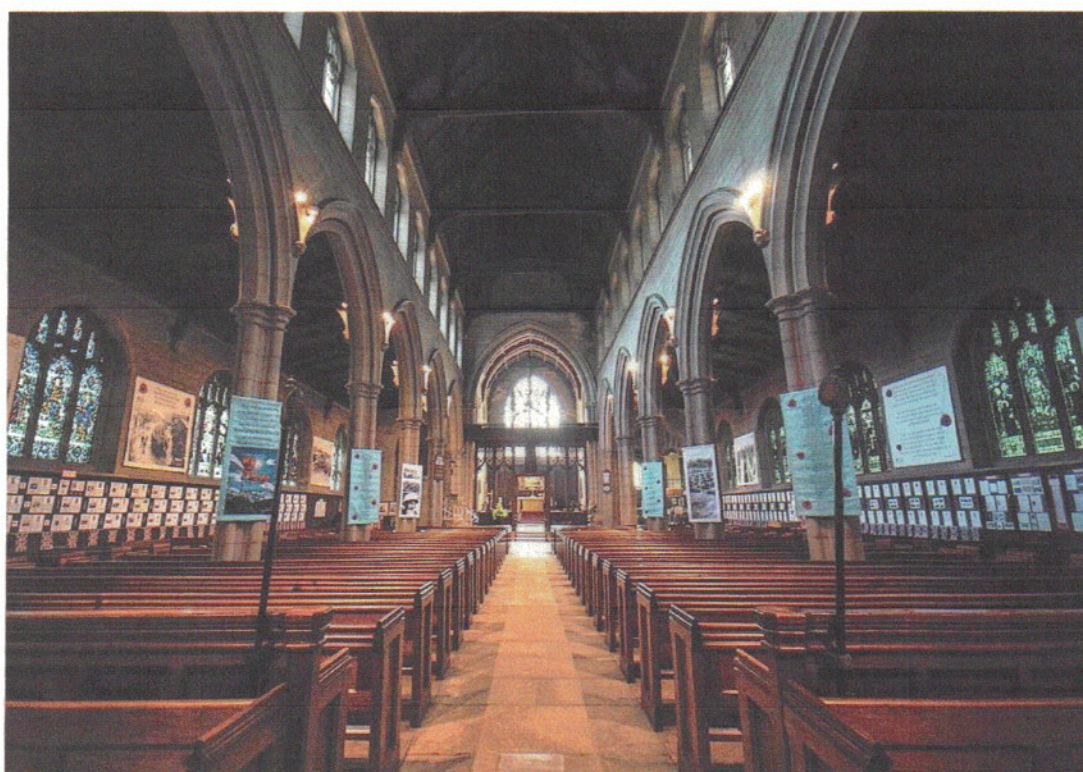


St Bartholomew's Church Marsden

Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2018



*St Bartholomew's Church: The final year of our Marsden Remembers Project
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Administrative Information

St Bartholomew's Church is situated on Church Lane, Marsden. It is in the Huddersfield Deanery and the Anglican Diocese of Leeds.

The correspondence address during the Interregnum is The PCC Secretary, 4 New House, Reddisher Road, Marsden, Huddersfield, HD7 6NF.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2011) and a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

The Independent Examiner is Mrs Sharon Turner, ACMA.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1 January 2018 until the date of this report was approved are:

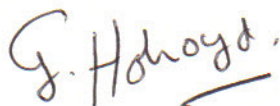
Ex Officio members:

- Incumbent: The Revd Robin Townsend (Chairman, until his retirement from the ministry at 31 July 2018)
- Wardens: Mrs Valerie France
Mrs Carolyn Hansom
- Member of General Synod: Mrs Alison Fisher
- Member of Diocesan Synod: Mr David Corps (Secretary and Deanery Representative)
- Mrs Pat Burgess (Treasurer and Deanery Representative)

Elected Members:

- Mrs Audrey Armitage
- Mr Gordon Bruce
- Mrs Susan Everill
- Dr Geoffrey Holroyd (Lay Chairman)
- Ms Helen Royston
- Mrs Fiona Thornhill (until 22 April 2018)
- Mrs Doreen Ward (until 22 April 2018)

Approved by the PCC on 13 March 2019 and by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 7 April 2019 and signed on their behalf by Geoffrey Holroyd, Lay Chairman.



Signed.....

As requested at the 2011 Annual Parochial Church Meeting, the Minutes of the previous Vestry Meeting and Annual Meeting are set out below.

St Bartholomew's Church, Marsden, Huddersfield

Vestry and Annual Parochial Church Meetings held on Sunday, 22 April 2018 in the Parochial Hall

Present: 38 Parishioners, per the attendance sheet attached.

Apologies for absence were received from:

Chris Breakey, Jane Dias, Don and Dorothy Lodge, Sharon Turner (Independent Examiner).

Vestry Meeting for the election of Churchwardens

Revd Robin Townsend, who opened the meeting with prayer, was in the Chair.

There being only two valid nominations for the two posts, the Chairman declared Valerie France and Carolyn Hansom duly elected as Churchwardens for the coming year.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on Sunday, 22 April 2018 in the Parochial Hall

Revd Robin Townsend (RT) in the Chair.

