

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF KINGSTHORPE

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Activities

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

Activities: Regular public worship open to all; the provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation; pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved; teaching of christianity through sermons, courses and small groups; taking of religious assemblies in schools; promoting the whole mission of the church through provision of activities open to all.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£148,938	£130,513	-	-
2023-12-31	£148,557	£137,498	-	-
2022-12-31	£185,410	£119,746	-	-
2021-12-31	£114,227	£115,103	-	-
2020-12-31	£110,599	£131,640	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
REV JANE BUTLER	Chair	
ELIZABETH GRACE MAY		
Helen Joy Hickman		2018-04-19
JANE ELIZABETH SERBYN BED Hons		
JUNE ADRIENNE WARD		2012-06-18
Jennifer Griffin		2022-04-07
Jessica Carey		2025-05-22
KATHLEEN WILCOX		2013-05-12
MANDY BENTLEY RN		
MARK JEREMY BAME		2012-06-18
MAUREEN ANN ROBINSON		
MR CHRIS WOODLEY		
MRS BECKY ADNITT		2011-07-11
MRS SUE EVANS		
Mary Hardwick		2023-05-11
Mrs Jo Carrick		2018-04-19
PAULINE ANN STONE		
PETER DAVID BORLEY-COX BAHonsFCMA		
Paula Blackwell		2021-05-20
Penelope Crockett		2024-04-11
Rev Jonathan Lee		2021-06-27
Rev Sarah Louise Lee		2021-06-27
Ruth Lesley Gould BA Hons		2015-04-16
SARAH-JANE MAJOR		
Samantha Jean Hunt		2023-05-11
Susan Darby		2024-04-11

Accounts

Kingsthorpe Team Ministry

St David's Church



*The Church of
St John the Baptist*

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AGENDA for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting to be held on Thursday 22nd May 2025 at **St David's Church** at 7.30pm.

Prayers

VESTRY MEETING:

Apologies for absence

- Appointment of Churchwardens
- Appointment of PCC members (10 persons from each church)
- Appointment of Sidespersons.
- Appointment to Deanery Synod.

PARISH MEETING:

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of 11th April 2024.

Report from PCC Treasurer and approval of the accounts.

Appointment of Independent Examiner.

Electoral Roll(s).

Comments from Team Clergy.

Reports from Lay Pastoral Ministers, Churchwardens, PCC Secretary and Deanery Synod – already circulated.

Fabric reports.

Rector's comments.

Any Other Business:

Date of 2026 Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

NEW PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL:

Dates of future meetings.

Appointment of Lay Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

Appointment of Safeguarding Officer.

KINGSTHORPE TEAM MINISTRY ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING 2024

Minutes of the annual parochial church meeting held on Thursday, 11th April 2024 at St David's Church Hall

Revd. Canon Jane Butler chaired the meeting. Revd. Alison Wagner was also present. Matthew Brennan was interpreter.

Present:	St. David	5 laity
	St. John the Baptist	8 laity
	St. Mark	8 laity

Apologies:	St. David	1 laity
	St. John the Baptist	3 laity
	St. Mark	2 laity

The meeting opened with prayers lead by Revd. Canon Jane Butler.

VESTRY MEETING:

Appointment of Churchwardens:

St. David:

1. June Ward – proposed Jane Serbyn; seconded Mary Hardwick
2. Rebecca Adnitt – proposed Jane Serbyn; seconded Mary Hardwick

St. John the Baptist:

1. Vacant
2. Vacant

Revd. Canon Jane stated that she would make this matter known to the Archdeacon and ask his advice.

St. Mark:

1. Samantha Hunt - proposed Richie Carrick; seconded Shirley Cumbleton
2. Kathy Wilcox - proposed Richie Carrick; seconded Shirley Cumbleton

Revd. Canon Jane Butler thanked the outgoing churchwardens for all their work in the past year and that she looked forward to working with the newly elected churchwardens in the coming year.

Appointment of Parochial Church Council:

St. David:

1. Sarah-Jane Major Ex-Officio/Lay Reader.
2. Jane Serbyn (Pro. T Gilkes Sec. S-J Major)
3. Anne Stevens (Pro. T Gilkes Sec. S-J Major)
4. Maureen Robinson (Pro. J Ward Sec. B Adnitt)
5. Shirley Basford (Pro. J Serbyn, Sec. P Gilkes)
6. Terry Basford (Pro. J Serbyn, Sec. P Gilkes)

Vacancies remain for four PCC places.

St. John the Baptist:

1. Jenny Griffin Ex-Officio/Lay Reader.
2. Susan Darby (Pro. J Hutchinson Sec. P Stone)
3. Mandy Bentley (Pro. C Isaac Sec. P Borley-Cox)
4. Mark Brame (Pro. J Hutchinson Sec. P Stone)
5. Pauline Stone (Pro. R Stone Sec. P Gothard)
6. Elizabeth Darby (Pro. P Stone Sec. S Darby)
7. Penny Crockett (Pro. S Darby Sec. P Stone)

Vacancies remain for three PCC places.

St. Mark:

1. Ruth Gould (Pro. J Hunt Sec. K Wilcox)
2. Helen Hickman (Pro. J Carrick Sec. K Tomlin)
3. Sue Evans (Pro. H Hickman Sec. K Tomlin)
4. Richie Carrick (Pro. S Cumbleton Sec. E May)
5. Jo Carrick (Pro. A Hunt Sec. R Carrick)
6. Liz May (Pro. A Woodley Sec. R Carrick)
7. Paula Blackwell (Pro. A Hunt Sec. R Carrick)
8. Karen Tomlin (Pro. R Gould Sec. J Hunt)
9. Adrian Evans (Pro. Jane Malloy Sec. R Carrick)
10. Alexander Hunt (Pro. C Woodley Sec. R Carrick)

No vacancies remain for PCC places.

Appointment of Sidespersons:

St. David:

All members of the congregation.

St. John the Baptist:

All members of the congregation.

St. Mark:

All members of the congregation.

All the above named were elected to serve as sidespersons in their individual churches for the coming year. All members present were in favour.

Deanery Synod Representatives ex officio (3rd year of 3-year term).

(5 persons allowed)

- Jenny Griffin
- Sarah-Jane Major

PARISH MEETING:

The Minutes of the APCM held on 11th May 2023 were signed as a true record as all persons present were in favour.

However, the following amendments were made: -

“Jenny Griffin is not lay reader. She is Deanery Synod representative, and that Deanery Synod begins to meet in July 2024”.

Finance:

Peter Borley-Cox began by stating this would be his last APCM as he was standing down as treasurer. He then gave a brief overview as to how the parish finances had been over the last financial year.

Peter Borley-Cox pointed out that in 2023 the total amount of income was £148.5k (£138 for unrestricted fund and £10.5K for restricted funds). This was a reduction of £40k over the previous year. There had been a one-off legacy in 2022.

Expenditure had increased but this was mostly due to the increased cost of utilities. The parish share had remained static at £109,177.

The consequence was that the PCC had a £2.5k surplus on the accounts, which is good news but needs to be built upon.

Peter Borley-Cox then moved to the balance sheet. He explained that it was very similar to the 2022 one. However, the income earned by the PCC was 3% higher than in 2019 (pre pandemic).

Peter Borley-Cox told the APCM that the parish reserves meet the PCC policy.

Finally, Peter Borley-Cox explained that the Independent Examiner, Jackie Brame, had nothing to report to the PCC before the approval of the 2023 accounts.

Peter Borley-Cox then asked for any questions-

- Rev Alison Wagner asked what the St John the Baptist reserves can be used for. Peter responded that it could only be spent in line with how the legacy was written. Following on Mark Brame asked if the reserves are invested. Peter responded that some was kept back for working capital, but a significant proportion was invested.

Peter Borley-Cox proposed that the accounts were approved. It was seconded by Mandy Bentley. All were in favour of this motion.

Revd. Canon Jane thanked both Peter Borley-Cox and Sue Evans for their hard work during the last year. However, as this was Peter's last APCM as treasurer, Revd. Canon Jane Butler made a presentation to Peter to thank him for this hard work over the past 14 years.

Appointment of Independent Examiner:

Peter Borley-Cox explained that Jackie Brame was willing to be the Independent Examiner again for the coming year. The appointment of Jackie Brame was proposed by Peter Borley-Cox and seconded by Sue Evans. The meeting passed this motion.

Electoral Roll:

St. David:

The APCM were told that St David had a total of 25 members on their electoral roll. (A decrease of 2)

St. John the Baptist:

The APCM were told that St John the Baptist had a total of 68 members on their electoral. roll. (A decrease of 9).

St. Mark:

The APCM were told that St Mark had a total of 43 members on their electoral roll. (No change)

Revd. Alison Wagner's Comments

Revd. Alison Wagner told the APCM that her report in the booklet covered everything she wanted to say. However, she took the opportunity to thank the parish for such a warm welcome.

Reports from Organisations & Committees including the Fabric Reports

- **St Mark's Churchwarden Report**

Revd. Canon Jane Butler thanked Jo Carrick for her 2 years as churchwarden.

Revd. Canon Jane told the meeting that any other reports were in the booklet which had been circulated. She asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Rector's Comments:

Revd. Canon Jane said her report was too in the booklet, but she wanted to extend a big thank you to everyone.

Revd. Canon Jane observed that there are many new groups running which give variety and makes the future exciting. Without these the parish would not operate. Rev. Canon Jane told the APCM that she wanted to leave the parish in a good position with plenty to look forward to. She concluded that the parish needs a strong commitment to God to make the parish move forward.

Rev. Canon Jane said that parish would be saying goodbye to Revd. Sara Lee, curate, in the near future. She wished her well for her future.

There would be an ordination to look forward to in 2 years when Angie Kennedy gets ordained. She asked the parish to welcome her as she spends more time in the parish and getting involved with our activities.

Any Other Business:

M Brame asked the PCC could pay for a subscription for “Go Chatter” for Brick Church.

Revd. Ali Wagner stated that St David’s will need official approval for the new disabled toilet. A £6k grant has been given to help fund this project.

Peter Borley-Cox asked for any new PCC members to give him their email addresses.

Sarah-Jane Major told the PCC that Chris Woodley would not be getting relicensed. This would mean that the lay team would be one member down. She asked for the APCM to consider and pray on this fact.

Revd. Canon Jane thanked Matthew Brennan for helping with signing at the PCC meetings.

Date of 2025 Annual Meeting:

Thursday, 10th April 2025 at 7.30pm.

This ended the business of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Appointments to the new Parochial Church Council:

Lay Chair – Mandy Bentley

Secretary – Helen Hickman

Treasurer – Sue Evans

Safeguarding Officer – Jane Serbyn

All members present were in favour of these appointments:

Dates of Parochial Church Council meetings for 2024/25

- 23rd May 2024
- 11th July 2024
- 26th September 2024
- 28th November 2024
- 23rd Jan 2025
- 27th March 2025

- 2025 APCM 10th April 2025

The meeting closed with the Prayers.

Subsequent to the meeting the date for the 2025 APCM was changed to 22nd May 2025

**KINGSTHORPE TEAM MINISTRY.
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Rector's Report 2024.

This last year has been a very busy year within the parish, and positive year for the parish. Both with well-established services and activities and newer ones. We have also had new people at all three churches which has been a pleasure to see. Sadly we have also lost people from all three churches.

We have had a day away to look at what we have achieved and what we wanted to change. This was a very good day and much was taken forward. There was a good number from all of the churches.

The Sunday morning services remain at lower numbers post covid. But people are learning to work together and the team ethos is growing as we do more things together.

Brick church remains well with good numbers and I want to thank those who have now taken over

Woodland church also is in good health with a good number of varied age groups from young children to the elderly. This again being led by a team and headed up by Rev. Ali, and again my thanks to all concerned.

All other groups are working well and have got teams to lead them.

School work is going well. Especially at Whitehills School, there have been a number of visits to St Mark's Church. All Saints School also has regular assemblies taken by the rector. I remain a governor at All Saints School.

The pastoral care in the parish has continued using a team of people, visiting both the house bound and those in nursing homes on a regular basis.

After 18 years Peter Borley-Cox finished as treasurer and Sue Evans took over. The finances continue to be in a difficult position, even though we are working to improve it. We have now got three card machines to encourage people especially visitors to use, as many don't bring cash. This has shown an improvement. All the normal fund raising events happened with good results.

In May after three years curacy Jonathan and Sarah Lee left us as Jonathan got a new job in London. We wished them well in their new venture.

In April 2024 Angie came to us as an ordinand for her final year, She settled in very well and has done a large variety of parish work, and taking services to prepare her for ordination. Towards the end of June she decided with much consultation with others that she wanted to be considered for her curacy to be here at Kingsthorpe. This was agreed and has brought great joy to many in Kingsthorpe.

Lastly I would like to thank my team of Clergy and laity for all their work and support. Especially Revd. Ali, Angie, Sarah- Jane Chris, all the church wardens and teams, Sue and many more. My life would be much more difficult without you all.

Canon Jane

Team Vicar Report 2024-2025.

In January this year we had a Parish Retreat Day- a small team of representatives from our three churches gathered in Highgate House to review where we are and try to discern together where the Lord might be leading us.

This was the overview of Jan- Jan 2024- 2025, Parish worship and activities.

Occasional Offices:

Funerals- 20, Baptisms 15, Confirmations 2 (Bishop Debbie coming to St David's) Weddings 4 plus 1 wedding blessing within service.

Community Groups:

Tots- Time for Tots, Little Stars- church and community cross over.

Wellbeing- Church and community cross over.

Foodbank and Community Café- Church and community cross over.

Community Hall Hire Partners:

Kingsthorpe Parish Council, Pipe Band, Kick boxing, Bowls, Kidzlink, Line Dancing, Scouts and Guides, Keep Fit classes others.

Fresh Expressions:

Brick Church- 2nd Sunday afternoon .

Woodland Church- 3rd Sunday afternoon.

Café Church- 4th Sunday (began April).

Bloom- Thursday evenings once a month Queen Adelaide pub.

Staffing: Clergy and Readers: Jane, Ali, (half time) Angie, Sara-Jane, as well as many of our dedicated congregations in many different ways. We lost 2 curates in 2024, this has a significant effect on how we minister.

Worship:

Church Pattern

1st Sunday- AAW- All Churches.

2nd Sunday- HC- All Churches.

3rd Sunday-HC – All Churches.

4th Sunday- HC and Café Church for all parish at St David's.

Morning Prayer 9.00-9.30am. Tuesdays and Wednesdays on-line.

Thursday Communion- at SJB 9.30- weekly.

Wednesday Communion at St David's 3rd of month..

Worship Events:

Patronal Festivals at each church.

Summer Praise at St Mark's .

Confirmations and Baptism- 3 candidates Bishop Debbie 17th July.

Small Groups:

Be Still Course Jan- Feb 5 sessions.

Lent Course 'Difference' 5 sessions- at St David's daytime and on-line.

Exploring Confirmation and Baptism- June/ July 6 sessions.

LLF- 4 sessions over 8 weeks alternate daytimes and evenings, St David's and St Mark's.

Food for thought- every two months on Wednesdays at St Mark's.

Be Still Course Advent- 5 sessions.

Bereavement Journey 2 courses?

Into 2025- Bereavement Journey.

Lent Prayer Courses in home group evening and daytime at SJB.

Pastoral:

Communion services in Care Homes (Nicolas Rothwell).

Home Communion services and home visits.

Special

Festival services- Crib/ Christingle/ Carols. Easter Eve. Holy Week.

Worship plus.....

Heritage Weekend/ Ride and Stride.

Pancakes.

Harvest.

Christmas Tree Festival.

Concerts- Cantare/ Bob's Band.

Fundraisers- Christmas Fair/ Quiz nights.

Schools' work.

Kingsthorpe Village- 2 visits to SJB including Christingle Service.
Whitehills- Visits for Easter and Advent and Carol Services- good connections- more events coming up.

Kingsthorpe Grove- 2 visits to St David's Easter – Prayer Spaces and Christmas- reception nativity.

MAPS- Whole school for Christingle Services.

Purple Oaks- Nativity Service at the school.

Northgate- 'Meet a vicar' visit last Easter in school.

Flourish launched at Malcolm Arnold Academy in September- small group of children gathering with staff, Angie and Fiona Hailes, Chaplaincy Assistant.

There's a lot going on! In the midst of it it's easy to lose ourselves in activity or be buffeted by the next mini- crisis, boilers failing throughout the Autumn in St David's was not my favourite thing. It is often the buildings, the finances and the procedures that take over and while these things matter, they only matter in as far as they serve the larger mission of the church. This is to share God's love and the good news of Jesus' wonderful saving grace with those in our precious communities.

One of my greatest joys this year has been taking the small groups, for Baptism and Confirmation and the Be Still course. That and the Weekend Parish Retreat at Highgate House. In these places we gather in smaller groups and grow in our understanding of faith with each other and the Holy Spirit. As our roots grow deeper in Christ so does our love for God and neighbour.

I have been taking part in two small groups myself. Bishop Debbie invited me and a cohort of fellow ministers to take part in a Leadership in Mission Course with CPAS. I am also training to be a Training Incumbent, so I am back in the classroom a couple of days each month. I have been very grateful for these opportunities. They come at a time when I am beginning to get some sort of overview of the parish but am rather unsure of the next steps to take as we seek to follow God's will for the parish. I have a mentor

who meets with me each month to tease out my thinking and encourage me.

I am delighted that Angie will be joining us as a Curate in July. She has much to offer and her enthusiasm and curiosity have helped me to think about why I do what I do! Thank you Angie.

The supportive team environment with Revd. Canon Jane, Sarah-Jane and Angie is particularly strong and I've been very grateful that we can lean on each other and pray together.

My work at the school is developing, relationships are growing and there are many opportunities to bless and encourage. The three day split mostly works but there is definitely a stretch at times and I sometimes feel I'm not doing either role well. However, in terms of being a public presence for Jesus you can't get much more public than a secondary school!!

There are examples of God's grace every day in Kingsthorpe and I am thankful for you all.

Revd. Ali

Deanery Synod Report.

There have been four meetings of the Deanery Synod since our last APCM.

In June there were presentations from The Hope Centre and about divorce support groups in the Diocese.

The September meeting was attended by Bishop Debbie and was open to all. After a short Service there was a question and answer session with the Bishop.

The November meeting focused on the work of the Mothers Union and of the DAC.

In February Synod looked at various prayer initiatives in the Diocese.

In 2024 payments from parishes allowed the deanery to pay 79.85 of Parish Share to the diocese.

Jenny Griffin.

Electoral Roll Reports

St David Electoral Roll Report

23 members on the roll reapplied,

1 died and 1 left during the year.

There are 5 new members making a total of 28.

St John the Baptist Electoral Roll Report

We began the year with 68 on the Roll.

2 have left the parish, 11 have died, 1 has transferred to St Mark's,

1 has transferred to St David's and 2 have not reapplied.

2 new members have been added.

There are now 53 members on the Roll.

Jenny Griffin.

St Mark Electoral Roll Report

Applications received from past members. 35

Applications from new members. 7

Members passed away. 3

Members moved away. 4

Members failing to apply. 1

The new 2025 Electoral Roll membership stands at 42 a loss of 1 from 2024.

K R Sumbler.

PCC Secretary's Report

The Parochial Church Council met six times in the 2024-25 parochial year. Officers were elected at the end of the annual meeting. All the meetings were quorate. All PCC meetings took place at St David's church hall. Attendance was very good.

The main items of business across the year:

- The PCC did not manage to pay the Parish Share in full. However, the PCC were able to pay more of the parish share during the year. This was due to the reduced cost of utilities and no large purchases. (The decision was made in 2013 to pay the parish share in full as a priority, requiring regular fund-raising events).
- The parish continued with its outreach activities with the continuation of Brick Church and Food for Thought, Woodland Church and the Bereavement Journey course.
- Safeguarding work took place to ensure the three churches, and the parish continued to be compliant in all aspects of safeguarding.
- The two curates Revd. Jonathan Lee and Revd. Sarah Lee left the parish.

Deanery Synod is attended regularly.

Core Groups remain and were able to meet regularly in person during the year, i.e., Pastoral Care, Nurture and Growth, Youth, and Mission. The decision was reluctantly reached to suspend the parish's youth group.

Helen Hickman.

St Davids Church Warden report 2025

Vestments and Chattels

These are all as previous year, are in good serviceable condition, valuables are retained within a locked safe when not being used.

Building and fabrics

Disabled toilet is on hold. We have a new kitchen boiler and we had grants to pay for this. We also have got to have a new pump for the heating system for in the church. The urinals and floor in the hall will be looked at.

Thank yous

Rena and Kelvin - For the up keep of the church grounds.

A big thank you to Anne for doing the 50/50 club as she is stepping down.

Another big thank you to the servers, sidespeople, the choir, flower arrangers, tea makers and all who contribute to the church upkeep and services.

Fund raising

Bob's Little Band which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

We also did a summer and Christmas Fayre.

Services

Remembrance Sunday - Again we had another fantastic display of knitted poppies which people from the community did and joined when we had the service outside.

Christmas crib service - An enjoyable service of telling the Christmas Story for all ages, well attended by the community.

St David's Day service - We celebrated with a buffet and cakes after the church services. It was celebrated by different groups, the food bank, renew 88 family 0-5, Kids link and others from other hall users.

We also had a pancake party.

We would also like to thank Revd. Canon Jane, Revd. Alison, Angie and Sarah Jane Major for taking the services.

June and Becky would like to thank everyone for the support we have had over the years as church wardens as we are stepping down.

Good luck to the new church wardens.

June & Becky

St. John the Baptist Churchwardens Report 2024

We continued to hold Morning Prayer on Zoom on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 9:00am. Other services continued throughout the year.

The 10:00am Sunday services were attended by between 18 and 86 people, with an average of 31 throughout 2024. Thursday morning 9:30am Holy Communion averaged about 4, with numbers between 3 and 5; this service is being held in the Chapter House through the winter months to save on heating costs.

At Easter we held services of Compline (Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday), Maundy Thursday Eucharist with foot washing, the Good Friday three-hour devotion, Easter Eve, and Easter Day, all of which were well attended; with 70 on Easter Day.

The Church was open for Heritage Weekend this year, with the display of the “Chained Library” from the 16/17th centuries; and the Victorian Architect’s drawings from the 1863 restoration work on show. The annual “Ride & Stride” event went ahead on the Saturday. The annual Remembrance Service was held in November, with about 120 in church, followed by the Act of Remembrance at Kingsthorpe War Memorial. This service was well attended, with Kingsthorpe Scout Group joining us.

The Christmas Tree Festival was arranged for the start of December and was well attended and finished off with “Carols on the Green”, held inside church again this year. There were about two hundred people standing in church singing carols, with refreshments provided, although no fire-pits this year!

Over Christmas we held a Nine Lessons and Carols service (about 70 attended), a Crib Service (160), Midnight Mass (61) and Christmas Day Family Eucharist (30). We also hosted a Christingle Service within the church for the local Kingsthorpe Village Primary School with about 170 teachers, parents and children taking part.

Brick Church has continued to flourish at St. John the Baptist Church throughout the year.

Mark Brame.

St John the Baptist – Fabric Report

The fabric committee had one meeting in August although various matters were discussed via email throughout the year.

The lack of progress in relation to the Chapterhouse extension, quinquennial repairs or upgrading of the lightening conductor meant there was little to discuss at a formal meeting.

The key works considered by the committee during the year and their status is as follows:-

Chapterhouse extension. Due to the lack of progress with the faculty application and the expiration of the planning permission the project remains on hold.

Quinquennial Works. Despite several attempts to engage with the contractor no works have been carried out.

Lightening Conductor. No progress has been made in respect of upgrading the lightening conductor.

A health and safety review. Carried out regularly and updated as required.

Annual servicing. The clock, boilers, alarm systems and fire extinguishers were carried out.

The trees and shrubs in the churchyard. These have been trimmed regularly by the contractor working for the council.

Organ. The repairs to the organ were carried out and funded by donations.

Other works discussed by the committee were the condition of the notice boards in the porch and lighting on the paths. No action regarding theses has been taken.

There was one organised churchyard tidy-up in the year. The fabric committee would however like to thank those that have, as individuals, on occasion done some tidying up.

At the meeting Alan confirmed that he was stepping down as Chair of the Fabric Committee and that Carol was stepping down from the committee completely.

As no-one wished to take over the roles as Chair and Secretary, it was agreed that Jane would chair the meetings and that taking the minutes would be rotated amongst the committee members.

It was agreed that the committee should meet on the first Tuesday of each quarter and that if anything arose that needed to be dealt with it be done via email / video meeting or meeting.

Alan Isaac.

St Mark's Churchwardens report

Fabric of the Church

The annual servicing of the boilers in the church and hall were carried out with no issues identified. All the appropriate checks to meet the fire regulations and electrical testing have also been undertaken.

The Fabric Committee meet bi-monthly and are continuing to work through the Quinquennial inspection from June 2023. This included the undercoating and painting of the three church windows facing onto the car park, rearranging the vestry furniture to help alleviate the damp on the west facing wall and covering off some of the items to be "checked".

Four work mornings have been held throughout the year to keep the church, hall and gardens clean and tidy. Our grateful thanks go to the Fabric Committee and willing volunteers in the congregation who give up their time to help maintain our grounds and buildings.

General

We held several parish events during the year enjoying fellowship and fun together. In June St Mark celebrated it's 70th Birthday and we marked the occasion with a BBQ where 31 people attended. In September we welcomed the Cantare singers to church for a concert. 40 people attended and it was a great evening raising £716. Our thanks go to Ruth Gould for all her hard work arranging

this event. In October we enjoyed a Harvest Supper with games and quizzes which was attended by 29 people and raised £110 and in February we put on a Quiz Evening where 29 people came and £155 was raised. Thanks to all who helped to make these events possible. The money raised will go towards the larger projects identified on the Quinquennial report.

Sunday service attendance averages 30 and it's been good to have some new faces join us. We welcomed Whitehills School children at Advent and Easter and for two Carol Services in December. We also held a Carol Service for the Scouts.

We held our annual Carols on the green service on 15th December beginning outside and then coming into the church. The Pipe Band also played outside at the beginning and end. This was well attended with 73 people. As usual the church was full for the Christingle service on Christmas Eve with 194 people attending. The collection at this service contributed to the £547 raised during the year for the Children's Society.

Being new Churchwardens we attended a Churchwarden Training Day at Bouverie Court in November which was very enlightening with lots of useful information.

A big thank you to everyone who helps in any way, we are truly grateful for your support and prayers.

Sam Hunt & Kathy Wilcox

Lay Reader Report

A year, full of blessings and opportunities to meet and worship together.

Over the last year I have continued to lead worship, as well as jointly working with clergy during our time of joint services. It has been good to meet together for our Lent group this year on the Lord's Prayer and thanks go to Sue and Adrian for their hospitality.

I prefer to say I enable the group rather than lead as we journey together. I look forward to us continuing with the course in June. It has been a pleasure to work with the team at St Mark's and St John the Baptist as we welcomed local schools to our buildings to explore the Christian faith as part of the RE curriculum. The schools really value the churches involvement.

It was decided after a lot of prayer and discussion to pause our Fun and Faith group. It is blessing to see our young people taking part in our services especially with the music at café church. I know that they had immense fun at the pancake party coming together to serve the community. Our young people are a credit to themselves, and their families. It is a real privilege to observe them as they like us continue on their journey of faith.

Food 4 Thought continues to meet every other month and a group of a group of us from across the parish continue to work together to provide an alternative service with a meal at St Mark's Church. Those who come along are enjoying the time we spend together exploring our faith through fellowship, music, and prayer.

It is a real privilege to journey with people that are grieving, and the Bereavement Journey course has been a gift that we can offer. Jo and I run two courses a year and I thank her for the compassionate, caring ministry that she gives to our guests.

Lastly a few thanks, for our wonderful congregations who always make me feel at home and welcomed. My family and I have really welcomed the love and prayers that you have given us this year supporting and praying for us in what at times has been a worrying time. Thanks also go Revd. Ali and Revd. Canon Jane for their encouragement, guidance, teaching, and prayers.

Sarah - Jane Major.

Report from the Lay Pastoral Minister 2024/25.

This was a busy and rewarding year, church work, pastoral care had not stopped, it was if anything even busier in a different way with new initiatives. In addition, St Mark's Church Prayer request and concerns again were well up year on year.

They are fed into the Lay Minister and sent out to the group, numbering over 14 including Clergy strictly adhering to the content of the request.

Care home communions continued, Personal external communion and individual home communion continued, via the Lay Minister and thanks to the curates and Sarah Jane in helping across the Parish. Personally over 60 home communions have been carried out over the past year all regularly receive communion at least once a month i.e. the elderly and house bound who are very grateful. However, some have now been moved out into other parishes and with our relationship with other parishes are able to hand this over.

It is necessary to be re-licenced as a Lay Minister in Sept 2025 for another 5 years. With regret I have decided to step down before that date. however a constant review is undertaken by Rev Jane whereby individually as ministers and Lay Ministers, St Mark still operate a prayer triplet which was and is carrying on although it is down to one triplet meeting once a month.

Fun & Faith continues to operate, live and the youngsters have great fun along with some varied ethical, faith, theological topics prayer and teaching. Thanks to Kathy, Sarah Jane, Rev Sarah, and Rev Johnathan and our new addition Becky Adnitt keeping this worthwhile Ministry at St David. The youth enjoyed an outing at Wicksteed Park and the bowling alley and the Pancake Day, was also carried out. Thanks to Johnathan Hunt in baking again, and to all that help to make this another success.

Food for thought, continues to thrive with good numbers, food and Christian content. There is plenty on offer in the Parish. However, I would encourage you all where you would always be welcome at this initiative It might be that you would be interested in leading or taking on a roll however small, if only on an ad hoc basis, if so, discuss this with one of the Ministers or Church wardens.

