

*St. John the Divine, Rastrick,
Parish Meeting and
Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2025*

*Annual Reports for
January 1st to December 31 2024*



Report on the Proceedings of the Parochial Church Council

During 2024, the Church Council Meetings have taken place without a full complement of members. Over the years, we have struggled to attract Church members to join the Council, but we have managed to carry out our duties throughout. There are thirteen members on the Council, of which seven members are ex officio, with three vacancies. In 2025 there will be five places to appoint. Members must be on the Electoral Roll. The Council meets every second month, with the Standing Committee meeting usually the same month. Please think about joining us.

Throughout the year we have been guided and have taken lead from the Diocese, when important advice in the everyday running of the Church is needed. There are several policies in place which are all kept up to date. The most important ones being Safeguarding and Health and Safety, which we need to keep our Parishioners safe, both inside and out. Policies can be looked at any time. Just ask.

There is also a Health and Safety post to be filled. The Council is very grateful to all those who carry on regardless doing jobs within the Church Buildings, Thank you.

Christine Whitaker

Secretary to the Church Council.

Fabric Report to the Church of St John the Divine for the year ended 31st December 2023

Once again this has been a busy year for the church and its buildings as upgrades and repairs continue apace.

Church

During the year, work on the organ refurbishment was finally completed, which included repainting the organ balcony and frame, something that had been mentioned in our last quinquennial inspection. We had hoped for an Easter finish but unforeseen delays meant it was a couple of months later before it was finished.

Leaks above the organ loft were also discovered, which needed to be dealt with before the refurbished organ was rebuilt and the repairs to tiling and pointing were made.

We have had some problems with the sound system in church which was relocated in 2024. The IOCS committee have looked into the possibility of replacing the entire set up, however after consultation with an expert, it was decided that this was not desirable owing to prohibitive cost for little

gain, and that the problems were easily resolved. An additional screen was added in the organ loft for use by the organist and clergy when at the altar. The lightning conductor and a defective connection to earth was remedied. The church boiler was serviced was functioning well and passed its safety tests. PAT testing of all equipment in the church was carried out (April). All equipment was found to be electrically sound. The annual Fire Equipment inspection (October). One CO2 fire extinguisher needed replacing; an additional one was advised to be needed. The fire blanket stolen from the hall kitchen was replaced.

A new set of step ladders with side grab rails has been purchased, courtesy of Barbara Rukin, as the old wooden steps were not ideal for hanging banners or changing the clock etc.

The next major project for the church is the provision of an entrance area. This will provide symmetry with the servery and toilet area on the other side of church. More importantly it will eliminate drafts and help with heat retention to a significant degree, as well as providing some storage space. Plans have been submitted, and a faculty is awaited. The cost of the project is estimated at £30000, and grants have been applied for, but may not be easy in obtaining.

Hall

The major project in the Hall this year was the installation of 32 solar panels on the Hall roof, to include two batteries (as there are two circuits in the Hall). This has been achieved with the help of £23000 grant from Rastrick Big Local. There was a small underspend on the panels and with the permission of Rastrick Big Local this has been used to provide thermostats on the hall heaters and also provide a new electric panel heater in the Sturrock Room, the old one having been condemned. The possibility of a timer being fitted to this fire is also being considered.

Regarding the Sturrock Room, a project to upgrade the facilities to something equivalent to that in the Conference suite, with television and overhead projector is envisioned. This would include a redecoration of the room. The cost is covered by grants and a donation. The work remains as work in progress.

With the cupboard space vacated by the toys, we were able to move excess blue chairs from the church into the hall and excess church chairs into the Sturrock room. Along with the purchase of an extra 40 chairs and a trolley bought with a grant, we now have over 120 chairs in the hall that can be used for concerts and plays as required.

Some roof leaks in the hall have been addressed, although it does seem to be something of a recurring problem, probably due to the age of the roof.

The PCC is fully aware of the problems with the hall floor, but as has been discussed before replacement is currently beyond our means. We have arranged for the woodwork to be repaired which has been done.

Leaking taps in the hall kitchen have now been repaired. Carbon monoxide monitors have been fitted in all rooms in the hall.

We are considering boxing in the heating controls in the hall, to prevent unauthorised alteration.

The sound system in the hall also needs some attention as it is not working as it should. This is in hand.

We are in the process of seeing if a further CCTV camera can be fitted inside the hall, which hopefully would help deter or identify any potential offenders within the building as we are aware of past damage and some minor thefts, the most recent being the theft of a fire blanket from the hall kitchen as well as its replacement. Our current CCTV has been serviced and is in working order.

Precincts

A new fence has been erected in the car park behind the church and, in addition, the light on the rear of church has had a motion sensor fitted.

Yellow high visibility paint has been painted round the manhole cover near the church to make it more obvious, especially at night.

Later in the year a drain collapsed in the precincts and this has been repaired.

Conclusion

The church and hall fabric remain in good condition. Upgrades and repairs continue as and when funds are available, and needs arise. We are fortunate in having a number of committees constantly looking at how to achieve our needs and requirements, such as HIC and IOCS amongst others, as well as individuals from the congregation. Thank you to you all.

David Marshall and Hilary Cartwright

Finance Report

Church Attendance continues to increase with average Sunday morning attendance above 40. The number of regular attenders is higher than this.

Two legacies were received totalling £4,315 increased income for church hire and events contributed to a surplus of £4,131.

In March 2024 a benefice administrator was appointed working 6 hours per week the cost is split equally between St Johns and St Matthews.

The refurbishment of the church organ that started in September 2023 was completed in September 2024. The full cost was £90,684 of which £22,200 came from grants, £14,272 from direct fundraising, a total of £51,969 from members of the congregation, a small balance of £2,243 was taken from reserves.

Solar Panels were installed on the roof of the hall at a total cost of £22,414.00 funded by Rastrick big local, £1500 grant from CFFC paid for the refurbishment of the hall floor. The bishop's development fund paid

£3350 towards the resitting of the sound system and a screen in the organ loft.

Community Hall rents were £22,266 which maintains the high level of usage. Net hall income in the year was £4,593

The mission and charity group distributed £5,216 of which £1,625 was collected through special appeals. In line with agreed policy of tithing 10% of Church voluntary income the PCC agreed at the end of the year to transfer £4,400 into the Mission and charities fund leaving a balance of £5,573 for distribution in 2025.

In July 2024 the application to be a registered charity was approved by the charity commission and THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE DIVINE, RASTRICK was added to the Register of charities in England and Wales charity number 1209292. Members of the PCC are trustees of the charity.

Alan Hoggard

(Financial spreadsheets are at the back of the booklet)

Safeguarding Report

Recent disclosures in the Church of England and the subsequent resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury have once again highlighted the need for awareness and vigilance concerning safeguarding issues and the responsibility of each one of us as members of the church.

