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of Mirfield and Hopton

ANNUAL REPORT 2019

Please note that questions for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) to be held on **Sunday 11th October 2020**, at St Mary's, following the 9.30am Service, are to be submitted in writing prior to the Meeting.

REVD HUGH BAKER
Vicar of Mirfield Team Parish
Report for the Year 2019/2020

2019	St. Mary's	St. Paul's	St. John's	Crem	TOTAL
Baptisms	29	0	7		36
Weddings	17	0	1		18
Funerals	23	0	6	13	42
Confirmation					0
Average Sunday attendance	73		33		106

Looking back on 2019 from the vantage point of September 2020 is a very strange experience, almost like trying to remember a dream when you wake up. I commend the various reports that have been written and included in this document. Reading them has reminded me of how things were progressing through 2019 and all the good work that was being done by so many. Please do take the time to read them.

My thanks as always goes to those who did work so hard over the year. To Revd. Helen Butler for her support and active ministry in the parish and our lay pastoral assistants, Barry Hambling, Val Walker and Kath Crossley. To our church wardens Helen Walker, Stephen Butler, Tim Grace, and Janette Farrar. To our PCC officers for that year, David Brooke, our treasurer, and Susan Smith, our secretary. Thanks too to our PCC members and all who worked so hard over the year to keep our services running, our buildings clean and our grounds well maintained. the community centre went from strength to strength and my thanks to the management team under the guidance of Lauren Montgomery-Bell for that. Lauren is also to be thanked for her excellent work as parish admin secretary. fundraising may have been down on previous years but that was because it had been exceptionally high for some time and although reduced over 2019 the amount raised still represents a lot of hard work by those who planned and ran events of one sort or another over the year.

There was much good work done by our pastoral team and the ministry and mission group were making steady progress in expanding the margins of the church through the walking group, men's group working with projects such as Christians Against Poverty (CAP). There was also much being done to make sure that people who were on the margins of the church were invited to become more involved with church life and explore the Christian faith for themselves through bible study groups and explorer courses. Work with schools expanded over the year as in addition to the weekly contact with Crowlees our CofE school we were also contributing to the collective worship (assembly) time twice a term at Lower Hopton School.

Once again, the music of the church benefited from Scott's care as organist and musical director. His playing was as always of a very high standard and his work with the choir and young singers was bearing much fruit.

So many thanks to everyone for all that was achieved through 2019. At this point in the report I usually include something about looking forward to the next year and where our energies should be put. Well it is a very different world now that is for sure but in some senses our priorities remain the same and our energies need to be more than ever focused on prayer and acts of loving kindness. It will be interesting to read and compare the report for 2020 at our next APCM.

May God keep you safe and make his light to shine upon you, now and always.

Hugh.

THE BUSINESS OF THE FULL PCC

Membership of the PCC

The PCC consists of:

Clergy Revd Hugh Crispin Baker (Vicar And Chair)
 Revd Helen Butler
 Revd Cindy Sheard

Wardens *From St Mary's*
 Helen Walker
 Stephen Butler
 From St John's
 Chris Breare (Acting)
 Karen Batty (Acting)
 From St Paul's
 Tim Grace

PCC Members *From St Mary's*
 Lauren Montgomery-Bell
 Ruth Edwards
 Susan Smith
 From St John's
 Chris Breare
 Anne Heeley
 Karen Batty
 From St Paul's
 David Brooke
 Jane Jaggar
 Phil Tolson

Deanery Synod Reps Barry Hambling
 Ruth King

Ex Officio Child Protection Officer – Karen Batty

The officers to the PCC were:

<i>Vice-Chair</i>	Chris Breare
<i>Secretary</i>	Susan Smith
<i>Treasurer</i>	David Brooke

ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT

Every 6 years the old Electoral Roll is discarded in favour of a new one and a new Roll was created for 2019 to be effective at the Annual Meeting in 2019.

At the 31st March 2019 the new Roll stands at 41 for St John's, 117 for St Mary's and 2 for St Paul's with a further 5 joint registrations, giving a total Roll of 165. These include 16 new enrolments for St Mary's and none for the other two churches.

As of 30th September 2020 the Roll stands at 162 broken down as 62 for St John's, 141 for St Mary's, 5 for St Paul's with a further 5 joint registrations.

Lauren Montgomery-Bell,
Electoral Roll Officer

FINANCIAL REPORT

In 2019 the income into general funds decreased by £2,923 (2019: £156,711/ 2018: 159,634). Income from gifts, donations and legacies increased by £7,362 and from fees and interest by £183 but income from planned giving, and collections decreased by £2,373 and income from fundraising and parish centre and room hire decreased by £8,095. Sadly, there was a loss of a few members since the previous year and fundraising activities were reduced.

Expenditure from general funds increased by £3,897 (2019: £167,170/ 2018: £163,273). Running costs, clergy expenses and administration costs were down by £6,391 but upkeep of services, maintenance and parish centre expenses increased by £9,288 and we increased the contribution to the parish share by £1,000 (2019: £72,000/ 2018: £71,000). There were refunds on running costs from overpayments in the previous year and the rental of office equipment ended in the year. There were ongoing costs for the updating of the parish centre.

Income into restricted funds was £21,848. This included a legacy of £5,000 for St Mary's Tower and a legacy of £10,000 for St John's Church building. Expenditure from restricted funds was £14,625. This included minor and exploratory work on St Mary's Tower costing £9,524.

There is a need to find ways of fundraising to supplement our income from giving and the parish centre.

2019 was a 'normal' year – we are now living in a period which is more challenging for everyone and we are most grateful to all who continue to financially support the Parish with their generous giving.

David Brooke
Treasurer

CHURCH WARDEN'S REPORT – ST MARY'S CHURCH

This report highlights the activities, incidents, and projects relevant to the church during 2019/20.

Throughout this time the Reverends Hugh and Helen have worked very hard for the benefit of Mirfield Team Parish. In 2020 the Reverend Cindy Sheard joined the parish as a self-supporting minister. Stephen Butler and Helen Walker are churchwardens and Ruth Edwards the Verger.

A business team for St Mary's was formed in 2019 and chaired by Helen Walker with seven other members. The team support the clergy and manages matters to do with the church and grounds. Any decisions made at the business team meetings are taken to the next PCC meeting.

Prior to February 2020, which was the start of the Coronavirus in the UK, the various church services and social groups were in place. The cleaning rota meant a team regularly cleaned the interior of St Mary's to keep the church looking pristine with plenty cobwebs removed, vacuuming, polishing, and dusting. Regular weddings took place and there were no restrictions on the number of people attending church.

The Wednesday brunch 'cafe' provided an excellent social and meeting place in the church, Molly and Janet being the mainstay to provide baking and serving those who used it. The Sunday afternoon open church from 2pm to 4pm is organized by Margery Uttley-Talbot and provides two people to open the church and greet visitors.

The church bell tower captain resigned from his post in 2019. In the interim Scott Senogles (musical director/organist) has taken on the role of tower curator. There are currently three bell ringers at St Mary's.

Scott proactively engaged young people in the church's junior choir and this has been very successful. He also organized monthly organ recitals. His regular Sunday playing of the church organ is very much appreciated.

The graveyard volunteers continue to do a marvelous job by keeping the graveyard and church grounds exceptionally well maintained. There have been issues regarding unauthorized items being left on graves and in the Garden of Rest. A tidy-up day is planned in October 2020 to remove all items from the Garden of Rest. A notice has been put in the noticeboard asking those responsible for graves to tidy them too. Rev. Helen plans to have a graveyard advisory group to try and involve next of kin to keep the graves to a good standard.

