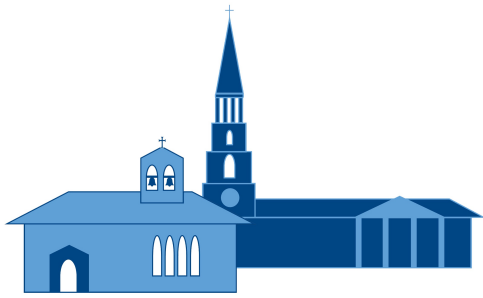


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2021 was a year where we continued to feel the disrupting effects of the pandemic, and yet began to return to a more normal way of operating. This encompassed the return to a vision-led or priority-led approach to our work. During the pandemic, those priorities necessarily had to adjust, and we had to be responsive to quickly-changing circumstances. Pastoral care, and sustaining the faith of our regular worshippers in the adverse climate in which we found ourselves, became more important. But in 2021 we began to re-engage with priorities including evangelism, our organ restoration project, and our wider social and fundraising work. These three areas, together with our children and families work (which remained a priority for the duration of the pandemic), are so important to our life and work as a parish, as they are all connected to our engagement with the community of Horbury and Horbury Bridge which we are here to serve. They each help the church to look outwards rather than being self-serving, which is a challenge for any organization, and a tendency we must always be fighting against.

In our evangelistic work, we try to share the Good News of Jesus with those among whom we live and work, helping them to come to know the God who loves them as much as he loves us. In our organ restoration project, our discussions have become more mission-focused as we have talked about community engagement and our plans for a Choral Development Programme to take place alongside the capital works needed to restore the organ. Our social and fundraising work has seen us re-engage with the community as well as drawing us together, while simultaneously providing much-needed financial support to plug the significant financial hole left by the pandemic. And our work with children and families remains overtly evangelistic in both its conception and working out: we eagerly desire to see the children and families of our parish come into a living and life-long relationship with Jesus Christ, and we are making bold steps forward to achieve this.

So what was achieved during the course of the year as these priorities were pursued? The most notable achievement I think was in our work with children and families, which has seen an expansion of the range of activities being offered, and which has resulted in more children and families engaging in church. This is due in no small way to the hard work of our Children and Families Worker, Mrs Katherine Brackley, together with the scores of people who now support our offering to families, including at our toddler groups, Peterites, baptism brunches, family services, family fun days, Messy Church, Kids Church and much more. We can rejoice further that mass attendance amongst children rose by 18% during 2021, adding to a 12% increase the previous year, and an 8% increase the year before that.

We were also treated to a number of new and exciting events and activities through the course of the year. For example, for the first time, we held a May Crowning at St Peter's at the beginning of May, honouring Our Lady in the month which is dedicated to her. This joyous service replaced

our usual jaunt to Walsingham for the National Pilgrimage, though parishioners were pleased to return to the Shrine for a really enjoyable pilgrimage later in the season. This was complimented more recently by our sending seven children on the children's pilgrimage, six of whom encountered the wonders of Walsingham for the very first time.

Once again, during 2021, we were honoured to be asked to host Bishop Tony's Chrism Mass, which, unusually, took place later in the year rather than in Holy Week due to the restrictions that were in place last Easter. Bishop Tony returned to bless the new tabernacle, altar frontals and vestments later in the year, which have really smartened up the sanctuary and altars at St Peter's, and returned the Presence of Our Lord to the centre of our beautiful church, making a bold theological statement. Thank you to all who supported this major project we undertook.

In December we were pleased to welcome two bishops to St Peter's. The Bishop of Beverley kindly offered mass for us as part of his farewell tour in the province, and we were delighted to welcome him to celebrate the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Only a few days later, Bishop Tony returned to celebrate the sacraments of baptism and confirmation for eight individuals, who had undergone their preparation during the autumn. Finally, whilst talking about bishops, we mustn't forget our day trip to York in January to bid farewell to Bishop Glyn at a special service in York Minster. A good day was had by all!

The Bishop of Beverley is not, however, the only individual who has moved towards retirement, and in our own parish, we are sad to see Mrs Janette Skinner retire from her post at Horbury Bridge Academy at Easter 2022. Janette has been a great supporter of the church, and we will very much miss her. We also extend our thanks to the governing body, including our foundation representatives, who have worked hard to make an appointment: Mr Richard Tuddenham will arrive for the start of the summer term and I am sure we will get to know him during the next few weeks and months as he settles in to life in Horbury Bridge.

We were also sad to say goodbye to our own Organist and Director of Music, Mr Stephen Parker. Stephen had been with us since Advent 2017, and in this time completely transformed our musical life, resurrecting our choir, and the Harrison and Harrison organ at St Peter's. Under his direction, the breadth of music increased, and our musical capital developed, with our two organs being admirably cared for. Latterly, a new clavichord was also purchased. We thank Stephen for all he did for our parish during his time here, and wish him well in his new position. We were also delighted to welcome in his stead Mr Leonard Sanderman, who joined us in November as Temporary Organist and Director of Music. This post is time-limited, to Autumn 2022, in order for us to make progress with our organ project, and so that we can offer a more attractive position to candidates from the summer. We are very grateful for Leonard taking on this position, and have already benefited from his youthful enthusiasm, excellent choral and organ-playing skills, and experience and wisdom when it comes to our organ development. Leonard, it is good to have you with us!