1. Report on the Changes in the Electoral Roll since the last Annual Meeting

David Corps (DC), the Electoral Roll Officer, reported that, sadly, three of our members had died during the past year. Three new members had applied to join the Electoral Roll and thus, following the annual revision of the Roll, the number on the Roll still stands at 102. Any regular church attenders not on the Roll were encouraged to speak to David about membership after the close of this meeting.

2. Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2017

The Chairman referred to the Minutes of the previous annual meeting and reported that they had been approved for accuracy at the PCC meeting on 3 May 2017. It was proposed by Doreen Ward, seconded by Gordon Bruce and **agreed** that the Minutes be accepted. He asked if there were any matters for discussion from these Minutes – Rosemary Blease asked if a new Safeguarding Officer had been appointed – yes, David Corps appointed by PCC on 3 May 2017.

The Chairman then referred to the various individual reports that made up the total document.

Chairman's Report – RT felt hopeful and optimistic about the coming together of our parish with St James, and hoped that we would continue to work closer together in preparation for the coming of a new shared priest after RT's retirement; he urges us to keep up the good work in moving forward and co-operating together. Val France (VF) felt that we had all been faced with no choice but for the two churches to work together and she thanked RT, on behalf of the church, for his work in bringing us together under circumstances that had not been easy. RT asked that we remember him in our prayers as he prepares for retirement in July.

Churchwardens' Report – no questions, but RT expressed his gratitude to Carolyn Hansom (CH) and Val France (VF), as well as to David Corps (DC) and Pat Burgess (PB) for their help.

Secretary's Report – no questions; DC - this reflects the business side of running the church.

Deanery Report – DC reiterated that Deanery Synod was keen to have input from the parishes regarding matters they felt to be important, such as the decision to let empty clergy houses to asylum seekers, a matter which had come in part from our parish. Rosemary Blease asked about the situation with the family presently living in our vicarage and attending church regularly; CH confirmed that there were in fact 6 people living there. RT confirmed that vicarages are owned by the Diocese, which prefers to work in partnership with other organisations, such as DASH, and between whom all such arrangements are made.

Safeguarding – DC confirmed that he had taken over this role and that any safeguarding concerns should be addressed to him or if preferred, to the relative Diocesan contact; he reaffirmed the importance of dealing with any issues correctly, as could be seen from failures to do so in recent high profile situations nationally.

Marsden AODS – No questions; Kath Snooks (KS) reported that there was still much work to do on the theatrical lighting, which was currently on hold, and encouraged members to support the Society, especially with their upcoming play.

Fundraising Report – no questions

Financial Report – PB highlighted the unpaid amount of the 2017 parish share; Alison Fisher asked if St James had similar problems and if this might affect the Diocese's decision regarding a new priest. RT confirmed affirmative to both questions. Asked if the share would decrease with the appointment of a half-time priest, PB explained the present share was for a half-time priest and had been for many years. She requested that as many members as possible consider committing to making a regular monthly payment in lieu of "collection on the plate" to support the church. KS proposed a vote of thanks to PB.

RT thanked everyone who had produced the reports; it was proposed by Enid Ackroyd, seconded by Kath Snooks and **agreed** unanimously that the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2017 be and are hereby approved.

3. Election of PCC members:

There being five valid nominations for eight posts, the Chairman declared the following duly elected to PCC for the forthcoming year -

Audrey Armitage
Gordon Bruce
Susan Everill
Geoffrey Holroyd
Helen Royston

RT thanked Fiona Thornhill and Doreen Ward, both of whom were stepping down, for their work in the past on PCC.

4. Appointment of Sidesmen:

The existing list was read out; Doreen Ward wishes to stand down. RT asked for any further volunteers. There being none it was proposed by Alison Fisher, seconded by Enid Ackroyd and **agreed** unanimously that the following be elected en bloc to office for the forthcoming year -

Gordon Bruce, Wayne Cavanagh, Susan Everill, Val France, Joan Ladbrooke, Bunny Lonnon, Jean Pennington, Helen Royston.

The Chairman thanked the Sidesmen for their work in welcoming people into the church. Particular thanks were expressed to Jean Pennington who is present every week.

5. Appointment of Independent Examiner

Sharon Turner, ACMA, had acted as Independent Examiner for the 2017 accounts and was willing to stand again for the current year. It was proposed by Carolyn Hansom, seconded by Jenny Mitchell and **agreed** that Sharon Turner be appointed Independent Examiner for 2018. The meeting expressed its thanks to Sharon for her work.

6. Any Other Business

The Chairman asked for any further discussion items.

Kath Snooks asked for an update on the pews that have been removed and are presently in the baptistery; PCC had made the decision to apply for a full faculty, which had been recently granted, to permanently remove the pews. Some would be re-sited, but there would be an excess; the work would be carried out shortly. KS was concerned that the church was permanently removing furniture that had been donated in memory of earlier worshippers. PCC felt that we sometimes had to make difficult decisions to enable worship to develop in the present age.

7. Date of the 2019 APCM

No date was set for the 2019 Vestry and Annual Parochial Church Meetings.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with the Grace.

Lay Chairman's Report for 2018

The simplified Communion Service, which was introduced on the first Sunday in December 2016 and which includes an option for Baptism, continued in use on the first Sunday of the month throughout 2018. The new Service Booklet, which was introduced early in 2017, continued in use for most of the other Sundays.

