

Annual Reports AGM 2023

Report of the activities of St Thomas Osbaldwick with St James Murton from April 2022 to April 2023. Annual Financial Statement 2022 & Budget 2023.

Clergy Report

I would like to start with expressing sincere thanks to our excellent churchwarden(s), secretary, treasurer, our lay reader, and our retired minister, who are each invaluable – much more so than the vicar – for the life of our church. In fact, when I was away for three months on Study Leave this year, nobody noticed the difference. So, thank you, Glenn, Allan, David, Julian, Julie and Simon!

And thank you, all of you! I have now entered the third year of my Interim Priest-in-Charge appointment, and I believe that only in the past 12 months I seen St Thomas and St James 'in full bloom', like they were before the pandemic. I have been much impressed by your faithfulness in worship and fellowship, in service and care for one another. Together we are modelling what it means to follow Jesus in our parish. This is not to say that we have become the perfect churches and that there is no more room for growth – of course not – but we are on the right track, with our hearts in the right place. We may be encouraged by a small but steady growth in numbers. So, thank you, everyone.

I am also grateful to you for granting me the opportunity to serve the wider Diocese in my role as Green Ambassador. Whether I spend time behind the computer answering emails, teaching at the York School of Ministry, or travelling the Diocese to give talks, it is my aim to serve the Creator and make a tangible difference for his creation. Unfortunately, this means that I am not present as your parish priest as much as I would like. But please count this sacrifice (if that is what it is?) as one of your contributions to the wellbeing of creation.

On another green note, it has been a pleasure to join the Eco Church journey (see the separate report) this year, and to celebrate gaining a bronze Eco Church award. I am hopeful that in the coming 1-2 years we will manage to qualify for a silver award.

An even bigger challenge facing us in the coming years arises from our Quinquennial Inspection. The amount

of money needed for restoration and repair work to our buildings is substantial, but not unrealistically so. Let's dream big and work hard to get the job done as soon as possible. I personally can't wait to see St Thomas' church re-decorated – it will make such a difference!

At the same time, let's never forget that 'unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain.' (Ps 127.1) Our church is grounded on the prayer and worship of God's people through the ages, and the fabric only ever serves the bigger purposes of God's kingdom. Our church is not a museum, but a home for the body of Christ, living and active in the parish. If we keep our eyes on Jesus, I believe that our growth in holiness will be met by God's provision for our material needs. As we continue to serve him faithfully, the Lord will bless us and give us a vision for the kind of church we would like to leave to the next generation.

Speaking about the next generation, I am delighted with the new Toddler Group which will start after Easter. Let us pray it may serve the needs of our community well.

Finally, I am pleased to let you know that bishop John and archdeacon Sam are seeking to extend my appointment for up to three more years, so all being well, this is not my final AGM report. As ever, please pray for me, Julie, Simon, the churchwardens, and the PCC, as we pray for you.

Revd Johannes (Jan) Nobel

Churchwardens' Report

We are most grateful to everyone who helps to keep our churches vibrant and in good order. This covers every aspect of church life, services, events, flowers, upkeep of the church in so many ways, making it a safe environment for all our parishioners.

Glenn Booth and Allan Dobson

Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll has been revised and there are 68 names on the roll. Since last year there have been three names added and one removed.

Anne Gray

Treasurer's Report

Please note: This report covers the financial year which ended 31st December 2022.

The report is found below, together with the financial statements and budget.

Julian Gray

Safeguarding & Data Protection Compliance

I confirm that this last year to the best of my knowledge, awareness, and effort in the Parish of St Thomas Osbaldwick with St James Murton we have complied with the House of Bishops' Safer Recruitment practice guidance. There have been no reportable incidents since last report (AGM April 2022).

All Parish Church Council members are DBS verified (but subject to renewal).

I wish to step down from the role of Safeguarding officer. It would be brilliant if someone else to take up the reins and manage this. This is open to anyone, and not a massive task - Training will be given. If you are interested, then please chat with me about what it entails. You do not need to be on the PCC, you will just need to report to the PCC.

