



Annual Meeting of Parishioners & Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 30th April 2023 at 11.30am

ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of 2022 meeting to be approved
3. Election/Appointment of Churchwardens

APCM AGENDA

- Minutes of 2022 meeting to be approved.
- 2022/23 Reports
Written reports appear in the booklet. Questions are welcome.
- Financial Report.
- Appointment of an Independent Examiner.
- Election of **three** Deanery Synod Representatives to serve for **three** years.
- Election of up to **four** lay PCC members to serve for **three** years and **one** PCC member to serve for **one** year.
- Any Other Business...
... including date for first PCC meeting of new session.

Minutes of St Luke's APCM held on 3rd April 2022

MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

Gillian Tyler was in the chair and the meeting opened with prayer.

1. **Apologies for absence:**

Chris Boyd, Dave Boyd, Lynn Comer, Mark Comer, Greg Hoyland, Hattie Leigh, Marjorie Sharp, Sharon Stinson, Ian Turner, Madge Turner, James Tyler, Lesley Wilkinson.

2. **Minutes of the 2021 meeting to be approved**

The minutes of the 2021 meeting were agreed as an accurate record.

Proposed: Colette Longbottom, *Seconded:* Eileen Wishart
and approved by the meeting.

3. **Election/appointment of two Churchwardens –**

Two nominations have been received:

Colette Longbottom –

Proposed: Liz Davies,

Seconded: Steve Adams.

David Titterington-Cook –

Proposed: Steve Adams,

Seconded: John Longbottom.

Approved by the meeting. They were therefore appointed as churchwardens.

Andy Village thanked Colette and David for their hard work.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Colette Longbottom was in the chair.

1. **Minutes of the 2021 meeting to be approved.**

The minutes of the 2021 meeting were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

Proposed: Mike Tyler,

Seconded: Alfreda Alderson

approved by the meeting.

2. **Electoral role officer's report.**

As reported in the APCM booklet there are now 106 members on the Electoral Roll. We have had five new members added, four members who have died and twelve members who have left, six of these have moved away, five are now worshipping at a church nearer to where they live and one has been ordained. This is a decrease of 11 from last year.

3. **2021/22 Reports**

Questions were invited on the reports in the APCM booklet.

Colette explained that we don't have enough money to complete the building project at the moment but we have set up a fund-raising group and are applying for grants and planning various fund-raising events.

Colette repeated her thanks to the retired clergy who have worked hard covering services and have provided many inspiring sermons. She asked

everyone to remember John Bradbury-Ratcliffe our organist who sadly died last year. She thanked Helen and Peter Warry who organise the music for Sunday services and have arrange for organists to cover each week. She also thanked Mark Comer for Grapevine Lite, posters, flyers and all his artwork and Sally Maybridge for her help with technical matters.

Sarah Daniel asked what progress there was on getting a new Priest in Charge. Colette explained that this depends on the results of the Living Christ's Story consultation and we don't expect to hear anything until this is completed. A representative of the Diocese will be invited to the next PCC meeting to update us on any progress. The PCC has offered to make the Vicarage available for Ukrainian refugees if the Diocese are in agreement. The Vicarage is owned and managed by the Diocese.

Community Engagement report – Liz Davies suggested that if people receive a council tax rebate which they don't need they might consider donating it to Luke's Larder as the need for this service increases.

Welcome and Inclusion report – Tina encouraged everyone to read the articles in April's edition of Grapevine Lite about Pride and Open Table.

4. Financial Report 2021 and Presentation of Accounts for Approval

The accounts were presented and questions invited.

Dave Pownall asked what the accounts are like when the legacy and building fund are taken out. Colette explained that we are breaking even but, at the moment, are unable to pay our charitable giving when it comes due. We will pay this if our financial position improves.

Sarah Daniel proposed that the meeting accept the accounts. Seconded by Dave Pownall and approved by the meeting.

Colette thanked Dave Boyd for all his hard work as Treasurer.

Dave Boyd asked for the following thanks to be minuted in his absence:

Many thanks to Steve Logun for being our Examiner once again and also to Andrew Metcalf for all the help given to me in setting up the new Church laptop. I am very grateful.

5. Appointment of Independent Examiner

Appointment of Independent Examiner

Gillian Tyler proposed Steve Logun as the Independent Examiner for next year, seconded by Dave Pownall. Steve indicated in advance of the meeting that he was willing to continue. The meeting agreed that he be appointed as independent examiner.

6. Election of one Deanery Synod Representative to serve for one year

Due to the resignation of Dan Grayson, there was a vacancy for a Deanery Synod representative.

Nominations were received for:

Ted Schofield

Proposed by: Mark Robinson,

Seconded by: Sarah Robinson.

This candidate was approved by the meeting.

7. Election of up to four lay PCC members to serve for three years.

Nominations were received for:

Alfreda Alderson

Proposed by: Linda Turpin,

Seconded by: Cynthia Leach.

Liz Davies

Proposed by: Colette Longbottom,

Seconded by: Liz Village.

Jenny Gwynne

Proposed by: Chris Boyd,,

Seconded by: Marjorie Sharp.

Phoebe Power

Proposed by: Stewart Graham,

Seconded by: Hattie Leigh.

These candidates were approved by the meeting.

8. Any Other Business

Colette asked if anyone would like to volunteer to be a sidesperson. We will send out an email with a role description and ask for volunteers who will then be approved by the PCC.

St Luke's will offer the church hall for Ukrainian refugees to use as a place to meet with each other if this is needed and we hope to offer practical support for any refugees settling in the area.

- **First meeting of PCC** – After the APCM and then on the Saturday 7th May at 9.30am.
- **Church Wardens' Visitation dates** – TBC.

Andy Village closed the meeting with prayer.



The cast and set of the 2022 York Mystery Plays production – Herod and the Magi



St Luke the Evangelist Burton Stone Lane, York

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

Incumbent: Vacant
Bank: Co-operative Bank
 Manchester M60 1GP
Independent Examiner: Mr Steven Logun
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By God's grace St Luke's seeks to be a praying community, caring in Jesus' name for those with whom we live and work and, empowered by the Holy Spirit, sharing God's love and the reason for the hope that is within us.

