THE PARISH OF CAYTON

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31.12.25

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES of

CAYTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

I report on the accounts of the church for the 12 months ended 31st December 2025 which are set out on pages 1 to 6 of this report.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner.

The Church's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

It is my responsibility to :

Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011);

To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(b) of the 2011 Act); and

To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(b) of the Act.
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the trustees and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters.

Independent Examiners Statement.

I have completed my examination and can confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gave reasonable cause to believe that the requirements to keep proper accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act, have not been met.

Signed : W. Humphreys **Date :** 30th March 2026

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF CAYTON, NORTH YORKSHIRE

Financial Statements ending 31.12.25

Receipts and Payments Accounts

RECEIPTS	Note	Cayton General	Legacy Fund	Ripley Fabric	Markington Fabric	B Thornton Fabric	Burnt Yates Fabric	S Stainley Fabric	Cayton Restricted	2025 TOTALS	2024 TOTALS
Volunatary receipts											
Planned giving		24113.32		720.00						**24833.32**	25328.10
Collections at services		9555.43		618.20			39.75	238.26		**10451.64**	15255.28
All other giving/voluntary receipts		8724.12		12666.79				320.00	1116.96	**22827.87**	15919.94
Gift Aid recovered		7122.54		2537.50						**9660.04**	13053.43
	1	49515.41	0.00	16542.49	0.00	0.00	39.75	558.26	1116.96	**67772.87**	69556.75
Legacies		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	**0.00**	**1000.00**
Activities for generating funds											
Trading income gross	2	12624.67								**12624.67**	12043.92
Fundraising gross	3	436.09		1238.84						**1674.93**	4862.02
		13060.76	0.00	1238.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	**14299.60**	16905.94
Investment income/Interest		3622.72	0.00	25.39	20.16	434.89	9.08	82.62	119.54	**4314.40**	4261.61
Church activities (PCC fees retained)	4	13092.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	**13092.26**	16650.47
Other receipts											
Grants	5	24.00					1000.00	500.00	0.00	**1524.00**	13130.00
Insurance claims	6	0.00	0.00	6226.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	**6226.00**	0.00
Vat recovered	7	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	**0.00**	7209.76
Other		300.00								**300.00**	0.00
		324.00	0.00	6226.00	0.00	0.00	1000.00	500.00	0.00	**8050.00**	20339.76
Total receipts		**79615.15**	**0.00**	**24032.72**	**20.16**	**434.89**	**1048.83**	**1140.88**	**1236.50**	**107529.13**	128714.53

PAYMENTS	Note	Cayton General	Legacy Fund	Ripley Fabric	Markington Fabric	B Thornton Fabric	Burnt Yates Fabric	S Stainley Fabric	Cayton Restricted	2025 TOTALS	2024 TOTALS
Church activities:											
Diocesan parish contribution	8	20000.00								**20000.00**	20000.00
Clergy and staffing costs		11413.42							30.00	**11443.42**	11375.21
Church running expenses	9	44714.95		72.00					1575.28	**46362.23**	40852.46
Mission giving and donations		384.00							0.00	**384.00**	384.00
Mission & Evangelism		438.61							109.98	**548.59**	820.93
		76950.98	0.00	72.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1715.26	**78738.24**	73432.60
Church major repairs	10	0.00		6576.00	0.00	0.00	3162.40	0.00	0.00	**9738.40**	42374.40
Reordering incl fees	11	0.00		9605.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	**9605.52**	0.00
Cost of raising funds											
Fees paid to Grant Bid Consultants	12	3956.40								**3956.40**	0.00
Fundraising costs		0.00		32.98					15.00	**47.98**	1276.29
Trading costs		2660.15								**2660.15**	1886.20
		6616.55	0.00	32.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.00	**6664.53**	3162.49
Financial & Professional costs		774.54	0.00	152.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	**926.79**	10735.36
Total payments		**84342.07**	**0.00**	**16438.75**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**3162.40**	**0.00**	**1730.26**	**105673.48**	129704.85
Excess of receipts over payments	13	-4726.92	0.00	7593.97	20.16	434.89	-2113.57	1140.88	-493.76	1855.65	-1990.32
Transfer between funds		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	**0.00**	0.00
Investment encashments		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2629.84	0.00	0.00	**2629.84**	0.00
Cash at bank at 1.1.25		57995.12	9000.00	3520.03	1400.53	30098.38	380.84	5059.81	7960.83	**115415.54**	116405.86
Cash at bank at 31.12.25		**53268.20**	**9000.00**	**11114.00**	**1420.69**	**30533.27**	**897.11**	**6200.69**	**7467.07**	**119901.03**	115415.54