The Communion services on Tuesdays have continued with help from Revd Mike Gartland.

The usual "special events" have taken place throughout the year. The Christmas Concert with Marsden Band and Colne Valley Male Voice Choir, Christingle and other Christmas services (including use of the church by the village schools) offered hospitality to many people.

Thank you to Jon and the St Bart's Music Group for supporting the worship with a mixture of contemporary and traditional music styles, and to the bell ringers for telling the village that we are in business Sunday by Sunday.

On the subject of special services, we have had 7 Baptisms during 2018 – 6 children and 1 adult - and 7 marriages.

Junior Church continued although with a smaller number of children. Thank you to the leaders and helpers for your contribution to this valuable work.

Carolyn continues her work as Bereavement Co-ordinator, as sick visitor, as Weddings Co-ordinator and as Verger at weddings and funerals.

The Magazine continued throughout 2018. Our thanks go to the production team for continuing this important and time-consuming task. Our thanks go to Doreen Ward and Helen Royston for producing the weekly information sheets for the first seven months of the year. Audrey Armitage continues to provide information for our Facebook page, and Pat Burgess and others maintain our website and publish our activities on Facebook.

Alan Muskett has continued as Parochial Hall Manager and cleaner throughout the year. A special thank you also goes to Gail Moorhouse as Hall Booking Co-ordinator, another very important role.

Our regular fundraising events took place – 'stalls and cafe' on Cuckoo Day, the Christmas Fayre, and our Open Gardens trail around the village in July. The Parochial Hall was hired out by the Jazz Festival Committee for the weekend, but we held a successful 'Coffee, Cake and Jazz' event in the Church.

The Marsden Remembers exhibition came to a conclusion with a special Remembrance Service for the end of the First World War on 11 November. The service was led by the Archdeacon of Halifax and included the usual uniformed organisations and a Deputy Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire read the lesson. Our thanks are due to all the people who organised this successful effort over the five summers since 2014 and to all the people who supported it in a variety of ways.

During 2018 we welcomed 445 visitors into church for the Marsden Remembers exhibition, and 170 over the Heritage Open Days Weekend in September – a total of 3,044 over the five year period - our thanks to all those who helped to welcome people on these occasions.



Remembrance Day 2018

In July Revd Robin Townsend retired from his posts of Vicar of Slaithwaite with East Scammonden and Priest-in-charge of Marsden. A Farewell Service, which included all his congregations, took place at Marsden on 29 July followed by a lunch in the Parochial Hall at which thanks for his ministry were expressed.

The parishes then moved into interregnum which continued for the rest of the year and into 2019. The complex process of finding a new priest began in 2018 and is on-going. For most Sundays we were blessed with a variety of visiting clergy, which added a valuable breadth to our worship.

I would like to thank the Churchwardens and PCC. I have already mentioned Carolyn's roles; Valerie is our Baptism Co-ordinator and both our Churchwardens have responsibility for the care of the building. David Corps is our secretary and Safeguarding Officer and Pat Burgess our treasurer and minute secretary; the fruits of her labours can be seen in these reports.

There are lots of people working tirelessly behind the scenes to whom we owe thanks - the flower arrangers, the cleaners, the people who make the tea and coffee, the sidespeople, and those who read the scriptures and lead the intercessions.

Sadly our financial revenues do not cover all our expenses. The fund-raising committee tries in a variety of ways to bridge the gap. I would like to thank all the members of this group for the important work they do, and all the people who support them in their efforts

In 2018 several members of our church family have passed on and will be sorely missed – Joan Biggs, Renee Brice, Brian Mitchell and Alan Wray.

I would like to thank all those who, in whatever capacity, help to make St Bartholomew's a welcoming and worshipful place. I hope that we can continue to do so throughout the interregnum.

God bless you all.

Geoff Holroyd
Lay Chairman

Churchwardens Report for 2018

We knew that 2018 would bring changes and challenges. The first and main one was preparing for the retirement of our vicar Robin Townsend in July. This would mean going into vacancy which we knew was never going to be easy. In December we received confirmation that we are officially a Joint Benefice with St James Slaithwaite and East Scammonden (Shred Chapel). We had started holding shared events soon after Robin's arrival. We are continuing to work together to benefit and promote the worship and unity of the Upper Colne Valley. Exciting times!

Services

On Mothering Sunday we had a combined service at St James's and a shared Eucharist on Maundy Thursday. On Good Friday St James's came to us for a Service of Meditation in the evening. We said our goodbyes to Robin on the 29th July at a rather low-key service (Robin's choice), which included St James's of course, and a presentation was made to him. This was followed by a lovely buffet lunch in the Parochial Hall. It had been decided to use St Bartholomew's because of the parking and the size of the hall.

Jon, our organist, plays for us every week, with support from our music group on the first Sunday, but on the 3rd Sunday of each month he is fetched to play at St James's as well. Since the vacancy began we have been very fortunate in obtaining the services of mainly retired priests to lead our Sunday Eucharist. We are very grateful to them all.

In June two delegates went to the Lay Conference in Harrogate. The questions discussed were general as to how we see the parish and its work at present, and looking to the future.

