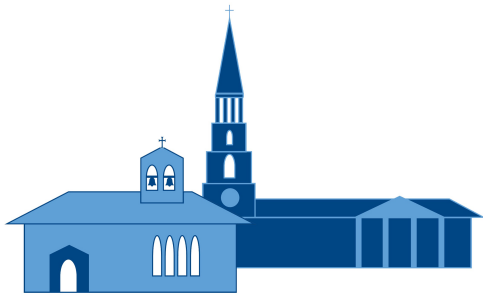


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# ANNUAL REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS





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When I arrived in the parish in 2017, one of the things I got to quite quickly on my 'to do list' was a new website, and one of the most important tasks in getting the website up and running was to think about how I would describe our parish to the outside world. If I could choose just a small number of words to make a first impression on people, what would those words be? I opted for the words 'vibrant' and 'living'. These were accurate at the time, but perhaps they are even more accurate now, as our churches have an impressive quality of life to them. Our two churches are busy churches. Individuals gather to worship Almighty God daily and to share in the sacrifice of the New Covenant renewed for us at the altar. Our work within and for the local community is multifaceted and inclusive. We engage with male and female, young and old, religious and not-so religious, residents and visitors. We show particular concern and pastoral care for our local schools and convent, whilst not forgetting our involvement in groups such as the Royal British Legion, local history and civic societies, and much more too.

Pope Benedict XVI, in one of the last public addresses he gave before his retirement, captured something which I believe explains why our churches seem so 'vibrant' and 'living'. He wrote: 'One receives one's life precisely when one offers it as a gift.' And the pages of this report tell this story. They show just how much people give towards the life of the church, and therefore explain why, by the grace of God, life is produced.

And so I look at our work with children and families, and the ministry of Katherine amongst us, leading a huge team of volunteers, and I look at how the church has grown and flourished in this area of our parish life because of this. I look to the progress we have made in our musical life, to the choir and what a super job they are doing at leading our worship and how they are growing in skill and confidence, and I think of Leonard guiding and teaching them, and using the gifts God has given him to accompany our services to God's greater glory. I look to my colleagues, Fr Daniel and Mark and see how God has given them, and continues to give them, his gifts to enable their ministries of teaching, pastoral care and prayer. I see daily the love that is poured into our church buildings to keep them in good order, and I note particularly the work of our two churchwardens, Mavis and Valerie, though I also include in this category people who clean the buildings, change the altar frontals and lamps, fix minor building issues, and much more besides. Last but by no means least I see the work of individuals involved in governance, such as our Treasurer, PCC members, and Deanery

Synod reps, and the commitment of time they put in to ensuring that our parish runs legally and efficiently.

A little while ago, the Church of England commissioned a report entitled 'Setting God's People Free'. The sceptic in me says that this report was a justification for asking lay people to do more, as the number of clergy serving parishes continued to decline. And you look at some dioceses and you see that is exactly the case – that the Commissioners and diocesan authorities between them are strangling the system to deprive it of parochial clergy. Yet the underlying theological vision of this report was neither radical nor new, but simply that all the baptized have a vocation to serve. And when I look at our churches, I am confident that this is something that we do here in Horbury. Indeed, nearly every able parishioner contributes to the life of our church. We are all engaged in gift-giving, and because of this, the church flourishes. Every one of you reading this report, please know how precious your contribution is to the whole, and how grateful I am for this.

So what did we accomplish in 2023? Certainly one of the biggest extraordinary events we put on during the year was the celebration of the 300<sup>th</sup> birthday of John Carr, architect of St Peter's, when we welcomed huge numbers of people through the doors of church for a 'Night at the Church' children's event on the Friday night, a heritage day on the Saturday culminating in a splendid lecture from Andrew Morrison (CEO of York Civic Trust), and celebratory concert on the Sunday evening with Horbury Victoria Band, where we received a large number of dignitaries including the Lord Mayor of York, a Deputy Lieutenant of West Yorkshire, the Bishop and Dean of Wakefield, and others, to celebrate the life of one of Horbury's most famous sons. And then only a week later, I think it was, St Peter's was packed again, this time as we celebrated the Coronation of The King with a short service and social, showing just how much the church is intertwined into our local community as well our national life. Again, in quick succession – it really was an exhausting time! – we turned our attention to Fr Daniel's ordination. The ordination of a priest, and his first mass, are unforgettable events for both the priest and parish, and I was very proud of both Fr Daniel for coming to this stage of his vocation, and for the parish for nurturing him during his diaconal year, getting him there, and making the events run so smoothly, from the serving to the music, and the food and drink which followed. These events saw two more occasions when St Peter's was full, as we welcomed visitors from far and wide to celebrate with our curate. Thank you to all those who helped contribute to these events and make them such memorable occasions.

Evangelism of course remains a top priority, and I reiterate here what I write about constantly in the Parish Magazine and preach about from the pulpit – that numbers of people attending things matter, and that we must not become complacent about the size of our congregations. We are constantly battling against the death of those whom we love and cherish -and we have lost many treasured members of our church communities this year – sickness, and the distractions which the world throws at us, so the faithfulness you have to Sunday worship,

and the other services, groups and events we put on, really matters. As does your willingness to go out and drop a leaflet through a door, to invite a friend or family member along to something, or how you might prompt someone to seek baptism or confirmation. Never give up on being faithful, and never give up on this task of inviting others to share the Good News! This caution out of the way, we must pause in this report to celebrate what God has done for us in 2023, when growth in Sunday attendance was over 10%, attendance at Easter was up 2.5%, attendance at Christmas was up 38%, attendance at midweek solemnities was up nearly 22%, and attendance by children at Sunday worship was up 30%. By the end of 2023, we had not only returned to pre-pandemic levels of attendance in our usual Sunday attendance, but grown further: Holy Week and Easter was our best-attended since I began collecting statistics in 2017; and our children's attendance since 2019 (when we began our children and families project) has risen 182%, with an average of 10 children attending worship each week by December. Indeed, sometimes the number of under 18s worshipping has been a significant proportion of the overall attendance, and this is something for which we must be thankful.

2023 has also been a year where there has been a lot of 'behind the scenes' work going on. People expect vicars to have loads of free time to have tea and coffee with people. How I wish this were the case! Indeed, on top of dealing with compliance matters with our church officers – things like financial management, fundraising, safer recruitment, safeguarding, and health and safety – we have also this year been trying to make strides forward implementing the recommendations of the latest Quinquennial Inspection Reports for both churches. We have responded to unexpected building matters such as a visit from our 'furry friends' and the falling off the wall of a marble tablet at St Peter's. And yet we don't simply want to fix things that are broken. We have a strong vision for our church buildings, and want to make progress with them to aid the mission of the church. Hence we have been working with our architect on designs for the re-ordering of St Peter's, to create new vestry spaces for clergy, servers and choir, a new social space at the back of church with accessible facilities, and a semi-permanent arrangement for choir seating in the chancel. Additionally we have appointed a lighting consultant to make a proposal for a new scheme at St Peter's which will dramatically improve the functionality of the lighting that presently hangs in the building, and in itself be fitting to Carr's beautiful neo-classical interior. The introduction of a new sound system is also on the cards, and we are desirous of conserving the two mediaeval grave covers to the north of the building – our only link to the pre-Georgian church which sat on the site. The major work at St John's this year was the installation of the new heating system, though with this work now completed, our focus there has turned to carrying out the Quinquennial works.

