



Parish of St Peter's Birstall

in the Diocese of Leeds

(Charity No. 1133854)

Annual Report

2019-2020

Treasurer's Report for the year ended 31 December 2019

My report below relates solely to our financial year from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019 and disregards changing circumstances which may have occurred to date in 2020.

I wish to extend my gratitude to Sue Charlton for stepping in at the last moment to undertake the duties of Independent Examiner. A copy of her report follows the abridged version of my Accounts.

The full accounts as approved by the PCC and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and the Charities Act 2011, using the Receipts and Payments method, are available for inspection by anyone, in the fellowship area and on the notice board. The total of all receipts in the year was £138,615 and payments out of £95,788.

Frampton Mural – included in the total receipts was £7,984 raised entirely through donations during the year towards the restoration, for which we are most grateful and we wish to thank everyone involved. Gift aid recovered on donations was £927 and we already had £10,000 in hand donated in 2018. The quotations totalled £20,124, leaving a shortfall at the year end of £1,213.

Roof repairs – temporary repairs following the theft of lead cost £1,502. There are defects to the roofing on both the north and south aisles with water ingress, potential decaying timber and broken, cracked and slipped stone slate tiles. Following submission of tenders, the overall cost of the repairs including Architects fees and VAT is £104,613. We have received a single donation of £10,000 from a member of the congregation (who wishes to remain anonymous) towards these urgent repairs and we are extremely thankful for this. Other additional donations received total £2,410, a grant was obtained of £3,375 and also a £15,715 insurance payment. We had a balance of £4,033 in hand, giving a total available at the year end of £35,533 from which Architect fees of £6,180 were paid.

Vestry window – this historic stained glass window was repaired, grants of £6,500, a VAT refund of £1,350 and a donation enabled us to cover the costs which amounted to £8,100.

900 years events – numerous special events took place during the year to celebrate the 900 year anniversary and special merchandise was available to purchase. The total income generated after expenses was £1,918.

Fellowship Area – this is currently let to a Tutorial Group three afternoon/early evenings per week during term times and at other times and dates during the school holidays. The annual income totalled £7,706. It is also let out on a Wednesday each week during term times to the Bridge

Project the rent paid being £1,400, to High Ridings Travel one morning monthly for £202 and to St Peter's Playtime raising another £722. If anyone knows any group who may be interested in hire this area, please have a word with Paul or Denise.

Giving by standing order and through the envelope scheme rose by 6% which is a tremendous achievement.

We have paid our Parish share of £45,177 in full. We have also made tithe payments to charities as part of our Mission totalling £3,850 and in addition donations following special appeals amounting to £1,202. A full list of the charities involved and amounts paid is on the notice board.

We maintain a prudent reserve policy to cover any short term drop in income, increase in expenses and to cover contingencies and emergencies which may rise.

F Alan Graves (Treasurer to the PCC)

BIRSTALL PARISH CHURCH IN THE DIOCESE OF LEEDS

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL 2019	TOTAL 2018
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary Receipts:					
Giving – standing orders and envelopes	41,164			41,164	38,827
Misc. Collections at all Services	2,598			2,598	2,261
All other Giving, donations, grants, Legacies and Voluntary Receipts	9,879	22,610		32,489	13,671
Gift Aid Recovered	12,038	927		12,965	10,372
	<u>65,679</u>	<u>23,537</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>89,216</u>	<u>65,131</u>
Fund raising activities and events	12,176			12,176	8,194
Investment Income	1,112	61	1,286	2,459	2,379
Church Activities – charges for funerals, weddings and venue hire	18,582			18,582	19,508
Sundries	497	15,715		16,212	256
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>98,046</u>	<u>39,313</u>	<u>1,286</u>	<u>138,645</u>	<u>95,468</u>
PAYMENTS					
Costs of fund raising events	5,023			5,023	2,274
Church Activities:					
Diocesan parish Share	45,177			45,177	45,281
Clergy & Staffing costs	914			914	889
Church Running Expenses	23,273			23,273	24,091
Mission Giving, Donations and Evangelism costs	5,294	97		5,391	4,709
Major Capital Expenses:	9,830	6,180		16,010	1,299
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>89,511</u>	<u>6,277</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>95,788</u>	<u>78,543</u>
Excess of Receipts over Payments	8,535	33,036	1,286	42,857	16,925
Adjustments for transfers between funds	(3,906)	5,192	(1,286)	0	0
	4,629	38,228	0	42,857	16,925
Add Cash at Bank as at 1 January 2019	28,311	14,572		42,883	25,958
Cash at Bank as at 31 December 2019	<u>32,940</u>	<u>52,800</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>85,740</u>	<u>42,883</u>