During the year Revd Martin Lowes started two short courses in spring and autumn in Slaithwaite called Oasis. This included a faith lunch, prayers and discussion. Several attended from St Bartholomew's and enjoyed it, and are hoping to attend further courses in 2019.

In October Renée Brice sadly passed away. She had been a life-long member of St Bartholomew's and most of her adult life she was in charge of our flower ladies.

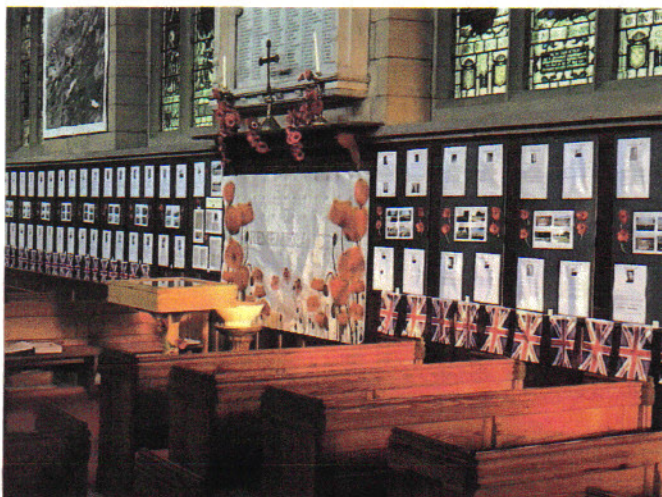
We would just like to say a big thank you to everyone who has worked so hard over the past year for St Bartholomew's. A lot of this work goes on behind the scenes, and of course the work load doubles during a vacancy.

Church

Regarding the pews that had been removed in 2017, the long ones have now been re-positioned, making the nave look more inclusive, and some of the shorter ones sold. We now have good facilities for disabled members in church. We have been told by the two ladies using wheelchairs how they feel part of the congregation now they are able to use the spaces provided.

We are still unable to move forward with repairs to the damaged mosaic at the east end of the church. Advice in the past all points to the problem being one of damp caused by the drainage system around the church building. Progress has been made this year. Drains have been inspected, plans drawn up, and estimates given. These are in the region of £31,000. The Planning Committee are now looking into obtaining a grant towards this work. A faculty for this work will be applied for in 2019.

Once again the church was used as a venue for the Jazz Weekend following the success of last year's concert. This year two bands gave concerts in church on the Saturday and one on the Sunday. Both were a great success attracting many visitors. On the Saturday we served coffee/tea and cakes in the Baptistry for which people were very generous with their donations.



Our final Summer Exhibition of WW1 included the biographies of all our local soldiers who lost their lives in the conflict, plus the history of Marsden during that period. This all culminated in a special Service of Remembrance on 11th November 2018 attended by many people and included dignitaries. This was followed by a buffet in the Parochial Hall.

Part of our Marsden Remembers Exhibition in 2018

The Christmas Tree Festival

Christmas in church

Christmas started with an excellent concert given by Colne Valley Male Voice Choir and Marsden Silver Prize Band. This concert has become somewhat of a tradition in the village and was a great success. Our third Christmas Tree Festival was another good community event. Visitor numbers increased and we had 27 trees on display. Several people asked if we could open the church again for people to view the trees, which we did the following Sunday after the new innovation of Carols by Candlelight.



Once again our Christingle Services were a success, with over 700 people attending the two services. These were led by Revd Val Clarke.

Midnight Mass was, as always, a very spiritual service. This was led by Revd Mike Gartland who also officiated at our Christmas morning service, which was enjoyed by some of our regular congregation and visitors alike

A big thank you to Mike and to Val Clarke for leading these services.

Church Yard

The clearing of the church yard has continued throughout the year, progress has been slow but as many will have noticed the area around the church gates has now been opened up letting in more light.

Kirklees has removed some of the broken and rusted church railings which were considered a health and safety issue. We are continuing working alongside Kirklees to address issues like broken stonework on paths and damaged steps.

As many will have seen the church yard railings have started to be painted, this has been done by Gordon Bruce who kindly volunteered to take on this job. He has done an excellent job so far. Thank you, Gordon.

Parochial Hall

Alan Muskett continues to do an excellent job cleaning and maintaining the hall.

Estimates have been received for some of the stone work at the hall; this work will be carried out in 2019.

We look forward to 2019 with confidence when hopefully a new priest will be appointed!

**Carolyn Hansom
Valerie France
Churchwardens**

Secretary's Report for 2018

Your PCC has had very busy year in 2018; during the year, it met 12 times to discuss normal PCC business, and once to appoint the officers and standing committee.

In October we met with the Bishop and Archdeacon to discuss the proposed new Joint Benefice of Marsden with Slaithwaite and East Scammoden, which came into being on 1st December 2018, and again with the Bishop in December to discuss and clarify potential future developments within the parish.

On pastoral matters we discussed and arranged five joint services with St James' Church – in January, on Mothering Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and at harvest; we also organised our usual two joint services with the United Church.

Arrangements for children in Junior Church are discussed by a sub-committee and are brought to the full PCC regularly; we agreed to subscribe to the "Roots for Church" website, which gives access for our Junior Church Leaders to educational resources for the children.

