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**THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF KNARESBOROUGH, GOLDSBOROUGH, NIDD
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Knaresborough Team Ministry

Church of St. John the Baptist, Knaresborough

Holy Trinity Church, Knaresborough

Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Goldsborough

Church of St. Paul & St Margaret Nidd

Church of St. John the Baptist, Brearton

ANNUAL REPORT

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31st December 2023

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The Ecclesiastical Parish of Knaresborough, Goldsborough, Nidd and Brearton

Charity Name, Registration and Principal Address

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Knaresborough, Goldsborough, Nidd and Brearton

Charity Registration Number 1134252

The Parish of Knaresborough and the Parish of Nidd were united to create a new Parish with effect from 1 January 2019.

The PCC was registered on 11th February 2010, having been previously exempt from registration separate to the Church of England. The Parish's principal address is The Rectory, High Bond End, Knaresborough North Yorkshire, HG5 9BT.

Aims and Purposes

Knaresborough Parochial Church Council (PCC)'s main objective is to co-operate with the Clergy in promoting, within the Ecclesiastical Parish of Knaresborough, Goldsborough, Nidd and Brearton, the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of five churches and their complexes within the Parish – St John the Baptist, Knaresborough, Holy Trinity, Knaresborough, St Mary the Virgin, Goldsborough, St. Paul & St. Margaret, Nidd and St. John the Baptist, Brearton.

Knaresborough Parish is in the Harrogate Deanery within the Diocese of Leeds.

Objectives and activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to become part of our parish community. Our activities are in line with this objective and include

- . Regular public worship open to all
- . The provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation
- . Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved
- . Provision of Marriage, Baptism and funeral services to all who live within the Ecclesiastical Parish. Marriage services are also conducted for others who qualify under the Church of England Marriage Measure 2008.
- . Teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
- . Taking of religious assemblies in schools
- . Promoting the whole mission of the Church including provision of activities for senior citizens and parents and toddlers
- . Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas.

These activities are provided for all, free of charge (excepting Marriages and Funerals) and with no discrimination (except in the case of Christian Baptism on the basis of creed). Our aim is to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of the parish community through worship and prayer, the provision of pastoral care in the community and mission and outreach.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of our churches, halls and public space.

Structure, Governance and Management

How we are constituted

The Parish is part of the Church of England and within the Deanery of Harrogate as part of the Diocese of Leeds. As such it is subject to the laws of the Church of England (Canon law) and the clergy swear allegiance to His Majesty King Charles III and an Oath of Canonical Obedience to the Bishop of Leeds (and their heirs and successors). Deanery and Diocesan policy is an influence but usually as recommendation rather than enforced requirement.

The constitution of the Trustees is the same as that set for a Parochial Church Council as given in the Church Representation Rules which constitute Schedule 3 of the Synodical Government Measure 1969, together with subsequent amending Measures. In particular this allows for the appointment of various officers, the election of Churchwardens and lay members of the Council and defines those who are members by virtue of their post or office within the ecclesiastical parish.

Selection and election of Trustees

The method of appointing Trustees is set out in the Measures referred to above. Clergy are appointed by the Diocesan Bishop, Churchwardens elected by a meeting of all parishioners and other Trustees are elected at and by a meeting of those on the church Electoral Roll of the Parish.

Trustees

The following persons have served as PCC Members and / or Trustees during the year ending 31st December 2023.

Elected Representatives of the Laity	Ex-Officio Members Churchwardens	Deanery Synod	Clergy
Elaine Armes	Carol Ballard	Denise Cullingworth	Revd. Garry Hinchcliffe
Peter Clarkson	Denise Cullingworth	John Margerison	Revd. Stroma McDermott
Sharon Foster	Lynn Curl		Revd. Lisa Holland
June Graham	Huseyin Demir		
Dorothy Jelbert	Paul Kerwin		
Shirley Lovell	David Osborne		
Anne Peppitt			
Jacqueline Shaw			
Margaret Bridge (Secretary)			
Brian Jelbert (Treasurer)			
Jack Wilson (Electoral Roll Officer)			

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities for The Year Ended 31 December 2023.

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable Law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The Law applicable to Charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust Deed requires the Trustees to prepare Financial Statements for each Financial Year which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the Income and Expenditure, of the Charity for that period. In preparing those Financial Statements, the Trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

How decisions are made

Decisions of the Trustees are made by majority vote of those present at a properly called meeting of the Trustees. Decisions so made are applicable to all the churches of the parish.

Electoral Roll Report

The Number of People on the Electoral Roll at each Church as at 31 December 2023 was as follows:

St. John's, Knaresborough – 147
Holy Trinity, Knaresborough – 77
St. Mary's, Goldsborough – 65
St. Paul and St. Margaret, Nidd – 9
St. John's, Brearton - 7

Total Number on Parish Electoral Roll - 305

Jack Wilson
Electoral Roll Officer

Team Rector's Report

Dearest friends,

This will be my 10th annual report to the parish and I want to use it to thank you all for all the work that you do.

Although (being led by the Holy Spirit) I applied for the position as Team Rector in the spring of 2013 and although that calling was discerned by the then Bishop of Knaresborough and Acting Archdeacon along with the then serving Churchwardens of the parish, the truth is that the position of a parish priest largely succeeds or fails by the generosity of heart and true Christian love of the congregation and community she or he serve. I have been incredibly and richly blessed in this regard... please know that none of you are ever taken for granted, that you are all deeply valued and that your continuing contribution to the life of whichever church you serve and across the whole team is recognised as integral to the lives of us all.