With the Mission meeting we had a while ago there were many ideas, we now have the impetus to do some, let us all work together and harness all our gifts that good Lord has provided.

House groups and courses, alternative services are on offer to all regardless of your ability or standing, you don't have to be an academic we can all learn from each other to increase our faith and share our experiences.

In addition, as a Pastoral resource I am involved, in addition with Revd. Sarah involvement, Sarah Jane with Whitehills Primary school I support them with such items as Experience Easter, Advent, Church etc and a great time is had by all.

I wish it to be noted that I am extremely grateful for the help and support of other members of the congregation and Team Clergy that people in our community are cared for. The pastoral needs are well covered at St Mark and across the Team as a whole.

Blessings on you all.

Chris Woodley, (LPM)

Safeguarding Report

Safeguarding continues to be central to our culture within the Kingsthorpe Team Ministry. The Safeguarding Officer reports at each Parochial Church Council meeting re the progress of our aims within a Safer Church. The Peterborough Diocese Dashboard ensures that all are informed as to the level of achievements to date. Currently working at L3 of Mandatory Requirements. The Diocese have introduced over the past 12 months Safeguarding Standards which the PCC and church membership will work towards over the next three years.

The Safeguarding team ensure that all are aware of their responsibilities regarding DBS and training which is also renewable every three years. A Parish Safeguarding overview training is delivered to all PCC, Hall activity volunteers and Parishioners annually.

Our churches display relevant information on the outside of our buildings and within the church and hall rooms giving clear

information of how to contact the Safeguarding team to report safeguarding breaches.

Thanks are extended to Karen and Mandy for their continued eyes, ears and voices in their relevant churches within the parish. We meet quarterly to update and share information to ensure a continuous safe place to be.

Jane Serbyn (Parish Safeguarding Officer)

Flourish.

Flourish is a Church of England funded pilot to grow intergenerational worshipping communities within schools.

Malcolm Arnold Academy is one of 40 schools taking part in the project and only one of 4 in the diocese.

We had to seek approval from the PCC, the school governors and the diocese. Our funding enabled us to employ Fiona Hailes for 12 hours a week.

It has been quite an interesting journey. A lot of extra training and input from the C of E addressing many things including the complexity of safeguarding in a secondary school.

Currently we have 8 core members in the student body and several staff who pop in and out. We began meeting fortnightly and changed to weekly after school on Wednesdays as the students requested.

There are always good snacks and then time to check in with each other, share something from the Bible, apply that to our lives and to pray. This takes many forms week by week. It feels like a tender plant at the moment. Please pray for our students that we will learn to grow together in faith and begin to bless the school. We have begun to do that through recorded assemblies and the planting of wildflowers in the courtyard.

Revd. Ali

Kingsthorpe Mothers Union Report

Another year has gone by. It has been heartwarming to meet regularly, enjoying each other's company and listening to some excellent speakers. We welcomed the deanery for the Ladies Day service in March. Instead of a summer outing this year, we enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea where we invited the local community to join us. It was a lovely afternoon; the hall was full. A big thank you to all those who contributed to the refreshments. The Christmas lunch is always a highlight of the year and it didn't disappoint, we all enjoyed a hearty lunch at the Olde Cobbler. For this year's Christmas Tree Festival, it was decided that instead of advertising MU we would use it as an opportunity to highlight one of the campaigns that we support, an end to domestic abuse.

The dedicated small committee met throughout the year, kept me in check, and stood in to lead meetings that I could not attend this year. A personal thank you to Jane S and her excellent organising skills, Andrea for managing the accounts Pauline for arranging our speakers and Anne for sending out cards.

Our ladies continue to give of their time and Christian fellowship at Baptisms. Thank you, Pauline Gothard, for organising the team and Eileen who now sends cards to each family. The clergy and families really value your input at these very important and special services. The children especially love receiving the teddies that I know that many of you knit.

As we move into the new year we look forward to meeting together, sharing the values of Mothers Union with each other, learning together about the influences and hardships that families face in this country and further afield. As you know most of the committee including myself is standing down and hopefully, we will welcome a new committee to lead us into the future.

We have welcomed some new members to our group but with sadness we said our final goodbyes to Peggy Ingleton, Margaret

Glover, Ursula Skelly and Jean Bull, they will be missed but remembered with affection.

As your branch leader I thank you for your support and prayers and as we move into a new year thank you for your commitment and support of such a wonderful organisation and long may we continue to uphold the aims and goals of the worldwide Mothers Union.

Sarah – Jane Major Branch Leader

St John the Baptist Choir Report

With the inevitable consequences of the passage of time and in the absence of new recruits, the choir's ability to contribute to the regular Sunday services is somewhat limited. However, with the help of singers from St David and St Mark and former members of the SJB choir we were able to contribute more significantly to worship around Christmas and Easter, in particular the traditional Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, which in 2024 was attended by a record number of people since 2020. An augmented choir has also enhanced the wedding ceremonies of several couples, an important part of the church's outreach. This summer will see the departure of Rachael, who is about to complete her studies at Northampton University. We thank her for her contribution over the last three years and wish her well for the future. We hope Tony, absent for some months due to ill health, will rejoin us soon.

Regarding the organ, our organ builder generously decided not to charge us for the remedial work undertaken early in 2024. This goodwill, in conjunction with a legacy dedicated to the music at SJB, has enabled us to undertake the necessary further work mentioned in my report in 2024 without recourse to the church's general finances. This work hasn't fully bedded in and adjustments will be made during this summer (within the contract price).

Finally, I'd like to thank all members of the choir for their continued loyalty. My thanks also go to Laura who helps with the anthem whenever she is able and to Robert for assisting with choir practices. Similarly to Robert and Andrew for deputising when I am unavailable for services.

Ian Smith, Organist.

St John the Baptist Flowers Arrangers Report

In 2024 we continued with our efforts to be more sustainable and again are using different containers and trying not to use floral foam.

We have again been trying to use home grown flowers and foliage in some of our arrangements.

We have done flower arrangements for the weddings and special celebrations that have taken place at St John the Baptist church during the year.

Our tree for the Christmas Tree Festival was a poinsettia tree with fresh poinsettia plants and silk flowers.

Thank you to all those who have given towards the cost of flowers throughout the year either for special occasions, in memory of someone or just as donations.

We would also like to thank all who have arranged flowers or helped in any way especially at Easter and Christmas.

Pauline Stone, Carol Isaac, Jenny Griffin.

St Mark's Flower Fund Report

We have continued to have a mixture of real and artificial silk flowers, depending on the season, at St Mark during 2024. Members of the church have been generous in their donations towards paying for the flowers and we have £147. 90p in the flower fund at the end of 2024.

Ruth Gould.

RENEW 88 Well-being (St Davids)

Over the past year this group has enjoyed a growth in membership and activity (currently 34). Each week activities are presented enabling users to participate in a range of craft experiences. Many bring their own hobbies sharing their knowledge and enjoyment. Projects have ensued within the Knit and Natter group including knitted dolls, crosses and hearts which are placed around the local community with a message from the church.

During the session meditation, monthly mass and a quiet space is offered. Its motto 'It's ok not to be ok' shares the message that support, fellowship and guidance is central to its mission.

This year we have received grants from Kingsthorpe Parish Council and Kingsthorpe Town and Manor Trust to help with resourcing materials and providing the weekly soup lunch.

Jane Serbyn (Group Lead).

Renew Family 0-5s Café (St David)

Families have enjoyed fellowship over the past year including well-being opportunities. The group encourages parents to enjoy each other's company and engage in a support network.

Activities provide learning experiences for children aged between 0-5 where they also play with other young children as well as their parent.

Parents have enjoyed evening meals provided by the group volunteers twice a year. This has enabled mums to have time out for themselves.

We have received grants from West Northants Wellness fund, Kingsthorpe Parish Council and Kingsthorpe Town and Manor Trust to help with our activity. Over the past year we have visited Westlodge Farm.

Thanks are always expressed to our steadfast volunteers who continue to give of their time, creativity and experience.

Jane Serbyn (Group Lead).

Little Stars

Little Stars meet during term time on Tuesdays, 1:30pm - 3pm at St Mark's church. We run thanks to a dedicated rotating team of 8 volunteers. Our numbers vary week to week between 8-15 babies, toddlers and preschoolers with their grownups. Having a consistent meeting place, (Little Stars used to alternate between St John the Baptist and St Mark,) has helped our attendance as families know where we are each week.

Our sessions usually start with a craft that is connected to our theme, followed by singing, including our song of thanks and our blessing. The session then moves to free flow play and refreshments before tidy up time.

We have covered a range of topics in the last twelve months, with favourites being Noah's ark, The Nativity and our yearly wet play session in the garden. Little Stars has participated in other Parish initiatives such as supporting the St David's food bank with Harvest and Christmas collections and recently we made daffodils to celebrate St David's day.

I would like to thank our amazing volunteers that help each week with setting up, providing and serving refreshments, crafting with and playing music for our Little Stars, we could not run without you. I would also like to say thank you and goodbye to our curate Revd. Sarah Lee who originally launched Little Stars but left us in 2024.

As our Little Stars blessing says; God guard us, God love us, God bless us. Amen.

Jessica Carey - Little Stars Co-ordinator.

Brick Church

Firstly, we would like to say a huge **thank you** to our helpers that turn up every month with great enthusiasm, to set up, provide and prepare food and stay to help clear away. In 2024 we said thank you and goodbye to our Curates Jonathan & Sarah Lee.

We meet at St John the Baptist Church, 2nd Sunday of each month 2pm – 4pm.

We regularly have 19 children join us with their parents, grandparents and neighbours.

The afternoon format is usually a quick mini build as families arrive, a themed Bible story, a short video and then let our imaginations run wild for our main builds. After our show and tell, we then enjoy a tea in the chapter house.

Andrea & Mark Brame.

Woodland Church

Throughout the year, Woodland Church has met monthly from January to November for a nature walk through Bradlaugh Fields to connect with the seasons and Creation as we explore faith in a modern, family friendly way. Partly outside and partly inside the wonderful community space of Bradlaugh Fields Barn, we are able to meet in all weathers. Woodland church is a chance to slow down, connect and create in an environment that suits and welcomes all ages. We chat, play and pray as we go, taking reflective pauses to hear God speaking to us through the changing of the seasons and the beauty of the natural world. The monthly themes for our sessions have included Harvest, Transformation and New Growth and we have typically welcomed about 20 people to our meetings.

We have always taken time to look for natural treasures and have collected across the seasons an array of beautiful leaves, fruits, petals, conkers, feathers and twigs. Rather less beautiful are the

20 sacks of rubbish that we have collected this year on our litter-picks as we wander from St David's Church over to Bradlaugh Fields, but we hope that we have left the fields cleaner and safer for people, pets and wildlife alike.

Creative activities have been a much-loved element of our meetings, giving everyone the opportunity to go home with something they have crafted themselves to keep or give. Activities have ranged from making birdfeeders, to folding origami snowdrops, to making finger-paintings with blackberry juice. Our craft activities have been accompanied by soft drinks and home-made treats thanks to the hospitality of The Barn team and the culinary gifts of our team of bakers.

We welcome anyone who would like to join us on our Woodland Church wanderings in 2025. We usually meet on the third Sunday of the month January to November at 2 pm outside St David's Church to walk to Bradlaugh Fields, or at 2.15pm at the playground entrance to Bradlaugh Fields off Fulford Drive.

Bloom Group Report

Bloom has been meeting monthly since January 2024. Many of our parish activities take place during the day so often are not accessible to people who are working. Bloom is intended to be a social group for women, who may be working during the day. We meet at the Queen Adelaide pub in Kingsthorpe Village offering friendship and fellowship in a relaxed atmosphere. Our numbers vary but on average we have 6-8 people attending each month.

Karen Tomlin.

Kingsthorpe Churches Together Report 2024

The year began with a joint service for the week of prayer for Christian Unity on the 16th January at St Mark's church which was attended by members of the congregation from all the churches in KCT. The retiring collection raised £258 for the St David's Food Bank. The AGM was held on Tuesday the 30th of January at St Mark's church hall followed by the ordinary meeting.

Representatives then met twice more in May and October. The World Day of Pray was held on Friday the 1st of March 7.30 in the Baptist church but was sadly not well attended and there were more people taking part than attending. St Aidan's offered an open invitation to everyone to attend any one of their Stations of the Cross Services during Lent. Mothers Union also invited people to their service. The service for Good Friday 29th March was held in St Aidan's followed by the Walk of Witness to the Baptist Church Hall where the final blessing was said and refreshments served, thanks to Dawn and her team. 75 people attended the service.

Pentecost in the Park was held in Abington Park on the 19th of May and some members from the Kingsthorpe parish attended.

Ecumenical Prayer Lunches commenced in February from 12-13.00 in the Baptist Church Hall. The lunches were held monthly apart from August, December and January and attended by a small number of people. In December members from the congregations joined to sing Carols outside Waitrose led by Revd. Ali.

Refreshments were served in the Baptist church hall and although there were about 25-30 people singing only a few returned to chat and enjoy the refreshments. We said goodbye to Revd. Sarah in May as she and Revd. Jonathon came to the end of their curacy and took up a post at St Pancras church in London. Father Daniel has joined the team at the Roman Catholic Cathedral with responsibility for St Aidan's. Sue and Adrian Evans from St Mark have joined KCT as representatives.

Ruth Gould

The Friends of Kingsthorpe Pocket Park Committee

The Friends of Kingsthorpe New Churchyard Pocket Park continue to meet at 10 am every Saturday between March and October to maintain and improve this old cemetery with the aim of providing a quiet area of green space within the village.

The group of active volunteers is small so work is focused on keeping the paths in order and cutting back brambles, nettles and other fast growing plants to allow space for planted bulbs and other plants to thrive.

The Park currently contains a large active badger sett. Care is taken not to disturb the badgers. The Park now has three iron-framed benches with recycled plastic slats. Children from Kingsthorpe Village Primary School use the park one day per week for nature trails and woodland observations. They get much pleasure from seeing the plants grow and the many birds nesting in the bird boxes. Dog walkers regularly use the Park. All dogs must now be on leads.

The Friends are confident local residents value this area and the new seating is much appreciated.

Mandy Bentley.

Report for Charity Commission

*The purpose of our Church
is to grow together in the faith of Jesus Christ
and to share God's love with all.*

ANNUAL REPORT 2024

**KINGSTHORPE TEAM MINISTRY
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (Charity No. 1130370)
for St. David, Eastern Avenue, NN2 7QB
St. John the Baptist, Kingsthorpe Village, NN2 6QZ
St. Mark, St. Mark's Crescent, NN2 8EG**

The staffing level in the parish during the last year was Rector (Revd. Canon Jane Butler), team vicar (Revd. Alison Wagner), the Curate Revd Sarah Lee left the parish during the year. Revd. Alison Wagner also holds the chaplaincy of Malcolm Arnold Academy. Assistance. Revd. Stuart Mousir-Harrison also helps the parish by assisting with services. The Lay Pastoral Minister is Christopher Woodley. Mrs. Sarah-Jane Major is a Reader Ministry.

Mrs. Judith Whitmore was the Lay Evangelist within the parish.

Thanks are due to Interpreters Jackie Hutchinson and Matthew Brennan who work with the Rector.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting took place on 11th April 2024, following the Annual Parochial Church Meeting the membership of the Parochial Church Council was made up as follows: -

St. David:

Rebecca Adnitt (Churchwarden), Sarah-Jane Major (Lay Reader/ex-officio), Maureen Robinson, Joyce Munroe, Shirley Basford, Terry Basford, Jane Serbyn. Anne Stevens and June Ward (Churchwarden).

St. John the Baptist:

Mandy Bentley (Lay Chair), Mark Brame (Churchwarden), Jennifer Griffin (Deanery Synod/ex-officio), Penny Crockett, Elizabeth Danaher, Susan Darby and Pauline Stone.

St. Mark:

Jo Carrick (Churchwarden), Suzanne Evans (Treasurer), Ruth Gould, Helen Hickman (Secretary), Elizabeth May, Samantha Hunt (Churchwarden), Kathy Wilcox (Churchwarden), Paula Blackwell, Alexander Hunt, Karen Tomlin, Adrian Evans and Richie Carrick.

The Parochial Church Council met six times in full session in the year. The PCC meet at St David's Hall. All meetings were quorate. *(Representation to the PCC from each church at the annual meeting in 2013 increased to 10 persons over and above Churchwardens and Deanery Synod members (as agreed and notified in 2012)).*

Various members of the PCC support the life of the Parish through sub-groups, i.e., Pastoral Care, Nurture and Growth, Youth activity and Mission.

Deanery Synod representation after the annual meeting was 1 person. (The electoral roll allows for 5 positions).

The Parish was unable to pay the Parish Share in full in 2024. The PCC did not have any large capital expenses during the year and with the reduced cost of utilities, larger percentage of the parish share was paid to the diocese.

The Parish Office, with a Team Co-ordinator and voluntary assistance, continues to be an important asset.

Mrs Jane Serbyn is the Parish Safeguarding Officer. She has ensured that across the team on-line training has been undertaken where individuals have access to the technology to do so. She provided regular updates to the Parochial Church Council.

The Team has representatives to the local Kingsthorpe Village Conservation Group, Pocket Park Committee, Kingsthorpe Churches Together and St. David's Community Association. The Community Café at St. David's was able to reopen. St David's have been running a successful and well used foodbank.

Fabric matters are dealt with regularly at all churches. The redevelopment of the Chapter House at St. John the Baptist has stalled due to the planning permission expiring.

During 2024, contact with the local schools has continued. There have been in person visits made to our churches at Easter and Christmas.

Other events in the year:

- Christmas Day services.
- House groups.
- Easter Services.
- Christmas Tree Festival.
- A Nine Lessons & Carols service was held in the parish.
- A Remembrance Day service was held at the War Memorial in Kingsthorpe.
- Crib and Christingle services.
- Woodland Church.
- Brick Church.
- Little Stars.

Each of the church halls is used to hold a variety of community events and sponsored by the church congregations.

Administrative Information:

Bankers: CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hall Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent. ME19 4JQ

CCLA Investment Management Ltd, The CBF Church of England Funds, Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4V 4ET.

Independent Examiner:
Jackie Brame FCCA

For Parish Matters:

The Reverend Canon Jane Butler, The Rectory, 16 Green End, Kingsthorpe, Northampton, NN2 6RD

Parish Office:

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**Financial Statements
for the year ended
31st December, 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2023	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2024	2023
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Voluntary Income				
Tax Efficient Planned Giving				
Tax Refunds	53,084	0	53,084	52,796
Collections	15,270	0	15,270	16,349
Other Planned Giving	4,214	0	4,214	5,137
Donations	7,829	0	7,829	8,900
Grants	13,444	0	13,444	13,027
Legacies	6,656	0	6,656	12,715
	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
	<u>101,497</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>101,497</u>	<u>109,924</u>
Activities for Generating Funds				
Fund-raising	4,622	0	4,622	3,016
	<u>4,622</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,622</u>	<u>3,016</u>
Investment Income				
Interest	2,033	11,611	13,644	11,613
	<u>2,033</u>	<u>11,611</u>	<u>13,644</u>	<u>11,613</u>
Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities				
Hall Lettings	20,841	0	20,841	15,687
Local Charges - Weddings	5,398	0	5,398	4,645
Local Charges - Funerals	755	0	755	873
Statutory Fees Retained	1,768	0	1,768	2,288
Refreshments	413	0	413	451
	<u>29,175</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>29,175</u>	<u>23,944</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	137,327	11,611	148,938	148,557
RESOURCES USED				
Fundraising Trading: Cost of Goods Sold & Other Costs				
Fundraising Costs	0	0	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Charitable Activities				
Charitable Giving	960	0	960	1,125
Parish Share	72,000	0	72,000	56,000
Clergy Expenses	1,737	0	1,737	2,570
Mission Costs	6,015	0	6,015	3,683
Gas	10,312	0	10,312	17,134
Electricity	6,737	0	6,737	7,819
Telephone	1,698	0	1,698	1,668
Water Rates	1,292	0	1,292	935
Insurance	6,582	0	6,582	6,415
Building Maintenance	6,065	0	6,065	7,483
Cleaning	450	0	450	448
Service Costs	1,085	0	1,085	1,028
Flowers	1,855	0	1,855	1,426
Bellringers	450	0	450	750
Stationery & Office Supplies	316	0	316	560
Major Fabric Expenditure	2,748	0	2,748	11,079
Furnishings & Equipment	2,833	0	2,833	11,551
Wages - Organist	733	0	733	897
Wages - Administration	3,490	0	3,490	3,179
Music Costs	1,722	0	1,722	780
Choir	0	0	0	488
Bank Charges	84	0	84	76
Cost of Refreshments	368	0	368	204
	<u>129,532</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>129,532</u>	<u>137,498</u>
Other Resources Used				
Other expenditure	981	0	981	505
	<u>981</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>981</u>	<u>505</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	130,513	0	130,513	138,003
Transfers	0	0	0	0
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources	6,814	11,611	18,425	10,554
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	26,131	236,362	262,493	251,939
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	32,945	247,973	280,918	262,493

	2024	2023
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors:		
HMRC Tax Refunds (Gift Aid)		
Sundry Debtors	806	726
	806	726
Prepayments	137	158
Cash at bank and in hand:		
Deposit Accounts	277,642	264,048
Current Accounts	10,004	9,453
Cash	478	647
	288,125	274,148
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	289,068	275,031
LIABILITIES		
Creditors: amounts falling due in one year		
Sundry Creditors		
Deferred Income:		
Receipts in advance	7,850	11,034
Wedding deposits rec'd in advance	300	1,504
	8,150	12,538
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	280,918	262,493
TOTAL NET ASSETS	280,918	262,493
PARISH FUNDS		
Unrestricted	32,946	26,131
Restricted	247,972	236,362
TOTAL PARISH FUNDS	280,918	262,493

Kingsthorpe Parochial Church Council

Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December, 2024

Notes to the financial statements

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2005, using the accruals basis.

Financial Review & Reserves

The net result for the year was a surplus of income over expenditure in unrestricted funds of £6,814, with over half of this surplus earmarked for fabric projects planned in 2025. The PCC has seen its unrestricted income return to pre-pandemic levels in recent years, with the total currently 2% higher than in 2019. Whilst income growth plateaued in 2024 and inflationary pressure on running costs continued, utility bills fell by 29% which enabled the PCC to pay a higher contribution towards its Parish Share than in 2023.

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Parish share due	£112,964	£109,178	£109,178	£109,177	£109,177
Amount paid	£72,000	£ 56,000	£ 74,000	£ 77,000	£ 68,000
Parish share shortfall	£40,964	£ 53,178	£ 35,178	£ 32,177	£ 41,177

Trustees regularly review the financial position of the PCC, including its forecasted cash flow. Reports comparing annual budget to actual income and expenditure are updated through the year, providing Trustees with confidence that the PCC is able to meet its outgoings and estimating the level of parish share it is expected to be possible to pay.

A summary of the PCC reserves is provided below.

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
PCC general funds (unrestricted)	£8,052	£ 3,292	£ 2,098	£ 6,917	£ 4,681
PCC reserve (unrestricted)	£24,893	£ 22,840	£ 21,372	£ 18,138	£ 18,045
Total unrestricted funds	£32,945	£ 26,132	£ 23,470	£ 25,055	£ 22,726
Restricted reserve (St John the Baptist Church)	£247,973	£236,361	£228,469	£161,220	£164,425
Total funds	£280,918	£262,493	£251,939	£186,275	£187,151

The PCC reserves are within its revised policy approved in 2017, summarised as an amount equivalent to:

- Three months of general running costs for the team (excluding parish share)

With restricted reserves held to include:

- Sufficient funds to cover commitments in relation to identified expenditure required on building repairs and maintenance across the team
- As appropriate in the cycle of quinquennial inspections of the team's churches, sufficient funds to meet likely costs arising from the next quinquennial inspection by its due date
- Sufficient funds for any specific projects within the team which may be identified by the PCC

A summary of the accounts for each fund within the PCC is available on request.



Sue Evans
PCC Treasurer.

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TO KINGSTHORPE PCC, NORTHAMPTON**

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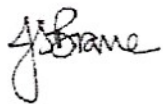
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Independent examiner's report

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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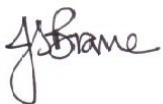
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KINGSTHORPE TEAM MINISTRY
Charity Number 1130370
KINGSTHORPE PARISH ANNUAL MEETING 2024

AGENDA for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting to be held on Thursday 11th April 2024 at **St David's Church** at 7.30pm.

Prayers

VESTRY MEETING:

Apologies for absence

- Appointment of Churchwardens
- Appointment of PCC members (10 persons from each church)
- Appointment of Sidespersons.
- Appointment to Deanery Synod.

PARISH MEETING:

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of 11th May 2023.

Report from PCC Treasurer and approval of the accounts.

Appointment of Independent Examiner.

Electoral Roll(s).

Comments from Team Clergy.

Reports from Lay Pastoral Ministers, Churchwardens, PCC Secretary and Deanery Synod - already circulated.

Fabric reports.

Rector's comments.

Any Other Business:

Date of 2025 Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

NEW PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL:

Dates of future meetings.
Appointment of Lay Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.
Appointment of Safeguarding Officer.

**KINGSTHORPE TEAM MINISTRY
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on Thursday, 11th May 2023
by Zoom & in person.

Revd. Canon Jane Butler chaired the meeting. Revd Jonathan Lee & Revd Sarah Lee were also present. Matthew Brennan was interpreter.

Present:	On Zoom	8 laity
	In person	21 laity
Apologies:	St. David	None
	St. John the Baptist	2 laity
	St. Mark	1 laity

The meeting opened with prayers lead by Revd. Canon Jane Butler.

VESTRY MEETING:

Appointment of Churchwardens:

St. David:

1. June Ward - proposed Shirley Basford; seconded Terry Basford
2. Rebecca Adnitt - proposed Shirley Basford; seconded Terry Basford

St. John the Baptist:

1. Vacant
2. Vacant

Rev Jane state that she would make this matter known to the Archdeacon and ask his advice.

St. Mark:

1. Jo Carrick - proposed Ken Sumbler; seconded David Bunker
2. Vacant

Revd Jane Butler thanked the outgoing churchwardens for all their work in the past year and that she looked forward to working with the newly elected church wardens in the coming year.

Appointment of Parochial Church Council:

St. David:

1. Sarah-Jane Major Ex-Officio/Lay Reader.
2. Joyce Munroe (P June Ward S Muriel Stevenson)
3. Jane Serbyn (P Sarah-Jane Major S June Ward)
4. Anne Stevens (P June Ward S Muriel Stevenson)
5. Maureen Robinson (P Muriel Stevenson S June Ward)
6. Shirley Basford (P June Ward S Becky Adnitt)
7. Mary Hardwick (P Maureen Robinson S June Ward)

Vacancies remain for three PCC places.

St. John the Baptist:

1. Jenny Griffin Ex-Officio/Lay Reader.
2. Geoff Foster (P M Brame S A Brame)
3. Mandy Bentley (P P Gothard S P Stone)
4. Pauline Stone (P J Griffin S R stone)
5. Peter Borley-Cox (P M Brame S P Stone)

Vacancies remain for five PCC places.

St. Mark:

1. Ruth Gould (P Helen Hickman S J Carrick)
2. Helen Hickman (P Richie Carrick S R Gould)
3. Sue Evans (P W May S D Bunker)
4. Richie Carrick (P S Cumbleton S E May)
5. Kathy Wilcox (P E May S S Evans)
6. Liz May (P Richie Carrick S Shirley Cumbleton)
7. Paula Blackwell (P R Gould S C Woodley)
8. Samantha Hunt (P S Cumbleton S J Carrick)
9. Shirley Cumbleton (P Richie Carrick S E May)

Vacancies remain for one PCC place.

Appointment of Sidespersons:

St. David:

All members of the congregation.

St. John the Baptist:

All members of the congregation.

St. Mark:

All members of the congregation.

All the above named were elected to serve as sidespersons in their individual churches for the coming year. All members present were in favour.

**Deanery Synod Representatives ex officio (2nd year of 3-year term).
(5 persons allowed)**

- Jenny Griffin
- Sarah-Jane Major

PARISH MEETING:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th April 2022 were signed as a true record after the as all persons present were in favour.

Finance:

Becky Adnitt told the APCM that Roger Cobley had recently passed away. He had been the independent examiner for many years.

Peter Borley-Cox gave a brief overview as to how the parish finances had been over the last financial year. He explained that parish income had increased but not enough to cover its expenses.

He reported that the parish reserves had increased due to a bequest which had been received during the year. Sue Evans told the APCM that it was time that the parish revisited the parish reserves policy to ensure it meets current needs.

Peter Borley-Cox proposed that the accounts were approved. It was seconded by Ruth Gould. All were in favour of this motion.

Revd Jane thanked both Peter Borley-Cox and Sue Evans for their hard work during the last year.

Appointment of Independent Examiner:

Peter Borley-Cox explained that Jackie Brame was willing to be the Independent Examiner again for the coming year. The appointment of Jackie Brame was proposed by Peter Borley-Cox and seconded by Sue Evans. The meeting passed this motion.

Electoral Roll:

St. David:

The APCM were told that St Davids had a total of 27 members on their electoral roll. (A decrease of 10)

St. John the Baptist:

The APCM were told that St John the Baptist had a total of 77 members on their electoral. roll. (A decrease of 3).

St. Mark:

The APCM were told that St Marks had a total of 43 members on their electoral roll. (An increase of 1)

Curate's Comments

Revds. Jonathan and Sarah told the APCM that their report in the booklet covered everything they wanted to say.