Just before Easter we arranged to hand out to passers-by in the village, cards giving Easter greetings and details of the Holy Week and Easter services; in late summer we considered the feedback of our two participants of the Diocesan Lay Conference held in Harrogate, on the subject of mission.

On more practical matters, we discussed the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), with two of our number attending training sessions led by the Diocese. This resulted in the mailshot at the end of the year to coincide with the six-yearly re-write of the church electoral roll, and which will ensure our compliance with this new law.

Accounts are brought to the PCC each month for discussion, and are displayed on the notice board at the back of church, once approved by the PCC.

As always, our two buildings take up much of our discussion time; much is discussed at the buildings sub-committee and brought back to PCC. Quotations have been received and accepted for the provision of a ring drain around the church to alleviate the damp; this work will be dependent upon faculty consent and grant funding. The repositioning of the pews and the installation of handrails in the ambulatory – work initiated in the previous year – have been completed. Issues with the sound system have been discussed at length, and appear to have been rectified.

Churchyard matters have included everything from the provision of grit bins, the painting of railings, the problem of the lack of lighting, and safety issues which are now the responsibility of the local Council – path clearing, repairing of access steps and the ever present Japanese knotweed.

We have also sought and accepted quotations for the rebuilding of the pillar and repairs to the gable at the south east corner of the Parochial Hall.

With the retirement of Revd Robin Townsend at the end of July, much of the PCC's time is now taken up with matters relating to the vacancy and the recruitment process, involving discussions with the Bishop, Archdeacon and of course with our counterparts at St James Church.

The PCC receives regular updates from both Deanery and Diocesan Synods throughout the year.

David Corps
Secretary

Deanery Synod Report for 2018

Pat and David continued to serve as members of Huddersfield Deanery Synod through the year. Our three-year term of office ends in 2020. We are still Deanery treasurer (Pat) and secretary (David).

Synod met three times, all jointly with our neighbouring deaneries of Almondbury and Kirkburton. We heard from Graeme Bigg of the Diocesan Children, Young People and Families team; Richard Noake, Diocesan Director of Education about changes to education work in the diocese; and Karin Shaw, Diocesan Advisor for Fresh Expressions of Church.

The diocese is planning to reform the Deanery structure, and the most likely plan is to merge Almondbury, Kirkburton and Huddersfield Deaneries. As part of this, the post of Area Dean of Kirkburton has not been filled after the Revd Joyce Jones resigned from the role, the work being taken on by the Area Deans of Huddersfield and Almondbury instead.

One advantage of the new system is that it makes it easier to attract interesting speakers to larger gatherings. As was the custom in the other two deaneries, most meetings are open to all to attend – please look out for the posters.

We continue to be on the lookout for ideas from parishes we can put forward and support as resolutions to the Diocese. Our vacant vicarage in Marsden was put to use giving asylum seekers somewhere to call home as a result of one such resolution. If you have any good ideas on how the Church can make a difference, please let us know.

David Corps (Deanery & Diocesan Synod rep)
Pat Burgess (Deanery Synod rep)

Parish Electoral Roll Report 2018

Every six years, a completely new Electoral Roll needs to be drawn up. 2019 is one of those years: everyone needs to reapply. If you were on the Roll in 2018, you should have had a letter about this in December.

At the time of writing, the old roll stood at 102 members. We know this included a few people who have moved away and not kept in touch, so the new roll is likely to be smaller. It will be available a couple of weeks before the annual meeting. Please check to ensure you're on!

If anyone wants to add their name please do ask. The forms for admission to the roll are available from me or from the Church Porch. They include a description of who can be admitted to the electoral roll, but in general terms you need to be:

16 or over;

baptised into the Church of England, or a similar church; and

have worshipped with us for six months, or live in the parish

It's always good to keep our membership roll up to date, so please let me know of any changes to addresses, anytime through the year.

Following the changes to data protection legislation last year, we need your consent for some mailings that aren't linked to church elections, such as details of church activities and the like. It won't always be possible to use the electoral roll data for this. If you want to check (or change) how and when we contact you, please ask myself or Pat Burgess.

Under data protection legislation, we have a legal obligation to prepare and publish an electoral roll for use in connection with the annual meetings and Church elections. By asking to go on the roll, you agree to this. If that causes any concerns, please have a word with me:

Please ask me if you want further information, and I'll be happy to talk you through.

David Corps
Electoral Roll Officer

Safeguarding Report for 2018

Few of us can have avoided the stories in the national media about the hurt caused when safeguarding has been inadequate. St Bartholomew's has adopted the Diocesan policy on safeguarding, and this is available on the notice board at the rear of the church.

We continue to check our church volunteers are suitable to work with children and vulnerable adults, where their duties take them into contact with those parishioners. I'm grateful to the understanding of those who offer themselves for these roles, of the need for the additional administration.

However, this is only part of the process to ensure we have a church which is safe for all, where everyone is treated with respect. If there are any situations that cause you concern, please let me know so that they can be addressed. If you prefer to raise issues with someone outside of the parish, details of the Diocesan contacts are on the notice board at the rear of the church, and on the Diocesan website www.leeds.anglican.org/safe. If someone's at immediate risk of harm, please don't hesitate to call Kirklees social services, or the police.