The Parish Giving Scheme, of which we are now a member, is proving to be a great way in which individuals can donate to the church. If you are not a member already, please can I recommend you give them a call and register? People forget their envelopes all the time, they don't review their contribution each year meaning their contribution is worth less as inflation increases and our costs increase, and the extra work we have to do to claim gift aid on non-PGS donations is significant. Joining the PGS would really help us: please consider doing so,

and please consider, as things hopefully become better, if you can give just a little extra to support your local church. The reality is, however, that even with people giving, donations from parishioners do not cover the significant costs we face for buildings and mission, and I just want to take a moment to highlight how grateful I am to the various charities who have made significant donations to enable us to continue this work during 2023. Without their support, we simply would not be able to achieve the work that we are doing. On which note, we were overjoyed that funding was forthcoming from a selection of charities who have enabled us to employ our Children and Families Worker on a full-time basis from September 2023. Our focus is now on finding the remaining funding for the pilot project for our Choral Development Programme, in which we will employ our (since September 2023, permanent) Director of Music to a greater degree. Please keep us in your prayers as we seek to find this funding which will open up a huge range of possibilities in our music life.

To conclude this report, I just want to alert you to all the other work that I do which connects us to the wider Church of England and Catholic movement. This is important as it shows how we collectively play our part in the wider church. Amongst such work I list my work as an Assistant Director of Ordinands for the Diocese of Leeds, as Priest Vicar of the Cathedral, and as a Training Incumbent (which is a responsibility not just to the curate and parish but to the Diocese and wider Church of England). I convene the Chapter of the Resurrection, which is the chapter of Society clergy in the Diocese of Leeds, and run the Society vocations group for the bishop. Sometimes I have to head off to meetings in London, generally for trustees' meetings of the Cleaver Trust or Number One Trust Fund, the former supporting ordinands and the latter supporting parishes and other organisations in our constituency in the Church of England. Two individuals come to me for formal spiritual direction and I have taught again this year on the Leeds School of Ministry. Between us, and since his priesting, Fr Daniel and I have been able to support parishes in the area who are in interregnum or whose priests have been on holiday – St Chad's Toller Lane in Bradford, St Thomas's Huddersfield, St Hilda's Cross Green, St Wilfrid's Harehills, and All Saints' North Street in York are just some examples. I have also been able to respond positively to invitations to preach at Holy Trinity Southport and St Columba's Anfield, where I also led a PCC away day, and we have benefited in return from preachers including Fr Darren Smith, Fr Stephen Edmonds, Fr Paul Cartwright, and Fr Adam Gaunt. All of this reminds us that the church is bigger than just the people who 'sit next to me in the pew', that we are part of a family in our Church of England, and especially in The Society. Again, none of this external work would be possible if the support were not there from colleagues, lay and ordained, on the ground, so please know that this work is your contribution to the life of the wider church as much as it is mine.

Pope Benedict said that 'One receives one's life precisely when one offers it as a gift.' Or to put that another way, life comes from gift-giving. Thank you for the gifts you have given in 2023, and thank you for the life that your gift has created, which, by the grace of God, from whom ultimately every gift comes, is our living and vibrant church communities.

*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 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 a Curate, Fr Daniel Heaton, 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, children's groups and groups for adults, 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 2023 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 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023:

Vicar and Chairman	*Fr Christopher Johnson SSC MA MSt MLitt
Curate	*Fr Daniel Heaton BA
Licensed Readers	Mark Naylor Katherine Brackley
Churchwardens	*Mavis Walsh *Valerie Crowther
Deanery Synod Representatives	Carol Holdsworth Trevor Jones (to APCM) AnneMarie Patterson Janet Ramdsale Gillian Stead (from APCM)
PCC Members	Ivy Beckett (to APCM) Richard Bunn (from APCM) Pauline Fallas (to APCM) Barry Goalby (to 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2023) Janice Hammerton (to APCM) Margaret Holwell *Carolyn Oakes (from APCM) Joyce O'Neill (from APCM) *Carol Tattersfield Michael Turner Susan Twohig (to APCM) Michael Wood
Co-Opted Members	*Richard Squires (to APCM) Beverley Gordon (from APCM)

\*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 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023:

Sidesmen	P Beckett; P Bunn (from APCM); R Bunn (from APCM); S Dyson; D Haigh; T Jones (to APCM); J O'Neill (from APCM); AM Patterson; M Shaw (to 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2023); K Ramsden (from APCM); P Taylor (to APCM); B Wilby (to APCM); J Yarrow; G Allott; M Allott; J Brooke (from APCM); A Cole (to APCM); S Drake (from APCM); B Goalby (to 29 <sup>th</sup>
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Secretary  
Treasurer

Parish Giving Officer  
Health and Safety Officer  
Parish Safeguarding Officer  
Safer Recruitment Officer  
Electoral Roll Officer  
Deputy Churchwardens

Interim Organist and Director of Music

HCT Representatives  
Foundation Governors (St Peter's)

Foundation Governors  
(Horbury Bridge Academy)

November 2023); M Goalby; and L Wigelsworth  
(from APCM).

Carol Tattersfield  
Richard Squires (to APCM)  
Carolyn Oakes (from APCM)

Michael Turner  
Trevor Jones  
Carol Tattersfield  
Lynda Wigelsworth  
David Holdsworth

Barry Goalby (to 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023)  
Janet Ramsdale (from APCM)

Leonard Sanderman (becoming Organist and  
Director of Music on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023)

Margaret Holwell  
Fr Christopher Johnson (*ex-officio*)

Neil Cudworth  
Kevin McGetrick

Fr Christopher Johnson (*ex-officio*)  
Valerie Crowther (to 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023)  
Barbara Panton (from 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023)

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:

- Finances and Premises Committee;
- Social and Fundraising Committee;
- Children and Youth Focus Group;
- Evangelism Focus Group; 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.

