

**St James Parish Church, Silsden**

**Our Vision**

**To be a**

**Jesus Shaped Church**

PEOPLE



PRAYER

TEACHING

TEAM  
BUILDING

PROPHETIC  
CHALLENGE



Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2020  
with reports for 2019  
St James, Silsden,  
18<sup>th</sup> October 2020,  
12.00 (noon)  
in the Church Hall or via Zoom

**OUR MISSION PRAYER**

God of Mission, who alone brings growth to your Church, we pray for your Church here in Silsden. We pray for our fellowship here at St. James; that we may grow in number and in faith. Send your Holy Spirit on us to bring vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, faith to our lives, hope to our community, and love to our hearts. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

St James PCC is Registered as a Charity with the Charity Commission – Charity Number 1180781 – Official Charity Name: *The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St James Silsden.*

## **St James the Great, Silsden**

### **Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020, 12.00 (noon)**

#### **Vestry Meeting**

1. The meeting opens with prayer
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of last year's Vestry meeting
4. Appointment of tellers
5. Election of churchwardens
6. Archdeacon's Visitations

#### **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)**

7. Minutes of last year's APCM
8. Matters arising
9. Reports – most of the required reports have been circulated in advance, allowing for summaries and questions
  - a) Incumbent
  - b) PCC Report
  - c) Hon Treasurer presents Accounts and Financial Report
  - d) Adoption of accounts
  - e) Churchwardens' Report
  - f) Project 200+
  - g) Electoral Roll Officer
  - h) Safeguarding
  - i) Welcomers/Sides People List
  - j) Other reports
    - i. Bellringers
    - ii. Brass Cleaners
    - iii. CAMEO

- iv. Children's Workshop
  - v. Choir
  - vi. Flower Guild
  - vii. Gardening Group
  - viii. Jimmies Group
  - ix. Mother's Union
  - x. Pastoral Visiting
  - xi. Prayer Group
  - xii. Thursday Group
10. Elections
- Parochial Church Council
  - Deanery Synod Representatives
  - Welcomers/Sides People
  - Electoral Roll Officer
11. Appointment of independent examiner of accounts
12. Data Protection
13. Any other business
14. Date of next meeting
15. Closing prayers

# **Minutes of the 2019 Vestry Meeting and 2019 Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

## **Vestry Meeting**

1. David Griffiths opened the meeting as the 306<sup>th</sup> in the history of St James Church Silsden.
2. Apologies:- Clare, Margaret, Barbara, Matthew, Deborah, Jane, Andrew, Derek, Janet
3. Minutes of the last meeting were approved Proposed Richard Towers 2<sup>nd</sup> Pat Smithson
4. Tellers – Not required
5. Election of Church Wardens:- Alison Rohatynskj and Neil Whitaker will serve as Church Wardens for a third year. Brian Goddard as deputy Church Warden.
6. Bishops Visitations to be confirmed

## **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

7. Minutes of the last Annual Parochial Church Meeting were accepted. Proposed Jane Robinson 2<sup>nd</sup> Leanne Newsome
8. Matters Arising – None
9. Reports, these were pre-printed.

There was no additional Treasurers Report as Deborah was unwell. The accounts having been approved by the PCC and audited by Bob Smith were accepted Proposed by Pat Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> Neil Whitaker.

**Church Wardens:** Alison Rohatynskj and Neil Whitaker are willing to continue and Brian Goddard as deputy.

**Project 200+** – David Griffiths thanked the many people at different levels for their help with this project. Brian Goddard has met with the representative of the Lottery Fund and we await a decision. Should we be successful it could take up to six months before any monies are forthcoming. Dependent on the sum of money we have available by 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019 a decision will be taken with the architect as to what we will be able to do during this summer. David Griffiths invited the meeting to look at the

revised plans shown on the notice board and to give him any feedback.

**Electoral Roll-** David Griffiths thanked Pat Smith for her hard work on this. In 2018 there were 93 on the electoral roll 7 of whom were non residents. In 2019 there are 87 on the electoral roll with 5 being non residents.

**Safeguarding:** Deborah Thorley is in charge of this so no details were given.

**Welcomers/Sides People-** Thanks were given to those on the rota and David Griffiths asked if anyone would be willing to serve as welcome. Jane volunteered for the role. Proposed Pat Smithson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Pat Smith

### **Other Reports:**

**Bell Ringers:** Thanks were given to all concerned and David asked for volunteers.

**Brass Cleaners:** Thanks were given for their work and volunteers were asked for.

**Cameo:** All OK.

**Childrens Workshop:** Louise asked for volunteers to help with the older group. Also it would be good should we have more children in church.