Statement of Assets and Liabilities	Designated funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds
As at 31.12.25:			
Cash funds - general reserve		53268.20	
Legacy funds		9000.00	
Restricted Deposit Funds			
Burnt Yates Fabric Fund			897.11
Markington Fabric Fund			1420.69
Bishop Thornton Fabric Fund			30533.27
Ripley Fabric Fund			11114.00
South Stainley Fabric Fund			6200.69
Markington Church Organ Fund			428.95
Markington IT Literacy Fund			1317.18
Childrens Ministry Fund			514.57
Cayton Cares Wellbeing Fund			806.98
Cayton Choir Fund			1052.02
Churchyard Maintenance Fund			152.25
Ripley Organ Fund			3195.12
Investment funds			
NS&I 13841221 Burnt Yates re Neil Parker Memorial Clock Fund (closed)			0.00
NS&I 138071981 Burnt Yates Unrestricted (closed)			0.00
CCLA CB1009251-001 Burnt Yates Neil Parker Memorial Clock Fund			2274.41
CCLA CB1009252-001 Burnt Yates (St Andrews Church)	8586.26		
CCLA CB3032691-001 Bishop Thornton re Doris Kirby Bequest - held at LDBF			27295.03
CCLA CB3032690-001 Bishop Thornton re PCC Old Churchyard - held at LDBF			4572.85
CCLA CB3013531-001 Bishop Thornton re Jackson Bequest			51477.41
CCLA CB3013335-001 Bishop Thornton re Jackson Bequest			35559.85
Total of Funds	**8586.26**	**62268.20**	**178812.38**

Liabilities - Parish share liability was £61,798 for 2025 and only £20k was actually paid (leaving a deficit of £41,798)

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

The Parish of Cayton includes:
All Saints' church, Ripley
St Michael the Archangel church, Markington
St Wilrid's church, South Stainley
St John the Evangelist church, Bishop Thornton
St Andrew's church, Burnt Yates

Notes

1. **Voluntary receipts:**
   2024: £69,556.75 2025: £67,772.87
   The overall voluntary receipts income has decreased £1,784 from 2024.
   Planned giving has increased by £495
   Collections at services has decreased (£4,803)
   All other giving/voluntary receipts has increased £6,908. This includes one off donations to cover repairs at All Saints' church & donations towards the reordering.

2. **Trading income:**
   The café generated a gross income of £9,582.76 (expenses £1,627.79)
   And the shop generated £ 2,638.56 (expenses £1,032.36)
   The café & shop income remained in the general fund.
   We would like to thank all the volunteers of the café & shop who generate a considerable income for the Parish each year.

3. **Fundraising:**
   St Andrew's Burnt Yates coffee morning: income share £436.09 (expenses £15.00)
   All Saints', Ripley lunch concert: income £376.00 (no expenses)
   After The Harvest concert: income share £862.84 (expenses £32.98)

4. **Church activities:**
   2024: £16,650.47. 2025: £13,092.26
   Several weddings were cancelled due to Ripley Castle closing their reception venue.

5. **Grants received:**

Harrogate Church Repair Fund	1,000.00	Burnt Yates (St Andrew's) ceiling repair
Leeds Diocese	24.00	Refund of ACCT membership
The Bat Conservation Trust	500.00	St Wilfrid's (South Stainley)

6. **Insurance claims**
   £6,226 received to cover wall damage due to a fallen tree

7. **VAT claim**
   Invoices paid in 2024 for All Saints reordering were sent to HMRC however as the work had not actually started during 2024 our VAT claim was rejected. No other invoices qualified for the scheme. 2024 was the last year of this scheme.