# STATUTORY REPORTS

## **Report on Changes in the Electoral Roll since the last APCM**

Once again this year many of our names remain constant. We have new additions to our parish including families, who are getting involved in parish life, including with children taking an interest in the running of the services. We are also pleased to see that both our churches are becoming stronger, with transference of people to St John's boosting the congregation, and new people coming in to St Peter's. Sadly we have seen six deaths: Sr Jean Clare CSPH, Sr Gwyneth Mary CSPH, Barry Goalby, Ruby Lee, Mary Shaw and Anne Squires, all sadly missed. Our revision this year therefore gives:

Total names on roll 2023	105
RIP	6
Moved away	1
Removed from roll	2
Additions	5
Total names on roll 2024	101

Of the 101 names on the roll, 62 live within the parish and 39 live outside the parish.

David Holdsworth, Electoral Roll Officer

## **Report on the Proceedings of the Parochial Church Council**

The PCC has met seven times since the APCM 2023, including for a training afternoon at St Peter's. The PCC has continued to work hard with the day to day running of the parish. Many of the proposed projects are now in the process of coming to fruition in the next twelve to twenty-four months. The parish is showing strong signs of growth in all areas of activities.

Carol Tattersfield, Secretary

## **Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council**

This report is on the 2023 financial year for the PCC of St Peter and St Leonard, Horbury, with St John, Horbury Bridge. It is based on the audit figures as presented to the PCC. Income overall including restricted and non-PCC Accounts for the parish was £164,529.12 and the expenditure was £181,997.38, leaving a deficit of £17,468.26, which we will look to improve on in the next financial year. We have reserves held in the Yorkshire Building Society account which enables us to plan for future projects should and when this be required. We have now split the Unrestricted Funds and Restricted Funds in to separate accounts to ensure we use them for the intended purposes.

We have received the following grants: £10,000 from The Henry Smith Charitable Trust, £5,000 from the Bishops' Development Fund, £15,000 from The Fellowship of St John, and £2,390 from The St Leonards Hospital Trust, which covers the wages, expenses, pension and tax payments for our Children and Families Worker, whom we now employ on a full-time basis.

Horbury Common Lands Trust also provided us with grants totalling £6,000 to go towards the running costs of both churches. We are extremely grateful for their continued support.

The Additional Curates Society gave us grants totalling £1,500 towards expenditure for the Curate.

The J Booth Charitable Trust provided a grant of £4,800 towards the Lighting Project at St Peter's.

The Bernard Sunley Foundation provided a grant of £4,000 towards renewing the heating at St John's.

We would like to thank all the above for their generous grants to enable us to continue our work with children and families in the parish, as well as keeping both churches in good working order.

We have continued to increase our parish share and this year besides our monthly contribution we were able to send a further £7,000 which makes a total for the year of £24,000.

There was an issue with the pensions we pay for our two employees. Thankfully this did not cost the church a great deal to rectify.

We have been paying two contracts for the photocopier we use for the church. When the new contract was signed, the previous one should have been terminated. It has taken since April to have this matter partly resolved, though the old contract has now been cancelled. We are still looking to try and obtain a refund of the overpayments.

The utility costs are continually monitored to ensure we have the correct contracts in place for both churches to keep the costs as low as possible, despite the increase in energy costs in general.

Our card income streams and online donations from the church's website continue to bring a welcome source of revenue. Also, the Parish Giving Scheme continues to grow, which reduces administrative costs, so thank you to everybody who has signed up to this scheme.

We would like to thank everybody who continues to raise funds for the church. This much appreciated income helps us remain financially viable and is a vital part of the work we do as a church.  
Carolyn Oakes, Treasurer

The Accounts and Independent Examiner's Report can be found at the end of this booklet.
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## **Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Churches of the Parish**

### *St Peter's*

In the first half of this year St Peter's had an infestation of rats, mainly in and near the sacristy and also in a kitchen cupboard. A hole found in the rear of the meter cupboard was concreted over but the infestation continued and the sound system wiring was gnawed through twice.

A survey was carried out by Rentokil Pest Control and the remedial action of meshing over small gaps, mainly in woodwork, was carried out. The outside drains were cleared of roots and re-lined. This work was covered and overseen by Ecclesiastical Insurance. The church is now rodent free.

An electrical test was carried out on the lighting and repairs have been made to the emergency light in the north transept and to faulty light switches.

The north transept walls and two wall panels in the Lady Chapel have been painted. The John Taylor memorial tablet in the north transept fell from the wall as a result of the previous year's water damage. The stone was undamaged and has been re-fixed by Historic Building Restoration.

Repairs have taken place on the glass porch doors.

Faulty window panes have been replaced in one of the west windows.

The central heating boilers have been serviced and new parts fitted.

The gas meter has been exchanged.

Services have been carried out on the lightning conductor, the fire extinguishers and the clock.

The following works are carried out by volunteers:

- Joinery and woodwork repairs;
- Repairs and adjustments to the speaker system and microphones;
- The regular cleaning of the interior of the churches;
- The regular cleaning and keeping in good repair of the brass and silver ornaments and communion vessels; and
- The laundering of altar linen.

### *St John's*

The following work has been carried out in the church:

- The car park gate has been repaired;
- A new gate has been installed at the back entrance;
- Repairs have been made to the roof;
- Fire extinguishers have been serviced;
- The electrical system has been tested; and
- The organ has been tuned.

We have had several minor repairs done by the school maintenance man for which we are very grateful.

Grateful thanks are given to the individuals and teams who carry out the vital work of making sure both our churches look inviting and function effectively.

Valerie Crowther and Mavis Walsh, Churchwardens

### **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 Gillian Stead. Two meetings of the synod have been held to date this year.

The first meeting was on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at Wakefield Cathedral, the main speaker being Canon Dr Phillip Hobday, Canon Missioner at the Cathedral, who introduced a group session by speaking on 'What is the Cathedral and what can it do to help parishes?' This led on to group discussions with themes 'What has changed in the way we watch TV in the last 20 years?', noting the church's need to continue to adapt to changing patterns in modern life and remain available and present for 'on demand' future generations, and 'What does the Cathedral do day to day?' in which we discussed how the Cathedral offers up its space for a variety of purposes and encourages people who may not otherwise have entered, giving Cathedral staff the opportunity to engage with many on different stages of their journey of faith.

The second meeting was on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at St Helen's, Sandal, with a presentation from Mr Nick Drayton and Mrs Vivian Drayton from CAP (Christians Against Poverty), initially founded by John Kirby. Following the presentation Nick and Vivian noted this service not only helps people who are struggling to manage debts, but debt advisors will ask to pray for the clients and offer to link them up with a local Christian Community.

Carol Holdsworth, Janet Ramsdale, Annemarie Patterson,  
and Gillian Stead, Deanery Synod Representatives

## 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.

Visiting teams who have rung our bells this year are The Mid Pennine Ringers, The Chiltern Ringers and St Mary's, Bathwick ringers.

We have a new ringer who is learning campanology as his skill for the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.

On 6<sup>th</sup> May the bells rang with other towers throughout the country to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III.