Safeguarding is a permanent item on the agenda of each PCC meeting and, as required, I have continued to provide bi-monthly updates on our progress with the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard. St John's is on Level of 3 (the top level) on the dashboard, and throughout the year we have been working towards all our activities, policies and procedures being up to date and fully meeting Church of England requirements. Working with Rev'd Michelle and Denise Young (PSO at St Matthew's) a particular focus in 2024 has been on church and non-church activities, and this will continue into 2025. There is always work to be done as regulations change or new ones appear on the dashboard, and as training and DBS checks expire.

We have had no safeguarding issues to report this year, either to PCC or Diocesan Safeguarding Advisors. I am pleased to report that training and DBS certificates for church officers are up to date, apart from one DBS.

My thanks go to the church officers for their swift compliance when I inform them that training needs doing or renewing.

Jane Hearson

Electoral Officer's Report 2025

You will all be aware that 2025 has been a year when the Church of England renews all Electoral Rolls. At our Church the process of the preparation of a new Electoral Roll was completed on 13 April 2025. 67 people applied to join. This number will be confirmed at the APCM after the PCC has approved all applications. After the APCM a full list of the names of people on the Roll will be displayed at the back of Church. I would like to thank everyone who guided me through this process.

Rosemary Lake
Electoral Roll Officer

Gift Aid report

The total money donated in 2024 that was eligible for gift aid is as follows:

		2024		2023	
	No.	Donations	Tax	Donations	Tax
Standing Orders	12	10058	2515	15152	3788
Parish Giving	26	23535	5884	15890	3972
Organ Fund	1	500	125	31347	7837
Cash Collections		1757	439	2417	605
Cash Donations	7	4951	1238	2250	563
Donations to M & C		1107	277	759	190
Flowers		634	159	188	47
Teas & Coffee		952	238	1011	253
Events		1828	457	1393	348
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		45322	11331	70407	17603

In December 2022 the Parish Giving scheme was launched and people were encouraged to make their donations through this scheme. This means that the church receives the total amount each month in one payment and importantly receives the gift aid monies at the same time – this helps with administration and cash flow. So far 26 people have chosen to donate to church through this scheme and other regular givers particularly the 12 people paying by monthly standing order are encouraged to do so.

Alan Hoggard

Music Report

Psalm 28 v 9: Therefore, my heart dances for joy, and in my song will I praise him.

The first thing which comes to mind when looking back over the year, is the people we have lost and who sadly won't be making music with us anymore. During 2024 it was an honour for the Voices to be singing at the Celebration of the lives of both former choir members, Kathryn Savage and Graham Kelly, in both instances a version of the lovely 23rd Psalm. Other members of the Voices who we lost in 2024 and who we miss are Rev'd Barbara Lydon and Robert Longward. All four were dedicated singers in the Rastrick Voices in their time.

On a positive note, we welcomed new singers at various events/services; Carmel Myles-Pollard, Michael Webster, Chris Redfearn, and Rod Crampton.

One of our happiest events of 2024 was the completion of our long-awaited organ refurbishment. Many thanks to the organ builders, Andrew J Carter and Chris M Holford, and to everyone who helped with fundraising and grant applications, who sponsored a pipe, gave a living legacy and who supported our fundraising events. As Graham Kennedy said, "Following the work, the St. John's organ is lovely to listen to and lovely for organists to play." We celebrated with both a special Eucharist and with an afternoon recital. The first moment we heard our wonderful organ again, now fully restored, is one to stay in our memory!

Of course, most of the music in 2024 was for our regular or special services. The (now traditional) Churches Together Songs of Praise at the start of the year was repeated last year. Again, the Rastrick voices led the singing, held in 2024 at St Matthew's.

Again, throughout 2024 there were special services which involved the Voices or the Group such as Maundy Thursday, Ascension Day, Good Friday, Pentecost Praise (on St Matthew's lawn), All Souls-Loved not Lost, Eucharist for Peace, Christmas... It's always a pleasure and a privilege for us to be able to lead the music side of our worship.

Christmas remains our biggest contribution musically, and 2024 was no exception. The Voices sang beautifully at our Nine Lessons and Carols, and our extended Group (including Archdeacon Bill on drums), spent most of Christmas Eve in church, playing for the two lovely Christingle Services. Special musical events to mention include the introduction of a different Communion setting (The Addington Service) for our Organ Celebration Eucharist, and which we will use during special Church seasons, and the Paddock Orchestra concert, which included the Rastrick Voices and with a solo from Blossom.

...and we're so grateful for all the music, Sunday by Sunday, provided by our faithful musicians including our organist friends, Jane on the Bechstein, and the Music Group. This is our way of worshipping!

Pamela Dimbleby

Environmental Report

This year has seen further steady progress in our quest to become a sustainable church and to achieve Eco Church Silver (which we have since been awarded).

Work on the church garden has continued, aiming to make it both nature-friendly and also a pleasant space for the community. There are more flowering plants in the borders, and a herb garden created within two pallets fitted up by HICS. We endeavour to keep the paths tidy and the wall adjoining the Gooder Lane houses in good repair. Our wildflower strip adjacent to the carpark is a work in progress, and on this we were grateful for the advice of Paul Marshall, a retired professional who manages Brighthouse Station's Climate Change Garden.

We took part in the Churches' Count for Nature in June. Rosemary organised an evening for the Brownies which also featured planting herbs. Last year, David James worked hard to arrange LED lighting in church and solar panels on the church roof. This year he has taken advantage of a generous grant from Big Local for a further array of solar panels on the hall roof. This has the potential to lower our carbon footprint significantly.

In May I attended a seminar at St Mary's, Embsay who were about to implement a plan to power their historic church entirely on electricity. This is in line with the C of E's commitment to achieve Net Zero by 2030. It's a big challenge, but achievable!

We held a Caring for Creation service in February at which local Eco champion Bev Playle spoke to us about the challenge to adapt our lifestyles. We invited people to bring a sustainable item of food and introduced a Swap Stall which Pat has continued. Our Creation tide service in September had an air of celebration. Norman taxed our brains with an animal quiz from 'The Golden Mole', whilst I interviewed Komola (played by Pat), a Bangladeshi lady featured by Tearfund.

We're working out our calling to be a people of hope in challenging times, seeking to live to anticipate God's coming Kingdom.

John Hearson on behalf of Norman and Rosemary Lake, Pat Lee

St John the Divine Rastrick Mothers' Union (MU)

I am honoured to continue to be the MU Branch Leader, assisted by a very able Branch Committee, Ann Johnson as Secretary, Hilary Cartwright as Treasurer, and two keen Committee Members, Margaret France and Shirley Stow. We have enrolled new Members, Anne Beaumont, Sheila Richmond, Jennifer Guy and Gillian Clough. We warmly welcome them. Jennifer and Margaret Hitchcock will also serve on the Branch Committee from February 2025.

We have changed the times that the Branch meets to afternoon meetings throughout the year. Each of our regular meetings start with a Eucharist Service at 2.00 pm followed by a speaker or some activity.

