

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST DENYS' NEW SLEAFORD

England & Wales - Charity number 1127600

Details

Other names ST DENYS' P C C

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2009-01-19

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church.

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Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** People With Disabilities

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Lincolnshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£100,962	£126,365	-	-
2024-12-31	£227,901	£122,575	-	-
2023-12-31	£96,008	£107,851	-	-
2022-12-31	£94,207	£96,748	-	-
2021-12-31	£110,867	£111,979	-	-
2020-12-31	£74,852	£78,861	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Philip Anthony Johnson	Chair	2013-11-24
Alison Snookes		2023-04-30
BERYL RISDELL		
BRENDA ROSALIND HITCHCOCK		2024-04-28
DAVID JOHN MARRIAGE		2011-09-08
DOUGLAS COLIN HOARE		
KEITH RAYMOND BAILEY		2018-04-29
MAJOR DOUGLAS FORSYTH AGNEW		2022-05-08
Minyon Ann Prescott		2019-04-28
PAMELA ALICE JAKEWAY		2018-04-29
PHILIP JOHN STARKS		2011-09-08
RICHARD CLASH		
Rotimi Okusanya M.Div,MA		2025-05-11
Sarah Stentiford		2023-04-30
TERENCE EDWARD REGAN		2012-09-19

Accounts

ST DENYS' CHURCH SLEAFORD

Registered Charity Number 1127600

Annual Report

and

Financial Statements

of the

Parochial Church Council

for the year ended 31 December 2025

Incumbent:

The Rev'd. Philip A Johnson

**Independent Examiner:
Mrs K Botley FCCA
Duncan & Toplis
Chartered Accountants
18 Northgate
Sleaford**

**Bank:
HSBC Bank Plc
88 Westgate
Grantham**

Elected members (cont'd):
Mr. Douglas C. Hoare
Mrs. Pamela Jakeway
Mr. Edward Jarvis (until 11 May 2025)

Mr. David J. Marriage
Mr. Rotimi Okusanya (from 11 May 2025)
Mrs. Minyon Prescott
Ms. Angela Rankin (until 11 May 2025)
Mr. Terence E. Regan
Mrs. Beryl Risdell
Mrs. Alison Snookes

Members co-opted by the PCC: None

PCC Officers

Chairman: Revd. Philip A. Johnson, MA, FIBMS
Hon Electoral Roll Officer: Mrs. Angela Clash *
Hon Secretary: Mr. Douglas F. Agnew
Hon Treasurer: Mrs. Brenda R. Hitchcock
Parish Safeguarding Officer: Mrs. Angela Clash *
* (non-member of the PCC)

Church Ministry and Local Ministry Team

The PCC continues to be appreciative of the contribution made to the worship and ministry at St Denys by the retired clergy, the Revd. Canons John Wickstead and Graham Hedger, and the Revds. David Boutle and David Woods. At the end of 2025 the Authorised Lay Ministry Team was comprised of Mrs. Beryl Risdell and Mr. Terence E. Regan. The Bishop of Grantham led our Holy Week and Easter services.

Electoral Roll Officer's Report	2025	2024
Electors at start of year	67	104
Electors added to Roll	(0)	(0)
Electors removed from Roll at own request	(0)	(0)
Deaths	(0)	(2)
Electors at end of year	67	102

N.B: The Electoral Role must be completely revised every six years. A complete revision was required in 2025. The current numbers reflect congregants who died, those who have relocated, etc.

The Principal Matters dealt with/ Policy Decisions made by the PCC during 2025

Maintaining St Denys and the Parish Hall were topics of significant discussion throughout the year. The roof of the Church is an ongoing problem requiring periodic repairs, and options for upgrading the heating system are being examined. The heating system in the Yarborough Room of the Parish Hall was upgraded.

The financial situation of St Denys was also a major topic of discussion. All members were encouraged to increase their donations if possible. In addition, donation postcards with a QR code were developed, and a PGS donation terminal installed. Performance Rights and the fees charged for the use of the Church were reviewed, and increased subject to further review.

Time to Change Together (TTCT) and the structure and responsibilities it entails continued to be a major consideration. St Denys has been designated a Type 1 church, defined as "A large, flourishing, confident church, strategically located to serve a significant population and act as a resource/hub for a wider catchment area within the Local Mission Partnership (LMP)."

With the TTCT program and his additional responsibility as Rural Dean, Fr. Philip's role entails more administrative responsibilities over an area much greater than this parish.

Use of the Church by Schools and others for community events in 2025

St Denys continued to welcome groups and events connected with the Church. A number of events took place, including concerts by the Sleaford Choral Society, the Sleaford Concert Band, and the Royal Air Force Band. There were also a number of services, including for Armed Forces Day and Remembrance Sunday, and for William Alvey School, St Botolph's School, St George's Academy, Carre's Grammar School and the Kesteven & Sleaford High School. The Church was also a large part of The Sleaford Town Council's Christmas Fair.

Church Buildings, Contents and the Churchyard

Church Terrier:

No items have been added or removed during 2025

Inventory:

Nothing has been added.

Church building

During 2025 the following items were considered, researched, or actioned.

The Lady Chapel: During January a new carpet was laid and the mid-week Holy Communion returned to this area.

Kneelers: The old fabric covering many of the kneelers within the nave was removed. All kneelers were stained.

Market Place: New parking arrangements were introduced in the Market Place allowing Blue Badge holders to park on selected days of the week and church services.

Electrics: A full electrical inspection was carried out during March.

Gutters: All cleared during April.

Church clock: Repaired and serviced in July.

Church roof: Work has been carried out on various roofs during August. This is an ongoing situation.

Parish Centre: The old gas heaters in the Yarborough Room were replaced with a radiator system which included an additional boiler in the kitchen.

Bells: The bells are serviced by members of the bell ringing group.

Various: Throughout the year many maintenance jobs have been carried out.

Sleaford Town Council continue to manage the churchyard and many thanks must go to the small band of council staff who perform their duties with care.

Churchwarden's thank you

During the year the Churchwardens aim is to make the building fit for purpose and have given unswerving support when there are concerts and various community activities. This support includes providing refreshments during any day-long activities, such as Sleaford Town Council's Christmas Fair.

It goes without saying the Churchwardens are grateful to everyone who spend their time and skills in maintaining the church/parish and it is very much hoped these will continue during 2026. Thank you in anticipation!

Music

2025 was a year of variety for the music department at St Denys, with lots of things going on for us to get involved in and for us to continue to enhance the worship in this place.

We held two fundraising concerts in 2025; sadly the October concert by Mirabilé was postponed by their committee due to fewer than expected sales being made. The two organ recitals raised about £400 for the organ fund and we also received a couple of donations towards the project. We are waiting for a more detailed quote from the organ builder in order for the team to then put together more bids for funding from larger pots of money.

The Choir's repertoire for services remains in constant change with lots of favourites making a reappearance in 2025, alongside some newer items for us to learn. Beethoven's 'Die Ehre Gottes aus der Natur', Attwood's 'Turn thy face from my sins', Williams' 'O Sacrum Convivium', MacDonald's 'This Joyful Eastertide', Moore's 'Jesus, Lord we look to thee', Shephard's 'And didst thou travel light', MacDonald's 'The wounds of Christ' and Ogden's 'Rain down justice' all gave us something different to work on and were mostly well received. It is always a challenge to learn new music, especially now we have removed our Friday evening rehearsals, but the Choir do a great job and I'm always extremely proud of their commitment and resilience when things get tough.

The Choir very much enjoyed their trip to Lincoln Cathedral in March 2025; being able to sing Evensong in our home cathedral with the Youth Choir from the cathedral was an

amazing experience and we were so glad to be able to take our music there. I really hope we have the chance to do something again in the future as the chance to sing in a cathedral is something that all choir members should aim for.

There were two very large services for the Choir this last year; Elodie's Baptism on Easter 2 and the Christmas Carol Service were both exceptionally good with a large choir being able to sing some large scale works which were very well received by the congregations at these services. The Christmas Carol Service was definitely the best in my time and I hope that 2026 lives up to the expectation we have now set!

The Choir held its first 2 Deanery Evensongs in 2025 with further services planned for 2026. The first was held at St Denys for the Patronal Festival, and the second was held at St Andrew Horbling. We also were invited to sing at the Carol Service at St Botolph, Quarrington, and some of the singers from those churches joined us which was lovely to be able to facilitate.

The Christingle Service on the Market Place was well received by those who were able to join in; the location of the stage made this more challenging than we anticipated, but I hope that next year's service will be better supported now that we know how the Market Place will be laid out. The Choir from the William Alvey School did a great job in supporting the music for this service and we look forward to further collaborations in the future.