Mavis Walsh, Tower Captain

### **Children and Youth**

Our children and families work has continued to grow this year, most notably with an increased number of children attending mass.

Kids Church continues to grow and happens each Sunday mass at St Peter's. Since Autumn we have had an average of 8-9 children at St Peter's per week and we currently have 15 children on roll at St Peter's and 2-3 children attending at St John's each week. Kids Church continues over the school holidays. 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. Kids Church has 4 regular volunteers who continue to support Katherine with these sessions, and as a result of this, when there are older children present, the group is able to be divided into 2 groups. Each week children are provided with a take-home sheet to allow them to consider what they have learnt at home.

The Children's Area at the back of St Peter's Church continues to be used by children and families at various services, including baptisms. New updated books have been bought for the bookcase, for a range of ages. The children continue to sit at the front of church during mass and this has continued to encourage engagement in mass, with many children now joining in with the responses in the mass. The children's mass books have also supported their engagement with the mass.

At St John's a weekly pack is created for the children present during mass, which includes the Bible reading, a craft and a prayer.



Weekly toddler groups happen at both St Peter's and St John's. At St Peter's toddler group there has been an average of 8 families each week. The children have enjoyed free play, a craft activity, a Bible story and a biscuit. At St John's toddler group, there has been an average of 8 families each week. The children have enjoyed free play, a Bible story and a craft. Good links have begun to develop with families attending these groups and we are beginning to see some of our toddler families engage in other aspects of church life, such as Messy Church and activity afternoons. This year the toddler service was re-introduced on the Sunday before Christmas. We saw around 7 families attend this service and toddler families gave positive feedback.

Peterites is continuing to go very well and has on average 17 children each week. The group continues to enjoy games, craft and a time of worship. The split between the older group and younger group is working well and we have retained all our children from last year. Peterites have enjoyed games and craft, and exploring the Bible together. We continue to do social activities with the Peterites, which included an end of year summer party, a Christmas film night, and a trampolining trip. In addition to our termly Peterites sessions, in order to keep in touch with our Peterites during the summer, we organised a trip to the cinema, which was very well attended.

This year we are taking 10 children on the National Children's Pilgrimage to Walsingham, which is an increase from last year.

This year we have encouraged Peterites families to attend our special masses and as a result we had a significant number of children attend our masses for the Immaculate Conception, Candlemass, Harvest and Mothering Sunday. The children take part in ministries of welcome, offertory, readings and prayers.

It was decided that Fusion, our family service, would stop this year. The numbers attending this service had been low, with only an average of 2 families each month, which influenced this decision. In its place Rock Solid was started to engage our older youth. Rock Solid meets weekly on a Sunday evening and is a mix of games and teaching. There are up to 6 young people that attend this group, with an average of 3 young people attending each week. The group has engaged in a number of social activities including a bonfire and ice skating. A youth retreat afternoon followed by pizza is planned for March and we are hoping to take a number of young people to youth pilgrimage again this year.

Messy Church continues to happen every Tuesday at St John's Church. Katherine leads this along with a team of volunteers. Fr Daniel now also assists with this service on a weekly basis. Messy Church has grown this year and we have seen an average of 8 people attending this service on a weekly basis, including our toddler families.

Baptism Brunches continue to happen bimonthly. These have been well attended and provide an opportunity to deliver baptism preparation in a relaxed setting.

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 each morning during February half term with an average of 10 children attending daily.

Half-termly school masses continue at Horbury Bridge Academy. Preparation happens with the children each half term, helping them to choose music and write prayers. The masses have also been attended by a number of parents and members of the wider community. Fr Christopher, Fr Daniel and Katherine continue to lead collective worship and make weekly visits to EYFS on a rota basis.

At St Peter's School, Fr Daniel, Fr Christopher and Katherine continue to deliver weekly collective worship and Katherine has begun weekly visits to EYFS. In addition, Katherine also now supports the Collective Crew and attends their weekly meetings, as they seek to build on the school's Christian ethos. By the end of the academic year each year group will have received an RE lesson in church. On St Peter's Day a mass was held for Year 6 students.

We also continue to support our two church schools through governance, and pay special tribute to Valerie Crowther, who stood down this year having been a foundation governor at Horbury Bridge Academy for a number of years. We were pleased to recommend the appointment of Barbara Panton in Valerie's place and are grateful to Barbara for taking on this responsibility as we seek to support the schools in maintaining their Christian character and ethos.

Overall, over the last year, our children and families work has once again continued to grow and develop. This would not be possible without a team of volunteers who give up so much of their time. I am extremely grateful for all their support and all they bring. Thank you for your support.

Katherine Brackley, Children and Families Worker

### **Curate's Report**

This is my second and likely penultimate report to the APCM having been with you 21 months now of a 3-4 year curacy. The most notable thing about the last year for the curate was my ordination to the priesthood and first mass. A big thank you again to all who took part either serving or in the choir or who helped in any way. They were very special and moving occasions to me. This year has been a year all about growing into that ministry.

The primary duty of the ministry of a priest is the preaching of the Word of God. God promises to the church that he will give her 'shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding' and then instructs Peter to 'feed his sheep' (Jn 21:15) with knowledge and understanding of the Gospel. Deacons were first called in Acts because it was not fitting that the Apostles 'should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables' (Ac 6:2) and the priest's work is to 'labour in preaching and teaching' (I Tim 5:17). The most obvious part of this ministry is sermons on a Sunday morning, but preaching and teaching the Bible runs throughout my ministry to you. I have been involved with teaching Revelation and Psalms to our Bible Reading Group (soon to be rebranded as 'Read, Mark, Learn'), and Mark's Gospel on Parish Pilgrimage and then to our new youth group Rock Solid and this last term to the older group at Peterites. In Collective Worship in school we have been teaching Exodus this term, looking at how God's deliverance of the people of Israel from slavery points forward to his deliverance of us from sin. With Early Years, we've taught the Christmas and Easter stories as well as about what happens in Church and Creation and the Fall. I think every child in the parish has heard me use the SIN acronym: 'Shove off God, I'm in charge, Not you' at least once by now!

One of the ways you might not have considered that I exercise this ministry of preaching is the celebration of the Sacraments, but Augustine calls the sacraments 'visible words' – they're like little paintings of the Promises of God and seals of the grace of those promises – Paul tells us that whenever we celebrate mass, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes (I Cor 11:26). Celebrating mass for you is one of the greatest privileges of my ministry, getting to represent regularly upon the altar the one sacrifice of Christ to the Father and confidently entreat the forgiveness of sins and all other benefits of the Lord's Passion for you and for the whole Church, and something that I've really been growing into over this past year. Celebrating mass has been a very different experience from deaconing it, and whilst Fr Christopher and I did many rehearsals nothing quite prepares you for doing it for the first time or for it becoming a regular part of your ministry. Other than mass, this year has had a number

of sacramental firsts for me in the parish: I solemnised Holy Matrimony for the first time during the summer and also administered Last Rites for the first time in November (please do keep Mr & Mrs Atha and Anne Squires in your prayers); as is normal, I continue to undergo training before hearing Confessions.

