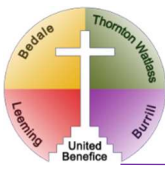


St Gregory's Church, Bedale
with
Burrill Mission Church
Registered Charity No. 1205161

Annual Report 2025

For the Period January to December 2024



Aims and purposes

St Gregory's Church, Bedale with Burrill Mission Church Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Incumbent, the Reverend Canon Simon Moor, in promoting the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical to the people of the town of Bedale and the village of Burrill. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of St Gregory's Church, Bedale and Burrill Mission Church.

The Wider Church

The United Benefice of Bedale is in the episcopal area of Ripon under the Bishop of Ripon, The Right Reverend Anna Eltringham within the Diocese of Leeds.

Objectives and Activities

Worship in the churches has continued and developed, based on regular, mainly eucharistic services with the addition of non-eucharistic services particularly directed to all ages from young to old. Retired, visiting and Licensed Lay Ministers provide a major contribution to our services.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to become part of our parish community. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and particularly the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the gospel; developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the church of St Gregory's, Bedale.

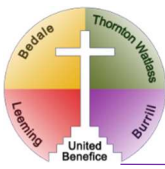
Achievements and performance

Worship and prayer

We continue to welcome all who wish to attend our regular services. This includes Sundays, major feast days and some weekdays. On Thursdays our 10.30am Holy Communion continues to use the Book of Common Prayer pattern. On the first Sunday in the month we have our 8am Holy Communion service. We have daily Morning and Evening Prayer conference calls and 8.30am and 4.30pm.

Many of our services and occasional offices are live streamed and available online via Facebook or by telephone for those who prefer this method thus opening up our worship to a wider audience around the world as well as to those who are unable to attend our services in person.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life; in marriage, public vows are exchanged with God's blessing; through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life that is now complete in this world and commend the person into God's keeping. During 2024 we celebrated 18 baptisms, 5 weddings and held 36 funerals.



The Rector's involvement in the community includes being trustee of various local charities, including the Rector's 4 and 20 and Bedale Primary School.

We keep the church open for visitors and for private prayer during daylight hours and there is a dedicated Prayer Corner for those who wish to light a prayer candle.

PCC Secretary Report

This year has been a full year with eight PCC meetings across the year, and three joint Benefice PCC meetings enabling everyone to have the broad picture of what is happening across the Benefice.

Overall it has been a good year with a number of projects moving forward and being completed, there is more detail in the Chantry Hall Report regarding the projects undertaken.

Chantry Hall Report

The improvements in recent years to the Chantry Hall building are paying dividends now, as it is becoming a popular place to hold regular classes and to hire for parties, with positive feedback about the hall being a great space, and at an affordable price. We have 10 regular hirers, some of whom use the hall multiple times a week, which means the hall is in use most of the week. There are also occasional bookings every Saturday. There are already bookings through to the Autumn and people coming back year upon year.

Refreshments after the Sunday service continues to be popular each week, with this having been going for 2 years now. Thank you to all the regular organisers, Caroline, Pauline, Christine, Judith and Shirley, and to those who just pitch in with washing up on the day. It is lovely to have the time of fellowship after the service.

From a maintenance point of view the boiler has been serviced, and repairs made to the flat roof. However the flat roof is going to need extensive repair in 2025, and Phillip Witty is getting quotes for this. The drains are repeatedly getting blocked, George, Phillip and Simon have done what they can, but a camera survey shows that there are extensive repairs needed. The shed has been cleared out, with the unused items being sold or given away, the payments received almost covered the cost of hiring the skip which was a bonus. Moving forward we will need more people to help with the maintenance of the hall and arranging different repairs.

The big project on the go at the moment is the installation of solar panels on the south side of the Chantry Hall roof. Roger Horrell and John Burton have been working hard on choosing a company, applying for planning permission, and applying for grants. This project will hopefully be completed in 2025. In readiness for the panels, and to prevent damage to the guttering, the tree at the corner of the hall will need to be pruned. This will hopefully have been done by the time of the 2025 APCM.

Fabric and Churchwardens' Report

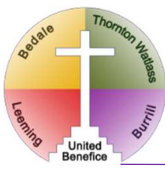
In the Church

A number of maintenance jobs have been undertaken again this year. The churches' corner down pipes and gullies have again been maintained with the assistance of George Bushby, John Burton and David Summers.

The Church heating system was serviced in the autumn after a minor fault occurred in the boiler.

The lighting in the tower ringing chamber has been updated to LED strip lights which makes life more comfortable for the ringers now the lights are out of the ringers' eye-lines.

Sadly again this year we have had yet more damage done in church. One of our broadcast cameras was damaged beyond repair. This restricted our ability to stream for a few weeks but has now been replaced.



Again this highlights the need for all of us to be vigilant, to make time to pop into church for a few minutes when we are about in town; this is especially useful during school holidays when most of this nuisance damage seems to happen.