Note:

The transfer between funds represent £4,033 transferred from the designated Re-Ordering Fund and a transfer from General Fund of £1,159 being monies received from 'Friends of St. Peter's' both transfers to the Re-Ordering and and Maintenance Fund – a restricted fund. Also the transfer of £1,286 income on endowment Funds to General Fund.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL 2019	TOTAL 2018
Cash Funds at 31 December 2019					
Bank current account	18,759	52,800	0	71,559	28,751
Bank deposit account	10,132			10,132	10,112
National Savings & Invest. A/c	4,049			4,049	4,020
	<u>32,940</u>	<u>52,800</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>85,740</u>	<u>42,883</u>
Add Long term Investment Assets					
Endowment Fund Deposit Account			93	93	93
Designated Diocesan Deposit Fund	3035			3,035	3,035
Church of England Share holdings at market value as at 31/12/2019	34,255	8,933	44,204	87,392	73,620
Total Assets – see Fund Analysis	<u>70,230</u>	<u>61,733</u>	<u>44,297</u>	<u>176,260</u>	<u>119,631</u>

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

	Reference	No. of Shares	2019 Valuations	2019 Dividends /Interest	2018 Valuations
Endowment Funds held by the Diocese:					
Chancel Fabric Fund	140002048S	834	15,987	465	13,468
Choir Fund	140002051S	134	2,569	75	2,164
Curate Fund	140002047S	328	6,287	182	5,297
Fabric – Mrs Fell Bequest	140002049S	602	11,540	335	9,721
Longbottom Bequest	640002001S	298	5,712	166	4,812
Sunday School Prizes	140002222S	110	2,109	61	1,776
			44,204	1,284	37,238
Chancel Fabric – Deposit	140002207D		93	1	93
Total Endowment Funds			44,297	1,285	37,331
Restricted Funds held by the Diocese:					
Altar Linen Fund	640002004S	62	1,188	35	1,001
Curacy Fund	640002003S	128	2,454	71	2,067
Birstall Schools Building Fund*	640002002S	276	5,291		4,457
			8,933	106	7,525
Restricted Funds held by the PCC:					
Frampton Mural Fund			18,911		10,000
Kitchen Renovation Fund			2,057		2,057
Reordering and Maintenance Fund			29,354		4,033
Sunday School Prize Fund			753		789
Tower Room/Bells Fund			1,725		1,725
Total Restricted Funds			61,733	106	26,129
Designated Funds held by the Diocese					
Church Cottages – Investments	140002236S	1787	34,255		28,857
Church Cottages Fund – Deposit	140002628D		3,035		3,035
			37,290		31,892
Designated Funds held by the PCC					
Altar, Linen, carafe & organ refurbishment Fund			(2,087)		(2,122)
Flower Festival Fund			190		340
Graveyard Fund			7,405		6,442
Parish Training Fund			2,416		1,991
St Peter's Playtime Fund			898		677
Tithe Fund			107		138
Total Designated Funds			46,219		39,358
Total Assets					
Endowment Funds			44,297		37,331
Restricted Funds			61,733		26,129
Designated Funds			46,219		39,358
General Church Funds			24,011		16,813
			176,260		119,631

Notes to the Accounts:

- 1 * Dividends on the Birstall School's Building Fund are paid directly to the School.
- 2 Each share was valued at 16.1485 pence on 1 January 2019 and was valued at 19.1691 pence on 31 December.
- 3 Endowment Funds are capital funds which the donor wished to be retained and only the income made available.
- 4 Restricted Funds are money which has been donated for a specific purpose and can only be used for that purpose.
- 5 Designated funds are where money has been set aside by the PCC for a specific purpose, but can be used for other purposes.
- 6 General Church funds is the cash freely available to meet ongoing day to day running expenses.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

PCC of Birstall Parish Church in the diocese of Leeds

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 21019

Charity no
(if any)

1133854

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2019

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

M. S. Charlton

Date:

27.01.2020

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VICAR'S REPORT - as of 24th March 2020

What a year! Planning for the 900 years celebrations went ahead and began with some amazing special events.

Our Patronal service with Bishop Jonathan, including the Bar-b-que lunch afterwards, was wonderful and the weather was kind.