Since last AGM a new dashboard has been implemented by the CofE to track actions required. This has made the role easier! We may have some outstanding actions, but they are now nicely being tracked.

Data Protection Compliance

The PCC have approved the selection of "Sync" to provide cloud storage for our data files. Why are we doing this? To keep our data safe, legally compliant, and managed according to industry best practice. This enables us to meet our obligations under GDPR (To keep data private and safe), to share it with each other as required, and to provide long term safe storage in an appropriate way.

There were no data protection incidents reported in 2022.

Fabric

The application to replace the guttering on the north side of St Thomas's was finally granted, work proceeded in early January and the guttering is now in place. The drainpipes have yet to be fixed. An Asbestos Survey has been carried, and a Lighting test has also been done. Two of the gravestones in the churchyard have been repaired thanks to the Parish Council. The quinquennial inspection report for St James's has been submitted and will be considered and discussed with the PCC and Ian Hayton our architect. We have recently installed a defibrillator in the porch area.

Glenn Booth

Eco Church

The Eco Church programme is run by the UK branch of the Christian nature conservation charity A Rocha to encourage churches and their congregations to care for creation. The programme recognises churches which adopt and maintain eco-friendly habits, by awarding them bronze, silver and gold Eco Church Awards. Eco Church surveys five areas of church life: Worship & Teaching, Buildings, Land, Community & Global Engagement, and Lifestyle. In early 2023, after we installed two birdboxes and the PCC agreed a new mowing regime for our churchyards (leaving a small area as wildflower meadow), both St Thomas and St James gained a Bronze award, and we are working our way to a Silver award.

Jan Nobel

Deanery Synod

Since our last Annual Meeting, the Deanery Synod has met 3 times (twice in person and once on Zoom) plus an additional open meeting.

In 2022 the Synod continued to work towards producing a Deanery Plan with proposed ways for the churches in the Deanery to share and use our Godgiven resources to enable every community to "Live Christ's Story" in its own context. We discussed how we can do this and how to revitalise growth in our churches, and how we can make best use of our resources, looking at strengths, weaknesses, and possible new areas of development and co-operation.

In February 2023 synod met at St Thomas for a presentation on Discipleship from Sammi Tooze, the diocesan Discipleship Adviser and Strategy Enabler.

Julie Wainwright and Anne Grey

Worship Group

The Worship Group met quarterly, to discuss the worship arrangements for the next liturgical season. We have re-introduced Café Church and introduced a Taizé service, both of which were well-received.

It was a joy once again gather inside the church for our Christingle Service, which was very well attended. The Mary Ward service continues to be a highlight too.

Following Jack's move away from the area, we are grateful to Bernadette and Paul Burbridge for joining the preaching rota.

We greatly appreciate our organists and choir for creating an atmosphere which is conductive to prayer and worship at all our services.

Jan Nobel

Pastoral Group

The Pastoral group have continued to be busy keeping in touch not just with church members but with those in the community who have been alone, and especially those who have been bereaved.

We have begun Warm Spaces as an addition to the now weekly coffee drop-ins, this has not yet borne fruit, but I live in hope! Additionally, there is a note in the Parish Link about helping out where we can and I have had a couple of requests as a result of this.

Our two new members Jenny Jenkins and Marie Brown have integrated into the group well and we now meet once every two months, and I update members by email at least once every two weeks, if not more!

Julie Wainwright

Social and Fundraising

We have had a very active social calendar over the past twelve months starting with a Fish and Chips Supper with Quiz, a coffee morning celebrating the Queen's Jubilee, a splendid Summer Fayre on the village green in July, afternoon strawberry teas at Dr David Letham's garden, an Italian Night with food and a quiz in October, an organ recital by Nicholas Page, a very well attended Christmas Fayre, and a Pancake evening on Shrove Tuesday, all of which raised money for our Church funds.