The church building inside and out requires various maintenance and repairs. The quinquennial inspection took place in December 2019. In January and September 2020, several stone flags were stolen from the area near to the West doors and rear tower of the church. An insurance claim has been submitted for replacement. CCTV to be installed on the exterior of the tower as a deterrent. Money for this is being sought through fundraising. Further work to be undertaken on the tower to complete the original repair/restoration works started in 2015. It is proposed this takes place from September 2021. We are now in the process of applying for a faculty for this work. Other works required are to the leaking vestry roof and a replacement boiler. Routine maintenance continues with lighting conductor checks, gas boiler servicing, electrical tests, gutter checks, tower clock service, fire equipment and intruder alarm servicing. A faculty has been obtained for a set of oak lectern steps which will be privately funded.

The Coronavirus pandemic meant the church had to close for several months. The church is now open for worship but with fewer people attending then contributions/donations are less. A contactless card machine is now in church which allows people to donate money by card. Broadband is to be installed October 2020 which should help with the promotion of digital services. Layla Ellis has been proactive to help livestream church services. A big thank you for doing this. Janice Barker continues to be editor and distributor of the successful church magazine.

Coronavirus safeguards are in place for anyone entering the church. The Government cancelled wedding services and funerals in church for several months. These are now allowed but the number of people attending is restricted. More weddings are booked for next year, but these remain uncertain because of the Coronavirus situation.

Stephen and I have agreed to serve another year as churchwardens at St Mary's.

Many thanks to all those who have helped in whatever way with the church and church grounds, particularly those who organize silently and make sure what should happen does happen.

Helen Walker

September 2020

CHURCH WARDEN'S REPORT – ST JOHN'S CHURCH

As well as our regular Sunday Eucharist at 11.15 a.m., when we are so grateful that Scot is able to dash up from St Mary's to play the organ, the following services were enjoyed at St John's. Sunday September 15th Harvest 11.15am St John's Songs of Praise 6.00pm St John's followed by Harvest Auction at 7.00pm at Hopton Club

Sunday October 13th Community Non-Eucharistic Service at St John's. 11.15 a.m. to celebrate those who volunteer in our community with representatives from Rotary, UHCA, Hopton in Bloom and Mirfield in Bloom and other voluntary organisations.

October 27th Dedication Service 11.15 with guest preacher Marc Vouse, CR. followed by lunch In Croft House at 1 pm

Village Non-Eucharist Service at 10.45 on Remembrance Sunday November 10th

Preschool visited for very short services for Easter, Harvest and Christmas.

On Saturday August 10th, we were so blessed to hold a Quiet Day with Sarah Broscombe using our senses of smell, taste and sight to appreciate our world. Wonderfully facilitated Sarah thank you!

We were delighted when Chris Bishop, Ordinand CR chose our parish for his placement in June for 3 months. He quickly settled in and made an impact especially with his brilliant impromptu organ recitals.

The Business Team members, namely:- Janette Farrar, Warden, Sue Auckland, Karen Batty, (Safeguarding) Chris Breare, Anne Heeley, Phil Tolson and Sue Young, met on seven occasions in the meeting room at St John's.

We began the year with a very successful quiz organised by James and Fiona Taylor, which was a sell out and raised £270 for MTP and £270.00 for the Restoration of the Paintings. On March 30th, Sue Young very kindly held a Walk in the Daffodils at her home and raised £225 for the Restoration of the Paintings.

Having replaced the door to Vicar's Vestry in an emergency following the collapse of the old door, the following Faculty Application has been approved: Reference 2018-020521 concerning Upper Hopton: St John the Evangelist (Church Code 646598) but we are still awaiting the Architects Certificate of Completion.

Eric and Tom have repaired the clock on several occasions and it continues to be temperamental.

John and Janette cleaned Tower out after donning protective clothing. Crows have pushed twigs through onto clock, and the debris will be monitored and cleaned away regularly. Thanks are due to John Sykes who assisted and 9 bags of rubbish were removed. John has now closed the holes.

We continue with the application to remove three pew ends, one at each of the first pews, near the altar and another at the second pew behind the font, again on the left side, which will facilitate access by wheel chair to the meeting room.

Following the removal of trees in churchyard, which were under TPO, Tim has planted 2 oak trees which he kindly donated.

Our board looks very dilapidated and a Faculty will be sought to approve a new notice board for St John's funded by the Friends. It is to be constructed by Wood and Laycock.

Our Organ was 125 years old this year. Owen suggested that it might be restored as it has not undergone any major repairs since the 1980's and he compiled for comprehensive list of problems, repairs and improvements.

Anthony Spinks came for tuning visit and work up to £500, realigning the two pipes and prepared a quote for the rest of the work.

We are so grateful to Owen who managed to secure Anna Lapwood to play at a Recital on September 21st at St John's. He was responsible for all the publicity in our magazine and the wider media. A birthday cake, supper and wine followed and there was quite a party atmosphere following the recital. We are grateful to Helen and Tim who provided the hospitality for Anna's stay in Hopton. When the restoration is complete, Anna has promised to return to give another recital, so we are looking forward to that. The Recital with donations raised £1490 towards the restoration.

David Everingham quoted for the range of treatments required to conserve and restore the nine paintings identified in the sanctuary at St John's. The total will be in the region of £9000 but may be done one at a time. The first will be in the region of £1000.

A meeting of the PCC, David Everingham and our Architect Graham Saxton, was arranged in October at St John's and we still await the architect's report although several requests have been made.

Community use of St John's.

St John's meeting room has hosted the Team Parish Pastoral team meetings at regular monthly meetings.

Croft House Rooms Management Committee also use the Meeting Room for their quarterly meetings.

Members of Hopton in Bloom are grateful to meet for refreshments each Wednesday at 11 am and for their regular meeting in the meeting room

The Team Parish Walking groups start and finish their walks on the 1st and 3rd Saturday in June and July and are grateful for the kitchen facilities for refreshments.

The church was open all day for the Garden Trail on July 6th when theme in church was Remembrance, with the WW 1 Book on display. The graves commemorating those who died were marked with poppies. Many visitors appreciated an opportunity to sit down, rest and listen to the Organ recitals given at intervals during the day in their tour of the 21 gardens, which were open.

In a new venture, Janette and Anne planned a Village Scarecrow festival on September 14th when in all 22 scarecrows entered at locations around the village. The route started from church £4 for a map and voting slips. There were some fantastic imaginative entries and the tension was high when the results were announced in church. The event raised a total of £855 and it was a great family day.

Following the Community Carols round the Tree on December 21st, St John's was open for the members of the community to spend a few quiet minutes.

Churchyard.

A representative attended a Graveyard Conference at St Chad's Church, Headingley, with informative presentations on the Legalities of churchyards, and the Beautiful Burial Ground - A representative from Caring for God's Acre advised on how to explore new ways of developing your churchyard to make it a more attractive place for visitors, including increasing biodiversity.

This year instead of entering Yorkshire in Bloom, two judges from YiB came on a mentoring visit and gave us these suggestions.

- Establish Wildflower areas to the large grass areas in Churchyard.
- Cut a strip measuring a yard at edge of paths.
- Plant summer bulbs and wildflower plugs and/or seeds.
- Use signage to indicate that it is being left for wildlife.
- Entrance to Recreation Ground from the Churchyard needs tidying and developing as a feature.
- Leave the brambles in the Churchyard as a wildlife refuge.

Through one of the hottest driest summers, Lewis Wroe continued to maintain the grass and hedges in the churchyard and this was kindly funded by the Friends of St John's.

Thanks are due to the Friends for their support on projects throughout the year. We would also like to thank Hopton in Bloom for their work in the Churchyard especially the Millennium Window Garden and the garden by the East Window. They also help with decorating the interior of the church for Easter, Harvest and Christmas.

