed that the fitting itself has failed. Work has been suspended pending possible inspection of all these fittings to assess their viability and potential for repair.
- The collection of historic prints etc. displayed on the north internal wall of the tower at ground level has been re-hung to make a better and tidier display.
- Members of the Churchwarden Team attended various Deanery and Diocesan training courses, such as preparation of the Communion table, writing intercessions, The Church Organiser administration system and managing repair, re-ordering and conservation projects.
- A meeting was held with **Repair & Restoration** personnel to discuss a programme of minor repairs to the external fabric of the building (mostly re-pointing of open joints and consolidation of mortar around the clerestory window saddlebars) with a view to obtaining an initial quotation for the work.
- A drone survey of the external fabric and features of the church building was commissioned and delivered with a view to preparing a plan for any necessary work to the rainwater goods (potential repair and redecoration), the various slate roofs, external stonework, leadwork etc.
- No further progress has been made on resolving ongoing performance issues with the **church heating system** (apparent inefficient transfer of heat from the dual-boiler source via a plate heat exchanger to the distribution pipework) as further investment in this system (other than in routine maintenance and gas safety checks) is difficult to justify.

- It has been observed that when the heating system was switched on over the Christmas period to permit our seasonal services to be held in the church (we are once again otherwise holding our main Sunday services in Church House with the Bishop's permission), significant heat output from the entrenched cast iron pipes running down the centre of the Nave is only detectable towards the eastern end of the pipe run. The screwed steel distribution pipework appears still to be in good and serviceable condition. Fairly rapid loss of detectable pressure in the circulating pipework (over a week or so during operation) suggests there is one or more significant leaks in the system, most probably in failed/failing caulked joints in the cast iron pipework in inaccessible locations.

Philippians 4v6 tells us *in every situation "by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God"*. Looking into the next year, we would be grateful if you would join us in praying specifically for:

- Increased financial provision to allow us to tackle the less pressing elements of the **Quinquennial Inspection** report and those that we can't currently afford.
- Wisdom to discern the **way forward** for both the church building itself and also Church House: to reduce energy use, to make better and more effective use of our estate for both our church and wider community, and to find innovative ways to repair and maintain our buildings to the glory of God and in the service of His Kingdom.

The Churchwardens would again like to thank the Churchwarden Team for its diligence, dedication and resilient good humour in their invaluable contribution to the service of our church and its people.

Yours in Christ,

Neal Cullis and Ron Wilson

Safeguarding Report

Ensuring that all of our church activities continue to follow safeguarding best practice is a real priority for St Peter's as we recognise the importance of creating a nurturing environment to grow in faith whilst reducing the risk of abuse of any kind. At the time of writing, the St Peter's Safeguarding Dashboard is currently at "96%" progress, with most requirements currently met, although some will need reviewing in the next couple of months. The outstanding item (red on the Dashboard) refers to the Procedure for Data Protection, which is to be prioritised by the PCC this year. We are also planning on strengthening our safeguarding processes for lone working and pastoral visiting.

The Safeguarding Administrator has been using the Safeguarding Dashboard throughout the year and has begun to populate the Safeguarding Hub. The Safeguarding Hub is currently quite time-consuming but it is believed that it will be worth the effort in the longer term, as maintaining the system will be much less onerous. This process will move all of our documentation online and into one place, allowing us to easily see what next steps need to be taken at any given time.

Our prayer for next year is that we are blessed with grace and understanding as we implement and improve our safeguarding practices.

Lynn Cullis (Safeguarding Coordinator), Sarah Wright (Safeguarding Officer)

Gift Aid

Figures for Gift Aided Giving for 2024 (together with the comparative figures for 2023) are as follow:-

PLANNED GIVING	2024	2023
Number of people giving by Standing Order	38 *	29
Amount given	£67,902	£45,767
No of people giving by Weekly Coloured Envelopes	6	6
Amount given	£ 5,490	£ 4,512
OTHER GIVING FOR COLLECTIONS		
Amount given in White Envelopes	£ 5,241	£ 1,888
Contactless Giving	£ 354	£ 417

TOTAL GIVEN AS COLLECTIONS	£78,987	£52,584
TAX RECOVERABLE on Collections	£19,747	£13,146
Other Gift Aided Miscellaneous Giving	£ 7,689	£ 6,115
TAX RECOVERABLE on Other Income	£ 1,922	£ 1,529

* Following a comment last year I have endeavored to reflect where 1 standing order is on behalf of a couple hence the huge hike in numbers here. On the same basis as last year we ended the year on 25 separate gift aided standing orders.

Giving has gone up significantly over 2024 but in several categories that is slightly skewed by some unusually large single gifts. However, the trend is definitely upwards which is great to see although I find myself reading my report from last year and noting that the negative things I mentioned are still broadly the same.

So to repeat last year's comments from your Gift Aid Secretary:-

- Reviewing your giving is very important to retain the grateful spirit that first inspired your annual giving.
- As a church we have been given the precious gift of Jenny to lead us and inspire us and there is an expectation that we should return this generous gift to us with our own giving to the diocese, which we can only achieve if we all prayerfully keep our giving up to date.
- White envelope regular givers – please consider setting up a standing order as the envelopes add considerably to the recording, and I have to treat each envelope as a new gift aid declaration which adds hugely to the workload involved in submitting the returns to HMRC.

HM Revenue & Customs are continuing to allow the reclaim of tax on non-gift aided cash donations up to a limit of £8,000 (ie £2,000 tax reclaim) in any given tax year. For the calendar year 2024 we were able to claim £1,922.10 (on anonymous cash donations of £7,688.67).

If anyone would like to gift-aid their giving, by monthly standing order, or would like further information on other ways of giving, please have a word with either Judy Barker - Treasurer, or myself. Gift-aiding increases giving by 25% at no extra cost to the donor, providing you are paying the tax to cover it.

1 Chronicles 29:14 ***“But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand”.***

Cate Tate-Smith

Achievements and Performance

Prayer

Thy Kingdom Come 2024

This year we distributed TKC prayer booklets for personal engagement with this prayer initiative.

Revd Jenny Buckler

Women's World Day of Prayer 2024

Representatives from approximately 9 churches in Malton and Norton (including St. Peter's) form the committee who organise the yearly service which is held on the first Friday of March for the World Day of Prayer. The service for 2024 was put together by the women of Palestine and held in St Michael's Church, Malton.

We also organise a Bible Study each year, about a month before the service, and also a coffee morning once a year and send some money to WDP charities.

Mary Coldbeck

Weekly Thursday Intercession 2024

Thursday Night Prayers for the Church and for the World is a chance for us to meet in heartfelt communal prayer for the mission and ministry of St. Peter's and of the worldwide Church, for suffering fellow Christians, and for God's World. The latter can entail prayer for Governments, for public professions (armed services, emergency services, health workers, teachers, etc.), for world peace, for public health and environment, and for people in the world affected by physical or mental ill health or any other type of challenge.

We meet every Thursday (with a few, pre-advertised exceptions). We seek first to humble ourselves and exalt the Lord with prayers and hymns of praise and a prayer of confession, before lifting to Him the needs of Church

and World. Since Easter 2024 we have devoted the last part of the hour to praying for one theme in particular—a different theme each week—of which everyone is notified in the previous Sunday service's notices. No one has to pray out loud. No-one has to sing out loud. No-one has to attend for the whole hour or every week. But Jesus declared His Presence whenever "two or three" (or more!) are gathered together in prayer. Amazing things can happen when we pray together in a humble spirit but with confidence and expectation. God is not feeble – He is all-powerful and all-loving – so let us all be bold, come together, and ask Him to move mountains!
Keith Edghill

Worship

Services

The fortnightly 8am BCP HC service continues to be a steadfast sanctuary and communion with the Holy Lord. The weekly 10am Common Worship services have continued in the church building in the warmer months, and Church House through the winter. We hosted the Archdeaconry's Admission of Churchwardens, which was graciously visited by the presence of God, and the offer of prayer ministry after the service was appreciated. In addition to the traditional additional seasonal services, which included an Ascension service at sunrise at the top of Scott's Hill, we were honoured once again to host the Royal Airforce Association (RAFA) Battle of Britain Memorial Service at St Peter's Church and to strengthen that link. We welcomed visiting ministers to preach or lead us in worship this year, including Lee from Open Doors and Paul from the local branch of the Christian Motorcyclist's Association. We tried a different way of celebrating Harvest this year by having a Songs of Praise on the Saturday followed by a Ceilidh and Harvest Supper jointly with First Norton Scouts. It was truly a joy-filled celebration and knees-up!
Rev'd Jenny Buckler

Prayer Ministry

Where possible we have been developing opportunity for the Holy Spirit to minister to people's hearts during some services. Sarah has kindly continued to coordinate prayer ministers to offer a confidential, safe space for the Holy Spirit to minister deeper still after each service should anyone wish to seek Him.
Rev'd Jenny Buckler

Worship Group

The Worship Group has worked on a more focused repertoire over this last period. The main aim of this has been to prayerfully ensure we have songs that reflect where we think God has been leading us though this season. The increased familiarity has allowed a deeper connection in worship, and seems to be allowing more space for the Holy Spirit to minister through these times. We are gradually widening and developing the song list. We have moved from monthly Worship Group Discipleship evenings to an 'Hour of Power' which gives a time of prayer and worship, deepening our connection as a group and being sensitive to the Lord's leading. We continue to try and build the relationships across with other elements of service leading, something which seems to be yielding benefits. Over the coming year, we will be pressing into where God wants to develop and lead us, and will endeavour to be open to his nurturing, stretching and deepening. We continue to look for opportunities to grow the group both in numbers and spirit, and are excited to see what the Lord has in store for us in this next season.
Graeme Wright

'A New Thing'

This year we launched the aptly named "A New Thing". An evening gathering, creating space for worship and prayer, exploring the ancient ways of worship, through modern songs and short snippets of scripture. It's been great to pause and go deeper into the Psalms and Old Testament prophecies. And God has turned up! This coming year we want to press in further to the plans God has for us, by aligning our meeting dates more purposefully with the church calendar. We hope this will bring space for deeper connection, to these key moments, in our community.
Georgie Kelham

Discipleship

Whole Church Discipleship

During 2024 we had an introductory sermon series exploring the spiritual realm. We mirrored the Kingdom Explorers' themes through the summer and had a sermon series called 'Champions' (direction, overcoming
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distraction, dedication, determination, decoration). During this we encouraged the discipline of committing a bible verse to memory, which was embraced by many – can you still remember it?! Early in the autumn we enjoyed the way God expresses His love for us through the five love languages (words of affirmation, acts of service, quality time, touch, gifts). This was followed by a gentle introduction to sharing that love with others through ‘friendship evangelism’ ably described by the Christian Motorcyclists, then the triple lock keys: 1) pray for your five (five people you regularly connect with who don’t yet know Jesus); 2) invitation; 3) share your story. During Lent the whole church were invited to engage with devotional material: ‘Watch and Pray’ by Carlton Turner from the Church of England – the images were admired. During Advent we used devotional material: ‘Sing in Exultation’ by Jonathan Landry Cruse which explored some of the biblical truth in Christmas Carols.
Rev'd Jenny Buckler

Fellowship Groups

We have welcomed new members into groups and the Tuesday group reconfigured and multiplied so 2024 concluded with five fellowship groups meeting in homes on Mondays or Tuesdays. The groups explore the areas of discipleship that are most poignant for them, which has included ‘What’s so amazing about grace’ by Philip Yancy and sessions led by David Woollard to deepen meditative prayer.
Rev'd Jenny Buckler

Deeper Through Prayer

*"This is what the Lord says,
'stand at the crossroads and look,
ask for the ancient paths,*

ask where the good way is, and walk in it'" Jer 6:16

This year under the umbrella of Deeper Through Prayer (a combination of bible study and meditation) we have attempted to do just that in a six-week course on Walking with God - Our journey to freedom. In it we have explored the major Way Marks of every Christian's journey with God in being: Called & Chosen; Reconciled & Reborn; Growing & Fruit bearing; Tested & honed; Empowered & Sent; Ending with a final session of Thanksgiving & rededication. These are huge subjects that we can only scratch the surface of in the limited time we have. But why not speak to either Sarah Wright, Sue Evans or Heather Towse to find out if they found them useful. What next? Good question. I have a few thoughts I'm mulling over. One being is there a call for a simplified Day Time course leaning more towards the model we used in our past Advent Prayer courses. What do you think?

