

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, BRAMCOTE

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Details

Other names	BRAMCOTE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL, ST MICHAEL'S PCC, BRAMCOTE
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-07-28
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

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

Activities: Regular public worship open to all. Teaching the Christian faith through sermons, courses and small groups. Pastoral work with the sick, housebound, troubled and bereaved. Providing social and support services, with a Christian ethos, to people of all needs and ages. Taking of Christian assemblies in schools. Promoting the whole mission of the Church both at home and overseas.

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL
- Nottingham City
- Nottinghamshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£127,486	£144,868	-	-
2023-12-31	£139,276	£152,755	-	-
2022-12-31	£254,282	£216,392	-	-
2021-12-31	£124,380	£126,081	-	-
2020-12-31	£124,492	£120,726	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Hall		2022-04-11
Christine Bassford		2026-04-27
Christine Margaret Cleave		2020-10-12
Cortina Newton		2023-03-27
David Bassford		2026-04-27
David Stewart Jones		
Dr Catharine Ortori		2022-04-11
ELIZABETH CARDWELL		2012-06-07
Kate Prayle		2016-04-30
MRS CINDY JONES		
Paul Andrew Neal		2023-03-27
Robert Hedley Cleave		2020-10-12
Stan Heptinstall		2021-04-19
Wendy Willan		2021-04-19

Accounts

St Michael & All Angels, Bramcote

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Monday 28th April 2025



“If anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!”

CHURCH MOTTO 2025 ~ 2 Corinthians 5:17



Statutory Information

Parish Name: Bramcote, St Michael and All Angels
Deanery: Nottingham South
Archdeaconry: Nottingham
Diocese: Southwell and Nottingham
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Parochial Church Council (PCC):

The PCC is a registered charity (#1130798)

Bankers:

Barclays Bank

Insurers:

Ecclesiastical Insurance Group PLC

Independent Examiner:

TCP Chartered Accountants

Church Architect:

Graham Renton MA (Hons) DipArch RIBA AABC MIDA
Architect Associate BDP

All information believed to be correct as of 1st March 2025

Parish Staff Team

Vicar:	Rev. Matt Roberts (from March 2025)
Associate Ministers:	Rev. Canon Lillian Heptinstall Rev. Tony Cardwell Rev. Jonathan Smithurst
Reader:	Lalage Smithurst

Principal Church Officers

Churchwardens:	David Jones Stan Heptinstall
Deputy Churchwardens:	Wendy Willan Cath Ortori
PCC Secretary:	Cindy Jones
PCC Treasurer:	Alan Bateman
PCC Accountant:	Christine Langton
PCC Deputy Lay Chair:	Robert Cleave
Parish Administrator:	Claire Morrell-Stone
Safeguarding Officer:	Tina Newton
Electoral Roll Officer:	Claire Morrell-Stone

Committee Chairpersons

Standing:	Stan Heptinstall
Outreach and Mission:	Lalage Smithurst
Ministry	Rev. Canon Lillian Heptinstall
Resources:	Wendy Willan

The Parochial Church Council (PCC)

Introduction

The Church Representation Rules require 'an annual report on the proceedings of the Parochial Church Council and the activities of the parish generally' to be received in time for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). The contents of the report may be subject to discussion.

Aims of the Organisation

The PCC (Powers) Measure 1956 directs that the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Michael's, Bramcote has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church; pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for all church buildings and grounds. Thus the prime purpose of the church is to maintain and develop the community of Christian believers and to use the strength of that community to promote the beliefs of and in Christ through outreach, care for those in need, and by contributing in practical and Christian ways to the whole of our local community.

Consequently, this will involve our engagement in such issues as Mission, Pastoral Care, Teaching, Nurture and Christian Stewardship - the giving of our time, talents and financial resources. All of this should be seen as part of our common Christian discipleship and not just for those who are particularly keen, willing and/or able.

In addition, our support of missionary activities, both at home and overseas, should form a clear and integral part of our communal life as the family of God in the ecclesiastical parish of Bramcote.

Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected at the APCM. In accordance with Church Representation Rules, membership is open to all those who a) are over 16 b) are on the electoral roll c) consent to being appointed d) have been confirmed e) have received Communion at least three times in the previous year and f) are not otherwise legally prohibited from serving.