St Luke's Church, Burton Stone Lane, York Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

St Luke's Church is in Burton Stone Lane, York. It is part of the Diocese of York within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St Luke's Vicarage, 79 Burton Stone Lane, York, YO30 6BZ.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is registered with the Charity Commission. Charity Registration number 1185506

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2022 until the date this report was approved are:

Vicar:

Deacon: The Revd Liz Carrington

Reader: Lynn Comer

Wardens: Colette Longbottom
David Titterington-Cook

*Representatives on the
Deanery Synod:*

Sally Maybridge
Tina Pownall
Ted Schofield (from April 2022)

Elected members:

Steve Adams
Alfreda Alderson
Mark Comer
Liz Davies
Stewart Graham
Jenny Gwynne
Hattie Leigh
Anne Lockett
Phoebe Power (from April 2022)
Marjorie Sharp
Gillian Tyler
Liz Village

Electoral Roll

There are **107** people on the Church Electoral Roll, of whom **41** are resident within the parish and **66** non-resident.

We have had **15** new members added, **4** members who have died and **10** members who have left. This is a increase of **1** from last year.

PCC Review of the Year

The PCC held four full meetings during the year, one of which was a full day PCC meeting in July. There were seven additional short meetings and two online meetings via email.

At the four full PCC meetings we had the fixed agenda items covering fabric, finance, safeguarding, Deanery Synod and any updates from our various groups and teams. Our main topics for discussion this year have been the plans for the building work on the church hall, finances, the vacancy, Green Group matters and inclusivity.

St Luke's Safeguarding policies were reviewed and agreed by the PCC in January 2023.

St Luke's PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

After the disruption during 2020 and 2021 this was a year when St

Luke's really opened up again. As well as our regular children's groups and Joyful Connections, Tuesday Club, Luke's Larder and outside! In all meeting again, we held Lent and Advent courses and some one-off opportunities for reflection. It was nice to hold all our major services again like our Mothering Sunday service, Easter services, Harvest Festival, St Luke's Tide, Remembrance Sunday and our Christmas services. Many of these included the four-part choir and contributions from our children.

During the year the Green Group organised the Great British Spring Clean, Big Butterfly Count and a Green Christian Day in September which was attended by many people from other churches.

There were some great one-off events. In May the Pathfinder Group went on a weekend away to the Emmaus Centre at Wydale then in June St Luke's took part in York Pride and the York Mystery Plays. In October we held a curry night followed by a quiz night in November. In December we held a Christmas Fair when 60 children got to visit Father Christmas and we raised around £1,400 towards the Building Fund.

If you want to find out more about what goes on at the PCC meeting, please ask a member of the PCC or alternatively why not consider standing as a PCC member?



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST YORK**

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1185606

Set out on pages

9 to 16

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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

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

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

**Independent
examiner's statement**

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants and The Association of International Accountants.

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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

30 March 2023

Name:	Steve Logun
Relevant professional qualification(s)	ACMA CGMA AAIA
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	Pocklington
	East Riding of Yorkshire
	YO42 2PL

Parish Church of St Luke the Evangelist, York

End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 31st December 2022

REPORT

Once again, another challenging year. The aftermath of Covid and lockdowns, only to be hit more recently with a sharp increase in overheads with energy costs reaching an all-time high. Reserves in the General Fund now stand at £22,317 which is an improvement over recent years, in part due to Gift Aid being accrued to the end of 2022 and due for payment May or early June 2023.

INCOME

Planned giving, in the form of Bank Payments, Stewardship and the new Parish Giving Scheme have held up well, despite my gloomy forecast last year of a possible reduction of over £4,000. An increase in monthly giving from the established members of St Luke's and a growth in the congregation has ensured that the reduction was limited to around £200.

The Donations and Appeals for the Community Hub raised an amazing £26,500 with a further £2,090 for Luke's Larder. There was also £1,700 from smaller donations including those from the newly acquired Card Reader.

Financial support for Luke's Larder by regular Standing orders has reached £180 per month giving a total of £2,700 per annum including Gift Aid.

St Luke's Tide Gift Day saw donations of £5,840 which this year was allocated to the General Fund.

The Grants we received this year were £1,650 from the Ward Committee for Grapevine, £2,000 from York Diocese to help towards our Energy Costs and an Arts Grant of £500 to cover most of the Mystery Play expenses.

We received the final instalment of the John Brown's Estate amounting to £8,488 and a further £11,310 following the death of Marjorie Edgar.

Gift Aid received and accrued for 2022 including the Parish Giving Scheme amounted to £15,812 for the General Funds and £8,792 for the Restricted Funds.

Since the end of Covid restrictions we have seen an increased use of the Hall with lettings of £1,865, an increase of £1,220 over the previous year.

The Christmas Fayre, Curry Night, The Last Cuckoo – a one-man play, and the Quiz Night generated just over £3,000 for the Community Hub.

Interest from our Investments with the Flagstone Group amounted to £1,611 plus accrued interest of £918.

EXPENDITURE

As always, the largest item of expenditure is the Freewill Offering which this year was £61,560, no increase from the previous year. The offering for 2023 has been reduced to £55,560 but will be reviewed by the PCC as and when finances allow.

Gas and electricity for the Church and Hall amounted to £6,435 an increase of £2,627 over the previous year.

Apart from the increase in Energy Costs there are few significant items of note. Upkeep of services and Church

Maintenance are down. A sum of £400 was spent on a new Laptop for the Treasurer but this sum was donated by two members of the congregation with Gift Aid to help towards the cost of the Microsoft Licence for the first year.

The cost of the screens in Church and the new entrances was £103,000 and was covered by the Legacy Fund.

RESERVES POLICY

The Diocesan benchmark for Reserves is four times the monthly unrestricted expenditure which would mean a level of around £26,000. Our current reserves fall short of this figure, but the PCC will always make it a priority to replenish whenever possible.



Joyful Connections Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning - September 2022.

