

Vicar's Annual Parochial Church Meeting Report - 2021

Lately, I have mentioned Revelations 3⁸ several times in our services: '*Look, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut.*' 4 years ago, when John and Ian, interviewed me they were looking for an incumbent with vision. The new incumbent needed to see what the Lord required to take this parish and its churches forward. When the risen Lord Jesus Christ says: '*Look, I have set before you an open door*' he is testing our vision, our spiritual eye-sight. The word *look* is a command. Look, marks a change of scene and God is asking us to see the new thing in front of us. This *new door* pairs up with our 2017 motto verse from Isaiah 43:18-19 '*Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it.*' *See*, is the same word as *look*. Like sentinels on the watchtower of the city walls peering into the distance, we are called to look, to see, to behold and to catch the vision of God's new thing. So what new things, what door stands open before us that none can shut?

Last week the PCC and I wrote a comprehensive letter to the church to bring you up to date with the recent changes to service structure and church life. While that letter introduces some of these new things its focus is naturally on why we are making a break from the former things. To glimpse something new please look to your left: a fabulous art exhibition by two Christian artists. The exhibition will be open after the APCM. After lots of prompting by the Spirit of God, Petra approached me to offer herself as the artist in residence here at St. Mary's with Holy Apostles. The PCC was excited to agree to this. We look forward to how we can integrate artwork that responds and corresponds to our acts of worship for display round the church. Petra suggested that art may become a therapeutic for those struggling with their mental health, which will complement the Kintsugi groups Jake and Hannah will run and Arleen's mental health pastoral work. Artwork is literally something we *look* at and see. This new thing will complement our support of the arts with the literary festival: *Books by the Beach* that is happening from 11 -13 June, and the flower festival that we have rescheduled for the end of August.

I am now starting my fourth year as the mayor's chaplain. Despite the pandemic there have been some moments of real privilege ministering into the hardship that the Leader of the Council and Mayor have encountered. Last year, the Mayor asked me for pastoral support and last Thursday at the Mayor-making ceremony, she made it clear before the council chamber how the church had helped her. The Leader of the Council and I have made plans to integrate the cultural significance of our Church's faith history with the rest of the town. Soon the town digitisation will be extended here. Visitors will learn how the faith of people from this church so deeply rooted in the life of Scarborough has and continues to influence the well-being of the town. The Leader of the Council and Chief Exec have shown an interest in helping us develop our ruins. That will directly affect our outdoor worship and mission. These relationships are very important to the Lord. Through them he extends his concern for those in leadership that they may lead aright, and at the same time, through those relationships the kingdom starts to influence the structural changes needed here. At the Mayor-making held in the Spa on Thursday, I had the opportunity to speak with councillors taking the lead on the City of Sanctuary initiative which is something that CTIS is advocating formally. Our PCC is taking a lead by managing the funding and overseeing the town-wide programme for ESOL programme: that is English for Speakers of Other Languages. At the moment we have 10 Syrians on our books and we expect that to expand to Somalis, Iraqis and perhaps even Cantonese refugees in the future.

Isaiah 58 makes it clear that our worship includes sharing “*our bread with the hungry, and bringing the homeless poor in your house.*”

The Rainbow Centre has worked tirelessly over the pandemic to answer the call from Isaiah 58:7 and I have to say that I am staggered to hear of the huge commitment Trish and the team have made over this time. We are justifiably proud of the team for receiving a commendation from the Mayor last Tuesday as part of the Civic Awards for going above and beyond during the pandemic. A new thing that we have perceived from the Lord is to create a Rainbow Chaplaincy and I am going to ask John to speak about this now.

As I look and see what needs to be accomplished in this new season it quickly becomes clear that there are large gaps between where we need to be and the resources required for that. Discipleship is the key to this. On 10 July, we are holding a church conference led by Ven Sam Rushton, the Archdeacon of York who is a specialist in Christian Discipleship. Please put that in your diary, because the teaching and experience coming from this day will feed into our life as a church for the next few years. The foundation to our discipleship will be the new homegroups that I would like to come on stream in the autumn. They will connect with the themes and teaching from Sunday morning. We would like to think that everyone would join a homegroup. I am thoroughly thankful to our church members who work so hard. But our ministry here is held by relatively few and the challenge to us now is to grow our discipleship. Following the Lord Jesus Christ is the most rewarding thing, but being a disciple is always sacrificial. Will you commit to asking God where he wants to plant you in the new things he is creating?

