

St. James' Church, Birstwith

Agenda of the Meeting for the Election of Churchwardens and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Thursday 30th March at 7.15pm in the Church Hall

MEETING FOR THE ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS

(To be attended and voted on by anyone living in the Parish whose name is on the Register of Local Government Electors)

1. Welcome
2. Opening Prayer
3. Apologies
4. Election of Churchwardens

PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

(To be attended and voted on by anyone on the electoral roll for St. James' Church, Birstwith)

1. **Minutes of the Previous Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 20th March 2022**
 - Matters arising
2. **Electoral Roll Report**
3. **Annual Report & Financial Statements from the PCC**
 - Churchwarden's Report
 - PCC Report
 - Deanery Synod
 - Financial Reports
4. **Elections**
 - Ex-officio PCC Members
Vicar/Churchwardens/Readers/Synod Reps
 - 3 positions available for Deanery Synod for a 3 year term
 - Lay members to the PCC
 - 3 vacancies for a 3 year term, due to completion of term by Debbie Britton and unfilled positions
 - 1 vacancy for a 2 year term due to the resignation of Madeline-Hall Jackson
5. **Appointment of Sidespeople**

Confirmation of willingness to stand or resignations to Assistant Wardens or Secretary in advance please.
6. **Any Other Business**

Please inform Sophie Bartlett (PCC Secretary) of any matters you may wish to raise at least 48 hours before the meeting on 07590 273291 or s.lancaster@me.com
7. **Closing Prayers**

1. *Nomination forms for Churchwarden, PCC and Deanery Synod are on the table at the back of church with full details.*
2. *Please advise a Churchwarden or the PCC Secretary if you wish to be added or removed from the list of Sidespeople.*
3. *The first meeting of the newly formed PCC will follow after the APCM.*

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, BIRSTWITH

Part of the Benefice of Hampsthwaite with Felliscliffe and Killinghall



Annual Report & Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council for 2022

Vicar: Reverend Suzy McCarter

Patron: Mrs Sarah Finn (née Greenwood)

Independent Examiner:

Mr David Bird

Elton Cottage, Birstwith, HG3 2WF

Banks:

National Westminster Bank, 3 Cambridge Crescent, Harrogate, North Yorkshire, HG1 1PE

The Co-operative Bank, PO Box 250, Delf House, Southway, Skelmersdale,
WN8 6WT

Minutes of the 102nd Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 20th March 2022 at 10.30am in the Church

The meeting opened at 10.42am with 29 parishioners present and it was noted that, due to Covid, we had been encouraged by Diocese to keep the meeting as short as possible.

MEETING FOR THE ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS

(To be attended and voted on by anyone living in the Parish whose name is on the Register of Local Government Electors)

- 1 Welcome from Reverend Suzy McCarter
- 2 Opening Prayer from Reverend Suzy McCarter
- 3 Apologies: Gill Beanland, Norman Castle, Harry Eastland, Rachael & Tony Harris and Brendan McCarter
- 4 Election of Churchwardens

Sue Baugh also stood for election and was unanimously voted upon with Arlene Lees proposing and Ruth Raspin as seconder. All attending were hugely grateful to both of them for their service to St. James'. Our enormous thanks were passed to Chris for his work as Churchwarden in the previous year.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

(To be attended and voted on by anyone on the electoral roll for St. James' Church, Birstwith)

1 Minutes of the Previous Annual Parochial Church Meeting – 16th May 2021

The minutes were accepted as an accurate account of the meeting. Proposed by Madeline Hall-Jackson, seconded by Maurice Worsnop – all in favour.

Matters arising: none.

2 Electoral Roll

Madeline Hall-Jackson (Electoral Roll Officer) reported that following the Annual Revision to the Church Electoral Roll completed on the 5th March 2022, the number listed is now 83 in total, against 86 in the 2021 revision.

3 Annual Report & Financial Statements from the PCC

- Vicar's Report: There were no questions
- Churchwarden's Report: There were no questions
- PCC Report: There were no questions.
- Financial Report: John Hindle, our Treasurer, presented that our regular income was only half of our regular expenditure. He disclosed that we need to address the shortfall in the next few years. Reverend Suzy consolidated the point that we are in a negative situation and asked that people consider whether they could increase their regular giving but also increase fundraising efforts (and pointed to Fundraising group), but also help to increase Church membership.
- The report was accepted with Debbie Britton proposing and Sue Baugh seconding. There were no questions.
- Deanery Synod: There were no questions.

4. Elections

Ex-officio PCC Members

Vicar/Priest/Wardens/Readers/Synod Reps

2 positions available for Deanery Synod, 1 year term – no nominations.

Lay members to the PCC

There are 4 vacancies this year for a 3 year term, due to completion of terms by Sophie Bartlett, Norman Castle, Madeline Hall-Jackson and Maurice Worsnop, plus 2 vacancies for 3 year terms due to unfilled positions, plus 2 vacancy for a 2 year term due to a resignation from Tony Harris. There were 4 nominations and no other nominations were received so all were automatically appointed with no objections:

- Madeline Hall-Jackson – proposed by John Hindle, seconded by Sophie Bartlett
- Sophie Bartlett – proposed by Jan Jobling, seconded by Sue Baugh
- Norman Castle – proposed by Ruth Rospin, seconded by Harry Eastland
- Maurice Worsnop – proposed by Sue Baugh, seconded by Louise Garnett

5. Appointment of Sidespeople

Elected en masse. Proposer Sophie Bartlett, seconder John Hindle. All in favour. Thanks were passed onto them all.

6. Any Other Business

Thanks in general from Sue Baugh for all those who work so hard in cleaning the church, looking after the upkeep, opening/closing, supporting in very hidden ways, catering, flowers, fabric, music. Special thanks to our Verger, Maurice Worsnop, for his constant hard work.

Reverend Suzy then led us in our closing prayers and the grace at 11am.

Signed:

Date:

Chair: Reverend Suzy McCarter

For Information: Membership Proposal APCM 2003 & Adopted 2004: It was resolved that:

1. Membership of the PCC shall consist of ex officio members as set out in the Church Representation Rules*; nine elected members; and co-opted members.
2. The APCM shall elect up to nine members of the laity from those on the Electoral Roll to serve without re-election for a period of up to three years ensuring where possible that one third of the elected members are elected each year.
3. The PCC may, as and when required, co-opt up to two members, including the Secretary or Treasurer, who shall serve until the next annual meeting.

* which includes all clergy licensed to the parish; the churchwardens; readers licensed to the parish or working principally in the parish; and members of synods who are on the parish electoral roll.

THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES', BIRSTWITH

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. James' Church is a welcoming family, worshipping God and extending Christ's work in the world, joyfully serving and caring for all in the village community.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022

St. James' Church is part of the Diocese of Leeds within the Church of England and is part of the United Benefice with Hampsthwaite, Killinghall & Felliscliffe. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is responsible for promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also assists the Churchwardens in maintaining all church property and is accountable for the administration of the finances of the church. The PCC is a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

PCC MEMBERSHIP FROM MARCH 2022

(Membership of the PCC is in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. Up to 9 members of the laity are elected to serve for a term of 3 years.)

Vicar of the Benefice:	Reverend Suzy McCarter
Churchwardens:	<i>vacant</i>
Representatives on the Deanery Synod:	Mrs Sue Baugh 2015-17, 2017-20, 2020-2023
Elected Members:	Mrs Debbie Britton 2013-16, 2016-17, 2017-20, 2020-2023 Mr Norman Castle 2016-19, 2019-22, 2022-2025 Mrs Louise Garnett 2021-2024 Mrs Madeline Hall-Jackson 2019-22, 2022-2025 Mrs Jan Jobling 2019-21, 2021-2024 Mr Maurice Worsnop 2004-10, 2010-13, 2013-16, 2016-19, 2019-22, 2022-2025
Treasurer	Mr John Hindle 2020-21, 2021-2024 (<i>resigned December 2022</i>)
Secretary	Mrs Sophie Bartlett 2016-19, 2019-22, 2022-2025

COMMITTEES

The PCC currently has a Standing Committee and two sub-committees. Copies of Minutes of meetings are kept centrally on file.

Standing Committee (Chair: Vicar)

This is the only committee required by law. It sets the agendas for PCC meetings and has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. It comprises the Vicar, Churchwardens, Treasurer, Secretary & a lay member appointed by the PCC annually.

Fabric Committee (Chair: Maurice Worsnop)

This committee attends to matters relating to the fabric of the church, such as the buildings and the churchyard.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CHURCH

Birstwith School Foundation Governor: Rosie Bird

Cathedral Ambassador: *vacant*

SAFEGUARDING REPORT

The PCC of St. James' Church is fully compliant with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016. Safeguarding is a standing agenda item at each PCC meeting. The PCC of St James' Church, Birstwith follows the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy (2017) for children, young people and adults. As such, information is displayed in church regarding child and adult safeguarding issues, including contact details for help and advice.

The Disclosure and Barring Service is used to facilitate DBS checks on all those who are in substantial contact with children and adults who might be at risk of abuse and neglect. PCC members each sign a confidential declaration form annually and all hold a valid DBS certificate. Others in church who have a valid DBS certificate also sign an annual declaration form. All members of the PCC have been asked to complete appropriate Safeguarding Training. Others in Church who hold a DBS certificate have been asked to do appropriate Safeguarding Training. Maintaining an up to date register of DBS certificates is ongoing.

I am currently using a system called Safeguarding Dashboards which has been adopted by The Diocese of Leeds. It is a tool designed specifically to assist Parish Safeguarding Officers with their responsibilities. It generates an action plan to work from: it enables me to identify where action is needed and to record when action has been taken. It will be of help when there is a change of Parish Safeguarding Officer, since a new person stepping into the role will easily identify what the current status is.

JAN JOBLING

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Children Under 16 - The average number attending the 66 Services held in 2022 = 21 per service.

Adults Over 16 – The average number attending the 66 Services held in 2022 = 3 per service.

VICAR'S REPORT

From the position of being the incumbent of the Benefice of Hampsthwaite, Killinghall and Birstwith I can happily report that 2022 was a much better year than 2021. The effects of the coronavirus pandemic upon church attendance and social activities were devastating and ongoing when I was licensed on 29th March 2021 and continued to exert a powerful negative effect until the end of the year and into the beginning of 2022. The emergence of a new variant towards the end of 2021 meant that people were being encouraged to wear masks and work from home in December 2021 and into the beginning of 2022. Due to the age demographic of our church congregation the effect upon church attendance and finances should not be underestimated.

The Good News is that during 2022 the congregation have regained confidence and some measure of 'normal' social activity and church attendance has returned. Birstwith church can be proud that we have

very nearly managed to balance the budget, though sadly we have not fully paid our share to the Diocese. Thanks to John Hindle for his cheerful and able work as our treasurer and it is with great sadness that we accepted his resignation from December 2022. We will miss John in the role and cannot thank him enough for all his years of service to St James.

I would like to congratulate all those who have worked so hard organising and supporting social and fundraising activities during the year, well done! I would also like to congratulate the PCC for the excellent work done towards planning a strategy to encourage the growth and development of the church in the future. I don't want to repeat the details that are already in the Assistant Churchwardens report, but I do want to express my admiration for the excellent work of the PCC and assistant churchwardens in promoting the activities of the church and encouraging increased church attendance. We can as a church be very proud of the quality of worship and the opportunities provided for all occasions. A special thank you has to go to Sue and Bill Baugh, but especially Sue, for her generous offering of time and support and unflagging energy as she works for St James, Birstwith.

Our PCC would be lost without the wonderful work of our PCC Secretary Sophie and as a church we are very grateful to her for the technical advice and assistance that she provides us with, particularly her able assistance with the website, social media and the Contactless Payment device during this last year. I cannot thank her enough for all the time given to church matters and for her unflagging sunny personality and support throughout the year. And where would St James, Birstwith be without Maurice Worsnop? We all know the many tasks he performs, and I would like to also record my thanks for his dedicated service.

This year we worked hard to provide appropriate provision for all occasions and Birstwith Church should be proud of its achievements. We joyfully celebrated the Platinum Jubilee celebrations and marked with sorrow the death of Queen Elizabeth II. Birstwith Show service was memorable and very enjoyable. We walked alongside our community during their sorrows and enabled grieving and comfort for the bereaved and we joyfully shared in the happier celebrations of weddings and baptisms. Thank you to those of you who have contributed to these quality offerings, culminating in the wonderful Christmas attendance and joyful services. I will never forget my first experience of a real live donkey in the aisle at church! Thanks to Norman for his special Christmas mulled wine and of course to those who contributed.

My thanks especially to Sarah Warnes for returning as parish organist in our time of need and doing such an excellent job. I would also like to thank the many other musicians and band members for all that they do to provide us with music for worship. Thank you to the choir for the fabulous singing during the Christmas services and for your support on a regular basis.

We mustn't forget the flower provision and decoration of our beautiful church. Thank you to those who have made the church look so wonderful on so many different occasions – the flowers and candles are so lovely, and they do so much to enhance our worship and lift our spirits, thank you.