The roof of the old Grammar School has now been repaired.

Work is continuing on updating the electronic version of the Church Property Register, which includes the inventory and log book of works and events.

The inventory of church property was reviewed and checked at the beginning of April, and is available to view on request.

Volunteers

We really appreciate the volunteers who now assist us in the setting up and putting away after services. This helps to make the worship run more smoothly and is a valuable contribution. So thank you to those who help. The more people that volunteer the less reliant we are on the few who set up for service week in, week out. So if you feel you could contribute please talk to the wardens. Just a reminder that the wardens are usually the first in church on a Sunday morning and again are usually the last to leave!

We are delighted that refreshments continue after services. However although we now have volunteers for most Sundays each month we still don't have full cover for the first Sunday and little or no resilience to cover when people are away for any reason. So again if you feel you could contribute please speak to Sarah in the office.

In the Chantry Hall

The main news for the Chantry hall is that we now have a project running to fit Solar panels on the south facing roof of the hall. Our thanks go to Roger Horrell and John Burton for their work in securing planning permissions etc. There are still obstacles to be overcome but it is moving forward.

Minor leaks and drain blockages and equipment faults have been dealt with as well, for details see the Chantry Hall report.

On the outside of the hall, work is ongoing on repairs to the flat roof above the Kitchen and annex areas. There are also minor repairs to be done to the Shed roof where tiles are slipping at the top. A company has been selected by the PCC to carry out the work and at the time of writing we are awaiting a date for the work to be carried out.

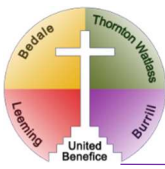
Family Chaplain Report

Another very successful year in many ways, but the jewel in the crown and the positive which continues to go from strength to strength is Tuesday Togetherness, the café club which takes place on Tuesdays in Chantry Hall. The initiative came from the Lord as it enabled me to use my gifts to initiate the group, and it continues to be supported by volunteers who help run the mornings providing a fellowship of friendship and sharing based on a strong Christian ethos.

We bake and provide lunches, and a couple of people have even learnt to bake as a result. We are also able to support local enterprises and charities by donations and in many other ways as well as sponsoring such things as gifts at Christmas, Easter Eggs, and flowers for Mothering Sunday.

The local nursing homes are continuing to come on a weekly basis and give us fantastic press on their social media platforms, and we include them in all of our events and trips.

We have had some very successful social events such as running craft sessions, Afternoon Concerts (Thornton Watlass Choir and the Yorkshire Decibels) and Afternoon Teas.



Through the Tuesdays, we organise and support day trips. This year we had a trip to Keswick and for 2025 plans are afoot for a trip to Skipton.

Collective Worship takes place in the 4 benefice Schools on a weekly basis, in collaboration with the local Methodist Minister Gareth Baron, myself and Rev'd Simon, our Rector. I also administer Home Communion with Rev'd Simon in the local nursing homes.

Since I started in my role, 7 years ago, I have also worked with and helped with organising and delivering the annual Holiday Club week in July at Snape with the local Methodists and hopefully working ecumenically with others in the Wensley Deanery (Kings Club July 2025). These are all things I am thoroughly enjoying doing, working and sharing as part of positive flourishing teams spreading the Gospel.

The relationship with one of our nurseries (Aiskew U5s) is continuing and we meet alternately in the Church or down at the scout hut recounting Bible stories, doing crafts, sharing in the Lord. I have also been sharing Jesus through Food and cooking at Mowbray School, with special events and Christian seasonal times (Easter Biscuits).

I am visiting other churches in the Diocese and Deanery to see what they are doing and looking at things to bring to share and inspire but conscious of how we can enthuse and attract more children and young people.

Being the Families Chaplain is one of the most rewarding things that I have ever done. No two days are the same and it is just so humbling to share in fellowship and friendship with so many amazing people.

I am indebted to you all for the support you give to me, my ministry, and for your words of encouragement. Special thanks go to Rev Simon, and the fabulous Tuesday Team for far too many things to name. Sue, Chris, Pam, Heather, George and Chris thank you for all your time, energy and patience on such a positive God led journey, and to Mal for making Christmas extra special through our Christmas Day double Act.

Flower Arrangers' Report

The church is a place of prayer and contemplation, of peace and quietness and a place where we meet in sadness and in joy. To enhance these church attributes, our gallant and trusted band of flower arrangers are always willing to create traditional and continental style arrangements around the church, especially at festivals, and for weddings and general delight throughout the year.

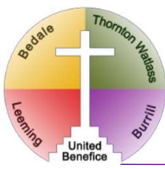
Simon our Rector and Mal Rowland extend their grateful thanks to all who quietly and efficiently provide these displays, and at the same time, invite other members of the church - men and women – yes, men and women – there is no discrimination here – to join this very friendly group. No experience necessary as help will be provided, as will the equipment – other than scissors. We have one short meeting a year, usually in the Rectory where the dates for the following year are discussed, and there is free tea, coffee and biscuits!