**Choir:** The choir has grown steadily. From April Chris Brooke will take over playing the organ on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

**Flower Guild:** Thanks were given to all involved.

**Gardening Group:** Thanks given to all already involved and a request for more volunteers.

**Jimmies Group:** Meet monthly and are OK,

**Mothers Union:** Thanks to Joyce Parker for her leadership and the interesting program.

**Pastoral Visiting:** Sheila has stepped down from this group.

**Prayer Group.** Thanks to Pat Smith for leading this group and those who support her.

**Thursday Group:** this is growing steadily.

10. Elections:

**PCC.** Val Goddard and Deborah Thorley are at the end of their 3 years but are willing to continue and were re-elected. Brian Goddard and Elaine Akeroyd were elected onto the PCC.

**Deanery Synod:** Alison Rohatynskyj and Michael Wilkinson were elected.

**Welcomers/Sides People:** Neil Whitaker spoke to the meeting. He asked for volunteers across the board giving thanks to all who already volunteer.

11. Appointment of independent examiner of accounts:  
David thanked Bob Smith for his past work. He is willing to continue in the role.
12. Data Protection: Neil spoke to the meeting stressing the importance of Data Protection. Members need to be vigilant and not give out private information without the persons' knowledge
13. Any Other Business: Jo Turner asked if it was possible in future years to hold an Easter time Bazaar as opposed to a Christmas Bazaar. December is a very busy time with other fund raising in the town. The PCC will discuss this. David showed the Church Army booklet to the meeting and asked who read it. As this is not read it was decided to cancel the booklet.
14. Date of Next PCC meeting: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April.
15. The meeting closed with the Grace.



# **2019 Reports and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of St James the Great, Silsden**

St James' PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend David Griffiths, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the church and hall of St James the Great, Silsden.

## **Incumbent's Report**

### **PRAYER**

**Making prayer, for each of us, a central and natural conversation with God.**

Prayer is one of our vision priorities that we want to encourage and deepen as a church and as individuals.

**Prayer group** - Our church prayer group is **OPEN TO ALL** and meets monthly on the 4th WEDNESDAY of the month @ Joyce Parkers home - 18, Hillcrest Avenue under the leadership of Pat Smith. We have a Prayer Chain so please use it - contact details in the church magazine. Please use the prayer board at the front of church near the votive candle stand - use these to enhance and encourage your prayers or ask for the prayers of others. We hope to extend prayer by starting other prayer groups - triplets - that can meet at mutually convenient times.

**Post Service Prayer Team** - This has been launched with 2 people each 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday being available to offer help with a listening ear and prayers for anyone after the 10.30am service.

Thank you to this prayer group team and Pat who leads prayer initiatives for our church.

## **TEACHING**

### **Knowing and understanding the Bible and learning about our faith from each other.**

Encouraging greater confidence as Christians is one of our vision priorities that we want to encourage and deepen as a church and as individuals.

**Workshops** - are continuing to hand down wisdom and faith to our young people and inform our leaders too as they interact and teach our 'younger uns' - thank you. It is encouraging that younger leaders such as Connor are leading some of the Workshop Seniors sessions. The Workshops student numbers have dropped off markedly and this is concerning and is going to be addressed in our vision strategy for 2020.

**Home Groups** - continue to enhance our church life and faith journey greatly and it has been a joy to learn of people trying new things they have never done before. We are very grateful to the leaders and hosts of the Home Groups for their service to us. The number of groups has been 2 this last year led by Neil and John, Val and Brian. They are full and we need leaders to begin 2 more which we pray will be needed as we see people respond to Jesus through our Alpha courses.

**Sunday Gathering** - this has been running now for 3.5 years and Val and Brian and home group members have joined the leading of this service. We are seeing new, younger people coming which is exciting but we are not retaining them as we would wish to so more work is needed. Thanks to the set up crews, breakfast, band, Welcomers and Steve and Connor for all the significant amounts of time they are giving to this venture. We want to extend The Gathering to weekly and are currently exploring how this might be done in the autumn of 2020.

**Alpha** - We had our first ALPHA Course this year [ 2019 ] - it was small but was very encouraging as we saw people touched by God and we were too! We have just finished our 2nd course and are running a 3rd in autumn of this [ 2020 ] year. Thanks to Neil, Alison, Brian and Jayne and all other helpers.

## **PROPHETIC CHALLENGE**

### **Speaking out against injustice and acting to build God's Kingdom.**

Prophetic action and challenge is one of our vision priorities that we want to encourage and deepen as a church and as individuals.

Locally we continue to be involved with supporting the **food bank** at the Salvation Army in Keighley. Our local Co-Op store sends its redundant fresh food and donated items to the Army via our church on Thursdays.

**Plastic** - one of our vision objectives is environmental as we try to reduce our negative impact on the environment - we thank Caroline Whitaker for all her work in this area and have been really encouraged by the recent [ 2020 ] Pop Up Re-fill Shop that is being hosted by the Methodist Church and financed by The Churches Together in Silsden. We are using solid bar soap and have reduced our use of plastic laminated posters on our advertising boards - it does not look so good but, after my Corfu holiday lying on a plastic infested beach, it is worth it - small though the step is!

**'PROJECT 200 +'** - please see Brian's report. A big thank you to Brian and Derek who are the main design group and Grant Fund Raising Mission Group members, relating to Overton Architects and the grant making trusts.