My thanks to the many retired clergy without whom our church would not be able to continue and especially to those who so generously stepped in to support the Benefice when I was not fit for work. There is a great deal of 'hidden' work involved in keeping a church running smoothly; from rota organisation, through setting up for and cleaning up after services and events, maintaining the building and churchyard and doing all the paperwork, form filling out, notices and posters, and financial management, the magazine contributions and distribution, to the participation and enjoyment of all aspects of worship from choir to Sunday school. There are far too many people involved to thank

individuals, yet also not enough people involved to make the tasks insignificant. The shortage of volunteers during the last year has placed great strain on a small group of people who are 'keeping the show on the road'. I would particularly like to thank you, those of you who are doing such a lot to support the continuing presence of a Christian community worshipping in Birstwith Church.

As I reflect upon 2022, I am delighted. It gives me great pleasure to feel that Birstwith church is reviving and on an upward trajectory. On a personal level, I am getting to know the individuals who make up our church now that people feel more confident socially. I thank you for making me welcome in your homes for a cup of tea, or for attending the Wednesday social afternoon and giving me the opportunity to relax and get to know you in an informal way. Thanks to Sue Baugh who, with help from Tracy Jackson, Ken Winter-Briggs, Debbie Britton and Ruth Rospin, has been acting as 'host' and setting up, making refreshments and tidying up for the Wednesday Friendship and Social group. Thank you also to Debbie and Ruth for the regular monthly Thursday coffee morning, 'Coffee, Cake and Chat'.

It is marvellous that our 4 Class Birstwith Primary school has received a 'good' report from OFSTED during 2022, and I pass my congratulations to all the staff and students. I am so pleased to be welcomed into Birstwith Primary school and able to lead Collective Worship as well as being a School Governor. As a visitor to the school, I am very impressed by the ethos, atmosphere and overall educational provision. It is my personal mission to tell everyone what a wonderful village school Birstwith has and to try to encourage new children to join.

Looking forward to 2023 I hope to see Birstwith Church continue to develop as a community heart and place of worship, offering a warm welcome to everyone and sharing the good news that God loves you regardless of age, gender, social status, education, race, sexuality, or other divisive factor that humans manage to use as wedges to create pain and separation in our world. I am proud to be a part of such an inclusive and loving church community.

REVEREND SUZY MCCARTER
VICAR

ASSISTANT CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

As the Wardens position was vacant during most of 2022, this year the Churchwardens Report has been compiled by the four Assistant Churchwardens.

Various retired Priests have taken Services throughout the year and especially during the time Rev'd. Suzy had Covid at the beginning of 2022 and when she had, unfortunately, to take sick leave during October and November, so appreciative and grateful thanks go out to Rev David Kirby, Rev Canon Tony Shepherd, Rev Canon Michael Hunter, and Ven. Paul Hooper who in 2022 arranged with Suzy to take the Service every first Sunday of the month.

The beginning of January 2022 saw it still mandatory to wear face masks in church as a Covid precaution, however this restriction was lifted at the end of the month and only a request to wear masks was in place but by the end of 2022 they were no longer in use and taking the wine from the common cup was permissible, although at St. James' the practice was for intinction of the wafer by the Vicar.

February saw the congregation presenting Chris and Mavis Eyes with a gift and giving them "Many Thanks" for all they had done for St. James' Church as sadly they were leaving the area and both have been much missed, especially as Chris had done so much as Churchwarden for several years.

The APCM took place in March and held once again after the Morning Service. Mothering Sunday also took place in March and as usual gifts of polyanthus plants were given out during the Service and taken to those in the Parish who were unable to attend the Service but might like to receive a plant. In April Easter followed the usual pattern of a Maundy Thursday Service in the Benefice and the Good Friday Walk of Witness from Birstwith Village Green with Hot Cross Buns Served after a quiet Service of Reflection and an Easter Sunday Service held in each of the Benefice churches. As a new initiative Easter Cards were printed and delivered to everyone in the Benefice with the Benefice Churches Easter Service times listed and an invitation to attend.

During the summer month of July two successful fundraising events took place "The Heritage Boys" evening and the Arcadian Strings "Summer Serenade" concert. A further enjoyable and fundraising event took place in September, a Saturday Coffee Morning which included Bacon Rolls and Pastries. "Thanks" are extended to all those who were involved in the organisation and the hard work that allowed these events to happen – down to the "washer uppers" and especially the Fundraising Committee.

September saw the start of "Forget Me Not" afternoons, held in the Church Hall, allowing both carers, those cared for and those who wish for companionship to meet and chat, sing or occasionally play a game, have a hot drink and have somewhere to meet once a week in a warm environment. This dovetailed nicely with the monthly Thursday Coffee Morning organised by Debbie Britton and Ruth Raspin for which many are grateful and thanks are given.

Harvest was celebrated in October during the Family Worship Service which was presided over by Rev Canon Michael Hunter and enjoyed by all. Birstwith School having held their Service in church the Friday before had, as usual, brought their many Harvest gifts of food and these together with those from the congregation were taken to Harrogate Food Bank and to those in the Parish who would appreciate receiving a gift of food.

With the new School year in place October saw the re-start of Sunday Club and by the end of 2022 after a gentle start in numbers a very healthy Sunday Club was in place and for this much appreciation and thanks must be extended to the Sunday Club leaders.

After a quick re-print of the Remembrance Service Booklets to show that we now had a King, as sadly Queen Elizabeth II had died on 3rd September, Ven Paul Hooper presided over the Remembrance Service in November. Once again members from the Army Foundation College took a major role in the Service, for which we are most grateful as we are to the trumpeter, Amy Shepherd and those who made the Service one to remember, including the wonderful choir that the organist Sarah Warnes had organised.

The Carol Service in December, presided over by the Vicar, Rev'd Suzy McCarter, was amazing with a packed church and full choir, which resonated beautifully throughout the Service - just like pre-Covid times. Many Thanks must be given to Sarah Warnes, who played the organ and rehearsed the choir and to everyone who made the Service so special from those who arranged the Service Booklet to those who read the lessons and provided the refreshments after the Service. The Crib Service, on Christmas Eve, was once again a great success and HUGE "Thanks" must be given to Louise Garnett for again ensuring its success and the attendance of the donkey.

The end of 2022 saw the retirement of our Treasurer of many years, John Hindle. There are no words that can express and emphasise how much we thank him for his diligent and unstinting work he has done to

maintain St. James' accounts are in good order. He will, however, continue as Book-keeper until a new Treasurer is in position and for this we are truly grateful.

Rosie Bird also gave notice at the end of 2022 that she too would be retiring as Foundation Governor as after four years her term of office would come to an end in January 2023. She has been an excellent and much appreciated contact between Church and Birstwith School and will be greatly missed.

Many thanks must go to Jenni Worsnop and her team of flower arrangers for their lovely flower arrangements behind the altar throughout the year and Easter, Harvest and Christmas would not be the same without the flower decorations in the porch, window sills, behind the altar and on the pulpit and font.