Fundraising

July 20th Coffee Morning 10.till 12 noon which sadly was not well attended.

Janette's nerve-racking ROKT Climb raised £520

I would like to thank all the members of the St John's Business Team for their continued support

Chris Breare and Karen Batty

p.p. Janette Farrar Church Warden

CHURCH WARDEN'S REPORT – ST PAUL'S CHURCH

2019/20 was a year of highs and lows for Church Community at St Pauls.

In Spring 2019 we had a busy Calendar of events lined up, we had begun to establish a relationship with a number of community partners, with rebooking of events on an annual basis. Mirfield Musica had booked their two annual concerts and an exam day, Hammonds Band had repeated their three concerts again and Noisy Neighbours had three music concerts lined up, including a specific event to raise funds for the church. The Beer Festival and the Art Festival were once again organised for the two weekends in July and we had a series of 6 concerts for ourselves to raise funds for repairs to the roof.

Talks with the West Yorkshire Print Workshop had resulted in preparation of funding bids which would have supported more Art and Drama events to take place in the Church, and an Arts Council grant bid was being prepared. The Director of the Laurence Batley Theatre had also shown an interest in holding a series of plays at St Pauls.

We had prepared a system for Permit Parking, WYPW had produced the permits (different colours for Residents of St Pauls terrace, Church members, WYPW and town centre businesses). We were talking to a number of business users and had some interest in the permits.

The Thursday morning Eucharist continued to be well attended with up to 15 people in the congregation each week. The level access and facilities make the downstairs room ideal for this week day meeting, the tea and biscuits, plus easy parking and perhaps a bit of shopping afterwards make this a most enjoyable way of spending a Thursday morning.

We held a number of 5th Sunday services and as usual the Christingle Christmas Eve service was attended by more than 150 people .

The church was cleaned internally with the help of the Payback team and the Young Offenders Service are helping to maintain the grounds.

We have removed the redundant electronic organ from the church and made savings in costs by installing a new security system. Running costs have also been reduced by the installation of external light (sponsored by Darren Smith).

All the plans of course had to change in March 2020 when lockdown was announced due to the corona virus, from March 2020 the Church has been closed and will remain closed until restrictions are lifted.

St Pauls, a church built for a community, continues to serve that community, we pray that it will continue to do so for many years to come.

Tim Grace
Church Warden

BUDGET & STRATEGY REPORT

The Budget and Strategy Team comprised of the following:- Hugh Baker, Chris Breare, David Brooke, Ruth Edwards (until April), Helen Walker (from April) and Tim Grace, met six times at intervals to review the financial situation of the Parish at each meeting.

In January, a forecast budget was compiled aiming to pay £72,000 towards our Parish Share if we are able to make some savings and try to break even on the year, by raising £10,000 from fundraising, and receive more money (£15,000) from the Parish Hall.

The budget was reviewed at each meeting against the actual income and expenditure each month for each church.

The regular monthly payment to the Diocese for the Parish Share was increased to £5350

The contract for the Photocopier ran out in mid-April and although we had an option to buy it, a new contact was negotiated with CopyMark in Huddersfield and now we are outsourcing the magazine printing we only need a basic photocopier.

In June, unfortunately, a regular group moved elsewhere with a predicted loss £17000 in income. However, this allows more flexibility with future lets.

The treasurer explored the possibility of using the substantial legacy left by Margaret Richardson legacy specifically for work on the Tower, with the outstanding work needed to complete the Tower project and the trustees were in favour. We also benefited from a £5000 legacy for St Mary's with no restrictions on it.

We were grateful to the family of the late Cynthia Shaw who very kindly left a Legacy of £10,000 for St John's.

The May the standing orders were slightly up, after a notice on the newsletter to encourage our regular congregation to contribute by direct through the bank.

On our annual review of parish fees charged and paid for weddings and funerals, it was decided to increase the fee for organist to £90 and heating during winter months to £35.

The vergers fees are to remain the same £50 for weddings and funerals and £40 Burial of ashes.

We embraced the Diocesan policy to pay all fees for Organist, Vergers and Bell Ringers at weddings and funerals through BACS and forms signed in the vestry to record who is entitled to the payments on which date. Choir payments for weddings will be paid by BACS into Church Choir Account and locum Priests were informed that they will be paid by BACS.

Peter looked at Budget in July, which was going to run at a deficit of £11,000 and after legacy and rebate it is now in credit of £4000 which is more manageable.

Three people have taken up the new planned giving scheme from the Diocese The Planned Giving Scheme from the Diocese, which is only in the pilot stage and will be rolled out in January, was promoted in the newsletter and magazine and the uptake which started at £200 per month and will hopefully increase as more people subscribe to it.

The Hall Management Team is to be congratulated on the successful improvements, maintenance, and efficient use of the hall.

Hugh Baker

MINISTRY TEAM REPORT

There are two Ministry Teams which help to determine parish vision and planning for the future as well as endeavouring to provide the best possible pastoral care.

Ministry and Mission Team

Members of the team meet monthly and share responsibility for certain areas of the church's life such as future planning, outreach, and children's work.

Team members continue to monitor progress on the Action Plan and priorities are established. Ways of reaching targets which either have not yet been addressed or not fully achieved are suggested.

Notable events this year were when team members helped to organise the Passover Meal, attended by over forty people, which was shared with other Mirfield Churches at Trinity Methodist Church. A special thanksgiving service, followed by refreshments, was held for baptism families on Godparents' Sunday. A service for those from Mirfield Team Parish who had trained as priests was held on Vocations Sunday and had a pleasing response from the clergy that were invited. The Community/Volunteers' service organised at St John's in October was enjoyed by all who attended.

House groups:

Bible Study and a Lent course were attended by a small group whilst a Start Course designed to encourage discipleship and growth failed to attract any participants.

Community links and ways of strengthening links between 'fringe' and 'mainstream':

- *Children:* Details are covered under the report of Our Work with Children and Youth.
- *Film Club:* Attempts to run the Film Club met with a limited response from both volunteers and attendees and it was decided that this should no longer be continued.
- *Healthy walkers:* Healthy Walkers have met on the first and third Saturdays in the month with more than thirty participants. Members of the group are kept informed of events and activities in the Team Parish and are supportive.
- *Men's group:* The Men's group has mainly met for the quiz at the Old Colonial and are doing their best to increase their membership.

- *CAP (Christians against Poverty)*: A CAP course was held in March. The possibility of inviting members from other churches has been investigated as a way of increasing the number of participants.
- *Social lunches* have been held at the Golf Club and have been well-attended.
- *Community groups*: Team members report on other community groups, such as Mirfield in Bloom, so that the Team Parish can invite their members to events in the Team Parish as well as supporting the groups with their own activities.

Pastoral Team

Members of the Pastoral Team meet monthly. Members of the team wear name badges for identification and carry visiting cards so that details for the Team Parish are readily available.

- *Home Communion* is taken to those who are housebound and regular visiting organised and monitored. Pastoral visiting has included taking communion to residents of Hopton Cottages and Royd Court each month.
- *Baptism* bookings continue to be made online and then contact with baptism families is made by Sue Auckland at St John's and Kath Crossley at St Mary's. In this way we are able to share news of what is arranged for families in the parish and welcome baptism families to those services and events.

Support for those in need in the wider community has continued this year with donations of food and household requisites being collected to take to the Welcome Centre in Huddersfield. Our contributions are most gratefully received.