As ever, I'm extremely grateful to the members of the choir for their commitment to the music at St Denys. They are volunteers who give freely of their time and skill, and we are lucky to have them. I'm also grateful for the support of the PCC, the Churchwardens and Rev'd Philip for their support; they give me the freedom to do my job to the best of my ability whilst being a great help when discussing ideas for the future. We are always on the lookout for new members, so please do spread the word about who we are and what we do!

Financial Activities

Sleaford Parish Church Reserves Policy

Following the review by the Finance Committee on 28th November 2022 the policy remains as follows:

It is the policy of St Denys 's Parochial Church Council to hold in reserves the equivalent of 12 months running costs from the General Purposes Fund (£95,000) and a further £50,000 from the Fabric Fund for Insurance and Emergency repairs.

Collections have fallen slightly again but donations have risen from the previous year mainly from use of the QR code and PGS machine although there have been problems with that and a bid for an upgraded machine was not successful. One regular contribution is also received via PGS and there have been no additions or losses to our planned giving scheme.

Gift Aid contributions increased by £1,200 and additional tax recovery was received from that and also via the PGS donations. Postcards containing the QR code, picture and appeal were purchased and placed in all the pews and welcome table in an effort to increase income which is currently insufficient to meet all running costs.

The PCC pledged share of £30,000 was paid in full but partly from reserves due to larger repair commitments.

The HSBC internet banking has been working well and since the closure of the local branch the arrangements for cash and cheques at the post office also has been working well.

One legacy of £1,051.16 was received during the year. With the reopening of the Market Place, fees have increased as there were three weddings, but funerals have not returned to previous levels.

Solar Panel income of £5,255 was received for the power generated for the national grid, an increase of £678 on the previous year

There has been good use of the Parish Centre. Refund of the overpayments due to the faulty meter of £3,580 were finally received in May. Major work to the Centre was carried out with the replacement of two gas heaters in the main hall with an additional boiler in the kitchen to feed five radiators; some electrical renewal and provision of fire safety locks; and, a security lock to the office door. The total cost of this work was £7,345. A change of cleaning company took place at the end of July.

Fund raising activities increased during the year along with opening the church for refreshments during town events in the Market Place. A Pimms Event, some parish lunches and a Quiz night resulted in an increase of £1,400 on 2024. A total of 377 copies of an original Christmas card painted and produced by Minyon Prescott were sold at £1 each.

The Parish Administrator and the Director of Music have continued in post and received salary increases from 1st January 2025. The payroll continues to be managed by the company that took over in 2024, together with the workplace pension put in place from 1st April 2017, of which there is currently one member.

The PCC investment and Trust Fund income increased during the year as the CBF General Deposit Account terms were changed from interest accruing to the account to it being paid out quarterly to assist with pledge commitments etc. The value of the 12 Trust Funds held showed a total loss of £18,227 as at 31st December 2025

Further repairs to the Church Roof used up the remaining restricted fabric fund held in the HSBC deposit account.

During the year two Counters each week have continued counting and banking the church collections. All funeral fee bills are paid to the Diocese who then remit them direct to our account for distribution as necessary by the Treasurer. We continue to collect wedding fees and account to the Diocese monthly. Retired Clergy and Readers claim their fees direct from the Diocese.

The following groups, which are connected with the church, held funds at the 31st December 2025.

	2025	2024
Choir/Music	£10,468	£10,066
Bellringers	£2,799	£2,607

On Behalf of the PCC


.....Fr Philip Johnson (Chairman)



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF ST DENYS NEW SLEAFORD

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 DECEMBER 2025

Charity no

1127600

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2025.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date:

17/3/2026

Name:

KAY BOTLEY

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

FCCA

Address:

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SLEAFORD

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

St Denys' Sleaford PCC

1127600

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/01/2025	To	31/12/2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations and Legacies	48,490	-	-	48,490	177,912
Grants	-	-	-	-	2,082
Income from charitable activities	2,336	-	-	2,336	1,534
Other trading activities	10,515	-	-	10,515	7,402
Church room	14,703	-	-	14,703	9,739
Investments	12,219	6,878	-	19,097	18,440
Other income	5,785	26	-	5,821	10,791
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	94,058	6,904	-	100,962	227,901
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Disposal of investment fund	-	-	-	-	147,432
Sub total	-	-	-	-	147,432
Total receipts	94,058	6,904	-	100,962	375,333
A3 Payments					
Costs of generating funds	50,658	40	-	50,698	41,762
Costs of generating voluntary income	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities	40,449	8,128	-	48,577	42,068
Governance costs	-	-	-	-	-
Administration costs	7,413	-	-	7,413	24,856
Other expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Church room costs	19,677	-	-	19,677	13,889
Sub total	118,197	8,168	-	126,365	122,575
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Re-investment of investment fund	-	-	-	-	147,638
Sub total	-	-	-	-	147,638
Total payments	118,197	8,168	-	126,365	270,213
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 24,139	- 1,264	-	- 25,403	105,120
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	146,946	13,880	-	160,826	55,706
Cash funds this year end	122,807	12,616	-	135,423	160,826

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	HSBC Current Account	1,187	1,507	-
	HSBC Deposit Account	16,673	-	-
	CBF General Deposit	104,654	1,005	-
	CBF Fabric Deposit	293	10,104	-
	Total cash funds	122,807	12,616	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		OK	OK	OK

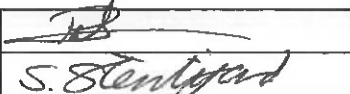
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	Investments - Value shown in cost column	Restricted	248,894	-
	Investments - Value shown in cost column	Unrestricted	187,379	-
	Investments - Value shown in cost column	Endowment	92,254	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	PA Stentiford	27-iv-26
S. Stentiford	S. STENTIFORD	27-4-26

Accounts

ST DENYS' CHURCH SLEAFORD

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Sleaford**

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The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St Denys Sleaford
Registered Charity number 1127600

Report for 2023

Parochial name St Denys, Sleaford
Ecclesiastical parish Sleaford
Location of church Market Place, Sleaford, Lincolnshire NG34 7SH
Grid Reference TF 069459

Number on Electoral Roll reported in April 2023: 104 (April 2023: 99)

Number of Usual Sunday Attenders during 2023:

	2023	2022
Young people under 16:	2	3
Adults over 16	60	52
(YouTube Channel views	15	15)
Total	62	55

Background The Parochial Church Council has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, pursuant to the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. The presentation of this Report and of the Accounts seeks to meet the requirements of the Charity Commission. The PCC also has the responsibility for the care and maintenance of the Parish Centre, held by Lincoln Diocesan Trust & Board of Finance Limited on behalf of the PCC.

Membership Members of the PCC are either ex-officio, elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting or co-opted, in accordance with the Church Representation Rules; as such, they are charity trustees.

The following people served as members of the PCC from the APCM held on 8th May 2023.

Ex-officio members:

Incumbent Revd. Philip A Johnson, MA, FIBMS

Churchwardens Mr. T Richard Clash
Mr Philip J Starks (till 30 April 2023)
Mrs Sarah Stentiford (from 30th April 2023)

Director of Music Mr. Lee Mitton-Rooke

Deputy Churchwardens:

Mr Terence E Regan (elected from the PCC)

Mr Philip J Starks (from 30th April 2023)

Deanery Synod Representatives:

(second year of a 3 year term):

Mrs. Brenda Hitchcock

Elected members (maximum of twelve):

Mr Douglas Agnew

Mr Keith Bailey

Mr Douglas C Hoare

Mrs Pamela Jakeway
Mr Edward Jarvis
Mr David J Marriage
Mrs Minyon Prescott
Ms Angela Rankin (till 30th April 2023)
Mr Terence E Regan
Mrs Beryl Risdell
Mrs Alison Snookes (from 30th April 2023)

Members co-opted by the PCC: Hon Sec Wendy McConnell

PCC Officers:

Chairman	Revd Philip A Johnson, MA, FIBMS
Hon Electoral Roll Officer	Mrs. Angela Clash *
Hon Secretary	Mrs Wendy McConnell* (co-opted by PCC June 2023)
Hon Treasurer	Mrs. Brenda R Hitchcock *

*(non-members of the PCC)

Church Ministry and Local Ministry Team

The PCC continues to be appreciative of the contribution made to the worship and ministry at St Denys's by the retired clergy, the Revd. Canon John Wickstead and the Revd David Boutle.

Thanks were expressed to Mr Philip Starks for his years of service as Churchwarden and commencement of Assistant. Mrs Sarah Stentiford was welcomed in his place.

At the end of 2023 the Authorised Lay Ministry Team comprised: Mrs. Beryl Risdell and Mr. Terry Regan.