Glenn Booth

Fellowship

The Fellowship has again been well supported with an average of 24 members attending. Changing to afternoon meetings has been popular, particularly through winter months. I am managing to get a mixed selection of speakers who seem to have been well received from the comments I have had, and charging £3.00 has made it possible to attract a more varied list. Long may that continue.

Joyce Taylor

Parish Link

The advertisers have changed considerably over the last 12 months, and there has been an increase in price due to the rising costs of paper.

All the delivery routes are covered, with quite a few new people added to our volunteer list recently. I am thankful to everyone who has covered the rounds for so long and stepped down, and am equally thankful to those who have stepped up and those who continue to do their rounds.

After 19 years I have stepped down from being Editor and would like to thank everyone who has supported, contributed, advertised, folded, stapled, counted, delivered, and encouraged the Parish Link to be what it is today. It is a large part of the mission of our churches, and I hope that it carries on this important role in our churches and community. Parish Link has been passed on to a new editor, Mia Sissons, and a delivery team led and a co-ordinated by Anne Gray.

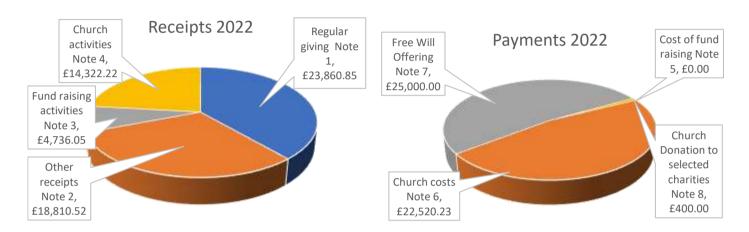
Julie Wainwright



Treasurer's report for the financial year which ended 31st December 2022 for the Parochial Church Council of Osbaldwick and Murton (HMRC registration XN10858).

The accounts are maintained on a receipts and payments basis. In 2022 there were 906 transactions.

The general picture is healthy with total receipts exceeding total payments by £11,488. This is a down on 2021 - that difference is mostly represented by 3 significant donations in 2021. However closer examination shows that the regular giving still does not match the regular outgoing. This continues to represent a concern that is not sustainable in the long run. The good health of the account is primarily the result of not spending as much on the fabric as we'd expected.



Church activities have been fairly normal in 2022. The number of bank standing orders is down (from 34 in 2021 to 32 at end of 2022) but attendance at the main service has continued the 2021 pattern showing a small but steady rise across the year 2022 from 30 to near 40 at Christmas.

Inflation has been at a historic low but has now risen sharply across 2022 and this is reflected in the CPIH chart (source ONS). This affects churches and households equally. In other words - if you had been putting £5 in the offering in 2015 the equivalent today should be £6.27.

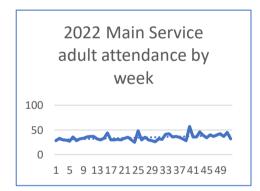
The accounts process has been further refined over 2022:



The new contactless card reader located in the church foyer enables a range of options for donations using a contactless card or phone.

Donation through web pages, accessed either via the church website or QR code, now provides yet another option.

The finance report produced monthly for the PCC has been adjusted to make it easier to read.





In December 2022 a personalised thank you letter was issued to all Gift Aid donors reminding all them how much they gave in 2021-22 tax year. This will become a standard communication for the future.

Free Will Offering has been steadily raised. This is an important step because our commitment to the diocese, as reflected in the deanery balance of funds, directly affects what percentage of a vicar we get - or even whether we get one at all! This is not visible in the accounts of the PCC but should be of concern to all regular church goers. Put quite simply - we are not paying our way.

A Finance Steering group has been formed who meet once a month to provide much needed support to the treasurer. Thank you!

Last year we planned to increase the reserve fund. This 2-year programme was started but will likely take a further 2 years to achieve an acceptable level as we don't have a great deal of surplus cash!