Kath Crossley

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT FOR 2019

Synod has held three meetings in the year ending 2019. One of the major changes has seen the merging together of the previously separate synods of Dewsbury and Birstall into one deanery. The new deanery is now called the deanery of Dewsbury and Birstall. A joint meeting of both synods (Before the amalgamation) was held at St Thomas's church Batley on the 7th February 2019. After the welcome by Simon Cash the area dean, a short service of Compline was held. Simon spoke about the diocesan finances which remained critical; some staff had to take voluntary redundancy and the diocesan deficit was £1.5 million in 2018. He stated it was very important that Parishes paid their Parish share promptly in order to help the Diocese deal with the financial situation. Church growth was discussed with growth meaning not only numbers attending church but also Spiritual and Mission growth as well.

The Rev, Canon Joyce Jones was the main speaker; she is a member of the General Synod and she gave a talk about what the General Synod is and what it does. The second meeting was held on the 1st July 2019 at St Paul's Church, Birkenshaw. A short service of prayer took place led by the Rev. Ralph Davidson. The major item on the agenda was a talk by the Rt Rev. Jonathan Gibbs our area Bishop. He spoke about the challenges we faced and in particular the financial challenge and all that meant in terms of less staff and clergy etc.

He began by talking about the background to the new diocese, which was formed in 2014 and led to eight Deaneries coming together in the Huddersfield area. The Bishop asked if the synod could think of a new name for the Deaneries of Birstall and Dewsbury as a formal consultation would be taking place early in 2020. He spoke about the financial position of the Diocese which had led to redundancies etc. He said that things would have to be done differently in terms of

our mind set in Mission and Ministry due to a lack of clergy etc and there was a need for more Laity to work alongside stipendiary clergy to help the overstretched clergy avoid burn out.

He stated it was our responsibility to pass on the faith to the next generation and this was of great importance. Strategic Development Funding is being sort for six local area networks, each with five or six parishes and each network having a hub church with a paid key worker for families and children. We were asked to start thinking about which parishes would be a good fit with our parish. Questions from the floor followed which included items such as “are the churches views on LGBT relevant to the youth in the church who have already mind up their minds on the issue? Is funding going to be directed solely at underprivileged areas? Should safeguarding be on a nationally organised basis rather than up to individual parish’s to deliver? All the questions were responded to thoughtfully but without definitive answers. The third and final meeting of synod took place at our own Church here at St Mary’s on the 21st Oct; 2019 and was chaired by the area Dean the Rev Simon Cash. The meeting commenced with prayers and was followed by a short talk about Mirfield Team Parish and some of its history. Hugh spoke about our three parishes and about the many activities which take place in the parish. The agenda was lengthy, but the main item was a talk on a diocesan strategy called “Helping our Churches to Flourish” It is also called the diocesan tool kit.

Mandy Aspland Lay Training Officer for Huddersfield and Wakefield Episcopal areas gave a talk about the new strategy which is aimed at making our churches grow. She said that as ordained clergy numbers decline over the next ten years or so, it is really important that the role of the laity will become ever more necessary and vital for the churches wellbeing. In order to get lay people to undertake God’s work we will have to grow the church in numbers and encourage people to take on these important leadership roles in the not too distant future. How do we make this happen? This is the object of helping our churches to grow with the “Tool Kit” Without going into great detail at this stage, each parish, benefice and deanery will create a plan to grow. We will be hearing a lot more about this tool kit and the plan, both in our PCC’s and our churches. Simon Cash thanked parishes for their efforts in paying parish share. A Draft Bishop’s Pastoral Order was discussed, this is a measure to create three new deaneries and amalgamate some existing deaneries under a new name.

The Bishop had opted to call the new combined deaneries of Dewsbury and Birstall the deanery of North Kirklees; however he has said he will reconsider the name of the new deanery if the deanery were not content with the new name. After much debate and discussion a vote was taken, and the result of the vote was to request of the Bishop that the new name should be the deanery of Dewsbury and Birstall. We now await the Bishops decision.

Barry Hambling & Ruth King
(Deanery Synod Representatives)

MODERATOR'S REPORT

FROM THE CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MIRFIELD AND DISTRICT

Always hard to believe but another year has passed. We give thanks to God for all that we have done together in 2019. I have continued as Moderator with the help of a very supportive team including Secretary Christine Sykes and Treasurer Ian Wilson.

Our first act of joint witness in 2019 was the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service held at the Salvation Army. I was on holiday and thank Lt Susan Chisholm for hosting and Rev Hugh Baker for leading the AGM. Rev Nick Shields was the guest preacher. We continued to meet alternate months and over the year have said goodbye to Rev Alison Crookes who left to serve in Runcorn, Rev Canon Maggie McLean who left to be Canon Missioner at York Minster. We were shocked and saddened by the sudden death of Phil Bailey who was deeply involved with Matrix from the outset. We welcomed Deacon Al Henry representing the Mirfield Methodists and Pastor Adrian Roberts, Colin Read and Liz Ward from Zion Baptist Church.

The World Day of Prayer Service was hosted by the Salvation Army in March. A Maundy Thursday/Passover Supper was held in Trinity's Community Rooms in cooperation with Mirfield Team Churches. On Good Friday we gathered in the town centre with singing led by the Salvation Army Band followed by a service led by Fr Mungovin at St Aidan's. The Hot Cross Buns were well received as usual. Christian Aid Week was marked by a collection day at Mirfield Co-op with a number of volunteers sharing the day.

Pentecost was marked by individual churches with no joint service arranged for this year.

A few volunteers were able to help directly on the showground at the Mirfield Show this year as the Trinity refreshment point ceased.

Help was provided at both the Wellhouse Bonfire and at the Round Table Bonfire which this year were again held on separate nights. Unfortunately, it is likely to be the last such bonfire for Wellhouse as the congregation have found it increasingly difficult to engage help for the event. CTMD was also represented at the Mirfield Remembrance Parade.

Towards the end of the year the clergy lunches were re-established and three lunches have been held since October. This has proved to be a valuable time of fellowship and support to those attending.

CTMD still supports Matrix however little progress has been made with a new structure this year because of difficulties establishing a new bank account.

And finally, we again distributed knitted Angels. This year 1000 angels found their way into homes in Mirfield thanks to those who volunteered to knit and distribute the much anticipated winged and sometimes haloed friends. According to social media people were delighted.

Thank you again to the members of the Leadership Team for everything they do and we all look forward to another year of working together as we serve God in this small part of His Kingdom.

With every Blessing

Rev Jane Dixon

OUR WORK WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH

2019 has seen the continuation of Children's workshops, Children's Church at St Mary's and Sunday School at St John's.

Children's Workshops

This year we have continued to hold workshops free of charge. The workshops are based on biblical and seasonal themes and include a story, craft activities, games and, of course, refreshments. Our Easter and Christmas workshops prove to be our most popular.

Children's Church at St Mary's

St Mary's Children's Church is attended by up to twelve children and takes place during the 9.45am service each week. We use themes based on the lectionary supported by materials from the Roots series as well as Young Church Mag colouring pages and puzzle booklet.

We have a team of regular volunteers who lead Children's Church. In this way the children get to know and get used to working with different members of their church family. We follow the main elements of the service, starting with a welcome, lighting candles and prayers.

Next, we say sorry for things we have done wrongly or left undone and try to do this in the most inventive ways we can think of. Our story and activities are usually based on the Gospel reading for that Sunday. Show and Tell is one of the highlights for the children as they are able to share what they have been doing with the rest of the congregation and are rewarded by loud applause. We round off the session with prayers.

My sincere thanks go to all the volunteers who help with children's work especially for all the preparation of materials that is part of their contribution.

Schools

Helen Butler is Chair of Governors at Crowlees C of E Controlled School, Hugh Baker is also on the Governing Body and delivers weekly assemblies. The school is supported by curriculum visits to the church, covering various topics such as Christian festivals and prayer, thinking skills and church architecture.

The Leaver's Assembly was a special service where Year 6 leavers were provided with booklets to help them in their Christian journey as they move on to High School.