Rev'd David Woollard

Residential Homes

A monthly rhythm of visiting and celebrating Holy Communion at Rivermead Care Home, Beechwood Place Nursing Home and Deansfield Court Housing continued through 2024, providing opportunity to encourage our brothers and sisters in their faith whilst they are unable to attend church services. It has been a delight to welcome Rev'd Janet into this ministry. The residents at Rivermead and Beechwood have latterly enjoyed Tracey playing the flute to accompany our hymn singing and to minister comfort to some who are bed-ridden. Rita has been lovingly assisting at Rivermead, and Ron and Neal assisting at Deansfield where Mary kindly also comes to play the piano for us in the service.
Rev'd Jenny Buckler

Pastoral Care

The Pastoral Care team has been in place for 18 months now and we have provided support for six members of our St Peter's family and one person who wants to be able to get to church. Support has been mainly sharing a cuppa, talking and praying. The service has been highly valued by those who have used it. We look forward to serving our fellow Christians in 2025. More team members are now required as two members are no longer able to provide a regular service. Taxi service to church is also needed.
Heather Towse (Pastoral Care Team Lead)

Monthly Newsletter

The monthly Newsletter is still going strong. We have 26 addresses to which the newsletter is hand delivered and 2 to which it is posted. The front page is mostly taken up by a reflection by one of the congregation and the

back page by "What's on", Prayers and prayer information plus contact information. Aimed at those who cannot take advantage of the weekly emails it is now actually attached to one of the emails once a month as the reflections have become a popular source of inspiration and the monthly summary of up-and-coming activities is an easy reference for many. As more and more people can access email the need for a hardcopy newsletter diminishes, but for the moment I think there is still a need and I am happy to continue.

Lynn Cullis

Children and Young People

Prayer for Children and Youth

During the May half term, instead of providing children's activity, we set aside 12 hours of a day to pray for the children, and for ministry and mission amongst them. We had prayer stations around the church and invited people to sign-up/ turn-up and pray, which was a blessed and fruitful time.

We have taken to blessing the children each Sunday as they leave for Children's Church.

In rolling notices and weekly emails there are regular reminders to pray for the children and ministry amongst them.

Rev'd Jenny Buckler

Toddlers

The Toddler Group has undergone a number of changes this year. Susan Smith temporarily stepped back from leading over summer whilst she took some time out to care for Robert during his illness. A team of mums (Beth, Felicity and Monika) stepped up and took responsibility for the morning sessions, supported by Val and George. Ann Brown held the afternoon sessions together but stepped down herself at Christmas. We would like to thank Ann for the many years of support she has provided to this group.

Since September Janet has been supporting the morning helpers and provided an extra pair of hands on an afternoon. A number of church helpers have also volunteered to support the afternoon session. Story time has been re-introduced on an afternoon as well as action songs, assisted by Tracey, who has purchased some toddler sized instruments so the children can 'play along'. Stories are sometimes Bible stories (eg at Christmas) but are often everyday children's books through which we can discern an aspect of God's character or nature, so providing gentle discipleship.

It was great to see a number of the mums and children at the Christingle service, and there have been several opportunities to offer to pray for as well as share testimony with the mums. With very few Toddler Groups still running locally, this is a much-used service – with new mums attending both sessions over the course of the year – and a great way to very gently sow seeds of faith amongst the local community.

As we go through 2025, we are looking to build a core team to help run Toddler Group and are also starting termly get-togethers over a "bring & share lunch" so helpers at both sessions can get to know each other, share best practice and we can provide training and support.

We would value your prayers as we go through a time of transition and seek to build a team to enable us to continue this ministry through 2025 and beyond.

Rev'd Janet Burrows

Sparks

In September we launched our new Children's Church, called 'Sparks'. This takes place during term time each Sunday, aside from one Sunday a month where the service is 'all age'. The children start in the main service until about 10.15am, when they leave to join Sparks, having been prayed for by the adult congregation.

Sparks uses 'Urban Saints – Energize' resources, and we are grateful to the diocese for equipping us with the subscription. The session sometimes mirrors the theming of the adult church service, and sometimes is stand alone. In the Autumn term we looked at the character of God, then mirrored the adult church to look at the advent themes of hope, joy and peace.

Each session tends to have a similar structure, involving a game or introductory activity, song, teaching slot and craft / activity, finishing with a time of prayer. In the Autumn term we made banners and bunting, played with Lego, went on treasure hunts and made friendship bracelets among other activities. It has been such a joy to spend time exploring the bible with our young people and hearing their thoughtful contributions to discussions. We have some real prayer warriors in the group and it's always a joy to partner with them in times of prayer.

Whilst I've taken a lead role in establishing Sparks, we are moving to a model where the sessions are led by two volunteers each week on a rota basis. Please pray for the team of volunteers as they step into this new role, and

also that more people will be called into this rewarding ministry. Pray also for our 'Sparks', that they may grow in number and also in their understanding and love of God.

Sarah Wright

Friday Night Club

Friday Night Club has been a steadfast provision for Primary aged children to encounter some bible stories and enjoy fun fellowship on Friday nights. It has been faithful and well-loved but with the Holy Spirit not prompting others to take-up the baton of serving in this way when Susan and Ann stepped down at the end of the summer term, this Club has been laid to rest as we await the Lord's leading for the coming season.

Rev'd Jenny Buckler

YOOF

YOOF is our St Peter's Youth Club, ministering to young people of secondary school age. We meet every other Friday during term time. The number of young people attending in 2024 has stayed stable at around 12-18 young people every week. It has been lovely to welcome some new faces this term.

Each week we try to provide activities for all including sports, crafts, games and general silliness. This year we have been using resources created by both 'Youth for Christ' and 'Urban Saints' which includes videos, games and ideas around specific themes. Themes this year have included happiness, taming the tongue, jealousy, what is Church? And footie and faith. It's been great to explore these topics together and consider how God feels about them.

Each week we also give the young people a light supper, being aware that some of our children come from low-income families. We would like to take this opportunity to thank those that provide this, including a generous donation from Pop-Up cafe for end of term pizzas.

This summer, we once again offered two different fun trips. Early in the summer we visited Helmsley outdoor pool. The young people had a fabulous time and were a lot braver than most of the helpers when it came to taking the plunge. Pick and Mix and a warming hot chocolate finished the trip. Then in September we spent a fabulous few hrs at Scarborough North Bay, playing and paddling. Bags of chips and hot chocolate were a delicious way to finish a fun filled evening. We did return with a few soggy teenagers who, despite it being fairly cold and fairly dark, thought it would be fun to dunk themselves. Thanks to the Cullis family for use of their chalet. It is a real honour to be able to partner with God in this ministry, offering a safe place and a listening ear to young people in our community. We are a small team of volunteers, who find that God blesses the time that we give, and we enjoy it as much as the young people do. It's been wonderful to see one of our young people volunteer to help with Kingdom Explorers in the summer holiday, and three of our young people attended an evangelism event organised by Elim in the Autumn term. Please continue to pray for this ministry, for these seeds of faith that have been planted to take root. Please also join us in praying for more volunteers to come forward so that we can make YOOF a weekly event.

Sarah Wright

Kingdom Explorers

Kingdom Explorers is the name we give to our outreach work with children in the local community, working together with our friends from Elim Church. In 2024 we hosted two very different events under the 'Kingdom Explorers' banner.

In February half term we hosted a family afternoon entitled Love and Lent. There were lots of activities for families to complete together with the aim of showing God's amazing love for each of us. These included a treasure hunt around the church, singing and dancing, Lego creations and a pancake obstacle course. As it was Shrove Tuesday we also had pancakes for a snack and everyone had a *flipping* good time!

In the summer we again joined with Elim to run our summer club. This year we did one week, Monday to Friday and were joined by about 40 children each day. As it was an Olympic year, we decided on the theme of 'Champions' and used materials designed by Jon Hardwick. Our bible memory verse was, '*Let us run with determination the race that lies before us. Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus in whom our faith depends*' Hebrews 12 1-2). We looked at different bible stories each day and there was plenty of sports, activities, crafts, singing, and general silliness. The event culminated on the Friday with a giant inflatable obstacle course which was enjoyed by all the children (and some of the adult helpers).

We were really blessed this year by a group of teenagers from both churches who gave up their holiday time to help out with our Champions week, and it was great to be able to bring them back together in September and treat them to pizza.

Please continue to pray for this ministry, particularly that God will raise up people who feel able to take a bigger role in the planning and oversight of these activities.

Sarah Wright

Norton Primary School

During 2024 we have welcomed Year 1 into the church building as part of their curriculum to explore sacred spaces and they left with a palm cross each. We have hosted the whole school and their parents for their Harvest and Christmas services. As part of 'Churches Together Southern Ryedale' (CTSR) we have continued to deliver 'Open the Book' into the Grove Road site assembly (Y1-4), which continues to be warmly welcomed and popular with the pupils. We are seeing some of them take ownership of their faith, growing in knowledge of the Bible and prayer.

Revd Jenny Buckler

Mission and Outreach

Plan for Growth

We have seen the persistent resilience and commitment to prayer, which is THE plan for growth. Growth in prayer will lead to growth elsewhere.

It is edifying to see people grow deeper in their discipleship and stronger in faith through this last year. I've heard more testimonies of people actively engaging with the evangelism keys of praying for their five, inviting and sharing your story and that has led to some new people being invited to Christmas services for the first time. These are some of the signs of growth we've seen in 2024. We've seen new people stepping forward to explore new ways of serving, particularly with Toddlers and children, as well as in services and assisting behind the scenes.

Looking ahead we will build on the basics of evangelism and will be hosting Gram Seed to inspire and coach us, whilst extending this invitation to all the church congregations from the area.

Once again, we will be partnering with Churches Together to deliver the Alpha Course from after Easter. Many more invitations were shared at the 2024 Christmas services than have been shared before, so once again, prayer is the plan to see growth from those efforts.

We have hope and expectation to see growth in the number of home groups, the context in which discipleship truly deepens. The discernment of the V Team has guided some of the whole church teaching journey and this, we pray, will lead to growth in faith and demonstration of Jesus' ministry amongst us.

Revd Jenny Buckler

CTSR Alpha

- For us - that is Jonathan and Sue it was a privilege and a Blessing to remain involved and work with others from CTSR to deliver Alpha - between January and April 2024.
- It was great to have Mike and Jan Talbot join the team, strengthening representation from St Peters. Also Andrew from Elim who was new to the team.
- The course was well supported by others within the fellowship at St Peters in terms of signing up to regularly pray for Alpha (coordinated by Janet at Elim) and others providing Soup and Tray bakes - Thank you.
- The course was well attended with an initial significant increase in the number of guests - initially around 18 guests which became a regular core of 8 - 10 guests.
- At the end of the course a celebration bring and share supper was well attended and enjoyed by all including Janet and Tony Walton from Elim whom had coordinated prayers throughout the course.
- The Holy Spirit weekend was perhaps fewer in number than anticipated but for those who attended it was a valuable part of doing Alpha - with some receiving individual prayer and encouragement. Thanks to Jenny for leading and to Brandsby Hall for Hosting us again.
- Approx 6 guests followed up by attending the Bible course - run by Mike and Jan supported by the Alpha core team.
- Two guests went onto commit to a full immersion baptism held at St Peters and are now part of the fellowship and one of whom has joined a small group attending regularly. One other guest is starting to attend St Peters and has come to other events like Pop up Cafe and a small group social.
- The Alpha core team met after the course was completed and reviewed the course concluding that to run the course annually followed by a bible course was preferable to running two alpha courses in one year.

- The Core Team continue to meet for monthly prayer and planning and the Next Alpha is scheduled to start on April 30th - 3 previous Guests have offered to act as helpers on the next course and one has joined the core team, playing a significant role in re- designing posters to advertise the next course.
- Finally, it goes without saying that we owe a huge thanks to Emily and Dean hosting both Alpha and The Bible course at the Citadel.

One could safely say "Fruit" has been born from folk from CTSR working together, supported in prayer and it's been a blessing to be involved.

Sue and Jonathan Evans

Pop-Up Cafe - St Peters Church House

This past year has seen an encouraging increase in the number of visitors supporting Pop-Up.

There is a good mix of age groups and conversations with each group flourishes. It is also good to see the young mums still supporting us after school drop off, where they can catch up with each other for an hourly chat.

Lynn incorporated the Autumn craft stall at one of the sessions and this was very popular and successful.

Ann Scurry has continued to support us with her stall selling her lovely jams and knitwear etc and raising money for St Peters Church funds throughout the year.

It has been especially good to have visits from our Curate Janet, when her work commitments have allowed this.

Also, Tracey has entertained us with her musical talent, a much-appreciated occasional addition to our Pop-up.

We are also privileged to offer prayer to our visitors, should it be requested, which is also very encouraging.

Our supporters voted for the charity nominations in December, approved and distributed via the PCC. The charities nominated this quarter are Ryedale Special Families, Next Steps, 1st Norton Scouts, YOOF, Christingle and Food for Everyone York.

After 7 years Richard and I have decided to hang up our pinnies and let the other volunteers who have offered their services continue, we will of course continue to support this very important community resource.

Rita Charvill

Pop-up café seems to be gathering momentum providing an excellent social gathering and the pop-up table goes quite well - over a £1,000 we made the coffers swell.

As long as the punters keep rolling in I'll do marmalade and jumpers till the cows come in!

A prosperous new year to all from Mrs. Scurry and her best friends – a pair of size 3 knitting needles.

Ann Scurry

Staying on a pop-up theme, this year's pop-up crafts stall expanded to include a mini "Late Autumn Fayre" to include some extra stalls to start the pop-up season. Nearly £1500 was raised and more people got involved.

This is a good fundraiser, but more importantly it brings back the sense of "doing it together" we lost during the Covid'19 Pandemic.

Lynn Cullis

St Peter's Church House: community use

Thanks to God's Ministry in providing us with Church House we have been able to continue sharing our wonderful space with our Church family and the wider community of Norton and Ryedale during 2024. The activities include toddler group sessions, Pop up Café, Youth Clubs and Prayer sessions. This great space has also been hired for Karate sessions, other local groups and numerous children's parties.

