

Annual Report 2023



“Making Disciples”

**ST MARY'S
CHURCH**
BEVERLEY

I. The Vicar's Report

At St Mary's we have seen our mission and ministry spring back to life and our church community grow in number and in leadership. It will be impossible to capture everything (and the Annual Report of the PCC does that very effectively) so I would like to highlight some key themes and in doing so give glory to God for His Spirit at work in our church and lives.

As ever I am immensely proud of team St Mary's, and it is the people who make the team. When we rebuilt our website this year it became apparent just how many people are involved in leadership, mission, and ministry in our church.

Gill keeps our office and administration in good order, and Kathryn and Berry continue provide incredible leadership in terms of music and worship; meanwhile, Jane has done a fabulous job keeping our facilities clean and welcoming. In addition, we have appointed 3 new members of staff: Carolyn has taken on our Vintage Years Ministry, and Beth and Helena have been appointed as Children and Youth Workers working alongside Amelia, with support from Corrie, Anne, Janet, Linda and Grace. Our ministry team and those who preach has also increased. I am delighted that Jo and Gill are both progressing through their training for reader ministry and that we have folks offering new skills in preaching and worship leading (Ian and Carolyn both bring important skills here). We can boast a powerful ministry team in Carolyn Kirk, Erik Wilson, Gill Gregory, Jo Boulter, John Edmond, Keith Gilson, Michael Yates, Simon Pike, and Steve Parkin.

We have been blessed by such wonderful people and if I may I would particularly like to celebrate the work of those who are new to the team. Carolyn is such a gift to our church; she brings wisdom and joy. Her development of the Vintage Ministry has been nothing short of a miracle as a whirlwind of love, energy, and desire to share the gospel has been gifted to us. Many of her new projects will fall into next year's annual report but for now I would like to recognise how fortunate we are to have her in our team.

Likewise for Bethany and Helena, such talented women committed to sharing the gospel. Bethany has brought such creativity to our children's ministry and has developed our outreach through Tuesday evenings at Church Lads and Church Girl's Brigade, Brownies,

Friday Night Youth Group and 'Grow' (a course for developing young leaders in our church - at present we have 21 young people taking part). And Helena, what can I say? She has pioneered a New Worshipping Community in the form of Bubble Church (see report below) as well as taken a lead on Allsorts Toddler Group, School Choir, SUPA club in school and Friday nights at Church Lads and Church Girl's Brigade with skill and enthusiasm.

One of the greatest moments for me was the service in April when Keith, Imogen, Naomi, Catriona, Emily, Anna, Amy, Lesley, Ava, Lou, Amelia, Rachel, Howard, Anne, Haigh Simon and Joshua were all confirmed. It was a significant moment in their journey of faith and is wonderful to see our friends publicly say 'yes 'to following Jesus and 'yes 'to being part of St Mary Church. I cannot thank Amelia enough for her work in helping prepare people for confirmation. Not only does she demonstrate great commitment and such diligence when leading our young people – she also shows great creativity and was instrumental in the new church hoodies that our young people wear with such pride (in church and in the community)



We celebrated the Christian Festivals with joy, and we continue to attract large congregations - Easter Day attendance of 459 and Christmas Eve / Day attendance of 1,950 on Christmas.

We continue our mission and ministry through occasional offices and this year I took 28 baptisms, 18 weddings and 34 funerals. Such services maintain our strong links with our surrounding community and enable them to celebrate life events and honour the passing of loved ones. They also provide an opportunity to share the Good News of God's love at key moments of life.

It has been good to hear how small groups have grown in number and in fellowship and how the leaders have nurtured and disciplined their members. The Casablanca course particularly seemed to capture the imagination as we used film to inspire conversation about faith.



Our people have brought energy and creativity in terms of mission and outreach – the Narnia project was a particular highlight, and I am grateful to Ian and Jane who helped bring this immersive theatre performance of 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe' to life (with 32 performances over Christmas with 1572 attendees). The response was incredible and so many conversations about faith took place.

The church welcomers under the leadership of Jill, Carol, Rosemary and Tony have continued to bless us with their generosity and enthusiasm and have been a wonderful asset to the team.

In addition, we have made progress in providing the tools we need to mission and worship. The new glass screen and projector were installed. The foundations have been laid for the new glass porch which will invite people into the building, and we have been working hard to secure funding to develop the grounds and the gardens.

On personal level I have taken on wider responsibilities as the Chair of the House of Clergy for York Diocese, as a vocation advisor and as young vocations champion.

None of this would have been possible with the passion and skills of all those who play their part in building the Kingdom: - our incredible church wardens, treasurer, PCC members, those who serve, welcome, teach and care.

Thank you for your participation in sharing the Gospel.

Becky Lumley

II. The Report of the Electoral Roll

In 2023 there were 268 people on the church electoral roll.

The average weekly attendance counted during October was 195 adults and 26 children.

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Worship

As ever it is an honour to lead worship at St Mary's and my thanks must be offered to all those who with skill and diligence, prepare and lead worship. My thanks go to: Erik Wilson, John Edmond, Keith Gilson, Michael Yates, Simon Pike, Steve Crossley and Steve Parkin. I am delighted to see Gill Gregory and Jo Boulter move forward in training for ministry. We also give thanks for our amazing musicians – Berry, Andrew and the Choir, and Kathryn and the band.

We celebrated the Christian Festivals with joy, and we continue to attract large congregations on Christmas Eve/Day and Easter Day as is shown below

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023*
Christmas	986	1,168	1,867	1,476	1,490	1,573	213	914	1,750	1,950
Easter	326	332	379	365	366	413	-	209	344	459

1. 8.00 service – Rachel Woolner

Sunday morning service is a small group of about 20, it is a spoken quiet service, with time for reflection and prayer. There is a 4-weekly rota of readers. We have breakfast each week of homemade marmalade or jam with toast. It is very friendly with everyone helping to serve tea/coffee and toast and washing up afterwards.

The fellowship is strong, and people support and pray for one another. It is also pleasing to see so many folks helping with reading the lesson and Gospel. We are grateful to Jenny Cattermole for her support in organising the rota.

2. 9.30 Service– Jill Edmond, Rosemary Williams and Lynn Pratt

Our 9.30 Holy communion Service continues to flourish with between 60-90 adults attending each week with several children in and with the choir. The children have great fun each week at 'Sunday School' with Amelia - it is a joy to hear the laughter and chatter as they take their first steps towards faith. Our services are led by various members of the ministry team and our fabulous choir leads our singing as well as lending beautiful music to our thoughts and prayers. Lynn and Rosemary continue to muster teams to read the word and lead our prayers - thank you to them and all who take part. A huge thank you to anyone who helps wash and dry the communion cups for us after services, especially Ann and Sue who have the process down to a fine art! Moving the refreshments to the church between 9.30 and 11.15 services is working well with the two congregations becoming more of a cohesive community. Thank you to all those who facilitate this.

Rosemary: During the year 40 people read regularly at these services. This number includes 4 new volunteers who joined the team. This means that everyone reads approximately every 4 to 5 months. A suitable date is agreed beforehand, and a copy of the reading is provided in advance, as well as being available on the day on the lectern. More volunteers are always very welcome.

Lynn: Thank you to the people who faithfully read the prayers at the 9.30 Sunday service. A couple of new people have joined the rota this year, and some have dropped off. It would be good to have some additional volunteers, so please do have a word if you would like to help with this important ministry.



3. 11.15 Service– Becky Lumley

The 11.15 Service has continued to go from strength to strength and is vibrant and joyous with a large team overseeing the various areas of worship. We have several new families and we now have 70-90 adults and 15-20 children most weeks. I am very grateful to those who have taken on the responsibility of setting up the AV technology and the instruments (thank you so much to Chris and Martin for helping with this).

We have rebranded our children's work and now have 3 groups called Brightsparks (Preschool), Livewires (Primary age), and Powersurge (secondary). Anne has been incredible at coordinating the rota and Amelia has brought new life to our youth work.



4. 6.30 pm Service – Jane Northmore

The 6.30 evening services follow the Book of Common Prayer. As well as being spiritually uplifting they are a feast for the ears as they are all choral in the English tradition and therefore enhanced by our wonderful choir. Traditional hymns (from A&M) and anthems are sung at Choral Holy Communion on the first Sunday and at Choral Evensong on the second, third and fourth Sundays. Sung Compline, which is an especially calming and beautiful way to end the day, takes place on the fifth Sundays. The number of worshippers remains consistent at around 30-40, including the choir. There is strong fellowship in the core congregation and it is regularly supplemented by visitors, often attracted by the sound of the music before the service begins, especially when the evenings are lighter. My special thanks to those who regularly read and do siding duties

5. The Praise Service - Keith Gilson

Held on the second Sunday of each month in the hall, the Praise Service continues to provide an end/beginning of week uplift to what has become a friendly and welcoming fellowship group.

Each service contains a sermon bookended with praise songs and prayer. Our themes over the year have been Psalms and the Ten Commandments, with contributions by Becky Lumley, David Arrowsmith – Cooper, Ian Jackson and Keith Gilson.

It has been really encouraging to see a spirited teenage contingent joining us on the Sundays, with Amelia leading with some interesting topics and activities. Kathryn and David Arrowsmith – Cooper have brought their incredible music skills to lead the band for us each service, with a super selection of contemporary worship songs, and we have found new talent in Lesley (guitar) and Josh (drums) Anne and Chris McGowan – French have led the hospitality team with lovely coffee, teas and the finest selection of biscuits.