Much has changed across the team in the last decade – many excellent clergy have come and gone, loved and loyal parishioners have been called to serve in God's kingdom, but many new and wonderful friends have become part of our worshipping communities. Unfortunately, the COVID pandemic hastened what was already a decline in our attendees as well as most of our work in the churches with young people. Similarly, we are still even now 'experimenting' with service patterns and styles that on the one hand are faithful to our church heritage and the experiences and spirituality of those who have worshipped here for many years, whilst we are also trying to be more accessible to new parishioners, enquirers and communities... we haven't got there yet but we will keep plugging away trying to get the balance right.

We are a very busy parish and if you look around and about your particular church and across the whole team there is lots going on – I know everybody is working and volunteering as much as they can but please don't limit yourself simply to your comfort zone, perhaps branch out and come and experience something new. Being a Christian is not a position that we simply attain like a Brownie or Cub badge, instead it is a commitment that we are beginning a journey of spiritual development and nurture which, along the way, will enrich and empower us... the very least we can do is pray – pray for ourselves, for each other, for the guidance and influence upon the world of the Holy Spirit. Prayer isn't hard, in fact it's one of the easiest things you can do – simply remember these three 'rules' and you won't go far wrong: keep it simple, keep it honest and keep it going. To those of you (the vast majority) who are able to contribute 'something more', I personally and we all thank you.

I'm not going to name individuals this year apart from I think one person. This APCM will see Brian Jelbert stepping down as our PCC treasurer after eight (8) years of devoted service and it has to be said many legendary bad jokes and puns 😊 He has served us all diligently and well and now deserves his time off – thank you Brian.

In conclusion it continues to be my honour and privilege to serve you as Team Rector and I ask for your continued prayers upon my ministry now and into the future.

Blessings and thanks as ever

Garry

Revd Garry AF Hinchcliffe BD(Hons) – Team Rector, Knaresborough Team Ministry

Proceedings of the PCC

The PCC met on 6 occasions in 2023. February at The Hub, April (APCM) in St John's Church, June at Holy Trinity Church, July at St Mary's Church Goldsborough, September at The Hub, and November via Zoom.

On the agenda for discussion at the meetings: Church services including Easter, Remembrance, Harvest and Christmas. Also, the Coronation weekend Ecumenical Service and Festivities. Alpha Course, Lent Course and Confirmation Candidates and Confirmation Service. Safeguarding and compliance, Youth Ministry and Updating Accord.

Also discussed was Revd. Stroma and Revd. Lisa re Clergy Deployment.

Also discussed were reports and updates from the Treasurer including finance, the Parish share, and Parish Giving Scheme. Updates on the fabric of each church and information of any works/ repairs required, including the re-surfacing of the areas around St John's Church.

Minutes from the PCC meetings are published in Accord.

Margaret Bridge
PCC Secretary

PCC Subcommittee Reports

Fabric

Given the disruption caused by the coronavirus outbreak and no major activity relating to fabric, it was decided that the established Fabric Subcommittee would only meet on an ad hoc basis when there was a perceived need.

St John the Baptist, Knaresborough

Apart from general and ongoing maintenance activity in both the church and the Hub, the main projects during the calendar year 2023 have been the resurfacing of the roadways within the churchyard and preparatory work for the proposed reordering of the interior of the church.

The complete resurfacing of Church Lane and Vicarage Lane and of the area between the South Porch and the Hub was undertaken to great effect. The many potholes and surface defects have been remedied, speed bumps have been constructed and the general impact on the environs of the church has improved remarkably from both a practical and aesthetic point of view.

Overton Architects of Ilkley were briefed on the need for improved accessibility throughout the church and to recommend such changes appropriate to worship in the 21st century. They produced plans for a complete reordering of the West End of the church and of the North Aisle to improve accessibility for all and, in particular, to make provision for disabled people, families and children. As part of the consultative process and to enable members of the congregation to comment on the plans, a display of the proposed changes was mounted at the West End of the church in the autumn. M. Overton, the architect, attended a Sunday morning service to present the proposals and to answer questions and

address comments from church members. It is intended to proceed with the completion of this major project, including improvements to audio visual facilities, during 2024.

David Osborne

Holy Trinity

2023 has been quite a difficult year for many reasons, one of which was that we were awaiting the final quinquennial report. However routine maintenance was carried out, namely the boiler servicing, the electrical testing, the fire extinguisher servicing, organ and piano tuning. The lightening connector failed its routine testing and highlighted a problem that was dealt with to ensure compliance. The wood worm in the spire and choir stalls was treated, and the driveway lighting was repaired following yet another episode of vandalism. A problem with the lock on the vestry door was rectified and new keys were issued. One of our main priorities remains the revamping of the carparking areas and driveway. Some of the potholes were filled in but new ones have appeared. As I write this we have now received a revised quotation for the work but this will involve much commitment and an intense fundraising campaign. This is in addition to the work needed on the church building, predominantly the roof repairs. The constantly inclement weather has prevented some of the planned repairs taking place but this will hopefully happen in the spring of 2024. Holy Trinity continues to have a faithful and loyal congregation and I am thankful for the support from them and particularly from the committee members. I fear that 2024 will continue to bring many challenges, yet we will strive to address the problems as and when we are able to do so.

Denise Cullingworth

St. Mary The Virgin, Goldsborough.

A number of fabric related initiatives were started in late 2023 and are ongoing.

The Porch

A donation for refurbishment of the porch was received last year from Mr Peter Clarkson, the son of the late Len and Elsie Clarkson who were members of the St Mary's congregation for many years. Len Clarkson was a former Churchwarden. This donation will enable us to repair the plasterwork and repaint the porch and the metal gates. A painter has been engaged and the work will be undertaken in Summer.

Wooden Gates

Both sets of gates on the north side of the churchyard require repair and repainting. The bottom gate requires hinge and latch repair as it has been damaged during recent storms. This work will be carried out in Summer by two members of the congregation.