8. **Parish share:**
The Parish Share invoice was for £61,798 however in line with our budget £20,000 was paid leaving a deficit of £41,798

9. **Church running expenses:**
2024: £40,852.46 2025: £45,330.23
All expenses have risen slightly. The upkeep of churchyards rose from £8,841.90 to £11,837.32 however £4,320 of this was the cost of removal of a fallen tree (which was kindly covered by a donation). There was a Churchdesk cost of £1,128 and utility expenses rose from £5,221.67 to £8,346.01
Organ repair All Saints Ripley £1032.00

10. **Major repairs:**
£6,576.00 – All Saints Church, Ripley wall repair after fallen tree
£3,162.40 – St Andrews Church, Burnt Yates ceiling repair

11. **Reordering costs:**
Architect fees £4,388.52
Deposit for new chairs £4,722.00

12. Fees paid to grant bid consultants: £3,956.40

13. **Excess of receipts over payments:**
General funds deficit was (£4,726.92)
Total overall (general, fabric & restricted accounts) was positive £1,855.65

Reserve Policy:
The reserve policy for 2025 was set at £26,000

Future MajorExpenditure:
St Michael's Church, Markington - roof requires major repair – main church is currently closed.
St Andrew's Church, Burnt Yates – ceiling has had repairs in 2025 however major roof work is required in the future.
All Saints' Church, Ripley – January 2025 reordering started (phase 1). A grant application was declined & the PCC agreed to proceed using fundraising monies and general fund monies.

Top Five Expenses in 2025:

Parish share:	£20,000.00
Reordering:	£13,066.92
Insurance:	£12,066.67
Churchyards:	£11,837.32
Major repairs (excluding reordering):	£9,738.40

Payments	Cayton General	Legacy Fund	Ripley Fabric	Markington Fabric	B Thornton Fabric	Burnt Yates Fabric	S Stainley Fabric	Cayton Restricted
Cost of applying for grants	**3956.40**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**
Fundraising Expenses	**0.00**	**0.00**	**32.98**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**
Mission Giving & donations								
Cayton Cares/Compassion UK	384.00							
Charity donations given	0.00							
	384.00	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**
Diocesan Parish Share	**20000.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**
Salaries, wages & honoraria								
Lay reader costs	200.00							
Bell ringer costs	288.00							
Choir costs	830.00							30.00
Organist costs (incl HMRC)	6492.00							
Other staff cover	252.00							
Verger costs	1692.00							
	9754.00	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**30.00**
Clergy & Staff Expenses								
Telephone	385.00							
Travel costs - staff	30.51							
Working expenses of incumbent	1243.91							
	1659.42	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	0.00
Mission & Evangelism								
Ripley lunch club	276.13							
Forest Church	162.48							
Cayton Cares	0.00							109.98
	438.61	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**109.98**
Church running expenses:								
Administration	1020.87							
Routine maintenance & repairs	4112.58		72.00					
Church supplies	1261.53							
Insurance	12066.67							
IT	1363.60							
Meetings incl room hire	240.00							
Organ Repair & Servicing	349.00							1032.00
Survey costs	1335.60							
Upkeep of churchyards	11837.32							348.68
Upkeep of services (incl music)	655.77							79.60
DBF fees - weddings	1976.00							
Rentals	280.00							
	36498.94	**0.00**	**72.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**1460.28**
Utilities								
Cesspool	187.00							
Electric	4003.69							
Gas	2762.41							
Oil	624.75							
Water	768.16							
	8346.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Costs of Trading								
Café	1627.79							
Sales	1032.36							
	2660.15	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	0.00
Decorating (inside & outside)	0.00							
Major repairs - installation	0.00		6576.00			419.20		
Major repairs - structure (incl prof fees)	0.00		9605.52			2743.20		
	0.00	**0.00**	**16181.52**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**3162.40**	**0.00**	**0.00**
Bank & financial costs	684.54		**152.25**					
Professional costs	90.00							
	774.54	**0.00**	**152.25**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**
TOTALS	**84342.07**	**0.00**	**16438.75**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**3162.40**	**0.00**	**1730.26**