Numbers have remained consistent at 30 – 35 throughout the year, less than pre-covid but with much potential for increasing with some more promotion. Large numbers of people and a tremendous amount of effort goes into delivering The Praise Service and everyone concerned – even those just attending – are thanked immensely for turning it into the success it is.



6. Bubble Church - Helena Wilson

Bubble Church is a Sunday church service especially for babies, toddlers, and young families. It's a puppet-packed, Jesus-centred, coffee-and-croissant-fuelled, 30 minute kids and families adventure.

I have taken on responsibility for the organisation and leading of Bubble Church at St Mary's which has been a true joy for me, both as a parent to see my own children being able to directly engage in a church service that is specifically aimed at them, and also seeing new unchurched families engage with us. Each month that we have run Bubble Church so far we have welcomed new families and families that have become 'regulars' at our services. I am

very blessed to have such a wonderful team of volunteers who are passionate about supporting me with this new children's ministry opportunity.



7. Thursday Service – Allan Ball

The Thursday morning service follows the BCP Communion Said Service, supplemented by seasonal formats according to the ecumenical calendar, led by a rich variety of our Priests, Readers and of course, Vicar Becky. Numbers are generally from 10 – 20, supplemented by visitors who often sit in the chancel to listen for some or all of the service. It is attended by a mixture of those for whom this is their only service plus others who routinely attend other services too. We are an amiable group who look forward to worshipping together, followed by informal discussions, reflections, or random chatting in the hall for coffee. Newcomers are always welcome and appreciated.

8. Evening Prayer on Facebook - Alice Lee

For the last two years, in order to help Keith, I have taken on the task of pulling together the Monthly Evening prayer rota. Evening prayers on Facebook have been a part of people's lives for the last 3 years and maybe more in the early days of the first/second lockdown when life as we knew it changed.

Evening prayers continues to be an important part of daily life for our church family and also further afield to those who don't live in and around town; for me personally that is why I like to know that each evening of each month except a Sunday and or bank holidays someone is reading in their own way the evening prayers.

It is the coming together in the moment to quieten our minds and focus on our day past and have that time our time with God who loves each one of us as His own.

I want to personally thank each one of you who reads the Evening Prayers online, both in the past and in the here and now.

9. Healing Service - 3rd Sunday of Month – Michael Yates

Celtic Christianity and the theme of Healing. A Celtic service is basically contemplative, with prayers, music, silence, poetry, Liturgy, and Holy Scripture. This year we introduced Christian healing within this framework. To begin, we are using meditations on the theme of healing regarding God's Grace working within the person. I base what I do on Christ's healing ministry. We are for God's Grace (the Holy Spirit) to touch the person. In the Celtic service we will be using Healing Meditations in the first part of the year but at some point, later in the year, we will also offer the laying on of hands for those who may want this.

In the New Testament the early church continued the ministry of Jesus and I believe we are still called to do this today. People may ask why someone is not healed. At times there may be an answer but not always, the reason may remain within the mystery of God. It's a bit like going to the doctor's. If the medication given works, we are thankful. If we continue to feel unwell, we keep going until the problem is sorted which may involve further trips to hospital etc. We do not usually give up after the first visit. May I invite you to be part of this exploration.

10. Celtic Evening Prayer – John Edmond & Steve Parkin

We are holding Celtic services once every 2 weeks and our numbers on average are around 15. These services are held in church usually, but we held one in the parish hall which was just as good as the church. We have a communion service once a month and the rest are lay-led. Recently we have decided to incorporate healing into one of the services. Healing is something we all need in today's world.

We have travelled to Middlesbrough twice to do Celtic services and we have started to do services in Leconfield church once a month which are appreciated. These have all been successful.

Last September we held a very successful day at Thicket Priory on Re-wilding our Faith and 40 attended. We have 2 more days this year in June and September on the subject of Re-wilding. We have advertised a day with a Celtic Harper in York in April which many of us are going to. We are also hoping to get David Cole (from the Community of Aidan and Hilda) to present a day on Celtic Christianity sometime soon.

People like the stillness and quiet time we offer for reflection. Our vision is to build a centre of excellence for Celtic worship here at St Mary's and we are well on our way.

11. Easter/Christmas Services - Becky Lumley

We welcomed:-

459 people to our Easter Day Service

2100 people to carol services in Advent

1950 people for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

These services are an incredible opportunity to share the gospel and we are working on new ways to be creative and to create opportunities for follow up.



In addition to the services, we are seeking to provide events and activities which attract people to church and '**Through the Wardrobe**' was a brilliant and creative way to introduce people to the story of Jesus. Over 32 performances people of all ages encountered the Aslan as they made their way around church. Each was invited back to church to find out more about the real story behind the Narnia books. It was met with great acclaim.



Though the Wardrobe

12. Occasional Offices

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023*
Baptisms	35	48	36	21	36	38	11	22	43	28
Marriages	33	18	26	16	24	38	4	19	25	18
Funerals	34	36	29	46	51	49	42	25	29	34

Although occasional offices remain an important part of our ministry, we have not yet fully recovered from the impact of covid and our building works. The national long-term trend is away from weddings and church funerals but we are working hard to maintain our community connections and see these as an important part of our mission.



Music

13. Choir & Organ – Berenice Lewis

The choir of St. Mary's church has had a good year, continuing in its traditional role (choral services at 9.30am and 6.30pm on Sundays) and also 'branching out' into fresh ventures. Our singers demonstrate outstanding commitment to worship and frequently make themselves available for additional services and events (for instance seasonal events, weddings and funerals/memorials). We love making music together and our little community is a very happy and supportive one!

Our brand new digital organ was installed earlier this year – the culmination of a lengthy period of planning and preparation. The instrument sounds very impressive indeed and it certainly does a fine job of leading our traditional services. I want to personally thank Mike Ellerington (regular organist at Evensong, and also choir tenor) for all his hard work and expertise. Thanks go also to Becky and to others in the St. Mary's team for supporting this important project.

Since the departure of Andrew Allison last year, we have no dedicated organist on the team, but Mike and I are managing well with the help of Fiona Latham, Colin Wright, Paul Tranmer and others; their skill and generosity are always appreciated. I'd like to express gratitude to Derek Fisher, who puts in a lot of work organising our music copies and supporting me in numerous ways. Lots of other people also give their time and abilities generously in support of the choir's role, and I thank them all.

At the end of September, we were delighted to welcome the Romulus Singers from Cheshire, with whom our choir gave a joint concert. It was an exciting opportunity to perform some music we would never get to sing in church and to work alongside a different kind of mixed-voice choir. The weekend was busy and great fun, and the sizeable audience was appreciative!

On Friday 10th May this year, members of our choir (together with invited singers from the Beverley Chamber Choir) will be performing in a similar concert at Middleton Hall (University of Hull) – this time sharing the event with the Hull Male Voice Choir. The concert starts at 7.00pm.



We look forward to wonderful music over the Easter period and an enjoyable year ahead.

14. 9.30am Music Group – Berenice Lewis

The Music Group has continued to fulfil its role in worship, ie. hymns and songs before and during the 9.30am service once a month (normally the fourth Sunday).

We meet for a short rehearsal in church on the Wednesday prior. Though the group is on the small side(!) we pride ourselves on performing the carefully-selected songs to the best standard possible, and we really love making music together. Members of the group occasionally visit local residential care homes to sing and play there. Our music is greatly enhanced by the lovely flute playing of Diana Pocock. I want to offer a special 'thank you' to Rosemary Williams, who organises our music copies and is always so efficient and supportive.

Anyone interested in joining the group is very welcome to contact me direct (email berrylewis2019@gmail.com).

15. 11:15 Band - Kathryn Arrowsmith-Cooper

"Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs." (Psalm 100:1-2). This year we have continued to develop the worship at the 11.15 service and my thanks go to all the musicians and technicians who have been so generous with their time and skills at services to make this possible. In addition to the 11.15 Service, we lead worship at the monthly Praise Service which provides the opportunity for longer praise sections. Currently for all of our services we need to set everything up from scratch, and we need to move everything from church to the hall once a month for the Praise Services. So, over the coming year, we will be looking to develop a more permanent arrangement in church to reduce set-up time each week and look at having more equipment available in the hall to use. We are looking forward to working with the Bubble Church team and bringing their worship songs into the 11.15 Service as well. We are not a closed group so if you are interested in singing or playing with us, please do get in touch.

16. Bell Tower Report - John Atkinson

Ringling activities have continued to be positive at St Mary's. Despite the Church being the centre of the community in Beverley, with events taking place in Church, it has been possible to accommodate a wide range of ringing during the year.

Our report must start by recording that fact we undertook ringing for the Coronation of King Charles III. A momentous occasion of which we were delighted to be part. Progress by the local band has continued, ranging from the development of basic ringing skills for our less

experienced ringers, to ringing more advanced methods. Our practice evenings continue to attract ringers from other towers and they have gained valuable experience, particularly by ringing on ten and twelve bells.

Quarter peal ringing has been a regular feature, many being arranged as method development opportunities and we are most appreciative of those experienced ringers from other towers who have complemented the local ringers to make quarters on ten and twelve bells possible; a total of twelve quarter peals were rung by local ringers during the year.