Paths and stonework

A programme of jet washing church paths, steps and low-level stonework has been started. This removes moss and detritus, eliminating potential slipping hazards when pathways and steps are damp. The path running along the north side of the church, once jet washed, will be treated with a solution to inhibit moss growth. Unfortunately, the sun doesn't reach this area.

Bells

Repairs to pulley blocks was undertaken late last year and one block is awaiting replacement. The new block has been fabricated and is due to be installed. Operation of the bells is not affected. The bell tower lighting is now fully operational.

Boiler

The boiler was serviced in September of last year prior to its cold weather cycle starting in October. We were reminded by the servicing engineer that the boiler is now 23 years old and whilst still fit for purpose, we must actively consider replacement. See under "Heating and Repurposing Building".

Electrics

PAT Testing was undertaken in January 2024. An electrical extension cord and a heater failed the test. Following a Fire Risk Assessment electrical survey in 2023, all urgent electrical remedial work has been carried out. Category "C" (non-urgent) electrical repair work will be arranged for the second quarter of the year.

General

The south side seating area has been improved to create more space for tables and chairs. The piano, reported as "untuneable", was taken to Goldsborough Hall for disposal on Monday 26 February. Internal furniture repositioning has been carried out to enlarge this space which will de clutter and cater for growing attendance at the monthly "Friday Club".

Quinquennial Report

Mike Overton of Overton Architects is aware that the report is due and he is going to schedule a date when inspection work can begin.

Heating and Repurposing Building

This is the principal fabric related issue at St Mary's.

A meeting, chaired by Revd. Garry, took place in St Mary's after the 9am HC service on Sunday 28 January. All villagers were invited to this meeting to discuss the future of the church building and the concept of creating a community space, whilst still retaining the spiritual aspect of the building as a centre of worship. We felt it was important to engage the village in this matter, the meeting was well attended and positive discussion took place.

Support for the concept was almost unanimous.

There are two key elements, namely renewal of the heating system (no longer fit for purpose) and consequent alteration to the floor area between the chancel and the rear of the church to create a more flexible space that can be equally as comfortable for congregations during services as well as those who will attend the church for other functions and purposes. At present, there is no community facility in Goldsborough.

Mike Overton visited St Mary's on Friday 23 February to discuss the concept and suggest options to Revd. Garry and I. Mike will begin working on proposal drawings.

This will be an extensive project which will evolve over time. There is much work to be done, and various parties to engage, under the oversight of the Architect. Diocesan assistance has been sought and the Heating Checklist has been submitted. Sources of funding for the project have to be identified. Work arising will be significant, for example, before any modifications to the floor are made, the plasterwork on the walls must be made good and sources of dampness identified and repaired. Internal fittings, doors and doorways will require alteration.

Underpinning this is the recognition that St Mary's is a Grade 1 listed building. All work will be subject to Faculty approval and other regulatory approvals as may be required. Primarily, it is a church and will be respected as such.

As we stated in our meeting invitation flyer, St Mary's has reached a crossroads. We believe the direction we are taking in repurposing the church, to make it more fit for purpose and user friendly, whilst maintaining it as a spiritual place, will take us through this crossroads and into the future.

Paul Kerwin

Nidd Church

A new bench has been installed outside the west wall of the Church, replacing one which had served for 30 years. The clock has run perfectly for over a year since Martin Lightfoot oiled the winding mechanism with duck oil. We still don't know how Smith of Derby thought an overhaul estimate of £20,000 was reasonable. The heating system is working well except for one very cold night in January when the exposed condensing pipe froze and the boiler failed to start as a precaution. A record winter temperature of 17 degrees Celsius caused the organ to cipher. You can't win them all!

David Andrews

Finance

The Finance Committee comprises members of the Clergy, Church Treasurers, PCC Treasurer and currently one co-opted member (Jack Wilson). Over the last 12 months the committee have met (primarily by ZOOM) on 6 occasions to consider church and PCC financial matters. These have included:-

- review and approval of the individual church and PCC budgets
- review, question, make suggestions and note the current financial position of churches/PCC
- consider and approve any major expenditure by churches over £5,000
- review, question, approve and note the 2023 financial performance of churches/PCC
- review and approve the final church and PCC budgets for 2024.

Brian Jelbert
Chair/PCC Treasurer

Youth and Schools

Ministry in Schools continues apace. Revd Garry goes to St. John's CofE primary school twice a week to lead the assembly first thing on a Monday and then also the new Christian Spirituality reflection assembly first thing on a Wednesday. All the schools in the town benefit from their visits, especially St. John's School who visit Church several times a year for the School Sanctuary Week and we sponsor the Young Leaders Awards. We now have 4 Governors from St. John's Church at St. John's School, they are Revd Garry and Jack Wilson (Foundation Governors), Mrs. Kathryn Demir (Parent Governor) and Mrs. Elaine Armes (Co-opted Governor). Ms Sharon Foster and Mrs. Elaine Armes also go in to School to support the Children with their reading.

Jack Wilson

Schools Work – Revd Lisa

In the last year I have become a School Governor at Goldsborough Church of England School and John Margerison also became a governor at the same time. We have both been kept quite busy with online Governor training!

Since the start of the school year I have been going into school each month to take assembly. I also spent a morning in school during advent to tell the children about the meaning of advent. That was slightly challenging as the message changed slightly for each year group! Thankfully Nicky Wynn, who is training as a licensed minister, came in with me to assist. We thought a little bit about reverse advent calendars with the older children, where instead of having a small gift each day you do something for someone else. The children then made advent wreaths and reverse advents for their classrooms.