Electoral Roll Officer's Report	2023	2022
Electors at start of year	96*	95*
Electors added to Roll	12	5
Electors removed from Roll at own request	(0)	(0)
Deaths	(4)	(4)
Electors at end of year	104	96*

*Corrected figures given at APCM 30 April 2023

The principal Matters dealt with/ Policy Decisions made by the PCC during 2023

The main focus has been TTCT (Time to Change Together) which has introduced extensive changes. St Denys has been designated as a Type 1 church, defined as "A large, flourishing, confident church, strategically located to serve a significant population and act as a resource/hub for a wider catchment area within the Local Mission Partnership (LMP).

An ageing population and falling congregations means that the need for volunteers has increased, the burden of duty of caring for the church falls more heavily on the ChurchWardens (already volunteers), whilst it is probably fair to say that the emphasis of a vicar's role is continuing to move towards being as much administrative as pastoral.

In January a review of Church Fees was carried out and the salaries of the Administrator and Organist reviewed and increased for the first time since Covid, Final settlement of the Chancel Liability by the Rauceby Estate was announced. Longstanding arrangements for pulpit swaps in the week of Christian Unity in January have continued with a Churches Together pulpit swap with Cpt Dawn Mcgarvey.

In March arrangements for services and celebratory lunch for the Coronation of The King and The Queen on Saturday 6th May 2023 were completed. A faculty submitted for fencing the boiler house area was under consideration by the DAC.

In June a report was received regarding the leaking Lady Chapel Roof and subsequent damage/rot to the floor and Mrs W McConnell was co-opted as Hon Secretary. Approval given for production and sale of a Christmas Card with possibility of further merchandising.

In September following experimentation with service times, the 8.30am service was stopped because of a lack of attendees. The review of Safeguarding policies was accepted and implemented and the safeguarding dashboard updated. Many of the PCC members have already undertaken the course at the appropriate level (basic for PCC members, advanced for Churchwardens). DBS checks are done concurrently with the course. The faculty for fencing the boiler house was halted for a required planning application to be made. Vicar Revd Philip Johnson appointed Vicar Choral at Lincoln Cathedral.

In November, the PCC sought permission from the Bishop for the following Eucharistic Assistants, to administer the chalice in church and distribute home communion as directed by the parish priest: Terry Regan, Beryl Risdell, Sue Parsons, Cherie Renaud and Alison Snookes.

Use of the Church by Schools and others for community events in 2023

As the church continues to welcome the return of groups and events connected with the church prior to the pandemic, the increased use of the church buildings for concerts, fairs, etc has been helpful for fund raising and this will continue into 2024. The church notes that the opening of the big doors at the West end for events such as this years Riverlight Festival as well as regular and special events has been very beneficial. A number of concerts and other events took place including a sponsored walk around the church by the parent and toddler group, St Denys Bears NKDC, civic service, Armed Forces Day Service, Remembrance Sunday, Concerts by Sleaford Choral Society, Sleaford Concert Band, The Robert Carre Trust Mayors Concert, and Lincolnshire Music Services.

A lunchtime RAF concert a celebration of the work of William Byrd and a 150th Anniversary Concert for Ralph Vaughan Williams. We also participated in Sleaford Live and The Coronation was live streamed in church. Carol Services were hosted for Little Gems Day Nursery, William Alvey, St Botolphs, St Georges, Carres Grammar School & Kesteven & Sleaford High School. We hosted Prize-givings for Carres and the High School, a special services to mark the Coronation and the District Scouts Parade.

Church buildings and contents, churchyard -

Church Terrier:

No items have been added or removed during 2023

Inventory:

A new thurible has been purchased.

Church building:

During 2023 the following items were considered, researched or actioned.

Sound system: Following a speaker problem a review of the sound system was undertaken. Keystone who installed the system were invited to run through the more complex aspects of how the system is controlled and this proved to be successful.

Chained Library It had been noted by the daughter in law of a Choir member who was a librarian at St Georges Chapel Windsor that some mold was present on a 1670 Erasmus translation and she had advised the Vicar that advice be taken from Dr Nicholas Bennett DAC book adviser who carried out an inspection.

During the summer Dyno-Rod were contacted to unblock one of the external down pipes. They were able to unblock the debris which had built up over a long period.

Throughout the year various routine tasks have been undertaken: these include pest control, boiler servicing and electrical PAT testing.

Lady Chapel roof: Carre Heritage were invited to commence repair on the roof and work commenced in January 2024.

In the summer the solar panels were thoroughly cleaned to increase their efficiency,

At the end of the year all church guttering was cleared of debris.

During the year the Garden of Remembrance has been looked after under a new team, together with the flower beds in front of the main West Door entrance to the church.

Market Place: Following North Kesteven District Council's (NKDC) decision to pedestrianise the Market Place the Churchwardens have actively campaigned against the original plans. As a result NKDC have revised some of their planning intentions and this matter is still ongoing.

An Electrical fire in the Vicar's (Top) Vestry on 26th November caused damage to the floor and extensive smoke damage to the room and contents rendering it mainly unusable. The ongoing cleaning and repairs being carried out by the Insurers.

Churchyard:

Sleaford Town Council continue to manage the churchyard and many thanks must go to the small band of council staff who perform their duties with care. Plans for fencing the boiler house area are ongoing.

Church Wardens Thank you

At the APCM Sarah Stentiford was appointed as a new Churchwarden. This was following Philip Starks decision to stand down, but willing to be an Assistant Churchwarden.

During the year the Churchwardens aim is to make the building fit for purpose and have given unwavering support when there are concerts and various community activities. This support includes providing refreshments during any day-long activities, such as Sleaford Town Council's Christmas Fair and the Annual Town Crier competition.

We are delighted to offer our congratulations to our vicar, Rev'd Philip Johnson, who has been appointed Vicar Choral at the Lincoln Cathedral as well as continuing in his existing role as Rural Dean of Lafford.

One of his first official duties was to attend the enthronement of the new Lord Bishop of Lincoln, Stephen D. Conway.

It goes without saying the Churchwardens are grateful to everyone who spend their time and skills in maintaining the church/parish and it is very much hoped these will continue during 2024. Thank you in anticipation!

Music

The report from our Director of Music (appointed RSCM team leader for Lincolnshire) follows:

2023 was a more 'normal' year for the choir at St Denys and we enjoyed the opportunities the year presented to us. The choir has benefitted from the regular attendance of both Ray and Fran and Peter has started to sing in the Tenor section, giving us a more quorate choir on a regular basis. The RSCM's new Sunday by Sunday online service means that music planning, choir management and orders of service are more easily and effectively put together and everyone is able to access our library through this service; we benefit from the RSCM membership each year and are grateful to the PCC for funding this.

January saw a second anthem Lee composed, this time taking words from Matthew's Gospel to celebrate Otto's baptism; we also revisited James MacMillan's excellent short baptismal anthem for this service and hope to be able to use it more frequently in the future. There was a joint service at Lincoln Cathedral for us to enjoy in February where familiar and less familiar music was sung by over 70 singers under the direction of Aric Prentice; this is definitely a memorable day for us and we hope to be able to sing at the cathedral again soon. Our Compline services in Holy Week, new anthem for Maundy Thursday which we will use again in 2024 and the anthem on Easter 2 stick in my mind as some really high successes from 2023 – our thanks to our visiting organists and singers during this time which made these anthems possible. We resumed normal service in May and June, being able to Sing for the King as part of the Churches Together service before the Archdeacon's visitation in July; he was very complimentary about the music in our Parish Church and has said we rank amongst the best in the Diocese – high praise indeed! The summer and autumn months gave us the opportunity to embed our work on hymns, psalm singing, anthems and motets before preparing for a Christmas which saw our Carol Service happen on a Saturday afternoon; our thanks to Rosemary for accompanying us at this service again and giving us the chance to bring some old favorite to the fore.

We also held another 3 concerts to raise money towards the cost of the renovation of the Chancel Organ. These were well supported by the congregation and choir and we now have £1,000 saved towards these costs which we anticipate to be in the region of £150,000. More opportunities to support this work will follow in the new year.

As ever, the choir is grateful to the Churchwardens, Paula and Rev'd Philip for their support of the projects they want to be involved in throughout the year, and we look forward to 2024 and all that it will bring, including some more fundraising events for the work on the Chancel Organ to be able to take place. We would like to encourage anyone who enjoys singing to consider joining us; if you know of someone who would be willing to consider it, please do ask them to get in touch.

Financial Activities

SLEAFORD PARISH CHURCH RESERVES POLICY following the review by the Finance Committee on 28th November 2022 the policy remains as follows:-

It is the policy of St Denys 's Parochial Church Council to hold in reserves the equivalent of 12 months running costs from the General Purposes Fund (£95000) and a further £50000 from the Fabric Fund for Insurance and Emergency repairs.