We have been pleased to welcome visiting bands to St Mary's and three peals were scored (two of Bristol Surprise Maximus and one of Stedman Cinques) all of a very high standard. One quarter peal was also scored by a visiting band. Five members of the local band made the journey to Inveraray, in Argyll, to ring and score a peal of Grandsire Caters, conducted by local band ringer, James Blackburn. The peal also included our regular St Mary's supporters. In October the band, with assistance from a few Society members entered the "White Rose" striking competition held in Ripon. Special thanks are due to our team leader Siân Austen who steered us to a creditable 5th place.

As is usual at St Mary's wedding ringing took place on eleven occasions and predictably involved significant efforts by our wedding co-ordinator, Ann Hughes, to ensure that ringers were available. We certainly could not have achieved this without the wonderful support of our friends from other towers within the B&D.

A big "thankyou" to you all. 2023 saw the triennial painting of the bell frame and routine maintenance undertaken by James Blackburn and his band of helpers. The PCC provide very generous financial support towards the cost of maintenance and our contract with White's Bell Hangers ensures we keep "ahead of the game" and the bell installation is in now in excellent condition. In conclusion a very good year. It is very appropriate to thank all our ringing friends and, in particular, our Vicar Rev Becky Lumley and the PCC for their continued support.

Children and Youth Ministries

17. Bright Sparks – Anne Crossley

The format of our Bright Sparks group for pre-school children has had to change slightly this year. We have moved the group from the Crypt to the Church Hall, initially because of the problems with damp, but also due to the fact that we don't now have the luxury of two adults each week to run the group. Being in the Church Hall with Livewires (and with Power Surge

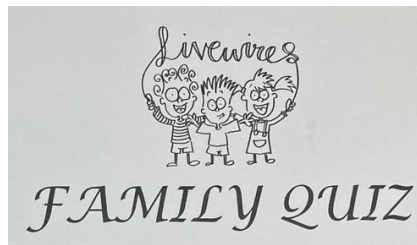
close by) - means there are always enough adults on hand for any emergencies and it also means that the younger children can move between the two groups in the Hall, which works really well. Another advantage is that we have a ready-made supply of toys from the Toddler cupboard should they be needed for the very young children. Four adults are now on the rota to look after the Bright Sparks and it is such a privilege to be one of them. We follow the planning from 'Roots 'as Livewires and Power Surge do and we adapt accordingly for the children who arrive on any given Sunday morning. They are a very small group – but such a super age group to spend time with. Their imagination knows no bounds! I bet you missed the part in Exodus chapter 19 that explains about Moses needing help from the Mountain Rescue Service as he made his way up Mount Sinai to meet with God! Our Bright Sparks didn't! It's a real blessing to share and explore some bible stories with these children at the very beginning of their faith journey.



18. Livewires – Bethany Mount

It is difficult to report solely on Livewires as there is crossover between the three Sunday groups Brightsparks, Livewires and Powersurge. This will be evident in this report; however the main focus of this report is on the Livewires and how it has developed over the course of the past year.

January to July 2023: A new brand logo was created for the Livewires which is used to promote the club at other social events which are run by St Mary's, such as Allsorts toddler group. The logo is also used in social media posts promoting what the children do at the club, on a Sunday. Over the summer the Livewires ran a quiz night which successfully raised money to twin a toilet in Afghanistan, and in July they also ran a successful car wash to raise money.



July to December 2023: After the summer, many of the Livewires children moved up to Powersurge. However, Livewires still maintained good numbers with new children coming into the service. Sadly, we have lost some of our volunteers due to other commitments, which has meant we are down to one adult leader, per group. However, despite this loss, having all Sunday clubs located in the church hall has made it possible for us to continue to run fun, faith led engaging sessions with the children and youth. We can easily support and assist each other with the sharing of resources and with the set up and clearing away of tables, chairs, toys and crafts. All without compromising the quality of our ministry or safety of the children. Children can move freely between the groups if they wish, and the space is large enough to accommodate parents who may have brought their child for the first time. Making transitions from being with parents in the main service, to coming and staying with us in the church hall much gentler. All this has helped to create a secure, fun, family atmosphere.

Learning Resources and Activities: Rootsontheweb.com is the 'go to' learning resource for Livewires. But leaders will use other resources too. E.g., Twinkl, Flame Creative Kids Blog Spot, Lego bible lessons... to name a few. Amelia and I have recently been trained in Godly Play. Which uses a Montessori approach to telling Bible stories. Some of the methods learned have already been incorporated into our sessions.

A typical Livewires session usually starts with welcoming the children, saying a gathering prayer, telling a Bible story which may follow the church liturgy or something seasonal like a special celebration e.g. Valentine's Day or Mother's Day. This will be followed by a creative activity linked to the teaching and then a closing prayer and if there's time, the children will play a game, usually of their choice.

Involving the church body: As often as possible, posts are put up on the St Mary's Facebook page and the St Mary's newsletter of the children's activities that happened in Brightsparks, Livewires and Powersurge. This is to help to keep the rest of St Mary's in the loop, and hopefully inspiring new families to come and join us!

In a Livewires session children are often asked if they would like to go up to the front of the church at the end of the service to talk about what they have learnt and show what they have created. This is an important reflection for them, to be able to relay the Gospel message they've been learning to the rest of the congregation. Helping to keep it in their memories. It also once again involves the rest of St Mary's and builds confidence in our children.

Lynn has kindly written and printed, a variety of prayer cards for the children to read out at the end of the service. A number of different children take pleasure in volunteering for this task. The more they see each other getting involved, the more other children find confidence to come up and speak. Even children who don't have English as their first language! Again, this has been a major confidence builder for these children.

I recently received a comment from a parent who sat in on a Livewires session. They said if Sunday club had been this much fun when they were younger, they would have always come to church!

In conclusion the first half of 2023 the Livewires Logo was created. The children organised a quiz night and a car wash to raise money for twinning a toilet. The end of summer 2023 saw a big shift in the number of children moving up from Livewires to Powersurge. This didn't affect the Livewires group too much, as we had new children arriving at St Mary's who filled the group again. Each week Livewires sees its faithful regulars, with the occasional new face. Although we have less adults per individual group, having all Sunday clubs in the church hall has helped to maintain high standards of safety, whilst creating a loving family atmosphere. Creating social media posts for St Mary's Facebook page and newsletter has helped to link the children's church to the rest of St Mary's. Then lastly encouraging the children to read prayers and show their creations helps them to find their voice within our church community.

19. Allsorts Toddler Group – Anne Crossley

Allsorts is a very popular and happy place to be on a Friday morning with a mixture of regulars and newcomers who swell our numbers to anywhere between 20 and 30 children with their parents or grandparents. A voluntary donation of £2.00 enables us to provide snacks and drinks for children and adults and a variety of craft activities too. We have time to chat with those who attend and a chance to form new relationships and the session always ends with a singing/music session and story time.

We have had a few changes of staff since the last AGM report. Helena and Beth joined our team of willing volunteers in July, but we lost two of our faithful helpers shortly after, so that left us a bit low on staff numbers. A Facebook recruitment drive brought us two new ladies who are now regulars in the kitchen, so we are now a six strong team with regular help from Becky in setting up the Hall before the mums and toddlers arrive.

Helena has increased is the presence of light-touch references to scripture, through quotes on a scrolling Powerpoint alongside information about other events or services that are on offer at St Mary's. Also through craft activities with a theme that links to scripture, sometimes with a simple scripture related to the activity.

Please pray with us that the links between the Allsorts Toddler Group and the new initiative 'Bubble Church' will strengthen. We would love to see more of the parents and toddlers joining us at our Bubble Church session on the second Sunday of each month.

20. Church Lads and Church Girls Brigade - Melanie Bruton



Over 100 active children and young people between the ages of 4 and 18 meet weekly at CLCGB for games, activities, friendship and faith. We held a week camp in the summer holidays at Raywell Scout park, and had a number of day trips within Yorkshire, we also took part in games on the site which promoted team working, communication and having fun. We have had sleepovers at Beverley CLCGB and day trips.

We have 4 age group sections which meet each week, taking part in activities including sports, craft, team working and fellowship. The two youth workers from St Mary's Beverley attend 2 of the sections and support with activities relating to faith and fellowship. We also have a band which meets each week. Teaching the children a skill of a musical instrument, for all ages and ability. They have a proms under the stars night, Christmas concert, the band also played at the remembrance parade and in the Christmas eve Christingle service.

40 adult members and leaders over the age of 18 help the brigade to function. All members and leavers over the age of 18 have completed safeguarding, DBS and any other training identified by national HQ any will host the AGM of the National Brigade Council at their Beverley Headquarters in April 2023.

21. CLCGB – Martins Section, Y- Team, JTC Section and Seniors- Helena Wilson & Becky Lumley

Martins section of St Mary's CLCGB has been well attended by a regular group of children aged 4-6. The children do crafts and activities and have a wonderful time. I have brought in stories from the 'Big Bible Storybook', which was part of our Bubble Church kit, as part of my activities and by using Bubble Church action videos as part of the regular routine towards the end of each weekly session. AJ, Martins section leader, and Mel Bruton have both been very encouraging and supportive of the inclusion of these songs and the children have been enthusiastic about singing along with the songs and joining in with the actions. Amy, Anna and Emily, teenagers who are helpers at Martins and who also regularly attend the 11:15 service have also been really encouraging and supportive with the action songs especially so by joining in themselves and becoming regular members of the Bubble Church volunteer team.