Report from Organisations & Committees including the Fabric Reports

- **Foodbank**

The APM were told that the foodbank was very successful and the number of families using the facility had grown to 358. It has 30 volunteers. In the week prior to the APCM, the foodbank had helped 866 adults and 489 children.

Rev Jane took the opportunity to thank Cheryl and all her helpers.

- **Fabric Committees**

- St John the Baptist
Mark Brame stated the St John the Baptist Fabric Committee report was in the booklet.

Sarah-Jane asked about the chapter house project. Mark Brame said this was on hold as they were still waiting for a response from the DAC.

- St Davids
St Davids were still waiting for permission for their disabled toilet. Again, this is a DAC issue. Jane Serbyn said the worry was that the project had grant funding which may be lost if the project is delayed.
- St Marks
Jo Carrick said that the St Marks report was in the booklet, but she said that the large project to repair the crack in the church would be starting soon. This was a costly project by the £7,000 cost had been covered by pledges.

Revd. Jane told the meeting that any other reports were in the booklet which had been circulated. She asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Rector's Comments:

Revd Jane said her comments were too in the report in booklet.

Mark Brame stated that he was disappointed with the St John the Baptist reaction to his standing in down with no volunteer coming forward to fill the role. Rev Jane thanked him for his hard work and dedication.

She explained that if there was no resolution to the issue then a full and frank discussion would be needed at the next PCC meeting about how the parish is to continue across the three churches. She saw that the joint service on the 21st May 2023 as an opportunity for this.

Any Other Business:

Dorothy Brooke asked if Rev Jane was feeling better after having missed the Easter services.

Rev Jane thanked Matthew Brennan for helping with signing at the PCC meetings.

Date of 2024 Annual Meeting:

Thursday, 11th April 2024 at 7.30pm.

This ended the business of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Appointments to the new Parochial Church Council:

Lay Chair - Mandy Bentley

Secretary - Helen Hickman

Treasurer - Peter Borley-Cox and Assistant Sue Evans

Safeguarding Officer - Jane Serbyn

All members present were in favour of these appointments:

Dates of Parochial Church Council meetings for 2023/24

- 25th May 2023
- 27th July 2023
- 28th September 2023
- 23rd November 2023
- 25th Jan 2024
- 28th March 2024

- 2024 APCM 11th April 2024

The meeting closed with the Prayers.

Rector's Report

In 2023 we have worked well as a team of churches.

During the winter we had warm spaces in each of the churches. Rev Jonathan led this. This was not widely taken up but those who took part enjoyed it and kept warm. We were lucky enough to gain a donation from the council towards the running of this.

During this time we started family services on the 1st Sunday of the month in all churches, this had mixed success depending on the number of children that were at the services. It was certainly a learning curve for some.

We continued with brick church, the attendance varies from month to month, even so we continued doing this led by Rev Jonathan. Woodland church was also continued with Rev Sarah this has grown and it is multigenerational. The youngest been a toddler the oldest being in their 90's. The Sunday morning

services continued as normal. Special; service were done for all the festivals during the year.

During 2023 I was ill for 10 weeks and I would like to thank Rev's Jonathan and Sarah for holding the fort and taking the Easter services. With out their help and cover I wouldn't have been able to recuperate as well with little thought for the parish during this time.

During this time children's activities, home groups have continued as well as a renew 88 being started for families.

In August 2023 Rev Alison Wagner joined us as the team vicar of St David's and school chaplain to Malcolm Arnold Academy. This has proved to be a very good appointment. Rev Ali has been well received by members of all the churches. The finance position is continuing to be precarious, and less money is being able to be paid towards the parish share due to more money being needed for payment oof utility bills. Peter Borley- Cox is finishing as treasurer at the APCM after 18 years. I want to thank him for all the work he has done during this time.

As we are going into 2024 we are looking at new possibilities for mission and growth.

I would like to thank everyone who works behind the scenes, as well as those who help week by week, especially I would like to thank all the church wardens that take on so many extra duties as well as church warden duties.

I would like to thank my clergy and laity team that both work with me and support me. I would like to thank Revds. Jonathan and Sarah for all they have done in the last three years as they prepare to move on. We wish them well.

Canon Jane Butler
Team Rector

Team Vicar's Report

I have been in my role as Team Vicar and Chaplain at MAA for nearly 8 months and there's been a lot to get used to. I am in very familiar territory, only a mile away from where I grew up but in an entirely new landscape.

I am incredibly grateful for the welcome and support I have received across the parish. Thank you.

Some Highlights:

1, The Launde Retreat- a wonderful opportunity to pray with and get to know many members of the churches. Before we left Launde, three of us prayed in the outdoor Chapel (one each from St D's, St J's and St M's) for the parish, it felt significant.

2, The Vision Day: Denise did an excellent job of guiding and encouraging us to share our hopes and fears in the context of prayer.... Always prayer.

3, My first baptism at St David's welcomed the youngest member of our family at St David's. When I was preaching later on in the year on Simeon recognising Jesus in the Temple, he (our lovely baby) with gurgles and squawks provided a wonderful reminder that God was actually a baby in Christ and needed love and care from a human family.

3, Christmas: Carols at St John's in the church after the Christmas Tree Festival. St David's full of primary school children twice and a great visit to Purple Oaks School for a Christmas Service. A wonderful Crib Service, well attended but with an atmosphere of joy in the presence of the Holy Spirit.

4, Woodland Church is a really special time outside exploring God in a reflective and dynamic way on Bradlaugh Fields. A great cross parish team leads this creatively each month and I've loved joining in.

5, The Be Still Course in January encouraged us to think about how we make time for God in our busy lives and the importance and gift of that practice. Jesus withdrew to quiet places to pray we learned to do that more. It was like a mini-retreat in the week.

6, The Lent Course- I only attended 2 but the conversations, again cross parish were thoughtful and faith building.

Some things to look forward to:

Café Church: Offering a more informal service rooted in hospitality, worship, prayer and Biblical exploration. A truly intergenerational affair, please pray for this.

Greater links with the schools: The team at St Mark under Rev Sarah have invested and sown much fruit from their work in Whitehills. My hope is that our growing links with Northgate, Kingsthorpe Grove, MAPS and Purple Oaks will strengthen and that our churches will become familiar places for the children in the parish.

An Ordinand: The arrival of an Ordinand to train with us for the final year of their studies is very exciting. I will be returning to my old college, St Mellitus occasionally and I hope that we will all benefit from this exchange as we seek to equip them for their curacy and as we enjoy their gifts.

Confirmations in July: Bishop Debbie is coming to St David's. Please pray for the preparation and the candidates as they take this step of faith.

Canon Jane has been a tremendous support in my first few months, dispensing wise advice, praying for me and also letting me 'get on with it!' The boys (all

three of them) are getting used to another house and church community and mostly thriving but it is still a period of adjustment.

I have not always found it easy to balance the two posts, they could both be full time jobs. This Holy Week and Easter is proving a particular challenge. So, I am learning to say 'no' at times, and to remind myself I am not here to solve everybody's problems but to point them to God and to pray.

What slips so easily is the time for prayer and reflection, the work that looks pointless but is the bedrock of our Christian lives. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith. Let Him write the story of this parish and fill it with people he is calling.

Revd Ali

Curates' Report

The third year of our curacies has been very good, we feel at home here in Kingsthorpe, thank you to everyone for their continued encouragement of our ministry.

It has been a busy year for us since the last APCM. The pattern of our week has continued with a mix of online and in person services. Morning prayer on Tuesdays and Wednesdays continues on zoom and enables several people to join in who would be unable to attend these services if held in person. 9.30am Thursday morning Holy Communion at St John the Baptist Church and a monthly 11.30am morning Holy Communion service at St David's have become regular events. We do encourage anyone who is available at those times of the day to join us if they can, it is so lovely to meet to pray and worship together. It has been great to welcome Rev Alison Wagner to the team, and she now enjoys the running of the monthly Wednesday Holy Communion at St Davids. Sarah and Jonathan have both taken 3 weddings each during the summer of 2023, which was both a privilege and a joy. We have enjoyed continuing to take regular baptisms and it has been an honour to continue to walk with bereaved families and take funerals for their loved ones.

Over the summer of 2023 we undertook training to deliver "The Bereavement Journey" 7- week course, and in September ran this for the first time in this parish, alongside Chris Woodley and Jo Carrick who had also done the training. Sarah-Jane Major then took over the administration for this course and together with Jo ran a second course at St Marks which has been well attended by community contacts. The five of us found the training really valuable and the course has been excellent. The team hope to continue to offer this as a parish perhaps twice a year.

In July and August 2023, we ran Summer Informal Worship evenings, to learn some new songs from video input, read and study the Bible and pray together. A small group from across the churches met and really enjoyed times of fellowship together on Sunday evenings rotating around the different churches.

Little Stars which launched in Sept 2021 alternating between St Mark's Church, and St John the Baptist Church has continued throughout school term times. This group is for parents/carers and their children and attracts usually through word of mouth or Facebook, between around 8-10 families each week for a 1.30-3pm session. We have seen an increase in Grandmothers attending with their grandchildren recently. Little Stars has stories, songs and prayers on seasonal theme accompanied by live piano music and the presence of a large Teddy Bear dressed in his liturgically coloured waistcoat. After this there is informal time relaxing with toys, chat and refreshments. Many new friendships have been forged and there have been several meals organised during the last year jointly by the leaders of the Tots at St David's and the Little Stars leaders to get the mums and carers together for a happy social occasion. After Easter 2024 this group will meet weekly at St Mark's Church, where it has been better attended than at St Johns. There is a strong lay team able to lead this group and take it forward.

Brick Church has continued at St. John-the-Baptist Church on a monthly basis save for a pause over the sunny summer months. The format remains the same: we enjoy a Bible story together (read and watched on a 'Lego-video') before launching into an hour or so of fun with Lego and Duplo, taking themes from the Bible story and building together with creativity and imagination. This is coupled with a Lego treasure hunt, a prayer wall and colouring sheets, which is all followed by Grace, and more chat over a 'sandwich & cake' tea together. Numbers have grown throughout 2024 particularly and we have enjoyed welcoming new families to that and other services too. A big thank you to the team who come to set up and take down to help this run smoothly and to the "Tea Team" and bakers who produce a fantastic afternoon tea every month.

September 2022 saw the launch of Woodland Church at the Outdoor Classroom on the Brampton Valley Way. Spring 2023 saw a new start for Woodland Church in Bradlaugh Fields behind St David's Church. We wander across from the front of St Davids once a month, picking up litter as we go, and then meet up with others at the gates to the Fields. We risk assess together, and launch the theme for that month, then wander and wonder in the park together. This has helped to form friendships across the generations, and we have had people

from almost every decade from 0's-90's doing life together, sharing and having fun. We pause for activities and reflection, and we have looked at trees, seeds, hidden things, and recently built a complete Easter Garden near the outdoor classroom play area. We have gone into partnership with the team at the Barn there, who are willing to open up the facilities for us once a month and provide hot and cold drinks for sale at a very reasonable price, plus indoor space for crafts and singing if the weather outside proves difficult for our activities and toilet facilities. It has been really wonderful to see this develop and grow and a big thank you to the team who put so much effort into leading, baking and organising so that this Fresh Expression of church runs smoothly.

Our links with Whitehills School have grown, and in the summer term, Reception came to visit St Mark's and learn about the building and what goes on in a church. Year 6 visited us for a special Prayer Space event, and in small groups of 15 explored what it means to pray. We also visited school to help them with their transition process as they prepared to leave for secondary school. In the autumn term, Rev Sarah continued to take assemblies regularly at the school covering Church festivals for them. Rev Sarah visited year 6 lessons, and Year 2 visited St Marks for an Explore Advent morning, the highlight of which was the hunting for and taking home of a beautifully coloured jewel, after learning that God values them as much as they do their precious stone. Year 5 & 6 came to us for their Carol service again this year, which was a lovely opportunity to warmly welcome all the parents and say a few words about the importance of God's love for us all. In the spring term we have visited year 4 to talk about Easter, and year 5 have visited us to Explore Easter. Two children from Whitehills who attended and enjoyed the Christingle Service have been baptised in March 2024. A wonderful team was involved in both the set up and the running of the Explore days in particular and our thanks go to everyone who was involved as the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed their time at St Mark's Church.

We have continued to have good links with the Uniformed organisations in the parish this year, who came to us for Remembrance Sunday in November 2023, but prior to that in June 2023 the Squirrels came on a visit in the summer term to explore St John the Baptist Church. We invited the uniformed groups to attend a Carol Service put on particularly with them in mind at St Mark's Church in December 2023, this was well attended by the Scout/Cub/Beaver troupes, and we were also joined by some of the Girls Brigade from our ecumenical partners at the Baptist Church.

In January 2024 we celebrated the week of prayer for Christian Unity by planning and holding an ecumenical service in St Mark's Church with people involved from all our three churches, plus Christians from the Roman Catholic,

Baptist and Methodist Churches. Rev Sarah really enjoyed connecting with all our local churches in the planning of this service. We had high numbers in attendance, and it was well received by all. We were delighted that Rev Ian Suttie, a retired Methodist Minister from Kingsthorpe Churches Together, Rev Dr Samantha Gillard the new methodist minister and Father Daniel from the Roman Catholic Cathedral were able to join us for this service.

Men's Group has continued to meet during the past year and includes people from all three churches. They have enjoyed watching rugby and cricket, playing indoor bowls, eating together enjoying company and conversation. Summer 2023 there was a successful walk, a boat trip and spectating at a cricket match.

We have continued to enjoy being part of the team who run 'Fun and Faith' for our young people; and also, being involved in the running of the Advent and Lent courses. We have enjoyed supporting the work of Renew 88 Wellbeing on Wednesdays and the Café on Saturday mornings at St Davids.

Rev Jonathan moved curacy placement in January 2024 to Christ the King Church in Kettering, to assist with staffing there and to broaden his experience in a different type of parish. Rev Sarah has continued here in Kingsthorpe. We would both like to thank Rev Canon Jane and the people of Kingsthorpe Team Ministry very much for the opportunity to be curates here and to grow in confidence in our ministry with your support. We are now "signed off" and looking for our next post as incumbents which will probably happen this summer 2024, so this is our last report for the APCM. We hope and pray that all the wonderful work that is happening in this parish continues to help those of this community grow in faith and love.
Thank you.

Rev Sarah and Rev Jonathan

Deanery Synod Report - no report received.

St David Electoral Roll Report

The 2024 membership stands at 25.

St John the Baptist Electoral Roll Report

We began the year with 77 on the Roll.

6 have left the parish.

3 have died.

No new members have been added.

There are now 68 members on the Roll.

Jenny Griffin

St Mark's Electoral Roll Report

Passed away: 1
New member: 1

The 2024 membership remains at 43

K Sumbler

PCC Secretary's Report

The Parochial Church Council met five times in the 2023-24 parochial year. Officers were elected at the end of the annual meeting. All the meetings were quorate. Until November 2023 all PCC meetings were a hybrid was offered with both in person meetings taking place at St David's church alongside Zoom but since this time all meeting were in person. Attendance was very good.

The main items of business across the year:

- The PCC did not manage to pay the Parish Share in full. The level of income needed has not recovered since the pandemic. However, the parish have set up a committee which purpose is to see how income could be maximise at each of the three churches. (The decision was made in 2013 to pay the parish share in full as a priority, requiring regular fund-raising events).
- The parish continued with its outreach activities with the continuation of Brick Church and Food for Thought. New activities were started such as woodland church and the Bereavement Journey course.
- Safeguarding work took place to ensure the three churches and the parish continued to be compliant in all aspects of safeguarding
- Revd Alison Wagner joined the parish as Team Vicar and Chaplain of Malcolm Arnold Academy in August 2023.

Deanery Synod is attended regularly.

Core Groups remain and were able to recover and meet in person during the year, i.e., Pastoral Care, Nurture and Growth, Youth, and Mission.

Helen Hickman

St Davids Church Warden report

Vestments & Chattels

These are all as previous year, are in good serviceable condition, valuables are retained with in a locked safe, when not being used for worship.

Building & Fabrics

The sound systems and projector for the Church Hall is now completed, and is being used for services, training and faith and fun.

Disabled toilets - Debates continues, sign off obtained from the faculty, commencement date for the works to be advised.

Compliance Checks - all necessary checks for electrical, fire test and PAT testing complete & up to date.

General

Ali Wagner was licensed on the 6th August 2023, by Bishop Andrew Proud, and the Archdeacon Richard. A lovely service with refreshments afterwards. Ali is a great asset to St. David's, and the team working together is a delight.

Thank You

Rena & Kelvin - For the upkeep of the grounds. The front elevation to the Church is looking amazing.

Anne - For the organisation of the 50/50 club, and for keeping up to date the electoral roll.

Peter Cotter - For all his work 'behind the scenes', he will be missed as he and his wife have moved away

A big thank you for Servers, Sides People, the now small Chior, Flower arrangers, tea makers, and all who contribute to the church upkeep and services.

Fund Raising

Bod's Little band

Murder Mystery party

Quiz Night

Services

Remembrance Sunday - a fantastic display of knitted poppies, complemented by the metal shadow soldier. This did draw in the local community and passers-by to the outdoor section of the service.

Childrens Crib Service - The Christmas Eve service was truly magical, a spectacle to delight, and faith learning for all.

We would also like to thank Rev Cannon Jane, Rev Sarah, Rev Jonathan, Sarah-jane Major and Rev Ali.

June & Becky

St. John the Baptist Churchwardens Report

St. John the Baptist Churchwardens Report, 2023.

We continued to hold Morning Prayer on Zoom on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 9:00am. Services continued throughout the year with the Rector and Curates usually leading, on a rota.

The 10:00am Sunday services were attended by, usually, about 30 - 35 people, with an average of 42 throughout the year. January saw the KCT Ecumenical service at St. John the Baptist with over 100 in attendance. Thursday morning 9:30am Holy Communion averaged about 4, with numbers between 2 and 8; this service is being held in the Chapter House through the winter months to save on heating costs.

At Easter we held services of Compline (Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday), Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Eve, and Easter Day, all of which were well attended; with about 70 on Easter Day.

In the summer we did offer an “informal worship” service on a Sunday evening in July and August, but it didn’t attract any newcomers to attend.

The Church was open for Heritage Weekend this year, with the display of the “Chained Library” from the 16/17th centuries; and the Victorian Architect’s drawings from the 1863 restoration work also on show. The annual “Ride & Stride” event went ahead as planned on the Saturday.

The church hosted a Village Harvest Festival service at the end of September with over 200 children present.

The annual Remembrance Service was held in November, with about 80 in church, followed by the Act of Remembrance at Kingsthorpe War Memorial. This service was well attended, with Kingsthorpe and Whitehills Scout Groups joining us.

The Christmas Tree Festival was arranged for the start of December and was well attended and finished off with “Carols on the Green”, which was held inside church due to poor weather. There were about 150 stood in church to sing carols, with refreshments provided, although no fire-pits this year!

Over Christmas we held a Nine Lessons and Carols service, a Crib Service (about 130 attended), Midnight Mass and Christmas Day Family Eucharist. We also hosted a Christingle Service within church for the local Kingsthorpe Village Primary School with about 170 teachers, parents and children taking part.

Little Stars, Brick Church and Woodland Church have all continued to flourish throughout the year.

Mark Brame

St John the Baptist - Fabric Report

The fabric committee has met regularly during the year.

A health and safety review was carried out regularly this year and updated as required.

Work on the project to extend the Chapterhouse continued in the early part of the year but due to the DAC not responding to our requests for the faculty application forms, has been put on hold.

The work identified in the quinquennial inspection was prioritised and the agreement of the Archdeacon and architect for the work was of a “housekeeping” nature to be done. The work was left until the autumn when the leaves had fallen and an attempt to find someone to do the work will be made before spring.

Annual servicing of the clock, boilers, alarm systems and fire extinguishers was carried out.

Discussions are ongoing regarding the additional earthing required for the lightening conductor.

The trees and shrubs in the churchyard have been trimmed regularly by the contractor working for the council.

A defibrillator, funded by the Parish Council, has been installed externally on the Chapterhouse.

There was one organised churchyard tidy-up in the year. The fabric committee would however like to thank those that have, as individuals, on occasion done some tidying up.

Alan Isaac

St Mark's Churchwardens report

Fabric of the Church

The boilers had their annual service and no issues identified.

All the appropriate checks to meet the fire regulations and electrical testing have been undertaken.

The Quinquennial inspection was completed in June 2023.

The report identified areas that needed work carried out. The fabric committee decided the first job would be to fix the vestry flooring as there were rotten floorboards. This was completed. The repairs were funded by the church fundraising holding a Harvest Supper. The fabric committee are planning to identify and prioritise other jobs that need doing. The church holds a couple of workdays throughout the year allowing small jobs to be completed.

Thank you to the fabric committee who do so much to maintain the church, often keeping many repairs “in house” to enable us to save money.

Thank you also to the congregation who keep our church and grounds tidy and clean. We have lots of willing volunteers who give up their time to maintain the church.

General.

Our Sunday attendance numbers have remained stable. During the year we welcomed the Whitehills School children at Easter and Advent. They held their Year 5/6 carol service at St Marks as well as running the explore Easter & Advent courses. We also held a carol service for uniformed groups just before Christmas welcoming over 80 young people and their families. Thanks are needed to all those who volunteer in welcoming the school and help with the refreshments. Rev Sarah has worked tirelessly to organise these events.

We held our annual carols on the green and having sung a few carols on the green we then came inside the church to continue the service. This began and ended with the pipe band playing. Also, the Christingle service was ‘full to capacity’ this year.

Hall bookings continue to bring in a good income and the hall is used regularly throughout the week by lots of different groups.

The bereavement course was held in the hall in September. There was one group meeting at St Marks during the day and another at SJB in the evening. This was well attended.

Having volunteered to be churchwarden I expressed that I would need a small band of people to help me. Volunteers stepped forward and I want to say a big thank you to you all. This certainly made my role easier and it was good to work alongside and have support from you all.

Jo Carrick

Lay Reader Report

Another busy year, but one full of blessings and opportunities to meet and worship together.

Over the last year I have continued to lead worship, as well as jointly working with clergy during our time of joint services.

It has been a pleasure to work with the team as we welcome local schools to our buildings to explore the Christian faith as part of their RE curriculum.

Fun and faith continue to meet fortnightly, and we have recently welcomed two new members. Our young people are a credit to themselves, and their families. It is a real privilege to work with them as we journey together in faith.

Little Stars is now a well-established group and Tuesday afternoon is a highlight of my week as parents, grandparents and carers come together to have fun together as well as finding out about Jesus and His love and compassion for us all. It is particularly special to watch the adults support each other both practically and emotionally.

Food 4 Thought continues to meet every other month. A group of us from across the parish are working together to provide an alternative service with a meal at St Marks Church. Numbers are small but those who come along are enjoying the time we spend together exploring our faith through fellowship, music and prayer.

For some of our congregation it is difficult to come out and about so I led a Lent course this year. I appreciate journeying together with others through Lent.

It has been a privilege to work with Jo Carrick as we welcomed seven ladies to St Marks to complete the Bereavement Journey Course.

Lastly a few thanks, for our wonderful congregations who also make me feel welcome, our curates who I have enjoyed working with and like others it was exciting to welcome Rev Ali to the parish and I look forward to working with

her in the coming months. Lastly Rev Jane for her encouragement, guidance, teaching and prayers.

I look forward to the coming year, continuing my journey with Christ together with you all.

May we all receive Gods love and Grace.

Sarah - Jane Major

Report from the Lay Pastoral Minister 2023/24.

This was a busy and rewarding year, church work, pastoral care had not stopped, it was if anything even busier in a different way with new initiatives. In addition, St Marks Church Prayer request and concerns again were well up year on year. They are fed into the Lay Minister and sent out to the group, numbering over 14 including Clergy strictly adhering to the content of the request.

Care home communions continued, Personal external communion and individual home communion continued, via the Lay Minister and thanks to the curates and Sarah Jane in helping across the Parish. Personally over 60 home communions have been carried out over the past year all regularly receive communion at least once a month i.e. the elderly and house bound who are very grateful. However, some have now been moved out into other parishes and with our relationship with other parishes are able to hand this over.

It is necessary to be re-licenced as a Lay Minister in Sept 2025 for another 5 years. With regret I have decided to step down before that date. however a constant review is undertaken by Rev Jane whereby individually as ministers and Lay Ministers, St Mark's still operate a prayer triplet which was and is carrying on although it is down to one triplet meeting once a month.

Fun & Faith continues to operate, live and the youngsters have great fun along with some varied ethical, faith, theological topics prayer and teaching. Thanks to Kathy, Sarah Jane, Rev Sarah, and Rev Johnathan and our new addition Becky Adnitt keeping this worthwhile Ministry at St David's. The youth enjoyed an outing at Wickstead Park and the bowling alley and the Pancake Day, was also carried out. Thanks to Johnathan Hunt in baking again, and to all that help to make this another success.

Food for thought, continues to thrive with good numbers, food and Christian content. There is plenty on offer in the Parish. However, I would encourage you all where you would always be welcome at this initiative It might be that

you would be interested in leading or taking on a roll however small, if only on an ad hoc basis, if so, discuss this with one of the Ministers or Church wardens.

With the Mission meeting we had a while ago there were many ideas, we now have the impetus to do some let us all work together and harness all our gifts that good Lord has provided.

House groups and courses, alternative services are on offer to all regardless of your ability or standing, you don't have to be an academic we can all learn from each other to increase our faith and share our experiences.

In addition, as a Pastoral resource I am involved, in addition with Rev Sarah involvement, Sarah Jane with Whitehills Primary school I support them with such items as Experience Easter, Advent, Church etc and a great time is had by all.

I wish it to be noted that I am extremely grateful for the help and support of other members of the congregation and Team Clergy that people in our community are cared for. The pastoral needs are well covered at St Marks and across the Team as a whole. Blessings on you all

Chris Woodley, (LPM)

Safeguarding

The Parish continues to hold Safeguarding at the centre of its framework. The Diocese Dashboard is working at the highest level and continues to keep abreast of new and updated issues.

All the churches activities have annually reviewed policies, risk assessment and appropriately registered DBS checked, paid and volunteer workers. Each church has a safeguarding representative who meet quarterly throughout the year and as necessary to ensure safety within our churches.

The Safeguarding officer maintains contact with the Rector and the two representatives to ensure that continuity of care is covered across the parish. Training sessions for basic/Foundation Safeguarding, Domestic abuse, and an overview of Food hygiene, Health and safety and first aid have been offered to PCC trustees and volunteers of the church and community groups throughout the year.

Jane Serbyn

St John the Baptist Choir Report

Choir membership remains stable, and it is good to see Rachael (a student at Northampton University who joined us last year) able to attend more regularly now that she is living closer to SJB. Unfortunately, we haven't gained any further new members, so with the onwards march of time the long-term future of the choir remains precarious.

Nevertheless, the choir is still able to lead the congregation in the setting of the Eucharist and to sing an anthem most Sundays. We also held our traditional festival of nine lessons and carols on Advent 4, which was attended by around 30 worshippers, though this was possible only with the help of several former SJB choristers and singers from St D and St M.

I was encouraged that the appeal for funds to repair a defect that had arisen with the organ, raised over £900 in just a few weeks and I extend my thanks to all who contributed. The remedial work has now been undertaken, though the same issue is occurring elsewhere in the instrument, which will need to be addressed in the near future.

Finally, I'd like to thank all members of the choir for their continued commitment and enthusiasm at this challenging time in the choir's history. My thanks also go to Robert for his assistance on the organ until the end of August 2023 when he departed for a post at another church and to Laura who helps out whenever she is able.

Ian Smith, Organist SJB

St John the Baptist Flowers Arrangers Annual Report

We are continuing with our efforts to be more sustainable and have done more arrangements using different containers and without floral foam.

We have also been able to do some arrangements with our own home-grown flowers and foliage. We hope to be able to more of this in the future.

For the Christmas Tree Festival we did a Four Seasons tree decorated with fresh, dried and silk flowers.

We are always looking for new people to help with the flowers. If anyone is interested in joining the flower arrangers or helping in any way, please contact either Pauline Stone, Carol Isaac or Jenny Griffin.

Thank you to all those who have given towards the cost of flowers throughout the year either for special occasions, or in memory of someone or just as donations.

Thank you also to all who have arranged flowers or helped in any way especially at Easter and Christmas.

Pauline Stone, Carol Isaac, Jenny Griffin

St Mark's Flower Fund Report

We have continued only asking for donations at Festival times and we have managed to provide fresh flowers every Sunday, except for the summer months when we have placed silk arrangements in church because of the extremely hot conditions in the building.

At the end of 2023 the accounts stood at £202.42 cash in hand. At the time of writing this report the account currently stands at £199.00 having received donations towards the Easter arrangements.

My thanks to those who have made donations during the year and also to Ruth who helps with the arrangements.

Liz May

Kingsthorpe Churches Together Annual Report

The KCT Annual General meeting was held on Tuesday 31st March at St Marks church hall. There were representatives from St John the Baptist, St Marks, St Davids St Aidan's, the Methodist and Baptist churches. Ruth Gould (St Marks) was re-elected as Chairperson. Maureen Robinson (St Davids) as Vice chair and David Bunker as secretary. We welcomed the Rev Ian Suttie a retired methodist minister to the meetings. Three meetings were held during the year to discuss and plan events and services. The year started with a joint service for all the denominations at St John the Baptist church during the week of Christian Unity. KCT agreed to take over the organising of the service for the World Day of Prayer in March but due to a lack of time this did not happen in 2023. The Good Friday service and Walk of Witness did take place and was well attended. Representatives were invited and attended a multi faith service at the Roman Catholic Cathedral for the coronation of King Charles the Third. Representatives also attended a service and lunch to celebrate the Baptist Church Bicentenary in June and a service to say farewell to Rev Francis M'itiiri and his family in July. They have moved to London where Rev Francis will continue his ministry. In December KCT sang Christmas Carols outside Waitrose lead by Rev Ali.