The school also performed their Christmas Nativity in church and invited the congregation along to watch their rehearsal. Several church members joined me in watching and it was a lovely morning. There are many budding performers in the school!

We will shortly be hosting a group from year 4 who are coming into our church to learn about the different items in the church and they are bringing a group from a school in Bradford who hosted Goldsborough School and arranged a trip to a local mosque. Later this year we will be hosting the Easter service plus a prayer space for the year 6 children about to go onto secondary school.

We have also had contact with year 2 and 3 at Aspin School who came along to Holy Trinity for a Christmas Service for which the children practised prayers and Christmas Carols, while Denise and I told the Christmas Story with a lot of accompanying actions!

Meanwhile Meadowside School came to St John's to hold a Christmas service for the entire school amidst all the Christmas Trees. Both schools have asked us to facilitate Easter services too, which is a great chance to get to know them a little better and share the good news of Jesus.

Doughnut Church Report 23/24

Rev Garry Hinchcliffe had discussions with Mr Hope, Headteacher at Knaresborough St John's, about the possibility of starting a Doughnut Church in school. The concept is aimed to bring Church, Sunday school and Bible stories into the school setting after school hours on a weekday, particularly given how few families now (regularly) attend church on a Sunday. The sessions were to be aimed at all Primary ages, to include key elements of a church setting (prayers, candles, the Bible, a cross, discussion of religious themes) with fun elements including dramatisation of Bible stories, singing, crafting and with a tasty treat!

Along with Rev Garry and Rev Lisa, I agreed to be leader at Doughnut church, already being a member of the choir at church, and a mum of two at KSJ school. Several volunteers from church also committed to the team, including Sharon Foster, Anthony Lowe, Anna Larkin, Elaine Armes and Jack Wilson. All relevant members of the team that had not been previously DBS checked undertook the full Safeguarding training and were DBS checked, although Garry, Jack and Elaine are governors of the school and Sharon is a volunteer so were already affiliated and already held DBS checks. Mark Hunter, our Director of Music, also agreed to be pianist to accompany the singing.

We initially tried two 'test' sessions before the end of school year 22/23 in May and June. These were well attended and gave us an idea of how to structure the sessions. The children particularly enjoyed the interactive sessions (dramatic Bible stories), crafting and doughnuts, handed out at the end of the session. As these sessions worked well, we decided to start regular Doughnut church sessions from the new school year in 23/24 on a Monday each month (where possible) after school for an hour. Our first session was in October (Harvest) and two further sessions were planned for November and December, although December had to be cancelled by school due to overcommitments with Nativity rehearsals and Christmas related activities.

The most attendees for a session amounted to 38. We also realised, through feedback from the children and parents (by word of mouth) that some activities appeared to be aimed more at the younger children in Key Stage 1. We, therefore, decided to have split sessions for the discussion after the Bible story itself, so more complex themes could be developed with the older kids in Key Stage 2, whilst some simpler discussions were maintained with the younger KS1 children.

In January 2024, we planned in a further 5 sessions between March and July. Our first is planned for early March and is about Lent, including what that means and the journey into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. We are trying to use themes linked to the Christian calendar each month, and we have been

accessing The Bible Society material to help plan our sessions. All advertising for Doughnut church is done through posters designed by Rev. Garry and advertised through the school newsletter. Letters are also sent out to parents asking them to sign their children up for the session beforehand, so we have an idea of numbers, although any child is allowed to attend and just turn up on the day. We ask that at least one teacher is present for the session, signs all children in and out, also takes them to the playground to be collected by parents. We hope the sessions will continue to be attended through the 23/24 school year.

Helena Helm – Leader

Trinity Teddies

During 2023 Trinity Teddies has gone from strength to strength thanks to our reliable and enthusiastic team of helpers who have now all completed their safeguarding training. It was with great sadness that we wished Sheila Slack a “Happy retirement” at Christmas. She has been a loyal and conscientious member of our team since 2011. She is our expert in the kitchen preparing the children’s snack and clearing up the craft activities.

We have been able to support various children’s charities including “Save the Children Fund”, “Comic Relief” and “Children in Need”. We have made donations to the church towards the heating cost of the hall.

Thanks to our team of eight hard-working helpers at TT, we have been able to provide a safe, caring and stimulating environment for our children, mums, dads and grandparents.

Dot Jelbert

Deanery Synod Report

Deanery Synod is an opportunity for clergy and representatives of laity of all parishes in the Harrogate Deanery to meet and to exchange views, be updated on developments and to welcome important visiting speakers to inform and stimulate discussion.

Meetings in 2023:

24 April St Mark’s Harrogate

Speaker: Liz Morton. Children, Young People and Families Team Leader. The talk was about the work of the team in supporting parishes in extending mission and ministry with children and young people.

11 July St Peter’s Harrogate

Eucharist and elections to honorary positions and standing committees.

20 September St James’s Birstwith

Speaker: Theo Sheridan-Watts, Wellsprings Together. The talk was about the work of Wellsprings Together – helping parishes in their community engagement projects.

23 November St Andrew’s Starbeck

Speaker: Rt. Revd. Nicholas Baines – Bishop of Leeds. The talk was about his personal journey from Methodism to Anglicanism and the importance of encouragement and challenge in our lives as well as being kinotic – emptying ourselves for the sake of others.

John Margerison

Safeguarding Report

Safeguarding is, and always will be an ongoing learning curve and awareness, there will always be training to do, and we need to stay vigilant to all the new information and training requests that are demanded of us. This is to keep our church an open and safe place for everyone including ourselves. All our policies were renewed and passed at the September PCC meeting and are now on show prominently in our churches.

We are continuing to request that all volunteers complete the online Basic Safeguarding Course as a minimum as safeguarding is everybody's responsibility.

