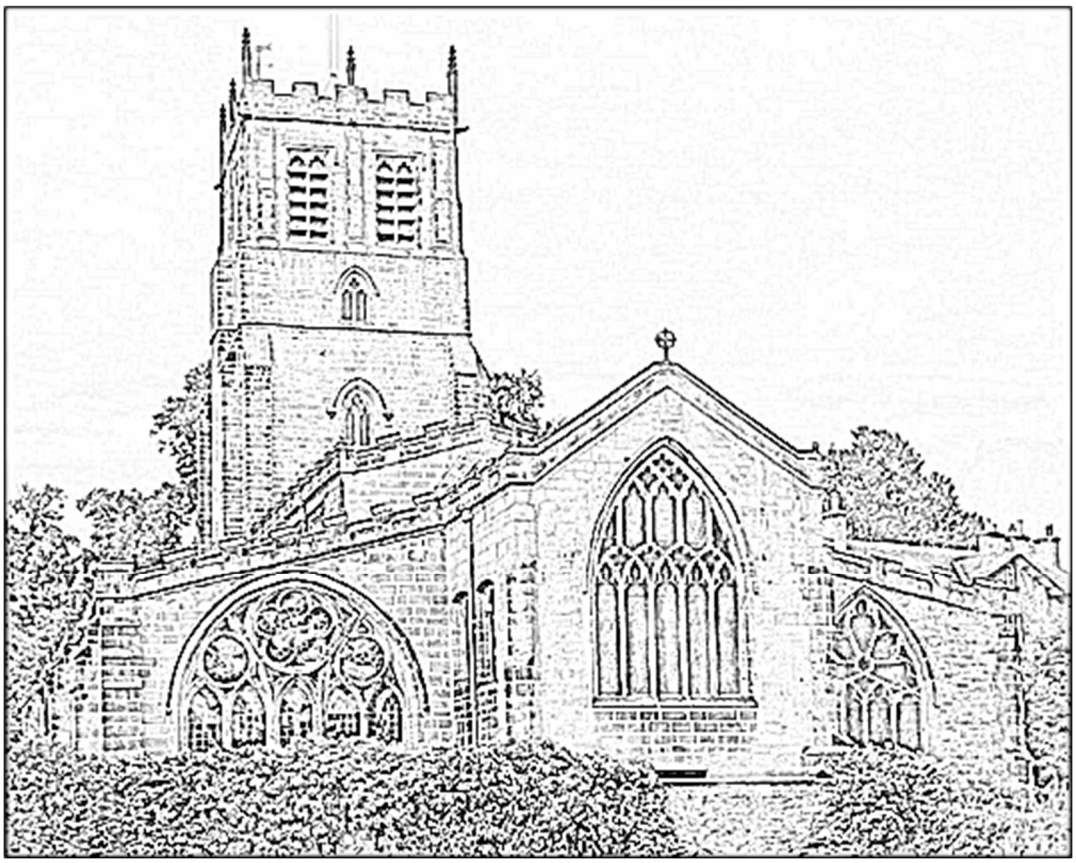


St Gregory's Church, Bedale
with
Burrill Mission Church

Registered Charity No. 1205161

# Annual Report 2026

For the Period January to December 2025

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Leeds

# Aims and purposes

St Gregory's Church, Bedale with Burrill Mission Church Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Incumbent, the Reverend Canon Simon Moor, in promoting the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical to the people of the town of Bedale and the village of Burrill. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of St Gregory's Church, Bedale and Burrill Mission Church.

# The Wider Church

The United Benefice of Bedale is in the episcopal area of Ripon under the Bishop of Ripon, The Right Reverend Anna Eltringham within the Diocese of Leeds.

# Objectives and Activities

Worship in the churches has continued and developed, based on regular, mainly eucharistic services with the addition of non-eucharistic services particularly directed to all ages from young to old. Retired, visiting and Licensed Lay Ministers provide a major contribution to our services.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to become part of our parish community. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and particularly the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the gospel; developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the church of St Gregory's, Bedale.

# Achievements and performance

# Worship and prayer

We continue to welcome all who wish to attend our regular services. This includes Sundays, major feast days and some weekdays. On Thursdays our 10.30am Holy Communion continues to use the Book of Common Prayer pattern. On the first Sunday in the month we have our 8am Holy Communion service. We have daily Morning and Evening Prayer conference calls at 8.30am and 4.30pm.

Many of our services and occasional offices are live streamed and available online via Facebook or by telephone for those who prefer this method thus opening up our worship to a wider audience around the world as well as to those who are unable to attend our services in person.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life; in marriage, public vows are exchanged with God's blessing; through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life that is now complete in this world and commend the person into God's keeping.

The Rector's involvement in the community includes being trustee of various local charities, including the Rector's 4 and 20 and Bedale Primary School.

We keep the church open for visitors and for private prayer during daylight hours and there is a dedicated Prayer Corner for those who wish to light a prayer candle.

# PCC Secretary Report

This year has been a full year with 7 PCC meetings across the year, and 4 joint Benefice PCC meetings enabling everyone to have the broad picture of what is happening across the Benefice.

Overall it has been a good year with a number of projects moving forward and being completed, there is more detail in the Churchwardens' Chantry Hall Report regarding the projects undertaken.

# Churchwarden's Report

**The Church Buildings**

A number of works have taken place this year. The main work was the repair to the boiler house roof which is now an "eco" roof in line with suggestions made by our architect. Drains have been periodically cleared by the Rector and other volunteers.

We now have a buildings committee who have begun working towards implementing work which has been identified by our architect as being required, in the recent Quinquennial Report (QI). The idea is that the committee will look at the QI reports for all churches in the Benefice and will hire trades people to do work on all four sites as required and hopefully saving us all money. Minor works such as securing the grills on the west window of the south aisle of St Gregory's have already been done.

The church property repair register is now up and running as an electronic version. It now just requires wardens to remember to update it!

The inventory of church property has been checked and is available for viewing on request.