Receipts and Payments Account

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts						
Voluntary Income						
Planned Giving	59,576	—	510	—	60,086	59,768
Collection at services	1,622	—	465	—	2,088	939
Donations	1,491	—	29,079	—	30,571	21,785
Gift Day	5,840	—	—	—	5,840	68
Grants	2,000	—	2,150	—	4,150	10,300
All other giving/voluntary income	881	19,798	—	—	20,679	185,252
Gift Aid recovered	18,066	—	8,792	—	26,858	29,385
Activities for Generating Funds	1,977	—	3,034	—	5,011	1,134
Investment income	2,210	1,778	3	—	3,992	126
Church Activities	1,365	—	328	—	1,693	1,049
Other incoming resources	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total receipts	95,032	21,576	44,364	—	160,972	309,810
Payments						
Church activities						
Free Will Offering	61,560	—	—	—	61,560	61,560
Clergy and Staffing	1,757	—	—	—	1,757	1,608
Church running expenses	11,851	—	4,094	—	15,945	12,546
Hall running costs	3,114	—	—	—	3,114	1,977
Church Major Repairs	—	103,171	—	—	103,171	19,359
Hall Major Repairs	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mission giving & donations	—	—	—	—	—	6,500
Cost of generating funds	1	—	4	—	5	—
Costs of generating voluntary income	24	—	—	—	24	—
Fundraising Trading costs	3	—	1,016	—	1,019	—
Investment management costs	—	469	—	—	469	281
New Building Work	—	—	—	—	—	3,253
Total payments	78,313	103,641	5,114	—	187,069	107,087
Excess of receipts over payments before transfer	16,719	(82,065)	39,249	—	(26,096)	202,723
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	—	7,091	—	7,091	20
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	—	(7,091)	—	(7,091)	(20)
Excess of receipts over payments before other gains / losses	16,719	(82,065)	39,249	—	(26,096)	202,723
Net movement in funds	16,719	(82,065)	39,249	—	(26,096)	202,723
All assets at 01 January 2022	7,208	323,013	78,800	—	409,021	206,298
All assets at 31 December 2022	23,927	240,948	118,049	—	382,925	409,021
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General fund	23,927	—	—	—	23,927	7,208
Designated						
Building Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
Legacy Fund	—	240,648	—	—	240,648	322,713
Mission	—	300	—	—	300	300
Restricted						
Building Fund	—	—	5,833	—	5,833	12,924
CAC Travel	—	—	—	—	—	—
Community Fund	—	—	280	—	280	280
Community Hub	—	—	106,913	—	106,913	62,128
Flower Fund	—	—	47	—	47	103
Green Group Fund	—	—	218	—	218	159
Luke's Larder	—	—	1,686	—	1,686	873
Magazine Fund	—	—	2,460	—	2,460	1,485
Mission	—	—	(24)	—	(24)	(24)
Mums & Toddlers	—	—	—	—	—	—
Music Fund	—	—	479	—	479	416
PRIDE	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sunnydene	—	—	—	—	—	—
Youth Fund	—	—	154	—	154	454

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Journals	Closing
PRIDE - PRIDE							
Restricted	—	253	253	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for PRIDE	—	253	253	—	—	—	—
MAGS - Magazine Fund							
Restricted	1,485	1,650	675	—	—	—	2,460
Sub-total for MAGS	1,485	1,650	675	—	—	—	2,460
COMMUNITY - Community Fund							
Restricted	280	—	—	—	—	—	280
Sub-total for COMMUNITY	280	—	—	—	—	—	280
Mission - Mission							
Designated	300	—	—	—	—	—	300
Restricted	(24)	—	—	—	—	—	(24)
Sub-total for Mission	275	—	—	—	—	—	275
Green - Green Group Fund							
Restricted	159	137	78	—	—	—	218
Sub-total for Green	159	137	78	—	—	—	218
CAC - CAC Travel							
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for CAC	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lukeslard - Luke's Larder							
Restricted	873	3,472	2,658	—	—	—	1,686
Sub-total for Lukeslard	873	3,472	2,658	—	—	—	1,686
General - General fund							
Unrestricted	7,208	95,032	78,313	—	—	—	23,927
Sub-total for General	7,208	95,032	78,313	—	—	—	23,927
FLOWER - Flower Fund							
Restricted	103	(55)	—	—	—	—	47
Sub-total for FLOWER	103	(55)	—	—	—	—	47
YOUTH - Youth Fund							
Restricted	454	382	682	—	—	—	154
Sub-total for YOUTH	454	382	682	—	—	—	154
MUSIC - Music Fund							
Restricted	416	63	—	—	—	—	479
Sub-total for MUSIC	416	63	—	—	—	—	479
BUILDING - Building Fund							
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted	12,924	—	—	(7,091)	—	—	5,833
Sub-total for BUILDING	12,924	—	—	(7,091)	—	—	5,833
COMMHUB - Community Hub							
Restricted	62,128	37,948	254	7,091	—	—	106,913
Sub-total for COMMHUB	62,128	37,948	254	7,091	—	—	106,913
Legacy - Legacy Fund							
Designated	322,713	21,576	103,641	—	—	—	240,648
Sub-total for Legacy	322,713	21,576	103,641	—	—	—	240,648
SUNNY - Sunnysdene							
Restricted	—	512	512	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for SUNNY	—	512	512	—	—	—	—
MUMS - Mums & Toddlers							
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for MUMS	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Grand total	409,021	160,972	187,069	—	—	—	382,925

Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Bank current account -	(8,427)	6,420	25,755	—	23,747	4,280
CCLA (CBF) deposit account -	21,580	63,494	1,263	—	86,338	85,516
Flagstone Investment Management -	1,610	170,115	—	—	171,726	220,489
Totals	14,763	240,029	27,018	—	281,812	310,287
Current assets - Debtors						
Accounts Receivable -	11,704	918	5,664	—	18,287	14,660
Totals	11,704	918	5,664	—	18,287	14,660
Current assets - Investments						
Methodist Chapel Aid Ltd -	—	—	85,000	—	85,000	85,000
Totals	—	—	85,000	—	85,000	85,000
Liabilities - Agency accounts						
Agency collections -	—	—	(366)	—	(366)	128
Totals	—	—	(366)	—	(366)	128
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year						
Loans received -	100	—	—	—	100	—
Accounts Payable -	2,440	—	—	—	2,440	797
Totals	2,540	—	—	—	2,540	797
Grand total	23,927	240,948	118,049	—	382,925	409,021