Kath Crossley helps each week with the JAM (Jesus and Me) Club in the summer term.

Crowlees, Crossley Fields and Castle Hall have continued to use St Mary's for rehearsal and concerts.

Ravensthorpe C of E Junior School also visited for several curriculum-related visits to look at Christian customs and traditions and enjoyed themselves very much.

Hugh and Kath have been welcomed into Hopton School to take an assembly each half term.

Our planned programme of Family Friendly services ran throughout the year when the Mothering Sunday and Harvest services were particularly well attended as were the Christingle,

Crib and Live Nativity services. The Young Singers took part in the Pet Service as well as bringing their pets for us to meet.

Kath Crossley

..... and from Anne Heeley

Sunday School at St John's

St John's Sunday School meets every Sunday during the 11.15am service. On average there are seven regular attendees and occasional visitors. There are four regular leaders: Anne Heeley, John McMullan, Julie Murphy and James Taylor and other members of the congregation will help out when needed.

Before the service the children help by greeting members of the congregation and by ringing the bell to summon worshippers. They also help to collect the hymn books after the service.

The children gather in the Meeting room for Sunday School which always starts with a prayer before the children complete their activities although they do break off to share the peace with the congregation.

The children enjoy showing their work to the congregation; they say a prayer and sometimes they sing a song.

MTP CHOIR, MUSIC GUILD & JUNIOR SINGERS

The academic year of 2019-2020 has been one of profound change, response & recovery from the regular rhythms and musical offices offered by the organist and Dom and choirs of the MTP.

The academic year of 2018-19 passed like many others over my 15-year tenure with a predictability I'd grown to take for granted.

September 2019 to Christmas term was as usual with yet another successful carol service.

MJS had 17 regular children rehearsing and the parish choir also rehearsed each Wednesday of term time with average attendances again around 15 - 19.

The organs of both churches are secure and Owen Ryder is with my advice curating the overhaul of the organ at St Johns.

From January till the end of Feb we became increasingly aware of the looming pandemic with due caution but little change to weekly offerings.

Then Covid hit hard and all at once we were thrust into an elongated time of detached worship and fellowship using all possible technologies including Acapella to record music for our tabletop broadcasts and communication. During the early days of lockdown it was hard to make sense of what was happening, at times on a daily basis, drastically altering many of the things we have taken for granted or assumed would never change.

This has been the catalyst for much new thinking and a sobering litmus of what God expects of us when we may in the first instance feel wholly and entirely helpless. Indeed I'm overjoyed and uplifted with the many stories from friends and colleagues who have felt the spirit surge in them with the need to replace this helplessness with hopefulness and action.

We're now in recovery phase where choirs are along with congregations allowed to congregate although for now it is only choirs, socially distanced who can sing. I hope in time things may be relaxed further and our regular sung Eucharists will return with everyone welcome to sing.

Currently I plan to manage team parish choirs on a Sunday morning only. We will sing hymns and a new mass setting. This will prevent in the first instance congregational input but in time allow the congregation to listen/learn/know it by the time they are permitted to sing again.

Finally. I'm beyond grateful for the support and security the PCC has enabled me whilst I personally navigate furloughing at NYCC and a significant loss of income. I pray that I can continue to be of use as organist and CM as the MTP recovers from the coronavirus pandemic.

Loyally,

Scott Senogles

FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S CHURCH



FRIENDS OF UPPER HOPTON PARISH CHURCH

Minutes of the Thirty Sixth Annual General Meeting – held on 26 September 2019

Present:-Mrs Sue Auckland (Hon Secretary), Rev Hugh Baker , Mrs Karen Batty, Mrs Chris Breare, Mrs Janette Farrar (Warden), Miss Anne Heeley, Mr John McMullan (Hon Treasurer), Mrs Julie McMullan, Mr Colin Ryder (Vice President), Mrs Linda Tempest, Mr Phil Tolson, Mrs Barbara Walker (President) and Mrs Sue Young.

Apologies: - None

Minutes of the last AGM were proposed by:-Chris B and seconded by John M. All in favour.
Minutes from the aborted AGM on 3 July 2019 were proposed by Chris B and seconded by Colin. All in favour.

Matters arising from the minutes: - None.

Annual Statement of Accounts and Financial Report: - John reported income was up due to donations for the Restoration of the Paintings, £1630 has been paid for the new vestry door and £1000 for gardening in the churchyard. The total funds stands at £41,747 in assets compared to £39,405 last year. There are 3 main areas worth spending monies on which are the gardening, picture cleaning and the organ restoration. Approx. £2,000 is available for the pictures and organ. Thanks were given to Owen Ryder for all his hard work in the Organ recital held last weekend. Thanks also received from Barbara for the continuing hard work in raising funds for these projects.

Honorary Secretary's Report: - Thanks given to Janette for her hard work with the clock maintenance assisted by John Sykes and Tim Newsome. The picture cleaning is making headway and funds have started to come in for this. There are also plans for a new noticeboard. A letter had been received from Mr Maurice Heald tendering his resignation from the Council of Friends.

Election of Officers and Members of the Council for 2019-2020:-

Mrs Barbara Walker	President
Mrs Sue Auckland	Honorary Secretary
Mr John McMullan	Honorary Treasurer
Mr Colin Ryder	Vice President
Rev Hugh Baker	Chairman
Mrs Janette Farrer	Warden Ex-Officio
Mrs Chris Breare	Assistant Secretary

This was proposed en bloc by Janette and seconded by Karen.

The council also consists of: -Karen Batty, Mr Phil Tolson with new members Mrs Linda Tempest, Mrs Linda Hutchinson, and Mrs Julie McMullan. Miss Anne Heeley was also co-opted as assistant to the Warden. Proposal made by Chris B and this was seconded by Phil.

Election of Auditor: - Mr David Brooke is again willing to continue and a letter of thanks will be sent to thank him for his work.

AOB:-Thanks from Rev Hugh Baker for all the help that the Friends of Upper Hopton Parish church give and for the continuing fund raising to help the church.

Date of Next Meeting: - Thursday 17 September 2020 7.30pm in St John's church

Sue Auckland

Hon Secretary

CROFT HOUSE ROOMS CHARITY

Report for January 2019 to December 2019

At the formation of the Team Parish in 2007 a document was drawn up to ensure Croft House continues to be managed effectively and the new PCC proposed that the Managing Trustees of Croft House Rooms Charity be the Croft House Rooms Management Committee, the eight members of which are determined as follows:-

1. The two Wardens of St John's be members
2. The Treasurer of the UHCA (Upper Hopton Community Association) be a member
3. The UHCA elect three representatives every two years
4. The PCC of the Mirfield Team Parish elect two representatives.

A quorum for any meeting shall comprise two members representing UHCA and two representing the PCC and one other member.

The Management Committee of Croft House Rooms Charity, the Managing Trustees, is responsible for letting the Rooms and for the recurrent expenditure involved in running the Rooms. The UHCA have free tenure of the Rooms and are responsible for the maintenance of the building and grounds and for capital expenditure.

The membership of the Management Committee of Croft House Rooms Charity is as follows:-

1. Christine Breare (Chair) (Trustee) Co-opted
2. Janette Farrar – Church Warden
3. Michael Hampshire (Secretary) (Trustee) elected by PCC
4. Sue Auckland elected by PCC
5. Kathryn Cockerill Treasurer of UHCA
6. Roger Leedham elected by UHCA,
7. Gail Auty (Trustee) elected by UHCA
8. Joan Hemmingway (Trustee) elected by UHCA
9. Andrea Leedham co-opted as Booking Secretary
10. Jane Tolson co-opted as Treasurer

The Committee set the new fee structure for 2020, effective from the 21 January 2020 and informed all the tenants / hirers where appropriate.