Consideration of the organ development leads me to all the work our buildings demanded over the course of 2021 – and there was a lot of work! We have already mentioned the altar frontal project, and discussions surrounding the organ development. The two west windows at St Peter's were also replaced at significant expense. However, a real worry was the collapse of part of the north transept ceiling at St Peter's, and the dampness of the west wall of the same. Investigations

took some time, and scaffolding was up for much of the year. Whilst the falling ceiling can be put down to overflowing pipes, the architect and contractors eventually ascertained the cause of the damp wall was an incorrectly-laid roof, installed some twenty years ago. Without going into detail, as you will be aware, a quarter of the roof on St Peter's needed replacing, and I can only describe it as miraculous that the money to complete this work came together over the course of about a month, so that work could begin early 2022. Thank you again to those who donated, including regular worshippers, members of our local community, and the Horbury Common Lands Trust and Number One Trust. On a more positive note, the chancel area has begun to be redeveloped and the external lighting work has been completed at St Peter's. St John's has remained much less problematic, though there is now an urgent need to replace the heaters – work we are currently on with, in discussion with the Diocese. Plans are also coming together for a larger development at St Peter's to coincide with the organ project. With evidence supplied in surveys completed both by parishioners and other building users, the PCC is now considering an overhaul of the facilities in the church: relocating the sacristy to the Parish Room (which was originally a vestry) and designating two spaces there, an inner vestry for clergy, and an outer vestry for choir and servers; moving the kitchen facilities to the rear of the building; and installing accessible facilities in the base of the tower. Adaptations to the lighting are also being thought through, as the lighting is poor in the chancel and sanctuary areas. None of this will happen quickly, but could breathe new life into the church and solve many issues which we have to deal with on a day-to-day basis. I will keep you up to date with any developments.

Vocations work has also played an important role in the parish this year. We have received two term-time placement students from Mirfield, and one summer placement from St Stephen's House. It is really important to welcome placement students, and I know you made them all welcome, especially Daniel, who unbeknownst to anyone at the time, ended up accepting an offer from the Bishop of Leeds to return to Horbury as our curate from his diaconal ordination at Petertide, when he will become Fr Daniel. Being entrusted with a curate is an important responsibility: it will be our job, collectively, to care for and nurture him, to encourage him and not to be too proud to learn from him either. Do keep him in your prayers as he prepares to join us in the summer. At this point, I should also like to say a huge thank you to the clergy and lay ministers who support me in my role, especially when I am away on holiday or called to meetings near or far, in particular Fr George (whose special anniversary we celebrated in 2021), Fr John and Fr Des, as well as Mark (whose own vocational journey is progressing) and Katherine. We also welcome Fr Mark Lyon who has arrived from the Chichester Diocese to be chaplain at HMP Wakefield, and we look forward to getting to know him as he begins to worship with us.

Before concluding this wide-ranging analysis of the past year, I want to mention another success story, namely the breadth of our catechetical work. This encompassed some things already mentioned, including confirmation preparation, our work with children and families, and the teaching surrounding the introduction of the new tabernacle to St Peter's. But this year we have also conducted a number of courses, 'Living the Faith' in Lent 2021, 'The Mystical Gifts' in Advent 2021, 'Heresies and How to Avoid Them' in summer 2021, and most recently, 'Practising Christians' in Lent 2022. By popular demand, we also gathered together to consider the Old Testament, with this group developing into a regular, fortnightly, Bible study group, which is currently working its way through St Paul's Letter to the Romans. I have also been privileged to continue teaching outside the parish, delivering the Clumber Lecture last summer, and teaching for St Stephen's House, both remotely and then in-person. Regular trips have also been made to Mirfield, where I

have worked with the Diocese of Leeds' Leeds School of Ministry, teaching on the Old Testament, the Gospel of Mark, and Catholic Theology. Most recently, the LSoM came for the inside of a day to St John's to explore themes associated with Catholic Spirituality, and there was some lovely feedback from the group.

In terms of my own time, as well as conducting the regular round of services, visiting the sick and housebound (which has returned to a more normal pattern in recent months), and arranging and conducting baptisms, weddings and funerals, this is also taken up with spiritual direction for a number of individuals, supporting the vocations work in the diocese, serving at the Cathedral, and sitting on various charitable bodies as a trustee. For a couple of years, these charities have included the Cleaver Trust, which supports ordinands in the Catholic tradition of the Church of England, and from 1st April 2022, it will also include the Number One Trust, which supports parishes in the same tradition. (Indeed, as mentioned, we were pleased to receive a good grant from Number One to help with our roof work only a few months ago.)

I could not do any of this, of course, without the support of our two churchwardens, to whom I owe a great debt of gratitude, for their practical, on-the-ground support, as well as their wise counsel and advice. And they, of course, are just two of a host of lay people, some of whom have named jobs, including our PCC Secretary and Treasurer, and some of whom carry on their work without any title, or indeed reward. And I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who have supported the life of the parish during 2021. We have yet again achieved a lot, and it could not be achieved without you all playing your vital part.

So where now? Two things strike me as important at the present time. Firstly, we will continue to advocate a return to normal, including in our priority areas, which the PCC has identified and is confidently pursuing. These will take us to new and exciting places, and we look forward to stepping out in faith as we see these areas of parish life and community engagement develop. Secondly, and perhaps as an aside to the strategic work, but certainly no less important, we really need now to recapture that sense of Sunday attendance as a priority for all faithful Christians. As we explored on our current Lent course, the earliest Christians lived in a culture where Sunday was just another day of the week, with work and activities to do, and yet, they went out of their way to gather together to sing the praise of the Lord, often meeting early in the morning in order to do so, before the hubbub of the day took over. As the world returns to its own busyness post-pandemic, and as Sunday becomes once again a time where other entertainments are possible, we need to remain steadfast in an adherence to weekly Sunday mass attendance – not one in four, or one in two, but weekly, as we celebrate the Lord's Day *as* the Lord's Day. And I would really like to take this opportunity to encourage you to make that weekly Sunday attendance a priority in your own life once again, especially if that habit has, through one reason or another, dropped off.

So thank you all for what has been achieved together. Thank you for being the body of Christ here in Horbury and Horbury Bridge in 2021. Let's now recommit ourselves to deeper faith for ourselves, to sharing faith with others, and to living faith out in our lives. May God bless you, and the work of our parish, throughout this next year, as he has done so clearly in 2021.