Simply speak to Simon, our Rector or Mal so they can add your name to our talented flower arrangers list and enjoy the thrill of seeing your work enhance the church and its services.

Bellringers' Report

We have once again seen a full, varied and successful year of bellringing at St. Gregory's.

Our AGM in December 2024 saw some significant changes. Following many years of loyal service as both Tower Captain and Secretary to our Band, Robin Brown stepped down from these roles. Robin had



announced his intention to pass the baton last year, giving us plenty of time to find replacements in these roles. Robin had been our Tower Captain for 13 years and Secretary for 15, and has shaped and organised our development over this period. Bedale's Bellringers would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the commitment and enthusiasm Robin has shown to us all and to the advancement of bellringing at St. Gregory's, and to thank him for his supportive leadership for so many years.

Robin will of course remain ringing with us and continue to be an integral part of developing our growing number of newer ringers.

Val Dobson and Jan Allen have taken over the responsibilities as Joint Tower Captains and our new secretary is Matt Bell. Jan and Val are highly experienced ringers, having been part of St. Gregory's Band for many years. They are already actively supporting and developing our newer ringers as they take charge of practices and ringing for services. All of our ringers would like to thank them for taking on this critical role.

St. Gregory's now have 23 ringers on our membership list, which includes several regular guests who join us from neighbouring towers for practices. We regularly see 10 ringers on Sunday mornings where we ring before the service, and anywhere between 13 and 17 on Wednesday for practices.

2024 saw us ring at four weddings - in March, April and June, and at the blessing following the earlier wedding of Simon's son Peter and his wife Fiona in Northern Ireland.

We had the privilege of ringing the Passing Bell on three occasions this year in memory of, Bernard Watson (88) a former chorister and ringer at St. Gregory's, Rick Dunn (83) and Kath Moor (96).

In addition to our regular Sunday Morning ringing, we rang on a number of other special occasions and services. These included the All-Souls service of remembrance, and at the 'Midnight' service on Christmas Eve; in May as part of the national VE Day 80th anniversary 'Ring for Peace' event; to accompany Bedale's firework celebrations in November; and to 'ring in' the New Year at midnight on New Year's eve.

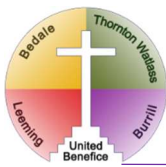
This year we had the pleasure of welcoming two visiting bands of ringers from other districts to St. Gregory's. In June, a band from the Southern Durham and Newcastle District rang, and in December a band from Essex and the Home Counties who were touring the area. We will always seek to facilitate requests from visiting Bands where possible and received reports of some excellent ringing on those Saturday mornings.

This year we have also received feedback from a number of parishioners who are no longer able to get to St Gregory's, and some who are not church goers at all, on how much they enjoy hearing the bells being rung, which is very welcome indeed.

This February we hosted the Wensleydale Cluster Meeting at St. Gregory's and saw 27 ringers in the Tower for a fabulous evening of ringing. The Cluster Meetings allow ringers of all standards from across the Wensleydale area to get together, meet up to discuss ringing, practice and impart learning – and of course drink tea and eat cake before ringing. We would particularly like to thank Sarah for her help in allowing us to stage this event and for use of the Chantry Hall for our meet and greet before ringing.

In May 2024 many of us took part in a local bellringing tour, visiting and ringing at St. James', Boroughbridge; St. Andrew's, Aldborough; and St Mary's, Masham, before finishing with a meal in Masham. It is always interesting to ring other bells and helps to widen the experience of our ringers – particularly those newer to bell ringing.

In summary, we have enjoyed a productive and rewarding year's ringing with positive progression for the future, which we hope will continue adding to the wider life of St Gregory's.



Safeguarding

Safeguarding is about taking care of one another and all those who come into contact with our church community. We are all responsible for maintaining this care, but the members of our church leadership have additional responsibilities placed upon them to ensure that we all remain vigilant.

All PCC members have been successfully DBS checked. The various safeguarding policies have been reviewed during the year. This is an ongoing requirement.

There were no safeguarding incidents during the year.

A detailed Action Plan has been produced and will be reviewed by the newly elected PCC.

If at any time you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Linda Collingwood.

Financial review

It was the Parish's first full year of being a Registered Charity (Charity number 1205161) in 2024. The Charity Commission require us to show the combined *Parish* figures rather than showing St Gregory's and Burrill Mission Church individually and as a result, the 2024 accounts are being presented in a slightly different format.

The Parish's total income (£90,429) was slightly up compared to 2023 (£89,078). Income from the many organisations and individuals that Hire Chantry Hall increased by 10% and collections at services rose by 47%.