The following purchases and improvements have recently been carried out:

A new refrigerator has been installed in the kitchen.

Major external retaining wall improvements carried out.

One hundred banqueting chairs purchased.

Installation of LED lighting.

The accounts for the year 1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019, were approved in November 2019. These showed an income of £11,567 against an expenditure of £5,238. There were no donations. The resultant year end cash balance was £18,813 at 1 Sept 2019. On the 3rd January 2020, the cash balance was £16,857.

Updated Health & Safety Procedures were prepared and made available for the Croft House Rooms Charity and Upper Hopton Community Association on the 13th April 2020. Health and Safety is regularly discussed and reviewed at all Committee Meetings.

The smoke alarms have been tested as have the fire extinguishers, which have been certified by Flamstop. Gas system checks and certification was carried out, and replacement emergency lighting for some areas has been installed.

As both the Croft House Rooms and the Upper Hopton Community Association are separate charitable organizations we were advised that they should have separate insurance policies. A new insurance provider was subsequently selected in May 2019 for these policies, which has also resulted in overall financial savings.

The Rooms are well used by the community and comprise a wide variety of regular activities. These include Preschool Classes every weekday, various Art Classes, Guitar Group, Keep Fit, Yoga, Pilates, Drop-in Centre, and the WI. In addition, there are one-off private bookings for a range of activities including Parties, Weddings, Funerals, Christenings and Charity events. Croft House is extensively used to support the local activities of Upper Hopton Community Association (UHCA), Hopton in Bloom and St John's Church in Mirfield Team Parish. Other activities provide social events and they are sometimes combined with fundraising. Some notable events include Carols Round the Tree, Christmas Party for the elderly, Garden Trail, and the Village Fete.

Roger Leedham

ST MARY'S COMMUNITY CENTRE

St Mary's Community Centre has had an unusual year this year, with the event of COVID 19, which meant the centre had to closed at the end of March 2020 until we began to re-open with some groups starting under "Bubble" restrictions in July 2020.

As of September 2020, most of our groups have returned except for Line Dancing and the uniform organisations, who hope to return as soon as they are able.

- New Groups.
 - Martial Arts
 - Pilates on a Wednesday and Thursday
 - Katie Philpot's Dancing School
 - Physiotherapist
 - Yoga
- Lost Groups
 - Socca Tots
- Groups delayed start due to Covid
 - Line Dancing
 - Rainbows, Brownie & Guides
 - Beavers, Cubs and Scouts
- Improvements
 - New hand sanitizers & blue roll dispensers installed by all entrances & exits
- Planned improvements
 - Repaint the meeting room.
 - Sand down and re varnish wooden tables
 - New carpet tiles in meeting room & corridor area
 - Paint the kitchen area
 - New floor covering in the Beverage kitchen
 - Paint Parish office
 - Re paint the toilet adjacent to the meeting room
 - New floor covering in the toilet adjacent to the meeting room
 - Repaint the corridor where the main toilets are located
 - New floor covering in the corridor.
 - New path at the rear of the building for a fire escape route to muster points.

We still have some way to go:

- We need to concentrate on next recommendations from fire risk report.
- Resurface the carpark area
- New stage lighting

Going forward

- We need to continue updating the centre, so we are in a position to offer quality facilities to our ever-growing user groups.

Lauren Montgomery-Bell

ST MARY'S AFTERNOON TEA GROUP

St. Mary's Afternoon Tea Group started as a project for Ann Pollard during her training for the ministry some twenty years ago. It was intended as a facility for the whole community. There are still some of the original group, including two ladies who came with a group from Nettleton Road and continued coming after their involvement ended. After the 'Knit and Natter' group closed at the Community Centre in Water Royd Lane most of the ladies, already members of the congregation at St. Mary's came to join us.

The afternoon starts and ends with prayers. Afterwards it is a hive of industry with flowers and animals for display in Mirfield, little sweaters for children in Africa and small blankets for the Neonatal unit at Halifax Royal Infirmary being made.

Until the arrival of the virus there was a regular attendance of 20 to 25 and it was with great sadness that the decision was made to close for the foreseeable future, possibly not to reopen as social distancing would be impossible in the Parish room.

We are trying to keep in touch with everyone either by telephone or a friendly wave on the prescribed daily walk. There have been three 90th birthdays celebrated not to mention four who celebrated 90 long ago and the three who will celebrate in the near future. It is important to keep in touch as most are unable to attend church services at 9.30am and are also self-isolating for the present.

This report cannot end without an expression of thanks to Malcolm, Ann and Katie who prepared the room, those who baked scones, cakes and occasional treats and Brian who has been our main transport manager, sometimes making two journeys to bring in and take members home.

Thanks again to you all.

Barbara Hardwick

PANTOMIME COMMITTEE

Aladdin report 2019

The committee were delighted with the success of the Pantomime's 70th production of 'Aladdin'.

We were thrilled that 3 of the 5 performances were "sold out" and even mid-week, high attendances meant that ticket sales were strong.

The feedback from this year was wholeheartedly positive with many people from the audience taking the time to congratulate us for a polished and humorous production. The cast and chorus were consistently outstanding and this was a good representation of many months of hard work and effort.

This was a special year for the committee as we had been planning to perform Aladdin (which was the first Pantomime the committee performed back in 1949) to mark the 70th year. We had also hoped to arrange a special celebration but this proved too difficult with the competing

pressures of the production.

Although we had lost a few familiar faces from both the chorus and cast we were pleased a number of the "old" chorus were able to move into the cast this year and we welcomed a few new faces into the chorus too. We eventually ran the production with a lower chorus number of 13 due to difficulties with some of the children who were expected to take part but hope to start next year with a total of 16 which is generally the optimum number for the stage.

We chose to end the show with a well-known contemporary finale and otherwise had a good mix of modern and traditional music (including a large number of songs accompanied by Wendy Storey on the piano).

Carys Ervine was again responsible for the choreography although was grateful for the invaluable assistance of Lydia Crawshaw.

Laura Brown

UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

8TH MIRFIELD SCOUT GROUP



Overview

As members of The Scout Association, 8th Mirfield provides scouting from the age of 6 upwards. All 3 of our sections – Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are currently at capacity, with all also having waiting lists. As with previous years, this means that Scouting is being provided to almost 100 young people in the Mirfield area by 8th Mirfield Alone. In addition to our sectional numbers we also have a handful of Young Leaders, many who were young members in the past but are now either wanting to return or taking part in Duke of Edinburgh schemes. They also attend each week and assist the leader teams in the providing of the activities.

During 2019/20 we have welcomed some new faces to the leadership team, joining our core team of leaders delivering Scouting across the age groups.

Obviously, all of the information above was based on our situation up to March 2020 when the world of (face to face) Scouting came to an abrupt standstill.

Covid-19 Impact

As you can imagine, since March of this year we have been severely impacted by COVID and while there is no end in sight currently, at some point face to face scouting will return. During lockdown / restrictions, Scouting, and specifically 8th Mirfield, has continued as best it can. The power of the internet enabling virtual sessions that have covered many of the core aspects of scouting.

There have been virtual camps, baking, fire lighting, crafts, hikes, water fights, gardening, and quizzes to name but a few of the things our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have been taking part in. The imagination of the leaders and the willingness of our young people to participate in the new ways of doing things demonstrating the enthusiasm of 8th Mirfield.

There is no specific data I can find about the impact of the 1918 global swine flu epidemic on Scouting, but what is certain is that since Scouting began in 1907, it has survived wars, viruses, boom and bust and change. I am certain that it will emerge from the current situation in just the same way it has from all other difficulties thrown at it.