**Chantry Hall**

The roof over the kitchen in the Chantry Hall has been replaced. The minor work to repair the ceiling is still to be completed. The project to install solar panels on the roof has for one reason or another stalled somewhat this year. The main issue is securing the necessary grants. Our thanks to Roger Horrell for his continued efforts in this regard and to Karen Cheesbrough who has come on board with her expertise to assist.

The shed roof was repaired along with the kitchen roof and is now water tight again. A clear out of the shed has taken place and racking installed to better organise what is stored in there, although problems with mould have now arisen and are currently being assessed. The storage space for regular lets continues to create issues within Chantry Hall which the Management Team are working to address.

We have been delighted to welcome our new Curate Lee Finnigan to the Benefice. We were honoured to attend Wakefield Cathedral on the occasion of Lee's Ordination.

Date for the diary is Saturday 27th June for Lee's Priesting at Ripon Cathedral.

We have sadly lost some members this year.

Notably: Pam Conway, Liz Pratt (Warden at Leeming), Steve Madsen (Reader), and Bishop Bill Godfrey.

**Help needed**

St Gregory's is our spiritual home and belongs to us all. However your Churchwardens and our Sacristan Sue Inglis continue to bear the load of setting up before and clearing away after our services with some support from one or two members of the congregation for which we are very grateful. However it really would be greatly appreciated if more people could help us because many hands make light work and we'd all like to enjoy fellowship over coffee, as well as the occasional Sunday off! Here is a list of the things that need to be done before and after services both in church and in Chantry Hall:

- Putting out and returning the brass crosses and candlesticks to the vestry
- Removing and putting back the cover cloths on the altar/s
- Setting up and taking down the laptop and monitor for livestreaming
- Counting the collection
- Putting out and returning the sound cables to the vestry
- Taking down the hymn boards, returning to the choir vestry and storing the number cards
- Moving the lectern
- Tidying and replenishing the yellow Gift Aid envelopes and giving cards in the pews
- Emptying the bins in church
- Putting out and clearing away chairs and tables for after-service coffee in Chantry Hall

We will be very happy to show you how these things are done and if lots of people did one thing it would take very little time. Church is usually set up from about 4.30pm on a Saturday. If you feel able and willing to help with any of these jobs please have a word with either of your Churchwardens and thank you for whatever help you feel able to give.

Phillip Witty and Linda Collingwood,
Churchwardens St Gregory's, Bedale.

# Family Chaplain Report

Another very successful year in many ways, but the jewel in the crown and the positive which continues to go from strength to strength is Tuesday Togetherness, the café club which takes place on Tuesdays in Chantry Hall.

The initiative came from the Lord as it enabled me to use my gifts to initiate the group, and it continues to be supported by volunteers who help run the mornings providing a fellowship of friendship and sharing based on a strong Christian ethos.

We bake and provide lunches, and a couple of people have even learnt to bake as a result. We are also able to support local enterprises and charities by donations and in many other ways as well as sponsoring such things as gifts at Christmas, Easter Eggs, and flowers for Mothering Sunday.

The local nursing homes are continuing to come on a weekly basis and give us fantastic press on their social media platforms, and we include them in all of our events and trips.

We have had some very successful social events such as running craft sessions, Afternoon Concerts (Thornton Watlass Choir and the Yorkshire Decibels) and Afternoon Teas.

Through the Tuesdays, we organise and support day trips. Last year we had a trip to Keswick and this year plans are afoot for a trip to York and a visit as Pilgrims to the Minster.

Collective Worship takes place in the 4 Benefice schools on a weekly basis, in collaboration with the local Methodist Team, myself and our Rector Rev'd Simon and our Curate Rev'd Lee Finnegan. I also administer Home Communion with Rev'd Simon and Rev'd Lee in the local nursing homes.

Since I started in my role, 8 years ago, I have also worked with and helped with organising and delivering the annual Holiday Club week in July at Snape with the local Methodists and hopefully working ecumenically with others in the Wensley Deanery (Kings Club July 2026).

Again I have worked alongside other denominations and Churches Together International Day of Prayer etc. These are all things I am thoroughly enjoying doing, working and sharing as part of positive flourishing teams spreading the Gospel in the community.

The relationship with one of our nurseries (Aiskew U5s) is continuing and we meet alternately in the church or down at the scout hut recounting Bible stories, doing crafts, sharing in the Lord. I have also been sharing Jesus through Food and cooking at Mowbray School, with special events and Christian seasonal times (Easter Biscuits).

I am currently visiting other churches in the Diocese and Deanery to see what they are doing and looking at things to bring to share and inspire but conscious of how we can enthuse and attract more children and young people.

I was fortunate as part of my ministry support to attend the New Wine Leaders Conference again in February. I can only describe it as inspirational and faith affirming, and a lot of positive hope for the future especially with the interest of Gen Z in Church and faith.

I have also recently joined the Rural Missioners' Guild looking at ways in how we can reach out further especially in our rural Mission and Ministry. Being the Families Chaplain is one of the most rewarding things that I have ever done. No two days are the same and it is just so humbling to share in fellowship and friendship with so many amazing people on so many of their own personal and eclectic journeys.

I am indebted to you all for the support you give to me, my ministry, and for your words of encouragement. Special thanks go to Rev'd Simon, and the fabulous Tuesday Team for far too many things to name. Sue, Chris, Pam, Heather, George and Chris thank you for all your time, energy and patience on such a positive God led journey.

Michelle Dearlove
Families Chaplain

# Safeguarding Report

Safeguarding is about taking care of one another and all those who come into contact with our church community. We are all responsible for maintaining this care, but the members of our church leadership have additional responsibilities placed upon them to ensure that we all remain vigilant.

As your Parish Safeguarding Officer and Churchwarden, I have renewed all the required training courses. My fellow Churchwarden and all PCC members have also completed their required training. All PCC members have been successfully DBS checked.

Our mandatory safeguarding policies have been reviewed during the year. This is an ongoing requirement. To ensure that these policies are being put into practice, there are now National Safeguarding Standards which we are required to work towards achieving over the next 3 years. We have begun this process in our PCC meetings.