Analysis of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Last year
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INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

Voluntary Income - Planned Giving

Gift Aid - Bank	47,464	—	510	—	47,974	56,361
Gift Aid - Parish Giving Scheme	9,027	—	—	—	9,027	940
Gift Aid - Envelopes	835	—	—	—	835	987
GAYE	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other planned giving	2,250	—	—	—	2,250	1,480
Total	59,576	—	510	—	60,086	59,768

Voluntary Income - Collection at services

Loose plate collections	1,622	—	465	—	2,088	939
Total	1,622	—	465	—	2,088	939

Voluntary Income - Donations

Donations Appeals etc. - Gift Aid	592	—	28,711	—	29,303	20,370
Donations, Appeals etc. - Other	815	—	167	—	982	1,415
Donations SumUp	84	—	201	—	285	—
Total	1,491	—	29,079	—	30,571	21,785

Voluntary Income - Gift Day

Regular Gift Days - Gift Aid	3,760	—	—	—	3,760	68
Regular Gift Days - Other	2,080	—	—	—	2,080	—
Total	5,840	—	—	—	5,840	68

Voluntary Income - Grants

Recurring grants	—	—	1,650	—	1,650	—
Non-recurring one-off grants	2,000	—	500	—	2,500	10,300
Total	2,000	—	2,150	—	4,150	10,300

Voluntary Income - All other giving/voluntary income

Giving through church boxes	—	—	—	—	—	1
Refreshments	881	—	—	—	881	251
Gifts of quoted securities	—	—	—	—	—	—
Legacies	—	19,798	—	—	19,798	185,000
Total	881	19,798	—	—	20,679	185,252

Voluntary Income - Gift Aid recovered

Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	15,812	—	8,792	—	24,604	29,150
Tax Recovered - Parish Giving Scheme	2,254	—	—	—	2,254	235
Total	18,066	—	8,792	—	26,858	29,385

Activities for Generating Funds

Other funds generated	—	—	—	—	—	—
Coffee Mornings, Concerts & other events	37	—	3,027	—	3,064	305
Sunnydene Income	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bookstall sales - fund raising	—	—	7	—	7	—
Church hall lettings - fund raising	1,865	—	—	—	1,865	745
Magazine income - advertising	—	—	—	—	—	—
Photocopy sales	75	—	—	—	75	84
Total	1,977	—	3,034	—	5,011	1,134

Investment income

Dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bank and building society interest	2,210	1,778	3	—	3,992	126
Rent from lands or buildings	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	2,210	1,778	3	—	3,992	126

Church Activities

Fees for weddings and funerals	1,315	—	—	—	1,315	1,011
Bookstall sales to promote objectives	—	—	—	—	—	5
Church hall lettings - objectives	—	—	—	—	—	—
Parish magazine sales	—	—	—	—	—	—
Children's Work	—	—	20	—	20	32
Pathfinder Weekend	50	—	308	—	358	—
Activity Week	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	1,365	—	328	—	1,693	1,049

Other incoming resources

Insurance claims	—	—	—	—	—	—
Surplus - sales of fixed assets	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—

INCOME TOTAL	95,032	21,576	44,364	—	160,972	309,810
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EXPENDITURE

Church activities - Free Will Offering

Stipends Quota	—	—	—	—	—	—
Free Will Offering	61,560	—	—	—	61,560	61,560
Total	61,560	—	—	—	61,560	61,560

Church activities - Clergy and Staffing

Assistant staff costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
Salary of Organist	1,700	—	—	—	1,700	1,550
Salary of PA to Incumbent	—	—	—	—	—	—
Salary of parish administrator	—	—	—	—	—	—
Salary of Community Worker	—	—	—	—	—	—
Working expenses of incumbent	—	—	—	—	—	34
Council tax	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vicarage Costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vicarage Water	—	—	—	—	—	(6)
Parsonage - water	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vicar's telephone	—	—	—	—	—	30
Visiting speakers	57	—	—	—	57	—
Total	1,757	—	—	—	1,757	1,608

Church activities - Church running expenses

Training	—	—	—	—	—	—
Parish training and mission	—	—	2,658	—	2,658	2,155
Children's Work	—	—	99	—	99	42
Activity Week	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pathfinder Weekend	—	—	582	—	582	—
Church running - insurance	2,226	—	—	—	2,226	2,137
Church office - telephone	268	—	—	—	268	318
Photocopier Service	477	—	—	—	477	411
Photocopier Lease	1,060	—	—	—	1,060	1,060
Organ / piano tuning	265	—	—	—	265	265
Church maintenance	945	—	—	—	945	1,295
Cleaning	—	—	—	—	—	25
Upkeep of services	655	—	—	—	655	1,129
Upkeep of churchyard	—	—	78	—	78	—
Administration	602	—	—	—	602	266
Refreshments	350	—	—	—	350	178
Church running - electric	960	—	—	—	960	681
Church running - gas	4,037	—	—	—	4,037	2,576
Church running - water	—	—	—	—	—	—
Church running - oil	—	—	—	—	—	—
Church running - heating and lighting	—	—	—	—	—	—
Magazine expenses	—	—	675	—	675	—
Governance costs examination/audit fee	—	—	—	—	—	—
PCC Meeting Costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	11,851	—	4,094	—	15,945	12,546

Church activities - Hall running costs

Hall running - oil	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hall running - electricity	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hall running - gas	1,438	—	—	—	1,438	551
Hall running - insurance	1,162	—	—	—	1,162	1,115
Hall running - maintenance	233	—	—	—	233	16
Hall Running - Cleaner	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hall running - telephone	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hall running - water	150	—	—	—	150	164
Hall running - heating and lighting	130	—	—	—	130	130
Total	3,114	—	—	—	3,114	1,977

Church activities - Church Major Repairs

Church major repairs - structure	—	—	—	—	—	170
Church major repairs - installation	—	103,171	—	—	103,171	19,189
Church interior and exterior decorating	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	103,171	—	—	103,171	19,359