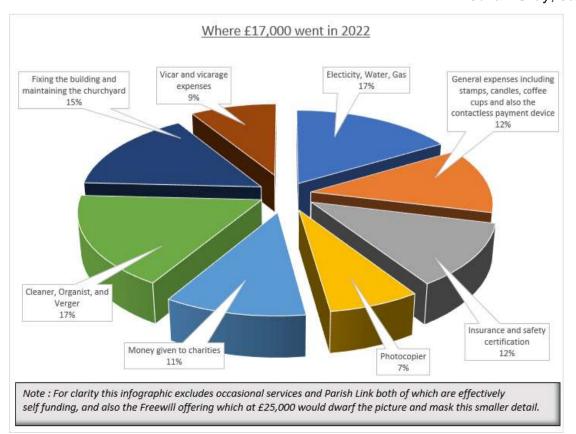
The budget now includes an allowance to give away 5% of the regular offerings to support local and national good causes. This was completed in 2022 (Red Cross Ukraine fund, Alzheimer's UK, and Family Matters York) but not all cheques had been cleared by the year end so only one is showing.

Of particular note is that we received two grants, one from John Straker fund, and a "ward grant" from the City of York Council. These will help fund the current repairs to the guttering, and forthcoming Quinquennial works. The Churches Restoration Appeal fund that stalled over covid lockdown is expected to restart in 2023.

My thanks to the PCC for coping with my errors and omissions and uber enthusiasm about things financial.

And finally, my grateful thanks to the Independent Auditor Brian Hopper who has waded through the plethora of documents and records. I look forward to extending this relationship for 2023.

Julian Gray, January 2023



Receipts and Payments annual financial statement

Parish of St Thomas Osbaldwick with St James Murton

Year ending 31st December 2022

<u>Receipts</u>		General Fund	Restricted Funds	<u>Total 2022</u>	<u>Funds 2021</u>
Regular giving ¹	Note 1	£23,860.85		£23,860.85	£23,219.49
Other receipts ²	Note 2	£12,953.52	£5,857.00	£18,810.52	£35,050.25
Fund raising activities	Note 3	£4,736.05	£0.00	£4,736.05	£4,332.10
Church activities	Note 3	£13,923.87	£398.35	£14,322.22	£14,670.03
Charen activities	Note 4	113,323.07	1330.33	114,322.22	114,070.03
Total Receipts	-	£55,474.29	£6,255.35	£61,729.64	£77,271.87
Payments					
Cost of fund raising	Note 5	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,131.52
Church costs	Note 6	£22,520.23	£2,320.86	£24,841.09	£25,036.26
Free Will Offering	Note 7	£25,000.00		£25,000.00	£21,000.00
Church Donation to selected charities	Note 8	£400.00		£400.00	£0.00
Total payments	=	£47,920.23	£2,320.86	£50,241.09	£47,167.78
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Excess of receipts over payments	-	£7,554.06	£3,934.49	£11,488.55	£30,104.09
<u>Balance</u>					
Opening current account		£32,825.88	£26,812.52	£59,638.40	£29,026.04
Opening reserve account		£11,003.48	£0.00	£11,003.48	£10,997.75
Opening Balance 1st January 2022 totals	_	£43,829.36	£26,812.52	£70,641.88	£40,023.79
Transfer from Current account to Reserve account		£1,000.00			
Closing current account	Note 9	£39,223.07	£30,747.01	£69,970.08	£59,638.40
Closing reserve account	_	£12,160.35	£0.00	£12,160.35	£11,003.48
Closing Balance 31st December 2022 totals		£51,383.42	£30,747.01	£82,130.43	£70,641.88

<u>Footnotes</u>

¹⁾ Regular giving has risen by less than 3%. Regular giving is defined as payment by bank standing order plus the open plate and envelopes.

^{2) 2021} there were 3 substantial donations representing most of the difference between 2021 and 2022 receipts.

