



2024

Annual Report

St Patrick's Brompton

For the Period January to December 2023

Aims and purposes.

St Patrick's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Incumbent, the Reverend Robin David Christopher Lawton, in promoting the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of St Patrick's Church, Patrick Brompton.

Objectives and Activities

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

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

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

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

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

Achievements and performance

Worship and prayer.

The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and the benefice, to which St Patrick's Church, Patrick Brompton belongs.

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services during the month and over the course of the year, that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. For example, our Prayer and Praise service provides a quiet, intimate, and reflective environment for worship whilst opportunities are provided for people to engage in different styles of worship through mid-week and Sunday Morning services, Family services and Holy Communion. These, along with our mid-week and Holy Communion services provided at Crakehall for the whole Benefice, offer a comprehensive choice of worship. As part of the Benefice of Lower Wensleydale other services are available across the other five parish churches in the benefice, including Simply Together, Just Together, and T.O.A.S.T. Café Church. Services with the offer of prayer for healing, patronal services, services to mark the agricultural year, along with services such as Vigils and Compline at specific occasions during the church year.

Our thanks go out to Sue our Reader, Rev'd Roy and Fr Philip for assisting the Rector in providing a regular pattern of worship. We are also grateful to Bridget for her help with digital Music support.

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

Church Fabric Report

In May the Quinquennial Inspection was carried out which reported that St Patrick's "is generally in really good condition." However as usual each year it was necessary to do certain work to the roof on two occasions comprising principally repairing and replacing a small number of slates. Additionally, the bi-annual cleaning of gutters hoppers and fall pipes was completed.

As noted in the last electrical inspection, carried out every five years, work was undertaken to bring the installation up to current regulations. This included upgrading light fittings and repairing a overhead heater and addressing issues with the switchboard.

The annual servicing of the boiler, organ, clock and fire extinguishers were completed. We also needed to repair small leaks to the oil pipe.

As in previous years it has once again been necessary to call out the pest control unit from the local council to clear the large number of cluster flies in the church on two occasions.

Mission and evangelism

Along with the other parishes in our benefice we have been able to reach out to our community on several occasions throughout the year at events such as.

- Village Fetes
- The Wensleydale Agricultural Show
- Hunton Steam Gathering

Rev'd Chris continued his role as a chaplain to the Agricultural Community through his membership of the 'Agricultural Chaplains Association' and 'Yorkshire Churches Rural Business Support'. Principally this is through the Mart at Leyburn but also includes visits to individual farms and businesses as well as advocacy on farming issues.

Rev'd Chris also sits as a board member on several local charities and supports the Deanery and Diocese in active membership of the Area Mission and Pastoral Committee and the Leeds Board of Patronage.

Safeguarding

There were no safeguarding issues to report.

The PCC is compliant with training and DBS certification apart from one member who has had difficulty accessing the online materials.

Financial review

Our annual accounts have been prepared using the Receipts and Payments method.

This report illustrates our financial position at our year-end 31st December 2023

Total receipts £ 25,403

Total payments £ 33,225

Our total financial assets at the end of the year were £25,788.

Receipts

The church's day to day running costs could not be met without those people who give regularly to St Patrick's. We would like to express our thanks to the people who continue to support us in this way.

Planned giving through envelopes and standing orders decreased by 13%, but this was due to the greater utilisation of the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). It would be advantageous to the Treasurer if more of our regular donors, and any new donors, would also join the PGS.

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £25,365, of which £6,684 was unrestricted voluntary donations, and a further £3,834 was from Gift Aid.

Total income decreased by 38% compared to 2022, but this was mainly due to a £10,000 donation (and the £2,500 Gift-Aid claimed on it) that was received in 2022.

Our Christmas Fair was extremely successful once again, bringing in £1,198 for church funds.

Payments

£33,225 was spent from unrestricted funds to provide the Christian ministry from St Patrick's, including the £14,833 contribution to the Diocesan Parish Share that largely provides the stipends and housing for the clergy.

The net result for the year was an excess of payments over receipts of £7,860 on unrestricted funds. Adding bank and deposit balances brought forward at the beginning of the year, the balances carried forward at the 31st of December on unrestricted funds totalled £10,156. With the addition of the £3,132 being held in our ring-fenced Renovation Fund and the £12,500 in our ring-fenced Re-Ordering Fund, St Patrick's total financial assets were £25,788 at the end of the year.

Reserves policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds that equates to at least three months' unrestricted payments to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. In 2023 this was equivalent to £8,300. The cash balance of £10,156 held on unrestricted funds at the year-end adequately meets these aims.

The balance of £3,132 in the restricted renovation fund is retained towards meeting the cost of repairs to the fabric of the church building.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all volunteers who make our church the place of peace and rest that it is. In particular, the flower arrangers, those who clean the church, the keyholders who open and lock the building daily and our warden Alistair who does so much to maintain the building and support the worship and mission of the church.