Fr Christopher

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The Parish of St Peter and St Leonard, Horbury, with St John, Horbury Bridge is a vibrant and living Christian community, on the edge of the city of Wakefield and part of the newly formed Anglican Diocese of Leeds. We are one church operating across two sites, and though parish life is both busy and varied, the worship of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, lies at its core. Since the days of Canon John Sharp (Vicar, 1834-99), Horbury has had a long and impressive history within the Catholic tradition of the Church of England, and displays all its hallmarks. The parish is led by Fr Christopher Johnson, who was appointed as Vicar in May 2017. Fr Christopher is supported by two Churchwardens, Mrs Mavis Walsh and Mrs Valerie Crowther, and two Readers, Mrs Katherine Brackley and Mr Mark Naylor.

AIMS AND PURPOSES

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Parish of St Peter and St Leonard, Horbury, with St John, Horbury Bridge, has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, Fr Christopher Johnson, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the two churches of St Peter and St Leonard, Horbury, and St John, Horbury Bridge.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship in our churches and to become part of our community. Our vision is:

- to see those in our pastoral cure come to worship God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, through regular attendance at mass and other public worship, and through daily personal prayer;
- to nurture a strong, welcoming and inclusive Christian community, whose values are underpinned by the teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ;
- for all members of our church to grow in their Christian discipleship through regular Bible Study, with preaching and teaching;
- to reach out to the local community, by recognizing and pledging our individual skills and talents for the benefit of all; and
- to act as sensitive stewards of the resources we have, so that God's work can continue to develop and meet the changing needs of our parishioners.

When planning our programme of activities for the year, the Vicar and PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance to charities for the advancement of religion by:

- offering people the opportunity to gather together for and participate in public worship, prayer and teaching at our range of Sunday and midweek services and events;
- providing pastoral care through baptism, wedding and funeral ministry as well as the visitation of the sick;
- providing a 'gathering place' for those in particular need or with particular circumstances, through our coffee mornings and social activities, two toddler groups and fellowship groups, and by giving practical help to people in need;
- offering teaching to children and young people and providing opportunity for them to explore matters of faith;
- supporting our two church schools and local convent through regular pastoral contact;

- delivering catechetical programmes; and
- promoting and supporting mission partnerships with other churches, as well as other local organisations.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of our two churches. Our achievements for 2021 are detailed above in the opening letter from the Vicar, and below, in this collection of reports.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The Parochial Church Council is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2020), and a registered charity, number 1147711.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The structure, governance and management of the parish is determined by the rules of the Church of England, in particular the Church Representation Rules 2020. This sets out the membership of the PCC, which consists of the incumbent (Vicar), other clergy licensed to the parish, and the readers (all *ex-officio*),

together with the two churchwardens (elected at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners) and members of the laity elected to serve on the Deanery Synod or Parochial Church Council (both of which are elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting).

Governance of the parish is provided by the Vicar, Churchwardens and PCC, whilst day-to-day management is the responsibility of the Vicar, Churchwardens and Officers of the Parochial Church Council. Whether *ex-officio* or elected, together, all PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

The following people served as members of the PCC for all or part of the year 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2021:

Vicar and Chairman	*Fr Christopher Johnson SSC MA MSt MLitt
Licensed Readers	Mark Naylor Katherine Brackley (from 1 st November 2021)
Churchwardens	*Mavis Walsh *Valerie Crowther
Deanery Synod Representatives	Carol Holdsworth Trevor Jones AnneMarie Patterson Janet Ramdsale
PCC Members	Ivy Beckett Pauline Fallas Barry Goalby Janice Hammerton Margaret Holwell (from APCM) *Carol Tattersfield (from APCM) Michael Turner Susan Twohig *Lynda Wigelsworth (to APCM) Michael Wood
Co-Opted Members	*Richard Squires

*Indicates member of Standing Committee

The following appointments were also made by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting or Parochial Church Council during the course of the year 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2021:

Sidesmen	P Beckett; S Dyson; D Haigh; AM Patterson; S Turner; M Turner; M Shaw; J Squires; R Squires; B Wilby; J Yarrow; M Allott; A Cole; B Goalby; M Goalby; and M Walton.
Secretary	Carol Tattersfield (from APCM) Lynda Wigelsworth (to APCM)
Treasurer	Richard Squires
Parish Giving Officer	Michael Turner
Health and Safety Officer	Trevor Jones
Parish Safeguarding Officer	Carol Tattersfield
Safer Recruitment Officer	Lynda Wigelsworth

Electoral Roll Officer
Deputy Churchwardens
Organist and Director of Music
Temporary Organist and Director of Music
HCT Representatives
Foundation Governors (St Peter's)

Foundation Governors
(Horbury Bridge Academy)

David Holdsworth
Barry Goalby
Stephen Parker (to 21st November 2021)
Leonard Sanderman (from 22nd November 2021)
Margaret Holwell (from APCM)
Fr Christopher Johnson (*ex-officio*)
Neil Cudworth
Kevin McGetrick
Fr Christopher Johnson (*ex-officio*)
Valerie Crowther

The existence of the Standing Committee is required under the Church Representation Rules. It meets prior to PCC meetings to set the agenda for the meeting and transact delegated business. The PCC has also continued to delegate its work to the following groups:

- Fabric and Finances Committee;
- Social and Fundraising Committee;
- Children and Youth Focus Group;
- Evangelism Focus Group;
- Discipleship Focus Group (not convened during the year); and
- Organ Restoration Focus Group.

The PCC understands that money given for the work of the parish should be spent on the upkeep of the parish, and only kept in reserves for specific reasons. These include planning for significant known financial obligations, having some capital available for unexpected financial obligations, as well as maintaining a commitment to those who are employed by the PCC. In accordance with these aims, it is the policy of the PCC to hold in reserves the equivalent of two months general running costs and an additional one month's salary cost. In order to keep our two church buildings in good working order, it is also our policy to hold an amount for unexpected building works in the Fabric Fund, which can be comprised of restricted or designated monies. The PCC aims to use any unspecified bequests in developing the fabric of our two church buildings or furthering the mission of the parish to ensure long-term sustainability and promote church growth.

