

ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, KIRKBY IN MALHAMDALE

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2013

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The Church is situated in the centre of the village of Kirkby Malham to the west of the main street. It is part of the Diocese of Bradford within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, Kirkby Malham, Skipton, North Yorkshire, BD23 4BS.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

The last Annual Parochial Church meeting was held on 17th April 2013

Except where stated all members of the PCC have served from 1st January 2013 until the date this report was approved. The members are:

Priest in Charge (Parish Priest)	Michael Jackson	(Licensed 31.10.13)
Wardens	Muriel Bland	(elected at APCM 2011)
	Gill Petrucci	(elected at APCM 2011)
	George Parker	(elected at APCM 2013)

Representatives on the Deanery Synod

Margaret Ellis Sue Harland

Elected members

Mark Ashton Gilly Marsh
Sue Bailey (Secretary) Sue Harland
Jenny Cunningham Bernadette Schutte (Vice Chair)
Chris Darling (Treasurer) Saskia Riley-Smith
Vicki Leeming (17.04.13) Margaret Ellis (17.04.13)
Mary Richardson

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

St Michael's Church will provide stimulating and challenging worship; the members will help each other grow in the Christian faith and show Christ's love in the dale and beyond.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

4 meetings of the PCC were held and the average attendance was 10 members.

Church Attendance

The Electoral Roll was totally revised in March 2013. The Roll now consists of 69 members of whom 57 are residents of the parish and 12 are non residents. 2 new names have been added, 1 person has left the district and 14 have not re-registered.

The mean adult attendance at services was 43.6 (2013 – 46.9). The median value was 28 (2012 34). These measures exclude repeat weekly attendances. Excluding weddings and funerals the total adult attendance at services was 2399 (2476 in 2012).

Development areas , thanks & acknowledgements

The PCC would like to thank all those who gave who gave their valuable time (often unseen) to progress the work of the church - to the many volunteers who have assisted with the church cleaning; the parish magazine editor, Carol Ballard; David Hargeaves and all the volunteers who took responsibility for the upkeep of the graveyard and paths, Joy Schofield for continuing the work of the 200 Club & an extra thank you to Shirley Robinson for ably supporting the Club 200. Shirley is leaving us as she is moving out of the Dale to be nearer her family. Thanks to all who have contributed to the worship leading the music and the prayers, arranging the flowers, ringing the bells and to the Fabric Group the members of which have saved the Church considerable sums in the ongoing maintenance work in and around the church. Also, a big thank you to all the Dales people who continue to support the Church financially and to those who make the Malhamdale Safari & Malhamdale Meander happen.

The year has been dominated by the ongoing interregnum. Our thanks are due to the Churchwardens: George Parker, Gill Petrucci & Muriel Bland, the Vice-chairman Bernadette Schutte, PCC Secretary Sue Bailey, Treasurer Chris Darling and Margaret Ellis (Sacristan) for the extra responsibilities which they have shouldered. The first half of the year was dominated by the process of seeking a successor to the Reverend Dilly Baker which resulted in the appointment in June of the Reverend Michael Jackson whose service of Institution and Induction, led by the Bishop of Bradford, took place on the 31st October 2013.

Every effort was made during the interregnum to continue to focus on our identified development areas.

- **To develop the worship of the parish church**

We have benefited from the ministry of a number of clergy who helped us to maintain the pattern of our services, but particular thanks are due to the Reverend Canon Graham Bettridge and the Reverend Dr. Neil Kendra. Mark Ashton has ably led the Sunday evening services. Attendance figures have held up fairly well during the interregnum.

- **Work with young people:**

The Sunday MMKidZ Group continued to meet under the leadership of Rose Turner, and a number of young families are involved. The Youth Group no longer functions since most members have moved out of the area as they have gone to University. The Church has maintained links with the primary School. Margaret Ellis' organisation of the 'Open the Book' scheme has proved a

popular way of introducing children to the Bible. There was positive engagement by young people in Michael Jackson's Licencing service, the Christingle service and other Christmas services.