David Corps
Safeguarding Officer

Marsden Parish Church Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society Report for 2018

2018 has been a good year for the Operatic. We started off in May with a brilliantly written play called "Where is the Life" - very thought provoking but funny. We also held our AGM at that time. The musical in October was Hairspray, another absolutely wonderful show with a marvellous cast.

On to 2019 and we start off with the play "The Vicar of Dibley" which should be a good laugh. The musical in October will be "Addams Family"; it will be the first time this has been performed around here so we feel very happy that we have been allowed the licence for this, especially as it is going back onto the professional stage.

We took part in the Christmas Tree Festival in Church again and hope this event continues to grow from strength to strength.

We hope that we can look forward to your continued support.

Kathleen Snooks
MPCAODS Treasurer

Fundraising Report for 2018

This year's fundraising has been the first since the death of our good friend, Mabel, in December 2017. Mabel commanded the kitchen on these occasions with great energy, experience, efficiency and a lot of fun! Apart from the team's emotional loss of a close friend, we did wonder how we would manage without her. Others have rallied round, and we are very grateful to them for the time that they have put in, especially in the kitchen – we couldn't have managed without you.



Our first fundraising event of the year was, as usual, on Cuckoo Day when we opened up the Parochial Hall for our "Cafe & Stalls". It's a long and tiring day, and always hard work. But with everyone's help and good humour we made a clear £901, just a little more than the previous year.

The ever popular home-made cakes stall!



And preparations at the salad bar

On 15 July we held our 7th Annual Open Garden trail – can you believe it's Opening been going since 2012? This year we decided to extend the refreshments from "tea and biscuits", and with generous donations of cakes from our congregation we opened up the Hall to provide a bigger spread. This was very successful – more so than expected as Val and Pat were run off their feet. Beautiful weather yet again, and the whole event raised £881 – more than any previous year. Our thanks to all the gardeners who work so hard to put on such a lovely display, to all who donated cakes, put up the signage and helped in any way with preparations and on the day.

The Jazz Festival Committee again booked our hall for the whole weekend, bringing concerts into the heart of our church community, including a ticketed concert in Church on the Sunday. Val and Doreen, together with a small group of volunteers, again organised "Coffee, Cake & Jazz" in church on the Saturday morning, which made £330 for church funds.

On 24 November, the children of Junior Church opened our annual Christmas Fayre; the weather was not brilliant and we were again up against other events in the village. The (mostly) ladies who work in the kitchen at this event and do much preparation in advance, always put on a really beautiful lunch, and this year was no exception – many thanks to them all. We managed to raise £1,500, up again on 2017.



Opening the Christmas Fayre in November

The Christmas Tree Festival at the beginning of December, whilst not a formal fundraising event, did raise £100 in donations from the mulled wine and mince pies – many thanks to everyone who worked so hard at that event. A further £115 was donated the following week when we remained open for mulled wine and mince pies after the 'Carols by Candlelight' service.

Val's daughter Helen and a small team organised two table top sales in the hall and raised £312.50 for church, with similar funds going to another charity.

Our final fundraiser of the year was our annual Christmas Concert, with Marsden Silver Prize Band and Colne Valley Male Voice Choir. Despite atrocious weather on the night, we were close to a capacity audience and the total net 'profit' was a magnificent £2,914, an increase of £521 on 2017; this was shared equally with the Band.

Finally – thanks go to everyone who has helped in any way with all of the above; and to all of you who have supported our various events – thank you - we hope that you have enjoyed them! Needless to say, if you feel able to help the Team in any way, please do come forward!

The Fundraising Team

Financial Report for 2018

The first page of the Accounts gives a broad overview of the church's financial situation; the second page sets out the statement of the church's assets, along with a breakdown of our designated and restricted funds. The following three pages of notes give the detailed breakdown of the headlines from the first page. Corresponding figures for 2017 are shown to the right of the double line, along with the differences.

There are always some one-off receipts and payments which skew the annual figures; 2018 was no exception.

At the end of 2018, the church's income totalled £101,695 (£73,771 in 2017), an increase of £27,924 (37.85%) – almost all of which can be accounted for by receipt of a legacy of over £24,600. The other significant increase in receipts is £8,507 under the heading of 'Income from Church Activities', made up in part by £8,895 in the accounts of the Operatic Society – their increase being the result of them performing two shows instead of only one in 2017.

Grouping together regular income received from church members in cash collections, freewill offerings and bank standing orders we see a small increase £443.

Grants by their nature vary annually, and are down on last year, when we received the last of the Roof Repair grant and a grant from the Bishop's Development Fund, neither of which appear in 2018 accounts.

Fundraising receipts were up slightly by £484 (5.5%) and corresponding costs of fundraising were down by £220 (6.3%).

The total payments for the year were £80,656 (£79,775 in 2017), a small increase of £881 (1%).

We raised and sent an additional £395 for various charities during the year.

We have three major expenses each year – the parish share, fuel and insurance: We paid £17,299 of our parish share – 61% - leaving £11,000 unpaid; this was only achieved by paying £4k from our "savings". Last year's payment was £8,188 (27.5%). With all other bills met, the £11k represents our shortfall for the year.