The Grant Fund Raising side is a little frustrating as things are progressing slowly. We have a £97,000 request in to The National Lottery - please pray for favour with the committees it still has to go through.

We have managed to put in the wheel chair access ramp and the bi-fold doors. The doors have opened the room wonderfully as Silsden has come inside and we are on show outside - these features will be enhanced further in the summer.

Also a thank you to the Events Fund Raising Mission Group which has been very successful putting on 4 very successful events and with another 5 events in the planning. So far having raised nearly £7,000.

**'PROJECT 300 +'** - having served us and our community for 300 years our church building also needs modernising for the next 300 years and we are planning to do this but when do not know.

All of the above is enabled by you all, by the building, by your financial giving, by our diocesan crew, and so much more – but definitely by the grace of God.

In gratitude and love - David

## **PEOPLE**

**Becoming confident Christians, led by the Holy Spirit,  
enabled to show God's love to all people.**

**Silsden's Grand de Party Group**, although not a church group, Neil is Chair and Deborah is Treasurer. It is a great Ecumenical platform with the other churches well represented and involved as well as a community enhancer drawing in many Silsden folk to work together to produce the many events which the group encourages and supports.

The Friends of Silsden Park has come from this initiative and 4 members of the Silsden churches are on this community group's committee and they are an active and creative group for which we are grateful with many enhancements to our park.

Silsden Green Places are doing a great job and have taken over the hanging basket initiative begun by Silsden's Grand July.

**Silsden Gala Committee.** - There is only David on this committee at the moment and another from one of the churches would be great. This successful group organises the Christmas Market, supports the fire works at the Hive and the Gala. Thank you to all on this committee and to Steve the Chair.

It would be great to have another person on this committee from our church so if anyone is interested in joining this committee please see David.

The Gala was disappointing weather wise BUT Churches Together in Silsden won best Walking Float.

**Christian Aid Committee** - This committee has joined with CTIS [ Churches Together in Silsden ] and the two groups have joint meetings.

**Friends of Silsden Town Hall and Library** - This valuable community asset is now taken over from Brad Met as a community asset. 'Our' Val has got involved organising the library volunteers and other church members are staffing the library - thank you. If anymore folk can join them from our ranks please do so.

As we widen our connections as a church with our community please be prepared to share and bless others who have not yet met with Jesus.

Thank you for all your giving this last year - of yourselves, your money and your time!

## **TEAM BUILDING**

**Encouraging everyone to be part of a world-wide community of Christians, with servant hearts and on a shared adventure.**

**The Parochial Church Council [PCC]** - team is composed of Mission Groups for Mission and Social, Fabric and Worship aspects of our church life these have not been working very well and we are in the process of reorganising these and widening their remit. Thank you to all the PCC members.

**The Churches Together in Silsden** - team has had a good year winning the Gala with our celebration of creation theme using the old parachute again. We have a new Chair - Barbara Ayrton, Secretary Pam Lloyd and Jayne Robinson and Treasurer Pam Lloyd. We are supporting "Who Let the Dad's Out", Contact Club, The Pop Up Refill Shop and the Dementia initiative. Thank you to Jayne who is our church rep.

**The Parish Share** - our part towards the running costs of the Diocese was not paid in full for 2019. We paid £42,500 towards the Share which was 80% of that requested our Share being short by £10,700. This is a mystery at the moment as we had an apparently successful appeal to increase our giving through "Looking to the Future" resulting in a theoretical 30% increase.

We will have a better understanding when the accounts are finalised.

**Church Wardens** - we have been served this last year by Alison and Neil and a big thank you to them. Thanks to the work of our Service Wardens we have refocused the Wardens job to be less about the day to day running of the church services and buildings, although they still are responsible for them, and more about longer term strategy and planning and this has worked very well. This has been further enhanced by Brian Goddard our Deputy Church Warden - thank you Brian.

**Leadership Mission Team** - has been formed to further our longer term strategy and planning its members coming from, and answerable to, the PCC. Its members are the Church Wardens, Alison and Neil, Deputy Church Warden, Brian Goddard, Susan and David. This team meet 2 weeks before the monthly PCC meetings.

A big thanks to Deborah our Administrator, to Kaye our Cleaner, to the Choir and our Musical Director Brian, the Flower, Gardening, Work Day, Brass Polishing, Welcomers, Counters, Refreshmenters, Workshop, Service Wardens - Crews

Our church runs on all sorts of groups made up of you individuals giving your gifts back to God in service and we say a big **THANK YOU** to you all.

### **The Parochial Church Council (PCC)**

#### **2019 PROCEEDINGS OF THE PCC**

The St James PCC

Clergy: -David Griffiths, Susan Griffiths,

Deanery Reps: - Michael Wilkinson, Alison Rohatynskyj

Churchwardens:- Neil Whitaker (lay vice chair), Alison Rohatynskyj

PCC Members:-

2017: - Steve Anderson, Joanne Towers, John Metcalfe.