- Members continue to provide many meals and refreshments for the homeless and for people in difficulties, and to work alongside Focus for Hope.

- Volunteering at New Hall Prison continues with Members helping out at the Tea Bar, in the Mums and Babies Unit and at the cookery sessions at Rivendell. Also, our members are invited to events held at the New Hall for example to Graduation Days when ladies from Rivendell successfully complete a two-year programme, and also to Coffee Mornings which the ladies themselves organise in aid of a charity. Hilary and Jennifer and Anne B have joined the New Hall team.

- Our Branch continues to take a stand against domestic abuse and many of the items which have been donated by Branch Members and from those Members within the Huddersfield Episcopal Area are taken to Agencies which run the Refugees.

- Knitting has continued at a great pace including hats for the homeless. And we continue to be grateful to our own church community who augment the many knitted items produced. Thank you.

- As I look back over the past year, I realise just how busy and varied we have been. This branch is so supportive of all of the work undertaken by the MU locally and across the Area. I truly want to thank you on behalf of the MU and also personally as you continue to support me and your Branch Committee by your verbal encouragement and your continued attendance at all of the varied meetings which we have held through the year.

- Many thanks go to Revd. Michelle, who is a number one supporter of the MU and of our Branch. She is a wonderful encourager and leads us spiritually as we celebrate the Eucharist prior to our monthly Branch Meetings and also at Area wide Services as our MU Episcopal Area Chaplain.

- The Branch Members are all amazing and come along and support our meetings. This year, as in the past, some Branch Members have met on ZOOM for the first Monday in each month for Midday Prayers, with other

Branches from the Huddersfield Episcopal Area. This is a lovely way to start the month and appreciated by many of us. Many of our Members support different causes and volunteer in a variety of different ways.

- In January we were able to mark the International Wave of Prayer 2024 in the Conference Suite. This is always a special time of the year when we remember those Branches across the world, living in very different circumstances to our own. And we become part of a much bigger movement and pass our prayers around the United Kingdom. Also, in January we celebrated for the second time our 'Christmas Dinner' at The Royal and Ancient.

- In early February we met in the Conference suite, bringing a shared lunch, to make Little Crosses in Little Pockets...thank you Hilary for being our guide in how to make these. We met twice and subsequently gave a large number of the little crosses to Michelle who blessed them and now has them to offer to those who she visits.

- In March we welcomed to our Eucharist Susan Moseley, Janet Thain's niece. After the service, over a cup of tea, she spoke movingly about the Quaker Faith and the Meeting Rooms. We were all enthralled and expressed a wish to visit her at her own Meeting Room.

- In April Members went to the Lady Service at Hanging Heaton, which was led by Revd. Michelle. Also, in April we welcomed Paul Armitage to our Branch Meeting who gave an illustrated talk about his walks in the Carcassonne region of France and the history of that area.

- Cherry has started a series of Coffee and Chat sessions in the church on Saturday mornings and asked different organisations within the Church to lead on providing the refreshments and hosting the event. In May it was the turn of the Mothers' Union! We took the opportunity to promote the MU Coffee Day which was being held Freda's house the following week. The Coffee Day was an excellent success and brought together a great number of diverse people. Also in May, Julia and Jennifer led a 5 mile walk over the hills and streets of Liversedge following in the footsteps of the Luddites. If there had been a Mothers' Union Branch in the area in 1812 there would be no doubt but that we would have helped those families who fell into hardship as their livelihoods were taken from them.

- Throughout the year we have visited Railway Bridge View residential accommodation. ...always assisted by Carol Sanderson and her sister Gillian Clough who leads and helps us and the residents with very imaginative craft sessions. As Members we enjoy these opportunities as much as the Residents!

- I have been very fortunate to continue to have the opportunity of publishing an article about the MU each month in the Brighouse Echo, Halifax Courier and the Todmorden News. There have been several occasions when someone who has read the column had contacted me by

email or come to see me at St John's. And who knows how much the column has raised the profile of the MU to a wider readership?

- In May we had a wonderful opportunity to present information about the Mothers' Union to the 20+ Ordinands at The Community of the Resurrection in Mirfield. I went there with Trees Fewster, and Revd. Michelle. Also in May, Revd. Michelle organised our MU annual reflection over three days at Parcevall Hall in North Yorkshire. This was very well received by all those who were able to attend from across the diocese. Also, in September Revd. Michelle led a one-day reflection at Mirfield. These events are very much appreciated. Thank you, Michelle.

- In June, St John's MU hosted a Diocesan Gathering which was very well attended from across the Diocese. We had a speaker from 'Tools with a Mission'. Everyone was encouraged to bring tools from their gardens or workshops or hobbies. Chris Armstrong, who was our speaker, explained how all of the tools would be refurbished and then sent to projects in Africa, where they would be put to great use. Also, in June we hosted the Huddersfield Area Gathering and Bishop Smitha came to speak to all our Members. Prior to her presentation different people from across the Area spoke about the different activities which they undertook in their Branches and as part of their outreach.

- In June the St John's Rastrick MU Branch were awarded the Gold Level Star for their work in raising awareness of Domestic Abuse. This is a great honour and our work needs to be maintained e.g. by regularly replacing any of the posters alerting victims to safe telephone numbers to ring, and to keep an open ear to support anyone who is being abused or controlled. Throughout the year I have attended other Branches in the Huddersfield Area and presented awards to the Branches for their efforts in raising awareness of domestic abuse. I have also been to other Branches usually with someone from Rastrick either for a talk or for an Afternoon Tea which they are organising. All of our members and friends are very welcome to come with me.

- In July following a Praise Service we had a Summer Supper where we all brought a little extra food to share around. We always bring such a wide variety of tasty treats, and we enjoyed the relaxed time together. Also, in July some of our members joined a Mystery Bus Tour organised by Thurstonland Branch. We did not know where we were going and it turned out to be a fantastic double decker bus journey over the moors to Uppermill in Lancashire. Fabulous fun!

- In August a good number of us went over to Holmfirth Branch to attend a service to celebrate Mary Sumner Day led by Revd. Di. Prior to the Service we all went into the local café for a pre booked lunch. A superb day out. The month of August also saw Cherry's garden being open to visitors. The money raised went to projects in Tanzania. We had hoped for good sunny weather and we were not at all disappointed.

