



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

**SUMMARY MINUTES
28 April 2020**

Attendees

Ian Burrell
Mark Ashworth
Helen Jordan
Martin Holden

Apologies were given by Fr Pearce, Patrick Henry and Mark Grafton

Kevin Anderson, Anna Larkin and Jo-Anne Hughes (note taker) from the Diocesan Curia were in attendance.

Health and Safety

The Committee recognised that the current restrictions in place made projects difficult and therefore agreed that the matters of tree maintenance, memorial inspections and external painting of the Church, Presbytery and School buildings would be deferred until a time when it is safer to progress with the work involved.

Finance

The Annual Return recorded Parish Net Assets of £47,800 at the year end. The underlying financial outcome, comparing income and expenditure during the year ended March 2020, was a breakeven position as had been expected. The Parish had incurred approximately £10,000 of 'one-off' costs in the year, associated with the longer term property matters, and therefore recorded a small deficit after expensing these costs.

Property

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