During the year concerns were raised in our Deanery concerning a particular individual and we were advised that this person was not to be allowed to enter any of our buildings or gatherings. We have ensured that this is the case.

Concerns were also raised about a vulnerable adult within our community who needed our care. Advice was sought from the Diocesan Safeguarding Team to ensure that we were taking all necessary steps. The Team was very helpful. I really appreciated the response of our community as it showed our safeguarding policies in action. People raised their concerns with me, providing clear and detailed accounts. Thank you to all involved.

If at any time you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Linda Collingwood
Benefice Safeguarding Officer

# Financial review

The Parish's total income was just under £3,000 less than in 2024, but in that year a legacy of £8,000 was received. Total payments were also lower, by just over £8,000 compared to 2024, so the Parish's Shortfall was reduced from £72,792 in 2024 to £67,506 in 2025.

Our Finance Team continued to closely monitor the value of the shares that we hold with CCLA and halfway through the year we realised (sold) £50,000-worth of Global Equity Fund shares in order to increase the cash funds from which the running costs of St Gregory's are being met.

The average monthly shortfall in our General Fund continues to give me concern. In 2025 this was £3,676. Whilst we have substantial reserves behind us, they are finite – if we continue to spend more than we bring in, those reserves will continue to diminish. This is borne out by the fact that over the past 4 years we've found it necessary to sell £250,000-worth of shares. For the majority of the time I've been the Treasurer of St Gregory's the value of our shares has increased year-on-year which has helped to offset the value of the shares we've sold. But in more recent times those share values have gone down, which has only exacerbated our situation.

I'd like to thank all those who are members of our 'Planned Giving'. Your regular donations amounted to just under £25,000 and accounted for almost a third of the Parish's total Unrestricted income in 2025. Although this is an impressive amount, it only just covered the cost of gas, electricity, water and insurance across our three church buildings. As day-to-day costs continue to increase it would be very helpful if donors who haven't reviewed their donations for some time could re-evaluate their present level of giving. May I take this opportunity to encourage all those who attend St. Gregory's and all those on the church's Electoral Roll who do not already give to the church to consider joining our regular givers, either by using our weekly giving envelopes (details can be obtained from Linda Collingwood) or by setting up a bank Standing Order. Or perhaps you would like to join the Parish Giving Scheme, of which St. Gregory's is a member. Details can be obtained from myself or from our website, www.bedale.church.

My thanks go to our Gift-Aid officer Linda Collingwood for making monthly claims to HMRC Charities to claim back the income tax that tax-efficient donors have already paid. These claims amounted to 11% of our total Unrestricted 2025 receipts and helped our cash flow enormously, so I would definitely encourage all future donors to either fill out a Gift-Aid Declaration Form if eligible (available from Linda or myself) or to use a yellow Gift-Aid envelope when giving to St. Gregory's.

You may be interested to know that funeral collections amounting to a total of just over £5,000 in St Gregory's benefited 15 individual charities during 2025.

**Reserves policy**
It is PCC policy (in line with Diocesan recommendations) to aim to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds that equates to at least three months' unrestricted payments to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. This is equivalent to £34,324. The cash balance of £42,097 held in unrestricted funds at the year-end meets these aims.

Paul Carnell
Treasurer

# Wensley Deanery Synod Report

The main focus of our four meetings this year has been the development of the Wensley Deanery Pilgrimage Trail and the Church Buildings Maintenance Collective. These are initiatives being developed under the banner of The Barnabus Project.

The Pilgrimage Trail is being funded through Bishop Anna's Fund for Rural Change and we have been supported through this by Rev'd Caroline Pinchbeck, Diocese of Leeds Rural Change Enabler, who was our speaker in June. The idea for the Trail came from our Wensley Deanery away day. A working group was set up and much effort has been put in to bring this together. Many thanks go to Rev'd Stephen Hanscombe, our Area Dean, Rev'd Gillian Lunn, Rev'd Stasi Tregartha, Angus Maude, Lay Chair, and our own Rev'd Simon Moor, who has and continues to put in many hours of work. This project is in the final stages of development and will hopefully be live at the Wensleydale Show in August 2026.

A coordinator for the Maintenance Collective Pilot Project was recruited and he will offer practical support to all PCCs involved. Induction visits around the Deanery churches are ongoing. A consultant architect has been appointed by the Diocese to lead the maintenance planning and will offer all PCC members professional input for their church plan. The first training for PCCs involved with the plan was The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings Faith in Maintenance Course (SPAB) in September at St Mary and St Alkelda, Middleham. I attended this and found it to be very informative and helpful. Since then there have been further courses provided which members of our Buildings Committee have attended. These courses are continuing.

An additional initiative from our Deanery Away Day was the creation of a Wensley Deanery Synod Facebook Group (search for Wensley Deanery Synod). This is a private group for Clergy and Lay members of the Wensley Deanery Synod as well as Churchwardens and PCC members of the C of E churches in the Deanery. Its purpose is to enable communication across the Deanery sharing information and seeking help and support from each other. Members are invited to sign the C of E Digital Charter and our Group Rules are based on this.

In November Rev'd Canon Sean Robertshaw, Diocesan Director of Vocations, gave a presentation and led a discussion on vocations within the Diocese. Members were encouraged to reflect on how vocations could be identified, nurtured and supported within parishes and Benefices.

Our Synod also finalised a motion for submission to the Diocesan Synod concerning Sustainable Church Flowers. Following submission it became clear that a similar motion was being prepared for the agenda at The General Synod and this was passed.

We continue to hold monthly Prayer Meetings in the Parish Room in East Witton led by Rev'd Liz Moody from the Jervaulx Benefice. These are on the 1st Monday of each month from 10.45am. Everyone is welcome to join us.

**Deanery events**

The Ecumenical Holy Communion Service for Ascension Day took place in May at Jervaulx Abbey at which the new Methodist Minister, Rev'd Jo Brown preached and Deanery Clergy presided.