The Flower Festival was visited by several hundred people and was a credit to all those who worked on the displays.

In September we opened the church for the National Heritage Weekend with some amazing displays of our own history and heritage, including a re-vamped Museum Area. People came from near and far and some stayed for hours enjoying our amazing building.

One September Saturday we planted 900 crocus bulbs and I'm waiting to see if the planned display in the churchyard comes out as it ought.

Miles organised a Bell Open Day with ringing and talks about the bells and our history. Some had a chance to 'have a go' on a Wombell (bell simulator) while others toured the tower and belfry.

All Soul's Day Service, Bonfire Night Celebration, Remembrance Sunday Service and the Christmas and Craft Fayre kept us busy in November.

December began with the annual Christingle Service closely followed by a fabulous Christmas Brass Band Concert featuring the Band of the West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service. The Carols by Candlelight service was described to me as 'the best yet'. As usual it snowed at the Crib Service and we relied on candles for Midnight Communion.

January, saw the restoration of our wonderful Frampton Mural made possible by the incredible generosity of the congregation and friends of St Peters Church. I placed a memento, with a letter, high on the beams only to be retrieved by the next people to ascend to the apex of the arch.

In February we held a Murder Mystery Dinner with the Emley Players - a scenario/play made unique for us and featuring the 'Muriel'! Good food, good company and good fun.

So to March and the encroaching Corona Virus Pandemic with the beginning of the cancelling or postponing of events, activities, and ultimately, church services. I'm writing this on the first day of the nation's enforced lock-down. We have a great challenge before us to support the vulnerable while encouraging each other. Services will continue in new and innovative ways using the available technology. Normal Services will be resumed as soon as possible.

I wish to record our sorrow at the loss of members of our congregation,

and friends of the church, during the year. We said goodbye to Jack Crossley in October, Peter Noble in December, and Liz Mason in January.

I would like to thank all those who have faithfully supported me and the church community during this year: our Readers, Wendy and Leif; our Lay Pastoral Ministers, Alison, Solly, Elaine (and Margaret - now moved to Heckmondwike); our Churchwarden, Denise; as well as everybody who has contributed to every part of church life. You are all amazing. Special thanks go to Annette, my dear wife, who keep me going and much, much more.

I was expecting to announce the date of my retirement at the AGM planned for this Sunday (29th March). However, Annette and I have reflected on our part in the ministry of the parish during these uncertain times. We have come to the conclusion that we should defer my planned retirement date until things become clearer. We will not abandon the good people of Birstall and our church family, which we have served for almost twenty-three years.

My final message is: Stay safe, be kind, and keep the faith.

Paul J Knight

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4: 4-7

P.S.

Here we are, nearly six months from the date of the previously planned AGM. My retirement is imminent, bringing about all the changes for Annette and me and, of course, for the church community here.

There are big challenges ahead for you in reaching out to the community in a digital world while you also look after Birstall's Parish Church as it proceeds though its tenth century growing the Kingdom of God. We wish you all the very best and pray that God will continue to uphold and guide you as you seek to persevere with those five priorities we have sought to embed here: Worship, Discipleship, Fellowship, Ministry and Mission.

Paul J Knight

16th September 2020'

ELECTORAL ROLL

On Sunday the 8th March 2020 there were 92 names on the roll. Sadly, two people have died and their names have been removed.

The roll now stands at 90 names as of 29th March 2020.

Dorothy E. Gallagher
(Electoral Roll Officer)

REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE PCC

We have had six meeting this year with the attendance being 79%. There have also been three Standing Committee meetings. Due to other commitments Adrian Ellwood resigned from the PCC.

Denise Gosling

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT 2019/20

Fabric

1. The combi boiler in the kitchen, the twin boilers, the clock, and the fire extinguishers have been serviced
3. Dead leaves have been removed from paths, down pipes and drains. Also the upper gutters have been cleared.
4. A PAT has been carried out all electrical items by Fred Lister.
5. Temporary repairs were carried out to the roof on the south side where vandals damaged the Yorkshire stone tiles and stole lead.
- 6 The gullies have been repaired and replaced where necessary.

On going works

- a. The architect has drawn plans and prepared tenders to repair the roofs on the north and south side. We have contractors ready to start the work just as soon as we have the money to pay them
- b. The down pipes were painted in spring/summer. The top half with anti climb paint

General

A big thank you to Ian Cromack and Colin Hartley who have worked tirelessly in the graveyard cutting the grass and keeping the weeds at bay.

