



**St Joseph's Bishop Thornton
DIOCESE OF LEEDS
Finance Committee**

**SUMMARY MINUTES
19 February 2020**

Attendees

Ian Burrell
Mark Ashworth
Patrick Henry
Martin Holden
Mark Grafton

Apologies were given by Fr Pearce and Helen Jordan

Kevin Anderson and Anna Larkin from the Diocesan Curia were in attendance.

Health and Safety

A Fire Risk Assessment has recently been completed. New fire exit signs and fire extinguishers have been put in place. The cleaning of the Yorkshire Flagstones around the Church and presbytery has been instructed.

Finance

The accounts for the nine months to December 2019 show that the Parish is at a breakeven position. In addition, some exceptional costs have been incurred with regard to the sale of land. Parishioners are encouraged to ensure that, where possible, they maximise the benefit to the Parish by Gift Aiding donations.

Property

The cemetery health and safety inspection has been undertaken and the gravestone testing is now complete. The Parish is trying to contact the family members associated with the graves near to the entrance of the Church where gravestones have been laid flat for safety reasons.

A Tree Survey has been completed. Work on pruning the trees will commence when planning permission is in place. Some trees have Tree Preservation Orders.

A Quinquennial Inspection of the Church has been completed and the Church has been found to be in good condition. Some works are required and these will be costed and planned to be undertaken in the near future. Gutter cleaning and associated repairs have recently been completed on the Church and Presbytery.

Discussions are ongoing with potential tenants for the former School. We are in receipt of offers for the land on Colber Lane and a preferred developer has been identified. Further information will be given when we are in position to provide it.