Further Analysis of Receipts & Payments

Receipts	Cayton General	Legacy Fund	Ripley Fabric	Markington Fabric	B Thornton Fabric	Burnt Yates Fabric	S Stainley Fabric	Cayton Restricted
Tax Efficient Planned giving:								
Parish Giving Scheme monthly	19843.32							
Standing order giving	4270.00		720.00					
Yellow Envelopes (over £30)	0.00		260.00					
	24113.32	**0.00**	**980.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	0.00
Collections at services								
Open plate	6068.03							
Funeral/Wedding/Baptism collections	3487.40		358.20			39.75	238.26	
	9555.43	**0.00**	**358.20**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**39.75**	**238.26**	0.00
All other giving/voluntary receipts								
Boxes	1541.38		100.00					
Card Machine	1291.77		216.79					7.96
Churchdesk	142.04							50.00
Donation other	0.00						320.00	290.00
Donations by cheque & online	4056.00		2200.00					600.00
Ripley lunch club donations	653.30							
Cayton Cares donations	0.00							169.00
Parish Giving Scheme - single	1039.63		10150.00					
	8724.12	**0.00**	**12666.79**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**320.00**	1116.96
Gift Aid recovered								
HMRC gift aid	2607.71							
PGS monthly gift aid	3959.45							
PGS single gift aid	66.88		2537.50					
PGS Ripley card machine gift aid	488.50							
	7122.54	**0.00**	**2537.50**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	0.00
Legacies	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	0.00
Fundraising activites	**436.09**	**0.00**	**1238.84**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	0.00
Dividends & interest								
Bank interest	0.00		25.39	20.16	434.89	9.08	82.62	
Investment income	3622.72							119.54
	3622.72	**0.00**	**25.39**	**20.16**	**434.89**	**9.08**	**82.62**	**119.54**
Statutory PCC fees retained								
Funeral fees (PF1)	5359.67							
Wedding fees (PF2)	6867.59							
Other (PF3)	865.00							
	13092.26	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**
Gross trading income								
Sales	2638.56							
Café gross	9582.76							
Church hire	100.00							
Car park income	303.35							
	12624.67	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**
Other Receipts								
Grants	24.00					1000.00	500.00	
Insurance claims			6226.00					
Investment encashed						2629.84		
Vat recovered								
Other receipts/income not covered	300.00							
	324.00	0.00	6226.00	0.00	0.00	3629.84	500.00	0.00
RECEIPT TOTALS	**79615.15**	**0.00**	**24032.72**	**20.16**	**434.89**	**3678.67**	**1140.88**	**1236.50**

RESTRICTED FUNDS

RECEIPTS	Cayton Cares Fund	Cayton Childrens Ministry Fund	Cayton Churchyard Fund	Markington IT Literacy Fund	Markington Organ Fund	Cayton Choir Fund	Ripley Organ Fund	TOTALS
Volunatary receipts								
Planned giving								0.00
Online & cheque donations	300.00		300.00					600.00
All other giving/voluntary receipts	169.00		100.00			230.00	17.96	516.96
Gift Aid recovered								
	469.00	0.00	400.00	0.00	0.00	230.00	17.96	1116.96
Activities for generating funds								
Trading income gross								
Fundraising gross								
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Investment income/Interest	10.96	8.95	3.00	18.31	5.96	13.71	58.65	119.54
Church activities (PCC fees retained)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other receipts								
Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Vat recovered	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total receipts	479.96	8.95	403.00	18.31	5.96	243.71	76.61	1236.50