Helena



Bethany has been supporting Andy and his incredible leaders at Y Team on a Tuesday Nights. She has brought new ideas and crafts and has a dedicated time slot every term to share Bible stories. She is building up excellent relationships and her contribution is valued

by children and leaders alike. I am now taking on a more hands on approach with the Senior group which was struggling with leaders. I lead the activities with the other leaders: Sarah, Glen, Max, Becky, Jess and Beverley. I also offer the 'Thought for the Day' - a reflection on a Biblical theme. The group is now quite large (about 30 teenagers) and can be challenging so we are working hard to create the right culture of respect. Having said that I love being with these young people and getting to know them. and have built some great relationships with the young people; 5 of whom have started to worship at our 11.15 service.

Becky

22. St Mary's School - Becky Lumley

We have continued to support our school in governance, maintaining the Christian ethos of the school and in leading worship. I lead worship in school every Wednesday with special services in church for festivals (Christmas, Easter, Harvest, Remembrance etc.). Helena has taken over the lunchtime Bible Club (SUPA club) and it is thriving. I continue to serve on the finance and resources committee as well as being the governor with responsibility for safeguarding. We said a big thank you to Sarah Smith who after six years of invaluable service stepped down as foundation governor and we are delighted that Corrie Sykes-Cook has taken her place. Kate Jenks continues in her role as foundation governor and continues to provide both wisdom and Christian ethos.

Ofsted arrived in September and identified the school's link with the church as being something of great value and noting there is an 'inclusive culture that permeates the school. The school ensures that pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) are involved in all parts of school life.' and 'The school has rightly been recognised for its work on global citizenship. Pupils care about the environment and recognise that they have an active role in protecting it for the future. Pupils at St Mary's have a strong social conscience.... Governors have a thorough oversight of the school and share in the responsibility for promoting staff well-being'

23. SUPA club - Helena Wilson

SUPA club has been going from strength to strength in the recent months since I took over the responsibility from BSCT in October 2023. The children who attend are in Y4 (8-9 years old) and are lively and enthusiastic about the activities on offer. Each week I have selected activities to fit in with a scripture theme and the children have listened to a story, sometimes joined in with an action song (time permitting) and completed a related craft activity.

My intention is to continue to nurture a positive rapport with the children so that they not only continue attending but also consider coming along to other activities offered at church (i.e. Livewires, one off events like Light/pancake party etc). I am planning to put together a hand out to give to the children telling them about the 11:15 service, Livewires and the relevant section of CLCGB for their age group.

Recently one of the teaching assistants asked whether I would have capacity to offer SUPA club to Y3 as well and, once I have finished my notice period at my secondary teaching post, this is something I would like to see if this is possible (i.e. offering an additional SUPA club for Y3 on a different lunchtime).

24. Youth Ministry- Becky Lumley

Our Youth Ministry has been focused around PowerSurge this year with Amelia leading a large group of young people. It is really wonderful to see so many teenagers in church and in addition to the learning together on a Sunday morning we have been offering Friday Night drop in sessions and invited the young people to take part in the 'Grow' program which helps support them into deeper discipleship.

Discipleship Groups, Prayer Ministry and Growing Faith

25. Monday Afternoon Home Group – Allan Ball

Following our marathon study of Revelation, we opted for something a little less mind-blowing by looking at the Epistle of James, the Book of Ruth, Paul's letters to Timothy, Titus and Ephesians, and the "Tarry Awhile" Lent course. For our studies over the next (few?) months we shall be looking into the Messianic prophecies of the Old Testament.

We are a rich and varied group having a good range of backgrounds and life experiences. Unfortunately Margaret Law is no longer able to be with us, but Victoria and Andrew Hill have recently joined us. As with most groups meeting in each other's homes, our numbers are restricted by the space available. We truly are a GIFT to each other as we Grow In Faith Together.

26. Thursday Night Home Group - Steve & Anne Crossley

Our Thursday night home group continues to thrive. We are a close-knit group consisting of 17 members with 3 new additions to the group this year. We meet alternately at Anne and Steve's and Alex and Louisa's.

It's a real privilege to see people growing in their faith and in their understanding of the Bible. There is also a good social aspect to the group, plenty of coffees together, a Christmas social that is legendary and even a day trip to Scarborough in the summer. Our WhatsApp group is used regularly for prayer requests, updates and the occasional jokes!

Since our last AGM report, members of the group have taken it in turns to lead studies of their choice resulting in brilliant discussion. We joined in with Going Deeper (Ephesians study) at church and then followed that up with studies from 1 John. We have the added blessing of Caroline and Steve who lead us in worship through song at the beginning of each session. We all truly value the support and the blessing of our Thursday night home group.

27. Thursday Night Home Group (Led by Becky and Keith) – Ian Jackson

It has been a positive and encouraging year for the homegroup, which has grown significantly during this time. Initially, we usually numbered between 5 and 8 attendees, often more towards the lower figure but there was slow and steady growth in numbers attending. Our programme began with a series of studies on the Holy Spirit. We then varied our discussions with a number of one-off Bible studies, on topics as varied as women in the Bible, Proverbs, and a theological study of the Carol "In the Bleak Midwinter". This programme of topics was punctuated by socials and visits, the latter including a cinema trip, and a Hull university-based lecture on God and politics.

The group changed considerably during the series on Ephesians. During this time, the group changed venue and met in the church hall; this allowed it to welcome a number of new members who had chosen to join a group to participate in the studies. We expanded to a maximum of 23 members during this series, averaging somewhere about 17-20. These numbers were generally maintained during the recent Lent series, which was based upon the Archbishop's Lent book, on "Tarry Awhile".

There has been recently a lively discussion about how the group should continue. Does it need to split and facilitate meeting in members' homes once more, or should it remain one group and continue to meet in the church hall.

28. Thursday Afternoon Homegroup – Erik Wilson

Eight of us meet every Thursday afternoon. Latterly we have been reading John Wyatt's book, 'The Final Lap', which is about how to negotiate the ageing process in a positive and godly way. Our discussions are honest, open and prayerful and there is wonderful mutual support amongst group members.

29. St Mary's Prayer Circle – Lorraine Goodaire

It is always a great privilege to join together in prayer on behalf of others as requested, and as guided by the Holy Spirit, and we lift our hands in praise to the Lord for His gracious answers to our prayers throughout 2023.

During 2023 our prayers were greatly enriched by those of 2 new Prayer Circle members, regular meetings continued every 3 months, and thanks to Becky's inspiration the communication of prayer requests benefited (most especially the urgent ones) from the creation of the Prayer Circle's own WhatsApp group! Amidst seemingly insurmountable circumstances God answered our bold prayers (for persons from one end of the age spectrum to the other, and for new situations as well as those existing over several decades), and grateful thanks were received, not only from here in Beverley and around Great Britain, but also from Europe and North America. God is not constrained by time or space -

"If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there Your hand will guide me, Your right hand will hold me fast" (Psalm 139:9-10 NIV)

Whilst we see every challenge in "close-up", God has the larger picture, and ultimately, we trust in His unconditional love and His will in our lives. As prayer draws us into a closer relationship with the Lord, our inner peace grows and our confidence in Him increases, and through answered prayer we are re-energised as God stretches our faith further and emboldens our future prayers on behalf of others -

"Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God"(Romans 4:20 NIV)

. . . so let us all stretch our faith and praise the Lord! Should you, or someone you know, feel in need of prayer support, or if you would like to become a Member of the Prayer Circle, please contact our Vicar, Becky, for further information.



30. Saturday Morning Prayer Group – Janet Osgerby

The prayer group has been meeting for over twenty five years, for fellowship and prayers. For many years Margaret Law hosted the group, but unfortunately due to ill health, she is no longer able to take part. Grateful thanks go to Margaret from all at St Mary's, for her dedication and service.

The prayer group is still active and meets every Saturday morning from 1030 am, until midday at the latest. It is a small, friendly group, who spend a short time in fellowship before praying in faith. A member of the group said, " we would love to see more people, who feel they have a ministry from the Lord, to pray." Should you feel you wish to join, please leave a message for Jane Lumb, at the church office.

31. The Lent Course - Casablanca– Becky Lumley

The Casablanca Course was a great way of connecting film and faith. Casablanca is the classic movie and provides a great basis for discussion of themes of sacrifice, repentance, suffering, loss and hope and so it became the basis for our Lent Course. Over 60 people took part as we turned the hall into Sam's bar and even dressed up while exploring deep issues of faith and humanity.



Pastoral Care and Mission

32. Women's Fellowship—Lavinia Raynor

The Women's Fellowship meet up once a month on the last Monday of each month. During these sessions we have had various discussions regarding how we can improve the Fellowship to get more members. This has been done by creating a fun and creative experience for all, such as: a Quiz afternoon, Christmas party, and floral arrangements. Looking to the months ahead we are planning to go on outings to explore the local area, as well as meeting up in the church to learn new skills and to support one and another. We welcome all new members.

33. Men's Meet – Steve Parkin

We continue to meet on a regular basis to go bowling. This is always well attended and enjoyed by all. We have had a Curry night, a visit to a Jewish Synagogue and a Comedy night.



34. Thursday Coffee Mornings – Susan Walker and Ann Anderson

The Thursday Coffee Mornings offer refreshment and a warm welcome for church members and visitors alike. In addition, Margaret Roberts facilitates a Craft Group which is popular and enjoyed by many and Joan Husband provides a range of greeting cards and second-hand books to purchase in aid of the Children's Society.

