



2023

Annual Report
St Patrick's Brompton

(Reporting on the calendar year 2022)

Aims and purposes

St Patrick's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Chris Lawton, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of 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, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

In particular, 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.

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 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 are provided through mid-week and Sunday Morning services, Family services and Holy Communion. As part of the Benefice of Lower Wensleydale other services are available across the other five parish churches in the benefice, including Simply Together, 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 are also offered. During the period of Covid St Andrew's church and the Benefice has also facilitated the attendance of a range of services through PhoneChurch. This continues with a regular PhoneChurch service enabling those unable to attend a service in person, able to participate over the phone.

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 and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping.

Queen Elizabeth II died on 8th September 2022 and the church opened to allow those who wished, to light a candle in her memory as well as gathering on the eve of her funeral.

St Patrick's Church Building

The fabric of the church building remains in sound condition.

The biannual cleaning of the gutters, fall pipes and hoppers was carried out with at the same time a roof inspection to identify any matters requiring attention. Work was undertaken to the pinnacle on the southwestern corner of the south isle to strengthen and secure.

In October the lightning protection system was inspected and found to be satisfactory. Internal lightbulbs were replaced as necessary and during the course of the year the church clock was serviced as was the central heating boiler. The church organ was fully tuned and serviced.

On two occasions Richmond District Council pest control department attended and treated continued persistent infestation of cluster flies.

Pastoral care

Some people in the parish are unable to attend church due to sickness or age. Rev'd Chris and Rev'd Lisle and members of the church have visited church members who have requested it, to celebrate communion with them either at their homes or in hospital when permitted.

Mission and evangelism

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

- Platinum Jubilee Events
- Village Fetes
- The Wensleydale Agricultural Show
- Hunton Steam Gathering

As a church community we join with the Patrick Brompton events committee to co host a coffee morning each month to both encourage folk to gather together socially and to raise funds for the church. This year saw the return of the Church Christmas Fair and it was a joy to see so many people and we would like to thank all who support the event that raised over £1,000.

Rev'd Chris continued his role as a chaplain to the Agricultural Community through his membership of the 'Agricultural Chaplains Association' & Yorkshire Churches Rural Business Support'. Principally this is through the Mart at Leyburn but also through visits to individual farms and businesses as well as through 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. Two members of the PCC are yet to complete their DBS checks but have submitted a self declaration. Three members of the PCC have yet to complete the online safeguarding training but hope to address this shortly.

Financial review

Total receipts £ 40,765

Total payments £ 26,931

Receipts

We would like to express our gratitude to those people who continue to give regularly to St Patrick's. Without your financial contributions, the church's day-to-day running costs could not be met.

Planned giving through envelopes and standing orders decreased by 5%, but this was due to another of our regular donors moving onto 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 £28,258, of which £7,389 was unrestricted voluntary donations, and a further £3,238 was from Gift Aid.

Total income increased by 62% compared to 2021, mainly due to a £10,000 donation (and the £2,500 Gift-Aid claimed on it) that was placed into our new Restricted Re-Ordering Fund. However, even without these two receipts our total income would still have seen an increase of 12%.

Once again our Christmas Fair was highly successful in fund-raising, bringing in £1,071 for church funds.

Payments

£26,931 was spent from unrestricted funds to provide the Christian ministry from St Patrick's, including the £13,652 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 receipts over payments of £1,327 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 (including a £900 grant from the Church Commissioners to help with winter energy costs) totalled £18,016. With the addition of the £3,095 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 £36,610 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 a pre-pandemic 2019 this was equivalent to £6,200. The cash balance of £18,016 held on unrestricted funds at the year-end more than adequately meets these aims.

The balance of £3,095 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 the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is. In particular, we want to mention our churchwarden Alistair Clark who has worked so tirelessly on our behalf.

Deanery Synod

Three members of the PCC sit on the Deanery Synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the Church.

There were four ordinary Synod meetings and one special meeting during the year. The discussion focus for 2022 was on the Environmental & Zero Carbon Plan.