PAYMENTS	Cayton Cares Fund	Cayton Childrens Ministry Fund	Cayton Churchyard Fund	Markington IT Literacy Fund	Markington Organ Fund	Cayton Choir Fund	Ripley Organ Fund	TOTALS
Church activities:								
Rentals		130.00						130.00
Churchyard upkeep			348.68					348.68
Clergy and staffing costs						30.00		30.00
Church running expenses						79.60		79.60
Mission giving and donations								0.00
Mission & Evangelism	109.98							109.98
	109.98	130.00	348.68	0.00	0.00	109.60	0.00	698.26
Organ Repair	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1032.00	1032.00
Cost of generating funds								
Fundraising costs								
Trading costs								
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Financial & Professional costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total payments	109.98	130.00	348.68	0.00	0.00	109.60	1032.00	1730.26
Excess of receipts over payments	369.98	121.05	54.32	18.31	5.96	134.11	-955.39	-493.76
Transfer between funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Investment encashments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cash at bank at 1.1.25	437.00	635.62	97.93	1298.87	422.99	917.91	4150.51	7960.83
Cash at bank at 31.12.25	806.98	514.57	152.25	1317.18	428.95	1052.02	3195.12	7467.07

The Parochial Church Council
of The Ecclesiastical Parish of Cayton

Charity number: 1206882

Annual Report 2025

Aims and purposes

Cayton Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Paul Harford, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the five church buildings and churchyards of All Saints' (Ripley), St. Andrew's (Burnt Yates), St. John the Evangelist (Bishop Thornton), St. Michael the Archangel (Markington), and St. Wilfrid (South Stainley).

Objectives and Activities

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 many 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, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

In particular, 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 of, and deepening their trust in, God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- 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 our five churches and their churchyards.

Achievements and performance

Worship and prayer

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. For example, smaller services such as morning and evening prayer, and midweek Eucharists provide a quiet, intimate and reflective environment for worship, while opportunities are provided for people to engage in more outgoing worship at our larger Sunday gatherings.

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.

Study and Home Groups have met throughout the year.

We are grateful to a number of community spaces who have helped in hosting us this year, including Burnt Yates Community Centre, The Yorkshire Hussars Inn in Markington, and Markington CE Primary and Nursery School.

Deanery Synod

Three members of the PCC sit on the Deanery Synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the Church.

Deanery Synod Representatives for the Parish: Margaret Davis, Richard Davis, Ian Gant, Judy Matthews.

The Minutes of the Deanery Synod meetings through the year and other documents distributed are available to view on request to the Synod's Secretary.

The Church Buildings

Four out of five of our churches are usually open regularly to members of the public for private prayer, and reflection outside of service and event times. It is important, therefore, to keep our churches in the best repair possible. Our churchwardens continue to monitor the state of the fabric, and alongside the PCC, undertake to commission such works as are necessary and affordable.

This year the Quinquennial Inspection was undertaken for St. Wilfrid's, South Stainley, by Alexa Stephens, Pearce Bottomley Architects.

Sadly this year the majority of St. Michael's church has remained closed to public access, as well as a perimeter around it, due to concerns with the safety of the historic lath and plaster roof internally, and the slating externally. The process has begun for the permanent closure of this building for public worship for this reason.

Other major projects we are currently exploring include re-ordering projects at St. Andrew's, and All Saints'. The reordering of All Saints' is scheduled to begin in January 2026. Sadly this project failed to attract any major grant funding. The PCC is nonetheless deeply grateful to those who invested significant time, expertise and effort, in developing strong grant applications. The project looking at the use of the organ at All Saints' Church has been paused, on the advice of the DAC, until we have a fuller experience of worshipping in the 'new' space when the reordering has been completed.

Pastoral care, and Mission and Evangelism

Some members of our parish are unable to attend church due to sickness or age. Reverends Paul Harford and Linda Boon, alongside Reader Janet Newell have visited all church members who have requested it, to celebrate communion with them either at their homes or in hospital.

Cayton Cares (one of our PCC's Passion Led Groups) have been instrumental in arranging and leading a number of community lunches and events, which have been received well and brought people from within and beyond the regular congregations together to reduce social isolation and loneliness, and develop links with other community groups and activities.

Our second PLG, known as the 'eco group' has been engaging our communities in looking at how best to model sustainability, and cherish God's creation. This has provided good opportunities to work with neighbours and others, and our open spaces have continued to flourish to the benefit of both human and wild visitors.