Fr Daniel Heaton, Curate

### **Evangelism Focus Group**

The Evangelism Focus Group has run a number of events this year to carry out its aims and objectives. In the Summer we ran the Forty Hours Devotion to pray particularly to pray for the parish's evangelistic efforts. We have launched a Men's Group in the parish which has met twice, once for a BBQ and then for Curry and Carols at Christmas. In January the group ran the short course Hope Explored for those interested in exploring the Hope, Peace and Purpose that the Christian Faith offers. Over Christmas, we ran Posada with our toddler groups and rejigged the Carol Service into a Christmas Sing-a-long which was very successful. Part of LYCIG (Leading your Church into Growth) training was also run with the PCC. Whilst we were unable to run a Wedding Fair this year owing to insufficient uptake by stall holders, the group continues to look at ways to increase the number of weddings in the parish.

Fr Daniel Heaton, Chairman

### **Horbury Churches Together**

I was once again appointed to represent our two churches on Horbury Churches Together (HCT). This organisation brings together all the churches in the Horbury and Sitlington area. Also included is the Methodist church on Thornes Road, Wakefield and the Salvation Army citadel in Ossett. Our Business Manager is John Walter, whom many of you will know, and our Chairman is Councillor Darren Byford.

Through our different churches we have different approaches and traditions of Christian worship but we are all united by our single purpose.

Our main object is to support the Breakthrough Youth Project which provides activities and opportunities in youth work.

Business meetings have been held on the first Monday of every month with the exception of January. These usually take place at St John's. We are grateful for the support we receive there. We have also met at St Andrew's once when St John's was unavailable due to maintenance work.

We enjoy the support of Horbury Co-op where we are always made welcome for fundraising when we take our collection buckets along to raise the funds we need for our valuable work. We also take our hymn books at Easter, Harvest and Christmas and sing the traditional hymns for the customers and ask them to join us. This is always well-received and reminds everyone of the real meaning of these Christian festivals. We also give away chocolates and Easter eggs to make it fun as well.

We have the support of Horbury Academy and the use of their facilities for much of our youth work. We hold a big Whit Family event there on the Saturday of the May Bank Holiday with lots of activities for all age groups. This also provides a main source of income.

We have held joint services at our various churches and have always been grateful for the support we receive from the clergy in organising these opportunities to worship together.

We hold a Forum lunch each February at Horbury Methodist church when we get together to enjoy

good food and a key speaker. In 2023 we enjoyed a talk by Canon Philip Hobday about his work as Canon Missioner at Wakefield Cathedral, and just recently in 2024 Pat Langham, who is a former headmistress of Wakefield Girls High School, was the key speaker.

In December as we approached Christmas we had a new innovation from Gary who leads the youth workers in that we were invited by the team to meet at the Cherry Tree for pizza and the exchange of Secret Santa gifts. This was a lovely idea as we got to meet the individual youth workers and exchange ideas. We only usually see Gary at meetings or in passing when he is busy with his work. Also we only see the others in passing when they are working at the various projects with the young people.

John Walter's wife Jackie does the Great North run every year to raise funds and St Peter's and St John's are the designated sponsors from HCT. You will all have met her when she visits our churches to appeal for sponsorship. She does a sterling job and helps in many other ways to support her husband John. Thank you for your support of her.

Horbury Churches Together has had another very busy year and I know I have missed out some things on this report and I apologise for that. However, as you can see we are all working together to do our best.

I would like to thank you in our two churches for the support you give me and also the support you give to HCT.

Over the time I have been your representative I have made many new friends and worked very happily with everyone involved. It is good to come together with a common purpose.

Margaret Holwell, HCT Representative

## **Music**

I am very grateful to everyone who has contributed to the musical life of our parish. I am especially thankful for the choir – for Christina, Ivy, Janice, Carol, Margaret, Michael, Janet and Barbara. Many of you have commented on their progress to me, and I am very aware of the hard work this takes. Their work is really paying off, and I am very pleased and proud of their commitment. The carol services at Advent and Christmas were an absolute highlight for me personally, and I was delighted with the significant increase in attendance at these. Please continue to support us by attending these special services which require so much preparation from the choir.

Thank you also to the various organists who have contributed to our musical life: not only by covering Sunday services during my holidays, but also those who contributed to our Organ Restoration Concerts. It has been very encouraging to see a steady climb in the attendance at these recitals. If you don't already come to them, please do consider attending them: they're always on the first Saturday of the month at 7pm, and help us to raise appreciation of the wonderful instrument we have at St Peter's, and awareness for the need for restoration.

I am very grateful to the clergy and laity in the parish for their continued trust in me, especially Fr Christopher, who is working so hard to develop music as a significant prong of our missional work. It is taking us some time to raise the funds to start this properly – but please be assured that the finger is on the pulse, and that the Vicar and I are hoping to make significant progress in this field in the year ahead.

In the year ahead, we will be offering two courses or lecture series on Church Music at St Peter's on Thursday evenings in April/May and October/November. The first is a general introduction entitled

‘Thinking about Church Music’, while the second focuses on our national approaches to church music from a historical perspective, and is entitled ‘Histories of English Church Music’. These are very much designed to be accessible to any parishioner, while also remaining interesting to those who know quite a bit about church music already. There will also be a celebration of church music through a Church Music Festival Weekend which includes our Patronal Festival service in June. I very much hope to see you all there!

Thank you all for your support in the past year. Please continue to keep the choir, the clergy, and myself in your prayers in the year that lies ahead of us. I hope it will be a year in which our celebration of the liturgies will grow more beautiful, our understanding of the words and sounds of our music grow deeper, and that through our music, God will reveal something of his mystery to us which words cannot contain.

In one of his poems, Canon Sharp outlines (at some length) how God rejoices in all beauty, and encourages us to offer back to God our worship – beautifully.

Thou teachest us thus, most Glorious Lord,  
That beauty delights Thee in all thy ways;  
And the worship we bring Thee must meetly accord  
With the Beauty that dwells in Thyself always  
We bring of Thine own, and bending low  
In the place where Thy Presence vouchsafes to rest,  
We give Thee of things in this earth below  
Whatever is costliest, brightest, and best: –  
Whatever in Nature and Art combine  
To manifest Beauty to ear or eye,  
The work of the SON and the SPIRIT Divine,  
With that do we honour Thee, Lord most High.