Notes to the financial Statement: Year ending 31st December 2022

Note 1: Regular giving	General Fund	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Funds 2021
Faster payments regular giving	£18,375.00		£18,375.00	£17,176.00
Cheque regular payments ³	110,373.00		110,373.00	£1,025.00
Payroll Giving	£1,800.00		£1,800.00	£1,495.00
Open plate collections	£2,753.95		£2,753.95	£2,077.67
Adhoc envelope giving ⁴	£341.00		£341.00	£703.50
Regular Envelope giving ⁵	£590.90		£590.90	£744.32
	£23,860.85	£0.00	£23,860.85	£23,221.49
Note 2: Other receipts	General Fund	Restricted Funds	<u>Total 2022</u>	<u>Funds 2021</u>
Adhoc gifts	£999.01	£67.00	£1,066.01	£30,707.79
Grants	£0.00	£5,790.00	£5,790.00	===,:=:::=
Coffee money	£1,478.32		£1,478.32	£0.00
Votive Candle donations ⁶	£256.94		£256.94	
Tax recovery	£9,759.63		£9,759.63	£4,173.58
Easy Fundrasising (Shopping on the web)	£302.75		£302.75	£163.15
Interest	£156.87		£156.87	£5.73
	£12,953.52	£5,857.00	£18,810.52	£35,050.25
Note 3: Fund Raising	General Fund	Restricted Funds	<u>Total 2022</u>	Funds 2021
Event based fund raising income	£4,571.38	£0.00	£4,571.38	£4,304.60
Sales of Tea Towels and Notelets	£164.67		£164.67	£27.50
	£4,736.05	£0.00	£4,736.05	£4,332.10
Note 4: Church Activities	General Fund	Restricted Funds	<u>Total 2022</u>	<u>Funds 2021</u>
Building rental	£1,134.00		£1,134.00	£912.00
Parish Link Advertising	£6,240.00		£6,240.00	£6,520.00
Fees from Services	£5,404.00		£5,404.00	£6,350.00
Money specifically collected for charity	£1,145.87	£398.35	£1,544.22	£888.03
	£13,923.87	£398.35	£14,322.22	£14,670.03

<u>Footnotes</u>

³⁾ There were 74 cheques received in 2021 but only 23 in 2022 - of which only 2 were in the open plate. This continues to be recorded but it is no longer of value to separate it out here.

⁴⁾ Adhoc use of envelopes (The Yellow Gift Aid ones) continues to be of value for visitors.

⁵⁾ Use of the Blue covenant envelopes is declining in favour of other methods of giving.

⁶⁾ The votive candle stand was installed in early 2022 and has a "donations" box.