- In September St John's hosted, for Leeds Diocese, an event for Bishop George and his wife, Janet, who is Diocesan President of Mara in Tanzania. This was a great honour and it was a fascinating event. In October we again hosted the Area Gathering at St John's.
- Sadly, in November our Diocesan end of the Triennium Service at Bradford Cathedral had to be cancelled due to bad weather and dangerous road conditions. This Service will now be incorporated into the Commissioning Service on Saturday 15 March 2025 at Wakefield.
- During the month of December, we had the MU "Goodie Stall". We also held a raffle for our now much celebrated hamper. Both activities were very good financially.
- Throughout the year I have attended other Branches in the Huddersfield Area and offered lifts to our members to accompany me. I have presented awards to the Branches for their efforts in raising awareness of domestic abuse. We have also been to other Branches either for a talk or for an Afternoon Tea which they are organising.
- Many thanks go to the wonderful St John's Branch Committee who are there catching up bits that may fall through the net and undertake a variety of things to keep our Branch ship shape. Thank you, Ann, for overseeing the distribution of many knitted items which have been donated by Members across the Area. Many of these found their way to good homes including the orphanages in Ukraine.
- The most amazing contribution that anyone has made throughout the year is from all MU Members. They are all supportive of the MU and each other. Stepping out the extra mile and looking out for each other. It is an honour to be part of this Branch.

Julia Tum MU Leeds Diocesan President and Branch Leader

Study Groups

Our Lent groups in 2024 followed a course created by 24-7 prayer in which we explored lots of different ways to pray. Each week contained video teaching input, discussion and practical prayer activity relating to the theme for the week. It was a great way to develop different types of prayer as a group, before going away and practising them.

In the summer term we ran the popular START course: God Jesus and the journey of Life in six sessions. It is a course with great videos and discussion starters giving people an opportunity whether they have attended church for years or for weeks to explore what Christian faith is all about.

Monday Meet started in autumn 2024 and meets at the home of Shirley Stow at 2pm every week. An informal gathering with the opportunity to

unpack the bible readings from the previous day, talk about current issues and tackle everyday dilemmas, drink coffee and eat cake. Thank you, Shirley, for your hospitality.

Groups are all about meeting together without any expectations attached. Too many people say to me 'I don't know enough' or 'I wouldn't have anything to say'but that is the point because we learn from each other, we learn how to apply faith to daily life, we build fellowship and are encouraged as we meet with likeminded friends in a supportive place.

In a world that seems less and less sure about itself confidence in our faith is about trusting in God, knowing His Word, and standing firm in faith despite challenges. Do join a group

Alan Hoggard

Tanzania Link Report

July 2024 saw the retirement of Bishop Tony Robinson. Tony has chaired the Tanzania Link Committee for many years and is greatly missed. His temporary replacement is the Archdeacon of Pontefract, Rev Cat Thatcher, until a new area Bishop of Wakefield is appointed.

In September 2024, Leeds Diocese welcomed Bishop George of Mara and his wife Janet for a brief visit following their visit to Blackheath in London. Bishop George met with all our diocesan Bishops and was hosted by Bishop Nick and Bishop Smitha. Bishop George and Janet attended a MU event at St. Johns, which was very well attended and provided many interesting talking points.

Bishop Moses of Rorya came again in November 2024. He had been attending a "new bishops conference" in Canterbury and asked if he could visit Leeds Diocese for a week. He was able to renew some of the contacts he had made on his last visit and visit different parishes with links in Rorya

Nyakiswa

Nyakiswa is awaiting a new vicar but no more details yet. Rev Damian has been the vicar for 7/8 years (quite a long time in Mara terms) and has been moved on to Buhemba. He will be missed in Nyakiswa.

The 2 girls, Kefline and Kemange, doing the secretarial course have successfully completed their first year and will be returning to the Centre in January (2025) to continue their studies.

Thank you for your continuing interest and support

Oriel Kelly

Wednesday Nighters report

We began the year with 13 members with Valerie Parkinson and Cherry Fancourt joining us later in the year. We met, for most of our meetings on the first Wednesday of each month. We enjoyed talks on the Luddites, with Julia Tum; the life and trials of being a Midwife with Janet, a friend of Sandra Hollingdrake's; a "look behind you" evening with Neil Denham who came, fully clad as Dame, to tell of his experience of his years in Pantomime; and David Langley, from Cromwell Bottom Nature Reserve, to give us an update on the Reserve and show us how many birds and animals were now using the reserve.

We had a Coffee, cake and Natter evening; a visit on a Thursday afternoon for a walk in the sunshine at Cromwell Bottom, followed by a Fish and Chip Tea at Blakeley's in town; Our Annual Lunch in November, was at The Golden Fleece, again enjoyed by everyone who came; and a visit to the church Pantomime

Our annual trip this year was to Dunham Massey and our thanks go to Anne Aspinall and Sandra Hollingdrake for organizing this lovely event. Two events were cancelled, one by the speaker and one because of the snow in January. Our last meeting, the AGM was in February at 2pm. At this meeting we announced the sad passing of long-time member, Angela Local. Angela will be sadly missed by all of us.

Barbara Rukin
Secretary

Hall Improvement Committee report (HIC)

We seem to start each year with a list of jobs carried over from the previous year, and this year was no exception. The jobs were many and varied, and as the year progressed we made a planter for the church ECO group out of old pallets; made further repairs to kitchen drawer runners and the kitchen waste baskets; repaired leaking taps in both the kitchen and the ladies toilet, and fitted new carbon monoxide alarms in the main hall, the kitchen, the Conference Suite and the Sturrock Room.

The fitting of new solar panels on the hall roof required an area of the basement to be cleared and cleaned to make way for the batteries and other electrical equipment. This involved building new shelving to accommodate pantomime props which we tend to keep in semi-permanent storage.

Our biggest job this year by far though was the fitting out of the Sturrock Room with new equipment sourced by David James. This included a television; new white boards; an overhead projector; new speakers and a cupboard to house the control equipment. In this cupboard would be a DVD

player and amplifier, but to reach each piece of new equipment involved the feeding of new power and connection cables through the ceiling void above the ceiling panels, plus mounting the overhead projector on the ceiling too. This work progressed well but was brought to a halt somewhat by the loss of our fellow HIC member Graham Kelly.

Graham's death was yet another blow to our little group of dedicated workers, but within a few weeks pantomime beckoned, and this gave us the impetus that we needed to get on.

For pantomime we first of all had to make a trolley for their new piano, and we then got stuck into making the large props as usual.

Whilst it was a sad privilege, we were indeed privileged to provide the bar after Graham's memorial service, fittingly held in the hall which he had so lovingly tended over many years.

So our Thursday evenings continue, with Dave Smaldon, Eric Ogden and I carrying on our work looking after the hall.

Ken Swallow

Hall Management Report

The committee meets quarterly to ensure the smooth running of the hall. Booking enquiries are managed online using the email bookings@stjohnsrastrick.org.uk. Christine Whitaker manages the telephone enquiries, confirmed bookings are recorded on the parish calendar a link to which is on the website.

Lesley our caretaker is key in making sure that the hall bookings run smoothly. She works from the diary to make sure the hall is ready for every booking; she sets the heating and will open and lock up for bookings where there is no appointed key holder. She brings to the committee any issues, repairs and ongoing maintenance that need resolving.

The hall is well-used and a good source of income, it is an excellent space for parties, meetings, events and concerts. Please promote the Hall as a venue. the accounts can be found in the financial statements.