More information about the work of the PCC during the course of the year can be found in the Report on the Proceedings of the Parochial Church Council, found below.

STATUTORY REPORTS

Report on Changes in the Electoral Roll since the last APCM

This year has seen our parish getting back to near normal, and how pleased we are for that. Our numbers are being maintained with a slight drop. Sadly, we saw three deaths, Catherine Meekin, Lionel Max Parkin, and most recently Arnold Tattersfield. All will be sadly missed. We still have a fair number opting to stay away from church; hopefully this will rectify itself. Two individuals have moved away, Jane Sutcliffe and Stephen Parker, and four names have been added to the roll, Joyce O'Neill, Gillian Stead, Linda Phoenix and Margaret Williams, whom we warmly welcome. Our roll therefore stands at 107 names: 68 live in the parish and 39 outside the parish; 90 regularly worship at St Peter's and 17 worship at St John's.

David Holdsworth, Electoral Roll Officer

Report on the Proceedings of the Parochial Church Council

Normal face-to-face PCC meetings were able to resume after the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of 2021. The PCC has met seven times since the APCM of 2021, including for one extraordinary meeting in October. The work of the PCC gradually returned to normal activity after the third national lockdown ended. The PCC has worked throughout all three national lockdowns to ensure that the essential church work was still maintained. Fr Christopher worked hard to keep things running smoothly while having the unenviable task of keeping up with the many changes which occurred during this time, many changing on a weekly/monthly basis, taking advice from the government and the Diocese so that the parish was able to run within the law and fulfil its spiritual and pastoral work.

Carol Tattersfield, Secretary

Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council

This report is on the 2021 financial year for the Parish of St Peter's and St Leonard's, Horbury, with St John's, Horbury Bridge, and is based on the audit figures as presented to the PCC. The overall income including restricted and non-PCC Accounts items for the parish was £109,059.90 and overall expenditure was £148,526.12. We brought a surplus forward from the previous year's accounts and this, with further expenditure in 2021, has seen a loss on the figures. This money however has been to fund some significant purchases in the year: replacement windows cost £25,974 and the altar project with Luzar Vestments cost £20,775. The income for some of this was received in the previous financial year, so without this expenditure the accounts look to have recovered a little from the previous year.

The accounts continue to show a reduction in our quota payment but we have made a slight increase in this from the previous year's accounts, and we will hope to continue to increase this in the coming year. The quota itself has seen a reduction going forward which is encouraging after a review has been completed.

Once again we thank all those who have tried, wherever possible, to continue to raise funds: fundraising is a vital part of what we do as a church. We managed to have an Autumn Fair which was a huge success and helped recover some of the income that continues to be lost through the cancellation of the Street Fayre, which is normally a huge source of income. With inflation beginning to creep up, alongside cost-of-living increases and increases in gas and electricity, we must try to increase our income wherever possible to at least match these price increases. We should also thank all those who continue to support parish events and provide us with much needed income, as well as those who continue to give as generously as they can.

We are pleased to observe new income streams that are growing in popularity. Online donations from the church's webpage, and now from the donation station situated within St Peter's, are starting to bring much needed revenue and income from these sources and appear to be on the increase.

Going forward, costs around the repair to St Peter's roof looks to be covered by donations and grants, which is extremely encouraging, and work around replacing the heaters in St John's has started to be looked at. Again, we are hopeful of securing grants to help fund this expenditure.

The PCC has agreed to sign up to a new giving scheme in 2022 which will hopefully secure the immediate financial future and improve processes around gift aid recovery, reducing the work for the PCC. Details of this will be available later in the year.

Richard Squires, Treasurer

The Accounts and Independent Examiner's Report can be found at the end of this booklet.

Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Churches of the Parish

At St Peter's:

- The lightning conductor has been serviced;
- The fire extinguishers have been tested;
- The tower clock has been serviced;
- The recess behind the crucifix has been re-painted and the crucifix cleaned;
- Gutters and drainpipes have been cleared;
- Wall plaster in the north transept has fallen because of water ingress; and
- A defect has been found with the tiles and underlay of the north section of the roof and re-roofing work has begun on the affected area.

We are very grateful to the volunteers who have carried out minor repairs.

Mavis Walsh, Churchwarden

At St John's:

- Minor repairs have been carried out throughout the year;
- The fire extinguishers have been serviced; and
- We have had to replace the water heater in the kitchen.

The heating system continues to cause concern.

Valerie Crowther, Churchwarden

Report on the Proceedings of the Deanery Synod

The representatives to the Deanery Synod for the PCC are Carol Holdsworth, Janet Ramsdale, Annemarie Patterson, and Trevor Jones.

There has been three meetings this year, one on Zoom and two in-person. Heather Burge, the Assistant to the Diocesan Secretary and Diocesan Electoral Registration Officer, led the Zoom meeting. The meeting focused on synodical structure of the Church of England.

In November 2021, the meeting was held at Altofts. Members were asked to talk about church growth and each representative was asked to share with the meeting ways they were encouraging this in their churches.

In March 2022, the Reverend Jude Smith gave a talk on ways to revitalize our churches now most churches are open again after the pandemic. Small group discussions took place and ideas were put forward to the meeting. This was followed by a talk from Jemima Parker, the Diocesan Environmental Officer, who gave a PowerPoint presentation on the way churches can work to reduce their carbon footprint.

Carol Holdsworth, Janet Ramsdale, Annemarie Patterson, and Trevor Jones

NON-STATUTORY REPORTS

Bell Tower

The bells are rung before the 10.30am Sunday service. Tuesday evening practice nights are well attended and ringers from Holy Trinity, Ossett, St Michael and All Angels, Thornhill and St Helen's, Sandal regularly join us. The bells have also been rung for weddings, for a funeral, and as part of the Heritage Weekend events.