In February 2019 the PCC entered into an agreement with Mrs Gilliam Hoare of Rauceby Estate to compound the Chancel Liability for the sum of £103,050.91, Mrs Hoare unfortunately passed

away before this could be completed and the landowners completed the matter in January 2023 with an additional consideration of £11,335.60. The total sum of £114,386.51 was sent to the Diocesan Trust to set up a new Sleaford Chancel Trust Fund which has been invested by them in a CBF Investment account with the quarterly dividends accruing.

Collections and donations have risen from the previous year and the planned giving scheme benefited from four new regular contributors with only one loss. The PCC pledged share of £20,000 was paid but no extra was available due to a shortfall.

The HSBC internet banking has been working well to reduce the charges but since the closure of the local branch in June 2023 all cash is now paid in at the post office and cheque receipts forwarded in special envelopes. Due to these changes and the bank charges incurred it was resolved in April 2023 that all funeral collections unless they were for the church should be dealt with solely by the undertakers.

There was one legacy received during the year, of £2000 for major work, some of which has been spent on replacement of spotlights at the front of the nave.

Solar Panel income of £4516 was received for the power generated for the national grid, a further increase on the previous year.

There has been good use of the Parish Centre with more use of the Peake room for courses etc. However, due to a problem with a new electricity contract and possible faulty meter issues the running expenses have contributed significantly to the overall shortfall.

Fund raising activities are still under consideration, but a successful Harvest lunch was held together with opening the church for refreshments during town events with the addition stalls for the Christmas Market. 500 copies of an original Christmas card of the Church painted and produced by Minyon Prescott all sold out. It is hoped further such merchandising will continue.

The Parish Administrator and the Director of Music have continued in post and received salary increases from 1st January 2023. A local company continues to administer the payroll and the workplace pension, put in place from 1st April 2017 of which there is currently one member.

The PCC investments in the CBF funds and the funds managed by Wren had all increase at the end of the year giving a gain in value of £34801 against a loss of £57,010 in 2022. During November the CCLA that hold the Trust Funds and Deposit accounts changed providers which caused year end figures to be significantly delayed and also altered the date of quarterly interest. Due to the increase in interest rates generally the interest received from the HSBC and CBF deposit account has increased on last year.

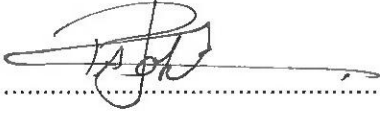
Approximately £13,000 has been needed from reserves mainly to pay for the permanent live streaming facility and to cover the increased electricity costs of the Parish Centre due to a problem with the meter on change of providers at the end of 2022. A refund was received from the previous supplier but the meter would appear to be faulty.

During the year Two Counters each week have continued counting and banking the church collections to include the adaptations needed for attending the Post Office following the bank's closure. All funeral fee bills are paid to the Diocese who then remit them direct to our account for distribution as necessary by the Treasurer. We continue to collect wedding fees and account to the Diocese monthly. Retired Clergy and Readers claim their fees direct from the Diocese.

The following groups, which are connected with the church, held funds at the 31st December 2023

	2023	2022
Choir/Music	£1110	£516
Bellringers	£3139	£2994

On Behalf of the PCC 11th April 2024



.....Fr Philip Johnson (Chairman)



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

St Denys Sleaford PCC

1127600

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/01/2020	To	31/12/2020
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations and Legacies	47,694	-	-	47,694	44,711
Grants	64	-	-	64	3,079
Income from charitable activities	1,778	-	-	1,778	1,465
Other trading activities	18,048	-	-	18,048	18,587
Church room	9,149	-	-	9,149	6,763
Investments	6,411	8,109	-	14,520	15,190
Other income	4,696	60	-	4,756	4,411
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	87,840	8,169	-	96,008	94,207
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Gain on investment	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	87,840	8,169	-	96,008	94,207
A3 Payments					
Costs of generating funds	44,764	134	-	44,898	46,326
Costs of generating voluntary income	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities	26,278	7,441	-	33,719	32,208
Governance costs	-	-	-	-	-
Administration costs	15,255	-	-	15,255	10,504
Other expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Church room costs	13,979	-	-	13,979	7,710
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	100,276	7,575	-	107,851	96,748
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	100,276	7,575	-	107,851	96,748
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 12,437	594	-	- 11,843	- 2,541
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	40,785	26,764	-	67,549	70,090
Cash funds this year end	28,348	27,358	-	55,706	67,549

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	HSBC Current Account	2,471	1,797	-
	HSBC Deposit Account	25,419	15,403	-
	CBF General Deposit	165	1,005	-
	CBF Fabric Deposit	293	9,153	-
	Total cash funds	28,348	27,358	-

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Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
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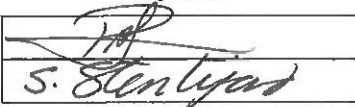
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	Investments - Value shown in cost column	Restricted	248,182	-
	Investments - Value shown in cost column	Unrestricted	190,815	-
	Investments - Value shown in cost column	Endowment	97,400	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	P. A. JOHNSON S. STENTIFORD	11. iv. 24 11. 4. 24



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of** THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF ST DENYS NEW SLEAFORD

**On accounts for the year
ended** 31 DECEMBER 2023 **Charity no** 1127600

Set out on pages EIGHT AND NINE

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report** As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement** I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Date: 5/4/2024

Name: KAY BOTLEY

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):** FCCA

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SLEAFORD
LINCOLNSHIRE NG34 7BJ

Accounts

ST DENYS' CHURCH SLEAFORD

Registered Charity Number 1127600

**Annual Report
and
Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

Incumbent:

The Rev'd. Philip A Johnson

Independent Examiner:
Mr S N Syddall FCA
Duncan & Toplis
Chartered Accountants
18 Northgate
Sleaford

Bank:
HSBC Bank Plc
Market Place
Sleaford

The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St Denys Sleaford
Registered Charity number 1127600

Report for 2022

<u>Parochial name</u>	St Denys, Sleaford
<u>Ecclesiastical parish</u>	Sleaford
<u>Location of church</u>	Market Place, Sleaford, Lincolnshire NG34 7SH Grid Reference TF 069459

Number on Electoral Roll reported in April 2022: 99 (April 2021: 102)

Number of Usual Sunday Attenders during 2022:

	2022	2021
Young people under 16:	3	3
Adults over 16	52	
Adults under 70 *		
Adults 70 and over *		65*combined
(YouTube_Channel views	15	25)
Total	55	68

Background The Parochial Church Council has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, pursuant to the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. The presentation of this Report and of the Accounts seeks to meet the requirements of the Charity Commission. The PCC also has the responsibility for the care and maintenance of the Parish Centre, held by Lincoln Diocesan Trust & Board of Finance Limited on behalf of the PCC.

Membership Members of the PCC are either ex-officio, elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting or co-opted, in accordance with the Church Representation Rules; as such, they are charity trustees.

The following people served as members of the PCC from the APCM held on 8th May 2022.

Ex-officio members:

Incumbent Revd. Philip A Johnson, MA, FIBMS

Churchwardens Mr. T Richard Clash
Mr. Philip J Starks

Director of Music Mr. Lee Mitton-Rooke

Deputy Churchwarden:

Mr Terence E Regan (elected from the P.C.C.)

The principal Matters dealt with/ Policy Decisions made by the PCC during 2022

Much of the work of the PCC this year has focused on three key areas: managing the Vicars four month sabbatical deployment to the Falkland Islands; the church's response to the ever changing landscape of Covid, and engaging with the diocesan initiative Time to Change Together.

January 2022

1. Decision to authorize the Treasurer to apply for online banking as the main user.
2. As various Covid restrictions were eased live streaming to continue with a view to having fixed system installed in time for Autumn departure of main operator.
3. Arrangements for services during Vicars absence, including receiving in one kind, and Wednesday mid week service only once a month until his return,

April 2022

4. Online banking application required a further, more detailed resolution, which was passed pending the Vicars return to sign the further application.
5. Time to change – registered as Type 1 Church.
6. Problems with new sound system mainly due to mobile phones, pew sheets updated to request all turned off during services.
7. Sabbatical arrangements revised following Rev Canon Wickstead's illness, fortnightly meetings held to support the Parish Administrator.
8. Faculty submitted for fixed live stream system.

May 2022

9. Following request for reintroduction of 2nd reading at the service read by a member of the congregation, resolved to hold off until Vicars return.