35. Pastoral Care Team Report – Carolyn Kirk

St. Mary's had been feeling the need for more pastoral care, particularly among the more senior members of the church. After considerable discussion and planning during 2023, an advertisement for the position of "pastoral worker to work with older people in our community" was published in the St. Mary's Summer News Information Sheet dated 10th August. It called for the appointment of someone who would be ... "expected to work together with church members and volunteers to help tackle social isolation and to help meet the emotional, spiritual, and practical needs of older people". The contract would be for 16 hours a week "to be worked flexibly and include Sunday commitments" and be "initially for one year".

After her interview on 5 October, Dr Carolyn Kirk was appointed to this role. Carolyn has attended St. Mary's since 1962, felt the call to ministry there as a teenager, and was confirmed and married at St. Mary's. A musicologist and university teacher, Carolyn has been minister's wife for over forty years. For 25 years of those she served as missionary to

Portugal and Brazil and then taught postgraduates at University College London until her retirement in June 2023.

Carolyn asked to defer her official starting date until January 2024, due to family needs, and officially took up her new role at St Mary's on 9 January 2024. From October to December 2023, however, she began making helpful contacts, within the church and wider community, and discussing future plans, to include regular lunches, visits and other opportunities for older people to get together. Carolyn completed Safeguarding Training (Leadership Level) and also attended the Diocese of York's Week of Safeguarding in November 2023. She digitised and safely stored an existing file of previous pastoral records (2018 to 2020) and begun compiling a new "Airtable" record of pastoral care, as an ongoing working document.

Since January 2024, Carolyn and two other members of the pastoral team support group have met monthly with the vicar, for accountability and establishment of priorities. The visitation, social events and promised lunches have begun to happen. The help and suggestions of other church members have been very encouraging. However, as this report is supposed only to pertain to 2023, details of the 2024 Vintage Years Ministry, as it has become known, belong to next year's report...

Thank you to the church from the Vintage Years Ministry for your support.

36. Residential Care Homes - John Edmond

Over the last year we continued the pattern of services that involved Parklands, Claremont and Chapter House residential care homes. In planning for the services for the residents, we have followed the key festivals during the Church Year. Hymns are sung and the good news of the Kingdom of God is preached together with prayers and intercessions.

We are very grateful for the kind assistance given by the staff in the Residential Care Homes for all their hard work and the highest levels of care, love, understanding and compassion they bring to their work.

An important part of our mission is being visible in warmly welcoming those attending St Mary's and being a supportive church to all who attend – newcomers, visitors and existing congregation. It is important that all church members to continue to use their 'eyes and ears' when at church in ensuring all who attend, particularly if there are new faces or visitors, are warmly welcomed into the church community. In addition, the pastoral outreach is also about being aware within our midst of who may not have attended church for a little while or someone who is attending who may seem quiet or upset for any reason. As always, the aim

is to create meaningful relationships and fellowship across the church and sharing in a love for Jesus Christ.

I would like to thank all the people who have been involved in the Residential Care Home Ministry over the last year, for their commitment and self-giving service to others. The time given to come alongside and help others in Christ's work is precious.

We pray that moving forward the Holy Spirit will move amongst us and direct our course in our future pastoral journey; and that we will be equipped, gifted and enabled through the energy of the Holy Spirit to serve God's purposes in our community, grounded in God's word and love for us and in our love for our neighbours.

Thanks be to God.

37. Safeguarding - Gill Gregory

As we know, it is everyone's responsibility to think about safeguarding children and adults who are vulnerable. This is not optional as it involves caring for one another and most particularly the children or vulnerable people that we all have contact within the church family.

The Parish Safeguarding Policy closely follows the policy followed by York Diocese and is also available on request from me, on the church website and is on display in the parish hall and church.

The Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor is Rob Marshall with Sara Dickinson to assist. Andy Broom (Archdeacon) is also on the team. The Diocese provides a safeguarding section on their website which is very helpful and informative. This year they have been updating the training that they offer with the Leadership of Jenny Price. I am continuing as Safeguarding Officer for St Mary's working closely with Becky as our Vicar.

We had a Safeguarding Audit of the Church by the Diocese last year. We are compliant with the standards expected in most areas and have an Action plan approved by the PCC to complete all the tasks required.

As part of the Parish and Diocesan Safeguarding policy, all those individuals who are involved in an activity that requires contact with Children or Vulnerable Adults need to complete a Disclosure and Barring Service declaration (DBS). When taking up a role with children or vulnerable adults or in leadership within the church a DBS is required. DBS checks are required for all those doing children's work, pastoral work, the PCC, worship leaders, and

various others. There is a straightforward online system for completing DBS. The diocese has now required that we renew DBS's every 3 years unless the person has a continuously updating DBS. Please let me know if you are taking on a new role in the church, which may require a DBS or if it is some time since you completed one. People's data is subject to strict Data Protection law. Thank you to everyone who has had a check this year.

Training:

There are a variety of Safeguarding training courses that are required to be completed depending on the role that church members take up. I can advise you regarding the required training for your role. If you have any concerns regarding Safeguarding or would like further information, please do speak to Becky or me.

38. Church Welcomers Report - Jill Edmond

What a fantastic group of Church Welcomers we have - if you want confirmation flick through the Visitors' Book and see how many mentions they get for their warm welcome, their knowledge of the building and history surrounding it and their kindness. You are all absolute stars, and I am proud to be part of such an amazing group. Tony, Carole and Rosemary, a special thank you to you, without whom no one would ever be in the right place at the right time! Filling that rota each week is no mean feat - so thank you.

It was a busy year again with a very busy weekend for Heritage Open Days and a busy Christmas helping out with Through the Wardrobe - Adventures in Narnia. I must also thank those HEY Volunteers who always come to help at very busy times of year - you are much appreciated.

Do you love our church building? Do you love showing your friends around the church? Would you like to know more about the church history? Do you like coffee, tea and cake? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then perhaps you should think of joining the team!



39. Flowers - Lavinia Raynor

I have retired from doing the flowers this year. As not many are asked for, I am hoping someone will come forward. I will be able to do flowers for any members of Church on special occasions.

Buildings

40. Church Wardens Report – Allan Ball

At our last APCM Jill Edmond, Keith Gilson and Allan Ball were re-elected as Wardens, with Ian Jackson elected as our new Warden following Gill Gregory stepping down after six years in the role. We thank Gill for all her hard work during that period.

The new team of Wardens have worked hard to support Becky (OK, just to keep up with her!) in the many and varied aspects of life at St Mary's, from delivering excellent, thought-provoking sermons to her skills with a mop and bucket following several leaks in the church. We are immensely blessed to have such a hardworking and dedicated Vicar for our congregations, the church building and to the people and town of Beverley.

The numbers attending over the wide range of events over Christmas were simply phenomenal, with the church running out of spaces to add additional chairs for several of the services. The Narnia "Through the Wardrobe" experience was a tremendous achievement, thanks in no small part to Ian and Jane's hard work over many long hours and probably sleepless nights.

And who will ever forget Becky's return trip to Bishopthorpe Palace by car, glider, parachute, and fishtailing motorbike, just to ask the Archbishop of York to light her candle for the Christingle Service!

We are, as ever, indebted to Chris Munday who acts as treasurer to the Wardens. We are grateful for his expertise, advice and commitment to us and the role. We also thank Chris and his team of helpers for counting the cash taken as offerings and donations. The Wardens Fund continues to cover the costs of bread and wine for communion and the insurance for the church building.

It has been a busy year for the fabric of the building, with both the new screen and new organ being successfully installed, but with works on the new West Door entrance being delayed by archaeological findings.



41. Parish Hall – Gill Gregory

The Parish Hall diary bookings are going well and the diary through 2023 has been busy. We had diverse regular weekly and monthly groups including various exercise and singing groups, choirs, dancing classes, children's classes, yoga, wine, and guitar groups. It is also often booked for birthday parties and other one-off events. The Hall is also used for church activities, including services, meetings, coffee mornings, various church courses such as Alpha, Ephesians, the Lent course, Christmas activities, Allsorts Toddlers group and other children's activities.

Throughout 2023 we have had an average of 15 external hirers per week covering an average of 25 hourly sessions. This roughly meant that the hall was booked for 1,200 hours / sessions through the year by external groups.

Gill Gregory manages the bookings and Susan Walker does the monthly invoicing on Tuesday mornings. Sally Blake acts as Treasurer and Anne Mansfield continued to oversee the Parish Hall bank account.

The hall had a few repairs in 2023 including to the kitchen cooker, external drains and toilets. All safety checks and insurance are up to date.

Social Action

46. School Holiday Meals and Activities

Over 18 sessions (each of 4 hours) we welcomed up to 40 children per day. During the sessions we played games with the children, taught them baking and cooking skills, took them on trips and most importantly provided full cooked meals for the children. On order to make this happen we recruited 22 volunteers, boxes of fruit from Stephenson's Funeral Directors as well as donations from individuals from the church community and we are very grateful for their support. We are also grateful to Tina Cerutii and Coles Kitchen who helped with magnificent food and of course Mel Bruton and our lovely Church Lads Church Girls for the use of the George Street facilities.