Mavis Walsh, Tower Captain

Children and Youth

Over the past year our children and families work has continued to grow and develop. With the lifting of restrictions, we have been able to have regular face-to-face sessions and we have also been able to develop new provision for our children and families within the parish.

This year, all those involved with our children and families work were invited along to a vision day which enabled us to develop a vision together, which was:

Belief: To grow to know Jesus and have a faith

Connect: To become a regular part of what we do in the parish

Life transforming: To live faith throughout all aspects of life.

Through the vision day we also evaluated the various aspects of our children and families work and developed action points for each of these areas.

Kids Church has continued to develop. It continues to happen during Sunday morning mass at St Peter's. There are currently 12 children on roll and there have been between 3 and 8 children attending each week. The group continues to follow lectionary-based material and includes a game, a Bible reading, a short discussion around the reading, and a craft or reflection activity based on the passage. The children enjoy sharing what they have learned with the rest of the congregation and have grown in confidence in sharing their faith. Kids Church has four regular volunteers who support Katherine with the running of these sessions. Two of these volunteers also lead sessions, which has enabled Kids Church to be split into two separate groups, an older group and a younger group. Each child on record received an Advent reflection calendar and a Lent calendar to encourage worship at home as well as in church.

A Children's Area at the back of St Peter's provides an area for children and young people to use both during mass and throughout the week. This area has been developed with the introduction of the tent and a larger table, which caters for older children. At the start of mass children sit together in this area at the back of church and during mass the children sit at the front of church so they can observe what is happening during the mass, and gain a deeper understanding of the liturgy. We have seen a positive impact of the provision and over the course of 2021, across both churches, church attendance from

children has increased by 18%, with more children and young people regularly attending church and wanting to find out more about God.

Weekly Toddler Groups happen at St Peter's and St John's. At St Peter's toddler group, JAMS, there has been an average of 15 families each week, as well as a group from One Small Step nursery. The children have enjoyed free play, a craft activity, story and a biscuit. At St John's, or ABC Toddler Group, there has also been an average of 15 families each week. The children have enjoyed free play, a Bible story and a craft. Our toddler families were invited to a joint crib service, where the children participated in a nativity service.

Peterites is thriving and now has on average 25 children each week. The group continue to enjoy games, craft and a time of worship. Peterites have enjoyed various projects, including a project on prayer, which ended with the Peterites attending the September family service Fusion, where they were presented with a prayer book. Peterites had another a great end of year party by turning the back of church into a cinema, complete with popcorn and hot chocolate with all the trimmings. January saw the group develop an older group, which runs alongside the younger Peterites. The children all gather together for the first half of the session, and then split into different groups, which caters for the varying age groups. In March, a group of 7 children from Peterites attended the children's pilgrimage to Walsingham. 6 children out of the group had never been on children's pilgrimage before, and found the experience very powerful.

September saw us run confirmation classes for children and young people and, in December, 5 children were confirmed.

Fusion, our family service, was relaunched at the end of April. The aim of this service is to encourage families to engage in worship and learning in an informal way. It includes games, a short talk, reflection and prayer. Although when Fusion was relaunched attendance was initially low, this is gradually increasing and our September service, saw 40 people attend, and in February, Peterites helped to plan and lead the service. On average there are around 4 families attending this service on a monthly basis.

A weekly Messy Church has also been launched this year. Messy Church happens every Tuesday at St John's. Katherine leads this along with a volunteer. Messy Church includes a Bible reading, talk, a craft and a time of prayer along with a light tea. There are an average of 10 people attending this service on a weekly basis.

Baptism Brunches have been developed this year. The baptism brunches provide families who wish to get their children baptized with an opportunity to meet together for brunch on a Saturday and to engage in baptism preparation. This not only provides families with the relevant teaching necessary for baptism, but also provides them with the opportunity to build greater links with other families and the wider church community. The baptism brunches happen every two months.

Family events have continued to be run throughout the year. These have included a children's Good Friday liturgy, an Advent reflection afternoon, and a family fun day. Holiday Club was run for two days in the summer and we had on average 20 children attend this. Katherine also hosted a session for the Holiday Club at Horbury Bridge Academy in church.

Throughout the course of the year various lessons and assemblies have been delivered within Horbury Bridge Academy. Katherine has led Stations of the Cross reflections for each class within the school. Visits have also been made to EYFS by both Katherine and Fr Christopher. In January, following a term of preparation with students and staff, the school had their first whole school mass. Students were

involved in various roles within the mass, including serving, bell ringing, choosing music, reading and writing prayers. The school mass was very well received by both staff and students, and will be repeated termly. At St Peter's School, both remote and in-person collective worship has been delivered by Fr Christopher and Katherine weekly. Each year group has also received an RE lesson in church. Our two schools also continue to be supported through foundation representatives on the governing body.

Looking ahead to the next year, the Focus Group will continue to review the children and families work and explore how we can further support and encourage families within our parish in their faith journey. We are very thankful for all our volunteers who seek to support the children and families within the parish.

Katherine Brackley, Children and Families Worker

Crafty Group

The Tuesday craft group has been active now for two years. starting just before Covid, which closed us and other people down. There were six of us initially, but because of Covid, three people discontinued. We design and hand make all of our things, from cushions to toys and Christmas baubles, and have been very successful in selling them at St Peter's events, making substantial amounts of money.

Mary Shaw

Evangelism Focus Group

The group welcomed Annemarie Patterson as the new member, and she is a very welcome addition to us. The group now consists of Annemarie, Janet Ramsdale, Fr Christopher, and Trevor Jones. We have held two meetings thus far in 2022 at St Peter's Vicarage. The group has brought together a number of ideas that have been circulating for some time, plus some new ones, as a way of getting people back to worship following the pandemic or who would be new to the church.