The strengthening connection with local institutions, particularly around Christmas interactions with the Yorkshire Hussars (who invited our choir to sing in the bar one night, and also hosted our Christmas Eve Crib Service (in the stable behind the Inn); and Markington School hosting a service a month for us, continue as exciting opportunities to further grow commmunity engagement and mission.

Ecumenical relationships

There is little opportunity for formal ecumenical relationships within our parish, but we remain on good terms with the local Roman Catholic Church.

Safeguarding

The PCC has complied with the duty to have 'due regard' to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance.

Our Safeguarding Team Meeting takes place on a quarterly basis, and reviews our current status on the Parish Dashboard system, any relevant Safeguarding issues, and the Safeguarding Risk Assessment through the year.

We have been in consultation with the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisors a few times this year, but not with anything that has required any formal or legal action.

Financial review

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £79,615, of which £49,515 was unrestricted voluntary donations, including a portion of Gift Aid received through PGS, and directly. Restricted donations of £18,257 were also received. Full details of these and other receipts are detailed in the financial statements.

The net result for the year was an excess of receipts over payments of -£4727 on unrestricted funds. Adding bank and deposit balances brought forward at the beginning of the year, the balances carried forward at 31 December on unrestricted funds totalled £53,268.

We are deeply grateful to our treasurer Karen Hyde for all her work through the year.

Reserves policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds that equates to at least three months' unrestricted payments. This is equivalent to £26,000. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. The cash balance of £53,268 held on unrestricted (including designated) funds at the year end, together with the amounts payable to and by the PCC, exceeds this amount. This excess will be needed towards the costs associated with the reordering of All Saints' in Q1 of next year.

Optional information

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our parish the lively and vibrant community it is. In particular, we want to mention our Associate Priest Linda Boon, our Readers Karen, Tina, and Janet, and our Licensed Lay Worship Leaders who work alongside David, our choir, and other voluntary musicians to provide our worship through the year. We also wish to acknowledge our churchwardens Diane Carter, Margaret Davis, Charles Hutchinson, Sylvia Loxley, Julia Roe, and Standing Committee members Ian Gant and Karen Evans who have worked so tirelessly on our behalf; and Karen Hyde and Graham Jones who have done an enormous amount of work of bringing our accounts and accounting together, and Bill Humphreys our independent examiner.

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. 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, modified by a Bishop's Instrument. The membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), associate vicar, readers, deanery synod reps, churchwardens, and members elected by those who are on the electoral roll of the church.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

The full PCC met six times during the year.

The 'Ecology and the Environment', and 'Cayton Cares' Passion Led Groups met throughout the year.
The 'Fundraising and Events PLG' did not meet, but its terms of reference were redrawn.

The Standing Committee met regularly through the year to resolve day-to-day and smaller fabric issues.

Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll was renewed prior to the 2025 Annual Meeting, at which point it contained 97 names.

Administrative information

Cayton parish encompasses the villages and hamlets, in full or in part, of Bedlam, Bishop Thornton, Burnt Yates, Cayton, Clint, Fountains, Hardgate, Ingerthorpe, Markington, Monkton Moor, Ripley, Shaw Mills, South Stainley, Warsill, and Wormald Green. It is part of the Diocese of Leeds within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, Westerns Lane, Markington, HG3 3PB. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2025).
Cayton Parish is registered with the Charity Commission as 'THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CAYTON', charity number 1206882.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2025 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex officio members:

- Incumbent: The Reverend Paul Harford (chair)
- Associate Vicar: The Reverend Linda Boon
- Readers: Karen Evans, Janet Newell, Tina McGrath
- Wardens: Diane Carter, Margaret Davis, Charles Hutchinson, Sylvia Loxley, Julia Roe

Elected members:

- Deanery Synod Representatives: Margaret Davis, Richard Davis, Ian Gant, Judy Matthews
- Lay Representatives: Alan Manship, Caroline Smith, Catherine Lewis, Kathryn McKendrick-Smith, Nicola Cunningham.

Appointed Secretary and Treasurer

- Secretary: Caroline Smith
- Treasurer: Karen Hyde

Independent Examiner: Bill Humphreys

Approved by the PCC on

and signed on their behalf by

the Reverend Paul Harford (PCC chairman)