During the winter months, to reduce our overall carbon footprint, Church House was also used for our Sunday morning worship.

We were also pleased to welcome The Nomads Production Company who hosted their autumn production in Church House.

The administration of all the bookings was once again coordinated by Anna Barker and I would like to thank her for all her help during the year.

Paul Tate-Smith

Social Media

Our Church social media profile remains relatively low, mainly focused on our Facebook page and our 'A Church Near You' page on the internet. Our Youth Club (YOOF) also has an Instagram page. Facebook messenger is sometimes used by the wider community, for example, to ask about timings of services or booking the Church Hall.

We have a social media policy which has been ratified at PCC and those who have access to our social media accounts adhere to this.

The main use of our social media is to inform the wider community of what we do and invite people to our events and activities.

Sarah Wright

Website

We have continued our presence on "A Church Near You" which still generates enquiries for occasional offices such as baptisms and weddings and is also a useful way of promoting special services such as Christmas and Easter. However, we have put together a small working group to progress the development of our own website. Over the last year the group (consisting of Graeme, Jenny, Matt and Janet and latterly Martin) has done a lot of the preparatory work for this, considering layout, content, as well as design of the website. We are now working on a site map before going out to tender for the design work. The aim by the end of 2025 would be to have our own website operational again.

Alongside the website, we continue to use social media to advertise church events - thank you to Sarah for taking on this role. Any future development of the website would include a link to our social media presence so the two can work together to be both a "shop window" for St Peter's as well as a resource for the church family.

Please do pray for us that we find the right designer for the website at the right price.

Revd Janet Burrows

Occasional Offices

During 2024 we celebrated 1 infant baptism, 3 weddings, 24 funerals in St Peter's Church, supported by Margaret and Julie as Vergers and a further 5 funerals elsewhere.

In the summer we had the delight of celebrating four adults reaffirm their baptismal vows by full immersion. St Michael le Belfry kindly lent us their baptismal pool, which we set-up by the font. There was a spirit of gentleness and deep encounter with the presence of the Lord.

Revd Jenny Buckler

Bellringing

We have been ringing regularly during 2024 and have consolidated the learning of our team, (currently 10 members) with 2 joining us most weeks from Kirkbymoorside. A father and son, James & Robin, currently living in Malton, join us when they can.

At the start of the year one of our ringers, Vicki Rowland, very sadly passed away. She spent her last days at St Catherine's hospice in Scarborough where some of us were able to visit her. A quarter peal was rung in her memory, and in the hearing of her family, on the 26th May when 8 bells rang Grandsire Triples.

Our ringers continue to be active in the Scarborough and District Branch (S&DB) of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers (YACR) where we regularly have members attending monthly meetings at different towers around the District. Steve Waterworth represents the S&DB on the YACR Education Committee. We have shared our practice night on several occasions with All Saints, Hovingham, as they also ring on Thursday evenings.

Our ringers continue to progress and we do have a regular visitor from Kirkbymoorside who is a relatively new learner. One of our ringers regularly attends a day time practice at Brompton, and another, Helen, rings where ever she can around the country and in our area. Helen has progressed to the point of successfully completing her first quarter peal which took place at St Peter's on the 25th November.

Our tower hosts a "steppingstones" practice for the district "improving" ringers once a month on a Sunday afternoon.

We again had our annual meal at the Wentworth Arms in Old Malton where the majority of our ringers were able to enjoy each other's company with good food and drink.

Paul Buckle and Steve Waterworth have recorded several successful quarter peal attempts during 2024.

We continue to try to develop the capabilities of all our ringer's endeavor to support all our ringers and make any new members feel welcome. We are always happy to welcome new faces who would like to give bell ringing a try.

Steve Waterworth (Tower contact)

Mission Partners

We have continued to develop our relationship with our chosen Mission Partners, offering a share of God's provision with them as well as setting aside time to pray for them and our extended ministry through them, particularly lifting them each Sunday during Advent. These include Christian Motorcyclists Association, Christian Police Association, Bible Society, Open Doors, Christians Against Poverty, Hope for Justice. We also lovingly support The Children's Society, Children in Distress and Compassion UK.

We have welcomed representatives from Open Doors and Christian Motorcyclist's Association to come and speak to us during 2024. We look forward to welcoming others in the coming years.

It would be good to pray for named 'champions' for each of these mission agencies from within our fellowship, as well as for the deepening of partnership and their ministry and mission.

Revd Jenny Buckler

Ecumenical Relations

Southern Ryedale Deanery

The following meetings were attended this year:

- Deanery Synod meeting: Thursday 8th February @ St Mary's, Old Malton
- Deanery Synod meeting: Thursday 6th June @ Rillington Church Hall

Note that the "Deanery Gathering" meeting format (open to all, not just Deanery Reps) has been in abeyance this year, due to falling attendance, whilst other ways to engage with the wider Deanery are explored by the Deanery Leadership Team.

The first of the Synod meetings (above) was mostly given over to an interesting presentation by the Diocesan **Generous Giving Team** (GGT). The learning outcomes for St Peter's were the significant advantages accruing from joining the **Parish Giving Scheme** and the potential for the use of **QR codes** attached to congregational seating to enable and encourage in-the-moment online donations from personal devices (mobile phones). Research has demonstrated a significant increase in giving, particularly from attendees at Occasional Offices (baptisms, weddings, funerals etc), at churches where this facility has been introduced. GGT staff are able to generate custom QR codes for churches requesting them and provide supporting resources as necessary.

The June meeting (above) included a presentation on the national **Living In Love & Faith** project progress by Revd. Jenny Buckler. She mentioned that LLF "listening resources" are still available on the Church of England website. It was reported that Revd. Bill Ankers (retired) had agreed to put on some short training courses on behalf of the Deanery in the areas of leading intercessions and for Communion assistants. Several members of St Peter's Churchwarden Team attended one or both of these courses. The results of a questionnaire about the future of the Deanery Gatherings were shared: respondents wanted these meetings to continue, 4 times a year, possibly at Wydale, and to focus on "practical church subjects" (e.g. eco church, deepening discipleship, styles of prayer, different spiritualities etc.). The possibility of worshipping together as a Deanery, perhaps once or twice a year, was mooted.

The Synod meetings continue to be valuable opportunities both to learn and to network with colleagues and friends from other Deanery churches and to share news, good practice and to offer help and support. If the "Gathering" meetings are reinstated, I would encourage all church members to consider attending at least one in the year to find encouragement and to encourage others!

Neal Cullis (Deanery Synod Rep)

Churches Together Southern Ryedale (CTSR)

I have continued to Chair CTSR this year, aiming to hand over the responsibility in Spring 2025. We have seen a change in membership with Revd Peter Sheasby retiring from the Methodist Circuit and Revd Glyn Diggins resigning from St Michael's, Malton. We have welcomed Revd Andy Lindley to the Methodists and Steve Crosse to Pastor Elim Ryedale. The new group is forming well and since the autumn the Norton church leaders have committed to pray together monthly.

We marked Good Friday together in St Michael's Marketplace with service for believers, refreshments and outreach conversations to passers-by.

Churches Together deliver 'Open the Book' assemblies in Norton Primary School.

Revd Jenny Buckler

Financial Review

God has continued to bless St Peter's financially throughout 2024. Overall receipts were £141,801.37 compared to £116,172.32 in 2023 which is an increase of 22% (£25,629.05). Within this £138,448.63 were unrestricted funds (£115,639.66 in 2023) and £3,352.74 were restricted (£532.66 in 2023). The main source of the unrestricted income was planned giving (monthly standing orders and the envelope scheme) which totalled £73,158.74, up £14,189.74 (24%) versus 2023. This increase was primarily from new church member giving. We have also continued to hire out the church and church hall and this has generated £14,770.00, (up £3,315

(29%) versus 2023). Our Gift Aid refunds generated £21,636.82 of income, up £5,151.33 (31%) compared to 2023. Other drivers of the increase include increases in income from bank interest, wedding and funeral income and legacies.

£116,283.92 was spent from unrestricted funds to provide the Christian ministry from St Peter's Church and includes the running of Church House. This is down by £1,102.32 (1%) versus 2023. The main reasons for this decrease being a decrease in repair costs (last year we had a large £11,694.20 Church House roof and French door repair bill) and utility costs, offset by increases in Free Will Offer (up £6,000 as agreed by PCC in 2023), bookings administrator salary costs and an increase in year-end giving to our mission partners.

We have an overall decrease in our restricted funds of £2,221.36 which is driven by the final payment relating to the 2023 visual installation project (which is now complete).

The net result for the year on ordinary unrestricted funds was an increase of £22,164.71. Adding bank and deposit balances brought forward at the beginning of the year the balance carried forward on unrestricted funds at 31 Dec 24 was £86,893.05. Total balances including restricted funds stands at £101,880.14. For more details see the notes at the end of the report.

The PCC are immensely grateful for to all those who support St Peter's both financially and through volunteering their time and extend our heartfelt thanks to you all.

Looking forward to 2025 and beyond, our financial focus continues to be to ensure we 'pay our way' in terms of covering our clergy costs and support from the Diocese. We have therefore pledged to increase our Free Will Offer to the Diocese for 2025 from £70,000 to £73,000. Further financial direction awaits the outcome of our ongoing discernment process for the future direction of St Peter's Church.

Judy Barker (Treasurer)

Reserves Policy

Our policy is to keep a cash balance equivalent to approximately 3 months of running costs (for both the Church and Church House) in reserve to cover unforeseen costs. This equates to approximately £30,000. There is also £10,000 held in reserve which will be spent over the next 5 years on Quinquennial expenditure. Any cash held above this is reviewed regularly to ensure it can be used for projects as needed. The reserves policy is reviewed annually.

It is our policy to invest our funds balances with the CBF Church of England Deposit and Investment Funds.

Judy Barker (Treasurer)

Approved by the PCC on 12th February 2025, signed on their behalf by Graeme Wright (Lay Chair)



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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of St Peter's Church, Norton

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of St Peter's Church, Norton for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of Report

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


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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

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

Signed: 
Name: ANDREW WESLEY RICHARDSON

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): FCCA

Address: 1 WHOLEGATE
MARTON
Date: 5th APRIL 2025

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, NORTON
Receipts and Payments Account
For the period from 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts					
Voluntary Income	105,096.61	3,700.00	3,100.98	111,897.59	91,163.77
Activities for generating funds	1,464.51	582.67	-	2,047.18	3,322.98
Income from Investments	2,460.66	1,947.56	201.76	4,609.98	2,997.45
Church Activities	10,041.62	13,155.00	50.00	23,246.62	18,688.12
Total Receipts	119,063.40	19,385.23	3,352.74	141,801.37	116,172.32
Payments					
Costs of generating funds	71.43	-	-	71.43	146.14
Charitable Activities	7,300.00	-	-	7,300.00	6,000.00
Church Activities	91,449.07	17,463.42	5,574.10	114,486.59	113,585.76
Total Payments	98,820.50	17,463.42	5,574.10	121,858.02	119,731.90
Excess of receipts over payments before transfer	20,242.90	1,921.81	(2,221.36)	19,943.35	(3,559.58)
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	29,500.00	-	29,500.00	12,400.00
Gross transfers between funds - out	(29,500.00)	-	-	(29,500.00)	(12,400.00)
Excess of receipts over payments before other gains	(9,257.10)	31,421.81	(2,221.36)	19,943.35	(3,559.58)
Net movement in funds	(9,257.10)	31,421.81	(2,221.36)	19,943.35	(3,559.58)
Reconciliation of funds					
Excess of receipts over payments at beginning of the year	16,456.72	48,271.62	17,208.45	81,936.79	85,496.37
Excess of receipts over payments at the year end	7,199.62	79,693.43	14,987.09	101,880.14	81,936.79

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, NORTON

**Analysis of Receipts and Payments
Selected period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024**

	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Total Last year
Receipts					
Voluntary Income					
Planned Giving - Gift Aided (envs)	5,459.00	-	-	5,459.00	4,440.00
Planned Giving - Gift Aided (SCs)	59,562.00	-	-	59,562.00	46,837.00
Planned Giving (SCs)	7,471.00	-	-	7,471.00	6,367.00
Planned Giving (envs)	666.74	-	-	666.74	1,325.00
Cash Collections - Gift Aided	1,772.00	-	-	1,772.00	1,712.00
Cash Collections - Other	2,972.52	-	-	2,972.52	2,589.31
Wedding & Funeral GA	845.00	-	-	845.00	30.00
Wedding & Funeral Collections - Other	3,604.18	-	537.88	4,142.06	3,309.04
Contactless Donations	687.83	-	-	687.83	708.92
General Donations - Gift Aided	300.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	4,300.00	6,038.10
General Donations - Other	1,441.02	200.00	63.10	1,704.12	1,321.91
Tax refunded on Gift Aided income	20,636.82	500.00	500.00	21,636.82	16,485.49
Legacies	-	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	-
Voluntary Income Totals	105,418.11	3,700.00	3,100.98	112,219.09	91,163.77
Activities for generating funds					
Fundraising Events etc - Other	1,143.01	582.67	-	1,725.68	3,004.98
Fundraising for Sunday School funds	-	-	-	-	318.00
Activities for generating funds Totals	1,143.01	582.67	-	1,725.68	3,322.98
Income from Investments					
Bank & other interest	1,236.06	1,947.56	201.76	3,385.38	1,772.85
Wayleaves & Rentals	1,224.60	-	-	1,224.60	1,224.60
Income from Investments Totals	2,460.66	1,947.56	201.76	4,609.98	2,997.45
Church Activities					
Wedding & Funeral Fees due to PCC	7,720.55	-	-	7,720.55	7,233.12
Community Cafe	706.07	-	50.00	756.07	-
External Hire Charges	1,615.00	13,155.00	-	14,770.00	11,455.00
Church Activities Totals	10,041.62	13,155.00	50.00	23,246.62	18,688.12
Receipts Grand Totals	119,063.40	19,385.23	3,352.74	141,801.37	116,172.32
Payments					
Costs of generating fund					
Envelopes for Weekly Planned Giving	71.43	-	-	71.43	146.14
Costs of generating funds Totals	71.43	-	-	71.43	146.14
Charitable Activities					
Support/Donations-Overseas Mssions	4,000.00	-	-	4,000.00	3,800.00
Support/Donations - Home Mssions	3,000.00	-	-	3,000.00	1,910.00