2018:- Derek Smithson, Leanne Newsome, Jayne Robinson

2019:- Deborah Thorley (Treasurer), Val Goddard, Brian Goddard (Deputy Churchwarden), Elaine Akeroyd (Secretary)

The PCC meet every month.

### **Financial Review 2019**

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £65749.85. Planned giving gave us £29922.05, and £8677.15 was claimed as Gift Aid from this, some donations and by the small donations scheme. £16681 came into general funds from church hall lettings. Details of all the income strands is given in the full accounts.

Total receipts on restricted funds were £44934.71, the majority of this being raised for Project 200+. We continue to receive income from a legacy for works to the churchyard.

In 2019 we paid £42500 towards the Share requested by the Diocese – this was 80% of the request. Our other major expenditure was on clergy and staff (£12061.08).

From restricted funds, we spend £50028.86 which included the works on the hall.

Full details of all expenditure can be found in the full accounts.

### **Reserves Policy**

It is the PCC policy to hold £1,000 in the unrestricted funds at the end of the year. At the end of 2019 there was £836.50 held in the current account for unrestricted funds and £14.01 held as petty cash.

My thanks to all those people who are on the Sunday counting rota (we need more people); Susan for banking the money and to Janet for keeping track of the weekly envelopes.

Finally, my thanks to all of you – without your giving, we would not be able to continue to be a Christian presence here in Silsden.

Deborah

Bank – Barclays Bank

Independent Examiner – Bob Smith, Lower Park Green, Silsden

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of St James' PCC**

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ending 31 December 2019 which are set out on the following pages.

The church's trustees (the PCC) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts (delegated responsibility to the PCC Treasurer). The PCC consider that an independent examination of the accounts is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011)
- To follow the general procedures laid out in section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general procedures of the 2011 Act (as explained in the PCC Accountability booklet 5<sup>th</sup> edition). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records.

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

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable proper understating of the accounts to be reached.

Name:.....

Date:.....

Address:.....



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019							
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS							
	Notes	Unretracted Funds 2019	Restricted Funds 2019	TOTAL 2019	Unrestricted Funds 2018	Restricted Funds 2018	TOTAL 2018
		£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>RECEIPTS</b>							
<b>Voluntary Receipts</b>							
Planned giving		29922.05		<b>29922.05</b>	30515.20		<b>30515.20</b>
Collections		5247.35		<b>5247.35</b>	4863.13		<b>4863.13</b>
All other giving	5a	930.14		<b>930.14</b>	1863.68	3639.58	<b>5503.26</b>
Project 200+			40978.97	<b>40978.97</b>		21547.43	<b>21547.43</b>
Gift Aid recovered		8677.15	3873.86	<b>12551.01</b>	8059.58		<b>8059.58</b>
		<b>44776.69</b>	<b>44852.83</b>	<b>89629.52</b>	<b>45301.59</b>	<b>25187.01</b>	<b>70488.60</b>
<b>Activities for Generating Funds</b>							
	5b	17912.25		<b>17912.25</b>	20104.30		<b>20104.30</b>
<b>Investment Income</b>							
	5c	1487.71	81.88	<b>1569.59</b>	1475.92	51.89	<b>1527.81</b>
<b>Church Activities</b>							
		1440.00		<b>1440.00</b>	2543.00		<b>2543.00</b>
<b>Other</b>							
		133.20		<b>133.20</b>	109.00		<b>109.00</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>65749.85</b>	<b>44934.71</b>	<b>110684.56</b>	<b>69533.81</b>	<b>25238.90</b>	<b>94772.71</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>							
<b>Church Activities</b>							
Diocesan share		42500.00		<b>42500.00</b>	46000.00		<b>46000.00</b>
Clergy and staffing costs	5d	12061.03		<b>12061.03</b>	11823.80		<b>11823.80</b>
Church and Hall running expenses	5e	9455.51		<b>9455.51</b>	9456.85		<b>9456.85</b>
Church and Hall repairs and maintenance	5f	2224.05	78.35	<b>2302.40</b>	1077.74	11158.48	<b>12236.22</b>
Project 200+	5g		49950.51	<b>49950.51</b>		10137.66	<b>10137.66</b>
Mission giving	5h	70.00		<b>70.00</b>	0.00		<b>0.00</b>
<b>Other</b>							
		405.00		<b>405.00</b>	352.21		<b>352.21</b>
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>66715.59</b>	<b>50028.86</b>	<b>116744.45</b>	<b>68710.60</b>	<b>21296.14</b>	<b>90006.74</b>
<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments</b>		<b>-965.74</b>	<b>-5094.15</b>	<b>-6059.89</b>	<b>823.21</b>	<b>3942.76</b>	<b>4765.97</b>
Cash in bank and in hand at 1 January		1816.25	21988.47	23804.72	993.04	18048.71	19041.75
Cash in bank and in hand at 31 December		850.51	16894.32	17744.83	1816.25	21988.47	23804.72

5. Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments						
	Unrestricted Funds 2019 £	Restrcted Funds 2019 £	TOTAL 2019 £	Unrestrcted funds 2018 £	Restrcted funds 2018 £	TOTAL 2018 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>						
<b>All other giving</b>						
Donations	930.14		<b>930.14</b>	1863.68	2607.36	<b>4471.04</b>
Project 200+		44852.83	<b>44852.83</b>		21547.43	<b>21547.43</b>
Legacy			<b>0.00</b>		1032.22	<b>1032.22</b>
	<b>930.14</b>	<b>44852.83</b>	<b>45782.97</b>	<b>1863.68</b>	<b>25187.01</b>	<b>27050.69</b>
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>						
Church hall lettings	16681.00		<b>16681.00</b>	18431.65		<b>18431.65</b>
Saturday/Sunday Coffee	392.65		<b>392.65</b>	562.80		<b>562.80</b>
Autumn Fair	808.30		<b>808.30</b>	1090.30		<b>1090.30</b>
Cards	30.30		<b>30.30</b>	19.55		<b>19.55</b>
	<b>17912.25</b>		<b>17912.25</b>	<b>20104.30</b>		<b>20104.30</b>
<b>Investment income</b>						
CBF dividends	1487.71		<b>1487.71</b>	1475.92		<b>1475.92</b>
CCLA fund interest		81.88	<b>81.88</b>		51.89	<b>51.89</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>						
<b>Clergy and staffing costs</b>						
Clergy expenses	1854.23		<b>1854.23</b>	1857.00		<b>1857.00</b>
Organist	2050.00		<b>2050.00</b>	1810.00		<b>1810.00</b>
Cleaner	5200.00		<b>5200.00</b>	5200.00		<b>5200.00</b>
Administrator	2956.80		<b>2956.80</b>	2956.80		<b>2956.80</b>
	<b>12061.03</b>		<b>12061.03</b>	<b>11823.80</b>		<b>11823.80</b>
<b>Church and hall running expenses</b>						
Gas	2262.28		<b>2262.28</b>	2084.73		<b>2084.73</b>
Electricity	1361.88		<b>1361.88</b>	1321.11		<b>1321.11</b>
Water	560.33		<b>560.33</b>	515.36		<b>515.36</b>
Insurance	2023.48		<b>2023.48</b>	1969.55		<b>1969.55</b>
Organ tuning	300.00		<b>300.00</b>	420.00		<b>420.00</b>
Children's work	0.00		<b>0.00</b>	0.00		<b>0.00</b>
Pastoral work	7.98		<b>7.98</b>	4.25		<b>4.25</b>
Service consumables	698.12		<b>698.12</b>	580.54		<b>580.54</b>
Cleaning materials	399.89		<b>399.89</b>	818.88		<b>818.88</b>
Printing, stationery and web	1255.95		<b>1255.95</b>	1277.30		<b>1277.30</b>
Music licences	585.60		<b>585.60</b>	465.13		<b>465.13</b>
	<b>9455.51</b>		<b>9455.51</b>	<b>9456.85</b>		<b>9456.85</b>
<b>Church and hall repairs and maintenance</b>						
General	2224.05	78.35	<b>2302.40</b>	1077.74	11158.48	<b>12236.22</b>
<b>Project 200+</b>		49950.51	<b>49950.51</b>		10137.66	<b>10137.66</b>
<b>Mission Giving</b>						
CTIS	50.00		<b>50.00</b>			
British Legion	20.00		<b>20.00</b>			
	<b>70.00</b>		<b>70.00</b>			

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Where the money is		
	01/01/2019	31/12/2019
<b>Current account</b>		
Unrestrcited funds	1735.01	836.50
Restrcited funds	84.16	5.81
Project 200+	1337.49	0.00
DBF fees	0.00	0.00
Chaplaincy money	500.00	500.00
Charity Money	0.00	33.50
<b>Total</b>	3656.66	1375.81
<b>Petty Cash</b>	81.24	14.01
<b>Hall account</b>		
Flower Guild	192.26	192.26
Project 200+	10077.13	6316.94
<b>Total</b>	10269.39	6509.20
<b>CCLA account</b>		
Restricted funds	10492.69	10571.57

Statement of Assets and Liabilities						
	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL 2019	TOTAL 2018
		£	£	£		
<b>Cash Funds</b>						
Bank current account		836.50	5.81	0.00	842.31	3153.66
CCLA account		0.00	10571.57	0.00	10571.57	10492.69
Churchwarden's Petty Cash		14.01	0.00	0.00	14.01	81.24
Hall account		0.00	6316.94	0.00	6316.94	10077.13
		850.51	16894.32	0.00	17744.83	23804.72
<b>Investment Assets</b>						
Investment fund shares at market value						

## **Churchwardens' Report**

2019 has seen the continued progression of Project 200+ and the further implementation of our Vision.