The Archdeacons Visitation Service for the Swearing in of Churchwardens for Wensley Deanery was held in June at St Gregory's, Bedale. This was led by our new Archdeacon Rev'd James Theodosius.

King's Club with the theme *'For God so loved the world John 3:16'* took place in July and the beginning of August at Leyburn Methodist Church, Hawes Market House and for the first time at St Gregory's in Bedale.

We had a smaller presence at the Wensleydale Show in August due to a lack of volunteers and not being allocated a plot. However those who were present had many and varied conversations throughout the showground.

Prayer And Praise Live! our ecumenical monthly service on 4th Friday of each month in Chantry Hall continues to be well attended, as does The Filling Station at Thornborough Hall in Leyburn on the 2nd Friday of each month.

In September the Church About the Dale Trailer was at the Hunton Steam Gathering and a Communion Service was enjoyed by many of the stall holders.

In November the Bishop of Leeds, Rt Rev'd Nicholas Baines, retired. A farewell service was held at Ripon Cathedral which was a wonderful celebration of his years of service. During the interregnum the Rt Rev'd Toby Howarth, Bishop of Bradford, is fulfilling the role.

As a Benefice we are entitled to 6 representatives on the Deanery Synod. Currently I am your sole representative! As you can see there are only 4 meetings a year, two of which are often on Zoom depending on the weather. Lifts are available for the other meetings. Please consider if you could join me in being a voice for our church communities. The load is not heavy and it is interesting. Come and have a chat with me.

Linda Collingwood
Deanery Synod Representative

# Licenced Lay Ministers Report

It was with deep sadness that in December we saw the passing of Steve Madsen who was licenced as licenced lay minister to the Bedale Benefice.

Steve had many years in his ministry and latterly here with us.

Steve lived his calling in a prayerful and faithful way.

He continued to support all the churches to the end but it is fair to say that his heart and that of his wife Ann lay primarily with Burrill Church and her community.

He supported by assisting in services and regularly preaching as well as with other initiatives including a home Bible study group and the monthly Praise and Prayer.

He will be greatly missed.

Michelle continues in her ministry as our remaining LLM (Reader). A role which was primarily initiated and championed by our previous Incumbent to run alongside and support her as our Families Chaplain and

working within our Communities, nursing homes and local schools. On a Diocesan level she is also the current Area Warden of Readers for the Ripon Episcopal Area.

## Burrill Mission Church

The last year has seen us redecorate Burrill Church from top to bottom, helped by the congregation as well as local villagers. This cooperation with the community was reinforced this weekend when we gathered together to cut down vegetation and trees exposing the east end of the building for the first time.

The church Quinquennial Report was quite favourable with no major issues highlighted. Since then part of the boundary wall has been demolished by a falling tree. We have plans in place to build it up again.

We held a musical evening during the summer which was well attended and will be repeated later this year.

We sadly lost 3 stalwarts of our congregation during the year. Steve Madsen, our lay reader, Toni Kent and Georgiana Kew. They will be sadly missed by us all.

Thanks to various fundraising activities we manage to keep our heads above water.

Chris Griffiths
Church Warden

## Electoral Roll Report

At the start of the year there were 86 names on the Electoral Roll. At the renewal there 84 names on the current Roll, with two stalwart members of the community having died.

Sarah Ryder
Electoral Roll Officer

## Structure, governance and management

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2022) and is registered with the Charity Commission, registered number 1205161. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The membership of the PCC consists of the Incumbent, Licensed Lay Ministers, two Churchwardens, one member of Deanery Synod and laity members elected by those who are on the Electoral Roll of the church. There may also be co-opted members. Members of the PCC are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

# Administrative information

St Gregory's Church is the parish church of the town of Bedale and is prominently situated at the top end of North End. The parish also includes Burrill Mission Church situated centrally in the village of Burrill, two miles from Bedale.