We have decided to start a new initiative, taking day trips out from Horbury – though the trips have a twist, which is that whilst all at St John's and St Peter's are welcome, we are asking individuals or families to bring a friend who either used to attend church or someone who may like to attend church in the future. We feel this is of particular importance as much evangelism is done on a one-to-one basis, by inviting people and making them welcome. Our first trip will be to the Great Yorkshire Show in Harrogate, in July 2022. We can purchase discounted tickets for adults and children and a bus has been booked. This will be an all-day event. Trip number two will be to Durham Cathedral when the Statue of Our Lady of Walsingham is moved there for a short period of time in the Autumn. Again, a bus has been booked for this all-day event. The third trip is only in its very early stages, but we will be looking to attend a local pantomime, with a coach being sourced for this activity. We are hoping to include some children and their parents who regularly attend the Peterites Youth Club at St Peter's on a Friday night. We will do all we can to keep the costs of these exciting events to an absolute minimum!

Other work we plan includes in and around the Horbury Street Fayre, where we are hoping some of the newer members of our congregation will be welcomers, welcoming people entering church for the first time. The aim is to make all new people to our church welcome, and to give those newer members of our congregation an opportunity to join in this welcome and be part of the larger community we share. There is still a lot of work to be done to achieve our goals as written above, but these are very achievable. The next meeting in May will bring together some of these ideas with the GYS and Street Fayre taking priority due to the timescales.

Trevor Jones, Annemarie Patterson, Janet Ramsdale and Fr Christopher Johnson

Horbury Churches Together

Horbury Churches Together ceased meeting in person when the pandemic hit, but during 2021, in-person meetings resumed. Our representative this year has been Margaret Holwell. The major work of HCT is with the youth project, which has continued to adapt considerably over the year to support young people. It is a joy for me to attend trustee meetings to see the work that is going on, and the positive impact it is having for the young people of Horbury as well as the wider area. This year, sadly, we said good bye to two fellow Anglican clergy involved in HCT, Karen Campbell from St Mary's, Horbury Junction, and John Geary, from Middlestown and Netherton. The Diocese has now appointed a successor to Karen and John, the Rev'd Hannah Hobday, who will look after both benefices, and whom we look forward to meeting in due course.

Fr Christopher Johnson, Trustee

Music (to November 2021)

Special Services

The choir returned in full after Easter 2021, having had to work with reduced numbers for singing at the services. In May, as we were unable to go to Walsingham on the National Pilgrimage, we held our first 'May crowning' service, at which the choir sang. Low Sunday was a particular highlight with the blessing of the new altar frontals, vestments and tabernacle: the choir worked really hard for this and sang a very impressive psalm for the occasion. Due to the pandemic, the Bishop's Chrism Mass was held in June at St Peter's, again with the choir singing.

Clavinova

A new clavinova was purchased following a successful fundraising campaign to 'buy a key'. Thanks to everyone who gave towards this new instrument, which is used by our own choir and others at practices.

Seating

New neo-classical choir stall fronts were purchased from churchantiques.com, having previously been in a church in London. To compliment these, the PCC took the decision to move two of the back pews from the nave to the chancel. Although the arrangement is not perfect, the choir is much happier now, having somewhere to rest music and a more clearly permanent position in the chancel.

Hymathon

When congregational singing was permitted, we held a 'Hymathon', asking people to send in their favourite hymns. This was a great success and gave us chance to sing many of those favourite hymns which we had been unable to sing together for so long.

Music at St John's

A new mass setting was introduced at St John's, and the propers for the day are now said rather than sung.

Organs

The organ at St John's has been tuned and has caused no problems. It is a reliable instrument. The organ at St Peter's has also been more fault free this year, with only one call out to adjust the action. It has been tuned and the restoration project is now gathering pace again.

Choir and Organists

The choir has had a difficult year with restrictions changing, especially around the number of singers permitted at various times. Members have nonetheless remained committed, and have adapted to all the changes, always providing some form of singing at the mass, for which the clergy and congregation have

been grateful. Jenny Scott and Susan Drake have both retired from the choir and we thank them for all they have given over many years to church music. John Cuttall and Barbara Panton have always covered my holidays and we are very grateful and thank them for giving of their time and talents.

Concerts

Various concerts are planned nearer Christmas, not least of all the Horbury Ladies Choir, three of whom are also members of our own parish choir. St Peter's Consort put on a concert of Purcell's music, which was also well received. They continue to rehearse at St Peter's on Wednesday evenings.

Change of Organist and Director of Music

In November Stephen left the parish as Director of Music, and a new Temporary Director of Music was appointed.

Stephen Parker, Organist and Director of Music

Music (from November 2021)

Acknowledgements

I am very grateful to everyone for making me feel so welcome during my time here so far as your Temporary Organist and Director of Music. It has been a real joy to get to know many of you over the last months. I'm especially grateful to Fr Christopher and the churchwardens for their support and encouragement, and to the members of the choir for their contribution to the life of the church.

Status Quo

While I am getting to know the parish and its music, we haven't changed very much. The introduction of sung propers during Lent has helped the service to flow a bit more smoothly, but otherwise things have remained stable. That stability gives us the opportunity to think constructively about what we want to do, musically, in the future, and sketch out a road to get there. An important part of this will be the hiring of a permanent Director of Music who will realise such a vision.

Preparation

However, in the meantime, there is a lot of preparatory work to do. I have been building up our relationships in the community: especially with our primary schools, but also with other local musical groups and people. Developing a larger music programme in the parish requires a lot of funding, both to improve the facilities (incl. organ, choir room, more cassocks, sheet music) and to cover associated personnel costs. This is not cheap, but it is likely we can achieve considerable successes in external fundraising. Fr Christopher writes in more detail on this in the following section.

Vision

As we look to the future with faith and confidence, it is important to ground ourselves: why are we doing this? Why invest in church music?