Our Finance Team continued to closely monitor the value of the shares that we hold with CCLA and during the year we realised (sold) £100,000-worth of Global Equity Fund shares in order to increase the cash funds from which the running costs of St Gregory's are being met. However, we chose the right time to sell the shares because they had increased in value by £18,000, meaning that fewer shares needed to be sold to arrive at the realised £100,000.

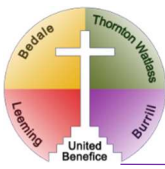
The average monthly shortfall in our General Fund continues to give me concern. In 2024 this was £4,500. We have substantial reserves behind us but they are finite – if we continue to spend more than we bring in, those reserves will continue to diminish.

I'd like to thank all those who are members of our 'Planned Giving'. Your regular donations accounted for almost a third of the Parish's total Unrestricted income in 2024. As day-to-day costs of running the church continue to rise I would also like to urge those donors who haven't reviewed their donations for some time to re-evaluate their present level of giving. May I take this opportunity to encourage all those who attend St. Gregory's and all those on the church's Electoral Roll who do not already give to the church to consider joining our regular givers, either by using our weekly giving envelopes (details can be obtained from Linda Collingwood) or by setting up a bank Standing Order. Or perhaps you would like to join the Parish Giving Scheme, of which St. Gregory's is a member. Details can be obtained from myself or from our website, www.bedale.church.

My thanks go to our Gift-Aid officer Linda Collingwood for making monthly claims to HMRC Charities to claim back the income tax that tax-efficient donors have already paid. These claims amounted to 10% of our total Unrestricted 2024 receipts, so I would definitely encourage all future donors to either fill out a Gift-Aid Declaration Form if eligible (available from Linda or myself) or to use a yellow Gift-Aid envelope when giving to St. Gregory's.

Reserves policy

It is PCC policy (in line with Diocesan recommendations) to aim to maintain a balance on unrestricted



funds that equates to at least three months' unrestricted payments to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. This is equivalent to £29,205. The cash balance of £64,893 held in unrestricted funds at the year-end meets these aims.

Deanery Synod Report

The Incumbent sits on the Wensley Deanery Synod, and we have one lay representative. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church.

The focus for the year has been to progress the Barnabas Initiative in two ways:

Buildings Support

Most of the churches in the Deanery identified this as a need. The Diocese has employed Alena Rose Douglas (out of a grant they got for Barnabas funding, not Parish Share!) as Church Buildings Support Officer. Alena has approached this in two stages:

1. To get churches set up with the basics i.e. a terrier (list of property owned), inventory (list of contents of buildings) and a log book of maintenance work. Also in the first stage is to deliver training on how to understand a quinquennial report and what PCCs can expect from architects. We have opted in to Stage One.
2. Forming a maintenance collective. A maintenance collective is where churches are in a group using the same contractor for the same maintenance job. The Collective will have an administrator who will organise the work and then invoice the PCC. The administrator will be based at a church that has office space and an administrator and a PCC Treasurer willing to process Collective related finance.

Development of an app and a website

This will be devoted to a heritage/pilgrimage trail throughout the Deanery Churches with information about the churches and help to pray. A working group has put together a funding application to the Rural Change Fund and we await the outcome.

Also at a Deanery level we are hoping to become a Sustainable Church Flower Deanery. Harriet Corner and Jo Harrison-Topham from the parish of Middleham, Coverdale, East Witton & Thornton Steward presented to Deanery Synod in Autumn 2024 and we hope that a motion will be passed in 2025.

It would be good if there were one or two other voices representing our Benefice on the Synod. We meet 4 times a year, one of which is on Zoom, so it is not heavy workload and we are an active Synod that is really trying to make a difference in our Deanery. If this is something that you might like to try, please do speak to Linda Collingwood.

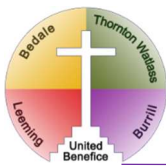
Licenced Lay Ministers Report

There are currently 2 Licenced Readers in the Benefice. Steve Madsen who has Permission To Officiate status and Michelle Dearlove whose licensing was primarily to support her role as Family Chaplain.

Both Steve and Michelle support the Rector in his Ministry, and support both the Church and Church Wardens. The Rector acts as the Incumbent for LLMs.

Both Steve and Michelle carry out duties commensurate with their Diocesan Licences, including preaching, teaching, assisting and when required, leading worship at services in all the churches of the Benefice. Michelle also delivers home Communion with the Rector in local residential and nursing homes.

Steve and Michelle both hold funeral ministry and are sometimes called upon to officiate at committals, or verge if needed to do so.



As part of Reader Commitment, it is a requisite that time is given to individual spirituality including reading, and studying to deepen ministry, faith and understanding and to keep it fresh. An up-to-date knowledge of local, diocesan, and national initiatives is imperative. It is also encouraged that retreats, or other practices, form part of this commitment.