I would also like to thank everyone who has helped me in my churchwarden duties.

Special thanks to Fred Lister, Raymond Gallagher and Andy Rhodes.

Plate

The church plate is correct. Thank you to the Sanctuary Guild for their constant care in cleaning the silver and brasses.

Furniture and Furnishings

These are in good state with the exception of the chairs in the fellowship area which sometimes need repairing. Luckily for us we have a vicar who makes an excellent chair repairer.

I am grateful for all the help given to me by the Duty Wardens, Margaret Bell, Sue Charlton, Eva Lockett, Dave Chapman, Jonathan Keer and Raymond Gallagher who is Warden Emeritus.

A big thank you to all the side people and to everyone who helps with the refreshments.

Denise Gosling

Report on the Management of Health & Safety

1. Over the past year, no **accidents or injuries** on Church premises have been reported to the PCC.
2. On Sunday 12 May 2019, a **Site Inspection** was carried out by Pat Caunt, PCC Health and Safety Representative. Main issues arising were a loose socket in the kitchen and how to ensure safe access to items stored “at height” around the church. These findings were discussed with Denise Gosling, Church Warden. The socket was attended to and the issue of safe access was addressed by producing written advice for safe use of ladders and stepladders.
3. In June 2019, the **Health and Safety Handbook**, kept in the Fellowship Area of the Church for any person to consult, was reviewed and updated. The next review will take place in June 2020.
4. During this year, work has begun on the preparation of **Written Procedures**, which are site specific to St Peter’s Church. These provide practical information on how to manage particular health and safety risks at St Peter’s. So far, procedures have been produced for (a) Safe use of ladders and stepladders and (b) Health and Safety for Worship and at Public Events including The Christmas Fayre, The Summer Fayre, The Christingle Service and The Annual Bonfire.

Over the next year, it is intended to write site specific Procedures covering health and safety risks arising from - food preparation, managing trees and safety in the graveyard.

5. A further document has been produced, which is a suggested “**Check-list**” to be used for carrying out Site Inspections.

6. All documents relating to managing health and safety are held in a “**Health and Safety Folder**”, which is kept in the Vestry.

7. According to information from The Health and Safety Executive, (which deals with health and safety in work places); and the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, (which deals with health and safety in the home); the largest number of accidents and most frequent cause of injury is FALLS. Therefore, **when recent work was undertaken to restore the Frampton Mural**, the PCC was keen to ensure that the Restoration Team would be able to carry out their work safely, with no risk of a fall. For safe access and provision of a safe working place, a good standard of scaffolding was essential. Scaffolding Access Solutions was engaged to erect the scaffolding. This Report records that the standard of their installation was first class, complying in full with current health and safety legislation (The Work at Height Regulations 2005).

Pat Caunt (PCC Member with responsibility for Health and Safety)
Denise Gosling (Church Warden)

DEANERY SYNOD

The Deanery Synod met three times this year.

The July meeting was addressed by Bishop Jonathan who outlined the future of the Church in our area. He spoke extensively of his vision for the Diocese; growing confident Christians, transforming lives and growing Churches. Expressing the values of Loving, Living and Leadership. There will be challenges; congregations are getting smaller and older. There is a need to retain and attract young people, families and young adults. The current financial situation inevitably will mean a reduction in stipendiary clergy. He also announced the reorganisation of some Deaneries which would include amalgamation of Birstall and Dewsbury deaneries.

In October the speaker was Mandy Asplaid, Lay Training Officer for the Huddersfield & Wakefield Episcopal Area. She reminded members of the set of the diocesan values loving, living and learning. The aim is for clergy and lay people to work together in partnership. This is a critical

change with lay people having to take more leadership roles. There are now more training opportunities within the whole Diocese of Leeds and she encouraged us to use them. Mandy is available to organise lay training for parishes and advise individuals. There are also some on-line opportunities. There should be purposeful resourcing. Parish Share must be worked with a stewardship team. The Diocesan Strategy Toolkit (available on the Diocesan website) can help PCCs take stock and form goals. These can then be evaluated, revised or changed over time.

The new Birstall and Dewsbury Deanery held its first meeting in February 2020. A report from the General Synod was received. A treasurer and signatories for the Deanery account were agreed. Regarding the Parish Share, parishes were thanked for their efforts to pay. The speaker was Robin Gamble who spoke on evangelism with young people and children.