Church activities - Hall Major Repairs

Hall + major repairs - structure	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hall + major repairs - installation	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hall + interior and exterior decorating	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other PCC property upkeep	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—

Church activities - Mission giving & donations

Giving to Missionary Societies	—	—	—	—	—	1,620
Giving - Relief and Development Agencies	—	—	—	—	—	—
Home Mission	—	—	—	—	—	3,660
Secular Charities	—	—	—	—	—	1,220
Total	—	—	—	—	—	6,500

Cost of generating funds

Bank Charges and Fees	1	—	4	—	5	—
Total	1	—	4	—	5	—

Cost of generating funds - Costs of generating voluntary income

Fees paid to fund raisers	—	—	—	—	—	—
Costs of applying for grants	—	—	—	—	—	—
Costs of stewardship campaign	24	—	—	—	24	—
Total	24	—	—	—	24	—

Cost of generating funds - Fundraising Trading costs

Costs of Coffee Mornings & other events	3	—	503	—	506	—
Sunnydene Payments	—	—	512	—	512	—
Bookstall costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	3	—	1,016	—	1,019	—

Cost of generating funds - Investment management costs

Investment management costs	—	469	—	—	469	281
Total	—	469	—	—	469	281

New Building Work

New building parsonage house	—	—	—	—	—	—
New building house for curate	—	—	—	—	—	—
New building Church	—	—	—	—	—	—
New building Hall	—	—	—	—	—	3,253
Total	—	—	—	—	—	3,253

EXPENDITURE TOTAL	78,313	103,641	5,114	—	187,069	107,087
GRAND TOTAL	16,719	(82,065)	39,249	—	(26,096)	202,723

St Luke's Churchwardens Report to the APCM 2023

CHURCH FABRIC AND CONTENTS

The wardens conducted the annual review of the terrier and inventory on 1st February 2023 and all items have been accounted for. The lightning conductor, electrical inspection and fire extinguisher test are all up to date. The insurance has been renewed. The three glass tell-tale slides installed over cracks within the church building (detailed in the last quinquennial report) show no evidence of movement.

There are further works that will be required following the quinquennial inspection and to address problems that will inevitably arise in a large old building. To that end the Building Group has met to consider the quinquennial report's references to window work and repointing that is of priority and the wardens have sent an enquiry to glaziers recommended by our architect and are identifying builders to approach for costings for repointing work. The aim of any works will be to ensure safety and weatherproofing. Quotations for work will be presented to the PCC as they become available.

Work on the chapels is completed and some snagging issues have been resolved.

We had a serious failure in the Church heating in November, this has been resolved. Annual inspection of the heating will now be phased for the spring / summer to avoid needing engineer visits in the busy autumn/ winter period.

The last year has been the first full year of normality since 2018/2019 as the government officially removed all restrictions in March 2022. We continue to monitor final returns to normality such as the use of the common cup.

CHURCH LIFE AND ATTENDANCE

Church numbers in attendance continue to climb back towards pre pandemic levels. Attendance on Sunday mornings usually exceeds 50. We continue to see new members on a weekly basis. We would like to acknowledge the impact that our outsideIN group has had in the growth we have seen.

Finances continue to be very tight, with energy costs eating up significant amounts of cash. Sadly, at the autumn review we were unable to reinstate our charitable giving. This was suspended to help to balance our budget last year. The contribution to the Diocese has been reduced this year to compensate for the deficit in last year's budget.

Luke's Larder remains in operation every Wednesday. Its presence in the community is now even more important than in the past, with significant numbers benefiting from the help it brings. The wardens would like to thank the Luke's Larder team for all their hard work week in week out.

VACANCY

The suspension of our Vacancy was finally lifted on the 1st February 2023 and the PCC has now elected its two representatives to be part of the interview panel. Our parish profile and advert has been in circulation with the aim of shortlisting in mid-March and an interview on 28th March. With the lifting of the suspension the PCC through its wardens resumes its normal responsibilities for the vicarage which will require inspection and cleaning before the new vicar arrives. With the grace of God, by the time this report is published we will have a new incumbent waiting to join us.

ADVENT AND LENT

The church community has been able to hold Advent and Lent groups. Lent was used as an opportunity to participate in Living in Love and Faith under the guidance of helpful and inspiring speakers. The SENT group headed by Christine Tuck aided by many inspiring volunteers took us through Advent reflections. By the time we meet, another Lent course will have been led by our SENT Group.

THE BUILDING PROJECT

The PCC set out a programme of fundraising to find a way to complete the building project. We have received limited grant assistance and charitable donations from private individuals and have enjoyed some wonderful fundraising evenings. In addition, we received a legacy from the estate of Marjorie Edgar who was a regular attendee at church and at our Joyful Connections sessions.

Despite everyone's best efforts we are still some way off funding the original proposal and are still looking and praying for a way forward.

It became clear to the wardens and PCC that the building project as currently devised was becoming unaffordable. The costs of building are escalating, and inflation will eat away at the values of the funds we have available. The PCC, assisted by Dave Pownall and with the advice of our architect are therefore exploring ways of getting what we can for our cash. It is hoped that by the time we meet there will be more information available to share.

TREASURER'S RETIREMENT

The wardens would like to give a very big thank you to Dave Boyd who earlier this year stood down as Treasurer. St Luke's

owes Dave a great debt of gratitude for everything he has done over very many years to keep our finances on the right track. We are grateful to Sally Maybridge for agreeing to step into the breach and the Treasurer's shoes.

RETIRING PCC MEMBERS

Anne Lockett and Hattie Leigh have reached the end of their term with the PCC. They have been a great help and we thank them for their time and significant contribution.

SOCIAL LIFE OF THE CHURCH

- Some fund-raising activities have given us the opportunity to meet each other and other members of our community. Events included a curry night in October (thanks to Liz Carrington), a quiz night in November (thanks to Mike Tyler) and a successful Christmas and craft fair in December where 60 children were able to have an audience with Father Christmas at a very affordable price. We are grateful to Santa for taking time out of his busy schedule to enthral the children with his maps and travel plans for Christmas Eve night. The success of this event was also due to the talents of our congregation who baked, sewed, made gifts and knitted to furnish the stalls. The Green Group found loving homes for pre-loved items and generously provided gifts fuelled an epic raffle draw.
- In summer, many of us were able to join the Pride day in the sunshine and will hopefully do so again this year.
- Due to a lack of numbers, the PCC was unable to proceed with this year's parish weekend at Scargill House and we are looking for a date in Autumn 2025. There are no suitable dates available in 2024.