Lay ministry is a valuable ministry recognised by the Church of England, Steve and Michelle would like to thank everyone for their support and prayers.

Burrill Mission Church

2024 saw us redecorate the church almost from top to bottom. The congregation were helped by Simon and villagers from Burrill over the 3 days it took us to do the job, saving ourselves around £4,500. Thank you to everyone who helped. At the same time Simon's brother journeyed all the way from Clowne in Derbyshire to redesign the pews, allowing them to be freestanding. This means all our pews can now be moved around at will. Using our newfound pace we held a bring/buy event for a local animal charity. We also used the new layout to invite the residents of Burrill to sing carols, a first for us. Our Harvest Supper was not as well supported as usual though, maybe due to the weather?

Elaine organised 2 defibrillator training evenings which were both well attended, so we should be well covered in the event of an emergency!

We were lucky to be awarded a car boot in 2024, the first time for a while so we were able to contribute to the joint Benefice.

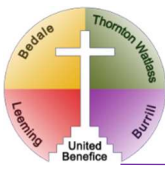
For the Bedale town Christmas fair we joined with the rest of the Benefice in holding a coffee morning in Chantry Hall. It was deemed a success and will be repeated at next year's fair. We also enjoyed an excellent Burrill Christmas Party courtesy of Jon and Lucy, and all those who helped provide the food.

In other news, our evensong numbers have remained steady throughout the year.

Our photo board has been refreshed, thanks to Margaret, and the bush growing on the bell tower has been removed thanks to Mike dashing out to speak to contractors already in the village. The old electric organ was taken to the tip.

Structure, governance and management

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2022) and is registered with the Charity Commission, registered number 1205161. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The membership of the PCC consists of the Incumbent, Licensed Lay Ministers, two Churchwardens, one member of Deanery Synod and laity members elected by those who are on the Electoral Roll of the church. There may also be co-opted members. Members of the PCC are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.



Administrative information

St Gregory's Church is the parish church of the town of Bedale and is prominently situated at the top end of North End. The parish also includes Burrill Mission Church situated centrally in the village of Burrill, two miles from Bedale.

Ex-Officio Members

Rector

Reverend Canon Simon Moor

Licensed Lay Ministers

Michelle Dearlove

Stephen Madsen

Churchwardens

Linda Collingwood

Phillip Witty

Synod Representative

Linda Collingwood

Elected members

Mike Lowe

Chris Griffiths (Burrill Warden)

John Burton

David Summers

George Bushby

Roger Horrell

Officers

Sarah Ryder (PCC Secretary, Electoral Roll Officer)

Paul Carnell (Treasurer)

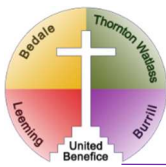
Electoral Roll

At the start of the year there were 88 names on the Electoral Roll. At the renewal there 81 names on the current Roll, with some new people joining and others having not renewed, moved out of the area, or died.

Trustees Annual Report Approval

Approved by the PCC on 8th September 2025

and signed on their behalf by the Reverend Canon Simon Moor



Appendix 1

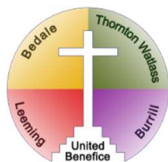
Parochial Church Council of St. Gregory's Church, Bedale

Charity number 1205161

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

Receipts and Payments accounts

	Notes	Bedale Unrestricted Funds £	Burrill Unrestricted Funds £	Bedale Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL BEDALE 2023 £	TOTAL BURRILL 2023 £
RECEIPTS							
Voluntary Receipts:							
Planned giving		24,896	1,049	-	25,945	23,854	1,044
Collections at Services		6,430	284	-	6,714	4,134	418
All other giving/voluntary receipts	1a	19,486	729	2,748	22,963	23,714	317
Gift Aid recovered		8,750	525	55	9,330	8,568	756
		<u>59,561</u>	<u>2,587</u>	<u>2,803</u>	<u>64,951</u>	<u>60,270</u>	<u>2,535</u>
Activities for generating funds	1b	17,239	1,659	-	18,899	17,325	1,504
Investment income	1c	1,286	-	-	1,286	1,183	-
Church activities	1d	5,274	-	-	5,274	5,407	-
Other Receipts		<u>10</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>853</u>	<u>-</u>
Total receipts		<u>83,370</u>	<u>4,247</u>	<u>2,803</u>	<u>90,420</u>	<u>85,038</u>	<u>4,040</u>
PAYMENTS							
Church activities:							
Diocesan parish contribution		79,655	-	-	79,655	72,414	-
Clergy and staffing costs	2a	27,322	84	-	27,406	29,159	223
Church running expenses	2b	16,054	784	-	16,838	14,427	497
Parish office running expenses	2c	5,938	-	-	5,938	6,550	-
Chantry Hall running Costs	2d	10,580	-	-	10,580	11,719	-
Church repairs & maintenance	2e	6,165	123	1,400	7,688	19,777	1,203
Mission giving and donations	2f	8,413	1,851	975	11,239	8,825	2,043
		<u>154,127</u>	<u>2,841</u>	<u>2,375</u>	<u>159,343</u>	<u>162,870</u>	<u>3,966</u>
Cost of generating funds	2g	900	520	-	1,420	942	446
Purchase of Fixed Assets for Church Purposes							
Photocopier		-	-	-	0	6,698	-
Video camera		1,843	-	-	1,843	-	-
Office laptop		<u>605</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>605</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total payments		<u>157,475</u>	<u>3,361</u>	<u>2,375</u>	<u>163,211</u>	<u>170,510</u>	<u>4,412</u>
(Shortfall) / Excess of Receipts over Payments		(74,105)	886	428	(72,792)	(85,473)	(374)
Transfers between funds		428		(428)	-	-	0
Exceptional item - sale of shares		100,000	-	-	100,000	50,000	0
Cash at bank and in hand at 1 January		<u>33,400</u>	<u>4,285</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,684</u>	<u>68,872</u>	<u>4,657</u>
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 December		<u>59,723</u>	<u>5,170</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>64,893</u>	<u>33,400</u>	<u>4,284</u>