	General	Designated	Restricted	Total	
				This year	Last year
Community Cafe charitable donations	300.00	-	-	300.00	-
Helping Hand	-	-	-	-	290.00
Charitable Activities Totals	7,300.00	-	-	7,300.00	6,000.00
Church Activities					
Freewill Offering	70,000.00	-	-	70,000.00	64,000.00
Cleaner	1,574.50	-	-	1,574.50	2,288.00
Vicar's expenses	-	-	-	-	764.76
Administrator Salary	-	3,160.37	-	3,160.37	585.00
Vicarage upkeep	975.32	-	-	975.32	594.95
Mission & evangelism projects	-	435.45	214.55	650.00	250.95
Insurance premiums	5,080.90	896.66	-	5,977.56	5,737.52
Repairs & renewals - Fabric	-	-	-	-	12,402.20
Repairs & renewals - Installations	3,445.06	247.10	-	3,692.16	328.99
Miscellaneous minor repairs	46.72	-	-	46.72	40.97
Health & Safety	1,340.64	655.26	-	1,995.90	475.65
Organ & piano tuning	-	186.63	-	186.63	220.39
Electricity	1,248.63	6,888.34	-	8,136.97	9,639.11
Gas	2,902.92	237.62	-	3,140.54	4,943.21
Water	92.66	400.40	-	493.06	1,961.86
Wi-Fi/Office Telephone Costs	834.68	-	-	834.68	689.80
Website	221.24	-	-	221.24	195.64
Music	270.00	-	-	270.00	127.00
Candles, wine, wafers etc	140.85	-	-	140.85	79.79
Church Services	76.98	-	13.32	90.30	31.25
Subscriptions	60.00	-	-	60.00	94.99
Licences	866.37	-	-	866.37	734.28
Printing, stationery & postage	46.90	-	-	46.90	127.14
Computer support	300.00	-	-	300.00	300.00
Flowers	38.00	-	-	38.00	-
Upkeep of grounds	820.80	42.00	-	862.80	284.20
Refreshments expenses	344.32	106.08	-	450.40	312.83
Miscellaneous expenses	389.71	-	-	389.71	-
Lesson books & teaching aids	-	15.99	-	15.99	273.09
Children's parties & outings	-	-	126.86	126.86	223.00
Holiday Club expenses	-	-	117.05	117.05	70.75
Youth Club	-	107.81	15.00	122.81	-
Toddlers' Group expenses	-	-	7.99	7.99	-
Purchases of Equipment	35.93	-	5,079.33	5,115.26	1,429.80
Training & Education	-	-	-	-	342.88
Caretaker's wages	-	3,819.00	-	3,819.00	3,718.00
Cleaning materials	-	264.71	-	264.71	269.76
Administration expenses	-	-	-	-	48.00
Bank Charges	295.94	-	-	295.94	-
Church Activities Totals	91,449.07	17,463.42	5,574.10	114,486.59	113,585.76
Payments Grand Totals	98,820.50	17,463.42	5,574.10	121,858.02	119,731.90

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, NORTON
Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund)
As at: 31 December 2024

		Balance	Previous balance
Cash At Bank And In Hand			
1: NatWest Current Account (Church)			
Church House (Hall) Fund F	Designated	645.43	438.89
Contingency/Fabric Reserve	Designated	2,592.98	279.61
Development Projects Fund D	Restricted	-	214.55
Mission Opportunity Fund	Designated	454.34	500.00
Project Fund	Designated	1,000.00	-
Restricted Donations Fund E	Restricted	-	654.79
Sunday School & Youth Work Fund H	Restricted	3,376.43	505.67
General fund	Unrestricted	3,276.20	4,508.75
Agency collection	Restricted	(43.74)	154.68
		11,301.64	7,256.94
3: CBF Deposit Acc 001D (Church)-Unrestrict			
Church House (Hall) Fund F	Designated	3,180.07	6,014.68
Contingency/Fabric Reserve	Designated	37,624.31	34,662.18
Helping Hand	Designated	2,144.80	2,061.46
Mission Opportunity Fund	Designated	4,551.50	4,314.80
Project Fund	Designated	27,500.00	-
General fund	Unrestricted	3,923.42	11,687.36
		78,924.10	58,740.48
31: Cash in hand			
General fund	Unrestricted	-	50.00
		-	50.00
5: CBF Deposit Acc 002D (Church) - Restrict			
Restricted Donations Fund E	Restricted	-	4,424.54
Sunday School & Youth Work Fund H	Restricted	2,695.39	2,493.63
General fund	Unrestricted	-	210.61
		2,695.39	7,128.78
Cash At Bank And In Hand		92,921.13	73,176.20
Investments			
17: CBF Investment Fund (Sunday School)			
Sunday School & Youth Work Fund H	Restricted	8,915.27	8,915.27
		8,915.27	8,915.27
Investments		8,915.27	8,915.27
Agency Accounts			
6699: Agency collections			
Agency collection	Restricted	(43.74)	154.68
		(43.74)	154.68
Agency Accounts		(43.74)	154.68
Grand Total		101,880.14	81,936.79

Notes

1. Basis of preparation of the accounts

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

2. Funds Maintained:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Balance</u> £
Church General Fund	routine transactions	unrestricted	7,199.62
Contingency/Fabric Fund	contingency/quinquennial/fabric maintenance	designated	40,217.29
Church House (Hall)	routine transactions	designated	3,825.50
Sunday School & Youth Work	all relevant transactions	restricted	14,987.09
Development Projects	youth and mission	restricted	0.00
Mission Opportunity Fund	missional work	designated	5,005.84
Restricted Donations	donations for specific items	restricted	0.00
Helping Hand	donations to those in need	designated	2,144.80
Project Fund	ad hoc projects	designated	28,500.00

2.1 Church General Fund (Unrestricted)

This year has seen an increase in the General Fund income of £17,714.28 (17%). Of note, planned giving (standing orders and envelope scheme) was up by £14,189.74 (24%). Gift Aid tax refunds were also up by £4,151.33 (25%). There were also increases in church hire income, funeral and wedding collections and bank interest. These were offset by a reduction in gift aided donations.

Overall costs were up by £10,085.34 (11%) compared with last year (£98,820.50 versus £88,735.16 in 2023). This was driven by an increase in Freewill Offer of £6,000 as agreed by PCC at the end of 2023. It was also agreed by PCC to give £7,000 (representing approximately 10% in forecast planned giving) in year-end mission partner giving. This has been allocated between seven local, national and international Christian organisations. Other cost increases have been due to electrical repairs and health and safety related expenditure and the repair of the gate posts. These have been offset by savings in cleaning and utilities costs.

During the year a transfer of £500 was made from the General Fund to the Church House Fund and £1,500 to the Contingency/Fabric Fund in line with the reserves policy. Additionally a £27,500 transfer was made to the newly established Project Fund.

2.2 Contingency / Fabric Reserve (Designated)

This fund currently sits at £40,217.29 and is up £3,775.50 this year. Of this approximately £26,000 (3 months church running costs) is held onto for emergency use and £10,000 has been set aside for Quinquennial / fabric maintenance (in line with the Reserves Policy). This year a generous donation of £2,000 was received which is set aside for the purchase of an organ stool. Nearly £1,500 has been earned in interest and a transfer in of £1,500 from the General Fund was made at the start of the year in accordance with the Reserves Policy.

2.3 Church House (Hall) Funds (Designated)

There is an overall deficit on the Church House Fund this year of £3,128.07 (down compared to last year's deficit of £15,312.74). Church House income was £13,520.39 up £692.44 versus 2023 primarily

driven by an increase in lettings income of £2,510 (24%). Costs were £16,648.46, down significantly versus last year due to a decrease in repair costs (last year we had a large bill for roof and French door repairs) and a reduction in utility costs. These have been slightly offset by an increase in bookings administrator hours. A transfer of £500 was made from the General Fund to ensure a sufficient balance on the fund to cover approximately three months of church house running costs (in accordance with the Reserves Policy).

2.4 Sunday School and Youth Work Fund (Restricted)

This fund has seen an increase of income over expenditure this year. The main driver for the increase was a gift aided donation of £2,000 and funeral collection income of over £500. The balance on this fund was £14,987.09 at the year end.

2.5 Development Projects Fund (Restricted)

The balance on this fund has been used to pay some of the costs of the Oddments Theatre production leaving it now at zero. Future mission and evangelism costs will be met from the Mission Opportunity Fund (see below).

2.6 Mission Opportunity Fund (Designated)

This fund was set up at the start of 2022 for future missional work. Movements on the fund over the last year relate to income and related expenditure to the Oddments Theatre production, Yoof expenditure and interest earned. The fund now stands at £5,005.84.

2.7 Restricted Donations Fund (Restricted)

This fund has been directed at the upgrade to the visual installation in the church which was completed at the end of 2023. The final bill for this was paid in early January 2024 leaving the balance on the fund now at zero.

2.8 Helping Hand (Designated)

This is a fund set up to offer help to those in the parish who need a bit of a "helping hand". The decision to award payments lies with the incumbent in conjunction with the PCC. There have been no payments made this year.

2.9 Projects Fund (Designated)

This has been set up to fund new projects including those to work towards the Church of England net zero carbon route map. This year it has had transferred in a £6,000 donation received in 2023 (plus its related Gift Aid), a legacy of £1,000 and a transfer of surplus funds from the General Fund of £20,000. The balance now stands at £28,500.

3. Trustee payments / Related party transactions. Trustee payments – the following payments were made to PCC members in 2024: Paul Tate Smith provision of communion wine and refreshments £174.71, Neal Cullis provision of audio-visual services at funerals £340, Mererid Hunt provision of bell ringing services £40. Related party transaction payments in 2024 - Margaret Wilson provision of verger services £506, Lynn Cullis £44, Anna Barker Church House Bookings administrator £3,160.37.

4. Investments. Our policy is not to revalue investments. If revalued, the CBF Fund would have a value of £9,572.73 as at 31/12/2024.

Accounts



Charity Registration Number 1201334

ST PETER'S CHURCH, NORTON

THE ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST PETER,
NORTON JUXTA MALTON
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

Incumbent:

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Independent Examiner:

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**Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council
of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter, Norton Juxta Malton
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

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St Peter's Church, Norton - Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

Aim and Purposes:

St Peter's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has responsibilities for the Church Hall which is within the church grounds.

Structure, Governance and Management:

St Peter's Church is situated in Norton juxta Malton Parish and is part of the Diocese of York within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Parish Office, Church House, Langton Road, Norton, Malton, YO17 9AE. The PCC is a corporate body (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006). The PCC registered with the Charity Commission in 2022 under the name '**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter, Norton Juxta Malton**' with a working name 'St Peter's Church, Norton'. The charity number is 1201334. PCC members who have served from 1 January 2023 (including those who stepped down in April 2023) until the date this report was approved are:

Incumbent: Revd. Jenny Buckler

Elected Wardens: Neal Cullis
Sarah Wright (until 23rd April 2023)
Ron Wilson (from 23rd April 2023)

Elected members: Rita Charvill (Electoral Roll Officer, Lay Chair until April 2023)
Mererid Hunt (Secretary)
Judy Barker (Treasurer)
Paul Tate-Smith
Joshua Vale
Graeme Wright
Fiona Dean (until 23rd April 2023)
Gill Plues (until 23rd April 2023)
Steve Waterworth (until 23rd April 2023)
Ellen Eagles (from 23rd April 2023)
Matthew Burrows (from 23rd April 2023)
Bunmi Lana (from 23rd April 2023)

Representatives on the Deanery Synod: Cate Tate-Smith (until May 2023)
Joshua Vale
Sarah Wright (until May 2023)
Neal Cullis (from May 2023)

Deputy Churchwardens: Heather Towse, Jacqui Yard, Paul Buckle.