The total paid for gas, electricity and water rates for both buildings was £11,577, a reduction on 2017 of £2,404 (17%). Our insurance total was also slightly reduced at £10,746.

General maintenance and graveyard costs are down considerably but these costs in 2017 were unusually high due to AODS work on the stage, and the cost of tree work on the drive. AODS production costs were also higher in 2018, due to the additional performance.

Our total funds at the end of 2018 stand at £51,411 of which £12,463 is held in the Flower, Fund, Bell Ringers and AODS accounts. Of our total funds, £8,489 is 'restricted' and £12,528 is 'designated', leaving £30,394 free funds; this latter figure is £18,497 more than at the end of 2017, due in great part to the legacy mentioned above. Analysis of these sums is given on page 15 of the accounts.

The notes accompanying the accounts (pages 14 to 18) give the full breakdown of all the above figures.

On behalf of the Church I would again like to record thanks to the rest of the finance team for their continued work in recording finances - Geoffrey Holroyd, Joan Bradbury, David Corps and Kath Snooks. Thanks are also due to the fundraising team and all of those involved in fundraising, whose hard work helps to keep the church open.

Pat Burgess
Treasurer



A busy day on Cuckoo Day



The Christmas Stall at the Christmas Fayre


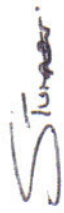


Enjoying our Open Gardens trail



A lovely view of St Bartholomew's in full summer - courtesy of Steve Hall

St Bartholomew's Church, Marsden											
Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2018											
	General Funds	Parochial Hall	Designated	Restricted	Graveyard (Restricted)	Flower Fund (Restricted)	Bell Ringers A/C	Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society	Total for 2018	Total for 2017	Difference to date
Receipts											
Voluntary Income:	46,837	400	494	4,618	600	1,006	0	2,000	55,955	37,062	18,893
Activities for Generating Funds:	9,375	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9,375	8,876	499
Income from Investments:	33	0	0	0	0	1	16	0	50	25	25
Income from Church Activities:	5,235	14,193	0	0	0	0	355	16,532	36,315	27,808	8,507
Total receipts:	61,480	14,593	494	4,618	600	1,006	371	18,532	101,695	73,771	27,924
Payments											
Mission and Charitable Giving:	0	0	0	3,933	0	0	0	0	3,933	3,538	395
Church Activities:	40,762	13,066	1,239	5,503	535	736	681	14,400	76,921	75,785	1,136
Costs of generating voluntary income:	3,345	389	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,734	3,990	-256
Governance Costs:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Payments:	44,107	13,455	1,239	5,503	535	736	681	14,400	80,656	79,775	881
Excess (-Deficit) of Receipts over Payments	17,373	1,139	-745	-885	65	270	-310	4,132	21,039	-6,004	27,043
Bank Account balances at 1 January 2018.	11,046	843	1,864	7,861	387	783	5,020	2,568	30,372	36,379	(at 1/1/17)
Bank Account balances at 31 December 2018	28,419	1,982	1,119	6,976	452	1,053	4,710	6,700	51,411	30,375	(at 31/12/17)


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St Bartholomew's Church, Marsden					
Statement of Assets at 31 December 2018					
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	2017
Cash Funds					
Bank Current account	1,020	0	0	1,020	868
Bank General Reserve	29,375	1,118	7,435	37,928	21,132
Flower Fund Cash	0		1,053	1,053	783
Bell Ringers Building Society account	0	4,710	0	4,710	5,021
Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society	0	6,700	0	6,700	2,568
	30,394	12,528	8,489	51,411	30,372
	11,897	9,451	9,024	30,372	
Investment Assets					
None	0	0	0	0	
	0	0	0	0	
Breakdown of Designated and Restricted Funds					
Bellringing Fund		4,710			2017
Flower Funds			1,053		5,021
Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society		6,700			783
Balance for Notice Boards		361			2,568
Fabric			5,651		361
Graveyard		118	452		6,521
Marsden Remembers' Donations		639			551
Bishop's Development Fund			1,332		1,339
		12,528	8,489		1,332
	2017	9,451	9,024		18,476

Notes	General Funds	Parochial Hall	Designated	Restricted	Graveyard (Restricted)	Flower Fund (Restricted)	Bell Ringers	Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society	Total for 2018	Total for 2017	Difference to date
1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis											
2. Receipts and Payments Analysis:											
2a. Voluntary Income:											
Donations via Bank - Gift Aided	5,680								5,680	5,540	140
Freewill offering - Gift Aided	1,109								1,109	1,188	-79
Income Tax Recovered	3,161					233			3,394	3,438	-44
CAF	1,860								1,860	1,800	60
Donations via Bank - NON-Gift Aided	1,156								1,156	816	340
Freewill offering - NON-Gift Aided	1,582								1,582	1,724	-142
Cash Collections	2,493								2,493	2,368	125
Gift Day	1,541								1,541	1,743	-202
Grants - Marsden Remembers/Cuckoo's Nest/Bishop's Dev Fund	0		494	0	600			1,000	2,094	3,372	-1,278
Grants - LPOW Roof Repair Fund	0			0					0	4,070	-4,070
Regular Donations (incl AODS subscriptions)	1,162							300	1,462	750	712
Irregular Donations	1,749	400		700			0	700	3,549	4,786	-1,237
Junior Church	0								0	0	0
Easter and Christmas Flowers	0								535	445	90
Wedding Flowers	0					535			0	210	-210
Legacies & In Memoria	24,754					0			24,992	660	24,332
Mission donations (UK)	0			2,159		238			2,159	1,722	437
Mission donations (Overseas)	0			1,759					1,759	1,816	-57
Church coffee	542								542	586	-44
Candles	48								48	28	20
	46,837	400	494	4,518	600	1,006	0	2,000	55,955	37,062	18,893
2b. Activities for Generating Funds:											
Parish Magazine - advertising	150								150	135	15
Christmas Fair	2,702								2,702	2,515	187
General fundraising	6,523								6,523	6,226	297
	9,375	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9,375	8,876	499

