

St Mary Magdalene Church Yarm

St Mary Magdalene, Yarm Parish Church; 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 Social Committee which is a subcommittee of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) They include events at Lent, Easter, Harvest, and the two major fundraising fairs in Summer 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, Easter, and Harvest events. A further decision is made annually by the PCC as to how to manage the proceeds of Summer and Christmas fairs.
 - c. The PCC Social Committee, membership of which will include a Churchwarden, will make annual recommendations for ratification by the PCC as to how the monies should be allocated. In doing so, it will nominate two causes, or areas of need. One will identify a local issue and the other a more international or global cause. The Committee will also identify appropriate charitable delivery organisations who work in these areas of need.
 - 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 year end 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 (a DEC appeal). It asks the Social Committee to monitor any such and to recommend, at the end of a year, whether any such action is appropriate.
3. It should be noted that other events which take place regularly in Church (eg school events, funerals, occasional offices) 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.