**Ex-Officio Members**

**Rector**
Reverend Canon Simon Moor

**Licensed Lay Ministers**
Michelle Dearlove

**Churchwardens**
Linda Collingwood
Phillip Witty

**Synod Representative**
Linda Collingwood

**Elected members**
Mike Lowe
Chris Griffiths (Burrill Warden)
John Burton
David Summers
George Bushby
Roger Horrell

**Officers**
Sarah Ryder (PCC Secretary, Electoral Roll Officer)
Paul Carnell (Treasurer)

# Trustees Annual Report Approval



Approved by the PCC on 27th April 2026

and signed on their behalf by the Reverend Canon Simon Moor

# Appendix 1

Parochial Church Council of St. Gregory's Church, Bedale

Charity number 1205161

**Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2025**

Receipts and Payments accounts

| | Notes | Bedale Unrestricted Funds | Burrill Chapel | Bedale Restricted Funds | TOTAL 2025 | TOTAL 2024 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| **RECEIPTS** | | | | | | |
| **Voluntary Receipts:** | | | | | | |
| Planned giving | | 24,895 | 1,396 | - | 26,291 | 25,945 |
| Collections at Services | | 7,189 | 429 | - | 7,618 | 6,714 |
| All other giving/voluntary receipts | *1a* | 11,733 | 876 | 2,157 | 14,767 | 22,963 |
| Gift Aid recovered | | 8,912 | 318 | - | 9,231 | 9,330 |
| | | 52,730 | 3,020 | 2,157 | 57,906 | 64,952 |
| **Activities for generating funds** | *1b* | 17,668 | 2,413 | - | 20,081 | 18,899 |
| **Investment income** | *1c* | 1,587 | - | - | 1,587 | 1,286 |
| **Church activities** | *1d* | 5,893 | - | - | 5,893 | 5,274 |
| **Other Receipts** | | 2,030 | - | - | 2,030 | 10 |
| **Total receipts** | | 79,907 | 5,432 | 2,157 | 87,496 | 90,420 |
| **PAYMENTS** | | | | | | |
| **Church activities:** | | | | | | |
| Diocesan parish contribution | | 61,658 | - | - | 61,658 | 79,655 |
| Clergy and staffing costs | *2a* | 27,978 | - | - | 27,978 | 27,406 |
| Church running expenses | *2b* | 18,483 | 841 | - | 19,324 | 16,838 |
| Parish office running expenses | *2c* | 6,197 | - | - | 6,197 | 5,938 |
| Chantry Hall running Costs | *2d* | 11,066 | - | - | 11,066 | 10,580 |
| Church repairs & maintenance | *2e* | 3,544 | 2,003 | 11,720 | 17,266 | 7,688 |
| Mission giving and donations | *2f* | 7,190 | 2,104 | 675 | 9,969 | 11,239 |
| | | 136,117 | 4,947 | 12,395 | 153,459 | 159,343 |
| **Cost of generating funds** | *2g* | 1,179 | 365 | - | 1,544 | 1,420 |
| **Purchase of Fixed Assets for Church Purposes** | | | | | | |
| Video camera | | - | - | - | 0 | 1,843 |
| Office laptop | | - | - | - | 0 | 605 |
| **Total payments** | | 137,296 | 5,312 | 12,395 | 155,003 | 163,211 |
| **(Shortfall) / Excess of Receipts over Payments** | | (57,388) | 120 | (10,238) | (67,506) | (72,792) |
| Transfers between funds | | (10,238) | - | 10,238 | - | 0 |
| Exceptional item - sale of shares | | 50,000 | - | - | 50,000 | 100,000 |
| Cash at bank and in hand at 1 January | | 59,723 | 5,170 | - | 64,893 | 37,684 |
| Cash at bank and in hand at 31 December | | 42,097 | 5,290 | 0 | 47,387 | 64,893 |

## Parochial Church Council of St. Gregory's Church, Bedale

Charity number 1205161

**Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2025**

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

| | Bedale Unrestricted Funds £ | Burrill Chapel £ | Bedale Restricted Funds £ | TOTAL 2025 £ | TOTAL 2024 £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Cash Funds** | | | | | |
| Church Bank Account | 18,151 | 5,290 | - | 23,440 | 20,533 |
| Cash Account | 10 | - | - | 10 | 10 |
| CBF Deposit Fund | 23,937 | - | - | 23,937 | 44,350 |
| | **42,097** | **5,290** | **0** | **47,387** | **64,893** |
| **Investment Assets** | | | | | |
| Investment Fund Accumulation Shares | 397,121 | 10,131 | - | 407,252 | 411,598 |
| Global Equity Income Fund Accumulation Shares | 101,862 | - | - | 101,862 | 157,162 |
| Property Fund Income Shares | 210,525 | - | 201,966 | 412,491 | 383,448 |
| | **709,508** | **10,131** | **201,966** | **921,605** | **952,207** |
| **Total Financial Assets** | **751,606** | **15,421** | **201,966** | **968,992** | **1,017,100** |

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

The movements in designated and restricted funds during the year were:

| | Bal b/fwd | Receipts | Payments | Transfers | Bal c/fwd |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Designated Funds** | | | | | |
| Family Chaplain Fund | 13,265 | - | (13,296) | 15,000 | 14,970 |
| Mission Fund | 301 | - | - | - | 301 |
| Re-Ordering Fund | 417,944 | - | - | - | 417,944 |
| Lower Swale Administration Fund | - | 143 | (128) | - | 14 |
| | **431,510** | **143** | **(13,424)** | **15,000** | **433,229** |
| **Restricted Funds** | | | | | |
| General Fabric Fund | 131,340 | - | (11,720) | - | 119,621 |
| Re-Ordering Fund | 37,468 | - | - | - | 37,468 |
| Bells Fund | 34,519 | - | - | - | 34,519 |
| Mission Fund | 1,445 | - | - | - | 1,445 |
| Community Fund | 7,432 | 2,157 | (675) | - | 8,914 |
| | **212,204** | **2,157** | **(12,395)** | **0** | **201,966** |

Notes:

**Family Chaplain Fund**
Payments: salary costs
Transfer: from Unrestricted Funds

**Lower Swale Administration Fund**
Receipt from Lower Swale Churches
Payment to Sarah Ryder

**General Fabric Fund**
Payments: £4,250 repairs to Chantry Hall roof; £1,380 Quinquennial Inspection; £4,202 repairs to Boiler House roof
£1,888 structural analysis of Chantry Hall roof (including £540 for interior scaffolding)

**Community Fund**
Receipts: donations at 'Tuesday Togetherness'
Payments: £175 Wine Trust course; £500 coach to Skipton

## Parochial Church Council of St. Gregory's Church, Bedale

Charity number 1205161

**Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2025**

Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments (1)