The new bi-fold doors in the Hall have really opened the space up and also made it more welcoming from the outside (which is really important for church buildings). We are now at the stage where we need to find a large chunk of further money to enable us to proceed with the major refurbishment of the Hall in one concentrated period of 6 months. We thank the Project 220+ delivery team – and in particular those who have put in long hours on the very demanding Lottery fund application. Please pray that we get the funding we need to finish this project.

Prayer is part of our Vision - to make prayer for each of us a central and natural conversation with God. Our church established Prayer Ministry after the 10.30 service on a Sunday and we would like to thank those who have volunteered this ministry. Any feedback that you as congregation members have on this initiative would be very much appreciated – please speak with David, Susan, Brian Goddard, or either of us.

You will know that our Vision statement calls us to show God's love to all people. A successful refurbishment of the Hall will be one part of doing that. Also in connection with this part of our Vision in Autumn 2019 our church ran, for the first time, an Alpha course, a course for people to learn, or learn more, about the Christian faith. We also learned a lot about running an Alpha

course from this - so much so that we have run another one in 2020. We will also be running Alpha in Autumn 2020 and we would earnestly invite you to sign up as a participant or helper. Alpha has been a very positive adventure for our church.

Also in 2019 several of our church congregation attended a church plant conference in Leeds and then came to meetings with Rob Taylor and Karin Shaw from the Diocesan Fresh Expressions ministry team. This has been very thought provoking as we consider how to grow St James Church in Silsden – and there will be more about this at the APCM.

Alison is stepping down as Churchwarden this time due to a number of factors including increased portfolio in her responsibilities as a manager at Airedale Hospital. She is committed to continue our journey of welcome and community engagement, ensuring St James is not just a church congregation, but a resource stretching way beyond our building, with witness and mission a 7 day role for us all (the analogy of a Sunday service being our top up for the week resonates loudly). She wants to help us explore the future of Lay ministry in St James and (assuming she is elected) she will continue as Deanery Synod rep, ensuring continuation of establishing ourselves and making connections within the South Craven and Wharfedale deanery – where Bishop Toby spoke recently emphasising the need to look to the future together with creativity.

Finally, as well as saying particular thank yous to: our clergy - Susan, David and Pat; to the PCC for their work; to the Service Wardens, to the counters, to the Alpha hosting teams, and to Brian Goddard our deputy church warden; we say a big thank you to everyone who provides their time to the running and appearance of this church and its surroundings, in providing ministry and spreading God's love within our community, and to everyone for your work for our church, for your support, and for your inspiring examples of Christian faith.

Alison and Neil

PS (from Neil) On behalf of all of us at St James thank you to Alison for all she has done in the role of Churchwarden over the last three years. Alison has been a constant source of wise counsel and good ideas, as we worked together as your Churchwardens. Thank you Alison

### **Project 200+**

By the end of 2019, we had raised £96,394 for Phase 2 of Project 200+ through generous donations, a wide range of events and grants from funders:

- Sir George Martin Trust
- Beatrice Laing Trust
- All Churches Trust
- Silsden Aid in Sickness
- Keighley Community Chest
- Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation (Pledge for £30,000 which will be released when we have raised the balance of the funds and are ready to go ahead with the full project.)

We are very grateful to everyone who has kindly supported the project this year. The amount given has enabled us to proceed with some key aspects of the works. Local contractor, Davric, was awarded the contract to install bi-fold doors in the Hall and lay the hard landscaping to access these doors and provide an easier, ramped, access to the main hall entrance. These works, started in the school Summer holidays, were completed during the Autumn Half Term. They have made a significant enhancement to the Community Hall and delivered immediate benefits which all users can appreciate.

Opportunity has also been taken to relocate the defibrillator which is now on the wall between Kirkgate and the Church fire escape. This location provides 24-hour access and is not subject to access restrictions whenever the Pied Piper pre-school is in session.

Fund raising events this year have been varied and well supported. They included:

- Murder Mystery Evening
- £10 challenge supported by Scouts, Guides and Silsden Primary School
- Fashion Show
- Open Garden and by popular demand, a return appearance by
- Amanda Owen, the Yorkshire Shepherdess

Many thanks to everyone involved. Your efforts raised over £9,600!

Our application to the National Lottery Community Fund is still ongoing. Final proposals were submitted in early November and now have to receive approval from the Capital Review Team, Local Review Panel and the Funding Panel if we are to receive the £97,576 for which we have applied. If this funding is granted, we should be able to proceed with:

- Conversion of the existing Scout's Store into a WC accessible from the Church
- Refurbishment of the Hall entrance lobby
- Renewal of the Hall toilets

We plan to commission the remainder of the works as our finances permit. Elements of the project still to be funded include kitchen modernisation, more efficient office and meeting room layout, double glazing throughout the hall, dedicated storage areas for main hall users and, of course, refurbishment of the main hall itself.

### **Safeguarding**

St James Silsden has adopted the Church of England's Safeguarding policy, which is reviewed annually. We also have in place procedures for ensuring that this policy is applied in all parts of St James' work.

I am pleased to report that there have been no safeguarding incidents at St James in 2019.