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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Bedale Unrestricted Funds £	Burrill Chapel £	Bedale Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL BEDALE 2023 £	TOTAL BURRILL 2023 £
Cash Funds						
Church Bank Account	15,363	5,170	-	20,532	15,281	4,285
Cash Account	10	-	-	10	55	-
CBF Deposit Fund	44,350	-	-	44,350	18,064	-
	59,723	5,170	0	64,893	33,400	4,285
Investment Assets						
Investment Fund Accumulation Shares	401,811	9,787	-	411,598	382,295	9,251
Global Equity Income Fund Accumulation Shares	157,162	-	-	157,162	238,055	-
Property Fund Income Shares	171,244	-	212,204	383,448	361,819	-
	730,217	9,787	212,204	952,207	982,169	9,251
Total Financial Assets	789,940	14,956	212,204	1,017,100	1,029,105	

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

The movements in designated and restricted funds during the year were:

	Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Bal c/fwd
Designated Funds					
Family Chaplain Fund	6,365	-	(13,100)	20,000	13,265
Mission Fund	301	-	-	-	301
Re-Ordering Fund	417,944	-	-	-	417,944
	424,610	-	13,100	20,000	431,510
Restricted Funds					
General Fabric Fund	131,918	-	(578)	-	131,340
Re-Ordering Fund	37,468	-	-	-	37,468
Bells Fund	35,194	147	(822)	-	34,519
Mission Fund	1,445	-	-	-	1,445
Community Fund	5,751	2,656	(975)	-	7,432
	211,777	2,803	(2,375)	0	212,204

Notes:

Family Chaplain Fund

Payments: £13,020 salary costs; £80 expenses
Transfer: from Unrestricted Funds as agreed by PCC

General Fabric Fund

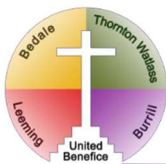
Payment: planning permission re solar panels on roof of Chantry Hall

Bells Fund

Receipt: from Bellringers box
Payments: £382 new bell ropes; £440 new LED lighting to bellringers' chamber

Community Fund

Receipts: £2,601 donations at 'Tuesday Togetherness'; £55 gift-aid
Payments: £100 donation to Hambleton Foodshare; £525 coach to Keswick; £350 concert costs



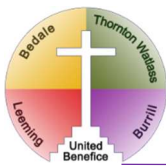
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Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments (1)