| | | Bedale Unrestricted Funds £ | Burrill Unrestricted Funds £ | Bedale Restricted Funds £ | TOTAL 2025 £ | TOTAL 2024 £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Receipts** | | | | | | |
| *1a* | **All other giving/voluntary receipts** | | | | | |
| | Donations | 5,223 | 876 | - | 6,100 | 7,097 |
| | Donations - Parish magazine | 25 | - | - | 25 | 25 |
| | Contactless donations | 1,832 | - | - | 1,832 | 1,295 |
| | Donations - Tuesday Togetherness | - | - | 2,157 | 2,157 | 2,601 |
| | Yellow Gift-Aided envelopes | 1,597 | - | - | 1,597 | 1,638 |
| | One-Off donations via the PGS | 295 | - | - | 295 | - |
| | Given in donations box | 1,262 | - | - | 1,262 | 804 |
| | Legacies | - | - | - | - | 8,000 |
| | Donation to Bells fund | - | - | - | - | 147 |
| | Burrill Chapel's contribution to Parish Share Request | 1,356 | - | - | 1,356 | 1,356 |
| | Lower Swale Admin Fund | 143 | - | - | 143 | - |
| | | 11,733 | 876 | 2,157 | 14,767 | 22,963 |
| *1b* | **Activities for generating funds** | | | | | |
| | Car Boots | 1,001 | 1,001 | - | 2,001 | 1,488 |
| | Church Shop sales | - | - | - | - | 43 |
| | Rector's Walks | 613 | 664 | - | 1,277 | 1,038 |
| | Hire of St Gregory's | - | - | - | - | 230 |
| | Floodlighting | 150 | - | - | 150 | 430 |
| | Christmas Festival | 363 | - | - | 363 | 208 |
| | Burrill Folk Night | - | 424 | - | 424 | - |
| | Burrill Plant Sale | - | 122 | - | 122 | - |
| | Chantry Hall Coffee mornings | 255 | 202 | - | 457 | 635 |
| | Other Coffee Mornings | - | - | - | - | 25 |
| | Chantry Hall receipts | 15,287 | - | - | 15,287 | 14,804 |
| | | 17,668 | 2,413 | - | 20,081 | 18,899 |
| *1c* | **Investment income** | | | | | |
| | Deposit Fund - Interest retained | 1,587 | - | - | 1,587 | 1,286 |
| | | 1,587 | - | - | 1,587 | 1,286 |
| *1d* | **Church activities** | | | | | |
| | Funeral Fees | 4,564 | - | - | 4,564 | 3,485 |
| | Wedding fees | 1,329 | - | - | 1,329 | 1,789 |
| | | 5,893 | - | - | 5,893 | 5,274 |
| **Payments** | | | | | | |
| *2a* | **Clergy and staffing costs** | | | | | |
| | Rector | 1,125 | - | - | 1,125 | 1,328 |
| | Parish administrator | 8,797 | - | - | 8,797 | 8,279 |
| | Family Chaplain | 13,296 | - | - | 13,296 | 13,020 |
| | Organist retainer | 3,800 | - | - | 3,800 | 3,800 |
| | Treasurer's fees | 960 | - | - | 960 | 980 |
| | | 27,978 | - | - | 27,978 | 27,406 |
| *2b* | **Church running expenses** | | | | | |
| | Church building running expenses | 13,558 | 841 | - | 14,399 | 12,804 |
| | Upkeep of services | 1,549 | - | - | 1,549 | 1,498 |
| | Website costs | 163 | - | - | 163 | 131 |
| | Deanery levy | 410 | - | - | 410 | 525 |
| | Family Chaplain expenses | - | - | - | - | 80 |
| | Other church running expenses | 2,803 | - | - | 2,803 | 1,800 |
| | | 18,483 | 841 | - | 19,324 | 16,838 |

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Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments (2)

| | | Bedale Unrestricted Funds £ | Burrill Unrestricted Funds £ | Bedale Restricted Funds £ | TOTAL 2025 £ | TOTAL 2024 £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *2c* | **Parish office running expenses** | | | | | |
| | Telephone | - | - | - | - | 709 |
| | Electricity | 2,373 | - | - | 2,373 | 2,300 |
| | Computer expenses | - | - | - | - | 87 |
| | Printing, Postage & Stationery | 3,825 | - | - | 3,825 | 2,842 |
| | | 6,197 | - | - | 6,197 | 5,938 |
| *2d* | **Chantry Hall running costs** | | | | | |
| | Supplies | 1,111 | - | - | 1,111 | 646 |
| | Maintenance | 385 | - | - | 385 | 854 |
| | Repairs | 48 | - | - | 48 | 63 |
| | Website | - | - | - | - | 60 |
| | Utilities | 5,574 | - | - | 5,574 | 4,916 |
| | Insurance | 1,045 | - | - | 1,045 | 1,122 |
| | Cleaning | 2,562 | - | - | 2,562 | 2,535 |
| | Treasurer | 240 | - | - | 240 | 240 |
| | Other Costs | 101 | - | - | 101 | 143 |
| | | 11,066 | - | - | 11,066 | 10,580 |
| *2e* | **Church repairs & maintenance** | | | | | |
| | Roof alarm | 781 | - | - | 781 | 1,296 |
| | Servicing fire equipment | - | - | - | - | 62 |
| | Boiler service | 144 | - | - | 144 | 253 |
| | Electrical works | 88 | - | - | 88 | - |
| | Repairs to Old Grammar School roof | - | - | - | - | 1,720 |
| | Repairs to Chantry Hall roof | - | - | 4,250 | 4,250 | - |
| | Repairs to boiler house roof | - | - | 4,202 | 4,202 | - |
| | Quinquennial inspection | - | 903 | 1,380 | 2,283 | - |
| | New bell ropes | - | - | - | - | 382 |
| | Planning permission for solar panels | - | - | - | - | 578 |
| | Structural analysis for solar panels | - | - | 1,887 | 1,887 | - |
| | Pruning tree from Chantry Hall | 420 | - | - | 420 | - |
| | Lighting works | - | - | - | - | 603 |
| | Cleaning costs | 2,100 | - | - | 2,100 | 2,256 |
| | Repairs to heating | - | - | - | - | 416 |
| | Repairs to lectern | - | - | - | - | 67 |
| | Small items | 10 | - | - | 10 | - |
| | Ceiling repairs | | 1,100 | | 1,100 | |
| | Decorating | - | - | - | - | 56 |
| | | 3,544 | 2,003 | 11,720 | 17,266 | 7,688 |
| *2f* | **Mission giving and donations** | | | | | |
| | Compassion UK | 384 | - | - | 384 | 352 |
| | Donations to other Parishes in Wensley Deanery | 6,400 | - | - | 6,400 | 6,000 |
| | To Aiskew, Leeming Bar C of E School | - | - | - | - | 1,000 |
| | Tuesday Togetherness trips | - | - | 500 | 500 | 525 |
| | Tuesday Togetherness cost (Wine Trust course) | - | - | 175 | 175 | - |
| | Donation to Global Care from Concert | - | - | - | - | 80 |
| | Concert Costs | - | - | - | - | 350 |
| | Donation to Royal British Legion | - | - | - | - | 400 |
| | Bedale Brass Band | 100 | - | - | 100 | - |
| | Donations to Hambleton Foodshare | - | - | - | - | 385 |
| | Burrill's contribution to Parish Share Request | - | 1,356 | - | 1,356 | 1,356 |
| | Burrill - Swaledale Mountain Rescue | - | - | - | - | 400 |
| | Burrill - Yorkshire Air Ambulance | - | 400 | - | 400 | - |
| | To Bedale Scouts from Simon's Walks | 306 | 347 | - | 654 | 391 |
| | | 7,190 | 2,104 | 675 | 9,969 | 11,239 |
| *2g* | **Cost of generating funds** | | | | | |
| | Annual Goodbox fees | - | - | - | - | 324 |
| | Contactless giving transaction fees | 46 | - | - | 46 | 57 |
| | To Bedale Town Council for Car Boot | 150 | 150 | - | 300 | 300 |
| | Coffee mornings | - | - | - | - | 119 |
| | Rector's Walk | 135 | 215 | - | 350 | 250 |
| | Giving envelopes & money bags | 199 | - | - | 199 | - |
| | PGS transaction fees | 4 | - | - | 4 | - |
| | Purchase of CollecTin More device | 451 | - | - | 451 | - |
| | Cost of goods sold in Church Shop | 193 | - | - | 193 | 369 |
| | | 1,179 | 365 | - | 1,544 | 1,420 |