Sadly, the Benefice Music Director left in November to take up a position in Gibraltar Cathedral in 2023 and so grateful thanks are extended to Gill Hart, Sarah Warnes, Pam Roberts, Ken Winter-Briggs and of course John Mitchell and the Band for providing musical accompaniment at the Sunday Services in the latter part of 2022.

Everyone on Rotas and those who arrange them must also be acknowledged and thanked for their time and effort that this requires. St. James' Church would not be the same without the voluntary help of those on these Rotas for Readers and Intercessors and Chalice, Sidespersons, Church unlocking and locking (Key), Sunday Coffee, Brass and Silver Cleaning, Weekly flowers and Church and Church Hall Cleaning. John Dawson receives our most grateful thanks for continuing to take Church Hall bookings and ensure the Church Hall is ready for those that book it. Not to be forgotten but heartily thanked are all those involved with the Parish Magazine from contributors to distributors and of course Gill our Administrator who prints them. Thank you all so much.

Last but certainly not least what would we do without Maurice Worsnop, our dedicated and hard working Verger? There is hardly a day when Maurice is not involved in Church work so our heartfelt appreciation and sincere thanks should be given and noted.

**SUE BAUGH, JAN JOBLING, MAURICE WORSNOP, LOUISE GARNETT
ASSISTANT CHURCHWARDENS**

PCC REPORT

My report this year is longer than previous years, for a specific reason. It contains many calls to action and pleas for help, please bear with me.

The PCC is responsible for the upkeep and finances of St. James' and we met 12 times during 2022, which is more than normal (more on that later). The majority of these meetings were in person with a couple including a Zoom option to allow members to join remotely. You can find the list of PCC members on page 3 and I would like to extend my thanks to them all for their dedication, flexibility and increased workload again this year. We thank Rev'd Suzy for her commitment to us and the Benefice, and we must all send our heartfelt thanks to our Assistant Churchwardens of 2022; Sue Baugh, Louise Garnett, Jan Jobling and Maurice Worsnop for stepping in and collectively filling the role of Churchwarden whilst it was vacant (please note that after last year's APCM Sue Baugh stepped down from the role of Churchwarden). We must as ever express our sincerest thanks to Maurice Worsnop, our Verger and Chair of the Fabric Committee, and all those on the Fabric Committee, for the work they do in maintaining the grounds and

buildings. If it wasn't for the people who work so hard for this church, we wouldn't have a church. This, with some trepidation, brings me onto my next point and the focus of my report this year.

The Future: our vision

The reason for our increased number of PCC meetings this year has been to support the growing pressures generated by the under resourcing of income and people to help run the church. Several recent factors have contributed to this including the lockdowns, the economy and an ageing population, but the number attending services and willing to volunteer has **tangibly reduced**. We looked to facilitate a formal process of forward thinking and planning within PCC last year, to address the shorter term problems and to prepare our church for future. This initiative was headed up by John Hindle, our outgoing Treasurer, and we called it the Vision Group. It was a very large part of the PCCs work last year but was put on hold with the day-to-day agenda of keeping the church working effectively through a period of Rev'd Suzy's sick leave.

To put things in really simple, stark words we have a HUGE problem. Church attendance is declining (mirrored nationally) so donations/standing orders/gifts are declining, yet the costs of maintaining the church and buildings are increasing. In 2022 we had an income of £58,092 and expenditure of £66,000, but we drew £12,000 from our reserves (which is the where the £70,092 figure in the accounts at the bottom of page 18 comes from). We also only paid HALF of our Diocesan Share (**we still owe £12,572 for 2022**) and only paid a small amount off our very large Historic Share debt. We also have a large list of (expensive) Fabric work that needs to be completed with some urgency. Had we paid our full share for 2022 we would have needed another £12,000 on top of the £66,000, meaning **it now costs us near enough £80,000 per year just to run the church**. This is an enormous number!

These are some serious issues that we must address and not disregard. We, as a church community, NEED to up our game, we need to stay relevant in today's world and we need to grow. In the second half of 2022 we installed wifi in the building - this now enables us to rent out our Hall, for example, to people who need/expect internet access. It also means we have been able to setup a contactless payment device which you may have seen. This enables people (particularly at life event services) to donate to the church when they aren't carrying cash.

You also may have noticed some printed marketing we put out to advertise the Christmas services – these were deemed to be successful and we had a full church at a number of our December services. The PCC will continue more of this into 2023 alongside some other new digital initiatives to increase our visibility in the community and also to try to sell our Hall more to bring in new income. However, these are only some small aspects of 'modernising' the church that we have ticked off the list. There is much more to be done – more fundraising, more events, more accessibility within services for those of all ages.

Towards the end of last year it became apparent that, behind the scenes, a number of brilliant parents have been quietly building a great Sunday Club and numbers have been increasing. Against a backdrop of Sunday morning sports clubs/matches, birthday parties, trips and everything else that might pull families away from Church, it is amazing to see such a vibrant and active Sunday Club. We thank the parents for collectively taking on the co-ordination of this, and we also give thanks to Mel James who 'retired' as Sunday Club leader in September after many, many years in the job!

We must be cognisant of the reality of the demographic of our congregation. With respect (and I say this with a smile on my face, please don't be offended!) we are an 'ageing congregation'. In our Sunday morning congregation the majority of people are over 60. We have a number of people in their 50s and

40s, a few in their 30s, practically nobody in their 20s, a couple of teenagers and a growing number of 4-11 year olds. Whilst we must hold onto tradition and not alienate those who enjoy the comfort and peace of habit, we have to be mindful that in order to keep the church going we need to grow the numbers in the younger age groups. We ALL must work together to find ways to do this. We are custodians of this church, we must leave it in a better position than we found it, and right now both financially and numerically we are struggling.

Speaking of custodians, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful retiring Treasurer, John Hindle, who has led us through a turbulent few years including a long vacancy and covid. He has been instrumental in keeping us grounded in reality and guiding us through the last year but always with a firm grasp of what may happen in the future. His Vision initiative should be his lasting legacy. His reports and financial statements are included further on in this report and I really implore you to read them carefully as it lays bare the reality of our situation. It is a situation that we all must take responsibility for.

Vacancies/Opportunities to get involved

As with the previous years, there are vacancies on the PCC and for Deanery Synod representatives. We also now find ourselves in need of a new Treasurer (or a few people to split the role?), an Electoral Roll Officer and a Foundation Governor for Birstwith Primary School, along with more volunteers for our Church Hall cleaning rota (we are down to 8 people!) and the Church cleaning rota. The more people we have, the fewer times you will be called upon in the year! We also need more people on Fabric Committee – we are down to 3 members, and PCC membership is the lowest it's been in the last 10 years at least. I also draw your attention to the fact that we have paid out £3,100 in 2022 for cutting the grass...we need volunteers across the board! Please please please!