Church Warden Team/ Sidespersons: Matt Burrows, Rita Charvill, Paul Tate-Smith, Josh Vale.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Peter's the membership consists of the incumbent (our vicar), church wardens and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral role of the church. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees / groups each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. This includes a Church House committee which is responsible to the PCC and reports back to it regularly with the minutes of decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

Public Benefit

The members of the PCC are aware of the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in “The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit” and have had regard to it in their administration of the PCC. The PCC believes that by promoting the work of the Church of England in the parish of Norton-juxta-Malton it provides a benefit to the public by:

- providing facilities for public worship and pastoral care both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church can offer; and
- by promoting Christian values and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Church Attendance

There are 104 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, 31 of whom are not resident within the parish. The average weekly attendance, counted during October was 76 adults and 14 children.

PCC Meetings

The PCC met 10 times during the year and standing items on the agenda included Conflicts of Interest, Finance, Safeguarding, Churchwardens’ and Incumbent’s reports. In addition, topical and relevant items were discussed, which this year included planning for the King’s coronation, QI progress, on-going problems with the new boiler, installing up to date AV equipment, Deanery & Faculty updates, Lay ministry and prayer leading updates. The possibility of a new website was put on hold until 2024.

The minutes are always posted at the back of church on the PCC notice board. If parishioners have questions or comments, they are encouraged to talk to any member of the PCC.

The PCC also took an additional day away at Brandsby Hall in February 2023 to explore the bible’s teaching about sexual ethics and to appreciate the imperative need and challenge of enabling everyone to feel welcome and included within the holiness and truth of God’s love.

Mererid Hunt (Secretary) and Revd Jenny Buckler

The Vicar’s Overview of the Year

The year 2023 has seemed like a threshold-crossing year, a time of shifting from one era into the next and this sense has been reinforced on several fronts. The new King was crowned, Kingdom Explorers was envisioned and launched in partnership with Elim Southern Ryedale Church, my three-year interim Priest-in-Charge licence was collated to make me Vicar of St Peter’s. We have been preparing the ground for exploring our corporate identity for the last year or so, particularly through exploring “our Peter’s” letters in the New Testament and this crossed a threshold to a new stage during our Discernment Day in December. Revd David Woollard, who continues to be a good-humoured sounding-board in ministry, felt called to lay-down his support ministry in Sunday services and to invest more fully in discipleship through scripture based contemplative prayer. The Holy Spirit has been anointing this ministry and it has been a joy to witness the fruitfulness that has flowed from it. God lavishly answered my feeble prayers for provision of support in ministry and through the year we welcomed new members including Revd Mike Talbot who is called to assist in teaching and priestly ministry at St Peter’s alongside his wife, Jan.

Through the year, I have been holding-on to the truth in the quote attributed to the missionary, Hudson Taylor: ‘God’s work, done in God’s way will never lack God’s supplies.’ It has reinforced the importance of Apostle Peter’s teaching in his first letter to ‘stand firm in the faith’ and not be enticed to compromise with the culture of society or human constructed institutions. Time and again, we have testimony of God’s gracious provision in all its forms being released as we have chosen the simple, humble and bold path in PCC decisions and in ministry.

I have been so well supported and encouraged by our Churchwarden team and the inspirational servant-hearted, prayerful Treasurer, which has made all the difference in the challenges and joys of ministry. During the year we established a Pastoral Care team, which as we grow in confidence and clarity, will become the bedrock of kingdom-like pattern of care for one-another. Whilst the institution of the Church of England has

been rocked by the way the question of how we live in love and faith has been navigated, we have remained steady and steadfast in the peace of Christ, and on the rock of truth through this year.

Early in 2023 we hosted Archbishop Stephen on his tour of the Diocese to share the 'Living Christ's Story' Diocesan vision. I felt so impressed with how our church hosted with such genuine heart of welcome and grace, despite the shockwaves that had been reverberating from General Synod a week prior.

We welcomed ordinand Janet Burrows on a term's placement from St Hild College, during which she most competently set-up and led the 'Be Still' course, particularly making it accessible to parents with young children. It is with joyful anticipation that we prepare to welcome Janet afresh following her ordination to Deacon at Petertide 2024.

The administration of Church House was burdensome through 2023. With Ann retiring from her devoted service with no established succession plan, Alice graciously supported the transition of procedures, but then with nobody being called to serve, the role fell to me for a year until finally in the summer of 2023 we were able to employ Anna to take-on the Church House administration, working remotely and remarkably efficiently. This became such a relief to me and availed more time than I had realised was absorbed by it.

In the spring I attended the annual New Wine Leaders' Conference, which edified me in my faith and challenged me in my ministry. I try to meet regularly with other local leaders in the New Wine network for fellowship and mutual encouragement. In the autumn I was invited to attend my first ministerial review with Archdeacon Sam, who was affirming and encouraging of the way the church was responding to God's call and the vision to work toward living Christ's story.

During the year Bishop John and Archdeacon Sam requested St Peter's sign-up to a two-year programme borne out of a Diocesan initiative called 'Revitalise'. Trusting that blessing follows obedience, we embarked on this programme in September 2023. A more detailed report will be shared once we're further in the process and have gained more substance and clarity to share.

Revd Jenny Buckler

The Church Wardens' Report:

Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church:

The following routine inspection and maintenance activities have been carried out this year, including:

- Some works to address the issues identified in the **Electrical Installation Condition Report (EICR)** (2022) have been undertaken; a small number of issues remain to be resolved;
- The **annual fire equipment inspection** was carried out (14th July – for both church and Church House) and all items were certified as serviceable;
- The **biannual tuning of the pipe organ** was carried out by Geoffrey Coffin of Principal Pipe Organs on 14th June and 6th November;
- The annual 24 hour gate closure took place on 27th/28th August;
- The annual heating system service and issue of a new **Gas Certificate** took place on 13th December. The **HeatinGlobal** engineer reported that the circulation pump is operating inefficiently and is likely to require replacement in the near future.
- The grounds maintenance team have kept the lawns, borders, boundary hedges etc. in excellent order throughout the year. We are very grateful for their evident skill and very hard work. Some seasonal planting was undertaken in the main flower border on the south side of the nave by young people from our youth club ("Yoof") – to whom we also express our gratitude.

The following incidental tasks were actioned during the course of the year:

- The initial phase of the new audio-visual (A/V) installation was completed on 3rd February: high definition SDI infrastructure cabling, associated wall plates and sockets, 13A double mains socket (for ancillary equipment), active HDMI signal distribution unit, audio transmission path (from control station to the chancel, adjacent to our mixer), ancillary connection cables and two 85" UHD widescreen televisions were installed. The originally approved faculty for the installation of a new suspended laser projector and associated double-drop projection screen (behind the chancel arch) was varied to

approve the revised proposal following concerns raised about safe access to install the original solution. A further four, smaller, television screens and associated wired infrastructure were installed on 10th November following approval of an additional faculty.

- Fire Safety Audits of both the church building and Church House were carried out by the North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue fire safety auditor on 29th March. Some actions to address the findings remain to be completed.
- A small number of leaks occurred in both the south (31st March and 1st April) and north (13th April) Aisle roofs during periods of exceptionally heavy rain and very strong winds. Only that on the north side could be traced, and broken and dislodged slates were repaired. A one-off, small leak in the Memorial Chapel roof was noted and minor cracks in the leadwork (suspected to be the cause) will be repaired when weather conditions permit.

Other issues:

- No progress has yet been made on resolving ongoing performance issues with the **church heating system** (apparent inefficient transfer of heat from the dual-boiler source via a plate heat exchanger to the distribution pipework).
- It has been noted that when the heating system was switched on over the Christmas period to permit our seasonal services to be held in the church (we are otherwise holding our main Sunday services in Church House with the Bishop's permission), very little heat output is detectable from the entrenched cast iron pipes running down the centre of the Nave. It may be that these pipes are now significantly obstructed, presumably by corrosion debris and other material), and are unlikely now to be clear-able other than by costly intervention. The screwed steel distribution pipework appears to be in good and serviceable condition.
- An urgent repair to a failed stop on the organ was carried out at very short notice, just in time for our Christmas services! The Churchwardens and our organist, Mrs Tracey Brown, are greatly indebted to Geoffrey Coffin for his sterling service. The cause of the failure was obstruction by an insect – though which species was not reported to us!

Philippians 4v6 tells us *in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.* Looking into the next year, we would be grateful if you would join us in praying specifically for:

- **Wisdom and support** from fellow members in the congregation to use our funds to address the less pressing elements of the Quinquennial Inspection report, with thankfulness for God's provision.
- The **church heating system** which, despite still being relatively new, is still not working efficiently. It has been more than four years since we started discussions with the installer to attempt to rectify the situation. We continue to pray for a resolution.
- Wisdom to discern the **way forward** for both the church building itself and also Church House: to reduce energy use, to make better and more effective use of our estate and to find innovative ways to repair and maintain our buildings to the glory of God and in the service of His Kingdom.

The Churchwardens would like to thank the Churchwarden Team, two of whom stepped forward to serve at this year's APCM, for its diligence, dedication and resilient good humour in their invaluable contribution to the service of our church and its people.

Neal Cullis and Ron Wilson

Safeguarding Report

Currently all those who require a DBS check are up-to-date and those who require the Basic and/or Foundation training are also up-to-date. We have 4 people who have recently offered their time to either Youth Work or Children's activities who will be added to the list in the New Year.

St Peter's Church was registered for the Parish Dashboard System (PDS) back in November 2022 but we started to use the system in earnest in 2023. The System highlights (and where appropriate updates any links) the actions needed to implement Safeguarding in a church, enabling the user to map progress.

We were notified in February that there would be Safeguarding Audit in May and the PDS proved to be invaluable – on 7th June we reached Level 3 thus fulfilling the Audit requirements and continue to make progress.

I am very grateful to all those who quickly responded, back in May, to the Audit requests for various documents needed to ensure the safety of our children.

My prayer for 2024 is that we will be able to make further progress, especially where we need to have documentation in place to ensure the safety of our children and other vulnerable people, so that our current congregation, visitors and new worshippers can feel safe here at St Peter's Church.

Lynn Cullis

Gift Aid

Figures for Gift Aided Giving for 2023 (together with the comparative figures for 2022) are as follows:-

PLANNED GIVING	2023	2022
Number of people giving by Standing Order	29	34
Amount given	£45,767	£44,690
No of people giving by Weekly Coloured Envelopes	6	8
Amount given	£ 4,512	£ 5,582
OTHER GIVING FOR COLLECTIONS		
Amount given in White Envelopes	£ 1,888	£ 3,297
Contactless Giving	£ 417	£ 436
TOTAL GIVEN AS COLLECTIONS	£52,584	£54,005
TAX RECOVERABLE on Collections	£13,146	£13,501
Other Gift Aided Miscellaneous Giving	£ 6,115	£ 3,236
TAX RECOVERABLE on Other Income	£ 1,529	£ 809

It is great to see that the trend for our giving overall is up and this has been particularly marked in the second half of 2023 which bodes well for the coming year. There are still a significant number of gifts that have remained the same for a number of years and it would be good to see more prayerful review of giving. I am very aware that while it would be great to see all gifts reviewed upwards annually there are times when no increase is possible and a reduction in giving is seen to be the right thing to do. This is where anyone who feels they can increase their gift can balance out the genuine struggle of others. We have been blessed recently with the news that the Diocesan leadership have shown confidence in us by making Revd. Jenny's position permanent, but we still need to match our generosity to theirs!

One plea I make which would be so very helpful to the process of these claims would be that those of you who are regular givers by white envelope might consider swapping to standing order. The administrative burden is hugely reduced by this simple change however, there is genuinely no pressure if it works for you.

HM Revenue & Customs are continuing to allow the reclaim of tax on non-gift aided cash donations up to a limit of £8,000 (ie £2,000 tax reclaim) in any given tax year. For the calendar year 2023 we were able to claim £2,241.88 (on anonymous cash donations of £8,967.52). This clearly is too much according to what I wrote above but as our financial year that I am reporting on crosses 2 tax years, I suspect that in March I may not be able to claim all of what we collect.

If anyone would like to gift-aid their giving, by monthly standing order, or would like further information on other ways of giving, please have a word with either Judy Barker - Treasurer, or myself. Gift-aiding increases giving by 25% at no extra cost to the donor, providing you are paying the tax to cover it.

2 Corinthians 9:11-12 You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.

Cate Tate-Smith

Achievements and Performance

Prayer

Thy Kingdom Come 2023

Between Easter and Pentecost, we delved deeper into prayer during our Sunday morning services. Instead of allowing ourselves to be led by someone's prepared prayers of intercession, we reminded ourselves that prayer is active and the responsibility of each of us and so during an extended prayer time in these services we moved from our seat, demonstrating prayer being active not passive, and selected one of four styles of praying with decrees from scripture: contemplative prayer, praying in tongues, creative prayer, extemporary prayer aloud. Generally, people seemed to surprise themselves with how much deeper they felt they were praying and although different, it was refreshing to have a change of format. Since then those who lead us in intercessory prayer have been encouraged to make space for the congregation to be active in praying.

Then at Pentecost we prayed through the night, inviting people to commit to a watch of the night, or an hour within that watch.

Since then we have explored various different ways of engaging in different forms of prayer. Compline on zoom for a short while, but more enduring a monthly praying in tongues for half an hour together. This has been joined by a couple of folk from other parishes, so it is good that we can minister and encourage beyond our boundaries.