THANK YOU

In the absence of an incumbent, we would like to thank all those who have helped keep our church alive during this long vacancy:

- our worship team
- our music leaders and choir who crowned our Christmas and Easter celebrations and enrich our Sunday worship
- our flower arrangers who never let us down with their creativity
- those who read and lead our prayers
- our welcomers and sidespeople
- those who lead our Children's Liturgy and Explorers
- Mark for producing Grapevine and keeping a lovely photographic record of church and community life
- our Coffee Rota volunteers
- our verger whose dedication to the church is exemplary
- our retired and other clergy who have volunteered on the rota organised by Lynn Comer to lead our services
- our volunteers who lead and run Luke's Larder
- Tina and Dave for running outsideIN
- those who volunteer to run the sound desk.
- Marjorie for being custodian of the Church Hall and the income it brings.
- all those who pray for the St Luke's community.

**Colette Longbottom and
David Titterington-Cook
Wardens**



Mothering Sunday 2022

Deanery Synod Report for the APCM 2023

Background: York Deanery Synod comprises members of the clergy and elected members of the laity from churches in York. The Synod elects clergy and laity to represent the York Deanery on the Diocesan Synod. Lay members of Deanery Synod also have the important task of electing lay representatives from the diocese to serve on the General Synod of the Church of England.

The St Luke's Deanery Synod representatives are Sally Maybridge, Tina Pownall and Ted Schofield. Sally is also a Lay member of the Deanery Leadership Team. We have met three times over the past year.

- In June 2022, we met at Heslington Church hosted by Canon Linda Ali on behalf of Fr Adam Romanis, the vicar. The main focus was on the draft York Deanery Plan. Sally introduced the draft plan on behalf of the Deanery Leadership Team (DLT) setting out the three areas which had shaped the planning approach as follows:

Within – Building up the Body of Christ. Looking at life within each parish/worshipping community.

Beyond – Being Christ's body to the world. Looking at how we interact with the world beyond the church.

Between – Connecting the members of the Body of Christ across the Deanery and beyond.

Looking at how to encourage working together between churches. We had time in groups to discuss the plan and provide feedback on what is already happening in our parishes, what we felt could be achieved in the next 5 to 10 years and what resources we would need to support us.

- In July 2022 we again met at Heslington Church hosted by Fr Adam Romanis. Bernadette Burbridge, who is sub warden of lay readers gave a short talk to introduce herself and her work across the Deanery. The proposal to extend Bernadette's license to the whole of York Deanery was met with approval.

Sally and Catherine Reid gave an update on the Deanery Map which is an ecumenical map of all churches within the York Deanery. It is an excellent resource and can be accessed at www.bit.ly/YorkChurches

Finally, we spent time in groups discussing the Deanery Plan. I am pleased to say that amendments that both Sally and I put forward on behalf of St Luke's particularly related to inclusion were included in the plan. It was given broad approval and a formal vote will take place later in the year.

- The January 2023 meeting was held at Bishopthorpe Palace and featured a presentation by Sam Nicol, who was appointed the Diocesan Director of Strategic Transformation in November 2022. Her role will be to facilitate delivering the Diocesan vision to 'Live Christ's Story'. This is something that we all need to own and be involved in at St Luke's Community with our new vicar. There was discussion in groups about the Deanery Plan and the challenges to implementing this which were fed back to Sam at the meeting. If anyone would like to see the plan, please ask Sally or Tina and we will email you a copy.

If you have any questions about the work of Deanery Synod, please feel free to chat to any of us.

Tina Pownall

Safeguarding Report for the APCM 30th April 2023

At the PCC meeting held on 14th January 2023 the parish policies on safeguarding were updated and agreed, and the new documentation is on display in the church hall. Two posters with contact details are being updated and will be on display in the church and the church hall, and the parish website is also being updated due to slight changes in information.

Over the course of the year all PCC members, the welcomers, helpers at Luke's Larder and with the children's groups, as well as leaders of the church groups that meet at St Luke's, have completed the new Confidential Declaration Forms issued by the Diocese. There are plans to hopefully re-start the Activity Week in the summer and these helpers will also be asked to complete this document if they have not already done so.

There has been a meeting to consider additional helpers with the children's groups which will involve the Safer Recruiting procedures, as well as the Toddler Group which has been re-started on Monday mornings in the church hall led by Helen Gant and helpers, both positive developments in growing the work with the children of the parish again.

All activities sponsored by St Luke's Church (ie participation in Pride weekend, the Pathfinders' weekend at Wyedale, the Christmas Fair, etc) have been risk-assessed and given PCC approval.

The one area that needs improvement is for all persons needing to renew their safeguarding training, which now needs to happen every three years, to be able to complete this. Support has been given to some people to help them with this training, and it would be my goal to have 100% completion by the time of the APCM.

*Liz Village
Parish Safeguarding Officer*



Andrew Harrison who presented 'The Last Cuckoo' in August with Sharon Stinson.

Annual Reports to the APCM

St Luke's Community Hub Project

Project Lead: Dave Pownall

Phase 1

The work on Phase 1 of the project was completed mid-May 2022. This included a new porch to the Lady Chapel with level access into the nave of the church; remodelling of the main entrance door on Burton Stone Lane with oak external doors and glazed internal doors; and the installation of new glazed screens within the chancel/sanctuary arches. These modest improvements have made a huge impact on the accessibility of our church building, the flexibility of its use, and the improvement to the 'look' and attractiveness of our building viewed from Burton Stone Lane.

There are a couple of issues with the design/construction of Phase 1 which are being pursued with our architect. The first is the lack of handrails at the side of the steps down from the chancel into the side chapels; and the second is the threshold bar across the new external doors causing difficulties for wheelchair users.