In February, there was a presentation by Rev'd Jeff Payne who gave examples of how churches can make practical changes to help the climate emergency. He had prepared a baseline spreadsheet to help churches calculate their emissions and guidance on how to offset. Members of the Finance task group offered visits to PCCs to assist with using the annual report templates that will keep the accounts in the Deanery consistent.

For five weeks in April and May a course run by the deanery, entitled Living in Love and Faith took place. The course looked at The Pastoral Principles which look at how areas of disagreement within church communities and across the church. It also focused on sexuality, marriage and relationships, by looking at the different viewpoints and understandings with the Church of England.

In May a special Synod met with Bishop Helen-Ann speaking on "What it means to be a Rural Church". Her talk emphasised thanking our congregation, resilience, creativity, attitude, being bold in being small, being a slow church (not fast asleep or frenetic) and accepting failure is an option.

The June meeting of the synod took place in Kirklington. The discussion topic speakers were Rev'd Jeff Payne and Jemima Parker the Diocese Environment Officer. The presentation with slides "Saving Creation: Six steps to Carbon Net Zero" gave lots of information on 'how to start a church's journey'. It was also emphasised how the Diocese had help and guidance on offer and also through the Church of England website.

In September the meeting was held in St Matthew's Church, Leyburn where Rev'd Dr Dave Bookless, the Director of Theology for A Rocha International gave a presentation on where Theology comes into Biodiversity and Climate Change. He encouraged preaching and explaining the importance of creation to our faith.

The final meeting of the year was held via Zoom in November. The speaker was Dr Anne Readshaw and her biodiversity talk was about managing grassland and road verges and making our villages more wildlife friendly.

There were the following new appointments:-

Gillian Lunn was ordained as curate for Leyburn and Bellerby. Also, Bishop Helen-Ann was to be installed as Bishop of Newcastle in early 2023.

Deanery Prayer meetings continued to be held on 4th Wednesday of each month.

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 the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent, churchwarden and members elected by those members of the congregation 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.

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 2011) and a charity currently excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

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

Ex-officio members:

- Incumbent: The Reverend Robin David Christopher Lawton (Chair)
- Warden: Mr Alistair Clark
- Mrs Bridgette Ormston, representative on Deanery Synod
- Mrs Susan Bianco, representative on Deanery Synod

Elected members:

- Mrs Brenda Jobling, Electoral Roll Officer
- Mrs Penny Johnson (until May 2021)
- Mrs Avie Ropner
- Mrs Hilary Clark, PCC Minute Secretary

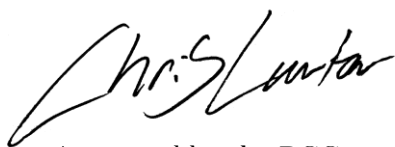
Officer:

- Mr Paul Carnell, Treasurer

Electoral Roll

There were 35 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, of whom eight are not resident within the parish.

Trustees Annual Report Approval



Approved by the PCC on 10th May 2023
and signed on their behalf by the Reverend RDC Lawton (PCC chairman)

Appendix 1

Receipts and Payments Financial Statement

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary Receipts:					
Planned giving	1a	9,465	-	9,465	7,801
Collections at Services	1b	3,677	-	3,677	3,123
All other giving/voluntary receipts	1c	7,389	10,000	17,389	7,882
Gift Aid recovered		3,238	2,500	5,738	2,483
		<u>23,769</u>	<u>12,500</u>	<u>36,269</u>	<u>21,289</u>
Activities for generating funds	1d	1,852	-	1,852	1,092
Investment income		37	7	44	1
Church activities	1e	2,600	-	2,600	2,781
Total receipts		<u>28,258</u>	<u>12,507</u>	<u>40,765</u>	<u>25,163</u>
PAYMENTS					
Church activities:					
Parish Share Request		13,652	-	13,652	13,497
Clergy and staffing costs	2a	2,048	-	2,048	832
Church running expenses	2b	8,818	-	8,818	6,933
Church Repairs & maintenance	2c	2,288	-	2,288	2,882
Mission giving and donations	2d	100	-	100	292
		<u>26,905</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,905</u>	<u>24,435</u>
Cost of generating funds		26	-	26	8
Total payments		<u>26,931</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,931</u>	<u>24,442</u>
Excess of Receipts over Payments		1,327	12,507	13,833	721
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	0
Cash at bank and in hand at 1 January		<u>16,689</u>	<u>3,088</u>	<u>19,777</u>	<u>19,056</u>
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 December		<u>18,016</u>	<u>15,595</u>	<u>33,610</u>	<u>19,777</u>