When our church was built in the late eighteenth century, there was a Dutch society for the promotion of church music called 'Laus deo, salus populo'. The name captures something of the core purpose of church music: the praise of God, and the salvation of people.

The latter half reminds us that music is a powerful mission tool. We must employ this further in the years to come. Music is a great way to develop our children's ministry, and give them an active role in the liturgies of our church.

The first half of the name reminds us that church music is one of the core parts of the *Laus Dei*: the glorification of God. It is easy to think that this is something else entirely to the missional aspect. However, this is not the case. St Thomas Aquinas argues, 'We need to praise God with our lips, not indeed for his sake, but for our own sake; since by praising him our devotion is aroused towards him.' (*Summa Theologiae*, II.ii.91) Every single one of us is called to sing praise to God. This is not optional, but it is our very purpose, and through it, we are brought closer to who we are meant to be. Being closer to our divine purpose, in turn, makes it less likely for us to miss our goal, or sin. In other words, the music of the liturgy is not sung for God's sake, but because it brings us closer to him. Church music is not just an outward missional tool: a way of drawing new people into the church family. Music, as part of the *Laus Dei*, also works inwardly, as a 'road to bring us daily nearer God' (Keble), nearer each other, and nearer our true self.

Church music, seen in theological perspective, is not about singing the hymns we like, or having the best choir with the most wonderful singers. It is about drawing people to the faith, and enabling each and every member of the congregation to grow as a Christian. Such growth is always a little uncomfortable, but it is essential. Church music is about offering our best to God, following the example of the Psalmist: 'I will sing and give praise with the best member that I have' (Psalm 108). Music, in this perspective, is communal, missional, and normative.

Developing and growing church music is not a luxury. It is a core part of our vocation to evangelism and spiritual growth.

Leonard Sanderman, Temporary Organist and Director of Music

Organ Restoration Focus Group

The Organ Restoration Focus Group resumed meeting during 2021 once the Lottery Fund re-opened applications. (These had been suspended due to the pandemic.) Our initial approach was to plan to obtain Lottery funding, and an initial enquiry form was submitted. We responded to feedback by obtaining evidence (around late 2020) from the community to demonstrate need and demand. We also chose which Lottery Fund outcomes we felt our project could achieve.

Advice was sought at this time from various individuals concerning the project. These included contacts at Merton College, Oxford, and previous Lottery applicants who had been successful in their bids. Fresh quotations were obtained, considering the length of time from the initial contact with firms. The most useful consultant was Prof William McVicker, who encouraged us to apply to the Hamish Ogston Foundation for the work and accompanying education programme. He talked through budgeting matters with us, provided suggestions for other sources of income too, and inspired us to consider the importance of the education work *vis-à-vis* the restoration itself.

Following the appointment of Leonard Sanderman as our Temporary Organist and Director of Music, the group was presented with a paper Leonard had put together. This gave us a much more concrete plan going forward. It also opened up questions considering the breadth of the project. It was agreed that our main education thrust (in what needed to be a people-led project to satisfy potential funders) would be the foundation of a Choral Development Programme. The ascertaining of costings for this as well as accompanying educational resources has taken up our time most recently. Leonard had also researched the history of choral music in the parish, as we start to pull together the narrative which we hope will inspire potential funders.

Although the project seems to move at a slow pace, not helped of course by the intrusion of the pandemic, it is important that we get the details right and apply to the right people at the right times for

the right amount of money. The benefits for the parish could be significant: not only are we looking to restore the organ, which is much needed, but we hope to be able to inspire a new generation of choristers, and secure the future of music within the parish. Please continue to pray for this project as it grows and develops.

Fr Christopher Johnson

Over 50s

Our group recommenced in September, and members were very pleased to return. We had a very enjoyable Christmas lunch with excellent entertainment from the children from school.

Valerie Crowther

Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults

The PCC has complied with its duty to have due regard to House of Bishops guidance in relation to safeguarding. DBS checking is monitored and where necessary the individual is approached regarding renewal of DBS checking. New DBS checks are made when applicable. Safeguarding remains a regular item on the PCC agenda to ensure that all updates and changes that may affect the work being done within the parish are current. All notices and documents related to safeguarding are up to date, and where appropriate, displayed on the churches' notice boards. All policies continue to have a renewal date and are reviewed regularly to keep them compliant. Safeguarding training is monitored for those members of the parish who require it. When appropriate they are reminded of the renewal/refresher courses needed. Due to the pandemic, there have been some restrictions for some members of the parish not been able to complete face-to-face training or updates. These are gradually being addressed, now that face-to-face training is being phased back. The parish follows the current recommendations from the Diocese for this type of training.

Lynda Wigelsworth, Safer Recruitment Officer
Carol Tattersfield, Parish Safeguarding Officer

Serving Team

Another year has flown by and with pandemic restrictions now being removed we are starting to return to our more normal serving practices. It seems an age since we were able to prepare the altar for communion and turn the pages of the missal. Fortunately, the servers' guild is there on the first Sunday of the month to remind us how to do things! It also allows us to refresh our existing serving as well as introducing new servers to the fold. We have had a couple of new additions this year. Tia has recently joined us and Simon has taken to it like a duck to water. We now look forward to Easter and the Sacred Triduum of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. These are always challenging services for servers. A year seems a long time to remember things, but through the servers' guild and the patient guidance of Fr Christopher we get there. It's a privilege to serve at these services and they make the joy of Easter Day even greater. It's really a great team and there is always room for more servers. We have roles for all from young to old (I'm getting there!) so if this is something that interests you, please have a chat with me or Fr Christopher.

Paul Taylor, Head Server

Social and Fundraising Committee, including Community Coffee Mornings

We have been able to have three very successful social events during the course of the year, a 'Mini-Market' in July, the Autumn Fare in November, and a flower demonstration in December. Community Coffee Mornings have started again on a monthly basis and have been very well attended. Thank you to anyone who has helped in any way to make our social events a success.