43. Hope into Action Beverley (HiAB) Report – John Edmond

HiAB completed the purchase of its first house in Beverley on 15th March 2023. We spent some time ensuring the property was ready for our first tenant, who moved in on August 1st 2023. Our pre-tenancy work included:

- Refurbishing the house to HiAB standards.
- Furnishing and equipping the house;
- Obtaining all necessary safety certificates
- Appointed an Empowerment Worker, Angela Spence; our Friendship and Support group to befriend and support the tenant and setting up our online prayer group.

In July 2023 Rev Canon Jonathan Baker, from Beverley Minster, led a small service of blessing for the house where we prayed in each room.

Our first tenant was a young woman, a victim of domestic abuse, who had two young children aged 6 months and 4 years. She is from Hull so arrived with little knowledge of Beverley. With the Empowerment Worker taking the lead and with the help of the Friendship & Support group the tenant began to settle into Beverley, find a school place for the eldest daughter and childcare for her baby son; help the tenant enrol in a course at Beverley College; and encouraged her to engage in debt management support.

However, after a period of time the tenant decided that she no longer required the support HiAB offered and wanted would prefer to look for a private rental property in Hull. As such in the coming couple of months we will change tenants as a new tenant has been found, again a victim of domestic violence with a young family. We look forward to welcoming them shortly to our property and the support network we provide.

Our biggest challenge has been trying to work with the East Riding of Yorkshire Council Rental Claim team and sorting out the Housing Benefit Rental Claim with the ERYC. This has been on- going since last August and has been immensely frustrating and time-consuming. We believe there is light now at the end of the tunnel on this matter.

Angela Spence has also now left HiAB and we are seeking a new Empowerment Worker. Details are attached if anyone is interested in this very rewarding role helping the tenant and her family.

On a positive note, we have continued to try and give HiAB a high profile within Beverley. We report regularly to Churches Together in Beverley and to the PCCs of Beverley Minster and St Mary's. We have decorated a Christmas Tree for the Beverley Minster Christmas Tree Festival for the last two years. John raised over £1,300 for HiAB by completing the Great North Run in September 2023. We have also received generous support from the Beverley Building Society and from donations from other benefactors.

44. Churches Together in Beverley -Becky Lumley

Churches Together in Beverley has continued to support the churches in their ministries and is the vehicle for working together as Christians. Hope in Action, the ministry to the residential care homes and Beverley Schools Christian Trust have been supported and encouraged by CTB. CTB has provided opportunities for us to worship together at Christmas and Easter as well as the week of Christian Unity. It has promoted understanding and dialogue.

45. Deanery Leadership Team- Gill Gregory

As part of The Archbishops plan for Living Christ's Story there has been developed a Deanery Implementation Plan which was completed in 2022.

The areas covered include:

- Becoming more like Christ:
- Children Youth and families:
- Restructuring parishes and seeking opportunities to create new worshiping communities.
- Redeployment of Stipendiary Resources to enhance opportunity for growth.
- Creating structures of mutual accountability across the Deanery to improve potential local plans for growth.

We had a helpful review of progress so far with Bishop Eleanor and Archdeacon Andy Broom on 25th October 2023. The decisions were to focus on Children, Youth and Families and to continue to work together to support growth across the deanery.

The deanery has a programme of events to foster closer working, relationships and worship together. This includes the monthly Encounter informal worship service which is rotating around the Deanery churches. St Marys has hosted this and there are regular reminders of it in the St Mary's Newsletter.

The deanery has a Facebook page called *Church of England, Beverley* where events in different churches are listed and the Encounter service are advertised. This is available for all to join.

St Mary's has been working with the rest of the deanery to build wider children's work. The plan is to offer a monthly Deanery wider youth group at Church Lads and Girls Brigade building called 'The Tribe'. The goal is to bring young people from year 6 upwards together from across the deanery to enable them to build friendships and support one another in growing faith. They will be brought to the youth group by supporters from their churches and this will enable relationship building within each church as well.

St Mary's has also been supporting the Leconfield, Lockington, Lund and Scarborough Parish as they work together with the wider deanery. This has involved providing leadership for services, some funerals, and leading a Primary school assembly. Thank you to Becky, Erik, Michael and John for all that you have given.



V. Financial Reports and Accounts

Stewardship Report for 2023 prepared by Susan Walker

The table below shows the **Planned Giving** received in the year, with the previous year comparisons shown below these figures in red.

					Year to 31.12.23
					Year to 31.12.22
	Gift Aid		Non Gift Aid		Totals
	£	No.	£	No.	£
Weekly Envelopes - general fund	£3,917	9	£241	3	£4,158
Standing Orders - general fund	£5,516	12	£541	4	£6,057
Standing Orders - via Parish Giving Scheme	£32,297	49	£4,930	14	£37,227
Standing Orders – organ fund	£29,469	53	£4,940	16	£34,409
Standing Orders – restoration fund	£18,149	28	£1,250	4	£19,399
Standing Orders – youth worker	£15,558	27	£920	3	£16,478
Column Totals	£55,628	90	£6,601	22	£62,229
	£52,023	96	£6,581	24	£58,604

HMRC Gift Aid Reclaim at 25%	£13,907
	£13,006

The table below shows the Unplanned Gift Aid Envelope Donations received in the year, with the previous year comparisons shown below these figures in red.

Unplanned Gift Aid Donations	£17,615
	£17,941
HMRC Gift Aid Reclaim at 25%	£4,404
	£4,485

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1131295

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023
FOR
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY,
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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish Church of St Mary, Beverley is a charity registered with the Charity Commission.

It is also known by the name of 'St Mary's PCC'.

St Mary's Church, North Bar Within, Beverley, is part of the Diocese of York within the Church of England.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Activities

St Mary's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church and Parish Hall of St Mary's, Beverley.

Public benefit

All trustees are made aware of the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on Public Benefit. Trustees have regard to this guidance in carrying out their work in furtherance of the charity's objectives.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY,
BEVERLEY**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Church attendance

At present there are 224 members on the church electoral role.

The average weekly attendance is 186 adults and 24 children.

2023 started with two Readers - Steve Parkin and John Edmond, who were joined by two Readers are currently in training - Gill Gregory and Jo Boulter.

Review of the year

During the year of 2023 there were 10 full PCC meetings plus the APCM in April. The average attendance at PCC was 13 members. At most meetings there was a report from the Treasurer on financial activities, alongside a report on the buildings and churchyard where necessary.

The PCC continues to offer a wide range of services and activities for the congregation and the wider community to fulfil both spiritual and community needs. Services range from the more traditional 0930 and 1830 Sunday worship and the Thursday morning service, to the contemporary 1115 Sunday service. Additional services include regular Celtic prayers on a Saturday evening, Healing Services held mid-afternoon on a Sunday and the Sunday evening contemporary Praise Service.

The traditional services were offered at Easter (attendance of 459) and Christmas (attendance of 1,950 on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day). The end of the year saw the immersive theatre performance of 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe' performed 32 times over the two Christmas weeks as a mission and outreach opportunity. This was exceptionally well attended by people of all ages (attendees 1572).

Music continues to be a central element to the church and its worship, with the more traditional services being supported by our amazing choir and the 1115 service by our wonderful modern band of worship. A gospel choir has also been established at St Mary's school.

St Mary's was able to offer baptism, marriage, and funeral services for our parishioners in 2023, totalling 28 baptisms, 18 weddings and 34 funerals. Such services maintain our strong links with our surrounding community and enable them to celebrate life events and honour the passing of loved ones.

In January the PCC took the decision to increase its meeting schedule to monthly. The decision was based on an increased workload of the church and the need for timely decisions from the governing body. We also hoped that we could reduce the time of individual meetings and make for a more streamlined decision-making process. This system has been assessed over the year and found to be advantageous to the running of the church.

St Mary's works with the Diocese in providing safeguarding training for our volunteers and employees. A safeguarding policy was received and accepted by the PCC. Safeguarding was discussed at every PCC meeting and a significant amount of work has been done to ensure we are up

to date with legal and diocese requirements. In addition representatives of the PCC sit on the Deanery Synod, providing an essential link to the diocese for St Mary's.

Evangelism and mission for children and young people was a central theme for the PCC this year. A decision was taken in early 2023 to appoint two new Children and Youth Workers. Appointments took place in May, for the two part time posts, to join our current team. Much work has been done throughout the year by Beth and Helena involving : St Mary's School, Church lads and Church Girls Brigade, Livewires, Brightsparks, PowerSurge and Bubble Church. Please see appropriate reports for details. Holiday clubs for children were provided within the main holiday periods.

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Further mission took place with the decision to appoint a Pastoral Worker on a part time basis to focus on adult and older members of the congregation. This position is expected to be filled in early 2024.

Discipleship Groups continue strongly, with worship, study and fellowship being provided across the town and beyond, on a weekly basis. This programme has been added to by themed sessions, linked to Discipleship Groups, bringing the church together in deeper study, such as the six-week Ephesians course.

Building and restoration again took centre stage at St Mary's. The smart screen was installed in April and has proven a big success. The planning and decision making by the PCC, was on occasions, a difficult task, however, since its installation it has been used numerous times, in particular for church events and special services and for the 0930 and 1115 services.

Six pews were removed in preparation for the new organ, after much planning and deliberation. Work for rewiring and placing of the new organ began in November, with an expectation that installation will take place in early 2024.