I won't include section specific content this year due to the current situation, but when the world starts to turn again and it is safe to do so, uniforms will found at the back of wardrobes, laws and promises relearnt and scouting will begin to pick itself up, dust itself off and start all over again.

Summer 2020 - When Sc"out"ing became Sc"in"ing

There can be nobody that hasn't been impacted by recent global events and the reach of Covid-19 in all walks of life. Scouting has been no different, and since mid-March, all face to face scouting activities have been suspended by HQ, but that absolutely hasn't stopped us at 8th Mirfield (although it has led to a little head scratching and inventiveness).

When the suspension was first announced by HQ, I wasn't really sure what we would do, but as I knew I was in the same boat as many others, I decided to use technology to keep in touch. We started off with a series of challenges and "spot quizzes" whereby a simple task (whether it was a quiz question, sudoku, colour in challenge or build a Lego structure taller than 1m etc.) was sent to the group at random times. The first Cub to send me a photo of the answer with them wearing their necker on the photo got the points for their team (or "Six" as we call it in cubs). That gave me a little thinking time to come up with a programme for the coming weeks that could be done by the Cubs, while requiring minimal parental input (as parents too were having to cope with all the things that lockdown was causing and adding intensive cub demands was potentially a straw that could break a donkey's back!).

The first actual pack night involved necker knots - every cub has a necker, so each leader recorded a video of them tying their favourite knot in their necker so Cubs could watch a familiar face and learn the knot if they wanted to. I won't list everything we have done, but we have gone on to paper plane building and flying, camp bread making (after hunting down wild garlic), juggling, garden bird spotting, VE Day quiz and UK tree identification to name but a few of our activities.

One thing that did cause some fun was the "necker flip challenge". Can you put your necker on the floor (with a knot tied in the ends) and then flick it into the air with your foot and catch it over your head? Turns out a surprising number of both cubs and leaders can and the looks of joy on the faces when the video captured them was priceless.

During April, The Scout Association ran their "walk to the moon" challenge and many of us used our 1 exercise opportunity per day to get outside and clock up some miles so we could register them on the official website. We helped the Scout Association not only get to the moon, but also back again, all the while raising funds.

Into May, West Yorkshire Scouts should have been heading to Harrogate for "the Big Camp" which sadly had to be cancelled. Well, the Harrogate part did anyhow. With a bit of planning, WY Scouts came up with a full programme for a weekend of camping and activities which could be logged and uploaded to the website in order to qualify for the badge. Tents sprung up in gardens along with lounge dens where gardens didn't permit the space and many of us dusted off the sleeping bags and got stuck into the fun.

During lockdown I also set cubs off learning "new skills" or taking up hobbies and I have seen some excellent examples of new musical talents, tended gardens, bug hotels (and hedgehog houses) that have

all come as a result of this. Hopefully the "Hope help" challenge I set has also had good uptake, although I have received less evidence of this!

Most recently, the weekend of 20th June was the celebration of "The Great Get Together" in memory of our former District President, Jo Cox. In past years we have taken part in lots of activities for the "get togethers", but this year it could only be done remotely, but why would that stop us? The preceding Thursday we ran a live baking session using video software and though I couldn't smell what was being baked, I could certainly see the buns, the cakes and the flapjack that was being created in readiness for sharing with friends, family and neighbours (you might even have received some? In which case I hope it tasted as good as it looked?)

There are very good reasons for why scouting has had to adapt, and certainly we are not through this yet (as I write I still have no idea when we might restart face to face scouting) but that mustn't mean we have to just sit around waiting. Over the past 3 months we have had anywhere between 10 and 30 of our Cubs getting involved in the activities we have been running, and though that means we have got some not necessarily telling me they have been accessing scouting, I also know that there are some who are trying the activities and simply not keeping our group informed (bumping into Cubs as I have been out and about round Mirfield has confirmed this) so hopefully we have been able to provide the opportunity to those who want it. It remains to be seen when we can come back and also what impact this will have on numbers, but I am hopeful that when we return, blinking in the sunshine, the faces will still be the ones that I last saw eating a bag of chips in Lower Hopton after our hike in the woods on our last normal night. And we can then look at how we get back to "normal" Scouting as soon as possible. I have heard on the grapevine (from a few Cubs) that this MUST involve cooking and camping as this is what they have missed most - I guess had better get some sleep now, just in case!!

Chris Wilding

Akela (Cub Scout Leader) – 8th Mirfield (St Mary's) Scout Group



2ND & 14TH MIRFIELD BROWNIES



HIGHLIGHTS OF GENERAL ACTIVITIES

Well, what a report, last year we thought our biggest problem was the new programme, I feel as though this report needs to be in two halves, before and during Covid19 !! We are gradually getting the hang of the new programme and during lockdown I must admit adapting the programme and having ideas has been a little easier. With such huge units it takes a great deal of managing and I am eternally grateful to all leaders and helpers who help me pull it off but especially Sarah and Jacqui who manage the records.

Highlights have been the many visitors in especially RSPCA , Food Bank towards our charities badge night . The night we invited some parents and guests in to talk about their jobs from a GP, Vicar, Dental Nurse, Crown Prosecutor, and teacher it was fascinating .

We had a bit of a wet night at Bradley Woods when we organised and booked a campfire and sing song, Unfortunately Bradley Woods forgot so we found ourselves alone in a wood with lots of brownies, thanks to the leaders especially Sarah and Janette who managed to forage and build a super campfire and the rest of the leaders and helpers who helped me hold a camp fire singing session under the shelter till the campfire was built we weren't beaten.

Sales are still coming in for our own Magical Creatures badge, we have sold several thousand now with sales from The Jungle Division as well as America and Canada .

For Mother's Day we had a visit from Alex, a glass artist, who over several weeks worked with the girls to make the most stunning glass coasters, we didn't quite envisage not being able to give them to the girls , but thanks to the support of parents and the blue box on the drive we got a system up where parents text , I put in the blue box and they were able to be safely collected from outside with no contact made.

We have awarded a few more Gold Awards which is always a special night , with personalised balloons and goody bags along with a party celebration we hope to have marked all their hard work.

THINKING DAY

We sadly didn't have our Division Thinking Day Celebration but we did manage to squeeze in a round robin visiting different countries at the unit , it's always a popular night possibly because it involves food.

BADGES GAINED

Before lockdown we managed to complete Skill Builder Live Smart, several girls completed their charity badge at home, several completed Skills for my Future Theme Award, New Year Badge, Secret Agent Pawprint Badge . Sarah gave a super night on aviation and inspired so many to complete their aviation badge certainly one of the nicer new badges.

During lockdown we managed to complete 11 feel good skill builder, 16 guiding light, 18 mindfulness, 6 know myself theme, 31 know myself reflect skill builder, 51 camp at home, 42 mindfulness & well-being , 5 silver, 28 bronze, 32 have adventure theme award, 37 have adventure skill builder and a whole host of grow your own, collector, aviation and even a fab space badge and know my rights to name but a few more

VISITS

We realised we really missed our visits last year with the introduction of the new programme so we slotted more in this time, we had a fab night at Junior Kitchen we can highly recommend, having large units means we often have to plan 3 or 4 consecutive activities and rotate to get all girls the chance to do. This time was no different with 1 group at the hub creating fab creations, one at junior kitchen making buns and pizza and one in the unit tackling DIY with hammers and nails but beautiful pictures all possible due to fab leaders.

We've also visited the pantomime and had visitors in to make light up clay fairy houses and Christmas flower arrangements.