# St Gregory's Church, Bedale Parochial Church Council

**Independent examiner's report to the members on the unaudited financial statements of St Gregory's Church, Bedale (Charity number 1205161) for the year ended 31 December 2025**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the PCC") for the year ended 31 December 2025.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 (the regulations) and the Charities 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 statement**

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 :

Mr G Baragwanath FCA
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Thirsk
North Yorkshire
YO7 1QR

Date : 21 April 2026

# Appendix 2

# Rectors Report

**Thank you.**

I begin this report, which is duplicated in each of the APCMs across the Benefice, by thanking our Churchwardens and our colleagues in ministry. In their turn then, for Linda and Phillip at Bedale, Chris at Burrill, Chris at Leeming and Chris at Thornton Watlass, their support and wisdom is invaluable. We work separately when dealing with parish matters and collegiately when we can to avoid duplication, this I believe best serves the Benefice and individual communities. The same grateful thanks for all our secretaries, treasurers, and other PCC and Church Officers for simply getting on with their roles. Specifically, we also need to be grateful to Richard, Caroline, Joan, and Chris for their cooperation over music and in other aspects of church life; likewise others in quiet service preparation over the year, for these tasks don't just happen! So, for the many unsung tasks completed, my grateful thanks. This spills over into the week for occasional offices, work in schools, and Tuesday Togetherness. Further appreciation goes to our wider congregation and supporters – for positive and cheerful support as my role/job/vocation is made easy through such cooperation.

We are gifted as a parish with the administrations of retired clergy, readers, and worship leaders. The variety preaching and teaching is enhanced by the differing styles and approaches of our team. Especially our in-house individuals Michelle, Linda, and Chris.

Lastly though my thanks to Sarah in the Parish Office who manages and organises me with subtly and joy.

**Worship**

Each of our churches continue to be to be open daily. This is a quiet ministry to our communities. Each of the churches have events during the year, but visitors and their prayers are only able to be offered because our churches are consistently open, and this impact cannot be underestimated. On this note, the schools use the churches at festival time which reflects the relationship we have with our primary aged children. Most weeks collective worship is lead by the Benefice staff and Methodist Minister.

The worship across the Benefice, although traditional, is both formal and yet relaxed within the framework of the liturgy. Prayer and Praise, Tuesday Togetherness, and the Thursday BCP Communion only add to the breadth of potential forms of worship available. Live streaming the Sunday morning service at St Gregory's casts a broad net over who can tune in. You would be amazed how far we reach.

Links though Tuesday Togetherness brings us into contact with nursing home communities, regular groups come from the Millings and Leeming Bar Grange to join together in Chantry Hall. This contact is strengthened by regular Holy Communion in the nursing homes of the Benefice.

**Prayer and Study.**

Extending spirituality and knowledge within the parish is part of our common cycle. The Chosen Group, a regular Bible study group, and Lent Groups were a part of 2025. A confirmation group was begun during the year with several of the regular congregation walking alongside candidates. Thank you, you got as much out of the process as you were able to put in!

**Individual Churches.**

Each of our parishes have their own rhythm and highlights, the Warden reports will cover everything from quinquennials to festivals, fundraising to numbers of congregation members. It is through the generous support of each other that these tasks are made easier. Car boot to coffee mornings and service rotas,

Wardens working together has made ministry smoother throughout the Benefice. The individuality of each parish will be covered during each APCM.

**Future**
Growing God's Church through the Benefice is a steady process of love and encouragement in relationship with each other and with God. That will be done at many speeds, many levels and through many different people. Let us pray that we are always able to hold each other in our future as we walk together. I feel each church has shown signs of growth with new members coming to worship. Our losses of stalwarts during the year may deplete our numbers over time, but their faithfulness and in what we inherit, and share make our Benefice a safe place to settle. I would encourage you to invite, family friend or neighbour into our communities. Growth happens through what we do in worship and how we interact with each other.

O God, who alone brings growth to your church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to actions and power to our witness. Help our church to grow in numbers, commitment to you and in service to our local community through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen

**Assistant Curate**
After much deliberation and conversations in 2024, the Rev'd Lee Finnegan was appointed early in 2025 as Assistant Curate in the Benefice for his continued training. Moving from Manfield north of Scotch Corner, Lee was ordained in Wakefield Cathedral in June as a deacon in the Church of England, then he and his family settled into Bedale over the summer. Since then, Lee has become an active part of the Benefice of Bedale, working alongside me in ministry. After spending three years training for ordination, the practical side of being a stipendiary minister is learnt through the day-to-day interactions within a group of churches. Lee has settled himself into our many different parishes, their situations and their congregations. We have found Lee to be a welcome addition to our services and many different and varied relationships of his encounters. Lee will be ordained priest in 27 June 2026 at Ripon Cathedral.