Planning also took place this year for the new West Doors. This will entail glass doors being erected out with the current doors, to welcome people into the church and encourage more people to worship with us. Work and planning took place throughout the year, with installation anticipated in 2024.

Throughout the year the church continued to work with social media, with a presence on Facebook, X and Instagram alongside the main website. Each evening on Facebook, we offer prayers, by a member of the congregation and a weekly service is broadcast for those unable to attend services in person.

The church hall continues to offer a space for church services, children and young people's groups and community activities. Activities range from coffee and cake, toddlers, music, craft, and women's fellowship.

In addition, a total of 15 community groups now regularly rent the hall with a significant number of occasional and one off bookings

Deanery Synod

Representatives of the PCC sit on the Deanery Synod, providing an essential link to the diocese for St Mary's. This year the Deanery Plan was launched and St Mary's is playing its part in supporting the wider vision of the church.

Safeguarding

St Mary's works with the Diocese in providing safeguarding training for our volunteers and employees. A safeguarding policy was received and accepted by the PCC. Regular updates on this matter are held at PCC meetings. Coordinated by our safeguarding lead, Gill.

The Church Hall

The hall continues to offer a space for church services, children and young people's groups and community activities. Activities range from coffee and cake, toddlers, music, craft and women's fellowship. A total of 18 community groups now rent the hall each week with a multitude of one off or irregular bookings.

The rest of the activities undertaken are found in the main APC 2023 report of which this report forms part.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The overall result for the General Unrestricted fund, before taking into account unrealised investment gains, was a gain of £213,540. Total receipts were £428,552 an increase of £218,887 on the previous year of £209,665. This was in the main due to generous legacies of £194,000.

Total expenditure for the unrestricted fund was £215,012 so an increase of £44,009 on 2022 expenditure of £171,003 as our long hoped for Youth Workers commenced work, the smart screen was installed and other costs increased including gas and electricity.

The Parish Freewill Offering of £73,500 was paid in full to the Diocese.

The General Fund Balance as at 31st December 2023 increased by £264,473 to £775,017 due to the aforementioned legacies and the valuation of our investments increased. You may recall from last year our investments did not do so well, it is good to see the recovery.

Total Income throughout all the PCC Funds was £344,601 and expenditure was £347,439 a small deficit of £2838 which is good considering what we have achieved including the part purchase of a new digital organ (some costs will be borne in 2024).

The balance of all PCC Funds at 31st December 2022 stood at £2,789,721 an increase of £648,305 on the previous year. For all the reasons mentioned earlier.

Reserves policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on the unrestricted fund, invested or on deposit, to provide interest income to the General Fund as current income from all other sources does not meet the expenditure required to pay for the general running of the church.

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance in the Restoration Fund, Organ Fund, Tower Bell Fund and the Parish Hall Management Fund to pay for essential work on the maintenance of the fabric of the Church, Organ, Tower Bells and Parish Hall respectively.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Charity, which is an unincorporated body, is controlled by its governing document, which is the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956), as amended and Church Representation Rules.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1131295

Principal address

St Mary's Church
North Bar Within
Beverley
East Yorkshire
HU17

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Trustees

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2022 until the date this report was approved are:

Incumbent: The Revd Rebecca Alison Lumley (Chairman)
Readers: Stephen Parkin and John Edmond
Wardens: Beverley Lawrence, Gill Gregory, Jill Edmond, and Keith Gilson

Deanery Synod Joanne Boulter and Ed Norman
Members:

Elected Members:

Mark Merryweather	Alice Lee	Lesley Jackson
Richard Mattock	Simon Pike	Ian Jackson
Anne Crossley	Allan Ball	
Andrew Allison	David Warren	

Treasurer: Anne Mansfield
Secretary: Janet Osgerby

Independent Examiner

Adrian M Allen
Sowerby
Chartered Accountants
Beckside Court
Annie Reed Road
Beverley
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Address for Correspondence

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on and signed on its behalf
by:

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Rev. R A Lumley - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary, Beverley

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary, Beverley (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

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

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

Adrian M Allen

Sowerby
Chartered Accountants
Beckside Court
Annie Reed Road
Beverley

East Yorkshire
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Date:

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

		Unrestricted	Total	Restricted	2023	2022
	Notes	Total fund £	funds £	funds £	Endowment funds £	funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM						
Donations and legacies	2	351,363	303,479	-	654,842	224,058
Charitable activities	5					
Church Activities		11,562	-	-	11,562	11,430
Other trading activities	3	35,572	18,154	-	53,726	40,628
Investment income	4	30,055	22,968	-	53,023	48,545
Other income		-	-	-	-	2,500
Total		<u>428,552</u>	<u>344,601</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>773,153</u>	<u>327,161</u>
EXPENDITURE ON						
Raising funds	6	17,678	520	-	18,198	12,751
Charitable activities	7					
Church Activities		<u>197,334</u>	<u>89,584</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>286,918</u>	<u>321,255</u>
Total		<u>215,012</u>	<u>90,104</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>305,116</u>	<u>334,006</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		<u>50,933</u>	<u>92,942</u>	<u>36,393</u>	<u>180,268</u>	<u>(222,440)</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		264,473	347,439	36,393	648,305	(229,285)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
Total funds brought forward		<u>510,544</u>	<u>1,088,116</u>	<u>542,756</u>	<u>2,141,416</u>	<u>2,370,701</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		775,017	1,435,555	579,149	2,789,721	2,141,416

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**BALANCE SHEET
31 December 2023**

		Unrestricted		Restricted	2023	2022
	Notes	Total fund £	Total funds £	funds £	Endowment funds £	funds £
FIXED ASSETS						
Investments	11	666,885	1,145,564	579,149	2,391,598	1,811,330
CURRENT ASSETS						
Stocks	12	1,148	-	-	1,148	911
Debtors	13	20,766	14,292	-	35,058	15,331
Cash at bank		102,633	293,348	-	395,981	328,071
		<u>124,547</u>	<u>307,640</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>432,187</u>	<u>344,313</u>
CREDITORS						
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(16,415)	(17,649)	-	(34,064)	(14,227)
		<u>108,132</u>	<u>289,991</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>398,123</u>	<u>330,086</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS						
		<u>775,017</u>	<u>1,435,555</u>	<u>579,149</u>	<u>2,789,721</u>	<u>2,141,416</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES						
		<u>775,017</u>	<u>1,435,555</u>	<u>579,149</u>	<u>2,789,721</u>	<u>2,141,416</u>
NET ASSETS						
		<u>775,017</u>	<u>1,435,555</u>	<u>579,149</u>	<u>2,789,721</u>	<u>2,141,416</u>
FUNDS	15					
Unrestricted funds					775,017	510,544
Restricted funds					1,435,555	1,088,116
Endowment funds					579,149	542,756
TOTAL FUNDS					<u>2,789,721</u>	<u>2,141,416</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on and were signed on its behalf by:

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.....
Rev. R A Lumley - Trustee

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**CASH FLOW STATEMENT
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>414,887</u>	<u>(52,881)</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		<u>414,887</u>	<u>(52,881)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of fixed asset investments		(400,000)	-
Dividends received		<u>53,023</u>	<u>48,545</u>
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		<u>(346,977)</u>	<u>48,545</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		67,910	(4,336)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>328,071</u>	<u>332,407</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u><u>395,981</u></u>	<u><u>328,071</u></u>

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**NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

**1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW
FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	648,305	(229,285)
Adjustments for:		
(Gain)/losses on investments	(180,268)	222,440
Dividends received	(53,023)	(48,545)
(Increase)/decrease in stocks	(237)	135
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(19,727)	1,108
Increase in creditors	<u>19,837</u>	<u>1,266</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) operations	<u><u>414,887</u></u>	<u><u>(52,881)</u></u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1/1/23	Cash flow	At 31/12/23
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank	<u>328,071</u>	<u>67,910</u>	<u>395,981</u>
	<u>328,071</u>	<u>67,910</u>	<u>395,981</u>
Total	<u><u>328,071</u></u>	<u><u>67,910</u></u>	<u><u>395,981</u></u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

This is the first year for which the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS102. The date of transition was 1 January 2017. There was no effect on the charity's net assets at that date.

The financial statements also comply with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006.

The presentation currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£).

Having regard to liquidity risk, current market conditions and other factors affecting the charity, the use of the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate as, in the opinion of the trustees, there are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt about the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

In more detail:

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received.

Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they related is received.

Grants and Legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due.

Dividends are accounted for when receivable; interest is accrued.

All other income is recognised when it is receivable.

All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Resources expended

In more detail:

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC.

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due.

Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds.

All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds represent a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year must be carried forward as the balance of that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no specific investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds, depending on the purpose for which the endowment was established.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Fixed assets

Consecrated or benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to

2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

Items of Church equipment are written off in the year in which they are purchased.

Fixed Asset Investments

Investments are valued at market value at 31st December 2023.