CHRISTMAS/SUMMER/OTHER PARTIES

Joint Christmas Party at Mirfield Community Centre with 2nd, 7th, and 14th. Disco, sweet buffet, games, pamper and festival face glitter.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019**

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u> £	<u>Restricted Funds</u> £	<u>Total 2019</u> £	<u>Total 2018</u> £
<u>INCOMING RESOURCES</u>					
Voluntary Income	2	111,763	16,955	128,718	257,462
Activities for Generating Funds	3	57,254	9,414	66,668	115,350
Investment Income	4	57	2,568	2,625	555
Other Incoming Resources	5	-	-	-	-
<u>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</u>		169,074	28,937	198,011	373,367
<u>RESOURCES EXPENDED</u>					
Fundraising Costs	6	-	9,350	9,350	5,784
Charitable Activities	7	98,482	13,223	111,705	142,052
Governance Costs	8	81,051	253	81,304	82,360
<u>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</u>		179,533	22,826	202,359	230,196
<u>NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS</u>		(10,459)	6,111	(4,348)	143,171
<u>TRANSFERS</u>					
Gross Transfers Between Funds		-	-	-	-
<u>NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS</u>		(10,459)	6,111	(4,348)	143,171
<u>OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS (LOSSES)</u>					
Gain(Loss) on Investment Assets	11	-	126	126	(322)
<u>NET MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS</u>		(10,459)	6,237	(4,222)	142,849
<u>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</u>					
Total Funds at 1st January 2019		64,290	445,279	509,569	366,720
<u>Total Funds at 31st December 2019</u>		53,831	451,516	505,347	509,569

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
MIRFIELD TEAM PARISH**

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2019

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2019</u> £	<u>2018</u> £
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>			
Investments	12	7,379	6,953
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
Debtors	13	12,348	12,678
Cash at Bank and in Hand		<u>488,230</u>	<u>492,518</u>
		500,578	505,196
CREDITORS: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	14	<u>(2,610)</u>	<u>(2,580)</u>
<u>NET CURRENT ASSETS</u>		<u>497,968</u>	<u>502,616</u>
<u>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		505,347	509,569
CREDITORS: Amounts Falling Due After More Than One Year			
		-	-
		<u>505,347</u>	<u>509,569</u>
<u>The Funds of the Charity:</u>			
<u>RESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS</u>	16	451,516	445,279
<u>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</u>			
General Funds	16	53,831	64,290
		<u>53,831</u>	<u>64,290</u>
		<u>505,347</u>	<u>509,569</u>

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019

<u>2. VOLUNTARY INCOME</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Total 2019</u>	<u>Total 2018</u>
	£	£	£	£
Gifts, Donations and Legacies	24,184	16,295	40,479	167,661
Gift Aid and Planned Giving	54,609	-	54,609	55,876
Income Tax Recoverable	12,698	-	12,698	12,432
Collections	6,202	-	6,202	7,574
Fees, etc	14,070	660	14,730	13,919
	111,763	16,955	128,718	257,462

<u>3. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Total 2019</u>	<u>Total 2018</u>
	£	£	£	£
Fund-raising	5,483	2,325	7,808	12,577
Parish Centre and Room Hire	45,771	-	45,771	48,272
Flat Rent	6,000	-	6,000	6,000
Pantomime	-	7,089	7,089	7,080
Parish Centre Donations and Grants	-	-	-	41,421
	57,254	9,414	66,668	115,350

<u>4. INVESTMENT INCOME</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Total 2019</u>	<u>Total 2018</u>
	£	£	£	£
Bank and Building Society Interest	57	2,268	2,325	276
Dividends Received	-	300	300	279
	57	2,568	2,625	555

<u>5. OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Total 2019</u>	<u>Total 2018</u>
	£	£	£	£
Insurance Claims	-	-	-	-
Parish Share Adjustment	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

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<u>6. FUNDRAISING COSTS</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Total 2019</u>	<u>Total 2018</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Sundry Events	-	1,149	1,149	475
Pantomime	-	8,201	8,201	5,309
	-	9,350	9,350	5,784

<u>7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Total 2019</u>	<u>Total 2018</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Upkeep of Services	9,771	3,528	13,299	9,498
Church Running Expenses	27,076	-	27,076	31,430
Church Maintenance	7,765	-	7,765	10,184
Charities	12,363	-	12,363	7,727
Parish Centre Expenses	40,738	-	40,738	75,530
Flat Expenses	769	-	769	-
Tower Costs	-	9,524	9,524	900
Bell Costs	-	171	171	6,783
	98,482	13,223	111,705	142,052

<u>8. GOVERNANCE COSTS</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Total 2019</u>	<u>Total 2018</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Parish Share	72,000	-	72,000	71,000
Clergy Costs	1,591	-	1,591	1,996
Administration Costs	7,460	253	7,713	9,364
	81,051	253	81,304	82,360

<u>9. STAFF COSTS</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Musical Director	5,400	4,800
Office	2,511	2,533
	7,911	7,333

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.
The Musical Director and Office Staff are engaged on a self-employed basis.

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10. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

The PCC hold an endowment property at Church House, Church Lane, Mirfield, it consists of a first floor flat and a ground floor meeting room, office and storage. There are also small and large halls. The property has an insurance value of over £1,000,000.

**11. GAIN (LOSS) ON
INVESTMENT ASSETS**

Gain (Loss) on investments from:
Change in Market Value

Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2019	Total 2018
£	£	£	£
-	126	126	(322)
-	126	126	(322)

12. INVESTMENTS

All the investments are quoted investments listed on a recognised stock exchange.
All the investments are held primarily to provide an investment return for the charity.

	2019 £	2018 £
Market Value at 1st January 2019	6,953	6,996
Additions at Cost	300	279
Gain (loss) on Investment Assets	126	(322)
<u>Market Value at 31st December 2019</u>	<u>7,379</u>	<u>6,953</u>

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13. DEBTORS

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
	£	£
Prepayments and Accrued Income	-	246
Income Tax Recoverable	12,348	12,432
	<u>12,348</u>	<u>12,678</u>

14. CREDITORS

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
	£	£
Accruals and Deferred Income	2,610	2,580
	<u>2,610</u>	<u>2,580</u>

**15. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS
BETWEEN FUNDS**

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
	£	£	£
Investments	-	7,379	7,379
Current Assets	56,441	444,137	500,578
Current Liabilities	(2,610)	-	(2,610)
<u>Net Assets at 31st December 2019</u>	<u>53,831</u>	<u>451,516</u>	<u>505,347</u>

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1st Jan 2019	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	At 31st Dec 2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Restricted Funds</u>						
Choir Guild	12,701	4,573	(4,930)	-	126	12,470
Bells	1,147	25	(171)	-	-	1,001
Charity	408	-	-	-	-	408
Pantomime	9,850	7,089	- 8,201	-	-	8,738
Tower	(10,391)	5,000	-	-	-	(5,391)
Richardson Legacy	431,564	2,250	(9,524)	-	-	424,290
Shaw Legacy		10,000	-	-	-	10,000
	<u>445,279</u>	<u>28,937</u>	<u>(22,826)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>126</u>	<u>451,516</u>
 <u>Unrestricted Funds</u>						
General Funds	64,290	169,074	(179,533)	-	-	53,831
	<u>64,290</u>	<u>169,074</u>	<u>(179,533)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>53,831</u>
 <u>TOTAL FUNDS</u>	<u>509,569</u>	<u>198,011</u>	<u>(202,359)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>126</u>	<u>505,347</u>

Restrictions Imposed and Purposes of Restricted Funds

Choir Guild	Expenditure on Choir and Music
Bells	Maintenance of St Mary's Bells
Charity	For Gifts to Charities
Pantomime	Pantomime Costs
Tower Fund	Major Repair Work to St Mary's Church Tower
Richardson Legacy	Major Repair Work to St Mary's Church and maintenance of the bells
Shaw Legacy	For expenditure on St John's church