Deanery Synod Report

The Incumbent sits on the Wensley Deanery Synod, there remain two lay vacancies. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church.

This year has been dominated by discussion of the Barnabas Project. The aim was to allow the subject to be thoroughly discussed with feedback from PCCs, and actions undertaken.

This year has seen the Deanery continue with a full complement of clergy.

Throughout the year the Deanery Synod met four times: -

15th February by Zoom

6th June St Gregory's Church, Bedale

13th September St Matthew's Church, Leyburn

23rd November by Zoom

There have been presentations on:

Introduction to The Barnabas Project

Speaker: Rev'd Jude Smith, Director of Church Revitalization introduced the Barnabas Project - Barnabas: Encouraging Confidence.

Two explanatory power points were shown, and discussion followed.

The Barnabas Project: The Theology of Barnabas

Bob Mathews shared a PowerPoint Slide he had prepared on screen and Rev'd Chris Lawton gave a short Presentation. Members split into groups and discussed ways of sharing ideas with what they already have, new ways of thinking and how to build each other up.

Ideas are to be shared and discussed at PCC meetings and reported back.

The Barnabas Project: The Theology of Barnabas - Feedback from PCCs

Representatives described the many ways PCCs had looked at the Barnabas project, ranging from public exhibitions to uniting parishes and improving governance.

Bob Mathews and Angus Maude outlined some work they had been doing around collective Deanery building maintenance. This is work in progress and there will be further feedback in the future.

Bob Mathews reported on meetings he had been attending about changes to lay ministry training. Once again work in progress.

The Barnabas Project: The Theology of Barnabas

The Deanery Barnabas Away Day was confirmed. Details of the day and expectations were outlined.

Events

The following Deanery events were undertaken: -

Ascension Day Open Air joint service with the Methodists at Jervaulx Abbey.

Members of the Deanery supported the Wensleydale Show with the Church about the Dale stand.

Structure, governance and management.

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Patrick's, Patrick Brompton the membership of the PCC consists of the Incumbent, Churchwarden and members elected by those who are on the electoral roll of the church. The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

The PCC met on in March, May (APCM), and October.

There were also gathered PCC meetings for all 6 parishes of the Benefice in February, March, June, September, and November. Each month, there have been Leader's meeting/Conference calls via PhoneChurch or meeting in person at St Gregory's, Crakehall to link PCCs across the Benefice.

Administrative information

St Patrick's Church is part of the Wensley Deanery in the Diocese of Leeds within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, Patrick Brompton, DL8 1JN. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2022) and a charity currently excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

Ex-Officio Members

The Incumbent

- Revd R D C Lawton

Wardens:

- Mr Alistair Clark
- One Seat vacant

Deanery Synod

- Mrs Bridgette Ormston
- Mrs Susan Bianco

Elected members

- Mrs Brenda Jobling, Electoral Roll Officer
- Mrs Avie Ropner
- Mrs Hilary Clark, PCC Minute Secretary
- 3 Vacant Seats

Officer

- Paul Carnell (Treasurer)

Electoral Roll

There were 32 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, of whom 7 are not resident within the parish. We thank Brenda for her work in maintaining the electoral roll.

Trustees Annual Report Approval



Approved by the PCC on 15/04/2024

and signed on their behalf by the Reverend Chris Lawton (PCC chairman)

Appendix 1

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

Parochial Church Council of St. Patrick's, Patrick Brompton

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as of 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
Cash Funds					
NatWest Current account	5,317	-	-	5,317	10,027
NatWest Reserve account	4,822	12,500	-	17,322	20,489
NatWest Renovation account	-	3,132	-	3,132	3,095
	10,138	15,632	0	25,771	33,610

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

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

	Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfer	Bal c/fwd
Designated					
Energy Grant Fund	900	-	900	-	-
	900	-	900	-	-
Restricted					
Renovation Fund	3,095	37	-	-	3,132
Re-Ordering Fund	12,500	-	-	-	12,500
	15,595	37	-	-	15,632

Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments (1)	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
Receipts				
1a Planned Giving				
Standing Orders	5,188	-	5,188	6,606
Weekly Numbered Giving Envelopes via the Parish Giving Scheme	1,833	-	1,833	1,497
	1,951	-	1,951	1,362
	8,972	-	8,972	9,465
1b Collections at Services				
Regular Services	1,425	-	1,425	1,597
Funeral Collections	293	-	293	1,965
Baptism Collections	50	-	50	-
Wedding Collections	60	-	60	115
	1,827	-	1,827	3,677
1c All other giving/voluntary receipts				
Donations	3,959	-	3,959	12,614
Grants:				
Newton-le-Willows Educational Trust	2,500	-	2,500	3,500
Newton-le-Willows Parish Council	225	-	225	225
Hunton Parish Council	-	-	-	150
Church Commissioners	-	-	-	900
	6,684	-	6,684	17,389
1d Activities for generating funds				
Coffee mornings	783	-	783	643
Hymns & Pimms (shared across the Benefice)	-	-	-	138
Christmas Fair	1,198	-	1,198	1,071
	1,981	-	1,981	1,852