Note 5: Cost of fund raising	General Fund	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Funds 2021
General fund raising Summer fair expenses	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00 £0.00	£57.52 £500.00
Raffle Prizes Costs of raffles		£0.00	£0.00	£500.00
Costs of fames	£0.00	£0.00 £0.00	£0.00	£74.00 £1,131.52
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Note 6: Church costs	General Fund	Restricted Funds	<u>Total 2022</u>	Funds 2021
Gas, Electricity, Water ⁷	£2,809.24		£2,809.24	£1,904.94
General Expenses	£1,529.16	£112.60	£1,641.76	£665.97
Clergy expenses	£1,007.71		£1,007.71	£1,017.48
Service Fees paid to DBF	£1,957.00		£1,957.00	£2,473.00
Insurance, Lightning and fire extinguisher	£2,033.03		£2,033.03	£2,003.14
Service costs ⁸	£443.93		£443.93	£1,490.34
Stationery and covenant envelopes ⁹				£174.09
Photocopier	£1,198.63		£1,198.63	£1,354.44
Acountant	£120.00		£120.00	
Paid to charities from special collections	£1,121.81	£312.50	£1,434.31	£1,321.23
Vicarage costs	£498.81		£498.81	£657.23
Transaction fees for Digital Giving ¹⁰	£16.88		£16.88	
Compassion fund	£16.75		£16.75	£70.00
Cleaner, Organist, Verger	£2,805.00		£2,805.00	£2,139.00
Parish link costs	£6,124.75		£6,124.75	£3,623.35
Cost of sales	£114.67	C408.00	£114.67	£0.00
Fabric Churchyard maintenance	£722.86 £0.00	£408.00	£1,130.86	£4,690.05
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Note 7: Free Will Offering to DBF	General Fund	Restricted Funds	<u>Total 2022</u>	Funds 2021
Roll over from 2021	£0.00		£0.00	£1,000.00
2022	£25,000.00		£25,000.00	£20,000.00
	£25,000.00	£0.00	£25,000.00	£21,000.00
Note 8: Giving to selected Charity	General Fund	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Funds 2021
Red Cross - Ukraine appeal	£400.00		£400.00	
Alzheimer's UK ‡	£0.00			
Family Matters York ‡	£0.00 £400.00		£0.00	
	£400.00	£0.00	£400.00	
Note 9: Restricted funds closing balance	General Fund	Restricted Funds	<u>Total 2022</u>	Funds 2021
Restoration Appeal		£22,258.52	£22,258.52	£17,809.52
Charity collection ¹¹		£85.85	£85.85	
St James building repairs and grounds management		£7,015.24	£7,015.24	£8,503.00
Gravestone repairs		£500.00	£500.00	£500.00
Churches Decoration 12		£887.40	£887.40	
		£30,747.01	£30,747.01	£26,812.52
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Footnotes 7) 2022 utility bill includes 3 months of 2021 due to delayed invoicing 8) Service costs in 2021 included printing of the new service books. 9) Stationery is now included in expenses.	:	10) Costs of contactless card r 11) A new fund to hold collect 12) This fund includes a legac	tions restricted to o	harities

- 12) This fund includes a legacy for the flower guild ‡ Cheques were not presented by the year end

Account for Parish Fellowship	<u>Income</u>	Expenditure
Cash held end of 2021	£79.79	
Member receipts	£611.00	
Donations to speakers		£320.00
Donations to Church		£100.00
Cost of refreshments		£198.07
Carried forward end of 2022		£72.72

Account for the flower guild	<u>Income</u>	Expenditure
Cash held end of 2021	£155.52	
Donations	£393.67	
Transfer from Legacy	£112.60	
Expenditure		£529.03
Carried forward End of 2022		£132.76

Osbaldwick & Murton Parochial Church Council

Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of the Council

I report to the members on my examination of the accounts of Osbaldwick & Murton PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022

Responsibilities and basis of report

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of Charity Act 2011 ("the Act")

I report in respect of my examination of the PCC'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 report

I have completed my examination. I can confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the PCC as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2. the accounts do not accord with those records

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.

Brian Hopper Foxville, Garthends Lane Hemingbrough SELBY YO8 6QW

Dated: 1st February 2023

Osbaldwick and Murton Parochial Church Council



Budget for 2023		
	2023 budget	2023 budget
Budget line	payments	receipts
York Diocese Board of Finance FWO	£25,000	
Utilities	£2,500	
Clergy expenses	£1,000	
Choir costs	£200	
Church building maintenance	£15,000	
Insurance and certification	£3,500	
Service costs	£500	
Photocopier	£1,500	
Vicarage costs	£750	
Churchyard maintenance	£2,000	
Organist, Cleaner, Verger	£2,900	
Data management	£600	
General expenses	£1,000	
Compassion fund	£500	
Charitable giving	£1,250	
Toms Toddlers	£500	
Accountant	£150	
Regular giving		£25,000
Fund raising (net of cost of fund raising)		£15,000
Church letting fees		£1,000
Parish Link (net of printing and other costs)		£1,000
Service fees (Net of DBF fees)		£4,500
HMRC (Gift aid)		£9,000
Adhoc gifts		
Totals	£58,850	£55,500
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