## **Welcomer/Sidesperson list 2019**

### **8.30 am**

Neil Whittaker

### **10.30 am**

Molly Howson

Pat Smith

Alison Rohatynsky

Eric Waddington (resigned)

Brenda Lister

Carol Newsome

Derek Smithson

Rene Shackleton

Angie Newby

Richard Towers

## **Other Reports**

### **Bellringers**

During 2019 we have tried to ensure that we ring for the services on all Sundays (apart from the 1<sup>st</sup>) and for all major festivals. We continue to hold a practice on Thursday night at 6.30pm, but due to lack of numbers we often have to cancel. We really need some more ringers, so if you know of anyone who is interested, please ask them to get in touch with me so that I can arrange a taster session.

Deborah

### **Brass Cleaners**

### **CAMEO**

CAMEO (Come And Meet Each Other) has continued to meet every First Tuesday upstairs at The Old Post Office. The group is for all women who would like to meet for a coffee or tea (and sometimes lunch/cake) and a chat. We do not have an agenda – just conversation and friendship. We meet from 1.30pm and all are welcome. If you would like to join us then please do. We would love to see you.



For some time we have also been thinking about having a CAMEO in the evening and now hope to start this shortly. This will give those who are unavailable in an afternoon the opportunity to join us. We may vary the venue each month perhaps going for a drink, a coffee or something to eat - we are looking to start this on the third Tuesday of each month. The first event will be advertised on the Weekly News Sheet - so watch that space.

Susan

### **Childrens Workshop**

We continue to be one of the lucky Churches still able to offer children's workshops on a regular basis.

Though our numbers have dropped over the last 12mths we are still able to split into our two groups and with the help of our dedicated team of leaders and helpers we keep learning about Jesus his teachings his work and how he wants us all to be in our lives. We keep it fun through the use of technology and books for stories and songs and making crafts

The older group have thinned in number but Connor is doing a good job helping to lead it. We need a critical mass so that the young people are coming to see their friends and learn together. We are exploring other ways of doing this work - please pray for us.

I would like to say a big thank you to our leaders and helpers

Liz, Leanne, Louise, Helen, Pat, Susan, Steve, Richard, Connor and David for their continued support in making the Workshops possible we are looking for helpers to come on board to lighten the load with the rotas. If you feel you could spare 30 minutes on one Sunday please speak to either to David or myself and long may our workshops continue

With Love Joanne

## **Choir**

## **Flower Guild**

We continue to have fresh flowers arranged in the Sanctuary every Sunday and during Easter and Christmas we decorate the whole church. This is only possible with all the help we get from our donors and arrangers. Our group is getting smaller and anyone interested in arranging flowers would be very welcome. Thank you for all those who continue to support us.

Mary and Sheila

## **Gardening Group**

Our numbers have now increased to three since Mick Newby joined us and what a difference he's made. We can now manage to do the regular jobs every week, e.g. weeding, trimming shrubs, sweeping paths and edging the grass etc. We're hopefully beginning to win the battle of the weeds growing between the paving stones on the path, this is mainly due to Carol's persistence with the spray. The pots by the Church Hall we refilled with bedding plants and perennials and Mick kept the borders round the trees tidy.

We would welcome anyone who would like to join us, just have a word with Janet Boyce, Carol Newsome or Mick Newby.

## **Jimmy's Group**

## **Mothers' Union**

2019 was a very enjoyable and memorable year for Mothers' Union at St. James with some very successful fund raising events and well attended meetings with some excellent speakers.

The year began with a well attended Wave of Prayer meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> January and AGM on 17<sup>th</sup> January with Holy Communion and faith supper.

The February coffee morning was very successful with a good attendance in spite of poor weather.

Spring meetings started with a quiz evening in February. In March we were joined by Graham and Anne Reay who gave a very entertaining and amusing talk. Mothers' Union speaker Alison Boggie joined us in April with stories to give us 'food for thought'. Ruth Parker Buckler spoke at the June meeting on her work for Macmillan Care and we all learnt a great deal about the wonderful work Macmillan do to help families living with cancer.

In June we enjoyed a very uplifting musical evening with our returning entertainers Glen Berry and Terry Simpson. Strawberry Tea on 23<sup>rd</sup> June was well attended and we had a very successful afternoon.

In July Caroline Whitaker gave a very valuable insight into our local Council's recycling programme and many useful suggestions how we can help to lessen the impact of waste on our environment by recycling wherever possible on a day-to-day basis.

In September Jonathan Smithies, local firefighter, spoke on "Fire Safety in the home". Bryony Partridge returning in October to talk on her experience of the island of Iona. Mike Breeze joined us again in November to provide an entertaining film night followed by a pie and pea supper.

Indoor members continue to be visited regularly on an informal basis.