I think it's absolutely amazing that we have managed to stay afloat again this year, thanks to the many people who have worked SO hard and given so much to enable this to happen. However, the pressure it puts on an increasingly smaller team has to be addressed. I would like to propose to all reading this that we start a new initiative. I believe we need to hear from the different demographics in our congregation and in the broader village community of what you would like to see, what you don't like, what you may have experienced at other churches that we could try. Alongside this we should ask what skills you may be able to offer on an ad hoc basis, and this should be kept flexible to the pressures of modern lives. Many of our younger congregation cannot make meetings so we can keep this accessible to all – the odd meeting (with a Zoom option now that we have wifi), a WhatsApp group, Doodle polls, shared resources online (DropBox/Google Drive etc). We can facilitate all the modern and traditional ways of working so that everyone can join in and feedback, however that works for you. This team would then feed into the PCC and really help inform us what our varied congregation needs and how we can extend our welcome to newcomers.

I'm sorry for being a bit tough and stark in this year's report. However, I don't want to hide behind this. If we can't achieve this level of income again this year or next year we are in deep trouble. Let's stay ahead of the game! We as a PCC continue to pray that people within our congregation may be called to join the PCC or any of our volunteer roles or groups to help with the important work, both for the St. James' of today but also for the St. James' of the future so that our children and grandchildren can enjoy this church, its people and its spirit in the way we have. For those that have stayed with me and read to the end, I thank you ☺

SOPHIE BARTLETT
PCC SECRETARY

FABRIC, GOODS AND ORNAMENTS

The Quinquennial inspection took place in 2021 and during 2022 all but the two remaining items, consideration re changing the oil tanks and the work needed on the Church steeple and bell tower were completed. Both these will be addressed during 2023.

During 2022 no actual gifts were given to St. James' Church, however, we gratefully received a legacy from Mr. G Robertson-Aikman to buy something specific for the Church. What this is to be will be determined in due course. Also, the organisation and payment for the railings up the steps in the new churchyard was "gifted" by Harry Eastland and for this we are most grateful. At the end of 2022 we were also grateful to receive an Energy grant from the Diocese of £3,200 to be shared between the Benefice Churches, this being a much needed help towards our energy costs.

The gravestones are regularly inspected for safety purposes and all were found to be in good order.

**SUE BAUGH, MAURICE WORSNOP, LOUISE GARNETT, JAN JOBLING
ASSISTANT CHURCHWARDENS**

ELECTORAL ROLL

Following the Annual Revision to the Church Electoral Roll completed on the 5th March 2022, the number listed is now 83 in total, against 86 in the 2021 revision. Of the 83 listed, 54 names reside in the Parish of St James and 29 are non-resident.

The earliest record I have is that in 1965 there was a total of 147 people on the Electoral Roll but you will see from the attached table there has been a steady decline in numbers over the last 14 years.

YEAR	MODE	TOTAL NUMBER
1965		147
2009	REVISION	128
2010	REVISION	126
2011	REVISION	~
2012	REVISION	118
2013	RENEWAL	108
2014	REVISION	108
2015	REVISION	121
2016	REVISION	124
2017	REVISION	127
2018	REVISION	124
2019	RENEWAL	84
2020	REVISION	87
2021	REVISION	86
2022	REVISION	83

There has been mitigating factors which could partially have contributed to this reduction but it is still of concern to see the number of people wishing to be recorded on the Electoral Roll on a downward trend. I would recommend that a Stewardship Campaign be put in place to try to identify what actions can be taken.

**MADELINE HALL-JACKSON
ELECTORAL ROLL OFFICER**

DEANERY SYNOD

Three Deanery Synod meetings were held in 2022. At the first meeting on 15th February 2022, held at Holy Trinity Church, Knaresborough, Revd Alan Garrow introduced himself as the new Area Dean for the Harrogate area, replacing Revd John Smith who had served as Area Dean for many years, and therefore Alan was the new Clergy Chair for the Deanery Synod meetings. Justin Brett, having been re-elected at the previous Synod meeting, remained as the Lay Chair. The first item on the Agenda was to elect a new Deanery Synod Secretary which duly took place and an excellent Secretary, Helen Camm, was unanimously elected by all members present. The main Speaker at the meeting was Jemima Parker, the Diocesan Environment Officer, who spoke at great length about Environmental issues and gave examples of how we, as a Deanery, could follow the “Six Steps to Carbon net Zero – Church Tool Kit” which are:

Step 1 – Measure and Monitor
Step 2 – Plan and Prepare
Step 3 – Essential Energy Action

Step 4 - Essential Travel Actions
Step 5 – Carbon Offsetting
Step 6 – Stepping Out and Up

The second meeting on 16th May was at All Saints Church, Kirkby Overblow, where the main Speaker was Revd Haley Matthews – Director of Lay Training who spoke about the many courses on offer to Laity within the Diocese, both face to face and online. These courses included three levels of Lay Pastoral Ministry, Lay Worship Leadership, Licensed Lay Ministry, becoming an Occasional Preacher, the Rhythm of Life Venture and the Discovery Course, which is the foundation course for Lay Ministry.

The Final meeting of the year took place at St. Wilfrid’s Church, Harrogate on 18th October where Dr Ben Walker, the strategic Programme Manager for the Diocese of Leeds, which supports the Bishop’s Senior Staff, spoke about the Barnabas Project. Although the acoustics were dreadful Dr Walker managed to give a very uplifting and enthusiastic account of the project’s strategic vision which had been formulated after listening to what parishes say they need. Therefore, the Project offers a variety of resources and ways to support and encourage churches in their drive for mission, leadership and witness both now and in the future, with seven designed areas of support offered by the Barnabas Project which are Building support, Governance support, Stewardship support, Leadership development for clergy, Strategic grafting of revitalisation, Mission leadership development and Planting a new congregation in the parish.

At each meeting “Good News from the Deanery” is always an Agenda item when Deanery members are informed of the Good News that has happened in the various parishes within the Deanery. For example in May the Good News from St. James’ Wetherby was that they had started a new “Forest Church”. This takes place once a month and focuses on “Our Creator God” and has proved popular with both the children and adults. In one of the recent Services bug houses had been built by the children to highlight how God cares for all creatures, even tiny things like bugs.

All Deanery Synod meetings are open to anyone who may find them of interest and are scheduled to start 7pm for 7.30pm-9pm. The next meeting is to be at St, Mark’s Church, Harrogate on 24th April 2023 when the main speaker will be Liz Morton the “ Children, Young People and Families” Diocesan Team Leader.