Thanks must go to Lesley who carries much of the day-to-day responsibility for the smooth running of our community hall, to HIC who carry out much of the maintenance work and to David James who is always on the lookout for grant funding to help make improvements to what are excellent facilities.

Alan Hoggard

Missions and Charities Report

During 2024, we have continued to send monthly donations to Turning Point (£40), Nyakiswa (£40) and Hand to Mouth Ministries (£25).

Last year's Lent Appeal for The Bible Society raised £245 + gift aid and the Harvest Appeal for Mary's Meals totalled £250.

In addition, we sent £240 to the Tearfund Toilet Twinning Scheme to twin the new toilets in church with new toilets in Zambia and Mozambique. A cheque for £200 was given to the ladies who spoke in church from Hand to Mouth Ministries. Following the talk, we decided to send a monthly donation. A £200 donation was sent to the Disasters Emergency Committee to support the appeal for victims of the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.

The Knit and Natter group handed £65 to the Food Bank – this is usually used to provide milk to school children during school holidays.

From our annual allocation of money, we sent £100 to Re-engage, a Halifax charity from which Ken Mayhew benefitted greatly, Farm Africa received £500 to help its work in urban agriculture in Ethiopia and Operation Mobilisation received £300 to support a worker in Mozambique. Nearer to home, we sent £200 to the Salvation Army to support Christmas meals locally, £200 to Project Colt in Elland - this is a social enterprise which aims to change people's lives for good – and £250 to Dementia Awareness in our area. The Food Bank received £250 to use wherever the need is greatest and at our last meeting we decided to send £250 to Mission Aviation Fellowship to support their work around the world.

Thank you for your continued support and please let us know about your favourite charities.

Oriel Kelly

Hospitality Report

Community Lunches

We have continued with our monthly lunches during 2024 with Forcus4Hope standing in for the August Lunch it continues to be very popular with numbers increasing with over 40 people coming to enjoy Cottage Pie or if available a pie of some sort cooked by Margaret France and a fruit crumble cooked by Ann Johnson, Margaret Hitchcock supervises the cooking and I organise and shop with help from Margaret H. We raised from donations £492 (after expenses) shared between our local charities Overgate and Forget-me-Not.

The Annual Christmas Lunch as usual a very popular event with 53 people managing to get on the list and several disappointments. A very long day for volunteers but much appreciated to all who attended a profit went to church funds. (the volunteers enjoyed a lunch out in January)

Coffee & Cake

A new event in church the 2nd Saturday in the month, several people came and enjoyed homemade cake. The Brownies took over the July slot and raised enough money to fund their Christmas Party, they were overjoyed and have booked for this year. June was Christian Aid which included filled rolls and soup which also was a success so will be repeated in June this year. Although a slow start this event has picked up and several church organisations will be running the event for funds to help with their different interests i.e. Rucksack Club, Eco Group (Bird Food), MU, Air Ambulance and Wednesday nighters

Afternoon Teas

These were held in April and October in church with 32 people enjoying a sandwich round, scone jam and cream (cooked by Anne Beaumont and Barbara Rukin) and a choice of 2 home made cakes supplied by several people, served by waitresses dressed in appropriate black and white. Julia Tum and myself and helper Margaret France stayed in the Tea Bar preparing tea/coffee etc. All funds help to pay for the plants, compost and work on the garden on St. John St.

Cherry Fancourt

Pantomime Report for the APCM

2024 was the 50th pantomime in this present run and it proved to be just as good as all the previous ones, both of which everyone involved can be justifiably proud.

During the year we had our usual stall at a reduced size Brighthouse Gala plus a couple of Bacon Butty mornings as fundraisers; a sincere thank you to those who supported either. Also we continued with improvements within the hall by the purchase of a new electric piano and completion of the new lights, both of which are for the benefit of anyone who uses or hires the hall. A new consumer unit will be fitted at the side of the stage during this year. I couldn't write a report without mentioning the ever popular parish lunch which always proves to be a happy, jovial affair and I must thank the donors of the fantastic sweets and the committee who do such a great job, unseen, in the kitchen.

At our casting we were again pleased to have new faces joining us, not only in the cast, but also in the chorus and with the “mummy helpers”. Over a three month period of rehearsals everyone gave of their all to ensure we still performed “The best amateur pantomime in Calderdale”. The involvement by everyone, including all the Heads of Departments, none of whom receive a penny for their efforts, was beyond the call of duty and I thank you all for ensuring the continuation of pantomime at St John’s.

Sadly again this year we lost some of the cherished members of our panto family, namely Freda Hiley, our long serving MD, Graham Kelly, the brains behind all the large props and Bob Cooper, a more recent addition to “the panto family”. Our prayers are with them and their families.

This is my final APCM report as I have now stepped down from my three positions with panto with whom I have been involved since 1981, but I cannot close without thanking my family for their support, all of whom (apart from my great grandson) have been involved in some way with my passion and, of course, all of the hundreds of friends I have made over the years.

I send my love to you all and will see you at the 2025 show, Little Red Riding Hood, but I will be, like you, a paying audience member for the first time in almost 45 years.

Graham Readshaw
Secretary

Scout Group report

After a difficult year with falling members, the Beaver Section had to sadly close, with no Leaders to keep the Section open. The number of Cubs and Scouts are now down, with only twenty one boys and girls attending. There have been on several Camps and Activities with visits to Bradley Wood and other local camp sites. Kevin Wood has now stood down as Group Scout Leader after forty plus years with the Group. We thank him for his dedication and loyalty for all he has given to the Group. Terry Firth is now Group Scout Leader, with Connor Michaels as Scout Leader.

Christine Whitaker

Rucksack Club Report

We had 15 walks in 2024 with one walk cancelled due to bad weather. We continue to have good attendance when compared to the trend of previous years, our full day walks average 14 and half day walks 12. The committee this year looked at the half day walks particularly the length, with a view to encouraging more people to attend; the success of this is still being monitored.

As a result of donating monies to Cromwell Bottom Nature Reserve, the club was invited to have a guided walk, this proved informative and enjoyable.

The annual BBQ was held at Keith's home with 36 people attending, this as usual was an enjoyable and successful event, thank you Keith for hosting. Our annual dinner in November at Briar Court was well attended and based upon feedback, was enjoyed by all. Our Christmas Walk was well attended and finished at Bradley Golf Club for beef sandwich and chips. 29 people present

Our walks continue to be of reasonable length and challenge and we do thank those members who are willing to take the role of leader, it very important that members consider volunteering to lead a walk, since this does help the committee in planning and ensuring that the club can offer monthly walks. If any member would like to consider and have a go, the committee will be happy to provide guidance and support.

Finally, it is encouraging to see new faces on our walks; this in itself will ensure the clubs continuity. On a personal note, I would like to thank the committee and the members for their help and support.

Roger Ellis Secretary

Brighouse and Elland Deanery Synod Report 2024

The Brighouse and Elland Deanery Synod held three meetings over the past year, with the Rural Dean, Canon James Allison, leading worship and the proceedings.