Professor Leonard Sanderman, Organist and Director of Music

### **Organ Restoration Focus Group**

Since the last meeting of the Organ Restoration Focus Group in November 2022, Fr Christopher and Leonard have been trying to obtain funding for the year-long pilot of our Choral Development Programme. We have had some success. Grants have been received or promised from the Bishops’ Development Fund (£1,500), Brammall Foundation (£2,500), Williams Church Music Trust (£3,000), and Prayer Book Society (£1,000), whilst the complete funding of our full-time Children and Families Worker from September 2023 means we have £3,485 in matched funding as well. This leaves a deficit of £8,307 which we are still trying to find from funders. Once this amount is raised, we will be in a position to employ our Director of Music to begin the pilot project, in which we hope to start a children’s choir and progress matters to do with the organ restoration.

As Leonard has highlighted in his own report above, our series of Organ Restoration Concerts has continued, and in 2023 we were pleased to welcome Dick Sanderman (Rijssen, The Netherlands), Graham Thorpe (Bradford), Alana Brook (Lincoln), Chris Bragg (St Andrews), Matthew Lazenby (Leeds), Anthony Gray (Harrogate), Maximillian Elliot (York), and Scott Senogles (Mirfield) as visiting organists. Attendance at these monthly events has risen, but we would love to encourage more support from members of the parish. Come along on the first Saturday each month to hear some super pieces and organ playing. As ever, my thanks go to the members of the Organ Restoration Group for helping put on the concerts.

Fr Christopher Johnson, Chairman

## **Over 50s**

Our group continues to meet twice monthly and maintains its numbers. We had an enjoyable trip to Bridlington in the summer and our usual Christmas lunch followed by entertainment from the school.

Valerie Crowther

## **Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults**

The PCC has continued to comply with its duty of care of parishioners and to have 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. This year 95% of the PCC have completed their renewal of compulsory training regarding safeguarding. 100% of the volunteers working within the children and youth sector of the parish have completed their renewal training for working with young people. The Parish Safeguarding Officer and the two Churchwardens are on the list for their compulsory renewal of the Safeguarding Leadership face-to-face course. They will complete the course within the next six months.

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

## **Serving Team**

Another year and another server's rota! The months are flying by and the six serving teams are working well. The Servers' Guild is going really well teaching us new things and also reminding us how to do the old things! It also allows us to introduce and train new servers.

Simon and Shane are now having a go at being MCs and Tia is going to have a go with the thurible. Servers often find the missal daunting but a few coloured ribbons help and we often forget how familiar we all are with the words of the mass which we use every week. Training the servers to carry out all the roles gives us greater flexibility to cover for any unexpected absences.

Easter and the Paschal Triduum of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil is a great experience for our team with some notable differences in those services. It will be good to see some of the servers having a go at these in their new roles.

There is always room for more servers. Many hands make light work, 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 had several fundraising events during the course of the year, including:

- Epiphany Punch and Galette des Rois;
- Shrove Tuesday Pancakes and Quiz;
- Lent Lunches;
- Celebrations for the John Carr weekend;
- Street Fayre;
- Fr Daniel's Ordination;
- Margaret's Garden Party;

- Assumption Barbecue; and
- Autumn Fair.

Concerts have held by St Peter's Consort and our Saturday Community Coffee Mornings remain very popular. Unfortunately two fundraising events had to be cancelled due to lack of interest, but we now have two young enthusiastic members on our committee who are eager to try new things. Thank you to all who have helped in any way with these events.

Valerie Crowther, Chairman



**The Parish of St Peter and St Leonard, Horbury,  
with St John, Horbury Bridge**  
Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st. December 2023

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2023.

***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.

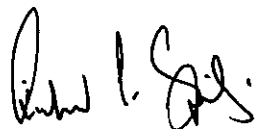
An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. 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:



Name: Mr Richard Squires

Address: 17, Chesterton Court  
Horbury  
Wakefield WF4 5QU

RECEIPTS	
<b>Voluntary Income</b>	
St Peter's - Covenanted	30,930.30
St Peter's - Non Covenanted	780.00
St Peter's Open Collections	2,186.54
St John's - Covenanted	467.00
St John's - Non Covenanted	825.00
St John's - Open Collection	711.20
Christmas Card Sales	578.95
Collections-Funerals, Weddings etc.	330.65
Gift Aid Giving	3,403.11
Donations	0.00
Income Tax Recovered	6,581.04
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>46,793.79</b>
<b>Other Voluntary Income</b>	
Leeds DBF Energy Fund	
Common Lands Trust	6,000.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>6,000.00</b>
<b>Legacies</b>	
Name on request-restrict to specific items R *	0.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Donations for Missions (Not PCC Income - see note 1)</b>	
See 2 items in NON PCC income section **	822.13
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>822.13</b>
<b>Donations</b>	
British Legion	
St John's - ABC Group Donation	408.60
St Peter's - Brownies	0.00
St Peter's - JAMS Donation	100.00
Cherry Tree Donation	0.00
Atkins	0.00
Cheryl Foulds	0.00
Ian Panton - Memorial	0.00
Christinas Crafts	0.00
Horbury Singers	0.00
EMS Device giving	1,817.95
Sum Up Payments	49.01
Verger refund of fees	120.00
Donations Misc.	20.05
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>2,515.61</b>
<b>Events and Advertising</b>	
Magazine Advertising	200.00
Christmas Card Sales - L Wigelsworth	115.00
Amazon & Jams	431.41
St Peters Consort	120.00
St John's - Garden Party Margaret	720.00
Craft Sale - Christina	70.00
Carr Weekend	510.00
Pancake Party and Mardi Gras	320.00
Heritage Weekend	213.55
Autumn Fayre	1,347.00
Cinema	90.00
Mary Shaw Crafts	88.50
Horbury Street Fayre income (incl Cookery Books)	2,228.05
All Souls Service Donations	
All Souls Day - Candle Dedications	632.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>7,085.51</b>
<b>Other Income</b>	
Nest pension	51.40
refund Blaydon Comms	38.94
Overpayment Leonard Sanderman	40.00
repayment from C Holdsworth	20.00
	0.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>150.34</b>