Kathleen O'Shea March 2020

CHILDREN'S GROUPS

Three groups ran from April up until Christmas this year: **Little Fishes** catering for children from rising 2 year olds (accompanied by their adult) to age 6 (end of year One); **Explorers** for children aged 6 to 10 (Year 2 to Year 5 of Primary School); and **Rock Solid** for young people aged 10 upwards. Susan has now stepped down from helping in Junior Church as she is expecting a baby very soon and moving out of the area. Many thanks go to Diana, Penny, and Jan, who give up their time to support the children in their discovery of the Christian Faith. Without their commitment the groups would not be able to run. Thanks also to Margaret and Solly for their help this year. Please have a word with Linda or Diana if you would like to help with St Peter's Childrens' Church groups.

In May 2019 the children raised over £100 for Christian Aid by having a Mystery Seed Sale – and Rock Solid grew produce from seeds. Children at St Peter's Playtime enthusiastically helped by planting seeds too. Thank you to St Peters' congregations and Playtime parents for supporting this.

The Junior Church Children have been finding out about the huge number of children in developing countries where they are forced to miss school as they have to fetch water from great distances. So during Lent 2020 they are collecting small change for the Water Aid Charity which provides water supplies and toilets in developing countries. Please support this if you would like to.

In December, each child who has attended Junior Church and Rock Solid regularly over the last year or so, was presented with a book which we

hope will encourage them in their faith. Many thanks to the PCC for funding the purchase of 20 books. Numbers of children in the groups continue to fluctuate greatly from week to week and since Christmas it has been necessary to combine the 2 to 6s and 6 to 10s because we have very few helpers. It's been a great joy to welcome three new children this year. Please continue to hold the children and the helpers at St Peter's in your prayers.

Linda Rhodes

ST PETER'S PLAYTIME

Playtime continues on Thursday afternoons in term times with lots of activities, crafts and sing alongs.

Numbers attending dropped after Summer Holidays, but have now increased with new Mums, Dads, Grandparents and Children now enjoying our activities.

All the children, and their guardians, enjoyed making, and helping with, the Playtime Display for the church Flower Festival in July.

In November playtime enjoyed a "Children in Need" special day which raised £160 through a cake stall, raffle and find a Pudsey game. Thanks was given to everyone who contributed.

December saw us have a Christmas Party with around 20 children attending, they were all thrilled Santa came along to give them all a Christmas Present.

Also in December, sadly, both Margaret Carbutt and Margaret Bell retired from Playgroup. All at Playtime thanked them, with gratitude, for the years of service they had both put in.

Linda Rhodes continues to advertise the Playtime on Facebook and also it is advertised on the Church website.

Penny has now joined the team and, along with all the other ladies and gentlemen, Playtime is really appreciative. If anyone would like to come along and offer their assistance it would be greatly appreciated.

Jean Frankland and all the Playtime Team.

SAFEGUARDING - CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

At St Peter's we want to provide a safe, caring environment and respectful pastoral ministry with all children and all adults.

We have a Safeguarding Policy in place which is reviewed annually by the Parochial Church Council (PCC). This sets out our responsibilities, in line with the Church of England and Diocesan policies and guidance, relating to children and vulnerable adults.

Whilst the PCC has the legal responsibility for ensuring that these policies are rigorously adhered to, it is the responsibility of each and every one of us here at St Peter's to be alert to the safeguarding of our children and young people and vulnerable adults.

Part of the role of the Parish Safeguarding Officer is to advise when full Disclosure and Barring checks (DBS) are required for volunteers within the church, as well as completion of Confidential Self Disclosure forms (reviewed annually) for those individuals in supporting roles.

Information and contact details, including those of the Diocesan Safeguarding Officers, and national organisations, are on display in the fellowship area of St Peter's.

Sadly, our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Liz Mason, passed away earlier this year and so I have continued in an "acting" role, pending the appointment of a new Officer.

Sue Lawson (Acting Parish Safeguarding Officer) March 2020

BIRSTALL PARISH BRIDGE PROJECT

Numbers continue to grow and are averaging 46, including the staff.

The special meals at Easter, Summer and Christmas continue to be popular.

Bridge, for its annual trip, had a memorable outing to Nottingham to take a cruise on the River Trent which included a fine meal.

Sadly, three of our regular members died: Kathleen Harrop, Rita Ackroyd and Peter Noble. They will be greatly missed

Bridge relies on the good will and regular hard work of volunteers namely Annette Knight, David Barker, Solly Wilson, Denise Gosling, Leif Wilks, Pat Akeroyd and Margaret Graves. We are grateful to them for all they do to make Bridge possible.

