

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:
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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.)

Deanery Synod Representatives:

(second year of a 3 year term):

Mrs. Gillian M Boutle

Elected members (maximum of twelve):

Mr Douglas Agnew (8th May 2022)

Mr. Keith Bailey

Mr. Douglas C Hoare

Mrs. Pamela Jakeway

Mr. Edward Jarvis

Mr. David J Marriage

Mrs Minyon Prescott

Ms Angela Rankin (8th May 2022)

Mr. Terence E Regan

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. The Revd Steve Holt, vicar of the Carr Dyke Group and Assistant Rural Dean, also made a significant contribution to the life of the parish during the vicar's sabbatical, and the Revd David Woods assists with the funeral ministry. Mr. Bernard Pope surrendered his PTO as a Reader to the Bishop bringing to an end fifty one years of service as a reader. The PCC would like to thank him for his faithful service over the years. Miss Joan Sommers stepped back from her work as an ALM as her health deteriorated and her funeral was at the end of the year, her work in the church, especially leading a home group and organizing the stewarding, will be sadly missed.

At the end of 2022 the Authorised Lay Ministry Team comprised: Mrs. Beryl Risdell, Miss Helen Bristow, Mr. Douglas Hoare, Mr. Terry Regan.

<u>Electoral Roll Officer's Report</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Electors at start of year	98	106
Electors added to Roll	5	0
Electors removed from Roll at own request	(0)	(0)
Deaths	(4)	(8)
Electors at end of year	99	98

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.

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 2023 and all that it will bring, including the chance to 'Sing for the King' in May. 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 for 2022/3 was reviewed by the Finance Committee on 28th November 2022 as 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.

Following the final lifting of pandemic restrictions collections and donations have risen slightly, but the planned giving scheme figures reflect the number of regular contributors that have been lost. The PCC had pledged a share of £20,000 for the next three years with the proviso that more would be contributed if circumstances permitted. £20,000 was paid but no extra was available due to a shortfall. A grant of £2579 was received during December from the Diocese towards energy costs.

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.

Some Fund raising activities have resumed and will need to be addressed in the coming months.

The Parish Administrator and the Director of Music have continued in post. 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 decreased at the end of the year giving a loss in value of £57,010 against a gain of £54,565 in 2021. Interest received from the funds did increase on the previous year.

During the Pandemic regulations the Treasurer overseen by Church Wardens has been responsible for sealing, counting, recording and banking all receipts. In September, a Rota was put in place for two Counters each week to resume 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 2022

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Choir/Music	£516	£377
Bellringers	£2994	£2776

On Behalf of the PCC

27th March 2023

.....Fr Philip Johnson (Chairman)



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

St Denys' Sleaford PCC

1127600

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01/01/2022

To

31/12/2022

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	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					
	43,626	26,464	-	70,090	76,349
A6 Cash funds last year end					
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	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

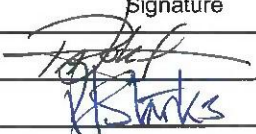
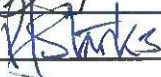
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	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	-
			-	-
			-	-

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

	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	27.03.2023
	P.J. STARKS	27/03/23



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
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