Ruth Gould.

Mothers Union Report

Another year has gone by. It has been heartwarming to meet regularly, enjoying each other's company and listening to some excellent speakers. Members also enjoyed a summer gathering at Lamport Hall, three of our ladies enjoyed time away together in York for the annual conference in September. I also had a good few days on retreat with MU at Launde Abbey. Several of us also went to St Benedict's for Mary Sumner Day, enjoying fellowship, worship and scrumptious refreshments. The Christmas lunch is always a highlight of the

year, and it didn't disappoint, we all enjoyed a hearty lunch at the golf club in Kingsthorpe.

The dedicated very small committee also meet regularly and keep me on my toes. A personal thank you to Jane S and her excellent organising skills, Andrea for managing the accounts Pauline for arranging our speakers and Anne for their dedication and wise words. A big thank you especially to Jane Roberts who after servicing on the committee for many years has decided to step down.

Our ladies continue to give of their time and Christian fellowship at Baptisms. Thank you, Pauline Gothard, for organising the team and Eileen who now sends cards to each family. The clergy and families really value your input at these very important and special services.

As we move into the new year we look forward to meeting together, sharing the values of Mothers Union with each other, learning together about the influences and hardships that families face in this country and further afield. We do have a committee that is willing to continue to stand for just one more year but we would also welcome a couple of new members to join us.

We have welcomed some new members to our group but with sadness we said our final goodbyes to Brenda, she will be missed but remembered with affection.

As your chair I thank you for your support and prayers and as we move into a new year thank you for your commitment and support of such a wonderful organisation and may we continue as a branch upholding the aims and objectives of the worldwide Mothers Union.

Earlier in the report I said that your committee are willing to stand for one more year, this is to allow members of the Kingsthorpe branch to find a new chair, secretary, treasurer and committee members. Your officers are all busy ladies and are committed to many other roles in the parish so we are looking to others to take on these roles. With that in mind we have decided not to invite a speaker to our October meeting but instead talk about the future of the Kingsthorpe Mothers Union about the roles of chair, treasurer and secretary and who might like to take these on. We will also look at other roles committee members can take on so that the AGM in February 2025 can run smoothly.

Sarah - Jane Major

St David's Time for Tots - Renew Families

(Thursdays 1.30-3pm in term time)

This group for parents/carers and their children aged between 0-5yrs continues to flourish. It attracts families from across the parish and beyond. The group have met regularly over the past year using the local parks during the school's summer break to keep in touch. Families are encouraged to join in with the activities of the church in the form of services and social engagement.

Twice this past year the adults have met socially to share a meal and to continue to build relationships.

We are blessed to have developed a core team of volunteers who support family's wellbeing and share the responsibilities of the sessions. (Early Years, Health visitor, Listeners and mental health first aider)

This year we are thankful to the West Northants Council Wellness programme for their grant donation of £2500. These funds have secured hall hire, play equipment, trips out, social entertainment, and refreshments.

In recent months the group has acknowledged the need for support to young families suffering from social isolation, depression, and anxiety. We have provided wellbeing programmes and parenting courses to support vulnerable individuals and families.

The group has rebranded as Renew 88 Families 0-5 café in January 2024

Jane Serbyn

Renew 88

This group meets throughout the year on a Wednesday morning in St David's Church Hall (10-1pm)

During 2023/4 our numbers have steadily grown (Currently 35) The sessions provide a mix of fellowship and craft as well as having a regular time of meditation and prayer. A communion service is available to the group once a month for those who wish to attend.

The group provides a space where 'Its ok not to be ok'. Members are referred from Social Prescribers at local surgeries as well as those who regularly attend from within the parish.

We have received a grant of £2500 from West Northants Council Wellness programme which has been used towards hall hire, resources, games, and soup lunches.

The group recognises everyone by name and not by label and offers fellowship and support in a non-judgemental space.

Jane Serbyn

The Friends of Kingsthorpe New Churchyard Pocket Park Committee

The Friends of Kingsthorpe New Churchyard Pocket Park meet at 10 am every Saturday between March and October to maintain and improve this old cemetery. The aim is to provide a quiet area of green space within the village.

The work required to achieve this includes cutting back brambles, nettles and other fast-growing plants to allow space for planted bulbs and other plants to thrive. The large trees within the park require maintenance such as lopping of dead branches from time to time.

The park currently contains a large active badger set. The badgers are left in peace despite the significant damage they make. Much effort goes into keeping the paths in order - sweeping fallen leaves, refitting some of the edging stones and spreading wood chippings when necessary.

Over the past few years The Friends have been engaged in a programme of replacing the old, rather crude, wooden benches in the park with cast iron framed benches with recycled plastic slats. In addition to their own fundraising, they have received significant financial help for this work from the Kingsthorpe Manor and Town Charitable Trust.

Children from Kingsthorpe Village primary School use the park one day per week for nature trails and woodland observations. They get much pleasure from seeing the plants grow and the many birds nesting in the bird boxes. The Friends are confident local residents value this area and the new seating is much appreciated.

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2024, Rev Jonathan Lee left the parish to continue his curacy with Kettering. In August 2023, Rev Alison Wagner was appointed team vicar with the chaplaincy of Malcolm Arnold Academy. Assistance is also given to the parish by Rev Stuart Mousir-Harrison. The Lay Pastoral Minister is Christopher Woodley. Mrs. Sarah-Jane Major is a Reader Ministry. Mrs. Judith Whitmore was the Lay Evangelists within the parish.

Thanks are due to Interpreters Jackie Hutchinson and Matthew Brennan who work with the Rector.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting took place on 11th May 2023 on Zoom and in person Following the Annual Parochial Church Meeting the membership of the Parochial Church Council was made up as follows: -

St. David:

Rebecca Adnitt (Churchwarden), Sarah-Jane Major (Lay Reader/ex-officio), Maureen Robinson, Joyce Munroe, Shirley Basford, Mary Hardwick, Jane Serbyn and June Ward (Churchwarden).

St. John the Baptist:

Mandy Bentley (Lay Chair), Peter Borley-Cox (Treasurer), Mark Brame (Churchwarden), Geoffrey Foster, Jennifer Griffin (Deanery Synod/ex-officio), and Pauline Stone.

St. Mark:

Jo Carrick (Churchwarden), Shirley Cumbleton, Suzanne Evans (Assistant Treasurer), Ruth Gould, Helen Hickman (Secretary), Elizabeth May, Samantha Hunt, Kathy Wilcox, Paula Blackwell and Richie Carrick.

The Parochial Church Council met six times in full session in the year. Between May 2023 and November 2023, the PCC meet in person at St David's with an option of dialling in on Zoom for those who wished to but since November 2023 all meeting have only been in person. All meeting were quorate.

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The Parish was unable to pay the Parish Share in full in 2023. Fund-raising efforts slowly continued to grow during the year. However, the increase in the cost of utilities had a more than significant impact on the parish's financial position.

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Thanks are due to Interpreters Jackie Hutchinson and Matthew Brennan who work with the Rector.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting took place on 7th April 2022 on Zoom. Following the Annual Parochial Church Meeting the membership of the Parochial Church Council was made up as follows: -

St. David:

Rebecca Adnitt (Churchwarden), Sarah-Jane Major (Lay Reader/ex-officio), Maureen Robinson, Joyce Munroe, Paula Blackwell, Jane Serbyn and June Ward (Churchwarden).

St. John the Baptist:

Mandy Bentley (Lay Chair), Peter Borley-Cox (Treasurer), Mark Brame (Churchwarden), Dorothy Brooke, Geoffrey Foster, Jennifer Griffin (Deanery Synod/ex-officio), and Pauline Stone.

St. Mark:

Jo Carrick (Churchwarden), Suzanne Evans (Assistant Treasurer), Ruth Gould, Helen Hickman (Secretary), Elizabeth May, Karen Tomlin (Churchwarden), Kathy Wilcox and Richie Carrick.

KINGSTHORPE TEAM MINISTRY Charity Number 1130370 **KINGSTHORPE PARISH ANNUAL MEETING 2022**

*The purpose of our Church is
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AGENDA for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting to be held on Thursday 11th May 2023 at St David's Church at 7.30pm.

Prayers

VESTRY MEETING:

Apologies for absence

- Appointment of Churchwardens
- Appointment of PCC members (10 persons from each church)
- Appointment of Sidespersons.
- Appointment to Deanery Synod.

PARISH MEETING:

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of 7th April 2022.

Report from PCC Treasurer and approval of the accounts.

Appointment of Independent Examiner.

Electoral Roll(s).

Comments from Team Clergy.

Reports from Lay Pastoral Ministers, Churchwardens, PCC Secretary and Deanery Synod - already circulated.

Fabric reports.

Rector's comments.

Any Other Business:

Date of 2024 Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

NEW PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL:

Dates of future meetings.

Appointment of Lay Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

Appointment of Safeguarding Officer.

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**KINGSTHORPE TEAM MINISTRY
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

MINUTES of the annual parochial church meeting held on Thursday, 7th April 2022 by Zoom.

Revd. Canon Jane Butler chaired the meeting. Re Jonathan Lee & Revd Sarah Lee were also present. Mark Brennan was interpreter.

Present:	St. David	5 laity
	St. John the Baptist	10 laity
	St. Mark	12 laity
Apologies:	St. David	2 laity
	St. John the Baptist	None
	St. Mark	1 laity

The meeting opened with prayers lead by Revd. Canon Jane Butler.

VESTRY MEETING:

Appointment of Churchwardens:

St. David:

1. June Ward - proposed - Jane Serbyn; seconded - Pat Raybould.
2. Rebecca Adnitt - proposed - Jane Serbyn; seconded - Pat Raybould.

St. John the Baptist:

1. Mark Brame - proposed - Jackie Hutchinson; seconded - Mandy Bentley.
2. Vacant

St. Mark:

1. Karen Tomlin - proposed - Sue Evans; seconded - Margaret Gorringe .
2. Jo Carrick - proposed - Shirley Cumbleton; seconded Karen Tomlin

Revd Jan Butler thanked the outgoing churchwardens for all their work in the past year and that she looked forward to working with the newly elected church wardens in the coming year.

Deanery Synod Representatives ex officio (1st year of 3-year term).

During 2022/3 our numbers have steadily grown (Currently 31) The sessions provide a mix of fellowship and craft as well as having a regular time of meditation and prayer. The group provides a space where 'Its ok not to be ok'. Members are referred from Social Prescribers at local surgeries as well as those who regularly attend from within the parish.

Throughout the warmer months of the year a small group extended the session by joining a short walk to Bradlaugh Fields Barn for refreshment before returning to the hall. As the winter approached, we extended our session in the hall by an hour to include lunch as well as a 'warm space' where others could join us.

We have received a £500 grant from Kingsthorpe Parish Council which has been used towards resources, games, and lunches.

Young people have started to attend the sessions with a range of needs, so it is our intention to develop a space where they are free to be supported through discussion and referral as necessary. This group 'Renew 88 Family' will be supported by health professionals and councillors. It will offer 'Parenting courses and Early years child welfare', a Space to talk', a 'time for meditation and prayer' and a space to develop friendships. This too is a place where 'Its ok not to be ok'. (Thursdays - June 2023)

The church recognises everyone by name and not by label and offers fellowship and support in a non-judgemental space.

Jane Serbyn

Pocket Park Report.

The volunteers continue to meet every Saturday morning from March to October.

In 2022 we bought a second new bench made from cast iron and recycled plastic. As part of the Queen's green canopy and celebration of her Platinum Jubilee, we planted a flowering cherry tree which seems to have taken well. A new gate was fitted to the front entrance and the paths maintained for easy movement around the park.

The village school continues to visit the park most Tuesdays for Woodland activities and it serves as a great educational site for them.

New volunteers are always welcome, and a free hot drink is usually served at 11 am!

Mandy Bentley

We have welcomed some new members to our group but with sadness we said our final goodbyes to four of our members, Rosie, Pat, Brenda and Shirley, they will be missed but remembered with a smile.

As your chair I still have much to learn and as we move into a new year thank you for your commitment and support of such a wonderful organisation and may we continue as a branch upholding the aims and objectives of the world wide Mothers Union.

Sarah - Jane Major

Safeguarding

The Parish continues to hold Safeguarding at the centre of its framework. The Diocese Dashboard is working at the highest level and continues to keep abreast of new and updated issues.

All the churches activities have annually reviewed policies, risk assessment and appropriately registered DBS checked, paid and volunteer workers. Each church has a safeguarding representative who meet quarterly throughout the year and as necessary to ensure safety within our churches.

St David's Time for Tots

(Thursdays 1.30-3pm in term time)

This group for parents/carers and their children aged between 0-5yrs continues to flourish. It attracts families from across the parish and beyond. The group have met regularly over the past year using the local parks during the school's summer break to keep in touch. Families are encouraged to join in with the activities of the church in the form of services and social engagement.

Twice this past year the adults have met socially to share a meal and to continue to build relationships.

We are blessed to have developed a core team of volunteers who support families wellbeing and share the responsibilities of the sessions. We meet quarterly to review and plan for the future.

This year we are thankful to the Kingsthorpe Parish Council for their grant donation of £500. These funds have secured play equipment, social entertainment, and refreshments.

Renew 88

This group meets throughout the year on a Wednesday morning in St David's Church Hall (10-1pm)

(5 persons allowed)

- Jenny Griffin - proposed by Mark Brame; seconded by Andrea Brame
- Sarah-Jane Major - proposed by Rebecca Adnitt; seconded by June Ward

Appointment of Parochial Church Council:

St. David:

All the names listed bellowed were proposed by June Ward and seconded by Rebecca Adnitt

1. Sarah-Jane Major Ex-Officio/Lay Reader.
2. Joyce Munroe
3. Jane Serbyn
4. Paula Blackwell
5. Maureen Robinson

Vacancies remain for five PCC places.

St. John the Baptist:

1. Mandy Bentley (P - Mark Brame S - A Brame)
2. Pauline Stone: (P - Roger Stone - S - Jenny Griffin)
3. Peter Borley-Cox (P - Mark Brame S - A Brame)
4. Dorothy Brooke (P - Jenny Griffin S - M Brame)
5. Geoff Foster (P - Mark Brame S - A Brame)
6. Jenny Griffin (P - Roger Stone S - Pauline Stone)

Vacancies remain for four PCC places.

St. Mark:

1. Ruth Gould (P - Helen Hickman S - Mukesh Nautiyal)
2. Helen Hickman (P- Ruth Gould S- Mukesh Nautiyal)
3. Sue Evans (P - Karen Tomlin S - Jo Carrick)
4. Richie Carrick (P- Karen Tomlin S - Ruth Gould)
5. Kathy Wilcox (P- Helen Hickman S - Jo Carrick)
6. Liz May (P - Karen Tomlin S - Andrea Francis)

Vacancies remain for four PCC places.

Appointment of Sidespersons:

St. David:

All members of the congregation.

St. John the Baptist:

All members of the congregation.

St. Mark:

All members of the congregation.

All the above named were elected to serve as sidespersons in their individual churches for the coming year. All members present were in favour.

This ended the business of the Vestry Meeting.

PARISH MEETING:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20th May 2021, were signed as a true record after the following corrections were noted:-

- Dorothy Brooke pointed out that each church has 10 places on the PCC so the St John vacancy figure should read 4.
- Peter Borley-Cox stated that he had been treasurer for 15 years not 10 as reported in the second paragraph under the "Appointment of Independent Examiner" section.

All persons present were in favour.

Appointment of Safeguarding Officer:

Jane Serbyn was appointed to this position for the Team.

Finance:

Peter Borley-Cox told the APCM that the draft accounts which had been circulated had now been independently examined and that he had received their report today. A very slight error had been spotted which meant that the Income and Expenditure account had decreased by £500.00 This does not affect the balance sheet.

Peter was pleased to report that there had been a small recovery in the amount of income recovered but the recovery was no near the pre-pandemic level.

Ward (St David's) Trevor Clarke (Methodist) Dawn Lovesey (Baptist) Ann Comerford (Roman Catholic) Rev Francis M'itiiri (Methodist Minister). We were unable to hold a service and walk of witness on Good Friday in 2022 as trying to plan such an event proved difficult due to the short time between our first meeting and Good Friday. It would have been difficult to find anyone able to lead the service with other events taking place within Kingsthorpe parish. It was also felt that to try and resume the Carol Singing outside Waitrose would be difficult as the representatives were, like most people, trying to get back to a degree of normality after the lockdowns. The meetings we held were very positive and it was decided that rather than organize KCT events individual churches would extend invitations to the other denominations to join in with their events. We look forward positively to 2023.

Ruth Gould (Chairperson).

Mothers Union Report

Where has the last year gone, it has been so busy in a lot of ways. It has been wonderful to be able to meet regularly, enjoying each other's company and listening to some excellent speakers. We also enjoyed a sumptuous afternoon tea at Whilton Locks during the summer. Our branch also hosted in the Deanery party in January, a thank you to all those who made this a very successful afternoon.

The committee also meet regularly and keep me on my toes. A personal thank you to Jane S and her excellent organising skills, Andrea for managing the accounts, Jane for organising our Christmas lunch, Pauline for arranging our speakers and Anne for her dedication and wise council. The biggest thanks go to two very special hardworking ladies who have helped me so much, Brenda Wootton and Pam Handley who have stepped down as committee members after many years of faithful service.

Our ladies continue to give of their time and Christian fellowship at Baptisms. Thank you, Pauline Gothard, for organising the team and Penny Ingleton who sends cards to each family. The clergy and families really value your input at these very important and special services.

As we move into the new year, we look forward to meeting together, sharing the values of Mothers Union with each other, learning together about the influences and hardships that families face in this country and further afield. We do have a committee that is willing to continue next year but we would also welcome a couple of new members to join us.

In order to be more sustainable, we have tried several arrangements this year without using floral foam with varying degrees of success (we're sure we will get better with practise!). We are also buying and using locally grown flowers where we can.

For the Christmas Tree Festival, we did a Seasons Greeting tree which we decorated with dried flowers, pinecones and Christmas greetings.

If anyone would be interested in joining the flower arrangers, please contact either Pauline Stone, Carol Isaac or Jenny Griffin

Thank you to all those who have given towards the cost of flowers throughout the year either in memory of someone or just as donations.

Thank you also to all who have arranged flowers or helped in any way.

Pauline Stone, Carol Isaac, Jenny Griffin

St Mark's Flower Fund Report

We have continued only asking for donations at Festival times and provided flower arrangements for these. During the summer we have placed silk arrangements in church because of the extremely hot conditions in the building.

At the end of 2022 the accounts stood at £31.07 cash in hand. The price of flowers has increased just as everything else has. This year Easter and St Mark's Patronal Festival will be celebrated a couple of weeks apart so I will be asking for donations towards the cost shortly. Note: £170 in donations received since writing this report. Thank you.

My thanks to those who have made donations during last year and also to Ruth who has helped with the arrangements.

Liz May

Kingsthorpe Churches Together Annual Report 2022

Kingsthorpe Churches Together (KCT) managed to meet four times during 2022 and the representatives were unanimous in wishing to continue as KCT. We welcomed Rev Sarah Lee as a clergy member into the group at our first meeting in January and David Bunker joined us March. Representatives are Ruth Gould (St Marks) chairperson. David Bunker (St Marks) secretary. Joan Heaton (St John The Baptist) Maureen Robinson (vice Chair) and June

Mandy Bentley asked what the missionary costs were. Peter Borley-Cox explained that these had been covered by a grant.

Peter Borley-Cox proposed that the meeting to approve the accounts. This was seconded by Rebecca Adnitt. The meeting passed this motion.

Revd Jane thanked both Peter Borley-Cox and Sue Evans for their hard work during the last year.

Appointment of Independent Examiner:

Peter Borley-Cox explained that Jackie Brame was willing to be the Independent Examiner again for 2022. However, the parish would have to find someone else to fulfil this function in 2023. The appointment of Jackie Brame was proposed by Peter Borley-Cox and seconded by Mandy Bentley. The meeting passed this motion.

Electoral Roll:

St. David:

Pat Raybould reported that St David's had a total of 37 (4 members had moved away and 1 member had been added).

St. John the Baptist:

Jenny Griffin reported that no formal review had been undertaken in 2021 but 3 people had died. However, a 2022 review had left the St John's total at 80.

St. Mark:

Ken Sumbler had reported that the St Mark's membership had remained stable at 42.

Curate's Comments

Revds. Jonathan and Sarah told the APCM that their report in the booklet covered everything they wanted to say.

Rector's Comments:

Revd Jane said that society had now a new normal as it came out of Covid and the lockdowns. The parish itself was doing well. The churches had been opened again so that in person services could be held once again.

She explained that she felt there was a need to look for the positive signs for the future: Two parish examples being:

- The number of weddings and baptism which have been booked.
- The LYCIG (Leading Your Church into Growth) initiative.

Rev Jane pointed out that it was not an easy six months after Rev Denise and Rev Rachel left the parish but now the Parish was in a better position since the curates have arrived. An advertisement was also being placed for a half time job share post with the Malcom Arnold Academy

The struggle to paid the full quota of the parish share is and ongoing issue but the Archdeacon has made it clear that he wants the parish to pay more.

Revd Jane concluded by saying well done to everybody.

Report from Organisations & Committees including the Fabric Reports

Revd. Jane told the meeting that all the report were in the booklet which had been circulated. She asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Any Other Business:

A vote of thanks was given for all the volunteers who help with ensuring that the parish more than meets its safeguarding requirement and for Jane Serbyn who co-ordinates it all.

Adrian Evans thanked Rev Jane Butler for her work in the parish during the previous 12 months.

Date of 2023 Annual Meeting:

Thursday, 13th April 2023 at 7.30pm.

This ended the business of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

community are cared for. The pastoral needs are well covered at St Marks and across the Team as a whole.

God Bless you all Chris Woodley, April2023

St John the Baptist Choir Report

Regrettably, the long-term future of the choir remains precarious. We lost a further two experienced singers (Robin and Honey, both young adults who joined as children) and the probationer (Boa) whose parents relied on Honey to bring her. We thank Robin and Honey for their longstanding contribution. However, a student at Northampton University has joined. She attends rehearsals enthusiastically, but lack of transport prevents her attending morning services until September 2023, by when she will be living within walking distance of SJB. Revd Jonathan reached out to children at local schools several times, but this initiative yielded only one enquiry. Even that came to naught due to parental misconceptions as to the nature of a church choir.

However, for the time being and despite its limited resources, the choir is still able to lead the congregation in the setting of the Eucharist and to sing an anthem most Sundays. We also held our traditional festival of nine lessons and carols on Advent 4 and sang for the special service to commemorate the life of the late Queen, with the choir augmented by several former members and occasional singers.

An unexpected and welcome benefit of the introduction of weekly joint services during the winter months has been the emergence of a 'parish choir'. It has been a pleasure to welcome experienced singers from St Davids and St Marks to our Friday regular rehearsals and we have enjoyed singing together when such services have been held at SJB. We plan to make this a regular occurrence for joint services at SJB.

Finally, I'd like to thank all members of the choir for their continued commitment and enthusiasm at this challenging time in the choir's history. My thanks also go to Robert for his assistance on the organ (thereby enabling me to direct the choir) and to Laura when she is able to help out.

Ian Smith, Organist SJB

St John the Baptist Flowers Arrangers Annual Report 2022

2022 was a year in which we were able to get back to some normality after the lockdowns and restrictions of the previous two years and we were able to do flower arrangements throughout the year.

A constant review is undertaken by Rev Jane whereby individually as ministers and Lay Ministers, we get together regularly for 1:1 for an hour or so, face to face. This gives us all an opportunity to express our opinions ideas and grievances and to be of mutual encouragement in addition to the Team clergy and Lay Ministers. St Mark's still operate a prayer triplet which was and is carrying on although it is down to one triplet meeting once a month.

Fun & Faith continues to operate, live and the youngsters have great fun along with some varied ethical, faith, theological topics prayer and teaching. Thanks to Kathy, Sarah Jane, Rev Sarah, and Rev Johnathan in keeping this worthwhile Ministry going now at St David's. recently this year twice a month and latterly at the Vicarage. The youth enjoyed an outing at the bowling alley and the Pancake Day, was also carried out. Thanks to Johnathan Hunt in baking again, and to all that help to make this another success. In addition, at the beginning of the Summer term we even went Football golf at Chapel Brampton Golf Club. We look forward to reinstating car wash etc to raise funds for the coming year.

The House group however is not now personally functioning with loss of 1 or 2 people became not practical. However with Jane Serbyn Friday lunch time group, Lent and Advent group and the advent of Food for Thought, via a LYCIG (Lead your church into growth) initiative there is plenty on offer in the Parish. However, I would encourage and reiterate a comment I always make if you are at all interested ask myself or your fellow church friends, Jane Serbyn, Mark Brame or Canon Jane or Clergy for more details where you would be welcome or indeed start your own. It might be that you would be interested in leading, if only on an adhoc basis, if so, discuss this with one of the Ministers.

House groups and courses, alternative service are on offer to all regardless of your ability or standing, you don't have to be an academic we can all learn from each other to increase our faith and share our experiences.

In addition, as a Pastoral resource I am involved with Little Stars at St Marks and Food for Thought working in the team across the Parish. In addition with Rev Sarah involvement with Whitehills school I support her with such items as Experience Easter, Advent, Church etc and a great time had by all, if not a little tiring.

I wish it to be noted that I am extremely grateful for the help and support of other members of the congregation and Team Clergy that people in our

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Appointments to the new Parochial Church Council:

Lay Chair - MANDY BENTLEY.

Secretary - HELEN HICKMAN

Treasurer - PETER BORLEY-COX and Assistant SUE EVANS.

All members present were in favour of these appointments:

Dates of Parochial Church Council meetings for 2022/23:

- 26th May 2022
- 28th July 2022
- 22nd September 2022
- 24th November 2022
- 26th Jan 2023
- 23rd March 2023

- 2023 APCM 13th April 2023

The meeting closed with the Prayers.

Curates' Report

It has been good to have a settled second year of our curacies, feeling a little more familiar with the community and the rhythms of the parish. Thank you to everyone for their continued encouragement and patience.

Our ordination as Priests took place in Peterborough cathedral on 26 June 2023. It was lovely to have the support of many people from Kingsthorpe at the service and in the garden of the Bishop's palace afterwards for a picnic.

It has been a busy year for us since the last APCM. The pattern of our week has continued with a mix of online and in person services. Morning prayer on Tuesdays and Wednesdays continues on zoom and enables several people to join in who would be unable to attend these services if held in person. 9.30am Thursday morning Holy Communion at St John the Baptist Church and a monthly 11.30am morning Holy Communion service at St David's have become regular events. We do encourage anyone who is available at those

times of the day to join us if they can, it is so lovely to meet to pray and worship together.

This was the year during which Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II died unexpectedly in September. During the period of national mourning, there was the occasion to work with a wide cross-section of the Kingsthorpe community to prepare and lead a special service of commemoration and thanksgiving. This was well attended and included representatives of the Parish Council, uniformed organisations, schools and emergency services.

In January 2023 we celebrated the week of prayer for Christian Unity by planning and holding an ecumenical service in St John the Baptist Church with people involved from all our three churches, plus people from the Roman Catholic, Baptist and Methodist Churches. Rev Sarah really enjoyed connecting with all our local churches in the planning of this service. We had over 100 people in attendance and it was well received by all.

Little Stars which launched in Sept 2021 alternating between St Mark's Church, and St John the Baptist Church has continued throughout school term times. This group is for parents/carers and their children and attracts usually through word of mouth or Facebook, between around 8-10 families each week for a 1.30-3pm session. This has stories, songs and prayers on seasonal theme accompanied by live piano music and the presence of a large Teddy Bear dressed in his liturgically coloured waistcoat. After this there is informal time relaxing with toys, chat and refreshments. Many new friendships have been forged and there have been several meals organised during the last year either by the Tots at St David's and more recently by the Little Stars leaders to get the mums and carers together for a happy social occasion.

The Alpha Course ran from January through to the end of the summer of 2022. This small group really enjoyed exploring together more about Christianity and discussing the difficult questions that arise for many believers in their journey of faith. The mums involved have gone on to enjoy participating more actively in their church communities.

Brick Church has continued at St. John-the-Baptist Church on a monthly basis save for a pause over the sunny summer months. The format remains the same: we enjoy a bible story together (read and watched on a 'Lego-video') before launching into an hour or so of fun with Lego and Duplo, taking themes from the bible story and building together with creativity and imagination. This is coupled with a Lego treasure hunt, a prayer wall and colouring sheets, which is all followed by Grace, and more chat over a

me and especially enhanced lent for me this year and prepared me for a busy Holy Week and a glorious Easter, busy but I feel renewed and ready for the year ahead wherever I personally and the Parish are led.

I continue to take communion to those at home or in care homes. It is a privilege to visit these members of our churches.

It is always very difficult to say goodbye to members of our church families and this year has been no different. It was very special to support one of our family at St David's and a privilege to be asked to take her funeral.

Lastly a few thanks, for our wonderful congregations who also make me feel welcome, our curates Jonathan and Sarah who I enjoy working with and lastly Rev Jane for her encouragement, guidance, teaching and prayers.

I look forward to the coming year, continuing my journey with Christ together with you all.

May we all receive Gods love and Grace.

Sarah - Jane Major

Report from the Lay Pastoral Minister 2022/2023.