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Parochial Church Council of St. Patrick's, Patrick Brompton

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary Receipts:					
Planned giving	1a	8,972	-	8,972	9,465
Collections at Services	1b	1,827	-	1,827	3,677
All other giving/voluntary receipts	1c	6,684	-	6,684	17,389
Gift Aid recovered		3,834	-	3,834	5,738
		<u>21,317</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,317</u>	<u>36,269</u>
Activities for generating funds	1d	1,981	-	1,981	1,852
Investment income		219	37	257	44
Church activities	1e	1,830	-	1,830	2,600
Total receipts		<u>25,347</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>25,385</u>	<u>40,765</u>
PAYMENTS					
Church activities:					
Parish Share Request		14,833	-	14,833	13,652
Clergy and staffing costs	2a	1,365	-	1,365	2,048
Church running expenses	2b	10,410	-	10,410	8,818
Church Repairs & maintenance	2c	6,517	-	6,517	2,288
Mission giving and donations	2d	100	-	100	100
		<u>33,225</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,225</u>	<u>26,905</u>
Cost of generating funds		-	-	-	26
Total payments		<u>33,225</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,225</u>	<u>26,931</u>
Excess of Receipts over Payments		(7,878)	37	(7,840)	13,833
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	0
Cash at bank and in hand at 1 January		<u>18,016</u>	<u>15,595</u>	<u>33,610</u>	<u>19,777</u>
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 December		<u>10,138</u>	<u>15,632</u>	<u>25,770</u>	<u>33,610</u>

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Parochial Church Council of St. Patrick's, Patrick Brompton

Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments - 2023 (2)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
Receipts				
1e Church activities				
Fees for weddings	405	-	405	354
Fees for funerals	1,025	-	1,025	2,166
Fees for monuments	400	-	400	80
	<u>1,830</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,830</u>	<u>2,600</u>
Payments				
2a Clergy and staffing costs				
Rector's expenses	645	-	645	1,328
Treasurer's fees	720	-	720	720
	<u>1,365</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,365</u>	<u>2,048</u>
2b Church running expenses				
Utilities - electricity & kerosene	3,106	-	3,106	2,429
Church insurance	3,060	-	3,060	2,913
Upkeep of services	743	-	743	265
Upkeep of churchyard	2,540	-	2,540	1,980
Printing, Postage & Stationery	331	-	331	-
Other church running expenses	502	-	502	1,071
PCC costs	28	-	28	60
Accountancy charges	100	-	100	100
	<u>10,410</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,410</u>	<u>8,818</u>
2c Church repairs and maintenance				
Clock maintenance	234	-	234	186
Organ maintenance	146	-	146	166
Clearing gutters & roof repairs	384	-	384	624
Lighting	2,394	-	2,394	108
Pest control	296	-	296	287
Works to front elevation	2,026	-	2,026	703
Lightning protection	-	-	-	144
Quinquennial Inspection	874	-	874	-
Small items	6	-	6	-
Boiler service and repairs	158	-	158	70
	<u>6,517</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,517</u>	<u>2,288</u>
2d Mission Giving & Donations				
Patrick Brompton Parish Council	-	-	-	100
Royal British Legion	100	-	100	-
	<u>100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

St Patrick's Church, Patrick Brompton Parochial Church Council

Independent examiner's report to the members on the unaudited financial statements of St Patrick's Church, Patrick Brompton for the year ended 31 December 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the PCC") for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the PCC's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

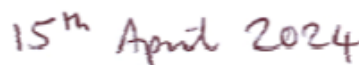
I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed :



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Date :



Appendix 2

Rectors Report

2023 was a year filled with opportunities to serve our communities here in Lower Wensleydale as we continue to explore a post-COVID world. The start of the year still saw reluctance for people to join in with services and events, however over the course of the year the situation significantly improved. Whilst not back to pre-Covid levels we are starting to see an uptick in attendance and involvement.

As a benefice, we continue to grow together and for that I am deeply grateful. We saw a larger than normal number of occasional offices this year with 18 baptisms, 6 young people confirmed, 1 wedding blessing, 10 weddings, and 40 funeral ministries. I am very grateful to all who have helped with these important services, especially Alistair, Sue and Chris Iveson.

We continued in our effort to achieve full safeguarding training and certification and for that I am thankful to our PCC's and especially Julie. In terms of governance, we are still desperately short of officers and role holders, and this is now a pressing need that must be addressed.

I am once again thankful to all who come together to be the church here in Lower Wensleydale and recognise the immense privilege it is to continue to serve this community.