Phase 2

A 'perfect storm' of Brexit, the pandemic and Russia's invasion of Ukraine has created a hiatus in the construction industry, causing massive impacts on the cost and availability of construction materials. The availability of significant grant funding has also been elusive causing an ever widening gap between the cost of the Phase 2 building works and the funds that we have available. The Building and Fundraising Groups met in September

2022 to try and identify what might be achievable given that we had a significant amount of money in the bank, albeit insufficient to achieve the original specified project. We agreed to investigate things further on three fronts.

1. Could we construct the part of the project (Phase 2A) which included the groundworks, the Barracks end of the building and the link between the church and hall and join the truncated existing hall building to the new build? This would achieve a large part of the vision of the original project – a new catering standard kitchen, accessible toilets, a new accessible entrance to both the church and the hall and a secure link between the two buildings, whilst retaining the existing hall space on a temporary basis. The replacement of the remainder of the existing hall building could be done as a Phase 2B of the original project, subject to the necessary finances becoming available.
2. A Community Interest Company called 'Dream Heritage' suggested at an ECO day held at St Luke's in autumn 2022 that they might be able to help us achieve our vision. This needed to be investigated further with Dream Heritage.
3. Could we achieve the original project using a 'modular building' approach at a cheaper cost.

The past six months have been spent looking at these possible different ways forward. Whilst progress has not been as fast as we may have liked, we have been thorough and creative in trying to establish a way forward for

Phase 2. After lengthy conversations with a modular building company in Bridlington, we have definitively ruled out a modular building approach (Point 3 above) on the grounds of cost. Whilst at the time of writing

there is no firm proposition in place, it is looking hopeful that we will soon have a credible and achievable plan (a hybrid of Points 1 and 2 above) to present to PCC. An update will be provided at the APCM.

Welcome and Inclusion Team Report

Lead Coordinator: Tina Pownall

The aim of the Welcome and Inclusion Team is to support St Luke's on our journey towards becoming a radically inclusive and welcoming community. Over the past year we have continued to work on our priorities in line with the St Luke's Plan4Growth.

- **Welcome Team** – The team have continued to be a key part of the warm and inclusive welcome that people receive at St Luke's. They welcome people when they first come into the building, and follow this up by offering to accompany them to the hall after the service and ensuring that they have the opportunity to talk with others over a cup of coffee. They are supported by all of the St Luke's family who are very good at including new people. The welcome offered by the whole church has a positive impact on our continued growth.
- **Accessibility** – Making the church buildings accessible to all, particularly those with restricted mobility, remains a high priority and is being fully integrated into the St Luke's Community Hub project. Phase 1 was completed in May 2022. Further information is outlined in the St Luke's Community Hub Project Report.
- **Signing during the services** has become a regular feature this year, especially more recently as Joel has found this a very helpful way to access the services more fully. This has also proved to be a positive way for the whole St Luke's family to express our worship to God.
- **outsideIN** – is a new worshipping community at St Luke's for LGBT+ people, their families and friends and anyone who wants to belong to an inclusive and loving community. We have continued to thrive this year. We have returned to meeting in person, although we still have one meeting a term online for those who live too far away to travel. We have been delighted to welcome clergy from within the congregation and across York to preside at our communion and have benefitted from their different spiritualities and approach. It has also been very special to encourage members of the outsideIN community to share and develop gifts of speaking, preaching, praying, hospitality and listening. It has been equally special to welcome some of the St Luke's family to our services and we hugely value your involvement and support.
- **York Pride** – after a two-year break due to Covid, it was exciting to be able to take part in Pride in June 2022. We again joined with Christians from the Minster, York Methodists, St Chad's and

St Columba's and were delighted that some from the City Centre churches joined us for the first time. We are currently in discussion with the York Pride Team and a group of church leaders regarding plans for this year and will update you through Grapevine Lite. The date for Pride this year is Saturday 3rd June 2023.

- **Living in Love and Faith –** Following the LLF course which St Luke's held in Lent 2022, many of us sent responses to the Bishops as they engaged in a process of listening and discerning what the Holy Spirit is saying and then proposing a way forward for the Church. These proposals were set out to General Synod in January and included an apology to LGBTQIA+ people for the way they had been treated by the church, an affirmation that the current

doctrine on Holy Matrimony will not change and that prayers of celebration, thanks and blessing can be offered in church for couples in committed same sex relationships, subject to agreement by the incumbent. Further work including new pastoral guidance relating to the discernment of vocation will be produced and brought to General Synod in July.

I would like to thank everyone on the Worship and Inclusion Team for their hard work and support this year. I would also like to express my personal thanks to the St Luke's family who have given special encouragement and support on our journey towards radical inclusion. If anyone else is interested in joining us or has any suggestions about how we could become more welcoming and inclusive, then please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Tina Pownall

Spiritual Enrichment and Nurture Team Report

Lead Coordinator: Christine Tuck

Spiritual Enrichment and Nurture is the responsibility of all of us, including all the groups who take forward the mission of St Luke's. The particular responsibility of SENT is to recognise and encourage all that God is about amongst us.

- The team has grown with the addition of Liz Village, Sarah and Mark Robinson and Phoebe Power all of whom have given their time generously and made very valuable contributions.

SENT would like to encourage everyone to set aside time to pray regularly for

St Luke's as we seek to appoint a new vicar.

Offerings of SENT in the last year:

- Prayer support by the prayer team. Requests for confidential prayer were made to and coordinated by Liz Carrington.
- The monthly Thursday afternoon prayer walks around the parish continue. They were initiated by Clifton Methodist church and are open to all Clifton churches. If you would like to join in, please talk to Liz Carrington.
- Lent 2022. The welcome and inclusion team offered the Living in Love and Faith Course. It was attended by over 30 people.

- Advent 2022 We offered weekly meetings, Wednesday evenings and Thursday afternoons, led by the SENT team with one by Nicola McIntosh. We looked at Advent themes including light, adventure, alive, alert, awake, attentive, and aware. Overall more than 30 people attended at least one session. The sessions were appreciated and the discussion often lively.

Going forward

In Lent 2023 we will be looking at several different Christians, ancient

and modern, attempting to see what we can learn from their lives.

We hope to reinstate the offer of personal prayer during communion.

If you have suggestions as to what else SENT might offer please speak to one of us.