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	General Funds	Parochial Hall	Designated	Restricted	Graveyard (Restricted)	Flower Fund (Restricted)	Bell Ringers	Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society	Total for 2018	Total for 2017	Difference to date
2. Receipts and Payments Analysis:											
2c. Income from Investments:											
Bank int	33					1	16	0	50	25	25
	33	0	0	0	0	1	16	0	50	25	25
2d. Income from Church Activities:											
Fees:											
Weddings	2,334						210		2,544	5,167	-2,623
Funerals	2,507						5		2,512	2,267	245
Heating for Weddings/Funerals	350								350	0	350
Registrar	6								6	24	-18
Peal Fees	0						140		140	0	140
Parish Magazine Sales/donations:	38								38	14	24
Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society:											
Receipts from Performances								14,328	14,328	5,433	8,895
Miscellaneous receipts								2,204	2,204	1,605	599
Hall Rent Income:											
Brownies		200							200	414	-214
Marsden Kids' Club		7,443							7,443	7,439	4
Yorkshire Avalanche Dodgers		1,470							1,470	1,236	234
Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society		2,047							2,047	1,208	839
Morris Dancing		665							665	425	240
Belly Dancers		599							599	654	-56
Church Fundraising		300							300	416	-116
Sundry rents		1,470							1,470	1,506	-36
	5,235	14,193	0	0	0	0	355	16,532	36,315	27,908	8,507



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2. Receipts and Payments Analysis:	General Funds	Parochial Hall	Designated	Restricted	Graveyard (Restricted)	Flower Fund (Restricted)	Bell Ringers	Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society	Total for 2018	Total for 2017	Difference to date
2e. Church Activities - Mission and Charitable Giving:											
Bread Basket (UK Charities)				894					894	637	257
Children's Society				637					637	805	-168
Royal British Legion				644					644	280	364
Gideons				0					0	0	0
Leprosy Mission				75					75	63	12
Christian Aid				871					871	882	-11
Other overseas mission				0					0	202	-202
Bread Basket (Overseas Charity Work)				813					813	671	142
Sub-total	0	0	0	3,933	0	0	0	0	3,933	3,540	393
2e. Other Church Activities:											
Parrish Share	17,299								17,299	8,188	9,111
Diocesan Fees	1,622								1,622	2,851	-1,229
Clergy expenses	368								368	378	-10
Locum clergy	0			0					0	124	-124
Vicarage (Gardens from Graveyard funds pro temp)	0		0						0	-199	199
Hall grounds	0		45						45	75	-30
Fuel, Water Rates	7,038	4,539							11,577	13,981	-2,404
Insurance	8,330	1,967						449	10,746	10,802	-56
Cleaning	0	3,084							3,084	2,524	560
Major Repairs	0	2,368		1,570					3,938	3,973	-35
Organ maintenance	0								0	616	-616
General maintenance	1,642	1,019					661	0	3,342	7,813	-4,471
Altar Requisites	40								40	127	-87
Candles	285								285	229	56
Mothering, Palm & Easter Sundays, Christingle, Remembrance Day, etc	103								103	362	-259
Marriage Booklets, Baptismal cards, etc	0								0	55	-55
Music - Licences, Subscriptions, etc	292								292	283	9
Organist	2,100								2,100	2,050	50
Deputy Organist	0								0	0	0
Flowers	0					724			724	1,149	-425
Training	29			0					29	179	-150
Junior Church	108			0					108	160	-52
Magazine printing	0								0	92	-92
Upkeep of Graveyard	0				535				535	2,818	-2,283
Printing & Stationery	711	15							726	483	243
Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society:											
Productions costs	0								0		
Miscellaneous - Marsden Remembers	0		1,194					12,548	12,548	9,588	2,960
Miscellaneous	793	74		0		13	0	1,403	1,194	223	971
Total	40,762	13,066	1,239	5,503	535	736	661	14,400	76,921	75,787	1,134
2f. Costs of generating voluntary income:											
Gift Day	60								60	55	5
Christmas Fair	1,193								1,193	1,157	36
General fundraising	2,028								2,028	2,289	-261
Freewill Offering envelopes	44								44	53	-9
Lotteries/Entertainment Licences	20	389							409	436	-27
	3,345	389	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,734	3,990	-256

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of St Bartholomew's Church, Marsden.

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31st December 2018 which are set out on pages 14 to 18.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement


My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no 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; or
 - 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 a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



(signed)

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Date: 19/03/2019.....