You don't need neon lights to announce some special calling from God. As you will see we are not prioritising any area of ministry above another. You could minister to our older folk with Not-Home-Alone alongside Jan and the team on a Tuesday lunchtime. Or, you could help Elaine and Keith with our children's ministry on a Sunday, which is short of teachers. We are still need technical help to form a Sunday rota and we will properly train our team to provide video, sound and projection for the 10:30am service. Equally, Jake and Hannah are planning a young people's fellowship and they want to grow leaders and helpers for that ministry. We will need people to minister alongside us in the HTB marriage course for our wedding couples, or the Start course for baptismal families. We support a number of foreign mission initiatives from CMS, to Kenya and Burundi and we are looking for people to advocate these within the church, to pray for our partners overseas and help form a team to distribute the PCC tithe to these. These are practical things that you can come and help with.

In 1785 John Wesley fell out with Revd John Kirk, the new vicar of Scarborough. He and therefore the church were not interested in mission. As a result they cut themselves out of a potential deal with Wesley. Wesley was confined to preach on the church steps but he brought many people from this parish into a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. The Methodist Church was formed. Thankfully, our Methodist sisters and brothers remain our dear friends in Christ. That we are still here to worship from this building I believe is testament that the Spirit of God is giving us another chance where previously we failed. One of the most important lessons that this pandemic has taught us is that while we meet in a church with very thick walls, we must become a church without walls. In other words, while the Lord has gifted us with one of the largest signposts in town, we must take the opportunity it affords to make visible our Christian witness. Like Wesley on the church steps, this last year we have met outdoors across the bank holidays, for carol singing, at Easter and Pentecost, with fun afternoons and

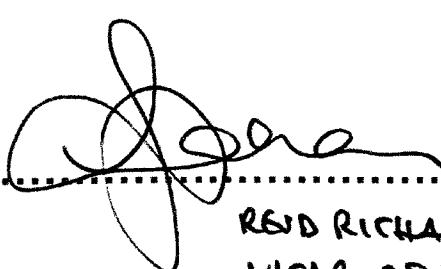
candle-lit memorial services. Over a hundred non-churched folk joined us for Christmas carols, just by word of mouth and Facebook. So simple!

I conclude with the words of the scripture we received from Isaiah 61:4 “*they shall build the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations*” that is our vision. We will use our ruins and look at how we can develop them. For instance, we are in negotiations with Riding Lights Theatre Company to have an outdoor production hopefully over the August bank holiday weekend. Hosting outdoor services is the ultimate open door that no-one can shut, because it has no doors. It is completely visible and you can see even from the little we have done how it excites the interest of the parish and passers-by. John will provide a formal vote of thanks in a moment, however I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone here in the generous way that you have given financially and through your time to keep the church going under such difficult circumstances. We are now entering a season for building those ancient ruins, it is utterly urgent and will require everyone to apply themselves afresh to a personal discipleship. We do it because Jesus calls us to *make disciples of all nations*, in the power of the Spirit and to the glory of God the Father.

**The PCC of St Mary's with Holy Apostles
Scarborough**

Financial Statements for the year ended

31st December 2021

Approved by the PCC
Date.....17 March 2022.....

REVD RICHARD J. WALKER
VICAR OF ST. MARY'S, WITH
HOLY APOSTLES.

Parochial Church Council of St Mary with Holy Apostles, Scarborough
Charity Number 1186990
Independent Examiners Report Year Ended 31 December 2021

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31 December 2021.

As the Charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of the examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that, in any material respect;

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For the year ending 31st December 2021

Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources				
Voluntary income	2a	83,513	6,085	89,597
Activities for generating funds	2b	41,070		41,070
Income from investments	2c	35		35
Income from Church Activities	2d	21,136		21,136
Other incoming Resources	2e	550		550
2020 Syrian Refugee fund	8b			3,200
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		146,304	6,085	152,389
Resources Expended				
Fund Raising costs	3b	2,444		2,444
Church Activities	3a	108,270	14,318	122,588
Staff Costs	4	17,378		17,378
Other costs	5		409	409
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		128,092	14,727	142,819
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS & LOSSES		18,212	-8,643	9,569
Transfers Between funds		-5,135	5,135	
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		13,077	-3,508	9,569
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD 1 JANUARY 2021		113,048	26,168	139,216
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD 31 DECEMBER 2021		126,125	22,661	148,786
				139,217