The purpose of the Deanery Synod meetings is to enable each Parish to be represented and to work together to discuss and debate any issues that may arise. The number of representatives depends on the number of electoral roll numbers. St. John's is entitled to three members: Christine Whitaker, Cherry Fancourt (Treasurer) and Julia Tum are the representatives and are always accompanied by our Vicar. Reports from the Deanery meetings are presented to the Church Council.

The February Meeting was led by a talk by a Diocesan Finance Officer. It was extremely interesting and he showed a variety of slides depicting the income and expenditure of the Diocese. In particular he talked about the Parish Share and how it is calculated. Then he showed graphs illustrating the % of Parishes which did not pay their full Parish share and what impact that had on the Diocesan finances.

The June Meeting considered growing faith with Children, Young People and Families. It was led by Canon Liz Morton, Diocesan Adviser for C, YP and F. It was extremely interesting and challenged all those present to consider this important aspect of our life in Church and how we can make a difference.

The October Meeting was led by Revd. Helen Collings. She led an interesting discussion and presentation on nurturing and growing new and old Christians. Can these be nurtured and grown within our own congregations or from outside of the church? We need to encourage each other and help people to have confidence.

There was discussion on about growing lay leadership, and pastoral care. Links were offered to other helpful websites e.g. The Barnabus website. Members split into small groups to share good practice on what works well and what the issues are in their different areas. Helen concluded by recommending that members ask their vicars to do "My faith story" which is a Parish based download from the Leeds Ministry website which is all about how we tell our story to other people naturally.

Christine Whitaker , Cherry Fancourt and Julia Tum

Growing Together in Rastrick Report

The three Churches in Rastrick, St John's, St Matthew's and Upper Edge Baptist, are still working closely together to arrange joint services and events during the year. Allan Bottomley still acts as our treasurer and was originally a member of New Road, which sadly closed after Covid, and was also treasurer for Brighouse and Rastrick Churches Together, which never recovered after Covid. The Rastrick Group has now taken on some of the events previously arranged by the Brighouse group.

We began the year with a Songs of Praise service, arranged by Rev Michelle. This was again very popular. Brighouse churches were invited but some had their own evening service booked, and others thought that they could just come on the night with their chosen hymn. Rev Michelle will ensure the churches know in future there is a deadline, so that music can be organised.

The Lent Groups were once again organized by the group and Holy Week services between the churches. Rev Michelle, along with the Central

Methodist Minister, arranged the Good Friday Walk of Witness and service at Central. Rastrick people were all to meet at St Johns to make the walk into town less arduous. This worked well with around 40 people walking into town.

A Pentecost service was held in the front garden at St Matthews, and Daryll Hackett, Leader at Upper Edge, did real fire demonstrations.

Once again the Group, with John Mothersdale doing the ordering, organized the distribution of Christmas cards to each household in Rastrick. Our last event to be organized was the Carol Singing at Tesco, monies raised split between Tesco charity and Turning Point.

Barbara Rukin

Magazine Report

Our first magazine after Lockdown grew from the newsletter and appeared in October 2023, which makes 2024 the first complete year. During that time, we have settled into a pattern of regular items/pages, church posters and adverts, and individual items - everything produced by ourselves with no external funding. Some of the regular items were reinstated from the pre-lockdown magazine. Initial printing problems were ironed out and the magazine is now completely 'in-house'!

We began by sending out the magazine as a PDF file, with a few copies in church, but problems with the size of the file and the limitations of some e-mail providers, led to the decision to upload the mag to the Website and simply provide a link. This also means that more people now have access to it. At the same time, the idea of having a real copy which can be held, read and kept handy (especially for reference and for the diary on the back), also grew in popularity. Without outside advertising, all the printing costs are covered by the purchase price.

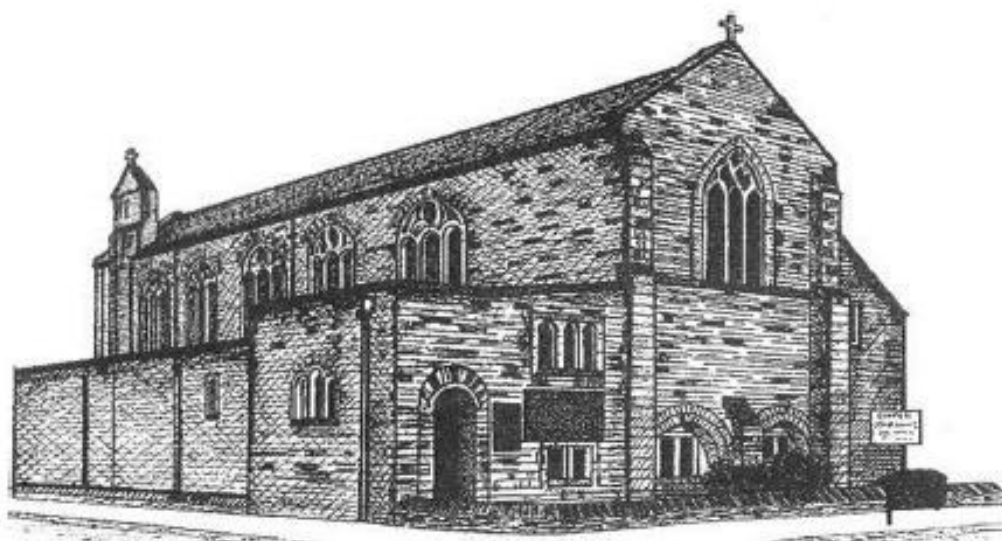
We wouldn't have a magazine without all your contributions, so thank-you for keeping them coming. One item I'm often short of is a prayer for the 'Favourite Prayer' page, so if you do have one you can send me (*with maybe a little explanation as to why you like it*), I would be grateful.

I do love producing the magazine. It appeals to the creative side in me. I also get a real feeling of satisfaction, seeing and holding the real copy when all the work is done. Thank you for trusting me with the production of your magazine.

Pam Dimpleby

St John The Divine Rastrick

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024



St John The Divine Rastrick

Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2024

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position	Dates	
Rev Michelle Petch	Vicar and Chair of PCC		
Alan Hoggard	Ex Officio		
Hilary Cartwright	Churchwarden	Appointed	May-24
David Marshall	Churchwarden	Appointed	May-24
Cherry Fancourt (Deanery Synod)	Treasurer		
Jennifer Guy			
John Hearson			
David James			
Pat Lee			
Janine Morrisroe			
Soo Sykes			
Julia Tum (Deanery Synod)	Deanery Synod		
Christine Whittaker (Deanery Synod)	Secretary		

Charity number 1209292

Registered and principal address	Bankers
St Johns Street	Virgin Money
Rastrick	12 Bradford Road
HD6 1HN	Cleckheaton
	BD19 3RJ

Independent examiner
Simon Bostrom FCIE

West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO
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Structure, governance and management
The charity is an unregistered charity and is governed by the Church Representation Rules 2020.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees
The trustees of the charity are the PCC (Parochial Church Council) members, who are elected for three years at the Annual Parochial Church meeting. Up to three members elected as deanery synod representatives are also ex-officio members of the PCC

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 December 2024

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St John The Divine, Rastrick, has the responsibility of working with the vicar to promote the gospel and mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. Our mission is to grow in spiritual commitment and in service to our local community.