This was not a normal year, due continuing covid restrictions in the early part of the year but since the Autumn we were returning to some degree of normality. Nevertheless, church work, pastoral care had not stop, it was if anything more necessary in a different way with regard to the rules. In addition St Marks Church Prayer request and concerns were well up year on year They are fed into the Lay Minister and sent out to the group, numbering over 18 including Clergy strictly adhering to the content of the request.

Care home communions are no longer suspended as of the beginning of this year 2023, but care is required such as Hand gel and Masks still strictly in force Personal external communication and individual home communion continued. Via the Lay Minister and thanks to the curates and Sarah Jane in helping across the Parish. Personally 6 regularly receive communion at least once a month and elderly house bound really look forward to this and are very grateful. I was personally re-licenced as a Lay Minister along with Sarah-Jane last September 2022 for another 3 to 5 yrs. Unfortunately Margaret Gorringe decided not to take on another spell but give her thanks for the dedication she showed in working with me for many years a sad loss

On Good Friday we held a craft morning in the church which was well attended by a large number of families from outside of the regular congregation. We successfully ran a number of Christmas events with Carols on the Green, a carol service for the uniformed groups and our Christingle Service. Over 150 people attended on Christmas Eve.

Karen Tomlin, Jo Carrick

Lay Reader Report

A busy year, but one full of blessings and opportunities to meet and worship together. I know that many find joint services difficult and prefer to have a base where they are most comfortable but on personal level, I really enjoyed the joint service it was uplifting to be able to worship with a bigger congregation. The Parish really worked together during the winter months, giving lifts to those that needed them as well as giving a very warm welcome to those that were perhaps a little apprehensive and felt out of their comfort zone when worshipping at one of the other churches.

Over the last year I have continued to lead worship, as well as jointly working with clergy during our time of joint services.

It has been a pleasure to work with the team as we welcome local schools to our buildings to explore the Christian faith as part of their RE curriculum.

Fun and faith continue to meet fortnightly, and we have recently welcomed a new member. Our young people are a credit to themselves, and their families. It is a real privilege to work with them as we journey together in faith.

Little Stars is now a well-established group and Tuesday afternoon is a highlight of my week as parents, grandparents and carers come together to have fun together as well as finding out about Jesus and His love and compassion for us all. It is particularly special to watch the adults support each other both practically and emotionally.

Food 4 Thought is a new initiative, a group of us from across the parish are working together to provide an alternative service with a meal at St Marks Church. Numbers are small but those who come along are enjoying the time we spend together exploring our faith through fellowship, music and prayer.

For some of our congregation it is difficult to come out and about, so I have led zoom Advent and Lent courses this year. Those that attend journey with

‘sandwich & cake’ tea together. Numbers have fluctuated, but relationships are deepening over a relaxed shared time together.

September 2022 saw the launch of Woodland Church at the Outdoor Classroom on the Brampton Valley Way. We gathered an intergenerational group to explore a Harvest theme through singing, exploring, trying new crafts and eating baked apples from the firepit as well as delicious flapjack on a lovely sunny afternoon. We met again in November for a light/dark themed time of story, poetry and decorating jam jars with tea lights in, all around a giant firepit, watching and singing as the sun set, and making Smores together in the flames. (Chocolate biscuits and marshmallows melted together!). Although chilly we had lots of fun. In January we decided to keep moving so walked from The Windhover along the Brampton Valley Way, pausing to reflect on our surroundings three times, before ending up at the Chapter House of St John the Baptist Church for refreshments. Those unable to walk joined us for the tea and brought signs of life from their gardens to show us. We listened and reflected to sounds of birdsong and harp music recorded in Northamptonshire woodland. We hope Woodland Church will continue through the summer months exploring the fields behind St David’s Church too.

Our links with Whitehills School have grown, and in the summer term, Reception and year 1 came to visit St Mark’s and learn about the building and what goes on in a church. In the autumn term, Rev Sarah started to take assemblies regularly at the school covering Church festivals for them. We visited year 6 lessons, and Year 2 visited us for an Explore Advent morning at St Mark’s the highlight of which was the hunting for and taking home of a beautifully coloured jewel, after learning that God values them as much as they do their precious stone. Year 5 & 6 came to us for their Carol service this year, which was a lovely opportunity to warmly welcome all the parents and say a few words about the importance of God’s love for us all. In the spring term we have visited year 4 along with Leah from the Lighthouse Trust to talk about Easter, and year 5 have visited us to Explore Easter. Two families from that visit joined us at our Good Friday Messy Easter event. A large team was involved in both the set up and the running of the Explore days and our thanks go to everyone who was involved as the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed their time at St Mark’s Church. It has been lovely to re-establish contact with Purple Oaks Academy, which is one of the schools in our parish for students with autism and/or Severe Learning Difficulties. Students and parents have attended St David’s church twice during this year for a short Christmas or Easter service followed by activities in the hall.

We have had good links with the Uniformed organisations in the parish this year, who came to us for Remembrance Sunday in November, but prior to that each group came on a visit to explore St John the Baptist Church. Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have all attended, and we look forward to welcoming the youngest group the Squirrels in June 2023. We invited the uniformed groups to attend a Carol Service put on particularly with them in mind at St Mark's Church in December 2022, this was well attended by one of our Scout/Cub/Beaver troupes and we were also joined by some of the Girls Brigade from our ecumenical partners at the Baptist Church.

2022 to 2023 has been a period of high price inflation and along with the rest of the country people in Kingsthorpe have experienced a 'cost of living crisis'. In the Autumn it was decided that as a parish we would respond to this by offering communal warm spaces in the halls at each of our churches. Demand was less than had been first feared, but a small group of people has met (more often for conversation than warmth) each week in the Chapter House at St John the Baptist and this is now morphing into a Tuesday Coffee event. At St David's the warm welcome was offered through extending the 4UCommunity Café by an hour on Saturdays and by adding a soup lunch on to the end of the Renew 88 wellbeing group which is held on Wednesdays. We are thankful for the support of the Parish Council whose provided grants towards the cost of the extra heating costs that the churches incurred through offering warm communal spaces.

Men's Group has continued to meet during the past year and includes people from all three churches. We have enjoyed watching rugby and cricket, playing indoor bowls, eating together enjoying company and conversation. This summer we have a walk, a boat trip and spectating at another cricket match planned.

PauseWork4-Lunch continued until the Summer, but it was decided not to continue into the Autumn due to pressure of other activities.

We have benefited during the last year from gaining experience in conducting baptisms and leading funerals. These pastoral services continue to provide opportunity to support members of the community of Kingsthorpe in times of joy or sorrow.

We have continued to enjoy being part of the team who run 'Fun and Faith' for our young people; and also being involved in the running of the Advent and Lent courses. We have enjoyed supporting the work of Renew 88 Wellbeing on Wednesdays and the Café on Saturday mornings at St Davids.

the Chapterhouse, however the decision has been taken to improving the earthing now.

The trees and shrubs in the churchyard have been trimmed regularly by the contractor working for the council. Some additional trimming has been recommended by the architect in his quinquennial report and the council have been made aware of his recommendations.

There was one organised churchyard tidy-up in the year. The fabric committee would however like to thank those that have, as individuals, on occasion done some tidying up.

Alan Isaac

St Mark's Churchwardens report

Buildings and fabric

The boilers had their annual service and maintenance in November 2021 and no issues were identified. All the appropriate checks to meet the Fire Regulations and electrical testing have been undertaken in the year.

We focused on the repairs of the plaster inside the church and had approval from the Archdeacon to go ahead with the work. This took place in February 2023.

Thank you to the fabric committee who do so much to maintain the church, often keeping many repairs 'in house' to enable us to save money. Thank you also to the many members of the congregation who help keep St Mark's looking good - cleaning, lawn mowing, gardening, and many other jobs which are all appreciated!

General

Our Sunday attendance numbers have remained stable.

Little Stars continues to run alternate weeks and one family now regularly attend on a Sunday morning. Rev Sarah has worked closely with Whitehills school and as a result we have held more visits in church for the school including Experience Easter, Explore Advent and two carol services. As well as a large number of children visiting, the carol services brought many parents and relatives to church as well.

Hall bookings continue to be good with several regular bookings which brings in a steady income. We reviewed our hire fees in comparison with similar venues in the area and found we were charging much less. As a result, we increased our prices this year which was expected and accepted by our regular users.

followed by the Act of Remembrance at Kingsthorpe War Memorial. This service was well attended, with Kingsthorpe Scout and Guide Groups joining us.

The Christmas Tree Festival was arranged for the start of December and was well attended and finished off with “Carols on the Green” with refreshments and fire-pits. Although there was no Advent Carol Service this year, we did hold a Nine Lessons and Carols service, Crib Service, Midnight Mass and Christmas Day Family Eucharist. We also hosted a Christingle Service within church for the local Kingsthorpe Village Primary School. Numbers continue to be lower than what was considered “normal” pre-pandemic, but Christmas services were well attended, and we hope it will pick up again in 2023 with some new initiatives planned. Little Stars and Brick Church have continued to flourish throughout the year.

Mark Brame

St John the Baptist - Fabric Report 2022

The fabric committee has met regularly during the year.

A health and safety review is carried out regularly and this year updated to include bellringing activities.

Work on the project to extend the Chapterhouse has continued. Even though we had complied with all the DAC requests for information, the faculty application forms have still not been issued. The planning permission has now lapsed, and new application will need to be submitted. Until such time as the faculty has been approved and planning permission granted only limited progress can be made in seeking further financial support. Whilst it is appreciated that the DAC have a role to play, they have not helped moving the project forward.

The architect carried out the quinquennial inspection of the church. The report highlighted various works that need to be looked at but nothing major. Much of the work was of a “housekeeping” nature e.g., cleaning gutters and gullies. The necessary work is being discussed with the architect with a view to having it done in the spring.

Annual servicing of the clock, boilers, alarm systems and fire extinguishers was carried out.

The additional earthing required for the lightening conductor is still required. It was planned that this be done as part of the work to extend

We look forward to working with everyone throughout our third year of curacy as the churches continue to offer Christian community, a range of different expressions of Christian worship, and as we continue to look for opportunities that might appeal to those wanting to engage with faith in our parish.

Rev Sarah and Rev Jonathan

Deanery Synod Report

The September meeting was cancelled following the death of The Queen.

A very interesting meeting dealt with the need for families to grieve for the death of loved ones through the support of a funeral. There was discussion about what churches can do to counteract the trend for direct cremation which is much advertised on daytime TV.

A meeting to which church treasurers were also invited discussed stewardship and planned giving.

Suggestions were given of ways to persuade people to increase their contributions, but many felt that the current financial crisis made such requests inappropriate at the current time.

Jenny Griffin

St David Electoral Roll Report

St John the Baptist Electoral Roll Report

We began the year with 80 on the Roll.

5 have left the parish.

3 have died.

5 new members have been added.

There are now 77 members on the roll.

Jenny Griffin

St Mark's Electoral Roll Report

Moved Away: M. Nautiyal J. Weir

New Members: A. Hunt E. Tomlin P. Blackwell

There were 2 changes of address, but they remain in the parish.

The 2023 membership therefore stands at 43 an increase of 1.

Ken Sumbler

PCC Secretary's Report 2022

The Parochial Church Council met five times in the 2022-23 parochial year. Officers were elected at the end of the annual meeting. All the meetings were quorate and held just on Zoom until July 2022. From the September 2002 meeting, a hybrid was offered with both in person meetings taking place at St David's church alongside Zoom. Attendance was very good.

The main items of business across the year:

- The PCC did not manage to pay the Parish Share in full. The recovery from the effects of the pandemic was a major effect on the level of income being able to be raised. (The decision was made in 2013 to pay the parish share in full as a priority, requiring regular fund-raising events).
- The parish became to resume its outreach activities but the restarting of activities such as a Brick Church and new ones such as Food for Thought.
- Safeguarding work took place to ensure the 3 churches and the parish continued to be compliant in all aspects of safeguarding
- Revd Jonathan and Revd Sarah Lee were ordained at Peterborough Cathedral in June 2022.

Deanery Synod is attended regularly.

Core Groups remain and were able to recover and meet in person during the year, i.e., Pastoral Care, Nurture and Growth, Youth, and Mission.

Helen Hickman

St Davids Church Warden report

Vestments and Chattels:

These are all as previous year are in good serviceable conditions, valuables are retained within a locked safe when not used for worship.

Buildings and Fabric:

During the year most of the quinquennial inspections have been sorted. Work started on the projector and sound system in the hall, grants paid for this.

Electrical 5 year inspections has taken place. 25.08.2022

Fire alarm 28.11.2022 Gas safety 15.07.2022 Pact testing 28.09.2022 Fire extinguisher 20.09.2022

We are happy that the hall continues to satisfy the requirements for Safety, Fire regulations and current fire precautions and fire exit routes are also satisfying the requirements.

New shelving and flooring has now been completed in the store cupboard. The grants have been received for the disabled toilet and we are waiting for the faculty.

Overall, the property is in good repair, many thanks to Pete Cotter and the grounds are kept in good order thanks goes to Terry Basford and a member of the community. Also, through the year working parties has kept the grounds tidy and in good order, members of the community have also helped with this.

General:

We have held some fundraisings events i.e. Quiz with Ploughman's supper, games night with chili and curry and carols and mulled wine.

Finally, Thanks to Revd Cannon Jane, Revd Sarah and Jonathan, Sarah Jane Major and Visiting priests for the support for St David's family and community.

Particular thanks to Pete Cotter who works extremely hard behind the scenes unknown to many of us. Also, to Barry Monroe who does the task of cleaning the hall etc. Also, thanks to Joyce for doing the 50/50 club, which has momentarily stopped while the joint services are taking place. A big thank you for the servers, side persons, tea makers, flower arrangers and all who contribute to upkeep our service.

June Ward, Rebecca Adnitt

St. John the Baptist Churchwardens Report, 2022.

Although most on-line services have ceased, we still hold Morning Prayer on Zoom on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 9:30am.

During the first half of the year, we held services on Sundays at the normal time of 10:00am, with quite a few instances of Service of the Word, hosted by Revds. Jonathan and Sarah Lee and Sarah-Jane Major.

At Easter we held services for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Eve, and Easter Day, all of which were well attended. After Easter we also went back to having communion in two kinds, re-introducing wine to the service as an option. Once the Curates were ordained priests, on 26th June, we were able to go back to having a Eucharist service most weeks.

The Church was not open for Heritage Weekend this year, but the annual "Ride and Stride" event went ahead as planned.

On 18th September we held a Special Commemoration Service for The Late Queen Elizabeth II and there were about 100 people in church; the church had been open prior to that for people to come in and sign a book of condolences.

The annual Remembrance Service was held within Church in November,

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A summary of the accounts for each fund within the PCC is available on request.



Peter Borley-Cox BA (Hons) FCMA CGMA
PCC Treasurer.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO KINGSTHORPE PCC, NORTHAMPTON**

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 1 to 3, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and Section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As the members of the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of financial statements and assessing the PCC's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless required otherwise.

You consider that the audit requirement of Regulations and section 144(2) of the Act do not apply and that an independent examination is needed. In 2022 the Charity's gross income did not exceed £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the regulations.

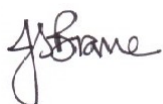
Basis of this report

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Independent examiner's report

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act, and
 - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and Regulationshave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Jacqueline Brame FCCA

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With restricted reserves held to include:

- Sufficient funds to cover commitments in relation to identified expenditure required on building repairs and maintenance across the team
- As appropriate in the cycle of quinquennial inspections of the team's churches, sufficient funds to meet likely costs arising from the next quinquennial inspection by its due date
- Sufficient funds for any specific projects within the team which may be identified by the PCC

A summary of the accounts for each fund within the PCC is available on request.



Peter Borley-Cox BA (Hons) FCMA CGMA
PCC Treasurer.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO KINGSTHORPE PCC, NORTHAMPTON

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 1 to 3, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and Section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As the members of the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of financial statements and assessing the PCC's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless required otherwise.

You consider that the audit requirement of Regulations and section 144(2) of the Act do not apply and that an independent examination is needed. In 2022 the Charity's gross income did not exceed £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the regulations.

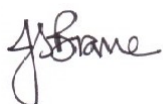
Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's report

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act, and
 - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and Regulationshave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Jacqueline Brame FCCA

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26th April 2023

Accounts

Kingsthorpe Team Ministry



St David's Church



***The Church of
St John the Baptist***

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 2022 REPORTS



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KINGSTHORPE TEAM MINISTRY

Charity Number 1130370

KINGSTHORPE PARISH ANNUAL MEETING 2022

*The purpose of our Church is
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AGENDA for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting to be held on Thursday 7th April 2022 at on line via Zoom at 7.30pm.

Prayers

VESTRY MEETING:

Apologies for absence

- Appointment of Churchwardens
- Appointment of PCC members (10 persons from each church)
- Appointment of Sidespersons.
- Appointment to Deanery Synod.

PARISH MEETING:

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of 20th May 2021.

Report from PCC Treasurer and approval of the accounts.

Appointment of Independent Examiner.

Electoral Roll(s).

Comments from Team Clergy.

Reports from Lay Pastoral Ministers, Churchwardens, PCC Secretary and Deanery Synod - already circulated.

Fabric reports.

Rector's comments.

Any Other Business:

Date of 2023 Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

NEW PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL:

Dates of future meetings.

Appointment of Lay Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

Appointment of Safeguarding Officer.

KINGSTHORPE TEAM MINISTRY Charity Number 1130370 KINGSTHORPE PARISH ANNUAL MEETING 2020

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KINGSTHORPE TEAM MINISTRY ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES of the annual parochial church meeting held on Thursday, 20th May, 2021 by Zoom.

Revd. Canon Jane Butler chaired the meeting. Revd. Denise Maud was present. Mark Brennan was interpreter.

Present:	St. David	6 laity
	St. John the Baptist	10 laity
	St. Mark	7 laity

Apologies:	St. David	None
	St. John the Baptist	1 laity
	St. Mark	1 laity

The meeting opened with prayers lead by Revd. Canon Jane Butler.

VESTRY MEETING:

Appointment of Churchwardens:

St. David:

1. June Ward - proposed - Sarah Jane Major; seconded - Pat Raybould.
2. Rebecca Adnitt - proposed - Sarah Jane Major;
seconded - Pat Raybould.

St. John the Baptist:

- Mark Brame - proposed - Jackie Hutchinson;
seconded - “all the church”.
- Vacant

St. Mark:

1. Karen Tomlin - proposed - Chris Woodley;
seconded - Shirley Cumbleton.
2. Vacant

**Deanery Synod Representatives ex officio (3rd year of 3-year term).
(5 persons allowed)**

- Margaret Gorringe.
- Sarah-Jane Major.
- Christopher Woodley.

Appointment of Parochial Church Council:

St. David:

1. Sarah-Jane Major (P - June Ward: S - P Raybould)/ Ex-Officio/Lay Reader.
2. Pat Raybould (P - June Ward: S - S Basford)
3. Maureen Robinson (P - June Ward: S - S Basford)
4. Anne Stevens (P- June Ward S- P Raybould)
5. Jane Serbyn (P - June Ward S- S Basford)
6. Paula Blackwell (P- June Ward S- Jane Serbyn)

Vacancies remain for five PCC places.

St. John the Baptist:

1. Mandy Bentley (P - Pauline Stone: S - Roger Stone)
2. Pauline Stone: (P - M Bentley - S - Roger Stone)
3. Peter Borley-Cox (P - J Hutchinson S - A Brame)
4. Dorothy Brooke (P - Pauline Stone S - Roger Stone)
5. Geoff Foster (P - E Foster S - J Hutchinson)
6. Polly Rolfe (P - A Brame S - J Hutchinson)

Vacancies remain for two PCC places.

St. Mark:

1. Christopher Woodley - LPM and Deanery Synod rep to 2020/ex-officio
2. Margaret Gorringe - LPM and Deanery Synod rep to 2020/ex-officio
3. Sue Evans (P - K Wilcox S - Jo Carrick)
4. Ruth Gould (P - Sue Evans S - H Hickman)
5. Kathy Wilcox (P - Liz May S - Jo Carrick)
6. Liz May (P - Bill May S - Jo Carrick)
7. Shirley Cumbleton (P - Jo Carrick S - Kathy Wilcox)
8. Jo Carrick (P- Kathy Wilcox S- C Woodley)
9. Helen Hickman (P - Kathy Wilcox S Chris Woodley)
10. Ann Woodley (P - Karen Tomlin S - Margaret Gorringe)

Two vacancy remains.

Appointment of Sidespersons:

St. David:

All members of the congregation, as is usual.

St. John the Baptist:

All members of the congregation.

St. Mark:

All members of the congregation.

All the above named were elected to serve as sidespersons in their individual churches for the coming year. All members present were in favour.

This ended the business of the Vestry Meeting.

PARISH MEETING:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th April 2019, were signed as a true record with no corrections. All persons present were in favour.

Appointment of Safeguarding Officer:

Jane Serbyn was appointed to this position for the Team.

Finance:

Peter Borley-Cox explained that the meeting had to approved both the 2019 accounts and the 2020 accounts. Both years had been independently examined and nothing had been found. Both financial years had been given a clean bill of health. However, the financial position needs to be highlighted and the parish share has not been able to be paid in full. 2019 was £23,700 short and 2020 was £41.00 short.

Paula Blackwell asked if the reopening of the church halls would be a help to the Parish's finances. Peter Borley-Cox said that the reopening would be helpful as this was a large source of income.

Peter Borley-Cox proposed that the meeting to approve the two sets of accounts. This was seconded by Ruth Gould. The meeting passed this motion.

Appointment of Independent Examiner:

Peter Borley-Cox proposed that Jackie Brame be appointed as Independent Examiner. This was seconded by Mandy Bentley. The meeting passed this motion.

Revd. Canon Jane Butler took this opportunity to thank Peter Borley-Cox and Sue Evans for their hard work in what was a very trying year. She added that the parish finances would not run as smoothly without them. Revd. Canon Jane Butler told the meeting that Peter had held the position of treasurer for 10 years and Sue Evans had held the position of deputy treasurer for 15 years. Both wanted to take a break, so the meeting was asked to think and pray on this matter.

Electoral Roll:

Due to lockdown, it had not been possible to audit the three electoral rolls. The main changes had been with any deaths that may have occurred. The three electoral roll officers were amending the rolls when any changes had occurred.

Team Vicar's Comments:

Revd. Rachel said it had been a difficult year for the parish. It had had to adapt very quickly, and the use of technology had allowed the whole Parish to grow closer. The embracing of technology was due to Revd. Denise.

Curate's Comments

Revd. Denise said that she echoed what Rachel had said. It had started in February 2020 when everybody had to work together to ensure that the congregation all had books and other worship materials. She praised the parish to embracing Zoom. She said that they were a unity in the parish which was lovely to see. She told the meeting that the Parish needs to build on this.

Rector's Comments:

Revd. Jane said that it had been a horrendous year in many ways and had been difficult for everyone, the three churches and the Team. However, there had been positives as people got to know each other. This is why the Team is keen to continue with coffee Zoom. We must give thanks that we have come through this time. Revd. Jane said that she had been hugely supported by the Revds. Rachel & Denise and the lay team. We must now look forward and build the team stronger. Revd Jane said she wanted Kingsthorpe to be a good parish for her successor to take over.

Revd Jane thanked Mandy Bentley (St John the Baptist), Jo Carrick and Shirley Cumbleton (St Marks) for their service as Churchwardens.

Revd. Jane thanked Revd Denise for her time in the parish as curate. She added that she had been a superb curate and wished her well in her new parish. The Parish will be having two curates joining the team in the summer.

Report from Organisations & Committees

Revd. Jane told the meeting that all the report were in the booklet which had been circulated. She asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Any Other Business:

Paula Blackwell said she felt that recognition should be given to the work of the St David's Foodbank. Revd. Rachel added it had been successful as the Foodbank had volunteers from all three church and that Paula was right that the Foodbank's success should be noted. The Foodbank has helped many families in the parish.

Mandy Bentley felt that thank needed to given to Dorothy Brooke who had stepped down as PCC Secretary after many years. Revd. Jane agreed and said that Dorothy had been given a plant of her choice as a thank you gift.

Date of 2022 Annual Meeting:

Thursday, 7th April 2022 at 7.30pm.

This ended the business of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

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Appointments to the new Parochial Church Council:

Lay Chair - MANDY BENTLEY.

Secretary - HELEN HICKMAN

Treasurer - PETER BORLEY-COX and Assistant SUE EVANS .

All members present were in favour of these appointments:

Dates of Parochial Church Council meetings for 2021/22:

15th July 2021
9th September 2021
18th November 2021
20th January 2022
24th March 2022

The meeting closed with the Prayers.

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Team Rector's Report

The parish has continued to work with in the situation of COVID. So some of the things that have been done have been done differently to accommodate that. During this year we have both lost and gained staff. Rev Denise Maud left to be and incumbent, Rev Rachel Hetherington left after 11 years to work at St Christopher's Care Home. Two new curates came Rev Jonathan and Sarah Lee to fulfil their curacy. Rev Stuart Mousir-Harrison continues to work with and be based at St Marks Church.

On the whole although there has been much change due to the continually changing situation of COVID the churches have coped well, with both the services on zoom which have been well received, as has morning prayer and compline. There have been people from each church attending these services. As lockdown was eased the churches opened up again although with less people in all of the churches. We have noticed that some people in our congregations have been severely affected by COVID and lock down and some have lost confidence. This is a concern to us especially as we are missing families and continue to do so.

All the groups have continued either on zoom or in person as has been appropriate in all of the churches.

All the churches have opened up during this time and some things have started again.

The financial situation of the parish continues to be a concern as we cannot meet our pariah share as we have been unable to do so for some time. This continues to be a very difficult situation for the parish. I would like to thank Peter Borley-Cox and Sue Evans for all the work that they do with the accounts.

All the church buildings are in good order and working towards their quinquennial requirements. The work at St John the Baptist church towards the extension of the chapter house continued but has been slowed down because of COVID. All fabric meetings across the team have been held on zoom.

All church wardens meetings have been held on zoom. I would like to thank them for their hard work, working in continually changing circumstances.

The ability to use Zoom has made a difficult situation easier and I would like to thank Rev Denise Maud especially for all the work she put into this so that Zoom could be used in a variety of situations.

On the whole this has been a good year working in difficult circumstances, and I would like to thank all those both in the lay and clergy team and others for all they have done to make this a good year.

I look forward to the next year and what it will bring.

Canon Jane Butler, Rector, Kingsthorpe Parish.

Curates' Report

We would like to thank everyone for their warm welcome of us to Kingsthorpe. Our ordination as Deacons on June 27th 2021 was a very special service, and we were sorry that the numbers allowed were so restricted. We are hopeful that our ordination to the priesthood on June 26th 2022 will not be restricted on numbers and that many of you will be able to come to support us.

Since arriving in parish we have been busy helping the churches reopen after the covid restrictions and bring back or initiate a number of new activities.

Little Stars launched in Sept 2021 at St Mark's Church, and then a week later at St John the Baptist Church. This group for parents/carers and their children attracts usually through word of mouth or Facebook, between 10-20 families each week for a 1.30-3pm session where we gather for stories, songs and prayers on theme accompanied by live piano music and the presence of a large Teddy Bear dressed in his liturgically coloured waistcoat. After this there is informal time relaxing with toys, chat and refreshments. It's a chance for parents/carers to meet others after the isolation of the pandemic, and many new friendships have been forged.

Out of the contacts made through Little Stars, an Alpha Course has been launched. This small group is exploring together more about Christianity and discussing the difficult questions that arise for many believers in their journey of faith.

Men's Group has met several times over the past six months on Saturday evenings, as Covid restrictions have eased. We have enjoyed each other's company with good conversation, meals, games and an indoor bowls evening together. It is hoped that the group will expand over the coming months and that in addition to purely social events there may be occasional opportunity to meet to discuss and consider how faith and challenging issues that arise in daily life might interact.

PauseWork4-Lunch has been meeting in St. Mark's church hall on alternate Thursdays since September. It provides an opportunity for those who are working from home, or locally in Kingsthorpe, to eat and talk together over a quick pre-cooked lunch which is slotted into a lunch-hour away from work / the home office. There is usually an interesting Thought for the Day to discuss over coffee before those who have gathered depart for their afternoon's work. While numbers are currently small it is hoped that the group may expand over coming months.

In September Brick Church restarted with its monthly, 'second Sunday', afternoon events at St. John-the-Baptist Church. There is a lovely mix of family groups who attend regularly and it is encouraging that the group is expanding. We enjoy a bible story together (read and watched on a 'Lego-video', before

launching into an hour or so of fun with Lego and Duplo, taking themes from the bible story and building together with creativity and imagination. This is coupled with a Lego treasure hunt, a prayer wall and colouring sheets, which is all followed by Grace, and more chat over a 'sandwich & cake' tea together. Prizes are awarded to the best builds each time.

In October Rev Sarah and Sarah-Jane Major went to visit Year 6 at Whitehills Primary School to talk to both classes about their Christian faith and to answer their anonymously written difficult questions about faith. It was a really super morning, and the children were so responsive and interesting to talk to. This was followed by a zoom with Year 2 in Advent, and then in February 2022 with visits from year 2 and year 5 to St Mark's Church to explore Easter. A large team was involved in both the set up and the running of that day and our thanks go to everyone who was involved as the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed their time at St Mark's Church. More visits are planned to the school to talk to Year 4, and for the Early years classes and Year 1 to visit our churches in the summer term.

Our weekly rhythm of a mix of online and in person services of zoom morning prayer on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Spiritual Communion which transferred to being an in-person Thursday morning Holy Communion at St John the Baptist Church, have become a regular part of our worship with those who choose to attend. Weekly Compline has become a fortnightly online service preceded by either coffee & chat or the Bible Book Club run by Sarah-Jane Major. We do encourage anyone who is available at those times at the beginning or end of the day to join us if they can, it is so lovely to meet to pray and worship together.