Valerie Crowther

**The Parish of St PETER and St LEONARD HORBURY
with St JOHN HORBURY BRIDGE**
Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st. December 2021

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 1 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner.

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

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

Independent Examiners statement:

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

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

Signed:

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The Parish of St PETER and St LEONARD HORBURY with St JOHN HORBURY BRIDGE

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2021

	General Fund	250 Club	Fabric Funds	Yorkshire B Soc - Saver Account	H&A Shaw Trust Fund	Totals	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Monetary assets							
Bank Community Accounts	26,748.76	178.17	3,373.68		666.35	30,966.96	72,249.44
Saver Account				31,293.99		31,293.99	31,250.74
Bank Business Premium Account						0.00	0.00
Bank Business Base Rate Tracker						0.00	0.00
Cash in Hand	0.00	0.00				0.00	411.21
Total cash and bank	26,748.76	178.17	3,373.68	31,293.99	666.35	£62,260.95	103,911.39
Other assets							
Debtors							
Total debtors	0.00					0.00	0.00
Investment assets							
286,041 Charinco income shares value at 31/12/20 Held by the Diocese	525.46					525.46	546.60
Total investment assets						£525.46	546.60
Liabilities							
Uncleared cheques at 31st Dec 2020	0.00						
Total Liabilities	0.00					£0.00	0.00

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		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds
	2020	2021	
	£	£	£
RECEIPTS			
Voluntary Income	37130.36	41036.93	
Other Voluntary Income	5081.00	2890.00	
Restricted Funds	32059.58		40780.72
Donations/Legacies	2355.00	2934.63	328.93
Events and Activities	4120.83	3844.50	0.00
Other Income	3557.57	1271.05	
Non PCC Income	11898.00	1973.95	
Income from Sales	1742.36	2956.44	
Income from Trading & Church Fees	3555.20	4594.75	6448.00
Income from Investments & A/C Transfers etc	6982.80		0.00
Sub Totals 2021		61502.25	47557.65
Total Receipts	£108,482.70		£109,059.90
PAYMENTS			
	£	£	£
Grants	0.00	0.00	
Missions and Church societies	164.50	50.00	
Relating to the Work of the Church	18329.59	17833.31	45.00
Church Running Expenses	15501.72	14252.11	
Upkeep of Services	2923.57	25596.35	
Church Maintenance	7423.99	38223.29	
Parish Room and Hall	63.28	0.00	
Major Works	0.00	0.00	
Trading	279.96	0.00	
Salaries/Wages/Honoraria	10524.72	19510.49	
Administration	4770.44	5590.00	
Non PCC Expenditure	7385.27		12457.50
Other Expenditure	1695.41	14968.07	0.00
Sub Totals 2020		136023.62	12502.50
Total Payments	£69,062.45		£148,526.12
<i>Uncleared Cheques from previous period</i>	£0.00		£0.00
	2020	2021	
Surplus for Year	£39,420.25	-£74,521.37	£35,055.15
Bank Deposit and Current Accounts 1st January	£26,794.73		£66,214.98
<i>Uncleared cheques as at 31st December</i>	£0.00		£0.00
Bank Deposit and Current Accounts 31st December	£66,214.98		£26,748.76

PARISH of St PETER HORBURY with St JOHN HORBURY BRIDGE
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Fabric Fund 2021 (restricted)

	2020	2021
	£	£
RECEIPTS		
QS4 Payments	6,439.64	4,834.55
Trans from Yorkshire BS Charity a/c	0.00	0.00
Trans from Comm a/c - Parish Organ Fund	51.40	0.00
Trans from Comm a/c - St Peters Choir Fund	0.00	0.00
Trans from Comm a/c - St Peters Bell Fund	0.00	0.00
VAT Refund - Bell Payments	0.00	0.00
Interest Payments	5.15	0.66
	6,496.19	4,835.21
PAYMENTS (bank transfers to Community A/C)		
St Peter's - 1st Payment to Taylors re Bells	0.00	0.00
St Peter's - 2nd Payment to Taylors re Bells	0.00	0.00
St Peter's - 3rd Payment to Taylors re Bells	0.00	0.00
St John's - Organ Repairs & Survey	2,482.80	0.00
St Peter's - Choir Fund Robes	0.00	0.00
Part QS4 Payments to Community A/C (2019/20)	4,500.00	6,448.00
	6,982.80	6,448.00
	2020	2021
Surplus for Year	-486.61	-1,612.79
Fabric Fund - 1st January	5473.08	4,986.47
Fabric Fund - 31st December	4,986.47	£3,373.68

St Peter and St Leonard

Herbert and Ann Shaw Trust Fund Receipts and Payments Account

	2020		2021	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Investment Income	18.12		12.87	
Interest	0.50		0.06	
Total		18.62		12.93
PAYMENTS				
To St Peters Community Account	0.00		0.00	
Base Rate Tracker Account	0.00		0.00	
Total		0.00		0.00
	2020		2021	
Surplus for Year		18.62		12.93
Bank Business Premium Account 1st January		634.80		653.42
Bank Business Premium Account 31st December		653.42		£666.35

250 CLUB

	2020		2021	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Membership subscriptions (Cash)	0.00		0.00	
Membership subscriptions (Cheques to Bank)	0.00		12.00	
Cash in Hand from previous year	0.00		0.00	
Total		0.00		12.00
PAYMENTS				
Prize Draws Cash	0.00		0.00	
Choir Robes Donation (Cash)	0.00		0.00	
Gift to Church (Cheque)	0.00		0.00	
Cheques to Bank	0.00		0.00	
Total		0.00		0.00
	2020		2021	
Surplus (Cash in Hand)		0.00		12.00
Bank Deposit and Community Account 1st January		166.17		166.17
Bank Deposit and Community Account 31st December		166.17		£166.17
Bank + Cash in Hand		166.17		£178.17