Revd Jenny Buckler

Women's World Day of Prayer 2023

Representatives from approximately 9 churches in Malton and Norton (including St. Peter's) form the committee who organise the yearly service which is held on the first Friday of March for the World Day of Prayer. The service for 2023 was put together by the women of Taiwan and entitled 'I have heard about your faith'. It was held at the Salvation Army Hall, Norton.

We also organise a Bible Study each year about a month before the service and also a coffee morning once a year and send some money to WDP charities.

Mary Coldbeck

Weekly Thursday Intercession 2023

Thursday Night Prayers for the Church and for the World is an opportunity for us to meet in heartfelt and communal prayer for the mission and ministry of St. Peter's and of the worldwide Church, for suffering fellow Christians, and for God's World. We meet every Thursday (with a few, pre-advertised exceptions). We seek first to humble ourselves and exalt the Lord with prayers (and even songs and hymns) of praise, and a prayer of confession, before lifting to Him the needs of Church and World. The latter can entail prayer for Governments, for public professions (emergency services, teachers, social services, etc.), for world peace, for public health and environment, and for people in the world affected by physical or mental ill health or any other type of challenge. From Easter 2024 we intend to devote the last part of the hour to praying for one theme in particular—a different theme each week—of which everyone will be notified in the previous Sunday service's notices. No one has to pray out loud. No-one has to sing out loud. No-one has to attend for the whole hour or every week. But Jesus declared His Presence whenever "two or three" are gathered together in prayer, so we can be confident that any time we give to this event will be good both for our own prayer life and for the Church that He so loves and the World that He died to redeem.

Can a relatively small number of people gathered in one parish church's side chapel on a cold and wet Thursday evening really make a scrap of difference to physically beaten Christians overseas, war-mongering dictators and terminally ill or desperate people whom we'll never even meet? Well, unless we believe that prayer only works in packed-out stadia, or that it doesn't work at all, then the answer is an emphatic: "YES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

Keith Edghill

Worship

Services

The fortnightly 8am BCP HC service continues to be a steadfast sanctuary and communion with the Holy Lord. The weekly 10am Common Worship services have continued in the church building in the warmer months, and Church House through the winter. This year God has raised-up Vicky to lead the 8am service and offer reflections on scripture in that service. Fiona has begun to explore service leading at the 10am. During 2023 we had a sermon series on Apostle Peter's first letter during Lent, then Peter's second letter during the autumn, whilst most other Sundays following the Lectionary.

In addition to the traditional additional seasonal services, we were honoured to host the Royal Airforce Association (RAFA) Battle of Britain Memorial Service at St Peter's Church and to strengthen that link.

We are thankful for the renewed licenses and ministry from Peter Laverick (Lay Reader) and Revd David Woollard (Priest) and the new addition to the team: Revd Mike Talbot (Priest). We were honoured to welcome visiting ministers to preach or lead us in worship this year, including Sara Abbey from Elim Ryedale Church, recently retired Revd John Bramhall and Paul Wedgewood from the local branch of the Christian Motorcyclist's Association.

Revd Jenny Buckler

Prayer Ministry

Where possible we have been developing opportunity for the Holy Spirit to minister to people's hearts during some services. Sarah has kindly continued to coordinate prayer ministers to offer a confidential, safe space for the Holy Spirit to minister deeper still after each service should anyone wish to seek Him.

Revd Jenny Buckler

Worship Group

The Worship Group has consolidated through the course of this year. We have continued to deepen and stretch ourselves during our monthly Worship Discipleship evenings, using these as an opportunity to grow as a group and explore different ways to worship and cultivate a relationship with Christ. This has allowed us to explore combining music and singing with other elements in the service and provided a platform for things we have tried on Sunday mornings.

Aside from the usual weekly services, many of the Worship Group have been involved in other worship events such as informal evening worship and the recent discernment day. We have finished overhauling our visual equipment and along with the tech team have successfully managed the logistics of worshipping in Church House. We have tried to ensure that members of the group take time to be led in worship and not just lead and are really focused on developing this further.

Over the coming year, we will be pressing into where God wants to develop and lead us, and will endeavour to be open to his nurturing, stretching and deepening. We continue to look for opportunities to grow the group both in numbers and spirit and are excited to see what the Lord has in store for us in this next season.

Graeme Wright

Discipleship

Whole Church Discipleship

Whilst we delved into Apostle Peter's first and second letters, the whole church was encouraged to read his letters in full for themselves at home and many people did so.

During the summer the whole church was encouraged to fast from one meal and pray for Kingdom Explorers that was being launched in the summer. Then, as the children were working through Mark's account of the Gospel with Christianity Explored material, the whole church was encouraged to read all of Mark over the summer and our sermon series tracked with the children's curriculum.

The whole church was invited to engage with the advent devotional: 'Comfort and Joy' by Matt Searles, which drew comfort and joy from Isaiah's prophesies of the coming Messiah.

Revd Jenny Buckler

Fellowship Groups

The Monday afternoon fellowship group continued faithfully through 2023, ably led by Susan Smith and providing comfort, challenge and encouragement to the group. Manpower has grown in number and in depth of discipleship throughout 2023. The two groups that were configured in 2022 have deepened and strengthened in fellowship led by Sue Evans and Sarah Wright.

Through Lent, all the groups were invited to convene as we engaged with The Blessings Course from Roy Godwin ministries. It was well attended and for some people proved to be transformative discipleship as we stepped more fully into our purpose as the priesthood of all believers.

Revd Jenny Buckler

Deeper Through Prayer

Jesus said, *"This is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God"*. Jn 17:3.

God longs to reveal himself to us, yearns that we know not just about him but know him personally. Know him not just in our heads but in our hearts, not just through knowledge but through experiencing him in our innermost beings, indwelling us, filling us with his overflowing love and hope. He is a God who promises that *if we seek with all our heart we will find him (Mt 7:7) if we draw near to him he will draw near to us (James 4:8).*

It is promises such as these and others that undergird the Deeper Through Prayer meditations we have been following through Advent for the past two years and have extended into fellowship group courses that are a mix of bible study and meditation. First studying the Word then, through meditation, allowing it to penetrate deeper into our hearts so truly experiencing its transforming power within us.

God's says to each one of us, "Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know" Jer 33:3

Revd David Woollard

Residential Homes

A monthly rhythm of visiting and celebrating Holy Communion at Rivermead Care Home, Beechwood Place Nursing Home and Deansfield Court Housing continued through 2023, providing opportunity to encourage our brothers and sisters in their faith whilst they are unable to attend church services. Rita has been assisting at Rivermead, and Ron and Neal assisting at Deansfield where Mary kindly also comes to play the piano for us in the service.

Revd Jenny Buckler

Monthly Newsletter

The monthly (2 sided A4) newsletter is a hardcopy newsletter aimed at giving people who do not use the internet, access to up-to-date news and views from the church.

Each month, a different person from the church, is asked to provide a reflection for the month, helping us to get to know one another and deepen the sense of "belonging". This has proved to be popular with readers and I think some of the "authors" have enjoyed the experience too. The second side includes key contact information, a prayer section and a "What's on" section and any useful bits of general information.

It is mainly hand-delivered around Norton by a small team of hardy souls (including 2 dogs) and a very small number in Malton are posted. During the second half of 2023 Jenny started to attach a pdf version to one of the weekly email updates so everyone can enjoy it and pass on to broader audience still if they wish.

My prayer is that circulation continues to increase and maybe we get some more volunteers to deliver the hard copies (once a month).

Lynn Cullis

Children and Young People

Toddlers

Toddlers continues to be very popular with families and provides us an opportunity to show God's love to the children and by being interested in the whole family and listening to the many problems some of them have. We can have up to 30 children on a morning but afternoons maybe only 12 children. We continue to pray that they will want to know more about God and always tell them what is happening at the Church.

Ann Brown, Felicity, Val & George Lealman continue to help, and Beth (one of the Toddler Mums) sets up each week and at the end of the afternoon session one of the dads helps to put the large equipment away since Robert is not able to do this anymore.

Everyone is welcome to join us, and it would be great if more church members could come and chat to the families.

Sunday School

We continue to have Sunday School each Sunday morning apart from the third Sunday which is a Family Service. The most children we have is 7 and they are aged between 4 and 11 and from church families. Susan Preston takes the younger ones and I take the older children and we use the material from Scripture Union.

Friday Night Club

Our numbers have grown this year partly due to us keeping the children who would normally have moved up to the next youth club with us, currently we have 17 children on the register. Ann Brown continues to help and Felicity, one of the mothers, stays to help each week.

The programme is games, worksheets/ craft to accompany the Bible story and we all enjoy lots of fun each week. Some of the children who come to youth club would not hear of Jesus' love for them without coming to the group.

Susan Smith

YOOF

YOOF is our St Peter's Youth Club, ministering to young people of secondary school age. We meet every other Friday during term time. The number of young people attending in 2023 has stayed stable at around 15 to 20 young people every week. It has been lovely to welcome a couple of new members in September.

Each week we try to provide activities for all including sports, crafts, games and general silliness. This year we have been using resources created by 'Youth For Christ', which includes videos, games and ideas around a specific theme. Themes this year have included Bullying, Fruits of the Spirit, Generosity, Loneliness and many more. It has been really interesting to explore these topics together and consider how God feels about them.

Each week we also give the young people a light supper, being aware that some of our children come from low-income families. We would like to take this opportunity to thank those that provide this.

This summer, we were delighted to be able to offer two trips during the summer holidays. We spent a wonderful evening at Scarborough North Bay, playing and paddling. We were even blessed by the company of a seal that came to investigate all the noise. Bags of chips and hot chocolate were a delicious way to finish a fun filled evening. Thanks to the Vale family for use of their chalet.

Our second trip was to Helmsley outdoor pool and the rain certainly didn't dampen their spirits. The young people had a fabulous time and were a lot braver than most of the helpers when it came to taking the plunge. Pick and Mix and another warming hot chocolate finished the trip.

It is a real honour to be able to partner with God in this ministry, offering a safe place and a listening ear to young people in our community. We are a small team of volunteers, who find that God blesses the time that we give, and we enjoy it as much as the young people do. Please continue to pray for this ministry, particularly for more volunteers to come forward so that we can make YOOF a weekly event.

Sarah Wright

Kingdom Explorers

This is our holiday outreach to primary school aged children. It is a joyous joint partnership with Elim church. We met every Tuesday in August and spent the mornings learning about Jesus through stories, crafts and activities. Our memory verse was Mark 10.45, through which we were exploring God's love, who Jesus is and the gift of salvation he offers us. The afternoons were split into a theme based activity and prayer. Each week had a different theme ranging from sports to eco to loving and serving others, allowing for God's love in us to overflow into those around us and the environment. The afternoons also explored what prayer is; a two way conversation between God and us. Around the church there were different prayer stations giving children the opportunity to encounter Jesus and learning there's no one way to pray.

On Tuesday of October half-term, Kingdom Explorers held a light party. It was an opportunity for the children to bring their families along, have fun with crafts and snacks whilst learning about Jesus being the light of the world.

Throughout all of Kingdom Explorers there have been so many answered prayers! It's been encouraging witnessing the helpers bless and be blessed by the activities and the children. A joy watching people's faith grow and those who had never heard of Jesus before encounter him! As volunteers we have made new friends across the churches. Thank you to everyone involved! Please continue to pray for the children, that they know the fullness of how deeply God loves them and seeds sown may in time bear fruit.

Ellen Eagles

Norton Primary School

During 2023 we have welcomed Year 1 into the church building as part of their curriculum to explore sacred spaces and they left with a palm cross each. We have hosted the whole school and their parents for their leavers' service and Christmas service. Since the autumn term, as part of 'Churches Together Southern Ryedale' (CTSR) we have been delivering 'Open the Book' into the Grove Road site assembly (Y1-4), which has been warmly welcomed and popular with the pupils.

Revd Jenny Buckler

Mission and Outreach

Plan for Growth

If 2023 was a threshold crossing year, then I envisage 2024 being a year of preparing some potentially significant changes ready for new ventures in 2025. We will be exploring investment into provision for ministry and mission amongst the children and families. There are already such deeply relational connections established with families ready to be encouraged and invested for the coming season. We are also at the stage of understanding better who God has called us as a church to be, and to embody His purposes in Southern

Ryedale and so this year will involve forming, testing and stepping-into that discernment, which will guide our ministry and mission for growth in the coming years. There is also a stirring to be asking how we can develop and future-proof the buildings in our care that they may serve and enable us to fulfil God's call on us as a church. We trust that although these areas pose enormous challenge, God will guide, provide and use change as a means for growth.

In June 2024, Janet Burrows is due to be ordained Deacon in the Church of England at York Minster and then will be licensed to serve her part-time, non-stipendiary curacy with us at St Peter's. The church family knows and loves Janet already and so we see how God can bless and build-up the church family through her ministry added to the mix in the coming years.

As we deepen our discipleship, become braver and more devoted in prayer and increasingly dependent on the power of the Holy Spirit, we anticipate growth within the family and growth of God's kingdom. We pray for continued protection and blessing on our unity within St Peter's and amongst Churches Together, through which we will continue to discern and engage in mission such as Alpha, Easter witness and Open the Book.
Revd Jenny Buckler

CTSR Alpha

During 2023 Churches Together delivered the second round of the Alpha Course based at the Salvation Army Citadel and the Holy Spirit Away Day once again at Brandsby Hall. The delightful setting of Brandsby Hall provides an idyllic base for sharing more about the Holy Spirit and enables space for reflection.