We have spent several months this year shadowing Canon Jane and learning how to conduct baptisms and funerals and have really enjoyed the privilege of engaging with families through this process, celebrating happy occasions as well as sharing together in more difficult times. We have enjoyed pastoral visiting and taking Holy Communion to those less able to attend church now later in life.

We have enjoyed being part of the running of the Advent and Lent courses since we arrived, and we were excited by the imagination of the group that gathered to attend the Leading Your Church Into Growth online course that took place in February. We look forward to working with everyone throughout 2022 and beyond to help develop a wide range of accessible prayer and worship opportunities that might appeal to those wanting to engage with faith in our parish.

Rev Sarah and Rev Jonathan

Electoral Roll Reports

St David - 4 members have moved away and 1 new member added. The total membership is 37.

Pat Raybould

St John the Baptist - There was no formal revision of the roll in 2021 but the 3 persons that had died during the year were removed leaving 86 persons remaining.

At the revision for 2022 5 had left the parish and 1 had died leaving 80 on the roll. There were no new applicants to join the roll at this point, but 3 non residents have indicated a wish to be added to the roll as soon as they have completed the statutory period of 6 months attendance at St John's.

Jenny Griffin

St Mark - Having lost 2 members and gained 2 during the past year the total membership remains at 42

The finalised Electoral Roll was displayed on notice board inside the church from 27th February 2022.

Ken Sumbler

PCC Secretary's Report 2021

The Parochial Church Council met five times in the 2020-21 parochial year. Officers were elected at the end of the annual meeting. All the meetings were quorate and held on Zoom. Attendance was very good.

The main items of business across the year:

- The PCC did not manage to pay the Parish Share in full. The pandemic was a major effect on the level of income being able to be raised. (The decision was made in 2013 to pay the parish share in full as a priority, requiring regular fund-raising events).
- Deciding on the best the way to allow worship and reopen the churches in line with the ever-changing Covid regulations.
- Safeguarding work took place to ensure the 3 churches and the parish continued to be compliant in all aspects of safeguarding
- Revd. Denise Maud left the parish in April 2021.
- Revd Jonathan and Revd Sarah Lee joined the parish in June 2021.
- Revd Rachel Hetherington left the parish in July 2021.

Deanery Synod is attended regularly.

Core Groups remain and were able to restart in person during the year, i.e., Pastoral Care, Nurture and Growth, Youth, and Mission.

Helen Hickman

St. David's Churchwardens Report - 31st December 2021

Vestments & Chattels:

These are all as previous years and are in good serviceable condition, valuables are retained within a locked safe when not used for worship.

Buildings & Fabric:

During the year, several repair works have been carried out, as requested in the Quinquennial Inspection.

Electrical Inspection undertaken September 2021, satisfactory. This year it is the 5 year overall electrical testing due and we are in the process of booking this.

We are confident that the hall continues to satisfy the safety aspects as required. Similarly with the Fire Regulations the current fire precautions, testing regime and evacuation routes are compliant with requirements. These tests are carried out every 6 months.

During the year, metal shelving was installed in St. David's prayer room to make room for more storage for the Food Bank, as a necessity during the Covid Crisis. Also the kitchen had new work tops fitted and was deep cleaned throughout. Plans are in place for new shelving and flooring in the store cupboard, this is desperately in need of changing due to the many organisations using it. Funds were raised for this by holding a Beetle Drive, a Musical evening and Quiz evening, all well supported and the work will be financially covered. Quotes are being obtained for the installation of a Toilet for the Disabled, and grants are being applied for.

Overall the property is in good repair, many thanks to Peter Cotter. The grounds are kept in good order, our appreciation and thanks to the regular work of Dave Fall no small task. Also through the year working parties have kept the grounds tidy and in good order.

General:

Although we have been closed for parts of the last year we have tried to keep a visible presence in the community and services were held where possible. Thanks to Sarah-Jane Major and others for arranging the usual Christmas activities which was greatly appreciated.

Finally, thanks to the Revd Canon Jane, Revd. Sarah and Johnathan, Sarah Jane Major and visiting priests for their support for St. David's family and the community. We are so grateful to all the members of the congregation who have given us their support, whether it be in the social or fund raising events, good teamwork, it is very much appreciated. Particular thanks to Peter Cotter who carries out an enormous amount of work behind the scenes, unknown to many of us. Also to Barry Munroe who has voluntarily taken over the task of cleaning the hall etc. in readiness for outside bookings. Also thanks to Joyce for organising the 50/50 club which after the break caused by COVID, numbers are now improving, not forgetting tea-makers, flower arrangers, and all who contribute to the upkeep of our service.

June Ward and Rebecca Raybould

St. John the Baptist Churchwardens Report, 2021

As with all other churches the opening of St. John the Baptist Church at the start of 2021 was restricted to funerals only, albeit with limited numbers, due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Normal services, in church, restarted with a Eucharist on Maundy Thursday, but without the traditional washing of feet, and then a service on Easter Day with communion in one kind only (bread). Services initially were limited to 10.00am only on a Sunday, with mid-week services continuing on-line. Attendance at services and funerals continued to be limited until May when restrictions were eased.

At the end of 2020 our Director of Music, Mr Andrew Moodie, had resigned his post with us and Mr Ian Smith agreed to continue playing the organ, and looking after the choristers. However, numbers in the choir were initially restricted and a lot of the younger members did not return after the lockdowns.

Revd. Denise Maud had left us in May to take over her own parish(es) and then in July we were joined by two new Curates in training, Revds. Jonathan and Sarah Lee. As the Curates were not ordained priests, we were not able to have a Eucharist service every week and we often held a Service of the Word at 10.00am on a Sunday.

The Church was open for Heritage Weekend with the usual historical information on the building and the "Chained Library" on display. This weekend coincided with the annual "Ride & Stride" event.

The annual Remembrance Service was held within Church in November, and this year we were able to hold the Act of Remembrance at Kingsthorpe War Memorial. This service was well attended, with both Kingsthorpe and Whitehills Scout Groups joining us. At the end of November, the service of Spiritual Communion was stopped on-line, and Holy Communion was re-introduced at SJB at 9.30am on a Thursday.

During the last few months of the year a new “Little Stars” group was set up, aimed at pre-school children; and met alternate weeks at SJB and St. Mark’s. Brick Church was also restarted on a Sunday afternoon on a monthly basis.

The Christmas Tree Festival was arranged for the start of December and was well attended and finished off with “Carols on the Green” with refreshments and fire-pits. Although there was no Advent Carol Service this year, we did hold a Nine Lessons and Carols service, Crib Service, Midnight Mass and Christmas Day Family Eucharist. We also hosted a Christingle Service within church for the local Kingsthorpe Village Primary School. Numbers continue to be lower than what was considered “normal” but Christmas services were well attended and we hope it will pick up again in 2022.

Mark Brame

St John the Baptist Fabric Committee Report 2021

The fabric committee has met regularly during the year. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic all meetings have been virtual meetings on Zoom.

A health and safety review is carried out regularly.

Work on the project to extend the Chapterhouse has continued. The DAC had, as previously reported requested further archaeological investigations which were planned to be undertaken prior to the faculty application being submitted. The DAC however asked for those investigations to be carried out prior to issuing the faculty application forms. The excavations were carried out in September and the findings reported to the DAC. Unfortunately, the DAC did not consider the report detailing the findings until December and then raised further questions which were answered. Until such time as the faculty application is submitted only limited progress can be made in seeking further financial support. Whilst it is appreciated that the DAC have a role to play, they have not helped moving the project forward.

The quinquennial works have been completed. Additional works were required to repair stonework on the Chancel Gable end leading to a significant increase in cost. The total cost was however within the budget set aside for the works. In addition to the works required in the quinquennial report a sump was formed in the crypt to deal with the ingress of water at times of heavy rain.

A minor repair to the clock was needed and carried out by Smiths of Derby.

Annual servicing of the clock, boilers, alarm systems and fire extinguishers was carried out

Following a spate of call outs to the roof alarm the alarm company were asked to check the system over when they undertook the annual service. One of the sensors was found to be damaged and was replaced. A second sensor was also found to be faulty. This was also replaced.

The additional earthing required for the lightening conductor is still required. It is intended that this would be carried out as part of the work to extend the Chapterhouse.

The work to the trees and shrubs in the churchyard has been completed by the contractor working for the Borough Council. Regular trimming of the trees is also being carried out.

In December the boiler in the Chapterhouse failed. The boiler was over 30 years old and irreparable. The Archdeacons approval to it being replaced was obtained and quotations sought. The work was carried out in January.

There were no organised churchyard tidy-ups during the year due to pandemic restrictions. The fabric committee would however like to thank those that have, as individuals, on occasion done some tidying up.

Alan Isaac, Fabric Committee

St Mark's Churchwardens report - year ended 31st December 2021

Buildings and fabric

The boilers had their annual service and maintenance in November 2021 and no issues were identified.

All the appropriate checks to meet the Fire Regulations and electrical testing have been undertaken in the year. A minor repair/upgrade of the emergency lights was required, and this was carried out as soon as it was identified.

We have begun to review future plans in line with Net Zero Carbon Church guidance to see how we can reduce our energy usage.

Thank you to the fabric committee who do so much to maintain the church, often keeping many repairs 'in house' to enable us to save money. Thank you also to the many members of the congregation who help keep St Mark's looking good - cleaning, lawn mowing, gardening, and many other jobs which are all appreciated!

General

It has been good to see people and activities return to normal over the year following the lockdown of January 2021. Our Sunday attendance numbers are

now stable and similar to pre-pandemic levels. We are looking forward to increasing our activities and outreach more in 2022.

Sadly children's activities have not restarted due to few children attending on a Sunday. We have increased links with the school and look to more plans with the uniformed groups now that we have more confidence with larger numbers of people.

We have regular groups running during the week and Little Stars and Pause Work4Lunch have been welcomed new initiatives.

Hall bookings continue to be good with several regular bookings which brings in a steady income.

At Christmas we held a range of activities both in and out of the church to try and remain as covid-safe as possible. Carols on the Green returned and attendance was the same pre-covid. We also held an outdoor trail for small children and also left pebbles around the area for children to find. Both created engagement on Facebook and excitement for a number of children! We held a Christingle Service on Christmas Eve and had 74 people attend. It was lovely to welcome so many people into church after such a long break.

Thank you to everyone who as supported my first year as churchwarden. It is very much a team effort and everyone's contribution is highly valued. There are many people who help with the running of the church so a big thank you to everyone who is involved.

Karen Tomlin

Lay Reader's Report

Another challenging year but also where there have been many blessings and opportunities to meet and worship together both through zoom and in person.

We said goodbyes, which are always difficult but we also said hello as we welcomed our new curates Rev Jonathan and Rev Sarah. It has been a privilege to get to know them and work alongside them. They have so much energy and their deep faith and love for Jesus and their desire for mission is infectious and has inspired me in my own journey with Christ.

Over the last year

I have worked together with Sarah, Jonathan and members of the Kingsthorpe family with local schools, it was exciting to welcome the youngsters back to our church buildings as well as visit schools to support the RE curriculum.

Fun and Faith meet once a fortnight. A team of adults coordinated by Kathy Wilcox and joined by Chris Woodley, myself, Jonathan and Sarah learn together with our young people, share a meal, and have fun. (They are much better at

bowling than I am, they put the barrier up for me so I didn't keep scoring 0). Our young people are a credit to themselves, their families, and a pleasure to work with.

Become part of the Little Stars team.

Enabled Bible Book Club to restart via Zoom, we are exploring our faith and our understanding of the bible together as a group.

Led Morning Prayer and compline via zoom.

Taken a funeral for a member of the St David's family, a real privilege to support a family through their loss.

Home communions, a special time for members of our church family who are now unable to come to church. I receive just as much or perhaps more from them as they do from me. They really appreciate the visit and hearing about their church family.

Leading service of the word services at all three churches and on occasions Holy Communion by extension at St David's. I have always felt welcomed at all our churches and would like to express my thanks to all church wardens and those responsible for music who have ensured that everything is ready for those services.

One of the highlights for me has been working with the eleven people from across the parish who came forward to join me in the Leading Your Church in Growth course. I had prayed about it as soon as I saw it advertised on the Peterborough web site. My prayers were answered. One real positive for me to come out of the pandemic has been the three churches working ever closer as a team. I won't say anything more about possible future plans, watch this space, be open to fresh ideas and opportunities to share with others our faith and work together in our communities.

Lastly, I would like to thank Rev Jane, for her encouragement, guidance, teaching, and prayers.

I look forward to continuing my journey with Christ together with you all.

May we all receive Gods love and Grace.

Sarah - Jane Major

Report from the Lay Pastoral Minister 2021/2022

This as we all know, as was the case last year not a normal year, due continuing covid restrictions. Nevertheless, church work pastoral care had not stop, it was carried on in a different way with regard to the rules. Thanks to all our Team Ministry we were adaptable using various innovative techniques, which we have come to use and rely on such as Zoom etc. In addition St Marks Church was encouraged to use the prayer network of communicating with each other as to the welfare of their contacts by phone or txt. Prayer request and concerns are fed into the Lay Ministers and sent out to the group, now numbering over 18 strictly sticking to the content of the request

As a result of the ever-changing restrictions care home communions are still suspended but external communication and individual home communion continued. Via the Lay Ministers and thanks to the curates and Sarah Jane in helping across the Parish. Personally 4 or 5 regularly receive communion at least once a month and really look forward to this and are very grateful

For those who are unaware, as reported each year, a constant review is undertaken by Rev Jane whereby individually as ministers and Lay Ministers, we get together regularly for 1:1 for an hour or so, face to face. This gives us all an opportunity to express our opinions ideas and grievances and to be of mutual encouragement in addition to the Team clergy and Lay Ministers. Some of our St Mark's congregants are now in an established prayer triplet which was and is carrying on as and when it is permitted. The promotion of this vital area needs to grow

Fun & Faith continues to operate, live and the youngsters have great fun along with some varied ethical, faith, theological topics prayer and teaching. Thanks to Kathy, Sarah Jane, Rev Sarah, and Rev Johnathan in keeping this worthwhile Ministry going now at St David's. twice a month. The youth enjoyed and outing at Christmas at the bowling alley and the traditional Pancake day, was also re-established. Thanks to Johnathan Hunt in baking again, and to all that help to make this another success

The House groups which were reported on last year are indeed still functional and established using lots of different approaches and material. the groups functioned well in house or gardens, or Zoom if need be .

I would encourage and reiterate a comment from Last year's report if you are at all interested ask myself or your fellow church friends, Jane Serbyn, Mark Brame or Canon Jane or Clergy for more details where you would be welcome. It might be that you would be interested in leading, if only on an ad hoc basis, if so, discuss this with one of the Ministers

House groups are on offer to all regardless of your ability or standing, and we strongly recommend that, you take advantage of this great resource, plenty of opportunities on all days and time so there can be no excuse that you can't make some time if only for the fellowship. You don't have to be an academic we can all learn from each other to increase our faith and share our experiences.

We wish it to be noted that Margaret and Chris are extremely grateful for the help and support of other members of the congregation and Team Clergy that people in our community are cared for. The pastoral needs are well covered at St Marks and across the Team as a whole.

God Bless you all Chris Woodley, Margaret Gorringe

Kingsthorpe Team Ministry Safeguarding

Since the last APCM there have been no Safeguarding issues identified in the parish. Regular updates have been presented in a report to the PCC meetings. A diary of Parish safeguarding Officer's actions is kept by the Lead Parish Officer.

The Safeguarding team have updated the Diocese Parish Dashboard, encouraged PCC members to update their Safeguarding training and responded to policies as they come up for renewal.

Trainings covered are: Safer Recruitment. DBS certificates have been kept up to date as necessary and are now renewed every 3 yrs. All PCC members and those working with young people and vulnerable adults must register. Training continues to focus on Safeguarding and Domestic Abuse.

In November we held a Parish General Update training for all those DBS checked and other interested parties about Safeguarding, First Aid and Food Hygiene.

Jane Serbyn

St John the Baptist Choir Report

The last 12 months have seen a gradual return to normality at services and rehearsals. However, this was only after several months of being restricted to a choir of just six, following an unexpected change to government regulations. These difficulties doubtless played at least some part in the loss of two further trebles during the autumn term, leaving the choir's treble line with just our Head Chorister, Honey. We also lost three adults: sadly John died, Martin is no longer able to attend for health reasons and Polly relocated to Kent. We give thanks for their long and faithful service to the worship at SJB.

On a brighter note, we have welcomed two experienced adult singers (Mike and Stephanie) and a probationer treble (Boa) who was recruited by Honey. An

outreach initiative to children at two local schools has just been launched and we hope this will yield a few new junior members. Robin has taken on the responsibility for training the trebles and has reintroduced the Tuesday afternoon rehearsals. Nevertheless, it must be emphasised that the very small number of trebles/sopranos continues to be a material risk factor to the future viability of the choir. The choir has long been a vehicle for outreach to young people and their families; that it thrives is thus of wider importance than its simple contribution to Sunday worship.

Despite our reduced numbers, the choir is able to sing an anthem most Sundays and to lead the congregation in the setting of the Eucharist when appropriate. We were also delighted to return to a full 'Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols' on Advent 4 with the choir augmented by several former members and occasional singers.

Finally, I'd like to thank all members of the choir for their steadfastness during a difficult period in the choir's history, mentioning Honey in particular for her commitment and enthusiasm as Head Chorister. Thanks also to Robert Wakefield who has recently started to share the organ playing, thereby releasing me to direct the choir which makes for more secure and accurate singing.

Ian Smith, Organist SJB

St John the Baptist Flowers Arrangers Annual Report 2021

2021 started in another lockdown and so the church was not in use and no flowers were required.

We kept in touch via our WhatsApp group sending photos of arrangements we had done at home together with photos of our spring gardens.

After lockdown ended we did arrangements for Easter and were able to continue doing arrangements throughout the rest of the year. We were especially pleased that we were able to do flowers for weddings that had been postponed from the previous year.

For the Christmas Tree Festival, we did a Christmas Roses tree which we decorated with silk and chocolate roses.

Looking to the future, we are experimenting with ways to do arrangements without using floral foam.

If anyone would be interested in joining the flower arrangers, please contact either Pauline Stone, Carol Isaac or Jenny Griffin

Thank you to all those who have arranged flowers and thank you to all who have given donations towards the cost of flowers.

Pauline Stone, Carol Isaac, Jenny Griffin

St Mark's Flower Fund Report

We have continued only asking for donations at Festival times and provided flower arrangements for these. During the summer we have placed silk arrangements in church because of the extremely hot conditions in the building. Due to the ongoing COVID pandemic situation in the latter part of 2021 we decided to put a winter silk arrangement in church.

At the end of 2021 the accounts stood at £100.52 cash in hand. I made marmalade from the oranges which were made available and asked for donations for the Flower Fund. These donations totalled £24.55. At the time of writing this report the Flower Fund stands at £125.07. This year Easter and St Mark's Patronal Festival will be celebrated a week apart so I will be asking for donations towards the cost shortly.

My thanks to those who have made donations and also to Ruth and Susie who have helped with the arrangements.

Liz May

St David's - Renew Wellbeing 88

This support group was formed in February 2019 with the regular support of volunteers. It is a space where it is ok not to be ok. A place to find a warm welcome, friendship and support.

The St David's Renew 88 Wellbeing has been meeting on Wednesdays during the Pandemic as a support group. On occasions it has been necessary to pause the face-to-face group meetings in favour of a weekly parcel drop and individual support meeting on the doorstep. During this time also the offer of weekly Zoom meetings has been taken up by some members as a regular way of keeping in touch. Parcels contained a craft activity, prayer and meditation materials and refreshment. Recipient's feedback has been encouraging during these isolating periods.

From July 2021 we were able to meet 'face to face' in St David's Hall maintaining social distancing and following Covid regulations. It was great to see everyone together again.

The sessions include sharing of expertise and gifts in hobbies and personal caring and encouragement. Various activities are available, and a spiritual prayer and meditation space is included. Sessions conclude with a time of reflection and prayer.

Despite the restrictions of Covid 19 it has been a most enjoyable group which has steadily grown throughout the year. Members have found fellowship and relaxation. Currently there are twenty-six attendees.

Information can be found on our Facebook page and on the Parish website.

Jane Serbyn

St David's Time for Tots

This group of Parents and children 0-5 has had another successful year. In September some of our youngsters started school, however our numbers have again increased and many of our children are now between 0-3.

During the Pandemic, our meetings have been sporadic, sometimes closed and when open have been necessary to limited numbers. We were able to maintain communication with our families by text and Facebook messages and activities.

From June 2021 we returned to regular meetings. Risk Assessments are carried out as regulations change.

Each week we start with a time of story and songs. Families receive Parenting support and courses, DVD boxes containing Parish information and family support. Church activities are advertised with personal invitations.

Our attendance currently is 18 adults and 22 children. Information can be found on our Facebook page and the parish website.

Jane Serbyn

Mothers Union Chairperson Report

We started the year well with a communion service in September. During the service we inducted Paula Blackwell as a new member. This was followed by a faith lunch. We have continued with the monthly meetings.

A Christmas lunch was enjoyed by all who attended. Thank you to Jane Roberts who organised this event.

Baptisms have now started at St John the Baptist. Thank you to Pauline Gothard and her team for giving their time and dedication for such an important occasion during a child's Christian journey. Peggy Ingleton will continue to send cards to all those baptised.

When I agreed to be Branch Leader 3yrs ago, little did I know what was to come. COVID 19. Because of Covid my role has been different from the one experienced before. We were unable to meet as a branch for about 20months, but gradually

we have been able to come together again beginning with an Afternoon Tea held at St David's last year in June.

During that difficult time, we were able to keep in touch through emails, phone calls and letters. Thank goodness for modern technology. Much of this was enabled by the committee members and I liaising and meeting regularly. I wish to thank the committee for their wonderful work and commitment during this difficult time. Thankyou Jane S, Paddy, Pam, Ann, Brenda and Jane R.

Thankyou also to Canon Jane and her team for their continuous guidance and support. Thankyou to all members for their support and understanding. Together we have survived as a branch.

I prayed that someone would come forward to be the new branch leader and my prayers were answered. Sarah-Jane Major will be your next Branch Leader and I thank God that my prayers have been answered.

May we continue as a branch, upholding the aims and objectives of the worldwide Mothers Union.

Eileen Pitney

Parish House Groups

Over the past year during Covid 19 Zoom meetings have been possible. A variety of topics have been decided upon by those who attend and have created opportunity for discussion and learning.

Groups sizes are flexible, and sessions are strategically placed across the week including morning and afternoon sessions. Two house groups continue to offer a range of Bible studies and related subjects including prayer, support and refreshment.

Jane Serbyn

Kingsthorpe Churches Together 2021/2022

Representatives from Kingsthorpe Churches Together held an informal meeting in January 2022 at St David's Community Café to discuss the future of KCT as we emerge from the pandemic. The last meeting was February 2020. When we were discussing the Walk of Witness and plans for Easter 2020.

Present was Revd Francis M'itiiri (Methodist minister) Joan Heaton (St John the Baptist) Ruth Gould (St Mark's) June Ward (St David's) Maureen Robinson (St David's) Dawn Lovesey (Baptist Church) Revd Sarah Lee Curate at Kingsthorpe Team Ministry. Trevor Clarke (Methodist) sent his apologies. There was no one able to attend from St Aidans Roman Catholic.

It was decided after some discussion that due to the toll the pandemic had taken on individuals over the last two years it would not be possible to reintroduce all the activities that had previously taken place. It was also decided that if KCT was to continue it needed a clear idea and terms of reference as to what KCT was trying to achieve. The representatives are to have another meeting in March 2022 to discuss the future of KCT.

Ruth Gould (Chairman)

CHARITY COMMISSION REPORT

*The purpose of our Church
is to grow together in the faith of Jesus Christ
and to share God's love with all.*

ANNUAL REPORT 2021

**KINGSTHORPE TEAM MINISTRY
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (Charity No. 1130370)
for St. David, Eastern Avenue, NN2 7QB
St. John the Baptist, Kingsthorpe Village, NN2 6QZ
St. Mark, St. Mark's Crescent, NN2 8EG**

The staffing level in the parish during the last year was Rector (Revd. Canon Jane Butler), the Curates (Revd. Denise Maud left the parish April 2021, Revds. Jonathan and Sarah Lee both joined the parish June 2021) and one half-time Team Vicar at St. David's Church (Revd. Rachel Hetherington left the parish July 2021). Assistance is also given to the parish by Rev Stuart Mousir-Harrison. The Lay Pastoral Ministers are Christopher Woodley and Margaret Gorringer. Mrs. Sarah-Jane Major is a Reader Ministry. Mrs. Judith Whitmore was the Lay Evangelist within the parish.

Thanks are due to Interpreters Jackie Hutchinson and Matthew Brennan who work with the Rector.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting took place in May 2021 on Zoom. Following the Annual Parochial Church Meeting the membership of the Parochial Church Council was made up as follows: -

St. David:

Rebecca Adnitt (Churchwarden), Sarah-Jane Major (Lay Reader/ex-officio), Pat Raybould, Maureen Robinson, Anne Stevens, Paula Blackwell, Jane Serbyn and June Ward (Churchwarden).

St. John the Baptist:

Mandy Bentley (Lay Chair), Peter Borley-Cox (Treasurer), Mark Brame (Churchwarden), Dorothy Brooke, Jennifer Edwards, Geoffrey Foster, Jennifer Griffin (Deanery Synod/ex-officio), Polly Rolfe and Pauline Stone.

St. Mark:

Jo Carrick, Shirley Cumbleton, Suzanne Evans (Assistant Treasurer), Andrea Francis, Margaret Gorringe (LPM/ex-officio), Ruth Gould, Helen Hickman (Secretary), Elizabeth May, Karen Tomlin (Churchwarden), Kathy Wilcox and Christopher Woodley (LPM/Deanery Synod/ex-officio).

The Parochial Church Council met five times in full session in the year. All meetings were held on Zoom and were quorate.

(Representation to the PCC from each church at the annual meeting in 2013 increased to 10 persons over and above Churchwardens and Deanery Synod members (as agreed and notified in 2012)).

Various members of the PCC support the life of the Parish through sub-groups, i.e., Pastoral Care, Nurture and Growth, Youth activity and Mission.

Deanery Synod representation after the annual meeting was 3 persons. (The electoral roll allows for 5 positions).

The Parish was unable to pay the Parish Share in full in 2021. Regrettably any fund-raising efforts were curtailed due to the restrictions of the pandemic and the third lockdown.

The Parish Office, with a Team Co-ordinator and voluntary assistance, continues to be an important asset.

Mrs Jane Serbyn is the Parish Safeguarding Officer. She has ensured that across the team on-line training has been undertaken where individuals have access to the technology to do so. She provided regular updates to the Parochial Church Council.

The Team has representatives to the local Kingsthorpe Village Conservation Group, Pocket Park Committee, Kingsthorpe Churches Together and St. David's Community Association. The Community Café at St. David's had been closed due to the pandemic. However, as restrictions eased the Community Café was able to gradually reopen in line with the restrictions operating at the time. St David's have been running a very successful and well used foodbank.

Fabric matters are dealt with regularly at all churches. The redevelopment of the Chapter House at St. John the Baptist has progressed and the report on the bore hole examination was submitted.

During 2021, contact with the local schools has continued. This has been happened by Zoom and in person once again when restrictions permitted.

Other events in the year:

- Christmas day service
- On-line Lent course
- Easter Services
- Christmas Tree Festival
- A Nine Lessons & carols services were held in the parish.
- A Remembrance Day service was held at the War Memorial in Kingsthorpe.
- Crib and Christingle services
- Fun & Faith youth group met regularly across the year by Zoom and in person.

Each of the church halls gradually opened for community events and sponsored by the church congregations.

Administrative Information:

Bankers: CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hall Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent.
ME19 4JQ

CCLA Investment Management Ltd, The CBF Church of England Funds, Senator
House, 85 Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4V 4ET.

Independent Examiner:

Jackie Brame FCCA.

For Parish Matters:

The Reverend Canon Jane Butler, The Rectory, 16 Green End, Kingsthorpe,
Northampton, NN2 6RD

Parish Office:

St. David's Church & Hall, Eastern Avenue South, Kingsthorpe, Northampton, NN2
7QB. Tel: 01604 720781.