The charity's main activities

To promote the whole mission of the Church in Rastrick, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Public benefit statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular the advancement of religion.

Achievements and performance

Church Attendance continues to increase with average Sunday morning attendance above 40. The number of regular attenders is higher than this. Two legacies were received totalling £4,315 increased income for church hire and events contributed to a surplus of £4,131.

In March 2024 a benefice administrator was appointed working 6 hours per week. The cost is split equally between St Johns and St Matthews.

The refurbishment of the church organ that started in September 2023 was completed in September 2024. The full cost was £90,684 of which £22,200 came from grants, £14,272 from direct fundraising, a total of £51,969 from members of the congregation, a small balance of £2,243 was taken from reserves.

Solar Panels were installed on the roof of the hall at a total cost of £22,414.00 funded by Rastrick big local, £1500 grant from CFFC paid for the refurbishment of the hall floor. The bishop's development fund paid £3350 towards the re-siting of the sound system and a screen in the organ loft.

Community Hall rents were £22,266 which maintains the high level of usage. Net hall income in the year was £4,593

The mission and charity group distributed £5,216 of which £1,625 was collected through special appeals. In line with agreed policy of tithing 10% of Church voluntary income the PCC agreed at the end of the year to transfer £4,400 into the Mission and charities fund leaving a balance of £5,573 for distribution in 2025.

In July 2024 the application to be a registered charity was approved by the charity commission and THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE DIVINE, RASTRICK was added to the Register of charities in England and Wales charity number 1209292. Members of the PCC are trustees of the charity.

Financial review

The net payments for the year were £21,037, this included net income of £8,030 on unrestricted funds and net payments of £29,067 on restricted funds after transfers.

The restricted funds payment included £32,931 for the completion of the refurbishment of the church organ

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves, at the year end were £48,362.

The charity does not have a reserves policy.

Approved by the board of trustees on 20/4/25

Signed: M. Petch (Trustee)

Name: REV. M. PETCH

St John The Divine Rastrick

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St John The Divine Rastrick

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees 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 charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act;
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records.

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:

Name: Simon Bostrom FCIE

Date:

West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO

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St John The Divine Rastrick
Receipts and payments account
for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Receipts					
Church Giving		43,499	500	43,999	40,145
HMRC Gift Aid		12,914	-	12,914	16,327
Other Church Income		10,431	3,350	13,781	9,115
Hall Hire		22,266	-	22,266	23,859
Special Appeals(M&C)		-	1,625	1,625	1,277
Toilets & Served		-	-	-	49,600
Organ Refurb		500	-	500	47,459
Hall Grants & Donations	(2)	3,200	25,292	28,492	2,892
Gardens		-	-	-	1,440
Other		-	-	-	149
Total receipts		<u>92,810</u>	<u>30,767</u>	<u>123,577</u>	<u>192,263</u>
Payments					
Parish Share		34,416	-	34,416	33,250
Clergy expenses		2,916	-	2,916	1,374
Utilities		9,229	-	9,229	15,129
Insurance		7,361	-	7,361	7,246
Church Maintenance		626	2,240	2,866	1,928
Cleaning		10,053	-	10,053	8,761
Organist		1,225	-	1,225	1,270
Other church expenses		3,932	-	3,932	2,247
Sundries		3,274	-	3,274	2,276
Mission & Charities		3,820	1,396	5,216	4,443
Church Fabric		-	-	-	6,750
Hall Maintenance		3,324	25,292	28,616	2,574
Toilets & Served		-	-	-	66,680
Precincts & Gardens		2,679	-	2,679	2,388
Organ Refurbishment		-	32,831	32,831	57,853
Total payments		<u>82,855</u>	<u>61,759</u>	<u>144,614</u>	<u>214,169</u>
Net receipts / (payments)		<u>9,955</u>	<u>(30,992)</u>	<u>(21,037)</u>	<u>(21,906)</u>
Transfers between funds	(3)	<u>(1,925)</u>	<u>1,925</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>8,030</u>	<u>(29,067)</u>	<u>(21,037)</u>	<u>(21,906)</u>
Fund balances brought forward		<u>40,332</u>	<u>30,406</u>	<u>70,738</u>	<u>92,644</u>
Fund balances carried forward	(3)	<u>48,362</u>	<u>1,339</u>	<u>49,701</u>	<u>70,738</u>

St John The Divine Rastrick
Statement of assets and liabilities
as at 31 December 2024

	2024	2024	2024	2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Cash at bank	48,362	1,339	49,701	70,738
Cash in hand	-	-	-	-
Total cash funds	<u>48,362</u>	<u>1,339</u>	<u>49,701</u>	<u>70,738</u>

Debtors and prepayments

	2024	2022
	£	£
Debtors	1,556	2,545
Prepayments	708	-
Accrued income	287	9,089
	<u>2,551</u>	<u>11,634</u>

Assets retained for the charity's own use

Solar panels - Church and Hall
 TV screens - 5
 Ceiling projectors - 2
 Computers -
 Folding hall chairs - 80, Folding tables - 21
 Sound and audio equipment
 Hot water boilers - 2

Liabilities

	2024	2022
	£	£
Creditors	1,148	-
Accruals	567	540
	<u>1,715</u>	<u>540</u>

The Financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 2014/25

Signed: M. Petch (Trustee)

Name: REV. MICHELLE PETCH

St John The Divine Rastrick

Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2024

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

The previous year's accounts included funds relating to the Pantomime Society. Upon review of this relationship we have decided to exclude these sums on the grounds that the Pantomime society is a separate organisation rather than a project under the control of the charity.

The effect of the change has been to reduce the previous year's cash funds by £9,433, to reduce the receipts by £6,900 and the payments by £4,598.