The Diocese have initiated one new change in that DBS certificate is now only valid for 3 years and not 5, however if you sign up to the sign up service within 30 days of application, it is renewed yearly and you do not have to go through the application process again for the role you are in.

Thank you to all for your continued support with the Safeguarding within our Team Ministry. We are all responsible for safeguarding the integrity, but more importantly, the people in our church.

Faye Wright – KTM Safeguarding Officer

Financial Review

The Parish is funded by voluntary donations from its congregations and supporters, supplemented by fund raising activities, investment income (including revenue generated by our property assets – car parks, cottage, halls etc) and fees. Monies received are predominantly spent on providing services and keeping our churches and buildings maintained and welcoming.

Each church organizes its own finances, raises funds towards its objectives and targets and finances its own expenditure. The Church Vestry Committees are responsible to the PCC for both its income and expenditure and prepares a budget for approval by the PCC each autumn. Contracts over £5000 require PCC approval and are authorised by the PCC rather than the churches. The PCC has an independent budget and financial responsibilities. Year-end accounts are prepared and approved by the appropriate Church Committee and then consolidated to provide the overall accounts for the Parish.

The PCC appointed Mitchell, Wellock as independent examiners. The parish holds bank accounts at Nat West, HSBC, Barclays and Yorkshire Banks, and in the Leeds and Skipton Building Societies. There are also deposits with the Church Central Board of Finance. These institutions have no influence on the operations of the parish and the relationship is purely commercial. They are available for financial advice if required.

Review of 2023

Financial reporting is difficult enough without the need for accounting by 'Funds', as required by Charity Law. While the essence is simple, keeping money separate for different purposes is not as easy as it sounds. Basically, money given or raised for a specific purpose has to be used for that project /item/repair etc and, if not used, returned to the donor. This is why there are so many different funds, even after some consolidations. It is also why money spent on a large project may come from several of the funds and how some 'Restricted' funds may come to be in debit.

Regular Activities

These are what we do, every day of the year, to simply function. In terms of expenditure, it is all about paying the bills for heating, lighting, insurance, basic maintenance and small repairs, carrying out

services of worship and financially supporting our clergy, through the Parish Share, but also the regular reimbursement of expenses. As for income, it is all about collecting and managing people's voluntary contributions towards the work of the church in a tax efficient manner. Both income and expenditure need careful managing (and accounting).

Voluntary Income

Voluntary Income overall does not cover our Parish Share, leaving other sources of income necessary to maintain our buildings and services. There remains an ongoing need to keep this under review, as costs continue to increase, and to continue to emphasise the need for regular planned income to meet regular planned outgoings.

Other Income

Fundraising continues to be an essential part of our Income. A lot of hard work, not always recognised, goes into fundraising and we are indeed fortunate to have so many volunteers to lend a hand or, more importantly, have new ideas with regard to fund-raising.

Regular Expenditure (Church activities)

Regular expenditure, as always, continues to increase. Careful management of controllable expenditure is a large part of what our individual churches do and savings continue to be made wherever possible. However, it needs to be borne in mind that money can only be spent when you have it and, especially on maintenance, there are a number of items that need attention that are awaiting funding.

Year End financial position

According to the Balance sheet, we have assets of £702,516 an overall increase of £143,095 on the 2022 figure. With costs continually increasing, there is a constant need to find ways of generating additional income, with fewer reserves left to dip into.

2024 Budgets

Budgets are in place for 2024, it promises to be a very difficult and challenging year, again falling well short of the ever-increasing requested Diocesan Share for the Knaresborough Team Ministry.

Risk Management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the Charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Reserves Policy

The Parish has been fortunate in the past and benefits from a number of Endowment funds, the income from which is used mainly, but not exclusively, for specific purposes. The various churches all have Restricted funds, where money has been given /raised for specific purposes. Once the required funds are raised, they are spent and the Funds closed once the objectives have been met. For some projects, however, raising the required money may take several years. At present the PCC has no objectives to raise any reserve funds for general / investment purposes.

Finally, we need to recognise the extraordinary job done by the Church Treasurers, with the full support of their Vestry Committees. Their job continues to be so demanding yet they carry out their duties so cheerfully and diligently. Our thanks go to Andrew and Mike (St. John's - Knaresborough), Liz (Holy Trinity), Ian (St. Mary's - Goldsborough), David (St. Paul & St. Margaret - Nidd) and Stephen (St. John's - Brearton) for their support and co-operation. I would particularly like to thank them for the support they have given me in my capacity as PCC Treasurer during 2023 and to Jack Wilson who continued to be my sounding board and mentor.

Brian Jelbert.



Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

The Ecclesiastical Parish of Knaresborough, Goldsborough, Nidd and Brearton.

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1134252

Set out on pages

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Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent
examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:

Diane Wellock

Date:

02/04/2024

Name:

Diane Wellock

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

FCA – Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

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KNARESBOROUGH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2023

	Note		2023	2022
FIXED ASSETS				
Endowment funds	11	86,626	86,626	79,394
CURRENT ASSETS				
Deposits and Cash		610,090		
Debtors		<u>7,770</u>	617,860	
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Creditors and accruals			-1,970	
Adjustment				
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>615,890</u>	<u>480,027</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>702,516</u>	<u>559,421</u>
Represented by				
Endowment Funds	11		86,626	79,394
Restricted funds	12		77,402	65,216
Designated funds	12		147,447	40,625
Unrestricted Funds	12		<u>391,041</u>	<u>374,186</u>
			<u>702,516</u>	<u>559,421</u>

Approved by Members of the Parochial Church Council on 27 March 2024 and signed on its behalf by :

Revd G A Hinchcliffe

Mr B Jelbert (PCC Treasurer)