Website: www.kingsthorpechurches.co.uk

Facebook - Kingsthorpe Parish

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Kingsthorpe Parochial Church Council

Registered Charity Number 1130370

**Financial Statements
for the year ended
31st December, 2021**

	Unrestricted Funds 2021	Restricted Funds 2021	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2021	2020
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Voluntary Income				
Tax Efficient Planned Giving	58,415	0	58,415	61,541
Tax Refunds	15,341	0	15,341	16,053
Collections	1,671	0	1,671	1,240
Other Planned Giving	11,803	0	11,803	12,001
Donations	4,733	0	4,733	5,085
Grants	2,619	532	3,151	4,544
Legacies	0	0	0	0
	<u>94,582</u>	<u>532</u>	<u>95,114</u>	<u>100,464</u>
Activities for Generating Funds				
Fundraising	2,217	0	2,217	913
	<u>2,217</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,217</u>	<u>913</u>
Investment Income				
Other Income	0	0	0	43
Interest	105	0	105	804
	<u>105</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>847</u>
Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities				
Hall Lettings	5,888	0	5,888	4,106
Local Charges - Weddings	6,181	0	6,181	1,547
Local Charges - Funerals	1,740	0	1,740	881
Statutory Fees Retained	2,829	0	2,829	1,671
Refreshments	153	0	153	170
	<u>16,791</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>16,791</u>	<u>8,375</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	113,695	532	114,227	110,599
RESOURCES USED				
Fundraising Trading: Cost of Goods Sold & Other Costs				
Fundraising Costs	0	0	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Charitable Activities				
Charitable Giving	157	0	157	0
Parish Share	77,000	0	77,000	68,000
Clergy Expenses	1,677	0	1,677	2,154
Mission Costs	3,271	0	3,271	835
Gas	4,430	0	4,430	4,555
Electricity	3,089	0	3,089	3,205
Telephone	1,350	0	1,350	1,316
Water Rates	642	0	642	1,114
Insurance	5,468	0	5,468	5,455
Building Maintenance	5,887	0	5,887	4,848
Cleaning	107	0	107	580
Service Costs	574	0	574	469
Flowers	1,273	0	1,273	628
Bellringers	853	0	853	309
Stationery & Office Supplies	483	0	483	1,358
Training & Education	0	0	0	220
Major Fabric Expenditure	0	3,738	3,738	29,057
Furnishings & Equipment	307	0	307	149
Wages - Organist	911	0	911	3,314
Wages - Administration	2,765	0	2,765	3,541
Music Costs	281	0	281	133
Choir	632	0	632	302
Bank Charges	142	0	142	73
Cost of Refreshments	36	0	36	0
	<u>111,335</u>	<u>3,738</u>	<u>115,073</u>	<u>131,615</u>
Other Resources Used				
Other expenditure	30	0	30	25
	<u>30</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>25</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	111,365	3,738	115,103	131,640
Transfers	0	0	0	0
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources	2,330	-3,206	-876	-21,041
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	22,725	164,426	187,151	208,192
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	25,055	161,220	186,275	187,151

	2021	2020
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors:		
HMRC Tax Refunds (Gift Aid)	847	
Sundry Debtors	240	0
	1,087	0
Prepayments	158	1,145
Cash at bank and in hand:		
Deposit Accounts	178,267	178,174
Current Accounts	12,041	16,443
Cash	755	722
	191,063	195,339
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	192,308	196,484
LIABILITIES		
Creditors: amounts falling due in one year		
Sundry Creditors	435	136
Deferred Income:		
Receipts in advance	3,794	6,651
Wedding deposits rec'd in advance	1,804	2,546
	5,598	9,197
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	186,275	187,151
TOTAL NET ASSETS	186,275	187,151
PARISH FUNDS		
Unrestricted	25,055	22,725
Restricted	161,220	164,426
TOTAL PARISH FUNDS	186,275	187,151

Kingsthorpe Parochial Church Council

Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December, 2021

Notes to the financial statements

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2005, using the accruals basis.

Financial Review & Reserves

The net result for the year was a surplus of income over expenditure in unrestricted funds of £2,553. The PCC experienced a modest recovery in its income following the COVID-19 pandemic, with its buildings re-opened for most of the year – although not to pre-pandemic levels. With the corresponding impact on running costs, this means that whilst the PCC was able to pay a higher amount towards its Parish Share this was still not paid in full and neither did the amount paid reach the level pre-pandemic.

	2021	2020	2019
Parish share due	£109,177	£109,177	£107,715
Amount paid	£ 77,000	£ 68,000	£ 84,000
Shortfall in payment of parish share	£ 32,177	£ 41,177	£ 23,715

A summary of the PCC reserves is provided below. The reduction in restricted funds was due to ongoing fabric works at St John the Baptist church.

	2021	2020	2019
PCC general funds (unrestricted)	£ 6,917	£ 4,681	£ 4,156
PCC reserve (unrestricted)	£ 18,138	£ 18,045	£ 18,566
Total unrestricted funds	£ 25,055	£ 22,726	£ 22,722
Restricted reserve (St John the Baptist Church)	£161,220	£164,425	£185,470
Total funds	£186,275	£187,151	£208,192

The PCC reserves are within its revised policy approved in 2017, summarised as an amount equivalent to:

- Three months of general running costs for the team (excluding parish share)

With restricted reserves held to include:

- Sufficient funds to cover commitments in relation to identified expenditure required on building repairs and maintenance across the team
- As appropriate in the cycle of quinquennial inspections of the team's churches, sufficient funds to meet likely costs arising from the next quinquennial inspection by its due date
- Sufficient funds for any specific projects within the team which may be identified by the PCC

A summary of the accounts for each fund within the PCC is available on request.



Peter Borley-Cox BA (Hons) FCMA CGMA
PCC Treasurer.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO KINGSTHORPE PCC, NORTHAMPTON**

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 1 to 3, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and Section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examine

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. You consider that the audit requirement of Regulations and section 144(2) of the Act do not apply and that an independent examination is needed. In 2021 the Charity's gross income did not exceed £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the regulations.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

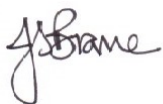
Independent examiner's report

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act, and
 - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and Regulations

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Jacqueline Brame FCCA

18 Hilberry Rise
Berrydale
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5th April 2022

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	<u>16,791</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>16,791</u>	<u>8,375</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	113,695	532	114,227	110,599
RESOURCES USED				
Fundraising Trading: Cost of Goods Sold & Other Costs				
Fundraising Costs	0	0	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Charitable Activities				
Charitable Giving	157	0	157	0
Parish Share	77,000	0	77,000	68,000
Clergy Expenses	1,677	0	1,677	2,154
Mission Costs	3,271	0	3,271	835
Gas	4,430	0	4,430	4,555
Electricity	3,089	0	3,089	3,205
Telephone	1,350	0	1,350	1,316
Water Rates	642	0	642	1,114
Insurance	5,468	0	5,468	5,455
Building Maintenance	5,887	0	5,887	4,848
Cleaning	107	0	107	580
Service Costs	574	0	574	469
Flowers	1,273	0	1,273	628
Bellringers	853	0	853	309
Stationery & Office Supplies	483	0	483	1,358
Training & Education	0	0	0	220
Major Fabric Expenditure	0	3,738	3,738	29,057
Furnishings & Equipment	307	0	307	149
Wages - Organist	911	0	911	3,314
Wages - Administration	2,765	0	2,765	3,541
Music Costs	281	0	281	133
Choir	632	0	632	302
Bank Charges	142	0	142	73
Cost of Refreshments	36	0	36	0
	<u>111,335</u>	<u>3,738</u>	<u>115,073</u>	<u>131,615</u>
Other Resources Used				
Other expenditure	30	0	30	25
	<u>30</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>25</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	111,365	3,738	115,103	131,640
Transfers	0	0	0	0
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources	2,330	-3,206	-876	-21,041
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	22,725	164,426	187,151	208,192
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	25,055	161,220	186,275	187,151

	2021	2020
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors:		
HMRC Tax Refunds (Gift Aid)	847	
Sundry Debtors	240	0
	1,087	0
Prepayments	158	1,145
Cash at bank and in hand:		
Deposit Accounts	178,267	178,174
Current Accounts	12,041	16,443
Cash	755	722
	191,063	195,339
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	192,308	196,484
LIABILITIES		
Creditors: amounts falling due in one year		
Sundry Creditors	435	136
Deferred Income:		
Receipts in advance	3,794	6,651
Wedding deposits rec'd in advance	1,804	2,546
	5,598	9,197
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	186,275	187,151
TOTAL NET ASSETS	186,275	187,151
PARISH FUNDS		
Unrestricted	25,055	22,725
Restricted	161,220	164,426
TOTAL PARISH FUNDS	186,275	187,151

Kingsthorpe Parochial Church Council

Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December, 2021

Notes to the financial statements

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2005, using the accruals basis.

Financial Review & Reserves

The net result for the year was a surplus of income over expenditure in unrestricted funds of £2,553. The PCC experienced a modest recovery in its income following the COVID-19 pandemic, with its buildings re-opened for most of the year – although not to pre-pandemic levels. With the corresponding impact on running costs, this means that whilst the PCC was able to pay a higher amount towards its Parish Share this was still not paid in full and neither did the amount paid reach the level pre-pandemic.

	2021	2020	2019
Parish share due	£109,177	£109,177	£107,715
Amount paid	£ 77,000	£ 68,000	£ 84,000
Shortfall in payment of parish share	£ 32,177	£ 41,177	£ 23,715

A summary of the PCC reserves is provided below. The reduction in restricted funds was due to ongoing fabric works at St John the Baptist church.

	2021	2020	2019
PCC general funds (unrestricted)	£ 6,917	£ 4,681	£ 4,156
PCC reserve (unrestricted)	£ 18,138	£ 18,045	£ 18,566
Total unrestricted funds	£ 25,055	£ 22,726	£ 22,722
Restricted reserve (St John the Baptist Church)	£161,220	£164,425	£185,470
Total funds	£186,275	£187,151	£208,192

The PCC reserves are within its revised policy approved in 2017, summarised as an amount equivalent to:

- Three months of general running costs for the team (excluding parish share)

With restricted reserves held to include:

- Sufficient funds to cover commitments in relation to identified expenditure required on building repairs and maintenance across the team
- As appropriate in the cycle of quinquennial inspections of the team's churches, sufficient funds to meet likely costs arising from the next quinquennial inspection by its due date
- Sufficient funds for any specific projects within the team which may be identified by the PCC

A summary of the accounts for each fund within the PCC is available on request.



Peter Borley-Cox BA (Hons) FCMA CGMA
PCC Treasurer.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO KINGSTHORPE PCC, NORTHAMPTON**

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 1 to 3, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and Section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examine

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. You consider that the audit requirement of Regulations and section 144(2) of the Act do not apply and that an independent examination is needed. In 2021 the Charity's gross income did not exceed £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the regulations.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

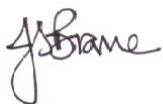
Independent examiner's report

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act, and
 - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and Regulations

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Jacqueline Brame FCCA

18 Hilberry Rise
Berrydale
Northampton
NN3 5ER

5th April 2022

Accounts



St David's Church

Kingsthorpe Team Ministry



*The Church of
St John the Baptist*

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING **2021** REPORTS



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Kingsthorpe Mother's Union
Receipts and Payments Account
Year Ended 31st December, 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
Income		
Subscriptions	820.00	840.00
Fundraising - Raffles	44.00	137.00
Fundraising	0.00	241.50
Outings	0.00	456.00
Donations	92.50	100.31
Total Income	956.50	1,774.81
Expenditure		
Subscriptions	820.00	840.00
Donations to MU	0.00	215.00
Donations to MU - AFIA	100.00	25.00
Literature	24.00	0.00
Outings	0.00	438.00
Hire of hall	0.00	200.00
Meeting expenses	30.00	85.75
Postage & Stationery	16.50	0.00
Total Expenditure	990.50	1,803.75
Surplus / (Deficit)	-34.00	-28.94
Opening Balance at 1st January	55.68	84.62
Closing Balance at 31st December	21.68	55.68
Represented By:		
Cash	10.00	10.00
Bank Balance	11.68	45.68

Prepared by: _____ Approved by: _____

Treasurer

Chair

Signed by Independent Reviewer:

Date:

Peter Borkley . PETER BORKLEY (ex BA(Hons) ACMA
16/01/21

KINGSTHORPE TEAM MINISTRY
Charity Number 1130370
KINGSTHORPE PARISH ANNUAL MEETING 2020

*The purpose of our Church is
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AGENDA for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting to be held on Thursday,
20th May at 7.30pm.

Prayers

VESTRY MEETING:

Apologies for absence

- Appointment of Churchwardens
- Appointment of PCC members (10 persons from each church)
- Appointment of Sidespersons.

Appointment to Deanery Synod.

PARISH MEETING:

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of 11th April 2019.

Report from PCC Treasurer and approval of the accounts.

Appointment of Independent Examiner.

Electoral Roll(s).

Comments from Team Clergy.

Reports from Lay Pastoral Ministers, Churchwardens, PCC Secretary and
Deanery Synod - already circulated.

Fabric reports.

Rector's comments.

Any Other Business:

Date of 2022 Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

NEW PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL:

Dates of future meetings.

Appointment of Lay Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

Appointment of Safeguarding Officer.

No APCM Meeting held in 2020 due to COVID Pandemic.

**KINGSTHORPE TEAM MINISTRY
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

MINUTES of the annual parochial church meeting held on Thursday, 11th April, 2019 at St. Mark's Church.

Rev. Canon Jane Butler chaired the meeting. Rev. Denise Maud was present. Rev. Canon Margaret Johnson was present also. Mark Brennan was interpreter.

Present: St. David 4 laity
St. John the Baptist 12 laity
St. Mark 9 laity

Apologies: St. David 3 laity
St. John the Baptist 2 laity
St. Mark 3 laity

Apologies from Revs. Rachel Hetherington and Vernon Brooke (retired).
The meeting opened with prayers.

VESTRY MEETING:

Appointment of Churchwardens:

St. David:

June Ward - proposed - Sarah Jane Major;
seconded - Shirley Basford.
Rebecca Adnitt - proposed - Sarah Jane Major;
seconded - Shirley Basford.

St. John the Baptist:

Mark Brame - proposed - Jenny Griffin;
seconded - Andrea Brame.
Vacant

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During 2020, contact with the local schools has continued. This has been mainly happened by Zoom with Rev. Denise Maud attending assemblies and helping with different classes.

Other on-line events in the year:

- Christmas day service
- A modified Nine Lessons & carols service was held at St. John the Baptist
- Baby Jesus Rocks.
- A Remembrance Day service was held at the War Memorial in Kingsthorpe.
- Crib and Christingle services (online in 2020)
- Fun & Faith youth group met regularly across the year by Zoom.

Each of the church halls were used for community events and sponsored by the church congregations up until first lockdown occurred. After this all meetings were suspended except the St David's

Administrative Information:

Bankers: CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hall Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent. ME19 4JQ

CCLA Investment Management Ltd, The CBF Church of England Funds, Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4V 4ET.

Independent Examiner:

Jackie Brame FCCA.

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For Parish Matters:

The Reverend Canon Jane Butler, The Rectory, 16 Green End, Kingsthorpe, Northampton, NN2 6RD

Parish Office:

St. David's Church & Hall, Eastern Avenue South, Kingsthorpe, Northampton, NN2 7QB. Tel: 01604 720781.

Website: www.kingsthorpechurches.co.uk

Facebook - Kingsthorpe Parish

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(Deanery Synod/ex-officio), Andrew Moodie, Polly Rolfe, Pauline Stone and Judith Whitmore.

St. Mark:

David Bunker, Jo Carrick (Churchwarden), Shirley Cumbleton (Churchwarden), Suzanne Evans (Assistant Treasurer), Andrea Francis, Margaret Gorringer (LPM/ex-officio), Ruth Gould, Helen Hickman, Elizabeth May, Karen Tomlin, Kathy Wilcox and Christopher Woodley (LPM/Deanery Synod/ex-officio).

The Parochial Church Council met five times in full session in the year. All meetings were quorate.

(Representation to the PCC from each church at the annual meeting in 2013 increased to 10 persons over and above Churchwardens and Deanery Synod members (as agreed and notified in 2012)).

Various members of the PCC support the life of the Parish through sub-groups, i.e., Pastoral Care, Nurture and Growth, Youth activity and Mission. Deanery Synod representation after the annual meeting was 3 persons. (The electoral roll allows for 5 positions).

The Parish was unable to pay the Parish Share in full in 2020. Regrettably any fund-raising efforts were curtailed due to the restrictions of the pandemic and its various lockdowns.

The Parish Office, with a Team Co-ordinator and voluntary assistance, continues to be an important asset.

Mrs Jane Serbyn is the Parish Safeguarding Officer. She has ensured that across the team on-line training has been undertaken where individuals have access to the technology to do so.

The Team has representatives to the local Kingsthorpe Village Conservation Group, Pocket Park Committee, Kingsthorpe Churches Together and St. David's Community Association. The Community Café at St. David's had to close during this last year due to the pandemic. St David's have been running a very successful and well used foodbank.

Fabric matters are dealt with regularly at all churches. The redevelopment of the Chapter House at St. John the Baptist has progressed and one set of bore holes were made.

St. Mark:

Shirley Cumbleton - proposed - Adrian Evans;
seconded - Ann Woodley.
Jo Carrick - proposed - Samantha Hunt;
seconded - Ann Woodley.

**Deanery Synod Representatives ex officio (3rd year of 3-year term).
(5 persons allowed)**

Margaret Gorringer
Jenny Griffin.
Christopher Woodley.

Appointment of Parochial Church Council:

St. David:

Sarah-Jane Major
(P - Barrie Munroe: S - Maureen Robinson)/Ex-Officio/Lay Reader.
Barrie Munroe (P - Becky Adnitt: S - Pat Raybould)
Joyce Munroe (P - Becky Adnitt: S - Pat Raybould)
Priscilla Peters (P - Jane Serbyn: S - Sarah-Jane Major)
Pat Raybould (P - Becky Adnitt: S - Joyce Munroe)
Maureen Robinson (P - Barrie Munroe: S - Sarah-Jane Major)
Jane Serbyn (P - Becky Adnitt: S - Joyce Munroe)
Betty Wills (P - June Ward: S - Becky Adnitt)

Vacancies remain for Deanery Synod representative(s) and three PCC places.

St. John the Baptist:

Mandy Bentley (P - Martin Coupe: S - Siobhan Moodie)
Sara Blenkharn (P - Pauline Stone: S - Roger Stone)
Peter Borley-Cox (P - Pam Fraser: S - Martin Coupe)
Dorothy Brooke (P - Pam Fraser: S - Polly Rolfe)
Jenny Edwards (P - Dorothy Brooke: S - Jenny Griffin)
Geoff Foster (P - Stewart Smith: S - Joan Heaton)
Jenny Griffin - Ex-officio Deanery Synod
Andrew Moodie (P - Dorothy Brooke: S - Polly Rolfe)
Polly Rolfe (P - Martin Coupe: S - Dee Whitehouse)

Pauline Stone (P - Sara Blenkarn: S - Roger Stone)
Judith Whitmore (P - Jenny Griffin: S - Martin Coupe)
No vacancies remain.

St. Mark:

Christopher Woodley - LPM and Deanery Synod rep
to 2020/ex-officio
Margaret Gorringe - LPM and Deanery Synod rep
to 2020/ex-officio
David Bunker (P - Sue Evans: S - Ken Sumbler)
Carolyn Dobson (P - Helen Hickman: S - Bill May)
Sue Evans (P - Ann Woodley: S - David Bunker)
Andrea Francis (P - Shirley Cumbleton: S - Jo Carrick)
Ruth Gould (P - Chris Woodley: S - Shirley Cumbleton)
Helen Hickman (P - Ann Woodley: S - Carolyn Dobson)
Elizabeth May (P - Chris Woodley: S - Ann Woodley)
Kathy Wilcox (P - Bill May: S - Shirley Cumbleton)
Ann Woodley (P - Helen Hickman: S - Adrian Evans).
One vacancy remains.

Appointment of Sidespersons:

St. David:

All members of the congregation, as is usual.

St. John the Baptist:

8.30am - Jean Bull; Joan Heaton; Pat Snedker and
Brenda Wootton.
10am - Shirley Affleck; Lil Barrie; Sara Blenkarn;
Jane Curle; Don and Pam Fraser; Peggy Ingleton; Carol Isaac;
Joan Maris; Val Matthews; Pauline Stone and Judy and
Andy Whitmore. (Penelope Crockett remains as a reserve).

St. Mark:

Richie Carrick; Carolyn Dobson; Andrea Francis; Ruth Gould;
Helen Hickman; Janet Judd; Jane Maloy; Bill May;
Jane Roberts; Kathy Wilcox and Ann Woodley.

All the above named were elected to serve as sidespersons in their
individual churches for the coming year. All members present were
in favour.

CHARITY COMMISSION REPORT

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ANNUAL REPORT 2020

KINGSTHORPE TEAM MINISTRY
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (Charity No. 1130370)
for St. David, Eastern Avenue, NN2 7QB
St. John the Baptist, Kingsthorpe Village, NN2 6QZ
St. Mark, St. Mark's Crescent, NN2 8EG

The staffing level in the parish during the last year was Rector (Revd. Canon Jane Butler), the Curate (Revd. Denise Maud) and one half-time Team Vicar at St. David's Church (Revd. Rachel Hetherington). Assistance is also given to the parish by Rev Stuart Mousir-Harrison. The Lay Pastoral Ministers are Christopher Woodley and Margaret Gorringe. Mrs. Sarah-Jane Major is a Reader Ministry. Mrs. Judith Whitmore and Mr. Andrew Maud are Lay Evangelists within the parish.

Thanks are due to Interpreters Jackie Hutchinson and Matthew Brennan who work with the Rector.
Thanks, are also due to Revd. Denise Maud, who used her technical skill so that the Parish services were accessible online on YouTube and the use of Zoom for live services and meetings.

Due to lockdown restrictions from the Covid-19 pandemic, no Annual Parochial Church Meeting took place in 2020, therefore the representation on the parochial church council remained the same as the previous year:
This was as follows: -

St. David:

Rebecca Adnitt (Churchwarden), Barrie and Joyce Munroe, Sarah-Jane Major (Lay Reader/ex-officio), Pat Raybould, Maureen Robinson, Jane Serbyn and June Ward (Churchwarden).

St. John the Baptist:

Mandy Bentley (Lay Chair), Sara Blenkarn, Peter Borley-Cox (Treasurer), Mark Brame (Churchwarden), Dorothy Brooke (Secretary), Jennifer Edwards (Churchwarden), Geoffrey Foster, Jennifer Griffin

would like to express our gratitude to Rev Denise Maud for her leadership in these online sessions.

Groups sizes are flexible, and sessions are strategically placed across the week including morning and afternoon sessions. Plans are in place to encourage new participants later this year with activity-based sessions and personal reflections.

Jane Serbyn

KINGSTHORPE CHURCHES TOGETHER REPORT 2020/21

We held our AGM on Tuesday 14th January 2020 Kate Billson, Janet Taylor and Brenda Winterburn were all standing down from their positions. There was a great deal of discussion about how KCT should continue to function now that there were no immediate offers to replace positions. It was agreed that there needed to be a further presence of KCT locally but it was decided that there would be no more formal meetings except the AGM and for this purpose the following positions on the committee were filled:

CHAIR - Ruth Gould, **Vice-Chair**- Maureen, **Secretary** - Jean, **Treasurer** - Denise, **Auditor** -Trevor. We managed to have two further Ecumenical lunch meetings in February 2020 and March2020 but no further meetings since then due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

Ruth Gould

KINGSTHORPE POCKET PARK

Volunteers for the Pocket Park have met up and worked at a safe distance when allowed by the Covid restrictions and government guidelines have been followed.

Funds were gained by running a plant stall and a donation was received from the Manor Trust to buy a new seat for the Park this Summer.

Volunteers are always welcome on Saturday morning 10-12.

The park continues to provide a little sanctuary during these difficult times and has been much appreciated by the local community.

Mandy Bentley

This ended the business of the Vestry Meeting.

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PARISH MEETING:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 19th April 2018, were signed as a true record after one correction. All persons present were in favour.

Appointment of Safeguarding Officer:

Jane Serbyn and Mandy Bentley will share this position for the Team.

Finance:

Sue Evans explained the accounts. The loss of income in the 2018 financial year was largely down to the absence of wedding services. Each of the churches has taken a fresh look at their income and expenditure. We were only able to pay approximately £79,000 of the Parish Share leaving a shortfall of £25,000. The Treasurer has signed off the accounts.

Appointment of Independent Examiner:

In the Treasurer's absence, it is assumed that Roger Copley of Copley Desborough will continue this work. A year's notice of any change to this arrangement is required on both sides, and none has been given.

Electoral Roll:

St. David's roll stands at 42: 3 died but 9 new members.

(Electoral Roll Officer - Pat Raybould).

St. John the Baptist stands at 90: two teenagers become 16 during the course of the year. . (Electoral Roll Officer - Jenny Griffin)

St. Mark stands at 43: a reduction of 2.

(Electoral Roll Officer - Ken Sumbler)

Fabric and other reports have been published, and are available for inspection. The application for planning permission for the extension at St. John the Baptist has gone forward.

Team Vicar's Comments: In Rachel's absence, her report, as published, was read out.

Comments from Revd. Canon Margaret Johnson: Margaret was enjoying her time working with the St. Mark's congregation. She thought everything was very orderly!

Rector's Comments:

Revd. Jane thought the Team was in good shape. Congregations were growing, staffing was better, and we had a new Curate. "Brick Church" will take place every first Sunday of the month from 2-4pm. Clearly the cash flow problem needs to be addressed.

Thanks were expressed to the Lay Team and the Clergy for their continuing hard work.

Any Other Business: Various questions were put to the meeting from the floor, specifically about wastage of paper, and the loss of information. Other comments reflected the upbeat impression from the reports. The need to increase giving is crucial. A vote of thanks to the Rector and Secretary was made.

Date of 2019 Annual Meeting:

Thursday, 2nd April 2020 at 7.30pm at St. Mark's Church.

This ended the business of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

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Appointments to the new Parochial Church Council:

Lay Chair - MANDY BENTLEY.

Secretary - DOROTHY BROOKE (but it was noted that Dorothy expects to stand down in a year's time).

Treasurer - PETER BORLEY-COX and Assistant SUE EVANS .

All members present were in favour of these appointments: suggestion that a new Secretary be appointed to shadow Dorothy for the coming months.

KINGSTHORPE MOTHERS UNION

Our last Annual General meeting for the Branch of Kingsthorpe was held February 4th 2020 and chaired by Canon Jane Butler. The committee remains the same, this being the second of a three year period We have thirty eight members currently.

Branch Leader	Mrs Eileen Pitney
Branch Secretary	Mrs Jane Serbyn
Treasurer	Mrs Paddy Coles

Committee members:

Mrs Pam Handley, Mrs Jane Roberts, Mrs Ann Woodley and Mrs Brenda Wooton.

All reports were given at the AGM and treasurer statement accepted (the accounts were audited by Mr Peter Borley-Cox). Due to the Pandemic, we have been unable to hold meetings, with the exception of the two held in March.

Member have been kept in touch by email, telephone and/or letters. Information re the National and world-wide Mothers Union was also shared regularly. This information was received from Mary Sumner House Headquarters, the Peterborough Diocese and the Deanery Leader. During the time when the churches were able to open Rev Rachel Hetherington led two services at St David's church. In September we were able to celebrate the Mothers Union Annual Wave of Prayer. In November we had a quiet service of reflection for Advent.

We report that three long standing members have died. Mrs Beryl Dron, Mrs Doris Williams and Mrs Mary Cheer. They have been sadly missed by us all.

Eileen Pitney, Branch Leader

PARISH HOUSE GROUPS

Over the past year the Parish House groups have met when Government and Diocese regulations allow. They have remained in dialogue with their hosts and Zoom meetings have been possible. A variety of topics have been decided upon by those who attend and have created opportunity for discussion and learning.

Individual groups have engaged in an Advent period of reflection. Many of the members attended the Zoom Lent course led by Bishop Donald. We

RENEW 88 WELLBEING GROUP

This support group was formed in February 2019 with the regular support of volunteers. It is a space where it is ok not to be ok. A place to find a warm welcome, friendship and support.

The St David's Renew 88 Wellbeing has been meeting on Wednesdays during the Pandemic as a support group. On occasions it has been necessary to pause the face-to-face group meetings in favour of a weekly parcel drop and individual support meeting on the doorstep. During this time also the offer of weekly Zoom meetings has been taken up by some members as a regular way of keeping in touch. Parcels contained a craft activity, prayer and meditation materials and refreshment. Recipient's feedback has been encouraging during these isolating periods.

The sessions include sharing of expertise and gifts in hobbies and personal caring and encouragement. Various activities are available, and a spiritual prayer and meditation space is included. Sessions conclude with a time of reflection and prayer.

A small grant was received from the Councillor Empowerment fund which will be used to purchase resources and to contribute to the cost of the hall. Other funding is being sought to enable future projects. Despite the restrictions of Covid 19 it has been a most enjoyable group which has steadily grown throughout the year. Members have found fellowship and relaxation. Currently there are fifteen attendees which includes members from the 'Knit & Natter' group. Information can be found on our Facebook page.

Jane Serbyn

ST DAVID'S TIME FOR TOTS

This group of Parents and children 0-5 has had another successful year. In September some of our youngsters started school, however our numbers have again increased and many of our children are now between 0-3. During the Pandemic, our meetings have been sporadic, sometimes closed and when open have been necessary to limited numbers. We are currently meeting under Government regulations as a group of max 15. Risk Assessments are carried out as regulations change.

Since the last APCM we have been unable to enjoy a varied activity programme but still parents have appreciated the opportunity to retain some form of contact either through our Facebook page or by text messages.

Jane Serbyn

Dates of Parochial Church Council meetings for 2019/20:

Thursdays at 7.30pm St. Mark's Church/Hall

16th May

18th July

19st September

21st November

16th January 2020

19th March.

The meeting closed with the Grace at 8.27pm.

DMB 27th April 2019

RECTOR'S REPORT

When I look back on 2019's report my report was in the main positive across the team. There was no way that we could have known what 2020 would have been like to the country or to the church.

Because of the COVid pandemic much of what has been spoken about in the past was not able to happen in 2020. Across the team there have been many changes to maintain mission and ministry to those we serve. The church buildings were closed for most of the year apart from a short time when they were open in the middle of the year. At points when they were closed to services they were open for private prayer. The churches were closed at Christmas with the agreement of Bishop Donald and were not open again until Easter Day 2021. This happened in all three churches. Funerals were allowed with a limited number of 30 guests. These happened as required. There were no baptisms or weddings after March. We took to doing services online and we are very thankful to Revd Denise' expertise making this possible so that they could be seen on YouTube or Zoom. We also had Coffee Zoom so the people from all three congregations could meet up. It was a good time to catch up with people and to have fun.