PAYMENTS	
<b>GRANTS</b>	
<b>Overseas Missions and Relief Agencies</b>	
Children's Society see NON PCC Accounting **	0.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Missions and Church Societies</b>	
Additional Curates Society see NON PCC Accounting **	652.66
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>652.66</b>
<b>Church Societies</b>	
Horbury Churches Together	60.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>60.00</b>
<b>RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE CHURCH</b>	
<b>Ministry</b>	
Forward in Faith Subscription	150.00
Diocesan Quota & Awake	24,000.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>24,150.00</b>
<b>Clergy</b>	
Father Christopher - expenses	2,626.29
Father Daniel - expenses	1,184.25
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>3,810.54</b>
<b>Church Running Expenses</b>	
Water - St Peter's	113.17
Water - St John's	330.43
Gas - St Peter's (SSE)	904.21
Gas - St John's (SSE) Crown	1,759.07
Gas - Boiler Contract - St Peter's	257.88
Electricity - St Peter's (Positive) 215252	2,761.88
Electricity - St John's (Positive) 215251	274.86
Insurance - St Peter's	7,520.57
Insurance - St John's	2,775.20
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>16,697.27</b>
<b>Upkeep of Services</b>	
Hays & Finch - Wine Wafers and Candles	2,011.26
Redemptorists -Service Readings	770.27
C Farris Church Supplies	1,425.15
Liturgical Expenses	227.45
Agnus Church Supplies	285.29
	0.00
Cassocks - Ormsby & Scarisbrick	176.75
Music Expenses	282.94
Ecclesiastical	0.00
Luzar Vestments	2,525.00
Lockie - Covenant Envelopes	59.27
Michael Tumer - re Envelopes	127.99
Visual Impact - Banners	0.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>7,891.37</b>
<b>Church Maintenance &amp; Building Repairs</b>	
St John's - Heaters (Oldroyd)	12,186.00
St John's - B Goalby - refund maintenance purchases	90.20
St John's - RB Electrical - wiring testing	480.00
St John's -Organ Tuning (Wood)	271.20
St Peter's - Brass Top Safe - M Wood	273.60
St Peter's - Brian Totty Signs	744.00
St Peter's - Rentokil	951.60
St Peter's - Organ Tuning etc (Wood)	163.20
St Peter's - Lighting Conductor Service (Osborne Delta)	222.00
St Peter's - Lights CBG Consultants	4,584.00
St Peter's - Calder Security	400.80
St Peter's - Hoyles Fire Ltd	205.48
St Peter's - Organ	95.46
St Peter's - Door Repairs	174.00
St Peter's - Plumtel	1,314.00
St Peter's - D Lumb Trading & Charlesworth	791.00
St John's - Fencing (Holden)	450.00
St Peter's - Gutter Cleaning (A Airstone)	70.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>23,466.54</b>
<b>Parish Room and Kitchen Maintenance and Repairs</b>	
Purchases re Yarrow and Dyson	39.92
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>39.92</b>
<b>Trading</b>	
Added Curates Society - Magazine Inserts	189.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>189.00</b>

RECEIPTS (continued)	
<b>Restricted Funds *</b>	
St Peter's organ Appeal etc	4716.20
St Peter's Lights project	4800.00
WCTA - Shrine grant	430.00
ACS	1500.00
Vestment	630.00
Childrens Worker Fund	30000.00
Heating	4000.00
Various other donations and grants	18752.10
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>64,828.30</b>
<b>Income from Sales</b>	
St John's Candle Sales	64.00
St Peter's Candle Sales	281.05
Sponsor a Lamp	330.00
Church Magazine & Diaries Sales	382.40
Coffee Sales	764.50
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1,821.95</b>
<b>Income from Trading</b>	
St Johns Hall Rent	2,161.00
St Peter's Rent	978.00
St John's - Hall rent Elections WMDC	
St Peter's - Hall Rent Elections WMDC	
St Peters - St Peters Consort	
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>3,139.00</b>
<b>Church Fees</b>	
PCC Portion - Funeral	1,099.00
Church Running Costs - Wedding Funeral	760.00
Banns	85.00
Church Fees PCC Portion - Wedding	276.00
Wedding - DBF Portion	229.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>2,449.00</b>
	2,135.00
	5,274.00
<b>Bank Account Transfers etc.</b>	
Bank Transfer from Fabric Fund *	15,966.79
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>15,966.79</b>
<b>Entries for items NOT PCC Income see Note 1 **</b>	
Funeral - Organist, Verger, Clergy Expenses	1,585.90
Wedding - Organist Fee	115.00
Wedding - Verger Fee	40.00
Funeral - Choir	100.00
Wedding - Choir	100.00
Funeral - Other Expenses	72.00
Walsingham Payments 2023	8,602.80
Walsingham Deposits - Chidren's Pilgrimage	2,206.00
Wedding - Bell Ringers	135.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£ 12,956.70</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>164,529.12</b>
Uncleared cheques as at 31st December 2023	0.00
Bank Balance at 1st Janaury 2023	25,577.55
<b>Total Receipts 2023</b>	<b>190,106.67</b>
<b>Fabric Fund Transfers &amp; Restricted Funds Receipts *</b>	<b>£ 70,933.35</b>
<b>Entries for items NOT PCC Income see Note 1 **</b>	<b>£ 14,007.83</b>
<b>Income (excl funds * and **)</b>	<b>£ 105,165.49</b>
<b>Actual Income (excl Bank b/f from 2022)</b>	<b>£ 79,587.94</b>

Non PCC Funds
Restricted Funds

PAYMENTS (continued)	
<b>Salaries, Wages, Honarariums</b>	
Organist - St Peter's and St John's(includes Funeral Paymen	6,943.80
Organist and Childrens Worker - HMRC Tax payment	2,943.32
Leeds DBF Payroll Admin Fee	599.80
Church Childrens Leader - K Brackley Payroll	11,105.00
Church Childrens Leader - K Brackley Expenses	1,546.80
Church Childrens Leader - NEST Pension	1,592.69
St Peter's Organ Fund	100.00
Verger fee - Funeral	275.00
Wedding Bell Ringers and Choir	235.00
Leeds DBF - Wedding Fee	218.00
Visiting Clergy - expenses	70.00
Organist Fee - Funeral	140.00
Visiting Organist Payment	764.09
Visiting Clergy payment	984.68
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>27,518.18</b>
<b>Administration</b>	
Arena - Photocopier charges	2,368.75
Siemens - Photocopier Lease	935.06
Xerox	1,446.00
BOX iCloud Monthly Fee - M Wood refund	396.00
Administration	45.10
Christian Copyright - St John's	183.30
Christian Copyright - St Peter's	417.28
St Gregorys	38.00
Evangelism	161.53
Printing - Aldersons	1,453.60
Lottery Licence	20.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>7,464.62</b>
<b>Other Expenditure</b>	
Children	1,048.60
V Crowther - reimburse re purchases	286.01
Blaydon comms & M Wood reimburse	144.30
A & J Wilson re St Johns	80.00
M Turner re iceland	301.95
R Bunn	100.00
S Dyson refund Brasso	4.25
Father Daniel Ordination expenses	1,723.94
Horbury Street Fare expenses	153.74
Refund M Wood supplies (Macro/Costco)	214.78
S Brackley Mans Club	25.00
Other Expenses	1,033.17
Payment to Townley	200.00
Horbury Vistoria Band	400.00
Event Payments	180.94
Organ Restricted	197.80
	0.00
Good will Devices	180.00
A Shepherd - Architect Fees	2,900.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>9,174.48</b>
<b>Non PCC Accountable - Payments **</b>	
Walsingham Children's Pilgrimage	1,599.00
Walsingham Children's Pilgrimage - C Tattersfield Expenses	460.00
Walsingham Coach	3,150.00
Walsingham Payment (Deposits etc.)	6,468.00
Walsingham Refunds	488.00
St Leonards Trust	150.00
Coach Hire for Trips	0.00
Actua Transport	40.00
Uncleared Cheques from previous month(s)	0.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>12,355.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>133,469.58</b>
uncleared cheques from 2022 as at 1st January 2023	0.00
<b>Total Payments 2023</b>	<b>133,469.58</b>
	<b>£ 133,469.58</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 133,469.58</b>
<b>Fabric Fund Transfers &amp; Restricted Funds Payments *</b>	<b>£ 48,527.80</b>
<b>Entries for items NOT PCC Payments see Note 1 **</b>	<b>£ 20,166.80</b>
<b>Community Account balance 31st december 2023</b>	<b>£ 8,109.29</b>
<b>Actual Expenditure (excl fund trans &amp; restricted items)</b>	<b>£ 64,774.98</b>