Paul J Knight (Chair)

Please see the next page for the Statement of Accounts up to 31st December 2019 which has been Independently Examined by Mr Alan Graves.

THE PARISH CHURCH OF St PETER, BIRSTALL - Bridge Project

Annual Income and Expenditure Account - Year to 31st December, 2019

INCOME

Income from Donors			
Admission charges			4,506.00
Sale of Beverages			359.50
Drinks			144.50
Easter Special Prepaid			174.00
Summer Special Prepaid			188.00
Christmas Special Prepaid			282.00
Grants			
Listed Places of Worship - Repayment of VAT			516.50
Sundry Donations			
Donations			171.25
Events			
Nottingham Trip			1,183.00
Nottingham Trip - Return of Deposit			117.00
Sundry Income			
Takeaways			53.95
Raffle			557.21
900 year Merchandise			59.50
Float & Food			234.81
			£ 8,547.22

EXPENDITURE

Venue Hire			
Paid to PCC of Birstall PC	1,400.00	1,400.00	
Equipment			
Equipment	-	-	
Running Cost and Overheads			
Postage			
Telephone/Internet	106.76		
Towards Music Licence	146.18		
Cash in lieu of voucher & Prize Draw	40.00		
Raffle Vouchers	70.00	362.94	
Sessional Workers			
	-	-	
Publicity and Promotion			
Flyers			
Events			
Nottingham Trip - Coach Deposit and Balance	600.00		
Nottingham Trip - Boat Deposit and Balance	856.05	1,456.05	
Training Costs			
Hygiene Course			
Food			
Food	3,123.15	3,123.15	
Non Food			
Bingo Tickets	16.73	16.73	
Kitchen Equipment			
Kitchen Equipment	120.13		
Cleaning Materials	11.99	132.12	
Furniture			
	-	-	
Miscellaneous			
PCC of BPC - 900yr Merchandise	59.50		
Easter Gifts	35.60		
Christmas Gifts	95.65		
Sundries	14.00		
Float	204.81	409.56	6,900.55
Surplus on the Year			£ 1,646.67
Funds brought forward - 1st January, 2019			
Cash at Bank			1,238.60
Cash in hand			-
			£ 2,885.27
Funds carried forward - 31st December, 2019			
Cash at Bank			2,885.27
Cash in hand			-
			£ 2,885.27

BELLRINGERS

This last year has seen a number of events in the 900 Year calendar. The first was the bell ringing open day which included trips up the tower and a chance for anyone to ring the Wombell simulator. (Many thanks to all who helped transport the Wombell to and from St Peter's and also assembling and disassembling it. Also thanks to all those who helped with the food and drinks.)

A peal was rung last November by some of my friends to celebrate 100 years since the bells were recast and re-hung in memory of Lieutenant Longbottom and paid for by his family. This was also rung as a part of the 900 Years celebrations too. The bell method rung was Birstall Surprise Major and a Peal board was commissioned that is currently hanging in the fellowship area.

Miles also conducted a Quarter Peal of Plain Bob Triples for the 900 Years celebrations and we hope to do a few more of these over the year. Our own ringers helped celebrate the Carols by Candlelight service ringing before the service.

Sadly we will have lost 2 of our band this year with Jonathan and Susan moving away to York and Seline also moving away to York. However we have gained Alex Rhodes who has been a great inspiration to the rest of the band. We have also been supported by Ron Darnley and Paul Harris from Thornhill.

From a training perspective, we have seen all the band be able to ring the first level of Change Ringing which is Plain Hunt and then achieve some good striking.

We continually are looking for new people to join us to learn ringing. If anyone knows of someone who would be interested, they would be very welcome to join us on a Thursday evening practice at 7:30 pm.

Miles Lawson - Tower Captain

<p style="text-align: center;">The preceding reports were accepted and received at the Annual General Meeting held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 16th September 2020 in St Peters Church, Birstall</p>
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Parochial Church Council Members for 2020-2021

Paul J Knight (Vicar) Retiring at the end of September 2020

Denise Gosling & Miles Lawson (Churchwardens); Leif Wilks & Wendy Harper (Readers); Ted Land David Barker (Deanery Synod Representatives); Margaret Bell, Pat Caunt, Susan Charlton, Alan Graves; Jonathan Keer, Andrew Rhodes, Alison Sowden, Chris Taylor and Solly Wilson. (Lay Representatives)