There were also various systems rolled out in the churches to keep an eye on those who were vulnerable at home or continue to be in care homes. As time went on schools were kept in contact with, as were our young people and other groups in the various churches.

Because of the churches been closed we lost a lot of income making what we could pay to the diocese even less than previously. This continues to be very worrying. Even though lack of money is affecting many churches this year. We will need to address this issue if we are going to remain viable with the number of clergy that would be liked.

I would like to thank the many laity that went more than the extra mile to care for people, help the clergy and to do as much as possible within this situation.

Lastly I would like to thank Revd Rachel, Revd Stuart, and Revd Denise for all their work and support during a very difficult time .

Lastly I would like to wish Revd Denise well in her new appointment as Rector of the Harrowdens Benefice. Thank her for all she has done during her curacy.

Revd Canon Jane Butler.

TEAM VICAR'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR ST DAVID'S CHURCH 2020

This year's annual report is very different to the ones I have written previously because of the effect of the coronavirus pandemic on our church and community. Much of the year the church has been in lockdown and many of our events and activities have been cancelled or postponed. October 2020 was the 80th anniversary since the consecration of St David's and we would have been celebrating in style with a 1940's weekend had it not been cancelled due to social distancing restrictions. However, the life of the church has continued in different ways and our Christian witness challenged to use technology to stay together as a community. We have learnt to use Zoom or Youtube to enable worship and gone back to good old-fashioned letters and phone calls to provide pastoral support. Between the lockdowns we were able to hold some church services with social distancing and some of our support groups like Wednesday Renew 88 Wellbeing and Time for Tots were able to meet in the Church hall with a limit of 15 people attending. Many thanks to Jane Serbyn, Ann Woodley and Pat Raybould for keeping these groups going in difficult circumstances.

The 4U Community Café has been unable to operate since 17th March 2020 but in its place a Food Bank was started to help people in the early days of the pandemic when people were unable to work or placed on furlough. Although this was initially intended to be a three-month temporary Food Bank funded by the Covid crisis money the demand has been so great that further funding was sort to continue to help families in need. There are now over 200 families registered, each receiving a weekly food parcel. Many thanks go to Cheryl Lowe, John Willis, June Ward, Mandy Bentley, Pauline Stone, Sara Blenkharn, Shirley Basford, Sarah-Jane Major, Jane Serbyn, Dillys Wooding, Sandra Rivett, Henry Rivett, Arthur Newbury and the rest of the dedicated team (whose names I might have missed) for doing an amazing job.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST FLOWERS ARRANGERS ANNUAL REPORT 2020

In early March 2020 the flower arrangers spent a morning discussing and practising flower arrangements made using methods other than oasis blocks.

During the pandemic very little has happened.

Once the church was opened for private prayer small flower arrangements were done at home and put in the lady chapel. Flowers were also arranged for the funerals of members of our congregation.

Looking to the future now that the church has reopened simpler flower arrangements are being done. Flowers are also being done for the weddings that will be taking place.

If anyone would be interested in joining the flower arrangers please contact either Pauline Stone or Carol Isaac.

Thank you to all those who have arranged flowers and all who have supported them.

Pauline Stone, Carol Isaac

ST MARK'S FLOWER FUND REPORT

We have continued only asking for donations at Festival times and we have managed to provide flowers every Sunday, except for the summer months when we have placed silk arrangements in church because of the extremely hot conditions in the building.

At the end of 2019 the account stood at £114.43 cash in hand. At the end of 2020 the account stood at £146.43. Following my request for donations at the beginning of April this year the account now stands at £189.63.

My thanks to those who have made donations and also to Ruth who helps with the arrangements.

Liz May

Subsequently and regrettably, this difficult situation was exacerbated by the church's decision to furlough Andrew. Many other churches with a professional Director of Music recorded individual voices remotely and stitched them together into a full ensemble, using the resulting virtual recordings within virtual Sunday worship. This would have been undertaken in our parish but for Andrew being furloughed and any such work thus prohibited. For the same reason, it was no longer possible to continue the virtual choir practices, which is likely to have played at least some part in a decline in interest from several of our young people, and which also delayed the reintroduction of the choir to live worship when the lockdown was lifted.

The choir did finally return for Harvest Festival and sang at Sunday services through to late December (the November lockdown excepted) when we put on our traditional festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, albeit somewhat modified due to the ban on congregational singing. This was a splendid final service under Andrew's leadership as he left us to take up an expanded role with the Royal School of Church Music. During the year, two of our treble choristers achieved their RSCM Silver Award despite the tribulations of the covid restrictions, so congratulations go to Honey Whitmore and Amber Welham for this excellent result. Looking forward, whilst we await a new Director of Music, I have reinstated Friday rehearsals of the full choir with appropriate social distancing as per the guidelines to enable the resumption of singing at services. Two former basses have re-joined us; welcome back Robin McAllister and Tony Popple! Nevertheless, the outlook for the choir is uncertain. The disruption to the cycle of rehearsals and services and the government restrictions on Andrew's ability to provide leadership during furlough took their toll on the morale of many choir members and three of our young people have not returned. This will leave our upper voices materially under strength when our two most senior choristers go to university in September. Furthermore, the continued suspension of the Tuesday training sessions for trebles due to the lack of a suitably qualified choir trainer, limits our ability to attract and retain young people through the RSCM awards scheme. The choir is an important vehicle for outreach to young people and their families; that it thrives is thus of wider importance than its simple contribution to Sunday worship.

Finally, I'm sure I speak for the whole choir in thanking Andrew for his musicianship, leadership and friendship over many years as Director of Music, and in wishing him well in the future. We shall equally miss Siobhan from the alto line.

Ian Smith, Organist SJB

Our ministry with children and young people has been a bit sporadic this year! However, we have been able to keep in touch with our Sunday School children by providing goodie bags and activity packs. Also, the Wednesday evening youth club and the Monday evening football coaching provided by NTFC was able to meet for some sessions last year. Perhaps, the most difficult area of ministry in 2020 has been in regard to funerals. During the first lockdown funerals could only be attended by 10 people and in recent months 30 people. Arranging funerals and working with grieving families has been emotional demanding at times as so many families have struggled to cope with their loss during this pandemic. I realise that it has been especially hard for our St David's church family to mourn the loss of three of our regular and loved church members. This year we said goodbye to Beryl Dron, Margaret York, and Doris Williams. May they rest in peace.

Church finances have always been an area of concern but St David's did see a rise in giving during 2019 following the implementation of the new Planned Giving Scheme. Also, numbers attending church regularly rose to an average of 39 adults plus 7 children each week. However, the effect of the Covid pandemic on the income from our hall lettings is severe with a loss of approx. £7500 during 2020. These figures are reflected in the accounts for this year.

In the wider life of the Church outside of the parish, I completed my year as honorary Chaplain to the Mayor of Northampton in May 2020 which was very enjoyable. I also continue to serve as a member of the Deanery Synod standing committee and I was also appointed a trustee of St Christopher's Care home by Bishop Donald in 2019.

Whilst this year has been tough in many ways, I still give thanks for ministry at St David's and for the ways in which the church continues to show God's love and reach out to those in the community. It continues to make the most of missional opportunities and share in the building of God's Kingdom within the Kingsthorpe Parish. Thanks to Revd Jane and Revd Denise and all the lay team for sharing in that ministry. My thanks also go to those who represent St David's on the PCC and to June Ward and Becky Adnitt for always being supportive and dedicated Churchwardens.

Revd Rachel Hetherington - Team Vicar
April 2021

CURATE'S REPORT

2019

One of the highlights of this year was my Priesting at the Cathedral in June. It was lovely to share the day with many from the parish. One of the loveliest moments was when I was feeling particularly nervous and I looked across and saw lots of friendly faces from the parish which helped ease my nerves!

Brick church continued monthly on Sunday afternoons. Brick church was slow to gather momentum but has brought together people on the fringes of church that would not normally come on a Sunday morning. A regular group of people now come together each month and we are hoping to be able to build on that.

Tuesday evening Café church came to a natural end due to lack of interest however the group that regularly came wanted to stay together so we completed the Bible Society's Bible Course. Everyone enjoyed the course very much and we all learnt something new about the bible. When the course finished we moved on to the Bible Society's Book Club. Each month we read a book of the bible and then come together to discuss what we had read. We have been working our way through some of the Old Testament books.

Village Coffee Stop ran throughout the Summer and we had a number of regular visitors who stopped by for coffee, cake and a chat. In October we decided to close the doors for the Autumn because visitor numbers had dropped significantly and the colder weather meant we were unable to keep the doors physically open like we had in the Summer.

Pastoral visiting continued in 2019 with regular home communion visits.

Schools work also continued and relationships built up with them through assemblies.

House groups are on offer to all regardless of your ability or standing, and we strongly recommend that, as church goes in Team, you take advantage of this great resource, plenty of opportunities on all days and time so there can be no excuse that you can't make some time if only for the fellowship. You don't have to be an academic we can all learn from each other to increase our faith and share our experiences.

We wish it to be noted that Margaret and Chris are extremely grateful for the help and support of other members of the congregation and Team Clergy that people in our community are cared for. The pastoral needs are well covered at St Marks and across the Team as a whole.

God Bless you all

Chris Woodley, Margaret Gorringe

KINGSTHORPE TEAM MINISTRY SAFEGUARDING

Since the last APCM there have been no Safeguarding issues identified in the parish. Regular updates have been presented in a report to the PCC meetings. A diary of Parish Safeguarding Officer's actions is kept by the Lead Parish Officer.

The Safeguarding team have updated the Diocese Parish Dashboard, encouraged PCC members to update their Safeguarding training and responded to policies as they came up for renewal.

Trainings covered are: Safer Recruitment, Safeguarding at a variety of levels as proportionate to individual job descriptions and nature of the work. DBS certificates have been kept up to date as necessary. Due to the Pandemic training for some roles, i.e. Children's workers, has not been able to proceed. This will be a priority once Government guidelines make it possible to meet indoors in groups.

Jane Serbyn

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHOIR REPORT

As with all group activities, the last twelve months have been very difficult for the choir.

Initially, Andrew Moodie (our then Director of Music) held virtual choir practices using the parents' accounts on Messenger and with their permission and supervision. These allowed engagement musically with, and socially between, the young people. New music was learned, as well as known pieces being revised. Andrew also recorded voluntaries for the online service and a choral item with Francesca remotely.

communicating as to the welfare of their group and across groups by phone or e mail. Online worship was introduced or worship at home booklets, daily bible readings etc. Thanks to Liz and Revds Denise, Jane and Rachel and our Lay Ministers and other who made this possible and to all those spirited volunteers delivering personally to those who were housebound or shielding.

As a result of the ever-changing restrictions care home and home communions were suspended but external communication continued. As and when the churches could open for worship, initially St Marks was open Sunday afternoons for private prayer. In addition a communal prayer meeting was held on Wednesday afternoons from 1400-1530 along with other churches in our team on other days. Sunday worship on YouTube was greatly accepted by members throughout the team and praise and thanks to Revd Denise in putting this all together and to congregants who participated in the recording of prayers and Bible readings and personally was able to contribute which I enjoyed and honoured to do so.

For those who are unaware, as reported last year, a constant review is undertaken by Revd Jane whereby individually as ministers and Lay Ministers, we get together regularly for 1:1 for an hour or so, albeit on Zoom. This gives us all an opportunity to express our opinions ideas and grievances and to be of mutual encouragement in addition to the Team clergy and Lay Ministers. Some of our St Mark's congregants are now in an established prayer triplet which was and is carrying on as and when it is permitted.

Fun & Faith continues to operate via Zoom and the youngsters have great fun along with some varied ethical, faith, theological topics prayer and teaching. Thanks to Kathy, Sarah Jane in keeping this worthwhile Ministry going.

The House groups which were reported on last year are indeed still functional and established using lots of different approaches and material. the groups functioned well either by Zoom or in house or gardens, where allowed.

Once again, I would encourage reiterate a comment from Last year's report if you are at all interested ask myself or your fellow church friends, Jane Serbyn, Mark Brame or Canon Jane or Clergy for more details. With Revd Denise and Andrew had to offer, a greater variety of Bible studies, discussions, learning and encouragement was there.

2020

What a year this has been!

Before the pandemic struck Brick church was still meeting monthly and school assemblies and home visits were taking place. One particular event we were planning was to welcome Whitehills primary school year 4 children in to St Mark's church to take part in a Prayer Spaces for Schools event. Sadly lockdown came in to force the week they were due to come to church however putting the event together helped form a new link with the school.

As the pandemic struck we as a church community had to quickly adapt to worshipping in a new way and as a curate the role became one of an 'all hands on deck' as we rolled out a new way of worshipping.

We were aware that we are a technologically diverse parish so our new worship format had to consider that a third of the electoral roll had no access to the internet. One thing we felt was important was to keep a sense of unity and togetherness so we decided to use one worship book for the whole parish so that these same words will be prayed whether people were worshipping at home on their own or worshipping on YouTube. We also put together bible resource booklets so that if people wanted to join in, we could all be reading the same readings together too.

It is safe to say that clergy have been learning the technological side of worshiping as they have been going along. Over the year we have become more confident with leading services via the computer, we have become more confident recording ourselves on cameras and mobiles phones, we have taken inspiration from each other's set ups. Impromptu recording studios were set up in the corner of studies. Books, blu-tak, music stands and anything else we could find around our locked down homes was used to create a studio and a worshipping atmosphere!

My role in 2020 has been mostly based around at home worship. Putting the books together, recording and editing services for uploading to YouTube.

Schools work also moved online and at Christmas I was asked to put together some resources for Whitehills school for their 'Christmas Around the World' topic. On Christmas Eve we tried our first Zoom service with the St Mark's crib service. Despite it being a very last minute change of plan, we welcomed around 20 or so people online to share the story of Jesus' birth.

Bible book club continued via Zoom each month and although not quite the same as meeting in a home together, the technology has allowed us to meet and share faith together.

Coffee Zoom was introduced as part of trying to keep a sense of fellowship together. Again not the same as meeting in a building together but nevertheless a means of seeing each other's faces and sharing news. Coffee Zoom evolved as we tried to figure out what worked and what didn't. Breakout rooms allowed us to have longer conversations and the weekly games where we played the 'world cup of snacks', 'world cup of sandwiches' and also the odd game of bingo added to the sense of fun!

The online worship couldn't have taken place without the support of everyone in the parish. Thank you for being patient with us as we learned this new technology (they don't teach you this at theological college) and most importantly, thank you for giving it a go. Thank you for simply logging on and having a go at Zoom, having a go at YouTube services and finding your own new ways of worshipping through this pandemic. I trust that you have learnt something about your own faith journey during this time and something about the unchanging nature of God at a time when the world was changing faster than we could keep up.

I write this curate report knowing that the next APCM report I write will be as Rector of my new parish! I can't believe that my curacy is coming to an end. I want to take this opportunity to say another thank you! Thank you for supporting me on my curacy journey and helping me get to a place where I am able to care for a parish all of my own. It has been a wonderful curacy and I feel extremely blessed that God placed me here to share the last 3 years with you.

Revd Denise Maud

General

As guided by the government St Marks church was shut down due to the Coronavirus in March. We kept in touch through our prayer groups and were soon accustomed to using Zoom to watch the YouTube services and talk to each other at coffee time.

When we reopened the rules were put into practice and our church accommodated the congregation sitting 2 metres apart, needing to wear masks, using hand sanitiser and limit our contact with each other. Our numbers remained between 18-26 people and it was lovely to see each other again.

Christmas needed to be different and the 'Jesus rocks stones' were placed around the parish and our church was opened the Saturday before Christmas for families to place a tag on our memory tree and collect a Christingle bag. The Christmas services were sadly missed as we had to go into lockdown again as a new COVID variant spread through the country. During the year we held a socially distanced workday mainly keeping our garden neat and tidy and the grass was mowed throughout the year. Shirley and I would like to thank all our members who work to keep our church and garden in good repair.

A very big thank you to Revd Jane, Revd Denise and Revd Rachel for their ministry to us online throughout the pandemic. This was introduced very early in the pandemic and has made a huge difference to the spiritual life of many members of the congregation at St Marks who have been able to take part.

We have been saddened to lose members of our congregation due to COVID and know that this past year has presented every person with challenges. We put our trust in God and look forward to worshipping together once again knowing that our church life will look different but this is an exciting opportunity to work together spreading the word of God to all in Spring Park.

Jo Carrick & Shirley Cumbleton

REPORT FROM THE LAY PASTORAL MINISTERS 2020/2021

This as we all know was far away from a normal year, an exceptional year as any of us can remember due to continuing covid restrictions. Nevertheless, church work pastoral care had not stop, it was carried on in a different format. Thanks to all our Team Ministry we adapted using various innovative techniques such as Zoom. YouTube etc in addition each Church was encouraged to use prayer Buddies as a means of

Overall the property is in good repair, many thanks to Peter Cotter. The grounds are kept in good order, our appreciation and thanks to the regular work of Dave Fall no small task. Also through the year working parties have kept the grounds tidy and in good order.

General:

During the year a wooden garden bench in memory of Beryl Dron and Margaret Yorke was installed in the prayer garden, giving us an opportunity to sit and reflect and remember.

Although we have been closed for parts of the last year we have tried to keep a visible presence in the community, thanks to Sarah-Jane Major and others for decorating the railing outside for Christmas, and to Karen Tomlin and all the knitters for the colourful Easter Display.

Finally, thanks to the clergy team, especially Rachel for her support for all she does for St. David's family and the community. A big thanks for St. David's family supporting each other through the good and sad times this last year, by telephoning and visiting although only with doorstep chats. Also our appreciation for all who work behind the scenes in the church, hall and surroundings.

June Ward and Rebecca Adnitt

ST. MARK'S CHURCHWARDENS REPORT -Year Ended 31st December 2020

St Mark's Buildings & Fabric

After a number of breakdowns the decision was taken to replace the boiler in the church hall which was completed in February, just before lockdown. The fabric committee held meetings via Zoom and work continued on items identified in the quinquennial Inspection report and in line with the Church Wardens Annual Checklist. The fabric committee are hoping that higher priority work in the quinquennial report will be completed before the next inspection is due. Work is either carried out 'in house' or by contractors.

All the appropriate checks to meet the Fire Regulations and electrical testing have been undertaken in the year and met requirements. As in previous years members of the congregation continued to carry out maintenance work, and small repairs. During the year we held a socially distanced workday, mainly keeping our garden neat and tidy.

ST MARK'S ELECTORAL ROLL 2021 REPORT

Members now deceased : 3
New members : 2

With the sad loss of 3 members and the enrolment of 2 new members over the past 2 years, the 2021 Electoral Roll membership now stands at 42 while in 2019 it stood at 43.

Due to the Covid-19 Lockdown the Electoral Roll was not finalised in 2020. The updated Electoral for Roll for 2021 is now displayed inside church on the notice board.

Ken Sumbler St Mark's Electoral Roll Officer

PCC SECRETARY'S REPORT

During 2020 the PCC met five times, once in full session, then four via Zoom. Regrettably this meant some people were left out if their technology did not suffice. But all meetings were quorate.

Dorothy Brooke

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCHWARDENS REPORT, 2020/21

As with all churches the opening of St. John the Baptist Church has been severely restricted throughout 2020, due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Church was closed prior to Mothering Sunday and there were no services or activities throughout Easter. We were able to open church for private prayer during the summer months, and then reopen with limited numbers during September, but only for communion in one part (i.e., bread), with all the necessary safeguards in place. The annual Remembrance Service was held within church in November, but we were not able to hold the Act Of Remembrance at Kingsthorpe War Memorial. Unfortunately, churches were temporarily shut again until December, when we held a Nine Lessons and Carols service in church but then all special services (Carols on the Green and Midnight Mass) were suspended, but the Christmas Day service was held before we once again went into lock-down on Boxing Day.

Fabric Report

The Quinquennial repairs were completed during the summer and also the floodlights are now fully operational.

Work on the planned extension of the Chapter House is still going on but the process seems terribly slow. We are currently waiting for some further trial trenches to be dug within the churchyard, to satisfy the requirements of the Archaeological Representative on the DAC. Once this has been done, we hope to progress the faculty for the scheme and start to build. Tenders for the building work were received in November and the cost quoted was approximately £250,000. This is considerably larger than our original budget and we are committed to raising the difference by grant applications.

Mark Brame

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST FABRIC COMMITTEE REPORT

The fabric committee has met regularly during the year. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic all meetings have been virtual meetings on Zoom

A health and safety review is carried out regularly.

The project to extend the Chapterhouse has progressed. The architect prepared the detailed drawings and specification, and tenders were obtained. The tenders were in excess of the budget and discussions are ongoing to establish how costs may be reduced and additional funding be raised. The DAC has asked for further archaeological investigations be undertaken and these will be carried out prior to the faculty application being submitted.

The quinquennial works have been completed, with the minor defects to be rectified in early 2021. Additional works were required to repair stonework on the Chancel Gable end leading to a significant increase in cost. The total cost was however within the budget set aside for the works.

Annual servicing of the clock, boilers, alarm systems and fire extinguishers was carried out

The additional earthing required for the lightning conductor is still required. It is intended that this would be carried out as part of the work to extend the Chapterhouse.

The work to the trees and shrubs in the churchyard has been completed by the contractor working for the Borough Council.

There were no organised churchyard tidy-ups during the year due to pandemic restrictions. The fabric committee would however like to thank those that have, as individuals, on occasion done some tidying up.

Alan Isaac

ST. DAVID'S CHURCHWARDENS REPORT

Year Ended 31st December 2020

Vestments & Chattels:

These are all as previous years and are in good serviceable condition, valuables are retained within a locked safe when not used for worship.

Buildings & Fabric:

During the year, several repair works have been carried out, as requested in the Quinquennial Inspection. These included the outside drain pipe renewed, guttering and tiles repaired. After inspection the drainage required further work to be carried out, also the window sills of the office, vestry and prayer room. These have now been dealt with.

Electrical Inspection undertaken September 2020, satisfactory. Heating timer in the vestry was replaced October 2020, also switches for the emergency lighting replaced thanks to Peter Cotter for carrying out this work.

We are confident that the hall continues to satisfy the safety aspects as required. Similarly with the Fire Regulations the current fire precautions, testing regime and evacuation routes are compliant with requirements. These tests are carried out every 6 months.

Plans were in hand for two new cookers to be installed. These were fitted in February 2020, thanks to the generous donation from Smurfit Kapper for the gas oven. Also grateful thanks to Nationwide Building Society for their generous donation which paid for the installation of the electric oven. Regarding the flooring in the entrance to the hall, quotes were obtained, and has now been fitted also paid for by donations.

During the year, metal shelving was installed in St. Davids prayer room to make room for more storage for the Food Bank, as a necessity during the Covid Crisis.

Kingsthorpe Parochial Church Council

Registered Charity Number 1130370

**Financial Statements
for the year ended
31st December, 2020**

	Unrestricted Funds 2020	Restricted Funds 2020	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2020	2019
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Voluntary Income				
Tax Efficient Planned Giving	61,541	0	61,541	61,998
Tax Refunds	16,053	0	16,053	17,548
Collections	1,240	0	1,240	6,253
Other Planned Giving	12,001	0	12,001	8,831
Donations	5,085	0	5,085	7,654
Grants	701	3,843	4,544	369
Legacies	0	0	0	3,001
	<u>96,621</u>	<u>3,843</u>	<u>100,464</u>	<u>105,654</u>
Activities for Generating Funds				
Fundraising	913	0	913	5,256
	<u>913</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>913</u>	<u>5,256</u>
Investment Income				
Other Income	43	0	43	259
Interest	804	0	804	1,486
	<u>847</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>847</u>	<u>1,745</u>
Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities				
Hall Lettings	4,106	0	4,106	17,387
Parish Magazine	0	0	0	10
Local Charges - Weddings	1,547	0	1,547	3,183
Local Charges - Funerals	881	0	881	1,177
Statutory Fees Retained	1,671	0	1,671	2,259
Refreshments	170	0	170	905
	<u>8,375</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8,375</u>	<u>24,921</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	106,756	3,843	110,599	137,576
RESOURCES USED				
Fundraising Trading: Cost of Goods Sold & Other Costs				
Fundraising Costs	0	0	0	80
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>80</u>
Charitable Activities				
Charitable Giving	0	0	0	909
Parish Share	68,000	0	68,000	84,000
Clergy Expenses	2,154	0	2,154	4,636
Mission Costs	835	0	835	362
Gas	4,555	0	4,555	6,215
Electricity	3,205	0	3,205	3,786
Telephone	1,316	0	1,316	1,873
Water Rates	1,114	0	1,114	1,449
Insurance	5,455	0	5,455	5,513
Building Maintenance	3,841	1,007	4,848	4,254
Cleaning	580	0	580	334
Service Costs	469	0	469	1,511
Flowers	628	0	628	1,721
Bellringers	309	0	309	307
Stationery & Office Supplies	1,358	0	1,358	465
Training & Education	220	0	220	496
Major Fabric Expenditure	5,176	23,881	29,057	17,274
Furnishings & Equipment	149	0	149	738
Wages - Organist	3,314	0	3,314	5,857
Wages - Administration	3,541	0	3,541	5,304
Music Costs	133	0	133	633
Choir	302	0	302	1,690
Bank Charges	73	0	73	207
Cost of Refreshments	0	0	0	145
	<u>106,727</u>	<u>24,888</u>	<u>131,615</u>	<u>149,679</u>
Other Resources Used				
Other expenditure	25	0	25	1,444
	<u>25</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>1,444</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	106,752	24,888	131,640	151,203
Transfers	0	0	0	0
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources	4	-21,045	-21,041	-13,627
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	22,722	185,470	208,192	221,819
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	22,726	164,425	187,151	208,192

	2020	2019
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors:		
Sundry Debtors		<i>0</i>
	0	0
Prepayments	1,145	0
Cash at bank and in hand:		
Deposit Accounts	178,174	196,373
Current Accounts	16,443	13,134
Cash	722	849
	195,339	210,356
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	196,484	210,356
LIABILITIES		
Creditors: amounts falling due in one year		
Sundry Creditors	136	<i>0</i>
Deferred Income:		
Receipts in advance	6,651	<i>0</i>
Wedding deposits rec'd in advance	2,546	2,164
	9,197	2,164
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	187,151	208,192
TOTAL NET ASSETS	187,151	208,192
PARISH FUNDS		
Unrestricted	22,725	22,722
Restricted	164,426	185,470
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			2020	2019
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Voluntary Income				
Tax Efficient Planned Giving	61,541	0	61,541	61,998
Tax Refunds	16,053	0	16,053	17,548
Collections	1,240	0	1,240	6,253
Other Planned Giving	12,001	0	12,001	8,831
Donations	5,085	0	5,085	7,654
Grants	701	3,843	4,544	369
Legacies	0	0	0	3,001
	<u>96,621</u>	<u>3,843</u>	<u>100,464</u>	<u>105,654</u>
Activities for Generating Funds				
Fundraising	913	0	913	5,256
	<u>913</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>913</u>	<u>5,256</u>
Investment Income				
Other Income	43	0	43	259
Interest	804	0	804	1,486
	<u>847</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>847</u>	<u>1,745</u>
Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities				
Hall Lettings	4,106	0	4,106	17,387
Parish Magazine	0	0	0	10
Local Charges - Weddings	1,547	0	1,547	3,183
Local Charges - Funerals	881	0	881	1,177
Statutory Fees Retained	1,671	0	1,671	2,259
Refreshments	170	0	170	905
	<u>8,375</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8,375</u>	<u>24,921</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	106,756	3,843	110,599	137,576
RESOURCES USED				
Fundraising Trading: Cost of Goods Sold & Other Costs				
Fundraising Costs	0	0	0	80
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>80</u>
Charitable Activities				
Charitable Giving	0	0	0	909
Parish Share	68,000	0	68,000	84,000
Clergy Expenses	2,154	0	2,154	4,636
Mission Costs	835	0	835	362
Gas	4,555	0	4,555	6,215
Electricity	3,205	0	3,205	3,786
Telephone	1,316	0	1,316	1,873
Water Rates	1,114	0	1,114	1,449
Insurance	5,455	0	5,455	5,513
Building Maintenance	3,841	1,007	4,848	4,254
Cleaning	580	0	580	334
Service Costs	469	0	469	1,511
Flowers	628	0	628	1,721
Bellringers	309	0	309	307
Stationery & Office Supplies	1,358	0	1,358	465
Training & Education	220	0	220	496
Major Fabric Expenditure	5,176	23,881	29,057	17,274
Furnishings & Equipment	149	0	149	738
Wages - Organist	3,314	0	3,314	5,857
Wages - Administration	3,541	0	3,541	5,304
Music Costs	133	0	133	633
Choir	302	0	302	1,690
Bank Charges	73	0	73	207
Cost of Refreshments	0	0	0	145
	<u>106,727</u>	<u>24,888</u>	<u>131,615</u>	<u>149,679</u>
Other Resources Used				
Other expenditure	25	0	25	1,444
	<u>25</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>1,444</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	106,752	24,888	131,640	151,203
Transfers	0	0	0	0
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources	4	-21,045	-21,041	-13,627
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	22,722	185,470	208,192	221,819
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	22,726	164,425	187,151	208,192

	2020	2019
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors:		
Sundry Debtors		<i>0</i>
	0	0
Prepayments	1,145	0
Cash at bank and in hand:		
Deposit Accounts	178,174	196,373
Current Accounts	16,443	13,134
Cash	722	849
	195,339	210,356
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	196,484	210,356
LIABILITIES		
Creditors: amounts falling due in one year		
Sundry Creditors	136	<i>0</i>
Deferred Income:		
Receipts in advance	6,651	<i>0</i>
Wedding deposits rec'd in advance	2,546	2,164
	9,197	2,164
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