SUE BAUGH
DEANERY SYNOD REPRESENTATIVE

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, BIRSTWITH

Part of the Benefice of Hampsthwaite with Felliscliffe and Killinghall



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 2022**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

These accounts of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

The Accounts

The General Church Funds are held in three accounts.

- A Co-operative Bank Business Account which has been used for ordinary transactions such as the deposit of collections and the payment of bills. This account is being run down to closure in order to focus on The NatWest Account.
- A NatWest Business Account which is now used as the main Church account for all business transactions.
- Money that is not required immediately is deposited in a Church of England Board of Finance (CBF) Deposit Account and drawn on when necessary. Funds in these three accounts are interchangeable and should be viewed as a whole.

Pages 1 of the Accounts deal with monies coming into these accounts and pages 2 and 3 with payments from them.

Money received by the Church that can be used for any purpose is known as unrestricted income. That raised or donated for a particular purpose, for example a charity, is known as restricted income and cannot be used for any other purpose than that for which it was raised. These monies *are* required by the Charities Act 1993 to be shown separately in the accounts.

Pages 4 lists designated accounts, unrestricted accounts and the Church's restricted accounts.

Page 5 details the Church's Assets and Liabilities.

The Marshall CBF Investment Fund (001S) is a restricted legacy left to pay for work associated with the fabric of the Church and the Churchyard via interest raised. Interest from this account is paid into the CBF Deposit Account (Marshall Bequest Restricted Fund 001D) and used to pay for the upkeep of the Church Fabric and Churchyard during the course of the year.

The CBF Music Fund (002S) is part of the Hayden Legacy and is a restricted fund. Interest from this account is paid into the CBF Music Fund 2 Account (003D) and used for the upkeep of music in the Church during the course of the year.

The CBF Churchyard Appeal Fund (001J) is a restricted legacy left to pay for work associated with the extension to the current burial area of the churchyard.

The CBF Fabric Fund (003S) is a designated fund created with the proceeds from the closure of the Barings Growth and Income Fund. A decision made by Barings themselves.

Page 6 has some notes on the accounts.

There has been a loss of some £7,908 in the General Fund at 31.12.2022. This loss, showing in the accounts, is primarily due to the impact of the PCC's decision at the beginning of the year, to begin paying off some of the outstanding and current share due to the Diocese. It is limited by the later decision of the

PCC to defer further payments. Share liabilities are shown in the statement in the sums of £12,572.60 Diocesan Share payments (2022) and the already outstanding Historic Share due to the Diocese of £27,572.60 (2021).

The PCC has yet to agree a budget which allows for the full payment of outstanding Share.

The 2022 Finance Report included reference to the diminishing numbers contributing to Church activities and it is still considered essential that as soon as possible the PCC mounts an Attendance, Giving and Stewardship Campaign.

Our investments held their value well in a turbulent year. The PCC continues to be grateful to all those who help to maintain the viability of the church through their generous giving of time, thought, energy, gifts and donations.

In 2023, PCC priorities must continue to include delivering direction and activities aimed at achieving our vision and mission through improved security of our finances.

At the beginning of the year the General Fund Account had a balance of £46,110:

Balance of General Fund at 1.1.2022	£46,110
Total Receipts 2022	£58,092
Total Payments 2022	£66,000
Excess of Payments Over Receipts	£7,908

Thereby leaving a balance of General Funds available to the PCC of £38,202.

I am pleased to present this report as a positive statement during a difficult year. Thank you again for your help and understanding at this time.

JOHN HINDLE
TREASURER (2022)
WRITTEN IN JANUARY 2023

Notes to the Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December 2022

1. All balances are at 31st December 2022.
2. 100 Club balances, income and expenditure has been included in the Church Annual Accounts to provide full details of assets.
3. The independent Examiner of the accounts has expressed surprise that the Church spends over £3,000 per year on grass cutting.

LDBF No.	INCOME						
	Fund Type	Fund	DataD No	2022	2021	2020	2019
	Generated Funds						
	Voluntary Giving						
1	Tax efficient planned giving				£ 125.00		
		Envelope Scheme	0110	£ 2,366.00	£ 2,482.51	£ 1,154.00	£ 2,830.00
		SO Scheme	0120	£ 10,960.00	£ 11,604.00	£ 12,294.00	£ 13,399.00
2	Other planned giving	Planned Gving (CAF)	0130	£ 12.00			
3	Collections at service	Church Collections GAD	0301	£ 5,310.00	£ 2,680.13	£ 1,791.00	£ 3,466.00
		Church Colections NGAD	0302	£ 581.00	£ 5.00	£ 225.00	£ -
		CMS Donations	0305	£ 176.00			
		Coffee Mornings	0306	£ 200.00			
		Churchyard Income	0902	£ 31.00			
		Legacies	0903	£ 100.00			
	All other planned giving and voluntary receipts including		0101/0901				
4	special appeals (recurring and one-off)	Gift Aid Giving and Donations		£ 3,612.00	£ 3,218.99	£ 1,286.00	£ 17,721.00
6	Gift Aid recovered	Income Tax Recovered	0601	£ 3,343.00	£ 3,151.32	£ 7,501.00	£ 4,023.00
	Legacies received (Capital Value)						
8	Grants (incuding recurring and one-off	Grants	0850	£ 3,200.00	£ 375.00		
	Activities for generating funds						
9	Fundraising activities (gross proceeds)	Lights and Bells	1601		£ -		£ 179.00
		CMS Donations	0305		£ 43.20		£ 186.00
		Coffee Mornings	0306				£ 200.00
		Stall Sales	1220			£ 84.00	£ -
		Fundraising	1301	£ 2,347.00			
		100 Club	1302			£ 1,500.00	£ 2,500.00
		Christmas Fayre	1304				£ 570.00
		Music Choir	1402				£ -
		Miscellaneous	1403		£ 395.00	£ 508.00	£ 622.00
	Income from investments						
10	Dividends, interest, income from property etc,	Interest Received	1020				£ 715.00
		CCLA General Fund Interest	4007	£ 307.00			
		Investment Fund Income	1021	£ 304.00	£ 22,238.83		£ 26,400.00
	Church activities						
11	Fees retained by the PCC	Churchyard Income	0902		£ 144.00		
		Fees Weddings	1101	£ 963.00	£ 1,645.00	£ 1,204.00	£ 2,207.00
		Fees Funerals	1103	£ 1,622.00	£ 2,685.70	£ 971.00	
		Fees Organist	1104		£ 10.00		
		Fees Heating	1105				
		Fees Verger	1106				
		Fees PCC	1107	£ 636.00	£ 345.60	£ 150.00	
		Fees DBF	1108	£ 3,143.00	£ 1,511.00		
		Fees Bells	1109				
		Fees Choir	1110	£ 411.00			
		Fees Mileage Expenses	1111				
12	Trading activities (gross proceeds (Not fundraising)	Church Magazine Sales	1206	£ 1,092.00	£ 52.80	£ 1,357.00	£ 1,413.00
		Church Magazine Adverts	1207	£ 798.00		£ 1,064.00	£ 1,372.00
		Hall Lettings	1240	£ 3,843.00	£ 1,472.00	£ 1,289.00	£ 4,282.00
	Other incoming resources						
13	Other receipts/income not already listed						
		Benefice Shared Invoices	1205	£ 12,146.00	£ 3,470.00	£ 1,390.00	£ 447.00
		Benefice Administration	1210				£ 2,203.00
		Reimbursements	2010	£ 488.00	£ 2,488.72	£ 327.00	£ 55.00
		Adjustments	2000	£ 101.00	£ 508.17	£ 249.00	
		Transfers from other accounts	1500	£ 12,000.00	£ -	£ 3,000.00	
TOTAL				£ 70,092.00	£ 60,651.97	£ 37,344.00	£ 84,790.00