June 2022

10. Director of Music Appointed RSCM team leader for Lincolnshire.
11. Faculty for live streaming system approved.

October 2022

12. En Bloc safeguarding training to be investigated
13. Decision to offer communion in both kinds to those who wished to drink from the chalice
14. Three month trial of BPC at 8.30am on 3rd Sunday of the month.
15. Service books not reintroduced but pew sheet to be revised and expanded.
16. Quotation for fencing around boiler room to be obtained as a prevention of vandalism etc.

Use of the Church by Schools and others for community events in 2022

The Church is gradually welcoming back many of the groups that have previously used the church for concerts, special service or other events. This year's events include :- NKDC civic service and an Armed Forces Day Service, Concerts by Sleaford Choral Society, RAF College Band, Sleaford Concert Band, The Robert Carre Trust and Lincolnshire Music Services. We also participated in SleafordLive and RiverLight festivals. We hosted the Lincoln Mystery Plays. Carol Services were hosted for Little Gems Day Nursery, William Alvey, St Botolphs, St Georges, Carres Grammar School & Kesteven & Sleaford High School. We hosted Prize-givings for Carres and the High School, a special services to mark the Jubilee, the District Scouts Parade, and a RSCM service for the centenary of Ralph Vaughan Williams. The death of Her Majesty the Queen triggered Operation London Bridge, the NKDC Memorial Book was held in the church and the church was stewarded throughout the period of mourning by both members of the church and officers of

NKDC. Special services were also held to cover the period of national mourning, and the funeral service was lived screened in the church.

Church buildings and contents, churchyard

Church Terrier:

No items have been added or removed during 2022.

Inventory:

No items have been removed during 2022.

The Live Streaming System has been added.

Church building:

During 2022 the following items were considered, researched or actioned.

During January, following government guidelines, it was possible to remove all restrictions regarding alternate pews being taped off. During February repair work to the Boiler Room housing was undertaken. Also, it was possible to return pre-pandemic furniture at the west end of the nave to its original state. In May a book stall was introduced within the church. A live streaming system was installed during September. The hour chime on the church clock was repaired in November. The gutters were cleaned after the autumn fall. In December the pipe organ was tuned.

Churchyard:

Sleaford Town Council continue to manage the churchyard and many thanks must go to the small band of council staff who perform their duties with care and affection.

The PCC considered a proposal to install a metal fence within the churchyard to protect the surrounding area of the boiler room housing. This is currently awaiting the outcome of a faculty application. The reasoning behind this proposal is due to a continuing amount of anti-social behavior within this area.

Pest control: the church buildings continue to be periodically inspected for vermin, with no evidence of any infestation reported.

Electrical testing: A full electrical test of the church and church rooms was carried out during August 2022.

Several events took place within the church including: Scouts St George's Service, Sleaford Choral Society concerts, Sleaford Live concert, Visitation Service, RAF band concert, Lincoln Mystery Players performance, Teas & Coffees served during the Sleaford Christmas Market event and various local schools services.

Revd Philip Johnson's sabbatical.

From April until July Philip was on sabbatical in the Falkland Islands. During this period the Revd Steve Holt oversaw the running of services and various other parish duties. Also, the regular monthly Churchwarden's meetings were upgraded onto a two weekly basis in order to keep abreast of parish

responsibilities duties and responsibilities. It is a credit to all who were involved this period passed successfully with no major dramas.

Parish Centre:

Many of the lettings which had to be suspended during the pandemic have returned.

Thank you:

It goes without saying the Churchwardens are grateful to everyone who spend their time and skills in maintaining the church/parish and it is very much hoped these will continue during 2023. Thank you in anticipation!

Music:

2022 presented the choir and music department with a variety of opportunities which a 'normal' year would not. In January and February, we were able to increase our use of music by female composers and sung the evening canticles set by Olivia Sparkhall and Amy Beach at both the Eucharist on Candlemas Sunday but also February's Evensong service. We spent March learning the Bairstow 'Lamentations' in preparation for Palm Sunday and we also enjoyed Thatcher's 'Come ye faithful' on Easter Sunday, an anthem which is impressive in its nature but also quite singable. In May, another contemporary female composer's music made its debut with us, this time 'Love Divine' by Amy Summers. This piece was a real hit with both choir and congregation and has been used since then with real joy. In June, we celebrated the Queen's Jubilee and RSCM Music Sunday at a special service of Evensong. It was a real joy to join in the nationwide celebration of the Queen's 70th year of service and to sing the specially composed anthem by Thomas Hewitt Jones 'In our service' at this service. July saw us reacquaint ourselves with Duruflé's very special setting of The Lord's Prayer in French; a really stunning way to consider the importance of the words we say on such a regular basis in a different light. In August, we got to know an old favourite of many singers across the world as we celebrated the Blessed Virgin Mary, Jacques Arcadelt's setting of the 'Ave Maria'. In September, we learnt of the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II and spent the time of national mourning in prayerful thanksgiving for the years of service she had dedicated to the country and the Church. A special service of thanksgiving was held on the 18th September where the premiere of Lee's anthem 'Flights of Angels', based on words from His Majesty, King Charles III was given. A subsequent service was held in November and the music at this service was provided by the students from Carre's Grammar School and Kesteven and Sleaford High School. In October, we celebrated our Patronal Festival and the 150th anniversary of the birth of Ralph Vaughan Williams with a Diocesan Evensong at which we were able to sing his magnificent Te Deum in G. We also welcomed Douglas back to the choir and were able to present him with an engraved medal for long service to church music. We held our first fundraising concert on Thursday 13th October which was well attended and appreciated; Ben Watkins and Angela Foan performed some of Vaughan Williams' more secular music with great enthusiasm and aplomb. For Remembrance, the choir learnt Douglas Guest's famous setting of the words from Laurence Binyon's poem "For the Fallen". We were extremely grateful to Rosemary Field for accompanying our Christmas Carol Service again this year, and were delighted to include David Ogden's setting of words by the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, 'Advent Carol' in our service, alongside some more familiar tunes.

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Due to HSBC bringing in charges to operate the bank account during the year, the PCC authorized internet banking to be applied for, this was granted and has been in use since October 2022.

There were three legacies received during the year, two of £1000 one of which was restricted for the refurbishment of the outside Notice Board, £2719 was a further sum from the late John Andrews.

Solar Panel income of £4159 was received for the power generated for the national grid, a good increase on the previous year.

There has been good use of the Parish Centre although income not yet back to pre pandemic level. The Parent and Toddler group know as Bears is well attended and obtained a grant for equipment from a police charities fund.

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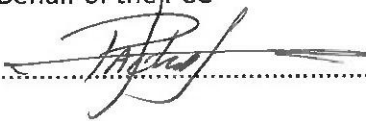
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On Behalf of the PCC

27th March 2023


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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/01/2022	To	31/12/2022
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Section A Receipts and payments

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Donations and Legacies	44,711	-	-	44,711	70,098
Grants	3,079	-	-	3,079	4,244
Income from charitable activities	1,465	-	-	1,465	518
Other trading activities	18,587	-	-	18,587	13,928
Church room	6,763	-	-	6,763	1,815
Investments	5,762	9,428	-	15,190	14,324
Other income	4,411	-	-	4,411	4,791
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	84,779	9,428	-	94,207	109,719
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Gain on investment	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	84,779	9,428	-	94,207	109,719
A3 Payments					
Costs of generating funds	46,195	131	-	46,326	5,118
Costs of generating voluntary income	-	-	-	-	36,699
Expenditure on charitable activities	23,211	8,997	-	32,208	34,230
Governance costs	-	-	-	-	1,056
Administration costs	10,504	-	-	10,504	35,268
Other expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Church room costs	7,710	-	-	7,710	3,607
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	87,620	9,128	-	96,748	115,978
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	87,620	9,128	-	96,748	115,978
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,841	300	-	- 2,541	- 6,259
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	43,626	26,464	-	70,090	76,349
Cash funds this year end	40,785	26,764	-	67,549	70,090

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	HSBC Current Account	8,170	1,546	-
	HSBC Deposit Account	32,367	15,179	-
	CBF General Deposit	129	1,005	-
	CBF Fabric Deposit	119	9,034	-
	Total cash funds	40,785	26,764	-

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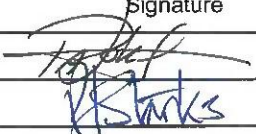
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	Investments - Value shown in cost column	Restricted	117,973	-
	Investments - Value shown in cost column	Unrestricted	174,406	-
	Investments - Value shown in cost column	Endowment	94,830	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature 	Print Name P. A. JOHNSON P. J. STARKS	Date of approval 27-iii-2023 27/03/23
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Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF ST DENYS NEW SLEAFORD