Taxation

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

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

St John The Divine Rastrick
Notes to the accounts continued
for the year ended 31 December 2024

2 Grants and donations	2024	2024	2024	2023
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
BDF-Grant	-	3,200	3,200	5,000
Benefact Trust	-	-	-	2,100
Community Foundation for Calderdale (CFFC)	-	1,500	1,500	2,892
Community Foundation for Calderdale (CFFC)	-	23,292	23,292	-
Community Foundation for Calderdale (CFFC)	-	150	150	-
Garfield Weston	-	-	-	6,000
Grantscape	-	-	-	30,000
LEEDS DBF	-	-	-	2,000
Organ Fund	-	-	-	47,459
Rank Org.	-	-	-	2,000
Rastrick Big Local	-	-	-	1,440
Sir George Martin Trust	-	-	-	2,500
Calderdale - Neighbourhood Ward Forum	-	500	500	-
	-	28,642	28,642	101,391

3 Restricted funds	Balance b/f	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
Missions & Charities Fund	-	1,625	1,396	-	229
Church Fabric	-	3,350	2,240	-	1,110
Hall Fabric Fund	318	25,292	25,292	(318)	-
Organ Repair Fund	30,088	500	32,831	2,243	-
	30,406	30,767	61,759	1,925	1,339

Fund name	Purpose of restriction
Missions & Charities Fund	Holds funds given by the congregation for specific charitable appeals.
Church Fabric	Grants from the Diocesan board of Finance £3,200 towards moving the church sound desk and a new screen and CFFC £150 towards an energy survey.
Hall Fabric Fund	Balance of funds from appeals plus grants in 2024 now spent. The transfer to unrestricted funds was agreed by the funder.
Organ Repair Fund	Funds given and spent towards organ refurbishment now completed. The transfer is from general funds to cover the shortfall.

Designated funds	Balance b/f	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
Missions & Charities Fund	4,763	-	3,820	4,400	5,344
	4,763	-	3,820	4,400	5,344

Fund name	Reason for designation
Missions & Charities Fund	PCC Transfer 10% of voluntary church giving to this fund annually.

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Notes to the accounts continued

for the year ended 31 December 2024

4 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses

No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

Trustee remuneration and benefits

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.

5 Funds held as agent

Balance b/f	Incoming	Outgoing	Balance c/f
£	£	£	£
Rucksack Club	540	129	-
Wednesday Nighters	272	-	-
	<u>812</u>	<u>129</u>	<u>941</u>

Fund name

Rucksack Club

Wednesday Nighters

Additional information

Funds held for a group of church members and others that enjoy walking.

Funds are held for a group of ladies that meet on a Wednesday.

6 Accrued income

	2024	2023
	£	£
HMRC Tax Refund Due (Dec 24)	287	9,088
	<u>287</u>	<u>9,088</u>

St John The Divine Rastrick
Notes to the accounts - Church
for the year ended 31 December 2024

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>	
	£	£	£	£
Collections	1,734		2,064	
Gift Aided Giving	33,593		33,579	
Donations	4,341		4,453	
Legacies	4,315			
Other Church Income	15		48	
Income Tax Received	12,914		16,327	
		56,912		56,471
<u>Other Income</u>				
Church Events	4,080		3,172	
Wedding & Funeral Fees	725		1,652	
Flowers	784		576	
Tea & Coffee	938		992	
Magazine	674		75	
Misc sales	282			
Church Hire	2,948		2,648	
Grants	3,350			
Bank Interest	0		149	
		13,781		9,264
TOTAL RECEIPTS		70,693		65,735
<u>PAYMENTS</u>				
Parish Share	34,416		33,250	
Expenses/Clergy	443		775	
Occasional Offices	325		599	
Administrator	2,148			
Gas	3,543		7,014	
Electricity	708		1,185	
Insurance	5,015		4,764	
Maintenance	2,866		1,132	
Organ Repairs	0		252	
Cleaning	2,764		3,105	
Music	1,225		1,270	
Other service costs	1,917		1,104	
Flowers	441		340	
Event expenses	2,504		1,137	
Printing & Stationery	774		744	
Website	210		191	
Sundries	620		852	
TOTAL PAYMENTS		59,919		57,714
Transfer to Mission & Charity Fund		-4,400		-4,014
Transfer to Organ Fund		-2,243		
Net Movement for Year		4,131		4,007

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Notes to the accounts - Hall, Precincts & Garden for the year ended 31 December 2024

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>	
	£	£	£	£
Grants	25,292			
Donations	3,200		1,440	
2nd (St John's) Rainbow & Brownies	855		855	
Ash Carpark	1,600		1,600	
Brighthouse Arts			1,200	
Brighthouse Theatre Productions	2,060		2,645	
Caligraphers	2,128		2,405	
CAUK	1,135		450	
Calderdale MBC	1,243			
Focus for Hope	700		600	
Guide Dogs			446	
Guides	600		600	
Happy Dogs	4,000		3,150	
LMP Action			3,168	
Line Dancing	2,680			
Scout Group	1,840		1,920	
Sundry Bookings	3,396		3,991	
Tai Tchi	1,125		1,175	
Outstanding	-1,095		-346	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		50,758		25,299
<u>Running Costs</u>				
Gas	1,922		3,329	
Electricity	2,713		3,276	
Water	342		325	
Insurance	2,346		2,482	
Repairs & Equipment	28,298		632	
Precincts Expenditure	2,679		2,388	
Cleaning	7,289		5,666	
Sundry	739		139	
TOTAL PAYMENTS		46,328		18,237
Net Movement for Year		4,430		7,062

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Notes to the accounts - Mission & Charities

for the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
RECEIPTS		
Toilet Twinning	58	
Lent Appeal	513	
Marys Meals	158	
NSPCC	500	
WWDP	396	1,277
	1,625	1,277
PAYMENTS		
Arthritis Trust	250	
Bible Society		313
Brighthouse Food Bank		
Christan Aid	552	
Cart	500	
CICS	153	
DEC	500	200
Dementia UK		250
Dogs Assoc for autism		200
Farm Africa		500
Food Bank		200
Hand to Mouth	285	260
Headway	250	
Lent Appeal	500	
MAF	250	
Mara	480	480
Marys Meals		250
NSPCC	500	
Operation Mobilisation		250
Project Colt		200
Re-Engage		100
Salvation Army		200
Shelter Box		370
Tearfund	120	240
Turning Point Counselling service	480	430
Womens world day of Prayer	396	
	5,216	4,443
Total Funds distributed		
	5,216	4,443
Net Movement for Year	-3,590	-3,166
Transfer From General Church Fund	4,400	4,014
Balance on 1st January	4,763	3,915
	5,573	4,763
Balance on 31st December		

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There is a warm welcome to any of our Church services or acts of worship. We welcome Christians of all denominations and if you usually take Communion at your Church then you are welcome to join us in our Communion here at St. John the Divine.

St. John's Regular Service Times:

Sunday: 11.00am Holy Communion

Wednesday: 10.30am Holy Communion

first and third Wednesday at St. Matthew's

second and fourth Wednesday at St. John's

fifth no service

Tuesday-Saturday : 8.30am Morning Prayer with Michelle on Facebook

Friday: 7.30am Morning Prayer on Zoom (Contact Alan Hoggard)

Benefice Prayer for Growth

God of Mission

Who alone brings growth to your Church

Send your Holy Spirit to give

vision to our planning

wisdom to our actions

and power to our witness.

Help our Church to grow

in numbers

in spiritual commitment to you

and in service to our local community

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Some highlights of 2024



Refurbishment of the organ



Celebration concert



Afternoon tea



Solar panels on the hall roof

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