LDBF No.	PAYMENT/EXPENDITURE						
	Fund Type	Fund	DataD No	2022	2021	2020	2019
	Cost of generating funds						
17	Cost of fundraising activities		2903	£ 100.00		£ 84.00	£ 128.00
	Church Activities						
18	Mission giving and donations		2901	£ 4,078.00			
19	Diocesan parish share contribution		2040	£ 12,000.00	£ 5,000.00	£ 15,059.00	£ 27,175.00
	Diocesan parish share contribution historic		2041	£ 4,000.00			£ -
20	Salaries, wages and honararia						
		Administrator	2109	£ 3,352.00	£ 3,270.14		
		Organist	2110	£ 5,109.00	£ 1,505.00	£ 2,100.00	£ 2,180.00
		Administrator	2111			£ 2,621.00	
		Ad Hoc	2111	£ 45.00	£ 45.00		
		Fees to Organist	2113	£ 1,210.00	£ 990.00		
		Fees to Bell Ringers	2114	£ 320.00	£ 120.00		
		Fees to LDBF	2115	£ 524.00	£ 422.00		
		Fees to Choir	2116		£ 120.00		
21	Clergy and staff expenses		2101	£ 3,597.00	£ 3,528.37		£ 3,527.00
	Church expenses						
22	Mission and evangelism expenses		2102			£ 34.00	
		Upkeep of Church Services	2234			£ 645.00	£ 913.00
		Church Hall Refreshments	2236				£ -
		Pastoral Care	2237	£ 30.00	£ 60.00	£ 40.00	£ 39.00
		Donations	2901		£ 2,354.62	£ 1,355.00	£ 3,348.00
		Fees to Clergy	2103	£ 716.00	£ 434.05		£ 492.00
		Fees to LDBF	2104	£ 88.00	£ 422.00		
		Sunday Club	2701	£ 291.00	£ 340.00	£ 298.00	£ -
		Music Band	2801			£ 202.00	£ -
		Music Choir	2802	£ 110.00	£ 240.30	£ 112.00	£ 455.00
23	Church running expenses including governance	Parish expenses	2101	£ 3,997.00		£ 1,746.00	£ 686.00
		Verger Fees	2112	£ 520.00	£ 330.00		
		Other working expenses	2232	£ 631.00	£ 25.00	£ 46.00	£ 1,631.00
		Upkeep of Church Services	2234	£ 312.00	£ 1,154.41		
		Church Hall Refreshments	2236	£ 42.00	£ 22.40		
		Benefice Shared Invoices	2403	£ 2,000.00		£ 188.00	£ 794.00
		Insurance	2201	£ 3,622.00	£ 3,182.23	£ 3,159.00	£ 3,153.00
24	Church utility bills	Heating	2351	£ 3,600.00	£ 3,600.00	£ 4,250.00	£ 3,100.00
		Power	2352	£ 995.00	£ 573.75	£ 550.00	£ 779.00
		Water	2353	£ 77.00	£ 48.40	£ 69.00	£ 364.00
		Sewage	2534	£ 170.00		£ 160.00	£ 160.00
		Waste	2355	£ 492.00	£ 349.22	£ 183.00	£ 428.00
25	Cost of trading	Church Magazine Printing	2401	£ 115.00	£ 132.96	£ 53.00	£ 744.00
	Major capital expenditure						
27		Major repairs to church buildings					
		Major Works (Over £2000)	3002				£ -
28		Major repairs to church hall/other PCC property including redecoration					
29		New building work to the church, church hall, clergy housing or other PCC property					
		Fabric and Fittings Upkeep and Repair	3000				
		Church - Up To £500	3001	£ 871.00	£ 2,065.79		
		Church Hall - Up to £500	3002	£ 886.00			
		Churchyard - Up To £500	3003	£ 1,678.00	£ 1,221.16		
		Gravestones - Up To £500	3004		£ 825.00		
		Church Over £500	3005	£ 2,195.00	£ 3,748.98		
		Church Hall Over £500	3006	£ 570.00	£ 250.00		
		Churchyard Over £500	3007	£ 2,057.00	£ 2,286.00		
		Gravestones - Over £500	3008	£ 120.00			
		General Repairs	3010		£ 527.00		
		Grass Cutting	3011	£ 3,100.00	£ 2,016.00		
	Other expenditure						
99		Other payments/expenditure not already listed	2112/ 2113/ 6000		£ 22,592.92	£ 327.00	
		Minor Works (Under £2000)	3001			£ 226.00	£ 108.00
		Repairs up to £1000 Church	3003			£ 1,882.00	£ 2,948.00
		Repairs up to £1000 Church Hall	3004			£ 427.00	£ 1,105.00
		Repairs up to £1000 Churchyard	3005			£ 5,421.00	£ 3,072.00
		Repairs up to £1000 Gravestones	3006				

		Repairs up to £1000 Vicarage	3007			£ 463.00	
		Repairs up to £1000 Organ	3008			£ 192.00	£ 384.00
		Architect Fees	3009	£ 1,600.00	£ 900.00		£ -
		Repairs up to £1000 General	3010	£ 678.00		£ 448.00	
		Emergency Works	3020				£ 1,827.00
		Fees to Dioces	2115			£ 459.00	£ -
		Wedding Fees					£ 475.00
		Adjustments	6000	£ 102.00			
TOTAL				£ 66,000.00	£ 64,702.70	£ 42,799.00	£ 60,015.00