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 DECEMBER 2022

Charity no

1127600

Set out on pages

SEVEN AND EIGHT

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date:

29/03/2023

Name:

SIMON N SYDDALL

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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Accounts

ST DENYS' CHURCH SLEAFORD

Registered Charity Number 1127600

**Annual Report
and
Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council
for the year ended 31 December 2021**

Incumbent:

The Rev'd. Philip A Johnson

**Independent Examiner:
Mr S N Syddall FCA
Duncan & Toplis
Chartered Accountants
18 Northgate
Sleaford**

**Bank:
HSBC Bank Plc
Market Place
Sleaford**

The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St Denys Sleaford
Registered Charity number 1127600

Report for 2021

<u>Parochial name</u>	St Denys, Sleaford
<u>Ecclesiastical parish</u>	Sleaford
<u>Location of church</u>	Market Place, Sleaford, Lincolnshire NG34 7SH Grid Reference TF 069459

Number on Electoral Roll reported in April 2021: 102 (Oct 2020: 106)

Number of Usual Sunday Attenders during 2021:

	2021	2020
Young people under 16:	3	3
Adults under 70	35	22
Adults 70 and over	65	20
(YouTube_Channel views	25	65)
Total	103	45

Background The Parochial Church Council has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, pursuant to the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. The presentation of this Report and of the Accounts seeks to meet the requirements of the Charity Commission. The PCC also has the responsibility for the care and maintenance of the Parish Centre, held by Lincoln Diocesan Trust & Board of Finance Limited on behalf of the PCC.

Membership Members of the PCC are either ex-officio, elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting or co-opted, in accordance with the Church Representation Rules; as such, they are charity trustees.

The following people served as members of the PCC from the AGM held on 16th May 2021.

Ex-officio members:

Incumbent Revd. Philip A Johnson, MA, FIBMS

Churchwardens Mr. T Richard Clash
Mr. Philip J Starks

Director of Music Mr. Lee Rooke

Deputy Churchwarden:

Mr Terence E Regan (elected from the P.C.C.)

Deanery Synod Representatives:

(first year of a 3 year term):

Mrs. Gillian M Boutle

Elected members (maximum of twelve):

Mr. Keith Bailey

Mr. Douglas C Hoare

Mrs. Pamela Jakeway

Mr. Edward Jarvis

Mr. David J Marriage

Mr. Terence E Regan

Mrs Minyon Prescott

Mrs Beryl Risdell

Members co-opted by the PCC: None

PCC Officers:

Chairman Revd. Philip A Johnson, MA, FIBMS

Hon. Electoral Roll Officer Mrs. Angela Clash *

Hon. Secretary Vacant

Hon. Treasurer Mrs. Brenda R Hitchcock *

*(non-members of the PCC)

Church Ministry and Local Ministry Team

The PCC continues to be appreciative of the contribution made to the worship and ministry at St Denys's by the retired clergy, the Revd. Canon John Wickstead and the Revd. David Boutle. During this year the Rev'd. Canon Bill Kentigern-Fox surrender his permission to officiate and we would like to thank him for his support over the years and wish him well in this new stage of retirement.

In 2021 the Local Ministry Team comprised: Mrs. Beryl Risdell, Miss Helen Bristow, Mr. Douglas Hoare, Miss Joan Sommers, Mr. Terry Regan and Reader (with PTO), Mr. Bernard Pope.

Because of Covid restrictions the work done by both retired clergy, Readers and authorized local ministers has been heavily curtailed and some of the lay ministers continue in isolation.

Stewarding

Stewarding in a covid secure manner took place in church when it was allowed to reopen for private prayer following the first lockdown. A rota was put in place for teams of two who were originally in attendance two mornings a week. This was reduced to every Wednesday morning when Sunday morning services and funerals in church resumed.

<u>Electoral Roll Officer's Report</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Electors at start of year	98	106
There had been no change to the report in April 2021		
Electors added to Roll	0	0

Deaths	0	(8)
Electors at end of year	98	101

The principal Matters dealt with/ Policy Decisions made by the PCC during 2021

Much of the work of the PCC this year has focused on two key areas: the church's response to the ever changing landscape of Covid and engaging with the diocesan initiative originally called Resourcing Sustainable Church (now Time to Change Together).

January 2021

1. Decision not to suspend public worship and weekly stewarded private prayer during latest National lockdown with updated risk assessments in line with current guidelines.

April 2021

2. Resourcing sustainable church discussed
3. Decision to replace church boilers

July 2021

4. Risk assessments and planning for the resumption of more normal services/activities from September.
5. Exercise to clarify church category for sustainable church undertaken.
6. Covenant Pastor meeting to take place.

September 2021

7. Sustainable Church resolution were that in 5 years we hope to be a key mission church and would Covenant £20,000.00 a year for four years and would send more if it was available.
8. Upgrade of sound system approved
9. Church to be open daily with rota of key holders to support.

Use of the Church by Schools and others for community events in 2021

Many of the regular Civic and community events did not happen in 2021 due to Covid restrictions. The William Alvey School did hold their Alvey Day service at the end of the school year but attendance was restricted to those who were in their final year at the school. We also hosted a memorial service for the centenary of the Hull Airship Disaster in which a former Alvey pupil died.

In December Sleaford Concert Band performed a concert in the church but the planned Choral Society concert did not go ahead. The Robert Carre Trust did hold a senior prizegiving in the church but those who had left the school for university did not attend. The KSHS and Carre's did hold a Carol service but not for the whole school. St George's recorded various song in the church for their virtual carol service.

Church buildings and contents, churchyard

Church Terrier:

No items have been added or removed during 2021.

Inventory:

No items have been added or removed during 2021.

Church building:

During 2021 the following items were considered, researched or actioned.

Church boilers: During a service inspection it was reported that the two existing boilers were deemed beyond servicing and repair. As a result a new boiler was installed to a much higher specification than the original boilers.

Flag pole: It was agreed that the church would store a flag pole for use in the churchyard on selected occasions. Management of the flag pole, ie, erecting/dismantling etc, is the responsibility of the local authority.

Solar panels: During August the solar panels were professionally inspected with no issues reported.

Lightning conductor: During October the lightning conductor was tested and upgraded to current specifications.

PA system: The PA system was upgraded to a more fit-for-purpose system.

Churchyard: Sleaford Town Council continue to manage the churchyard and many thanks must go to the small band of council staff who perform their duties with care and affection. Sleaford Town Council carried out a tree survey which resulted in several trees being pruned.

Gutters: these were cleaned after the autumn fall.

Pest control: the church buildings continue to be periodically inspected for vermin, with no evidence of any infestation reported.

Electrical testing: A full electrical test of the church and church rooms was carried out during August 2021.

Covid: The pandemic has continued to affect this year and the PCC has continued to respond to the changes in restrictions. Public worship has been offered on Sundays at 10am. The midweek service was re-introduced in the summer. The Mums & Toddlers group was rebranded as St Denys' Bears and re-started in the autumn. Risk assessments for the church and Parish Centre are regularly reviewed and updated. Winter restrictions did have an impact on some of the things that had been planned. Communion is still only offered in one kind.

Parish Centre: The Parish Centre was able to reinstate lettings with certain restrictions.

Thank you: Owing to the pandemic many of the routines within the church have been suspended and several persons have been prevented from fulfilling their usual tasks. It goes without saying the Churchwardens are grateful to everyone who spends their time and skills in maintaining the church and it is very much hoped these routines can be reinstated during 2022. Thank you in anticipation!

Special services: In addition to those services mentioned elsewhere the St George's Day Scouts Parade happened virtually, the Act of Remembrance did take place in the Market Square, The carol service did take place and the Crib service was combined with the Christingle on Christmas eve

Music: 2021 was another challenging year for the choir with ever-changing guidance and

restrictions meaning we had to constantly adapt our plans and singing in church to meet the requirements. This being said, the choir has grown in confidence, singing music which had not previously been in our repertoire, and enjoying some big occasions. We very much enjoyed being able to use the music provided by St Martin-in-the-fields to enhance our worship at the beginning of 2021, and once we were able to start singing parts of our weekly services again for ourselves, we quickly regained our confidence and achieved some good results in services. Singing for Lee and Heidi's wedding as part of a mixed choir from across the East Midlands was the largest number of singers since he took over, and it was a really joyous occasion filled with music for everyone to enjoy. October brought with it another Deanery Confirmation Service, and James MacMillan's Baptismal antiphon 'Think of how God loves you' was very well received; we look forward to being able to use it again in the future. Being joined by Rosemary Fields for our Christmas Carol Service gave us the chance to learn John Rutter's 'Star Carol', and being joined also by Jinx, a 4-part close harmony group from KSHS, meant that our service reached out into the town's schools too.