At the AGM on 16 January 2020 Joyce Parker was presented with a bouquet of flowers and thanked for her wonderful work as Branch Leader. Joyce thanked members for their continuing support throughout her branch leadership. Pat, Leanne, Joanne, Audrey and Angie as committee members were thanked for their hard work during the year and for putting together a programme for 2020. Deborah was thanked for her continuing and greatly valued work as Branch Treasurer. It was agreed that the Committee members would continue to run the branch jointly in 2020 with Deborah continuing as Treasurer.

M U Committee

## **Pastoral Care Group**

We visit various members of our congregation on a weekly basis as well as getting together as a group around every six weeks to discuss any pastoral needs we are aware of. If you know of anyone who is ill or would like a visit then please let Susan, David or Pat know and we will arrange for a member of our Pastoral Team to follow this up. Please pray for us as we are involved in this ministry.

## **Nursing home/residential/home communion**

### **Home Communion**

We have four teams who take monthly Holy Communion Services at The Gables, The Raikes, Summerfield and SpringBank with an average attendance of fifteen. It is quite noticeable to me that we now minister to more people with dementia and I am constantly looking for ways to help these people to participate and to engage with them. I am told that all the Homes appreciate the time and effort we put in on these occasions.

Many thanks to Mary, Brenda, Sue, Ruth, Margaret and Rosemary who help me at the various Homes. This ministry would not be possible without their help and they cope very well with what are sometimes difficult and challenging circumstances.

Although now retired I hope to continue this ministry for a little time yet, but at some point I will need to hand it over; it would be wonderful if there was someone among the congregation who felt they could take some form of ministry into these homes. I am short of helpers for The Raikes and Summerfield; please speak to me if you could help at either of these Homes. I would like to build up a 'bank' of people who would be willing to help at these Services, if not every month but on occasion. This is an issue we are also exploring with the Methodist Church as we look ahead.

Rev. Pat

## Home Communion

Home Communion has been shared throughout the year with those who are no longer able to come to Church. Please let Pat, David or Susan know if you or someone you know find yourself in a position where you can no longer attend Church Services.

Rev. Pat

## Prayer Group

The prayer group has met on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month during the last year: Thank you to Joyce Parker for hosting our gatherings. We have eight members in the prayer group and on the prayer chain, the latter for urgent and immediate prayer requests. Those who can, attend the monthly meetings where we have a time of updating information on people and share our concerns about other matters too. We pray collectively for the particular needs of all those people made known to us and we remember them in our personal prayer times.

We have continued to issue a topic of prayer in the Monthly Magazine : a thought, a meditation or a poem which we hope encourages some quiet time or ministers to a particular need anyone in the church family may have. This is done by a different member of the team each month.

The 'prayer board' situated at the front of the church next to the votive stand has not been used quite as much as it was; please remember to post a prayer card for yourself or people you know who would like the Church to pray for them.

We love to hear of answer to prayer and have had many positive answers, (from our perspective that is) so please continue to share with us the outcome of your prayer requests or post a thank you to God on the prayer board: we all need to be encouraged and encourage one another in our prayer-life.

Our prayers are not limited to praying for the sick or those in need, we also pray for varying aspects of our church life, the wider church and the needs of the world.

We also give thanks!

If you feel God is calling you to intercessory prayer for those who are ill or have any kind of need, or maybe to pray for the Church or the world, please have a word with me or David about joining the prayer group. Our focus is mainly on individuals with specific needs but it would be great to have more than one group, however small. Perhaps a specific group to pray for The Church here in Silsden, in our Nation and in the world.

May God Bless you more and more in your prayer life.

Pat. Assist. Priest

Prayer Group Members:

Revds David and Susan Griffiths, Revd Pat Smith, Pam Chapman, Sheila Thompson, Joyce Parker, Neil Whitaker, Alison Loryman

**Thursday Group**

We now meet in The Vicarage, on a Thursday afternoon, every two weeks. We begin at 2.00pm with Holy Communion, followed by a cup of tea and biscuits and a chat. We generally end our meeting at around 3.15pm.

Our group is open to everyone – both young and not so young - there is no upper or lower age limit!

If you would like to join us for Communion, for fun and for friendship then please do. We would love to see you.

And finally, a VERY BIG thank you to everyone who works hard to make this group possible - picking people up, dropping them off, making cups of tea, washing up - I appreciate all that you do.

Thank you also to Sheila for leading the services when I am not available.

Why not come and join us. We look forward to seeing you there.

Best wishes,

Susan Griffiths



# **"St. JAMES CHURCH SILSDEN IS TO BE A JESUS SHAPED CHURCH"**

**We express this Vision using the 5 JSP themes as follows :-**

## **1 PEOPLE**

**Becoming confident Christians, led by the Holy Spirit, enabled to show God's love to all people.**

## **2 TEACHING**

**Knowing and understanding the Bible and learning about our faith from each other.**

## **3 TEAM BUILDING**

**Encouraging everyone to be part of a world-wide community of Christians, with servant hearts and on a shared adventure.**

## **4 PRAYER**

**Making prayer, for each of us, a central and natural conversation with God.**

## **5 PROPHETIC CHALLENGE**

**Speaking out against injustice and acting to build God's kingdom.**