Working together with Christians from other churches has been an absolute blessing, privilege and joy. Sharing the responsibility for outreach through Alpha has created an opportunity for existing church folk to attend Alpha and grow stronger in faith as well as welcoming those enquiring.

The focus has been about sharing the love of Christ with others and extending God's kingdom in Southern Ryedale.

Sue and Jonathan Evans

Pop-Up Cafe - St Peters Church House

Again we have had a very encouraging year with a greater number of visitors supporting Pop-Up. There is a good mix of age groups and conversations with each group flourishes. It is also good to see the young mums still supporting us after school drop off, where they can catch up with each other for an hourly chat.

Lynn incorporated the craft stalls at several pop-up sessions and they were very popular and successful.

Ann Scurry has continued to support us with her stall selling her lovely jams etc and raising money for St Peters church funds throughout the year.

Rita Charvill

St Peter's Church House: community use

Thanks to God's Ministry in providing us with Church House we have been able to continue sharing our wonderful space with a wide number of people from Norton and the wider community of Ryedale during 2023. The activities include toddler group sessions, Pop up Café, Youth Clubs and Prayer sessions. This great space has also been hired for Karate sessions and numerous children's parties. During the winter months, in an effort to reduce our overall carbon footprint, Church House was also used for our Sunday morning worship.

Sadly, our building is showing its age and there were a few issues regarding leaking roofs and other structural problems which arose during the year. I was delighted when Jonathan Evans came forward to oversee these projects and coordinate the repairs with the builders.

The administration of all the booking was made easier during 2023 with the appointment of Anna Barker and this certainly made life a little easier for Rev Jenny.

Paul Tate-Smith

Social Media

The Facebook page has shown significant growth with a 24.4% increase in reach year-over-year (to 6.4k) and a 36.7% rise in the number of posts.

The Children's Summer Club poster reached the most people probably due to parents sharing it and the "What's your favourite Christmas carol" post got the most engagement.

The Facebook page audience primarily comprises 610 followers, predominantly women (82%), with a notable presence in the 35-44 age range (32.6%) and a majority located in the Malton area (60.7%). This information can guide future content strategies to further engage and expand St Peter's online community and drive awareness of upcoming events.

Rachael Deegam

Website

Whilst our own website has been dormant until it is redesigned and updated, St Peter's has maintained our platform on 'A Church Near You' page averaging just over 1000 page views per month. It has been effective in maintaining a link with the wider community and a point of access for enquirers.

Revd Jenny Buckler

Occasional Offices

During 2023 we celebrated 4 infant baptisms, 1 thanksgiving and blessing of a child, 4 weddings, one renewal of marriage vows, 21 funerals in church, supported by Margaret and Julie as Vergers.

Revd Jenny Buckler

Bellringing

We have been ringing regularly during 2023 and have consolidated the learning of our ringing team, (currently 12 members) with 2 joining us most weeks from Kirkbymoorside.

Our ringers continue to be active in the Scarborough and District Branch (S&DB) of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers (YACR) where we regularly have members attending meetings at different towers around the District and we have run several meetings at Norton tower. Steve Waterworth represents the S&D Branch on the YACR Education Committee. We have shared our practice night on several occasions with All Saints, Hovingham, as they also ring on Thursday evenings.

Regular training mornings have been very beneficial to our new ringers, enabling them to ring more proficiently in a shorter time. Steven Waterworth attended an Association of Ringing Teachers (ART) course at Bubwith near York in the early part of the year to improve the level of teaching we can offer. To encourage the newest ringers we start our practice night 30 minutes early to give specific training on tied bells.

The YACR organized a weekend of training based at Ilkey, w Yorkshire, which 6 of our members attended. Accommodation had to be individually organized and many towers in the area were used by different groups over the weekend. The courses offered gave opportunities to develop specific skills as well as networking opportunities. The highlight was ringing in Bradford Cathedral on Saturday evening, while 4 of us, from Norton, were able to ring at Oxenhope for Sunday morning service.

Our annual meal was held in January when we ate at the Wentworth Arms, Old Malton. It started with a half hour of ringing at St Peter's and several partners also joined us for the meal - the company and food were both excellent.

Paul Buckle and Steve Waterworth have recorded several successful quarter peal attempts during 2023 and it is our intention to complete a quarter peal at St Peter's using our new tower ringers. We rang a quarter peal before the first concert of the Ryedale Festival in July which took place in St Peters and with help from around the S&D Branch, rang a quarter peal to celebrate the collation of the Rev Jenny Buckler on the 4th December.

Our tower joined the nation in ringing bells to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles 3rd when 12 of us rang rounds and call changes which was recorded on Bell Board, the national record of ringing achievements.

A full replacement set of eight bell ropes with claret red sallies were fitted during the year and these are now well worn in and are giving good service. We intend to do some work of painting the bell frame during 2024.

We continue to try to develop the capabilities of all our ringers and are always happy to welcome new faces who would like to give bell ringing a try.

Steve Waterworth (Tower contact)

Charities

The PCC spent time reflecting on God's word in relation to stewarding our financial resources. In 2022 we developed the policy to share first fruits with only Kingdom related charities and ventures, no longer with good but not Kingdom-based charities. In 2023 we took this a step further and have moved away from the inherited notion of tithing 10% of our income, but instead toward developing Mission Partnerships with whom we plan to engender a meaningful relationship, partnering in understanding of wider mission, prayer and financial aid. We recognise we a Kingdom people called to fulfil Jesus' commission and teaching and yet we have limitations, for example we cannot minister directly to our brothers and sisters who are being persecuted for their faith in our Lord Jesus. We therefore as a church family choose to partner with expressions of the wider church that can fulfil the areas where we are weaker, such as partnering with 'Open Doors'. At the end of 2023 we released approximately 10% of our planned giving income (£5700) toward ministry and mission to our developing Mission Partners across local, national and international Kingdom building work. These include Christian Motorcyclists Association, Christian Police Association, Bible Society, Open Doors, Barnabas Aid, Mercy Ships, with a view to develop Mission Partnership with Christians Against Poverty in the coming year.

We have dedicated the income from specific services/ collections to related charities:

- Harvest Festival goods collected for Ryedale Community Food Bank and £183.45 to Tearfund.
- The Poppy Appeal pot in church collected £36.16 for The Royal British Legion.
- The Children's Society coin collection and Christingle raised: £641.67.
- Christmas services to Next Steps, Ryedale and Embrace the Middle East £346.74 each.

Revd Jenny Buckler

Easter Chickens and Christmas Sales

Another year of knitting and "popping-up" raised a few pounds totalling £250 on the table, with £545 for Easter chickens.

I think jumpers, hats & scarves are the way forward for 2024 so keep praying for cold weather this back-end and a hot summer to warm up the hands in an effort to keep the old arthritis at bay – so we can keep knitting a tad longer.

Ann Scurry (Group Leader)

The pop-up craft stall "popped-up" at the Pop-up café and at church during November and December and raised a total of £652.30, a very pleasing increase on £416.25 in 2022.

Lynn Cullis (Group Leader)

Ecumenical Relations

Southern Ryedale Deanery

Your Deanery Reps are Neal Cullis and Josh Vale. Revd Nicky Allison (Area Dean), Mrs Sue Teal (Lay Dean). In addition to Southern Ryedale Deanery meeting for formal Synod, Deanery Gatherings continued for the first half of 2023, and then took a break for a time of reflection and re-evaluation as attendance had waned considerably. The Gatherings had hosted speakers from the central Diocesan team to explore discipleship, mission. This year I began serving as one of the Deanery clergy reps on Diocesan Synod.

Revd Jenny Buckler

Churches Together Southern Ryedale (CTSR)

Revd Glyn Diggins was elected Chair of CTSR in 2023, but subsequently needed to undergo medical treatment and so I stepped in as acting Chair for CTSR. I have been pleased with the developments that have occurred during this year including a deepening unity through worship and heart for mission. There is an openness to explore how ministry and mission may need to be different in the post-covid era.

In the summer 2023, Sid Taylor stepped-down from leading the CTSR 'Open the Book' mission to local schools. No new volunteers stepped forward and so I have taken-on the role for the year. We have grown the team of volunteers and have been delivering assemblies in Norton Primary School: five per half term.

Revd Jenny Buckler

Financial Review

Total receipts on unrestricted funds for 2023 were £115,639.66 which is up very slightly on 2022 (£114,953.32). We have also received restricted income of £532.66 leading to a total income for 2023 of £116,172.32.

The main source of unrestricted income was planned giving (monthly standing orders and the envelope scheme) which totalled £58,969, up £4,841.20 (9%) versus 2022. This increase was primarily from new church member giving. We have also continued to hire out the church and church hall and this has generated £11,455 (down £2,887.50, 20% versus 2022). The other main sources of income were cash and contactless collections, wedding and funeral fees and collections, general donations and gift aid tax refunds. A more detailed breakdown of these is available in the accounts at the end of the report.

We were very grateful to receive a very generous £6,000 donation from two congregation members which is currently being held in the General Fund. Discussions are ongoing for best use of these funds.

£117,386.24 was spent from unrestricted funds to provide the Christian ministry from St Peter's Church and includes the running of Church House. This is up by £18,380.33 (19%) versus 2022. The main driver of this increase is the £11,694.20 Church House roof and French door repair costs. Utility costs for both church and church house are also up this year. Within the unrestricted expenditure is also the contribution to the diocese (which largely provides the stipends and housing for the clergy). This is up by £1,000 (2%) versus 2022.

We have an overall decrease in our restricted funds of £1,813 which was driven by expenditure on the visual installation project. This project is now complete with the final payment due to be paid in Jan 24.

The net result for the year for ordinary unrestricted funds, despite the church house roof expenditure, was only a slight deficit of receipts over payments of £1,746.58. Adding bank and deposit balances brought forward at the beginning of the year, the balances carried forward at 31 December for unrestricted funds totalled £64,728.34. Total balances including restricted funds now stand at £81,936.79. We give thanks and praise to God for this. The PCC would like to thank everyone who supports St Peter's, whether financially or with their time for all they give. We are hugely appreciative and couldn't manage without your support.

Looking forward our current main focus financially is to continue to work towards increasing our Freewill Offer to enable us to 'pay our way' in terms of covering our clergy costs and support from the Diocese. We have pledged to increase our Freewill Offer to the Diocese in 2024 from £64,000 to £70,000 which is an increase of 9%. Any other financial objectives will be decided on the basis of the outcomes of the recently held Discernment Day.

Judy Barker (Treasurer)

Reserves Policy

Our policy is to keep a cash balance equivalent to approximately 3 months of running costs (for both the Church and Church House) in reserve to cover unforeseen costs. This equates to approximately £27,000 There is also £10,000 held in reserve which will be spent over the next 5 years on Quinquennial expenditure. Any cash held above this is reviewed regularly to ensure it can be used for projects as needed. The reserves policy is reviewed annually.

The use of the balance of the cash held in addition to the above reserves and a legacy held for organ maintenance in the Contingency/Fabric Reserve will be considered early 2024.

It is our policy to invest our funds balances with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund.