Note 1 - Items marked \*\* are entries for amounts that were banked/paid out that were NOT part of the PCC's Income/Expenditure.

The Parish of St Peter and St Leonard, Horbury, with St John, Horbury Bridge

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2023

	General Fund	Tuesday Fellowship	250 Club	Fabric Funds	Yorkshire B Soc - Saver Account	H&A Shaw Trust Fund	2023	Totals #	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£		£
<b>Monetary assets</b>									
Bank Community Accounts	8,109.29		178.17	48,427.80			56,715.26		34,869.19
Saver Account					31,959.18		31,959.18		31,444.89
Bank Business Premium Account									0.00
Bank Business Base Rate Tracker									0.00
Cash in Hand	0.00		60.00				60.00		24.00
<b>Total cash and bank</b>	<b>8,109.29</b>		<b>238.17</b>	<b>48,427.80</b>	<b>31,959.18</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>£88,734.44</b>		66,338.08
<b>Other assets</b>									
<b>Debtors</b>									
Total debtors	0.00						0.00		0.00
<b>Investment assets</b>									
286.041 BLK Charities UK Bond Fund A Inc 31/12/23 Held by the Diocese	424.32						424.32		417.42
Total investment assets							<b>£424.32</b>		417.42
<b>Liabilities</b>									
Uncleared cheques at 31st Dec 2022	0.00								
Total Liabilities	0.00						<b>£0.00</b>		0.00
			Restricted Funds *						

**The Parish of St Peter and St Leonard, Horbury,  
with St John, Horbury Bridge  
Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st December 2023**

	<b>2022</b> £	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds
		<b>2023</b> £	£
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
Voluntary Income	46397.81	46793.79	
Other Voluntary Income	4750.00	6000.00	
Restricted Funds	45450.00		65650.43
Donations/Legacies	6619.89	2515.61	
Events and Activities	9991.89	7085.51	
Other Income	2595.07	150.34	
Non PCC Income	14258.81		12956.70
Income from Sales	1921.63	1821.95	
Income from Trading & Church Fees	9522.04	5588.00	
Income from Investments & A/C Transfers etc		15966.79	0.00
<b>Sub Totals 2022</b>		85921.99	78607.13
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>£141,507.14</b>		<b>£164,529.12</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>	£	£	£
Grants	0.00	0.00	
Missions and Church societies	60.00		712.66
Relating to the Work of the Church	20222.00	24150.00	
Church Running Expenses	21025.98	16697.27	
Upkeep of Services	9666.39	5366.37	2525.00
Church Maintenance	44852.07	23466.54	
Parish Room and Hall	0.00	39.92	
Major Works	0.00	0.00	
Trading	0.00	189.00	
Salaries/Wages/Honoraria	14529.23	30430.72	
Administration	6571.66	7464.62	
Non PCC Expenditure	19880.12	13253.00	
Other Expenditure	5870.90	7172.48	50529.80
<b>Sub Totals 2022</b>		128229.92	53767.46
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£142,678.35</b>		<b>£181,997.38</b>
<i>Uncleared Cheques from previous period</i>	£0.00		£0.00
<b>Surplus for Year</b>	<b>2022</b> -£1,171.21	<b>2023</b> -£42,307.93	<b>£24,839.67</b>
Bank Deposit and Current Accounts 1st January	£26,748.76		<b>£25,577.55</b>
<i>Uncleared cheques as at 31st December</i>	£0.00		£0.00
Bank Deposit and Current Accounts 31st December	£25,577.55		<b>£8,109.29</b>

## Fabric Fund Account

## RECEIPTS

QS4 Payments	8,049.55	6,439.64
Trans from Yorkshire BS Charity a/c	0.00	0.00
Trans from Comm a/c	0.00	48,427.80
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	6.64	108.79
	8,056.19	54,976.23

## PAYMENTS

St Peter's - Comm a/c	0.00	14,978.30
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	0.00	0.00
Quota Payment to Leeds DBF (August 2022)	3,000.00	
Part QS4 Payments to Community A/C (2019/20)		0.00
	<b>3,000.00</b>	<b>14,978.30</b>

	2022	2023
Surplus for Year	5,056.19	39,997.93
Fabric Fund - 1st January	3,373.68	8,429.87
Fabric Fund - 31st December	8,429.87	48,427.8

Herbert and Ann Shaw Trust Fund Receipts and Payments Account

		2022		2023	
		£	£	£	£
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
Investment Income		30.06			22.43
Interest		0.12			
<b>Total</b>			30.18		0.00
<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
To St Peters Community Account - to close H&A Shaw		0.00		0.00	706.03
Base Rate Tracker Account		0.00		0.00	
<b>Total</b>			0.00		0.00
		2022		2023	
Surplus for Year			30.18		0.00
Bank Business Premium Account 1st January			653.42		683.60
Bank Business Premium Account 31st December			683.60		<b>£0.00</b>



## 250 Club Account

	2022		2023	
RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£
Membership subscriptions (Cash)	264.00		276.00	
Membership subscriptions (Cheques to Bank)			0.00	
Cash in Hand from previous year			24.00	
<b>Total</b>		<b>264.00</b>		<b>300.00</b>
PAYMENTS				
Prize Draws Cash	240.00		240.00	
Choir Robes Donation (Cash)	0.00		0.00	
Gift to Church (Cheque)	0.00		0.00	
Cheques to Bank				
<b>Total</b>		<b>240.00</b>		<b>240.00</b>
	2022		2023	
Surplus (Cash in Hand)		24.00		<b>60.00</b>
Bank Deposit and Community Account 1st January		166.17		178.17
Bank Deposit and Community Account 31st December		178.17		<b>£178.17</b>
Bank + Cash in Hand		202.17		<b>£238.17</b>