Financial Activities

SLEAFORD PARISH CHURCH RESERVES POLICY for 2021 remained as follows:-

It is the policy of St Denys 's Parochial Church Council to hold in reserves the equivalent of 12 months running costs from the General Purposes Fund (£95000) and a further £50000 from the Fabric Fund for Insurance and Emergency repairs.

As the Pandemic continued through 2021 with a further loss of income predicted the PCC reviewed the budget and resolved to contribute £20,000 towards the Parish Share share for 2021 and to make the pledge required by the Covenant Pastors for the next three years to be £20,000 with the proviso that more would be contributed if circumstances permitted.

There were two legacies received during the year, of £500 and £28,413 the larger one being used to purchase the new boiler for the Church. The VAT of £4244 paid on the boiler was recovered by way of DCMS grant.

An upgrade of the sound system was also undertaken at a cost of £4450. The boiler in the Parish Centre failed and was replaced at a cost of £3522

Solar Panel income of £3617 was received for the power generated for the national grid, a slight decrease on the previous year.

Some of the Groups who were previously using The Parish Centre started back during September together with a new twice weekly booking which has helped the re start the income down on the previous year as no further grants were available.

The television in the Centre was also damaged and replaced by a claim on Insurance less the excess. A test of the lightning conductor on the church tower revealed it in needed a repair at a cost of £644

The Parish Administrator and the Director of Music have continued in post working under all the regulations relating to the pandemic. A local company continues to administer the payroll and the workplace pension, put in place from 1st April 2017 of which there is currently one member.

The PCC investments in the CBF funds and the funds managed by Wren all increased at the end of the year giving a gain in value of £54,565

Since the start of the Pandemic the Treasurer overseen by Church Wardens has been responsible for sealing, counting, recording and banking all receipts. All funeral fee bills are paid to the Diocese who then remit them direct to our account for distribution as necessary by the Treasurer. We continue to collect wedding fees and account to the Diocese monthly. Retired Clergy and Readers claim their fees direct from the Diocese.

The following groups, which are connected with the church, held funds at the 31st December 2020

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Choir/Music	£377	£645
Bellringers	£2776	£2686

On Behalf of the PCC

4th April 2022



.....Richard Clash (Lay-Vice Chairman)



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

St Denys' Sleaford PCC

1127600

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01/01/2021

To

31/12/2021

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations and Legacies	70,110	-	-	70,110	42,248
Grants	4,244	-	-	4,244	4,250
Income from charitable activities	518	-	-	518	668
Other trading activities	15,715	-	-	15,715	7,385
Church room	2,415	-	-	2,415	2,253
Investments	4,908	8,166	-	13,075	13,058
Other income	4,791	-	-	4,791	4,990
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	102,701	8,166	-	110,867	74,852
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Gain on investment	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	102,701	8,166	-	110,867	74,852
A3 Payments					
Costs of generating funds	5,118	-	-	5,118	2,308
Costs of generating voluntary income	36,674	25	-	36,699	37,229
Expenditure on charitable activities	22,009	8,221	-	30,230	29,013
Governance costs	1,056	-	-	1,056	1,014
Administration costs	35,268	-	-	35,268	3,320
Other expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Church room costs	3,607	-	-	3,607	5,977
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	103,733	8,246	-	111,979	78,861
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	103,733	8,246	-	111,979	78,861
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,031	- 80	-	- 1,111	- 4,009
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	1,005
A6 Cash funds last year end	76,349	-	-	76,349	79,353
Cash funds this year end	75,318	- 80	-	75,238	76,349

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	HSBC Current Account	11,191	1,268	-
	HSBC Deposit Account	43,625	26,464	-
	CBF General Deposit	114	-	-
	CBF Fabric Deposit	-	10,039	-
	Total cash funds	54,930	37,771	-
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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	Investments - Value shown in cost column	Restricted	135,672	-
	Investments - Value shown in cost column	Unrestricted	197,675	-
	Investments - Value shown in cost column	Endowment	110,871	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	THORNTON RICHARD PLYSAH	4-4-22
	PHILIP JOHN STARKS	4/04/22



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF ST DENYS NEW SLEAFORD

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 DECEMBER 2021

Charity no

1127600

Set out on pages

SEVEN AND EIGHT

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2021.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Simon N Syddall

Date:

6th April 2022

Name:

SIMON N SYDDALL

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

FELLOW OF THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS IN
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Accounts

The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St Denys Sleaford
Registered Charity number 1127600

Report for 2020

<u>Parochial name</u>	St Denys, Sleaford
<u>Ecclesiastical parish</u>	Sleaford
<u>Location of church</u>	Market Place, Sleaford, Lincolnshire NG34 7SH Grid Reference TF 069459

Number on Electoral Roll reported in April 2021: 101 (Oct 2020: 106)

Number of Usual Sunday Attenders during 2020:

	2020	2019
Young people under 16:	3	7
Adults under 70	22	24
Adults 70 and over	20	50
(YouTube_Channel views	65	-)
Total	47	81

Background The Parochial Church Council has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, pursuant to the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. The presentation of this Report and of the Accounts seeks to meet the requirements of the Charity Commission. The PCC also has the responsibility for the care and maintenance of the Parish Centre, held by Lincoln Diocesan Trust & Board of Finance Limited on behalf of the PCC.

Membership Members of the PCC are either ex-officio, elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting or co-opted, in accordance with the Church Representation Rules; as such, they are charity trustees.

The following people served as members of the PCC during the period 1st January 2020 to 16th March 2020, the date when the 2019 Accounts were approved. Due to the Pandemic the April APCM was postponed and they remained in post until it was finally held on 14th October 2020. It was resolved at that meeting that they should continue to serve until April 2021.

Ex-officio members:

Incumbent Revd. Philip A Johnson, MA, FIBMS

Churchwardens Mr. T Richard Clash
Mr. Philip J Starks

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Director of Music Mr. Lee Rooke

Deputy Churchwardens:

Mr Terence E Regan and Mrs Pamela A Jakeway. (elected from the P.C.C.)

Deanery Synod Representatives:

(third year of a 3 year term as from October 2018):

Mrs. Gillian M Boutle

Mrs. Beryl Risdell

Elected members (maximum of twelve):

Mr. Keith Bailey

Mr. Douglas C Hoare

Mrs. Pamela Jakeway

Mr. Edward Jarvis

Mr. David J Marriage

Mr. Terence E Regan

Miss D Joan Sommers

Mrs Minyon Prescott

Members co-opted by the PCC: None

PCC Officers:

Chairman

Revd. Philip A Johnson, MA, FIBMS

Hon. Electoral Roll Officer

Mrs. Angela Clash *

Hon. Secretary

Mrs. Gaynor Jakeway * (resigned 31st August 2020)

Hon. Treasurer

Mrs. Brenda R Hitchcock *

*(non-members of the PCC)

Church Ministry and Local Ministry Team

The PCC continues to be appreciative of the contribution made to the worship and ministry at St Denys's by the retired clergy, the Revd. Canon John Wickstead, the Revd. David Boutle, and the Rev'd. Canon Bill Kentigern-Fox.

In 2020 the Local Ministry Team comprised: Mrs. Beryl Risdell, Miss Helen Bristow, Mr. Douglas Hoare, Miss Joan Sommers, Mr. Terry Regan and Reader (with PTO), Mr. Bernard Pope. Because of the changes to due to covid restrictions the work done by both retired clergy, Readers and authorized local ministers has been affected this year.

Stewarding

Stewarding in a covid secure manner took place in church when it was allowed to reopen for private prayer following the first lockdown. A rota was put in place for teams of two who were originally in attendance two mornings a week. This was reduced to every Wednesday morning when Sunday morning services and funerals in church resumed.

Electoral Roll Officer's Report

Electors at start of year

2020

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Electors added to Roll	4
Electors removed from Roll at own request	(0)
Deaths	(8)
Electors at end of year	102

The principal Matters dealt with/ Policy Decisions made by the PCC during 2020

February 2020

1. Archdeacon's visitation reviewing all policies, logbooks, registers, the terrier, N and inventory.

March 2020

2. The Church was closed by order of the Archbishop.
3. Public worship moved to a new YouTube channel.

June 2020

4. Risk assessments and planning for the re-opening of the church for private prayer.

July 2020

5. Risk assessments and planning for the church to be re-opened for public worship
6. Risk assessments for choir and bell-ringers following RSCM & Guild guidelines signed off.

November 2020

7. Church closed to public worship again by order of the Archbishop

December 2020

8. Risk assessments and planning for church re-opening and consideration of what might be possible for Christmas services.