Judy Barker (Treasurer)

Approved by the PCC on 14th February 2024, signed on their behalf by Revd Jenny Buckler (PCC Chair)


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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of St Peter's Church, Norton

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of St Peter's Church, Norton for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of Report

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

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

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

Signed:

A W Richard

Name:

ANDREW WOLBY RICHARDSON FCA

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

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Date:

*10th 7th
31st March 2024*

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, NORTON
Receipts and Payments Account
For the period from 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts						
Voluntary Income	90,618.77	495.00	50.00	-	91,163.77	95,379.76
Activities for generating funds	1,565.40	1,439.58	318.00	-	3,322.98	3,262.12
Income from Investments	1,661.83	1,170.96	164.66	-	2,997.45	1,602.33
Church Activities	8,043.12	10,645.00	-	-	18,688.12	20,795.38
Total Receipts	101,889.12	13,750.54	532.66	-	116,172.32	121,039.59
Payments						
Costs of generating funds	146.14	-	-	-	146.14	63.05
Charitable Activities	5,710.00	290.00	-	-	6,000.00	6,010.00
Church Activities	82,879.02	28,361.08	2,345.66	-	113,585.76	100,766.00
Total Payments	88,735.16	28,651.08	2,345.66	-	119,731.90	106,839.05
Excess of receipts over payments before transfer	13,153.96	(14,900.54)	(1,813.00)	-	(3,559.58)	14,200.54
Transfers:						
Gross transfers between funds - in	3,700.00	8,700.00	-	-	12,400.00	15,289.31
Gross transfers between funds - out	(8,700.00)	(3,700.00)	-	-	(12,400.00)	(15,289.31)
Excess of receipts over payments before other gains	8,153.96	(9,900.54)	(1,813.00)	-	(3,559.58)	14,200.54
Net movement in funds	8,153.96	(9,900.54)	(1,813.00)	-	(3,559.58)	14,200.54
Reconciliation of funds						
Excess of receipts over payments at beginning of the year	8,302.76	58,172.16	19,021.45	-	85,496.37	71,295.83
Excess of receipts over payments at the year end	16,456.72	48,271.62	17,208.45	-	81,936.79	85,496.37

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Analysis of Receipts and Payments
Selected period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
Receipts						
Voluntary Income						
Planned Giving - Gift Aided (envs)	4,440.00	-	-	-	4,440.00	5,581.50
Planned Giving - Gift Aided (SOCs)	46,837.00	-	-	-	46,837.00	44,690.00
Planned Giving (SOCs)	6,367.00	-	-	-	6,367.00	2,962.03
Planned Giving (envs)	1,325.00	-	-	-	1,325.00	921.27
Cash Collections - Gift Aided	1,712.00	-	-	-	1,712.00	2,414.00
Cash Collections - Other	2,589.31	-	-	-	2,589.31	2,353.28
Wedding & Funeral Collections-Gift Aided	30.00	-	-	-	30.00	176.46
Wedding & Funeral Collections - Other	3,309.04	-	-	-	3,309.04	4,943.02
Contactless Donations	708.92	-	-	-	708.92	1,202.68
General Donations - Gift Aided	6,038.10	-	-	-	6,038.10	3,279.75
General Donations - Other	776.91	495.00	50.00	-	1,321.91	4,632.81
Donations for Children's Holiday Week	-	-	-	-	-	260.00
Taxrefunded on Gift Aided income	16,485.49	-	-	-	16,485.49	15,962.96
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-	2,500.00
Grants - Non-Recurring	-	-	-	-	-	3,500.00
Voluntary Income Totals	90,618.77	495.00	50.00	-	91,163.77	95,379.76
Activities for generating funds						
Fundraising Events etc - Other	1,565.40	1,439.58	-	-	3,004.98	3,074.12
Fundraising for Sunday School funds	-	-	318.00	-	318.00	188.00
Activities for generating funds Totals	1,565.40	1,439.58	318.00	-	3,322.98	3,262.12
Income from Investments						
Bank & other interest	437.23	1,170.96	164.66	-	1,772.85	377.73
Wayleaves & Rentals	1,224.60	-	-	-	1,224.60	1,224.60
Income from Investments Totals	1,661.83	1,170.96	164.66	-	2,997.45	1,602.33
Church Activities						
Wedding & Funeral Fees due to PCC	7,233.12	-	-	-	7,233.12	5,989.00
Refreshments income	-	-	-	-	-	119.95
Community Cafe	-	-	-	-	-	328.20
External Hire Charges	810.00	10,645.00	-	-	11,455.00	14,342.50
Lunch Club	-	-	-	-	-	15.73
Church Activities Totals	8,043.12	10,645.00	-	-	18,688.12	20,795.38
Receipts Grand Totals	101,889.12	13,750.54	532.66	-	116,172.32	121,039.59
Payments						
Costs of generating funds						
Envelopes for Weekly Planned Giving	146.14	-	-	-	146.14	63.05

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
Costs of generating funds Totals	146.14	-	-	-	146.14	63.05
Charitable Activities						
Support/Donations-Overseas Mssions	3,800.00	-	-	-	3,800.00	1,300.00
Support/Donations - Home Mssions	1,910.00	-	-	-	1,910.00	4,560.00
Support/Donations-Secular Charities	-	-	-	-	-	150.00
Helping Hand	-	290.00	-	-	290.00	-
Charitable Activities Totals	5,710.00	290.00	-	-	6,000.00	6,010.00
Church Activities						
Freewill Offering	64,000.00	-	-	-	64,000.00	63,000.00
Cleaner	2,288.00	-	-	-	2,288.00	2,105.00
Vcar's expenses	764.76	-	-	-	764.76	-
Administrator Salary	-	585.00	-	-	585.00	1,792.00
Vcarage upkeep	594.95	-	-	-	594.95	546.61
Mssion & evangelism projects	-	-	250.95	-	250.95	1,554.21
Insurance premiums	4,876.90	860.62	-	-	5,737.52	5,356.25
Repairs & renewals - Fabric	348.00	12,054.20	-	-	12,402.20	1,151.43
Repairs & renewals - Installations	274.99	54.00	-	-	328.99	2,727.24
Mscellaneous minor repairs	-	40.97	-	-	40.97	133.36
Health & Safety	245.31	230.34	-	-	475.65	1,284.30
Organ & piano tuning	-	220.39	-	-	220.39	193.03
Electricity	1,476.02	8,163.09	-	-	9,639.11	3,177.49
Gas	4,639.40	303.81	-	-	4,943.21	2,583.68
Water	141.46	1,820.40	-	-	1,961.86	1,677.82
Wi-Fi/Office Telephone Costs	689.80	-	-	-	689.80	613.46
Website	195.64	-	-	-	195.64	165.64
Music	127.00	-	-	-	127.00	110.00
Candles, wine, wafers etc	79.79	-	-	-	79.79	128.37
Church Services	31.25	-	-	-	31.25	-
Subscriptions	94.99	-	-	-	94.99	-
Licences	734.28	-	-	-	734.28	840.17
Printing, stationery & postage	127.14	-	-	-	127.14	834.80
Computer support	300.00	-	-	-	300.00	250.00
Upkeep of grounds	235.70	48.50	-	-	284.20	389.45
Refreshments expenses	269.15	-	43.68	-	312.83	132.02
Mscellaneous expenses	-	-	-	-	-	60.00
Lesson books & teaching aids	174.99	-	98.10	-	273.09	33.00
Children's parties & outings	-	-	223.00	-	223.00	-
Holiday Club expenses	-	-	70.75	-	70.75	155.65
Youth Club	-	-	-	-	-	145.34
Purchases of Equipment	-	-	1,429.80	-	1,429.80	5,825.41
Training & Education	113.50	-	229.38	-	342.88	-
Caretaker's wages	-	3,718.00	-	-	3,718.00	3,465.00
Cleaning materials	8.00	261.76	-	-	269.76	335.27
Administration expenses	48.00	-	-	-	48.00	-
Church Activities Totals	82,879.02	28,361.08	2,345.66	-	113,585.76	100,766.00
Payments Grand Totals	88,735.16	28,651.08	2,345.66	-	119,731.90	106,839.05

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**Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund)
As at: 31 December 2023**

		Balance	Previous balance
Cash At Bank And In Hand			
1: NatWest Current Account (Church)			
Church House (Hall) Fund F	Designated	438.89	10,436.57
Contingency/Fabric Reserve	Designated	279.61	18,528.22
Development Projects Fund D	Restricted	214.55	-
Helping Hand	Designated	-	2,300.00
Mission Opportunity Fund	Designated	500.00	4,718.36
Restricted Donations Fund E	Restricted	654.79	2,084.59
Sunday School & Youth Work Fund H	Restricted	505.67	2,747.90
General fund	Unrestricted	4,508.75	6,669.05
Agency collection	Restricted	154.68	(27.00)
		7,256.94	47,457.69
3: CBF Deposit Acc 001D (Church)-Unrestrict			
Church House (Hall) Fund F	Designated	6,014.68	6,329.74
Contingency/Fabric Reserve	Designated	34,662.18	15,859.27
Helping Hand	Designated	2,061.46	-
Mission Opportunity Fund	Designated	4,314.80	-
General fund	Unrestricted	11,687.36	-
		58,740.48	22,189.01
31: Cash in hand			
General fund	Unrestricted	50.00	-
		50.00	-
5: CBF Deposit Acc 002D (Church) - Restrict			
Development Projects Fund D	Restricted	-	948.26
Restricted Donations Fund E	Restricted	4,424.54	4,325.43
Sunday School & Youth Work Fund H	Restricted	2,493.63	-
General fund	Unrestricted	210.61	1,633.71
		7,128.78	6,907.40
		Cash At Bank And In Hand	73,176.20
			76,554.10
Investments			
17: CBF Investment Fund (Sunday School)			
Sunday School & Youth Work Fund H	Restricted	8,915.27	8,915.27
		8,915.27	8,915.27
		Investments	8,915.27
			8,915.27
Agency Accounts			
6699: Agency collections			
Agency collection	Restricted	154.68	(27.00)
		154.68	(27.00)
		Agency Accounts	154.68
			(27.00)
		Grand Total	81,936.79
			85,496.37

Notes to the Accounts

1. Basis of preparation of the accounts

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

2. Funds Maintained:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Balance</u>
			£
Church General Fund	routine transactions	unrestricted	16,456.72
Contingency/Fabric Fund	contingency/quinquennial/fabric maintenance	designated	34,941.79
Church House (Hall)	routine transactions	designated	6,453.57
Sunday School & Youth Work	all relevant transactions	restricted	11,914.57
Development Projects	youth and mission	restricted	214.55
Mission Opportunity Fund	missional work	unrestricted	4,814.80
Restricted Donations	donations for specific items	restricted	5,079.33
Helping Hand	grants for those in need	designated	2,061.46

2.1 Church General Fund (Unrestricted)

This year has seen a welcome increase in the General Fund income with an overall increase of £7,954.72 (8.5%). Of note, planned giving (standing orders and envelope scheme) were up by £4,814.20 (9%) and a generous one off donation of £6,000 was received. Gift Aid tax refunds were also up by £1,254.53 (8%). These were offset by slight reductions in cash / contactless giving, wedding and funeral income, fundraising and external hire charges.

Overall our costs are in line with last year (£88,735.16 versus £88,631.12 in 2022). At the end of 2022 PCC agreed to increase our 2023 Freewill Offer by £1,000 to £64,000. It was also agreed by PCC to give £5,700 (representing approximately 10% in forecast planned giving) in year end missional partner giving. This has been allocated between six local, national and international Christian organisations. Utility costs have increased versus 2022 by £2,863.08 driven by an increase in both fixed and variable rates. This additional cost has been offset however by lower maintenance and health and safety costs.

During the year a transfer of £6,000 was made from the General Fund to the Church House Fund to help cover the costs of the roof and french window repairs.

Overall, the fund shows a surplus of receipts over payments for the year of £8,153.96. The allocation of these funds will be discussed by PCC in January 2024.

2.2 Contingency / Fabric Reserve

This fund currently sits at £34,941.79. Of this, £22,000 (approximately 3 months church running costs) is held onto for emergency use and £10,000 has been set aside for Quinquennial / fabric maintenance (in line with the Reserves Policy). Additionally last year a legacy of £2,500 was received which is being held in this fund and set aside for organ related expenditure.

2.3 Church House (Hall) Funds (Designated)

There is a deficit on the Church House Fund this year due to the roof and french window repairs which were carried out towards the end of the year. Additionally, Church House income is down by £4,432.09 versus 2022 primarily driven by a reduction in lettings income in 2023 (down £2,257.50) and the receipt

of £2,700 in grant funding and £1,200 in general donations in 2022. Offsetting this reduction is the income of £1,439.58 from the very successful Manpower Quiz fundraising event and several kind donations towards the church house roof repairs. Costs have been up versus 2022 driven by expenditure on the roof and french door repairs (£11,694.20) and higher utility costs. We also started employing a church house bookings administrator in September 2022. A transfer of £5,000 was made from the General Fund to help cover some of the roof repair costs and to ensure a sufficient balance on the fund to cover approximately three months of church house running costs (in accordance with the Reserves Policy) and the forecast deficit for 2024.

2.4 Sunday School and Youth Work Fund (Restricted)

This fund has seen a slight increase of income over expenditure this year. The main driver for the increase is income received from match funding from a charity walk in 2022 received in 2023. The balance on this fund was £11,914.57 at the year end.

2.5 Development Projects Fund (Restricted)

The balance on this fund is money which has been given specifically for evangelism and youth work. This year £743.53 has been spent on three main projects / activities – the Alpha Course, Yoof outings and the Blessings Course. The fund closed the year with a balance of £214.55. Once this balance has been spent, future mission and evangelism costs will be met from the Mission Opportunity Fund (see below).

2.6 Mission Opportunity Fund (Designated)

This fund was set up at the start of 2022 for future missional work. Interest has been added to it during the year and the fund now stands at £4,814.80.

2.7 Restricted Donations Fund (Restricted)

This fund has been directed at the upgrade to the visual installation in the church which has now been completed. £1,429.80 was spent on it this year leaving a year end balance on the fund of £5,079.33. The final bill will be paid in early January 2024 which will leave the balance at zero. The total cost of the installation after this final payment is paid will be as budgeted however we have benefitted from a better installation than originally anticipated due to a change in the scope of the project.

2.8 Helping Hand (Designated)

This is a fund set up to offer help to those in the parish who need a bit of a “helping hand”. The decision to award grants lies with the incumbent in conjunction with the PCC. Two grants have been awarded this year. The balance of the fund at the year-end was £2,061.46.

3. Trustee payments / Related party transactions. Trustee payments – the following payments were made to PCC members in 2023: Paul Tate Smith provision of communion wine £67.78, Neal Cullis provision of audio-visual services at funerals £180, Mererid Hunt and Steve Waterworth provision of bell ringing services £60. Related party transaction payments in 2023 - Margaret Wilson provision of verger services £516, Julie Waterworth provision of verger services £430, Anna Barker Church House Bookings administrator £585.

4. Investments. Our policy is not to revalue investments. If revalued, the CBF Fund would have a value of £9,109.52 as at 31/12/2023.