Christine Tuck for SENT

Members: Liz Carrington, Sharon Stinson, Liz Village, Sarah Robinson, Mark Robinson, Phoebe Power, Christine Tuck

Report on Yourcafe – Luke’s Larder

At the 2022 report we were seeing approximately 35 people per week on a regular basis to Luke’s Larder. From the end of February 2022 until the end of August 2022 we saw a steady rise over the weeks to 50 plus people each week. Since Christmas 2022 we have seen numbers between 60 and 80 per week as the need is increasing. The other part of our organisation at Tang Hall (under the Yourcafe banner) is regularly seeing 150 plus in the queue each week of regulars and refugees.

From the end of February 2022 until the end of February 2023 we have had 2,675 customers, collecting food for 5,058 people.

We are open on Wednesdays each week 12.30-1.30pm and operate a “put some money in the jar if you can” policy and collect about £20 per week.

A total of 96% of our customers come from the Clifton Ward as opposed to the immediate Parish but there is some change to this as we are seeing a few

refugee families coming to us from their accommodation outside of the Ward.

York has recently housed some 450 refugees in temporary accommodation as part of the refugee placement scheme organised by the Home Office. Some of the clothing from St Luke’s to the collection points for Refugee Action York enabled them to provide clothing parcels for both children and adults. The collection of warm clothing and blankets organised across York last September had a stall at Luke’s Larder in early January which was literally and metaphorically very “warmly” received.

Approximately 25% of those we feed are children under the age of 16 and we have seen an increase in the number of working couples and those with families who are finding it increasingly difficult to make ends meet using the Larder.

Thanks to SF Innovations we have given out just under a hundred energy saving lightbulbs. Via York Energy Advice connected with some of our customers to enable them to obtain

help with their energy bills. The local area co-ordinator Anna Harrison has also been a great help with this and other needs that have arisen.

We continue to maintain links with the Travellers Trust and the Community Café at Marjorie Waite Court. Our surplus goes to Burton Green School who have indicated how much they appreciate this, and we continue to liaise with other food bank providers.

We subscribe to Fareshare and under the Ward Grant Scheme have secured some funding for our subscription for 2023/24. We are increasingly grateful for the monthly donations we receive from those via St Luke's that enable us to offer essential non-perishable goods to our customers.

The Construction Group BAM who are involved in flood defence works in York and the Caddick Group Construction

working next door to St Luke's have also contributed non-perishable and hygiene items to Luke's Larder. The York Hygiene Bank also delivers to us every fortnight.

We have a great group of volunteers without which we could not function, but we would like to have some more volunteers who would be able to collect food donations of 'best before' goods and customers' donations from various supermarkets by car on a Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning. If we had two or three more volunteers your turn would only come up once a month and it would relieve the pressure on those who are involved in setting up on the day as well.

We conclude by both thanking and asking you for your continued prayerful and practical support for Luke's Larder.

Sarah Daniel

Joyful Connections

Joyful Connections meets on a Friday morning from 10.30 to 12.30 in St Luke's church hall with an average of 15 people attending each week. Every week there is tea and coffee, chat, and a chance to socialise. Domino games and boccia are played most weeks and sometimes craft activities are provided.

Joyful Connections provides a warm space and friendship for the people who attend. During the last year there have been visits from Age UK, council

officials and police to talk about home safety and what services are available. Information leaflets from the Local Area Coordinator are distributed through Joyful Connections.

A party was held to celebrate Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee and at Christmas Joyful Connections had a Christmas dinner at the café at Marjorie Waite Court which was funded by Clifton Ward Committee. Thanks to Danny and Margaret, our local councillors.

Tuesday Club

Tuesday Club meets on a Tuesday afternoon in St Luke's Hall from 1pm to 4pm. Tuesday Club is a social group where people can meet together, have

a cup of tea or coffee, a chat and play bingo. About 20 people attend Tuesday Club and for some of them this is the main reason to get out of the house during the week.

Children and Youth Work

The Explorers group, for children aged 3 to 11 meets regularly on a Friday evening from 5 to 6pm and about 10 children attend.

Pathfinders, for children aged 10 to 18, meets once every half term for an activity followed by supper and a time of worship. Pathfinder Weekend Away took place in May 2022 and although numbers were low the children all had a great time with lots of activities and a trip to the seaside.

On a Sunday morning, during the 10am communion service, children go into the children's chapel during

the sermon and intercessions for their own teaching and activities. There were special family services on a morning throughout the year including Mothering Sunday, Easter, Harvest and the Crib service which the children helped at in various ways.

The 4everyone services were suspended in 2022 due to a shortage of people to help run them. We are hoping to restart these as soon as possible. Activity Week was also cancelled but we will be restarting in 2023.

St Luke's Toddler group did not run in 2022 but restarted at the start of 2023 and runs every Monday morning.

Green Group Report

We have been busy this year! Our new expanded Green Group (an answer to prayer) has ensured that care for the environment is a thread that continues to run through everything we do as a church. Each month has been marked with a green event. We joined in with the Keep Britain Tidy spring litter pick and the Big Plastic count run by Greenpeace. Especially enjoyable was the summer national Butterfly Count at the Homestead - plus picnic lunch. Tree planting at St Nick's Environment Centre and at York Community Woodland has taught us new skills. Sadly, St Luke's doesn't have much space for trees but we do now have a bee friendly garden.

'A Passion for the Earth' in September was a day to remember when the charity Green Christian and the Riding Lights drama group teamed up to invite us to discuss damage to the environment, lament and

the release of hope. Themes from the day were interpreted in dance during Sunday worship. Campaigning on environmental issues can be overwhelming. Green Group members found Jo Musker-Sherwood's online meditative workshop on burnout helpful.

In December we gathered to make eco crafts and held a Recycle and Regift stall at the Christmas Fair.

A four part Bible study from Operation Noah, 'Tenants of the King', was well attended and prompted some helpful theological reflection on our responsibilities towards planet and people and how we can respond with hope - one step at a time. Measuring our carbon footprint is the next step.

We continue to build links with other eco churches in York and keep in touch with York Environment Forum. Many thanks to all who have given their time and shared their skills.

Liz and Phoebe