	Fund Type	Fund	DataD No	2022	2021	2020	2019
	General Fund	Co-op Bank Unrestricted Funds		£ 672.10	£ 802.10	£ 932.10	£ 1,062.00
		NatWest Current Account		£ 15,116.07	£ 11,185.78	£ 14,972.38	£ 24,181.00
		Cash In Hand		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 6.00
		CBF General Fund		£ 22,414.07	£ 34,122.64	£ 34,104.87	£ 33,897.00
		Balance of General Fund at December 31		£ 38,202.24	£ 46,110.52	£ 50,009.35	£ 59,146.00
	Designated Investment Funds						
	Barings Growth And Income Fund	Value at January 1st		£ -	£ 21,124.21	£ 21,055.00	£ 19,845.00
		Value at December 31st		£ -	£ -	£ 21,124.21	£ 21,055.00
	M&G Charifund	Value at January 1st		£ 52,788.34	£ 44,340.81	£ 50,873.00	£ 45,830.00
		Value at December 31st		£ 52,682.01	£ 52,788.34	£ 44,340.81	£ 50,873.00
	Unrestricted Investment Funds						
	CBF General Fund	Value at January 1st		£ 34,122.64	£ 34,104.87	£ 33,961.00	£ 33,650.00
		Value at December 31st		£ 22,414.07	£ 34,122.64	£ 34,104.87	£ 33,961.00
	Restricted Funds						
		Bell Fund Account					
		Balance at January 1st		£ 1,040.06	£ 998.58	£ 918.15	£ 803.00
		Receipts		£ 145.00		£ 80.00	£ 354.00
		Interest		£ 1.03		£ 0.43	£ 1.00
		Payments		£ 336.00			£ 240.00
		Balance at 31st December		£ 850.09	£ 1,040.06	£ 998.58	£ 918.00
		Kneeler Fund (Held in Co-op A/C)					
		Balance at January 1st		£ 147.00	£ 147.00	£ 147.00	£ 147.00
		Receipts				£ -	£ -
		Interest				£ -	£ -
		Payments				£ -	£ -
		Balance at 31st December		£ 147.00	£ 147.00	£ 147.00	£ 147.00
		Fabric Fund (Held in Co-op A/C)					
		Balance at January 1st				£ 600.00	£ 600.00
		Receipts				£ -	£ -
		Interest				£ -	£ -
		Payments				£ -	£ -
		Balance at 31st December				£ 600.00	£ 600.00
	Fund Type	Fund	DataD No	2022	2021	2020	2019
		CBF Investment Fund (Marshall Bequest for Churchyard Upkeep) 001S					
		Value at 1st January		£ 49,174.45	£ 43,616.03	£ 40,718.00	£ 34,903.00
		Value at 31st December		£ 43,986.67	£ 49,174.45	£ 43,616.03	£ 40,718.00
Interest from this account is paid to CBF Deposit Account 001D below and used for upkeep of the churchyard							
		CBF Deposit Account (Marshall Bequest Restricted Fund) 001D					
		Value at 1st January		£ 7,810.97	£ 6,542.14	£ 5,296.00	£ 7,843.00
		Value at 31st December		£ 9,233.11	£ 7,810.97	£ 6,542.14	£ 5,296.00
		CBF Churchyard Appeal 001J					
		Value at 1st January		£ 30,816.44	£ 26,771.32	£ 24,239.00	£ 19,489.00
		Value at 31st December		£ 28,564.23	£ 30,816.44	£ 26,771.32	£ 24,239.00
		CBF Music Fund 002S					
		Value at 1st January		£ 20,269.83	£ 17,978.63	£ 14,387.00	£ 13,196.00
		Value at 31st December		£ 18,131.41	£ 20,269.83	£ 17,978.63	£ 14,387.00
Interest from this account is paid to CBF Music Fund 2 below and used for upkeep of church music							
		CBF Music Fund 2 003D					
		Value at 1st January		£ 1,470.17	£ 948.06	£ 441.00	£ 940.00
		Value at 31st December		£ 2,033.38	£ 1,470.17	£ 948.06	£ 441.00
		CBF Fabric Fund 003S					
		Value at 1st January		£ 22,976.47			
		Value at 31st December		£ 20,552.00	£ 22,976.47		

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		Co-op Bank Current Account		£ 672.10	£ 802.10	£ 932.10	£ 1,062.00
		NatWest Current Account		£ 15,116.07	£ 11,185.78	£ 14,972.38	£ 24,181.00
		Cash In Hand		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 6.00
		CBF Deposit Fund (0020)		£ 22,414.07	£ 34,122.64	£ 34,104.87	£ 33,961.00
		Yorkshire Bank Bell Fund		£ 850.09	£ 1,040.06	£ 998.58	£ 918.00
		100 Club		£ 813.60	£ 1,950.60	£ 2,009.60	£ 1,335.60
		CBF Investment Fund Marshall (Restricted) 001S		£ 43,986.67	£ 49,174.45	£ 43,616.03	£ 40,718.00
		CBF Deposit Fund Marshall (Restricted) 001D		£ -9,233.11	£ 7,810.97	£ -6,542.14	£ 5,296.00
		CBF Churchyard Appeal (Restricted 001J)		£ 28,564.23	£ 30,816.44	£ 26,771.32	£ 24,239.00
		CBF Music Fund 1 (Restricted) 002S		£ 1,811.41	£ 20,269.83	£ 17,978.63	£ 16,784.00
		CBF Music Fund 2 (Restricted) 003D		£ 2,033.38	£ 1,470.17	£ 948.06	£ 441.00
		CBF Fabric Fund (Designated) 003S		£ 20,552.51	£ 22,976.00		
		M&G Charifund		£ 52,682.01	£ 52,788.34	£ 44,340.81	£ 50,873.00
		Barings Growth & Income Fund		£ -	£ -	£ 21,124.21	£ 21,055.00
		TOTAL		£ 198,729.25	£ 234,407.38	£ 214,338.73	£ 220,869.60
		Outstanding Historic Share Contribution to LDBF		£ 27,572.69	£ 31,672.69	£ 12,907.98	£ -
		Outstanding 2022 Share Contribution to LDBF		£ 12,572.60			
		Outstanding Payment for Heating Repairs (Estimate)			£ -	£ 2,500.00	
Approved at the PCC Meeting on 16th February 2023							
Ratified for presentation on behalf of the PCC							
		Rev'd Suzy McCarter, Chair and Vicar					
Approved at the APCM Meeting on 30th March 2023							
Ratified for publication on behalf of the PCC							
		Rev'd Suzy McCarter, Chair and Vicar					

Independent Examiner's Report

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St. James' Church, Birstwith (charity number: XN65765)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of St. James' Church, Birstwith (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

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;
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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:



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

Address:

ELTON COTTAGE

BIRSTWITH
HG3 2NF

Date

2/2/2023