	Bedale Unrestricted Funds £	Burrill Unrestricted Funds	Bedale Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL BEDALE 2023 £	TOTAL BURRILL 2023 £
Receipts						
1a All other giving/voluntary receipts						
Donations	6,367	729	-	7,097	5,084	317
Donations - Parish magazine	25	-	-	25	25	-
Contactless donations	1,295	-	-	1,295	1,108	-
Donations - Tuesday Togetherness	-	-	2,601	2,601	3,243	-
Yellow Gift-Aided envelopes	1,638	-	-	1,638	3,092	-
Given in donations box	804	-	-	804	808	-
Legacies	8,000	-	-	8,000	1,000	-
Donation to Bells fund	-	-	147	147	118	-
Burrill Chapel's contribution to Parish Share Request	1,356	-	-	1,356	1,593	-
From Rector's 4 & 20	-	-	-	-	3,000	-
From Bedale & Villages Community Forum	-	-	-	-	2,000	-
VAT reclaimed from LPOWGS	-	-	-	-	2,644	-
	<u>19,486</u>	<u>729</u>	<u>2,748</u>	<u>22,963</u>	<u>23,714</u>	<u>317</u>
1b Activities for generating funds						
Car Boots	939	548	-	1,488	561	246
Church Shop sales	43	-	-	43	175	-
Rector's Walks	586	451	-	1,038	199	50
Hire of St Gregory's	230	-	-	230	-	-
Floodlighting	430	-	-	430	120	-
Clock & Flower Festival	-	-	-	-	2,842	-
Christmas Festival	208	-	-	208	-	-
Chantry Hall Coffee mornings	-	635	-	635	-	446
Other Coffee Mornings	-	25	-	25	-	-
Fake Thackery	-	-	-	-	-	762
Chantry Hall receipts	14,804	-	-	14,804	13,429	-
	<u>17,239</u>	<u>1,659</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,899</u>	<u>17,325</u>	<u>1,504</u>
1c Investment income						
Deposit Fund - Interest retained	1,286	-	-	1,286	1,183	-
	<u>1,286</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,286</u>	<u>1,183</u>	<u>-</u>
1d Church activities						
Funeral Fees	3,485	-	-	3,485	5,029	-
Wedding fees	1,789	-	-	1,789	378	-
	<u>5,274</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,274</u>	<u>5,407</u>	<u>-</u>
Payments						
2a Clergy and staffing costs						
Rector	1,244	84	-	1,328	1,501	223
Parish administrator	8,279	-	-	8,279	7,257	-
Family Chaplain	13,020	-	-	13,020	15,621	-
Organist retainer	3,800	-	-	3,800	3,800	-
Treasurer's fees	980	-	-	980	980	-
	<u>27,322</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,406</u>	<u>29,159</u>	<u>223</u>
2b Church running expenses						
Church building running expenses	12,020	784	-	12,804	9,398	497
Upkeep of services	1,498	-	-	1,498	1,129	-
Website costs	131	-	-	131	198	-
Deanery levy	525	-	-	525	502	-
Family Chaplain expenses	80	-	-	80	193	-
Other church running expenses	1,800	-	-	1,800	3,007	-
	<u>16,054</u>	<u>784</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,838</u>	<u>14,427</u>	<u>497</u>



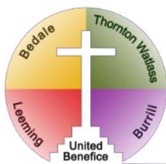
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Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments (2)

	Bedale Unrestricted Funds £	Burrill Unrestricted Funds	Bedale Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL BEDALE 2023 £	TOTAL BURRILL 2023 £
2c Parish office running expenses						
Telephone	709	-	-	709	782	-
Electricity	2,300	-	-	2,300	1,205	-
Computer expenses	87	-	-	87	171	-
Printing, Postage & Stationery	2,842	-	-	2,842	4,392	-
	<u>5,938</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,938</u>	<u>6,550</u>	<u>-</u>
2d Chantry Hall running costs						
Supplies	646	-	-	646	442	-
Maintenance	854	-	-	854	467	-
Repairs	63	-	-	63	1,672	-
Website	60	-	-	60	-	-
Utilities	4,916	-	-	4,916	4,291	-
Insurance	1,122	-	-	1,122	1,224	-
Cleaning	2,535	-	-	2,535	2,166	-
Treasurer	240	-	-	240	300	-
Kitchen equipment	143	-	-	143	1,157	-
	<u>10,580</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,580</u>	<u>11,719</u>	<u>-</u>
2e Church repairs & maintenance						
Roof alarm	1,296	-	-	1,296	1,594	-
Servicing fire equipment	62	-	-	62	-	-
Boiler service	253	-	-	253	156	-
Lightning conductor	-	-	-	-	-	906
Gate repair	-	-	-	-	-	150
Electrical works	-	-	-	-	-	148
Repairs to Old Grammar School roof	1,720	-	-	1,720	-	-
New bell ropes	-	-	382	382	-	-
Planning permission for Solar Lights	-	-	578	578	-	-
Lighting works	162	-	440	603	254	-
Cleaning costs	2,256	-	-	2,256	1,804	-
Repairs to heating	416	-	-	416	105	-
Repairs to lectern	-	67	-	67	-	-
Decorating	-	56	-	56	-	-
Clock refurbishment	-	-	-	-	15,864	-
	<u>6,165</u>	<u>123</u>	<u>1,400</u>	<u>7,688</u>	<u>19,777</u>	<u>1,203</u>
2f Mission giving and donations						
Compassion UK	352	-	-	352	336	-
Grants to other Parishes in Wensley Deanery	6,000	-	-	6,000	6,000	-
To Aiskew, Leeming Bar C of E School	1,000	-	-	1,000	1,000	-
Tuesday Togetherness costs (trip to Keswick)	-	-	525	525	889	-
Donation to Global Care from Concert	80	-	-	80	-	-
Concert Costs	-	-	350	350	-	-
Donation to Royal British Legion	400	-	-	400	-	-
Toilet Twinning	-	-	-	-	-	20
Pendragon Trust	-	-	-	-	-	300
Churches Together	-	-	-	-	-	10
Coronation mugs	-	-	-	-	-	90
Bedale Scouts	-	-	-	-	-	30
Donations to Hambleton Foodshare	190	95	100	385	500	-
Burrill's contribution to Parish Share Request	-	1,356	-	1,356	-	1,593
Swaledale Mountain Rescue	-	400	-	400	-	-
Donations from Simon's Canal Trek	391	-	-	391	-	-
Donation to Loughborough Bell Foundry Appeal	-	-	-	-	100	-
	<u>8,413</u>	<u>1,851</u>	<u>975</u>	<u>11,239</u>	<u>8,825</u>	<u>2,043</u>
2g Cost of generating funds						
Annual Goodbox fees	324	-	-	324	354	-
Contactless giving transaction fees	57	-	-	57	53	-
To Bedale Town Council for Car Boot	150	150	-	300	30	-
Jake Thackray	-	-	-	-	-	332
Coffee mornings	-	119	-	119	-	114
Rector's Walk	-	250	-	250	-	-
Clock & Flower Festival costs	-	-	-	-	340	-
Cost of goods sold in Church Shop	369	-	-	369	165	-
	<u>900</u>	<u>520</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,420</u>	<u>942</u>	<u>446</u>