Statement of assets and liabilities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
Cash Funds					
NatWest Current account	10,027	-	-	10,027	5,044
NatWest Reserve account	7,989	12,500	-	20,489	3,088
NatWest Renovation account	-	3,095	-	3,095	11,646
	18,016	15,595	0	33,610	19,777

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	0	900	-	-	900
	-	900	-	-	900
Restricted					
Renovation Fund	3,088	7	-	-	3,095
Re-Ordering Fund	-	12,500	-	-	12,500
	3,088	12,507	-	-	15,595

Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments (1)	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
Receipts				
1a Planned Giving				
Standing Orders	6,606	-	6,606	7,356
Weekly Numbered Giving Envelopes via the Parish Giving Scheme	1,497	-	1,497	355
	1,362	-	1,362	90
	9,465	-	9,465	7,801
1b Collections at Services				
Regular Services	1,597	-	1,597	2,131
Funeral Collections	1,965	-	1,965	767
Wedding Collections	115	-	115	225
	3,677	-	3,677	3,123
1c All other giving/voluntary receipts				
Donations	2,614	10,000	12,614	1,907
<u>Grants:</u>				
Newton-le-Willows Educational Trust	3,500	-	3,500	5,350
Newton-le-Willows Parish Council	225	-	225	225
Hunton Parish Council	150	-	150	150
Patrick Brompton Parish Council	-	-	-	250
Church Commissioners	900	-	900	-
	7,389	10,000	17,389	7,882
1d Activities for generating funds				
Coffee mornings	643	-	643	90
Hymns & Pimms (shared across the Benefice)	138	-	138	-
Christmas Fair	1,071	-	1,071	1,002
	1,852	-	1,852	1,092

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
Receipts				
1e Church activities				
Fees for weddings	354	-	354	1,053
Fees for funerals	2,166	-	2,166	1,698
Fees for monuments	80	-	80	30
	<u>2,600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,600</u>	<u>2,781</u>
Payments				
2a Clergy and staffing costs				
Rector's expenses	1,328	-	1,328	112
Treasurer's fees	720	-	720	720
	<u>2,048</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,048</u>	<u>832</u>
2b Church running expenses				
Utilities - electricity & kerosene	2,429	-	2,429	1,750
Church insurance	2,913	-	2,913	2,833
Upkeep of services	265	-	265	91
Upkeep of churchyard	1,980	-	1,980	1,572
Printing, Postage & Stationery	-	-	-	84
Other church running expenses	1,071	-	1,071	173
PCC costs	60	-	60	10
Accountancy charges	100	-	100	420
	<u>8,818</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,818</u>	<u>6,933</u>
2c Church repairs and maintenance				
Clock maintenance	186	-	186	186
Organ maintenance	166	-	166	-
Regular maintenance	-	-	-	79
Clearing gutters & roof repairs	624	-	624	1,692
Lighting	108	-	108	636
Pest control	287	-	287	288
Works to front elevation stone pinnacle	703	-	703	-
Lightning protection	144	-	144	-
Boiler service	70	-	70	-
	<u>2,288</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,288</u>	<u>2,882</u>
2d Mission Giving & Donations				
Patrick Brompton Parish Council	100	-	100	-
Giving in 2021	-	-	-	292
	<u>100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>292</u>

Independent Examiner's Report

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022 is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and Section 144 of the Act do not apply.

It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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



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Date : 28th April 2023

Appendix 2

Rectors Report

2022 was another challenging year for us in the Benefice, however we continued to faithfully fulfil our mission in service to the community and worship of God. As in 2021 we saw changes to the pattern of gathering due to the ongoing concerns over Covid-19, however as the year progressed people started to return to something like pre-pandemic norms. Numbers attending services significantly improved towards the end of the year and it was a joy to return to social gatherings again. As a benefice, we continue to grow together and for that I am deeply grateful. We made big strides in 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.