KNARESBOROUGH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December 2023

INCOMING RESOURCES	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted funds	2023	2022
Voluntary Income	2	211,273	4,282	215,555	170,675
Activities for Generating Funds	3	60,252	5,054	65,306	52,524
Investment Income	4	50,410	2,944	53,354	46,813
Incoming resources from Charitable activities	5	27,227	-	27,227	24,954
Other Incoming Resources	6	125,698	299	125,997	22,078
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		474,860	12,579	487,439	317,044
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Church Activities	7	285,408	5,177	290,585	241,775
Investment Management and fund raising costs	8	3,428	-	3,428	2,440
Governance costs	9	15,483		15,483	12,223
Other resources expended	10	42,080		42,080	32,042
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		346,399	5,177	351,576	288,480
MOVEMENT OF FUNDS					
Surplus / Deficit		128,461	7,402	135,863	28,564
Incoming Resources				-	-
Transfers		(4,783)	4,783	-	-
Adjustments, prepayments etc - St. Johns		-	-	-	(98)
Gains of disposal of fixed assets		-		-	-
Unrealised gain/losses on investments	11	-	7,232	7,232	(10,539)
NET MOVEMENT OF FUNDS		123,678	19,417	143,095	17,927
Balances Brought forward 1/1/2023		414,810	144,611	559,421	541,494
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD 31/12/2023	12	538,488	164,028	702,516	559,421

KNARESBOROUGH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 1 – ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounts will be prepared for each constituent Church detailing the financial affairs of each Church including monies paid in respect of the Diocesan share apportioned to that Church and any services paid for by the Parochial Church Council on their behalf. Consolidated accounts will be produced, in addition, to reflect the amalgamated activities of all the constituent churches and the PCC. The policies below refer to the accounting practices adopted in particular but not exclusively to the consolidated accounts.

The Financial statements have been prepared as closely as possible in accordance with the **Charities Act 2011**, **Church Accounting Regulations 2006** together with applicable accounting standards and the **Charities SORP 2005**. The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

Funds

General (unrestricted) funds represent the funds of the PCC and constituent churches that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the account holding body. The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts or funds of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are an informal gathering of church members. Restricted funds represent income that may only be expended for the purpose for which they were given.

Incoming Resources (Receipts)

Voluntary Income

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the constituent church. Planned giving receivable under covenant is recognised only when received. Income Tax recoverable under covenant or Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised. Grants / Legacies to the PCC are accounted for when received. Funds received for events are accounted for gross unless the sums realised / expended do not exceed £500 (in which event funds may be accounted for net.)

Investment Income

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year. Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on annual revaluation of investments.

Resources Used (Payments)

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation. The Diocesan Share is accounted for when paid. Other resources expended are generally recognized when it is incurred.

Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s96(2) of the Charities Act 1993. (This includes the Churches, the Rectory, 4 Greengate Drive, 39 Birkdale Avenue, St. John's Church Cottage, and the Halls at St John's and Holy Trinity). No value is placed on movable church fittings held by Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal. All expenditure incurred on consecrated or beneficed buildings and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA and separately disclosed. Fully movable equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over 4 years unless of a purchase price under £2,500, when the value will be written off when the asset is acquired.

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

The notes form part of these financial statements

KNARESBOROUGH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Notes to the Financial Statements

	St Johns	Holy Trinity	St Mary's	Brearton	Nidd	PCC	2023	2022
2 Voluntary Income								
Unrestricted								
Standing Orders	32,466	7,244	7,065	260	3,600	-	50,635	50,458
Regular giving	19,881	11,154	4,286	-	-	-	35,321	26,736
Collections	7,366	5,222	4,630	417	3,273	-	20,908	23,260
Tax Recovered	16,534	3,152	4,307	-	1,863	-	25,856	28,275
Donations	25,384	5,719	6,958	-	13,869	1,080	53,010	32,487
Charitable Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legacies and Grants	25,078	465	-	-	-	-	25,543	5,774
	126,709	32,956	27,246	677	22,605	1,080	211,273	166,990
Restricted								
Loans and Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tax Recovered	-	-	688	-	-	-	688	-
Gifts and donations	200	-	3,394	-	-	-	3,594	3,685
	200	-	4,082	-	-	-	4,282	3,685
ALL VOLUNTARY INCOME	126,909	32,956	31,328	677	22,605	1,080	215,555	170,675
3 Activities for generating funds								
Unrestricted								
Fund Raising	30,605	11,390	2,230	-	62	-	44,287	32,555
Church Hall lettings	10,919	5,046	-	-	-	-	15,965	15,352
	41,524	16,436	2,230	-	62	-	60,252	47,907
Restricted								
Fund Raising	50	714	4,290	-	-	-	5,054	4,617
	50	714	4,290	-	-	-	5,054	4,617
ALL GENERATED INCOME	41,574	17,150	6,520	-	62	-	65,306	52,524
4 Investment Income								
Unrestricted								
Rents	21,000	15,050	-	-	-	-	36,050	42,210
Interest / Dividends	7,801	897	1,399	-	4,263	-	14,360	3,607
	28,801	15,947	1,399	-	4,263	-	50,410	45,817
Restricted								
Interest / Dividends	655	-	-	-	1,289	-	1,944	996
Rents	-	1,000	-	-	-	-	1,000	-
	655	1,000	-	-	1,289	-	2,944	996
ALL INVESTMENT INCOME	29,456	16,947	1,399	-	5,552	-	53,354	46,813
5 Income from Charitable / Ancillary trading								
Unrestricted								
Statutory Fees	7,685	1,685	4,638	760	2,435	-	17,203	15,324
Other Fees	486	-	-	-	-	6,520	7,006	8,360
Magazine	-	-	-	-	-	3,018	3,018	1,270
	8,171	1,685	4,638	760	2,435	9,538	27,227	24,954
Restricted								
Other Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ALL INVESTMENT INCOME	8,171	1,685	4,638	760	2,435	9,538	27,227	24,954
6 Other Incoming Resources								
Tours/ Events	4,793	-	-	-	-	-	4,793	5,001
Property Sales	104,715	-	-	-	-	-	104,715	-
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reclaimed costs	-	-	-	-	-	13,016	13,016	15,521
Sundry	349	-	-	-	586	2,239	3,174	1,556
	109,857	-	-	-	586	15,255	125,698	24,954
Restricted								
Sundry	299	-	-	-	-	-	299	-
	299	-	-	-	-	-	299	-
ALL INVESTMENT INCOME	110,156	-	-	-	586	15,255	125,997	24,954
TOTAL INCOME	316,266	68,738	43,885	1,437	31,240	25,873	487,439	317,044