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
2a Voluntary income				
Planned giving:				
Donations	55,216	1,047	56,263	63,821
Tax Recoverable	12,093	38	12,130	14,359
Other				
Collections (open plate)	6,365		6,365	6,124
Gifts	3,090	500	3,590	16,277
Legacies	5,500		5,500	10,250
Grants	1,250	4,500	5,750	2,500
	83,513	6,085	89,597	113,331
2b Activities for generating funds				
Hospitality & sales stand	249		249	357
Car Parking	40,821		40,821	19,332
Other				
	41,070		41,070	19,688
2c Income from investments				
Dividends & Interest	35		35	178
	35		35	178
2d Income from Church Activities				
Property income	16,274		16,274	15,277
Fees	4,862		4,862	2,643
	21,136		21,136	17,920
2e Other incoming Resources				
8b Syrian refugee fund	550		550	2,580
				3,200
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	146,304	6,085	152,389	156,898

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 £	2020 £
3 RESOURCES EXPENDED				
3a Church Activities				
Overseas missions		5,000	5,000	5,500
Free Will Giving	62,500		62,500	62,500
Other Ministry Costs	10,009	4,735	14,744	6,812
Church Running & Maintenance	13,873	2,500	16,373	30,353
Parish House running costs	13,686		13,686	15,289
Costs of Curates house	1,953		1,953	1,763
Office Costs	2,475		2,475	1,766
Telephone, broadband, IT	1,488		1,488	1,345
Other expenses	1,458	2,000	3,458	4,044
Bank and Financial Charges	828	83	911	448
	108,270	14,318	122,588	129,820
3b Fund Raising costs				
Refreshments				276
Car Parking	2,444		2,444	
	2,444		2,444	276
4 Staff Costs				
Wages & Salaries	17,378		17,378	16,957
	17,378		17,378	16,957
5 Other costs				
Syrian Refugee fund		409	409	
		409	409	
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPEND	128,092	14,727	142,819	147,052

The PCC has 4 (all part time) paid employees, an organist, verger, cleaner and an administrator : the cleaner retired in early October and has not yet been replaced.

The PCC also contribute to the costs of the cleaner at Parish House - included in Parish House running costs.

5 Fixed Assets

The freehold and buildings comprise the curate's house at 13 Woodall Avenue, Scarborough.

It is believed to be worth considerably more than the Balance sheet valuation of £55,000 and is not being depreciated in the accounts. It is insured for £254,043

The PCC also owns St Mary's Parish House which is not shown in the accounts as the PCC has never paid anything for it. It is insured for £2,019,408

	2021	2021	2020
Debtors			
Prepayments and accrued incor	11,078	11,078	18,306
	11,078	11,078	18,306

7 Liabilities

Amounts falling due in one year

Creditors

Accruals and deferred income	7,987	7,987	8,956
PAYE & NI Contributions	7,987	7,987	8,956

8 Funds

8a The restricted/designated funds operating during the year are as follows:

	Balance 31/12/20	Incoming Resources	Expended Resources	Transfers	Balance 31/12/21
Children's & Youth Worker	19,925	428	1,963		18,391
Mission (designated fund)	679		5083	5,760	1,356
HA disabled toilet	625			-625	
20s to 40s ministry	739	657	1,396		0
Camera	1,000		875		125
Syrian refugee fund	3,200		409		2,791
Organ		500	500		
Grants		4,500	4,500		
	26,168	6,085	14,726	5,135	22,662

8b The following fund is managed by St Mary's on behalf of Churches Together in Scarborough – CTIS.

This is a council initiative to support the teaching of English to Syrian refugees. NYCC provided a grant for this purpose. This money is held in St Mary's Mission Account, but does not belong to St Mary's. The balance is included within the cash at bank figure at the year end and within restricted funds.

	Balance 31/12/20	Incoming Resources	Expended Resources	Balance 31/12/21
2021 Syrian Refugee Fund	3,200		409	2,791
	3,200		409	2,791

9 Analysis of Net Assets By fund

Tangible Fixed Assets

Current Assets

Liabilities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	55,000		55,000	55,000
	79,111	22,662	101,773	93,172
	-7,987		-7,987	-8,956
	126,124	22,662	148,786	139,216

**Parochial Church Council of St Mary with Holy Apostles
Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2021**

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	Notes	2021	2020
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
13 Woodall Ave	5a	55,000	55,000
		55,000	55,000
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	6	11,078	18,306
Cash at bank & in hand		90,695	74,866
		101,773	93,172
LIABILITIES			
Creditors - amounts falling due in 7		7,987	8,956
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
Total assets less current liabilities		148,786	139,216
TOTAL NET ASSETS		148,786	139,216
PARISH FUNDS			
Unrestricted		126,125	113,048
Restricted	9	22,661	26,168
		148,786	139,216

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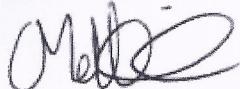
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