Use of the Church by Schools and others for community events in 2020

Although several events had been planned for this year all were cancelled due to covid restrictions. Some of these events would have made financial contributions to the church so the loss of these events has had a detrimental economic as well as missional effect.

Church buildings and contents, churchyard

Church Terrier:

No items have been added or removed during 2020

Inventory:

The following additional/replacement items were made:

Church building:

During 2020 the following items were considered, researched or actioned:-

Broken stained glass: Following damage to some stained glass in the Chancel during 2019 the repaired section was installed during July, which included protective grills installed

Legal matters: The annual Meeting for 2020 was postponed until October due to covid restrictions. The tenure of the current Churchwardens was extended until the meeting could take place. The Rural Dean was authorized by the Archdeacon to formally admit the newly elected

Churchwardens after the annual meeting.

Statistical Report: church service attendance figures and other relevant information throughout the year will be submitted via the CoE online facility.

Churchyard: Sleaford Town Council continue to manage the churchyard and many thanks must go to the small band of council staff who perform their duties with care and affection. Sleaford Town Council carried out a tree survey which resulted in several trees being pruned.

Gutters: these were cleaned after the autumn fall.

Pest control: the church buildings continue to be periodically inspected for vermin, with no evidence of any infestation reported.

Electrical testing: A full electrical test of the church and church rooms was carried out during February 2020.

Covid: During March the country entered into the first national lockdown which meant that most routines within the church were suspended. In July some of the restrictions were lifted and the church was able to open for visitors on a limited basis and also resume the 10am Sunday service whilst observing national guidelines. The nave was deep cleaned, a risk assessment carried out, many of the pews taped up and a one-way system introduced. A second lockdown occurred during most of November with the previous arrangements being brought back into force during early December.

Special services: An Act of Remembrance was recorded in church with the High Sheriff and representatives of the Royal British Legion as the normal Remembrance Sunday Service in the Market Square could not take place. The Carol Service and Crib Service were also recorded as it was not possible to do these services live due to current restrictions.

Music: The choir and music department of the church has continued to develop their ministry through an increase in variety of hymns, psalm singing and repertoire of anthems over the course of 2020. January to March saw the introduction of 3 new anthems to the choir which were well received by the congregation and were well learnt by the members. The national lockdown from 23rd March 2020 until September 2020 meant that much of the music was provided virtually. The organ music was provided by the Director of Music from home, using the software Hauptwerk to record a variety of voluntaries. The choir contributed 10 virtual anthems over this time which were incorporated into the YouTube Channel services; these gave a semblance of normality in a time of uncertainty. The choir reconvened on Friday 4th September with an average attendance at practices and services until 4th January 2021 of 10 people with our limit set at 13. During this period, small-scale repertoire was used to good effect and the choir learnt a new Mass Setting by Herbert Sumson; this is unknown to the congregation which prevents them from singing along as per the COVID-19 guidance. No evening services were offered during this period and so the choir's commitment was reduced to one rehearsal and one service per week. The number in the choir will reduce in 2021 due to the resignation of Pat Hoyland, Carol Tattersall and Annie Jones leaving a choir of 18 regular singers and 4 less-regular singers. Our main project for 2021 and 2022 will be a recruitment drive, particularly aimed at children from the local schools, once COVID-19

restrictions lift. Thanks go to the members of the choir, past and present, for their hard-work and contributions to the services of St Denys'; without them, none of the recent work would have been possible.

Church Rooms: The Covid virus meant the Parish Office had to close and the Parish Administrator to work from home. There is a limited opening of the Parish Office, which is constantly under review depending on national guidance.

Emergency Lighting: Some of the emergency lights in the parish office needed replacing

Thank you: Owing to the pandemic many of the routines within the church have been suspended and several persons have been prevented from fulfilling their usual tasks. It goes without saying the Churchwardens are grateful to everyone who spends their time and skills in maintaining the church. And it is very much hoped these routines can be reinstated during 2021. Thank you in anticipation!

Financial Activities

SLEAFORD PARISH CHURCH RESERVES POLICY for 2020 remained as follows:-

It is the policy of St Denys 's Parochial Church Council to hold in reserves the equivalent of 12 months running costs from the General Purposes Fund (£95000) and a further £50000 from the Fabric Fund for Insurance and Emergency repairs.

Following the first National Lockdown in March 2020 and closure of the Church and Parish Centre, much usual revenue was lost, most particularly from use of the Hall, loss of fees for Weddings and Funerals, Fund Raising activities, and the usual cash collections. Members of the planned giving scheme not paying direct into the bank have in the main been forwarding offerings at regular intervals whilst the church has been closed for services. A covid Grant of £4250 was received from NKDC for loss of revenue from the Parish Centre. Where possible service contracts were suspended to save on expenditure. However additional expenses were necessary to provide licence and equipment for on line streaming of services, and provision of covid related sanitizing products etc.

At the end of 2019 the PCC had reviewed the budget for 2020 which showed a predicted shortfall of around £25,000. The Diocese had requested details of the amount to be contributed towards the share and it was resolved to pledge £20510 which was achieved by December 2020. There was only one legacy received during the year of £500.

Solar Panel income of £3787 was received for the power generated for the national grid, a slight increase on the previous year.

A vandalised window in the Chancel was repaired for £1170 covered by an Insurance claim less the excess of £250, however a protective grill was then fitted at a cost of £828. Full electrical testing was carried out in both church and parish centre at a total cost of £2148 with a further £384 paid to renew emergency lighting in the centre.

A salary increase for the Parish Administrator and the Director of Music took effect from 1st January 2020. They have both been fully paid during the pandemic as they continued working from home as required. A local company continues to administer the payroll and the workplace pension, put in place from 1st April 2017 of which there is currently one member.

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The PCC investments in the CBF funds had increased at the end of the year. At the request of the Diocese the Johnson Light CBF deposit fund was transferred into St Denys general CBF fund in February 2020. The funds managed by Wren had decreased at the end of the year giving an overall loss in value of £5023.

At the start of the year the Counters and Sidespersons continued to seal, record and count collections and other moneys received. Since March the Treasurer overseen by Church Wardens has been responsible for sealing, counting, recording and banking all receipts. All funeral fee bills are paid to the Diocese who then remit them direct to our account for distribution as necessary by the Treasurer. We continue to collect wedding fees and account to the Diocese monthly. Retired Clergy and Readers claim their fees direct from the Diocese.

The following groups, which are connected with the church, held funds at the 31st December 2020

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Choir/Music	£645	£981
Bellringers	£2686	£2642

On Behalf of the PCC

20th April 2021


.....Rev'd. Philip A Johnson (Chairman)

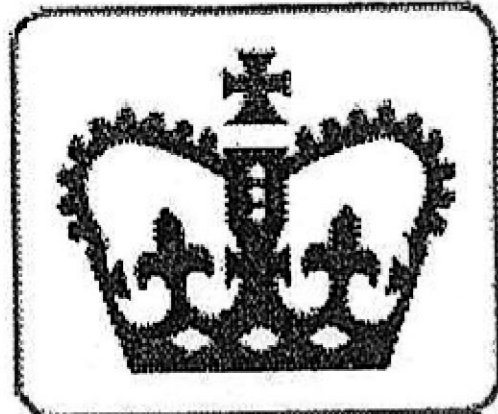
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01-Jan-20	To	31-Dec-20
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Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Donations and Legacies	42,000	248	-	42,248
Grants	4,250		-	4,250
Income from charitable activities	668		-	668
Other trading activities	7,385		-	7,385
Church room	2,253		-	2,253
Investments	5,269	7,789	-	13,058
Other income	4,990		-	4,990
			-	-
			-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	66,815	8,037	-	74,852
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
Gain on investment			-	-
			-	-
Sub total			-	-
Total receipts	66,815	8,037	-	74,852
A3 Payments				
Costs of generating funds	2,308		-	2,308
Costs of generating voluntary income	37,174	55	-	37,229
Expenditure on charitable activities	22,132	6,881	-	29,013
Governance costs	1,014		-	1,014
Administration costs	3,320		-	3,320
Other expenditure	-		-	-
Church room costs	5,977		-	5,977
			-	-
			-	-
Sub total	71,925	6,936	-	78,861
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
Investment purchases			-	-
Sub total			-	-
Total payments	71,925	6,936	-	78,861
Net of receipts/(payments)	(5,110)	1,101	-	(4,009)
A5 Transfers between funds		1,005		1,005
A6 Cash funds last year end	54,419	24,934	-	79,353
Cash funds this year end	49,309	27,040	-	76,349



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF ST DENYS NEW SLEAFORD

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 DECEMBER 2020

Charity no

1127600

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2020.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

21st April 2021

Name:

SIMON N SYDDALL

**Relevant professional
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