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Planned Giving - Gift Aid Dona tion	72,508	76,901
Gift aid	20,109	46,841
Legacies	484,960	4,000
Plate collections	22,766	23,293
Donations, appeals etc	54,499	73,023
	<u>654,842</u>	<u>224,058</u>

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fundraising	22,382	14,539
Church & Parish Hall letting	27,763	23,171
Bookstall	3,581	2,918
	<u>53,726</u>	<u>40,628</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Investment income	<u>53,023</u>	<u>48,545</u>

5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	2023	2022
		£	£
PCC Fees	Church Activities	<u>11,562</u>	<u>11,430</u>

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6. RAISING FUNDS

Other trading activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Purchases	1,446	1,059
Fundraising expenses	<u>16,752</u>	<u>11,692</u>
	<u>18,198</u>	<u>12,751</u>

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 8) £	Totals £
Church Activities	<u>284,926</u>	<u>1,992</u>	<u>286,918</u>

8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs £
Church Activities	<u>1,992</u>

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

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10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted	Total	Restricted	Endowment
	fund	funds	funds	funds
	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM				
Donations and legacies	147,730	76,328	-	224,058
Charitable activities				
Church Activities	11,430	-	-	11,430
Other trading activities	22,297	18,331	-	40,628
Investment income	25,708	22,837	-	48,545
Other income	2,500	-	-	2,500
Total	<u>209,665</u>	<u>117,496</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>327,161</u>
EXPENDITURE ON				
Raising funds	11,841	910	-	12,751
Charitable activities				
Church Activities	<u>159,162</u>	<u>162,093</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>321,255</u>
Total	<u>171,003</u>	<u>163,003</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>334,006</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	<u>(55,852)</u>	<u>(113,785)</u>	<u>(52,803)</u>	<u>(222,440)</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(17,190)	(159,292)	(52,803)	(229,285)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	527,734	1,247,408	595,559	2,370,701
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>510,544</u>	<u>1,088,116</u>	<u>542,756</u>	<u>2,141,416</u>

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11. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 January 2023	1,811,330
Additions	400,000
Revaluations	<u>180,268</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>2,391,598</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2023	<u>2,391,598</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>1,811,330</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

Cost or valuation at 31 December 2023 is represented by:

	Listed investments £
Valuation in 2023	<u>2,391,598</u>

12. STOCKS

	2023 £	2022 £
Stocks	<u>1,148</u>	<u>911</u>

13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Other debtors	32,389	12,583
Gift Aid recoverable	<u>2,669</u>	<u>2,748</u>
	<u>35,058</u>	<u>15,331</u>

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14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other creditors	<u>34,064</u>	<u>14,227</u>

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/1/23	Net movement in funds	At 31/12/23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	510,544	264,473	775,017
Restricted funds			
Restoration Fund	920,481	371,724	1,292,205
Organ Fund	82,004	(28,762)	53,242
Parish Hall	51,675	(108)	51,567
Tower Fund	21,865	2,403	24,268
Other Restricted Fund	<u>12,091</u>	<u>2,182</u>	<u>14,273</u>
	1,088,116	347,439	1,435,555
Endowment funds			
Restoration Fund	191,537	8,417	199,954
Organ Fund	77,926	6,197	84,123
Endowment Fund	<u>273,293</u>	<u>21,779</u>	<u>295,072</u>
	<u>542,756</u>	<u>36,393</u>	<u>579,149</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>2,141,416</u>	<u>648,305</u>	<u>2,789,721</u>

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	428,552	(215,012)	50,933	264,473
Restricted funds				
Restoration Fund	316,420	(27,632)	82,936	371,724
Organ Fund	4,551	(38,381)	5,068	(28,762)
Parish Hall	18,902	(21,513)	2,503	(108)
Tower Fund	1,557	(1,589)	2,435	2,403
Other Restricted Fund	3,171	(989)	-	2,182
	<u>344,601</u>	<u>(90,104)</u>	<u>92,942</u>	<u>347,439</u>
Endowment funds				
Restoration Fund	-	-	8,417	8,417
Organ Fund	-	-	6,197	6,197
Endowment Fund	-	-	21,779	21,779
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,393</u>	<u>36,393</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>773,153</u></u>	<u><u>(305,116)</u></u>	<u><u>180,268</u></u>	<u><u>648,305</u></u>

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	527,734	(17,190)	510,544
Restricted funds			
Restoration Fund	1,058,083	(137,602)	920,481
Organ Fund	87,772	(5,768)	82,004
Parish Hall	50,517	1,158	51,675
Tower Fund	23,805	(1,940)	21,865
Other Restricted Fund	13,215	(1,124)	12,091
Bosses Project	14,016	(14,016)	-
	<u>1,247,408</u>	<u>(159,292)</u>	<u>1,088,116</u>
Endowment funds			
Restoration Fund	208,600	(17,063)	191,537
Organ Fund	82,851	(4,925)	77,926
Endowment Fund	304,108	(30,815)	273,293
	<u>595,559</u>	<u>(52,803)</u>	<u>542,756</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>2,370,701</u></u>	<u><u>(229,285)</u></u>	<u><u>2,141,416</u></u>

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	209,665	(171,003)	(55,852)	(17,190)
Restricted funds				
Restoration Fund	51,912	(88,387)	(101,127)	(137,602)
Organ Fund	7,222	(5,820)	(7,170)	(5,768)
Parish Hall	18,288	(13,588)	(3,542)	1,158
Tower Fund	2,559	(2,553)	(1,946)	(1,940)
Other Restricted Fund	6,584	(7,708)	-	(1,124)
Bosses Project	30,931	(44,947)	-	(14,016)
	117,496	(163,003)	(113,785)	(159,292)
Endowment funds				
Restoration Fund	-	-	(17,063)	(17,063)
Organ Fund	-	-	(4,925)	(4,925)
Endowment Fund	-	-	(30,815)	(30,815)
	-	-	(52,803)	(52,803)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>327,161</u>	<u>(334,006)</u>	<u>(222,440)</u>	<u>(229,285)</u>

The restricted funds are comprised of the Restoration Fund, the Organ Fund, the Tower Bell Ringing Fund, the HLF Fund and the Parish Hall Management Fund. In addition, there are restricted monies in the General Restricted Fund relating to the Flower Fund, the Garden Fund and the Music Fund.

Endowment Funds are comprised of the following:

The Walker Bequest Endowment which holds 9,368.79 units in the CBF Investment Fund.

The Morley Bequest Endowment which holds 1,747 units in the CBF Investment Fund.

The Walker and Morley Bequests are allocated to the General Fund and the interest can be used for the general running of the church.

In addition, there are a number of endowment funds that are allocated to the Restoration Fund. These comprise of 3,254.149 units in the Charishare Common Investment Fund, 452.03 units in COIF Charities Investment Funds Accumulation Units and 3,266.89 units in the CBF Investment Fund

The Organ Fund has an endowment fund comprising of Compass shares, Prudential shares, Vodafone shares, United Utility shares and CBF Investment Fund Units.

The Restoration Appeal raised £495 including tax recovered from gift aid donations this year, making a total of £127,137 in the appeal fund. The Restoration Fund balance, excluding endowment funds, increased by £371,724 due to generous legacies. The total of the fund is now £1,292,204, including the Restoration Appeal money.

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The Organ Fund had income of £4,551 but replacement of the old Organ by a digital organ at a cost during 2023 of £38,381, some of the costs will be borne in 2024, meant a decrease of £33,830. The Organ Fund balance decreased to £53,243, in addition there is £95,779 in the Eric , Bielby Organ Endowment Fund, an increase on on last year because of improved return on this investment,

Parish Hall lettings were £17,382 similar to £17,121 in 2022. Expenditure on the Hall was £21,513 as the 25 year old pumps had to be replaced, making a deficit of £108. The Hall balance has decreased slightly to £51,567.

The Tower Fund balance stands at £24,268.

Other Restricted Funds includes £8,647 in the Music Fund. There is also £446 remaining in the Defibrillator Fund.

16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

	2023 £	2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Planned Giving - Gift Aid Dona tion	72,508	76,901
Gift aid	20,109	46,841
Legacies	484,960	4,000
Plate collections	22,766	23,293
Donations, appeals etc	54,499	73,023
	<u>654,842</u>	<u>224,058</u>
Other trading activities		
Fundraising	22,382	14,539
Church & Parish Hall letting	27,763	23,171
Bookstall	3,581	2,918
	<u>53,726</u>	<u>40,628</u>
Investment income		
Investment income	53,023	48,545
Charitable activities		
PCC Fees	11,562	11,430
Other income		
Other income	-	2,500
	<u>773,153</u>	<u>327,161</u>
Total incoming resources		
EXPENDITURE		
Other trading activities		
Bookstall	1,446	1,059
Fundraising expenses	16,752	11,692
	<u>18,198</u>	<u>12,751</u>
Charitable activities		
Mission & charitable giving	2,835	7,894
Carried forward	2,835	7,894

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	2022	2023
	£	£
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	2,835	7,894
Parish share	73,500	72,504
Church upkeep	31,016	24,950
Working expenses of incumbent	25,810	13,455
Vicarage	-	934
Clergy assistants	183	1,320
Minor maintenance & repairs	19,023	16,750
Church services	750	2,039
Parish training, mission, education	18,402	12,038
Major Church repairs	88,427	151,009
Major Parish Hall repairs	11,624	-
Honoraria e.g. choir, organists	13,356	10,134
	<u>284,926</u>	<u>313,027</u>
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Accountancy and ind exam'n	<u>1,992</u>	<u>8,228</u>
Total resources expended	<u>305,116</u>	<u>334,006</u>
Net income/(expenditure) before gains and losses	468,037	(6,845)
Realised recognised gains and losses		
Realised gains/(losses) on fixed asset investments	<u>180,268</u>	<u>(222,440)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u><u>648,305</u></u>	<u><u>(229,285)</u></u>