St Gregory's Church, Bedale Parochial Church Council

Independent examiner's report to the members on the unaudited financial statements of St Gregory's Church, Bedale (Charity number 1205161) for the year ended 31 December 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the PCC") for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 (the regulations) and the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the PCC'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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

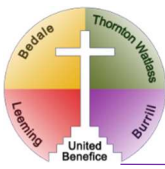
- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and 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 : _____

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Date : 16 April 2025



Appendix 2

Rectors Report

Thank you.

To Linda and Phillip at Bedale, Chris at Burrill, Chris and David at Leeming and Chris at Thornton Watlass, for their roles as churchwardens and colleagues in ministry – their support is invaluable. I include all wardens across the Benefice as an indication of the style of leadership the Benefice of Bedale entail, separate and collegiate, as a whole and within the individual communities. The same grateful thanks for all our Secretaries and Treasurers and other PCC and Church Officers for simply getting on with their roles. I need to thank Richard, Caroline, Joan, and Chris for their cooperation over music and in other aspects of church life; likewise others for the quiet service preparation over the year, these things don't just happen! So, for the many unsung tasks completed, my thanks. Thank you to our wider congregation and supporters – for positive and cheerful support as my role/job/vocation is made easy through such cooperation.

Tuesday Togetherness continues to fulfil many roles under the leadership and drive of Michelle. There is more to be said in Michelle's Family Chaplain report.

Worship

The worship across the Benefice, although traditional, is both formal and yet relaxed within the framework of the liturgy. Prayer and Praise, Tuesday Togetherness, and the Thursday BCP Communion only add to the breadth of potential forms of worship available. Live streaming the Sunday morning service at St Gregory's casts a broad net over who is able to tune in. You would be amazed how far we reach.

We are gifted as a parish with the administrations of retired clergy, readers, and worship leaders. The variety preaching and teaching is enhanced by the differing styles and approaches of our team. Especially our in-house individuals Michelle, Linda, Steve, and Chris.

Each of our churches continue to be open daily. This is a quiet ministry to our communities. Each of the churches having events during the year. Our churches continue to be a venue across the Benefice, just look at the Christmas season alone.

Worship does not end with our churches. All our primary schools have Collective Worship lead each week by myself, Gareth - the Methodist Minister, or Michelle. Likewise, there is Holy Communion and other enterprises in the nursing homes of the Benefice. Two groups, from the Millings and Leeming Bar Grange regularly join Tuesday Togetherness in Chantry Hall.

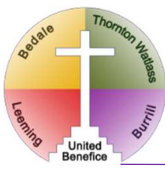
Prayer and Study

Extending spirituality and knowledge within the parish is part of our common cycle. The Chosen Group, a regular Bible study group, and Lent Groups were a part of 2024. A confirmation group was begun during the year with several of the regular congregation walking alongside candidates. Thank you, you got as much out of the process as you were able to put in!

Individual Churches

Each of our parishes have their own rhythm and highlights, the warden reports will cover everything from quinquennials to festivals, fundraising to numbers of congregation members. It is though in the generous support of each other that tasks are made easier. Car boot to coffee mornings and service rotas, wardens working together has made ministry smoother throughout the Benefice.

Lastly though my thanks to Sarah in the Parish Office who manages and organises me with subtly and joy.



Future

Growing God's Church through the Benefice is a steady process of love and encouragement in relationship with each other and with God. That will be done at many speeds, many levels and through many different people. Let us pray that we are always able to hold each other in our future as we walk together.

O God, who alone brings growth to your church, send your holy spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to actions and power to our witness. Help our church to grow in numbers, commitment to you and in service to our local community through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

Growth happens through what we do in worship and how we interact with each other.