Rev'd Canon Simon Moor
Rector

# Appendix 3

# Assistant Curate's Reports

## Burrill Mission Church

**Worship and Ministry**
Over the past year, Burrill Mission Church has continued to offer warm, welcoming, and prayerful worship to the local community. I have had the privilege of leading services alongside Simon, our Rector, and the congregation has consistently shown commitment, hospitality, and a deep sense of fellowship.

Key services and events have included:

- Carols with guitar, with Simon accompanying the singing, which created a joyful and relaxed atmosphere during the Christmas season.
- A well-attended Music Evening, where Simon and I opened with a poem and light hearted guitar pieces before the main band, *Somewhere Road*. This event demonstrated the church's willingness to embrace creativity and community engagement.
- The Christmas meal at The Buck Inn, which provided valuable time for social connection and strengthened relationships within the congregation.

**Community and Collaboration**
The life of the church continues to be supported by dedicated volunteers. Working alongside Chris, the Churchwarden, has been a particular blessing. His commitment, together with the efforts of many others, ensures that Burrill remains a genuinely welcoming place to worship. The teamwork and shared responsibility evident here are among the church's greatest strengths.

**Attendance and Context**
A number of members have expressed a desire to see increased attendance. While this is a natural hope, it is important to recognise the context in which Burrill operates. The village population is small, and yet approximately 17% of the community worships regularly, with even higher numbers attending special services and events. This is a strong proportion compared with many rural churches and is a sign of healthy, faithful ministry.

The congregation is encouraged to continue modelling Christian values, hospitality, and welcome. These qualities are already bearing fruit, and growth—numerical or spiritual—ultimately rests in God's hands.

**Looking Ahead**
In the coming year, there are opportunities to:

- Build on the success of musical and social events.
- Continue nurturing the strong sense of community and fellowship.
- Explore further creative approaches to worship that reflect the character of the congregation.
- Maintain and strengthen the warm welcome that Burrill is known for.

Burrill Mission Church should be proud of all that has been achieved this year. The dedication of its members, the quality of its welcome, and the depth of its community life continue to be a blessing to the village and to the wider Benefice.

## St Gregory's Church

**Worship and Identity**
St Gregory's remains the largest and busiest church in the Benefice, offering an ancient, vibrant, and prayerful place in which people can encounter Christ. The building itself stands as a visible beacon in the community — beautifully lit, architecturally striking, and steadfast in its presence. Its physical prominence mirrors the depth and breadth of the ministry that takes place within and beyond its walls.

The worshipping life of St Gregory's is rich and varied. Services are well attended, reverent, and rooted in the Christian tradition, supported by a faithful congregation who approach worship with sincerity and devotion. The choir continues to be a significant blessing, enriching the liturgy and contributing greatly to the beauty of worship.

**Youth and School Ministry**
One of the most impressive aspects of St Gregory's ministry is its engagement with young people. Both the local primary school and the SEN academy regularly bring classes to the church — for seasonal services, educational visits, and opportunities to learn about the Christian faith. These visits are joyful, lively, and deeply important.

Weekly collective worship, delivered by the worship team, is a major undertaking. More than 170 children are ministered to each week through carefully prepared, prayerfully considered acts of worship. This ministry is sustained by a dedicated group of lay and ordained ministers who give generously of their time and gifts.

The SEN academy's increasing engagement is particularly encouraging. Under the current headteacher, and through the relationships built with Rev'd Canon Moor, myself, and other volunteers, the school has shown growing trust and openness. A longstanding relationship between Mowbray and St Gregory's is now developing into something new and Spirit led. It is clear that God is at work in these connections, and it is heartening to witness.

**Ministry Beyond Sundays**
Worship at St Gregory's is not confined to Sunday mornings or to the church building. Ministry extends into many areas of community life, including:

- Tuesday Togetherness
- The Chosen group
- Prayer and Praise gatherings
- British Legion services and monthly meetings
- Care home ministry

**Home communion**
Each of these expressions of ministry offers support, pastoral care, or spiritual nourishment. Some share the gospel explicitly; others embody it quietly through presence, compassion, and service. Together, they reflect a church that is active, outward looking, and deeply committed to its community.

The BCP service on Thursdays is a vital part of this ministry. Several attendees have expressed that they would not be able to attend church at all were it not for this service. It offers something beautifully simple, profoundly prayerful, and unique in the surrounding area. It is a gift to the community and a testament to St Gregory's commitment to serving all.

**Leadership and Service**
St Gregory's benefits from exceptional leadership. The two Church Wardens, Philip and Linda, are devoted, prayerful, and guided by the Holy Spirit in their service. Their dedication empowers others and helps sustain the wide range of ministries taking place.

Nearly every member of the congregation serves in some capacity — a remarkable sign of a healthy, engaged, and mission focused church. This shared ownership of ministry is one of St Gregory's greatest strengths.

**Strengths and Encouragements**

St Gregory's demonstrates:

- A deeply rooted Christian identity, lived out with authenticity and confidence.
- A broad and active ministry, reaching people of all ages and needs.
- A strong commitment to young people, through schools, worship, and pastoral presence.
- A faithful and reverent congregation, devoted to prayer and worship.
- A culture of service, with widespread volunteer involvement.

In a world where authenticity is increasingly valued, St Gregory's stands out as unapologetically and joyfully Christian. This clarity of identity is both rare and deeply appreciated by those who encounter the church.

**Looking Ahead**
The coming year offers opportunities to continue strengthening relationships with local schools, deepening pastoral outreach, and nurturing the many ministries already flourishing. St Gregory's is well placed to continue serving as a spiritual anchor for Bedale and the wider Benefice.

It remains one of the greatest privileges of my ministry to serve here and across the Benefice. The faithfulness, generosity, and devotion of the congregation are a continual encouragement, and the work of God in this place is unmistakable.

Lee Finnegan
Assistant Curate