- **Developing the Church as a cultural and social hub:**

The PCC continues to place importance on this, as it contributes greatly to the fundraising for the upkeep of the church. The Skipton Town Hall café was again a huge success and almost £1000 was raised – a big thank you is due to Chris & Mary Cribb for again organising this. We welcomed back the Cantores Salicium Long Preston choir in July with their programme of sacred and secular choral music. We also had a very successful and well attended Safari Supper thanks to Sue Bailey & Gilly Marsh. We were pleased to welcome an ITV production team who chose St. Michael's for their annual televised carol service. The opportunity to share the Christmas message from St. Michael's was seen as an excellent mission opportunity.

- **Commitment to issues of peace and justice:**

Further fundraising has taken place to support the people of Syria. We were delighted to participate in the Green Links project organised by the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust and welcomed a party of Muslim women from Bradford to help make Christingles and then join us to sing carols in church.

Finance

Our income recovered from the 2012 level increasing by £1,500. In the previous years we suffered from a huge drop in fee income, which was not controllable, which left us with a deficit on the general account of £3,270. Direct giving, via collections and standing orders increased as did the special charity collections. The appeal for donations towards the cost of the production of the Parish News raised £600 and we thank all who contributed. Our volunteers worked hard to raise additional funds. Note 1 on page 4 of the accounts shows that the Skipton Town Hall day, the Show Cake stall, the Musical Evenings, Malhamdale Meander and the Safari Supper raised £3,200 net of expenses. As in previous years we continue to benefit from donations from the Safari Committee. With the better weather this year we were delighted to receive £3,000 (£2,500 in 2012) and we thank all who made this possible. Those who attended the Christingle and Remembrance Day services, the 'Syria Lunch' and harvest sale gave very generously so that, coupled with some collections at memorial services, we were able to pass on £4,100 to the chosen charities. In addition, some of the memorial service income was donated to the church and £430 was placed in the development fund. The '200 Club' makes a valuable contribution to the church and the £2,000 it generated is placed in the Fabric Fund for current and future repairs.

Expenses came in below budget. Despite the quinquennial inspection, which produced a large list of items requiring attention, maintenance expenses were lower partly because of the self-help efforts from members of the Fabric Committee. However, the roof repair is a major exceptional cost which cannot be met from current funds. While we paid more than in 2012 to the Diocese in share, for the first time we were not able to meet the full request underpaying by £2,000. The request for next year is for an additional £1,550. We will seek support from the Diocese but even so it is a major headache requiring some new thinking and activity.

Church Fabric

The quinquennial inspection raised various items of work which have been taken in hand by the Fabric Group using available funds. However there remain persistent issues relating to the deterioration of plasterwork. Professional investigation suggests that the main cause is dampness due to water penetration through the roofing over the nave. It is necessary to renew the roof covering and to take the opportunity to improve its insulation. The cost is likely to exceed £45000.

In light of this major item of expenditure all other works are currently on hold. Applications have been made for various grants, including to the Heritage Lottery Fund, which would be dependent upon a scheme to encourage more people to use the church. While grant aid will certainly help, it is not guaranteed and there is an urgent need to raise funds directly.

In the event of our successfully progressing the Heritage Lottery Fund application, we will include a scheme for new lighting, as it can be argued that new lighting will improve the usability of the church for worship and other purposes. The year ahead will therefore be one of keeping parallel threads going until it can be determined what will ultimately be the best course of action.

Thus, in the year ahead the PCC will be faced with major fundraising as we seek to raise sufficient funds to carry these major repairs. We are currently looking for people to create a Fundraising group and for others to share in the load in the ongoing fund raising activities. Can you help?

Approved by the PCC on 20th March 2014 and signed on their behalf by the chairman.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, to the best of my knowledge and experience no matter has come to my attention:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
- to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations

have not been met; or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the statements to be reached.

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