

The Parish of St Mary Magdalene, Yarm CHARITABLE GIVING

The following duties was agreed at the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting held on 26th June 2023.

Framework for Charitable Giving

The Parochial Church Council (PCC)' and congregation of St Mary Magdalene, Yarm Parish Church, are committed to a programme of fundraising for charitable giving on an annual basis. This programme is informed by the priorities made explicit in the policies of the PCC and in the Parish Plan. The PCC is the body accountable for all money raised. The framework for this programme is as follows –

- a. Planned events are scheduled to take place during the year, in a seasonal cycle. These events are managed by the Events Committee which is a subcommittee of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) They include events at Lent, Harvest, and at Christmas, as well as other events; all of these have a social as well as a fundraising purpose.
- b. Within the overall context of its stewardship role and financial responsibilities, Yarm PCC aspires on an annual basis to identify for charitable purposes the entire proceeds of the Lent, Harvest and Christmas events. A further decision is made annually by the PCC as to how to manage the proceeds of Summer and Christmas fairs.
- c. At the beginning of the year the church congregation will be asked by the Rector to nominate individually charities of their choice. The congregation then vote for one local, one national and one international charity to be supported during the year. One of the named charities is supported at each of the events for Lent, Harvest and Christmas.
- d. During the course of the year, these "causes" will be published to the congregation, and the giving effort be published more widely. It gives the opportunity at a yearend for a more explicit understanding of what difference is being made as a result of people's collective efforts.
- e. The PCC retains the capability to act in the event of an internationally recognised emergency (eg a DEC appeal) or local emergency (eg disaster appeal).

It should be noted that other events which take place regularly in Church (eg funerals) also generate charitable collections for which the PCC is responsible; this will continue without prejudice to the above; they will be recorded and reported in the normal fashion via the annual accounting process.

St Mary Magdalene's PCC has the responsibility for promoting the whole mission of the Church of England, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical in the ecclesiastical Parish. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Parish Church in West Street Yarm.

Chair: 

Date: 26th June 2023