Notes to the Financial Statements

7 Church Activities

Unrestricted

	St Johns	Holy Trinity	St Mary's	Brearton	Nidd	PCC
Diocesan Share	63,000	30,000	21,000	500	4,620	
Clergy Expenses / housing	-	-	-	-	545	7,096
Organist and Choir	8,735	2,037	-	80	360	
Parish Administrators	-	-	-	-	-	11,270
Training and Recruitment	-	-	-	-	-	600
Utilities	16,320	6,702	1,258	474	1,546	875
Insurance	7,424	5,536	3,083	956	2,134	
Repairs and Maintenance	14,001	3,926	2,785	72	3,725	
Upkeep of Services	2,542	993	346	-	-	-
Music	297	-	-	-	-	-
Hall Running costs	1,726	2,850	-	-	-	-
Movable furniture / Equipment	4,582	-	-	349	-	-
Major Repairs	43,158	-	-	-	444	-
Mission and Charitable giving	5,181	670	-	-	610	1,000
Total	166,966	52,714	28,472	2,431	13,984	20,841

2023	2022
119,120	109,200
7,641	6,295
11,212	10,862
11,270	9,350
600	448
27,175	26,880
19,133	20,002
24,509	24,905
3,881	1,824
297	556
4,576	8,699
4,931	8,046
43,602	193
7,461	6,699
285,408	233,959

Restricted

Repair (Installation)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sundries expenses	686	-	2,083	-	-	-
Repair and Maintenance	-	1,924	-	-	-	-
Music	-	-	-	-	-	-
Movable furniture / Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mission and Charitable giving	-	484	-	-	-	-
Total	686	2,408	2,083	-	-	-

-	-
2,769	988
1,924	3,936
-	1,200
-	1,470
484	222
5,177	7,816

ALL CHURCH ACTIVITY

167,652	55,122	30,555	2,431	13,984	20,841
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290,585	241,775
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8 Investment management and Fund Raising

Unrestricted

Other Property Upkeep	-	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	424	-	-	-	-	-
Maintenance and Repair	-	-	-	-	568	-
Cost of Generating funds	-	-	548	-	-	-
Magazine	-	-	-	-	-	1,888
Total	424	-	548	-	568	1,888

-	-
424	-
568	522
548	618
1,888	1,300
3,428	2,440

Restricted

Cost of Generating funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
The Hub fees	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-

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ALL INVESTMENT AND FUND RAISING COSTS

424	-	548	-	568	1,888
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3,428	2,440
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9 Governance costs

Audit	-	-	-	-	-	2,040
Parish Office / administration	4,893	-	2,813	-	59	5,678
Total	4,893	-	2,813	-	59	7,718

2,040	2,040
13,443	10,183
15,483	12,223

10 Other resources expended

Sundry costs	3,633	1,363	281	62	3,518	2,501
Parish costs	5,717	2,597	-	205	1,104	-
Choir Tours/ Events	13,637	-	-	-	-	-
Professional Fees	7,462	-	-	-	-	-
Total	30,449	3,960	281	267	4,622	2,501

11,358	6,298
9,623	14,380
13,637	10,317
7,462	1,047
42,080	32,042

TOTAL EXPENDED

203,418	59,082	34,197	2,698	19,233	32,948
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351,576	288,480
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Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 11 - Endowment Funds

Investments held/ gains realised	Current Unit price	Market Value 1/1/2023	Market Value 31/12/2023	Loss/ Gain
St John the Baptist				
Talbott Bequest 114050				
667 CBF Investment Units	£22.605	£13,781	£15,078	£1,297
1358 CBF Fixed Interest Units	£1.448	£1,862	£1,966	£104
Music Fund 114055				
CBF Deposit Account		£1,000	£1,000	£0
General Fund 630028001S				
1203 CBF Investment Units	£22.605	£24,856	£27,194	£2,338
Butler Lighting Fund 630028002S				
136 CBF Investment Units	£22.605	£2,810	£3,074	£264
Fabric fund 630028003S				
558 CBF Investment Units	£22.605	£11,529	£12,614	£1,085
PCC Sunday School Fund 630028004S				
366 CBF Investment Units	£22.605	£7,562	£8,273	£711
		£63,400	£69,199	£5,799
Capital may not be spent but income applied for the denoted purposes. Income is applied to the General fund in most cases where expenditure exceeds the Fund income				
Holy Trinity				
Talbott Bequest 114050				
667 CBF Investment Units	£22.605	£13,781	£15,078	£1,297
1358 CBF Fixed Interest Units	£1.448	£1,862	£1,965	£103
Repair fund 115010				
17 CBF Investment Units	£22.605	£351	£384	£33
		£15,994	£17,427	£1,433
PARISH TOTALS		£79,394	£86,626	£7,232

Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 12 - Movement of Funds in 2023

		Opening	Income	Transfers	Incoming Resources	Adjustment s/Losses	Expenditure	Close
Holy Trinity								
General	G	56,092	67,024	-	4,847	-	56,674	61,595
Car Park Fund ®	R	-	1,000	-	5,957	-	-	6,957
Church Hall Fund ®	R	300	-	-	-	-	-	300
Fabric ®	R	8,914	-	-	1,261	-	-	7,653
Heating®	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Organ®	R	209	-	-	-	-	-	209
Compassion UK	R	-	469	-	105	-	336	238
East Timor/Compass'n	R	184	245	-	46	-	148	327
Spire ®	R	2,019	-	-	-	-	1,924	95
		<u>67,718</u>	<u>68,738</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>59,082</u>	<u>77,374</u>
Brearton								
General	G	7,113	1,437	-	-	-	2,698	5,852
Fabric®	R	1,149	-	-	-	-	-	1,149
		<u>8,262</u>	<u>1,437</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,698</u>	<u>7,001</u>
St Johns								
General	G	119,794	103,232	-	760	-	98,217	124,049
HUB designated	D	13,086	29,596	-	28	-	25,694	16,960
Castle Yard/Heating Fd	D	-	104,715	-	1,956	-	2,072	100,687
Fabric (designated)	D	-	-	-	511	-	511	-
Westend	D	-	849	-	-	-	5,558	4,709
Trips and Tours	D	888	4,793	-	1,079	-	6,758	2
Charities	D	1,000	999	-	-	-	2,181	2,182
Church Lane	D	4,870	25,079	-	1,956	-	43,158	20,993
Cottage	D	-	11,025	-	-	-	3,190	7,835
Music	D	-	-	-	-	-	9,576	9,576
Christmas Tree Festival	D	22,522	21,911	-	100	-	4,885	39,448
Car Park	D	-	9,975	-	-	-	-	9,975
Other	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Choir general	G	5,151	2,888	-	641	-	932	6,466
ALL Unrestricted Funds		<u>155,571</u>	<u>315,062</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>202,732</u>	<u>267,962</u>
Fabric	R	-	529	-	511	-	-	18
HUB ®	R	3,733	-	-	-	-	-	3,733
Lighting Fund ®	R	144	84	-	-	-	-	228
Organ ®	R	2,500	-	-	-	-	-	2,500
Organ ® (Choir)	R	-	115	-	-	-	-	115
Choir Restricted funds	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sunday School	R	2,218	226	-	-	-	70	2,374
Kitchen ®	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Flowers	R	99	200	-	450	-	616	133
Voix Celeste	R	339	50	-	-	-	-	389
Kneelers®	R	433	-	-	-	-	-	433
Powell window®	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		<u>157,571</u>	<u>316,266</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>203,418</u>	<u>270,419</u>
St Mary's								
General	G	21,648	35,513	-	-	-	32,114	25,047
Fabric Fund	D	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	10,000
Fabric fund®	R	22,329	8,372	-	-	-	2,083	28,618
CBF Fund ®	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trust fund ®	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		<u>53,977</u>	<u>43,885</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,197</u>	<u>63,665</u>
Nidd								
General	G	111,480	29,951	-	-	-	19,233	122,198
Fabric fund®	R	28,110	1,289	-	-	-	-	29,399
CBF Fund ®	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trust fund ®	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		<u>139,590</u>	<u>31,240</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,233</u>	<u>151,597</u>
PCC								
General	G	52,909	25,873	-	-	-	32,948	45,834
Designated Fund	D	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		<u>52,909</u>	<u>25,873</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,948</u>	<u>45,834</u>
Endowments								
Sundry Endowments	E	79,394	-	-	-	7,232	-	86,626
		<u>79,394</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,232</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>86,626</u>
General Funds	G	374,187	265,918	-	6,248	-	242,816	391,041
Designated Funds	D	40,626	208,942	-	1,462	-	103,583	147,447
Restricted funds	R	65,214	12,579	-	4,786	-	5,177	77,402
Endowment funds	E	79,394	-	-	-	7,232	-	86,626
ALL FUNDS		<u>559,421</u>	<u>487,439</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,232</u>	<u>351,576</u>	<u>702,516</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

KNARESBOROUGH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 13 – St. John the Baptist Knaresborough – Small Restricted Funds

These comprise:

Choir restricted – for future tours

Note 14 – Designated Funds

Designated Funds exist where the PCC /Church Vestry Committee has indicated their intention to spend funds for a specific project / purpose. Such funds may, however, be re-designated if necessary, having been acquired for general purposes (i.e. from sources that have not placed a restriction on their use).

Note 15 – Trustees’ Remuneration, Benefits and Expenses

There were no Trustees’ Remuneration or other Benefits during the year ended 31 December 2023.

Expenses totalling £4,314.38 were paid during the year ended 31 December 2023 to 3 Clergy Trustees in respect of travel and out of pocket expenses incurred in the performance of their ministry.

Note 16– Staff Costs

	2023	2022
Salary/Employer Pension Contributions	£11,270	£9,315
Average number of Employees	1	1

During the Year, the PCC employed a Parish Administrator, no payments were large enough to attract Employers National Insurance Contributions. A Pension Scheme is in place, the Administrator was below the Threshold for Auto- Enrolment but opted to join the Scheme with effect from 1 July 2019.

Note 17 – Accountancy Fees	2023	2022
	£2,040	£2,080

The PCC must include a Note showing the Fees incurred to have the Accounts Examined.
The amount shown in 2023 is in respect of the Examination of the 2022 Accounts.
The amount shown in 2022 is in respect of the Examination of the 2021 Accounts.

The notes form part of these financial statements