During the past year, the following individuals have served as members of the PCC:

Ex-officio members: Stan Heptinstall and David Jones (Churchwardens)

Synod members:

Cindy Jones (Deanery Synod)

Liz Cardwell (Deanery Synod)

Robert Cleave (Diocesan and Deanery Synod)

Elected members of the PCC:

Christine Cleave Cindy Jones Andrew Hall Kate Prayle Liz Cardwell Tina Newton

Jenny Biss Cath Ortori Robert Cleave Alan Bateman Wendy Willan Ken Bird

Paul Neal Glynn Bannister Hillary Brian

Warden Emeriti:

David Jones Victor Smithson Wendy Willan

PCC Committees**Standing Committee**

This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. It also serves to establish the agenda of the PCC.

During the past year, the following have served as members:

Stan Heptinstall (Lay Chair of PCC & Churchwarden)
David Jones (Churchwarden)
Cindy Jones (PCC Secretary)
Alan Bateman (Treasurer)
Christine Langton (Church Accountant)
Lillian Heptinstall (Chair of Ministry Committee)
Lalage Smithurst (Chair of Mission & Outreach Committee)
Wendy Willan (Chair of Resources Committee and Deputy Churchwarden)
Robert Cleave (Deputy Lay Chair of PCC)

Outreach and Mission Committee

Responsible for the mission of the church within our own local community, together with the support of missions overseas and at home. During the past year, Lalage Smithurst has served as chair.

Ministry Committee

Responsible for the development of faith within its people and their pastoral care. During the past year, Lillian Heptinstall has served as chair.

Resources Committee

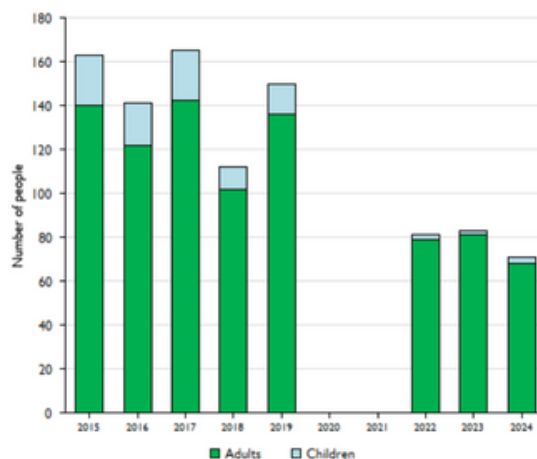
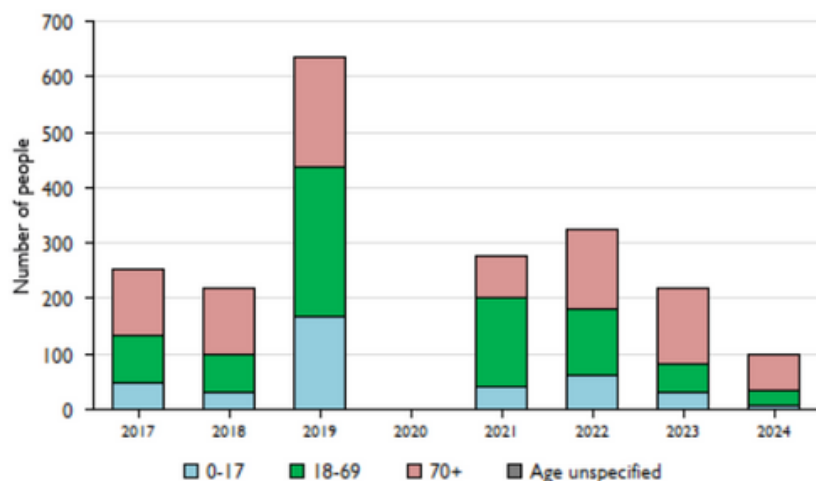
Responsible for resourcing the mission and ministry of the church through the regular maintenance and development of our premises, properties and equipment with an ongoing programme of Christian Stewardship. During the past year, Wendy Willan has served as chair.



Membership & Attendance Statistics

Over the last year, we have created a brand new membership database, removing a large number of people who have either died or no longer come to church. This means that the overall total is down on previous years, but is a truer reflection of our current church family.

The number of people attending church on Sundays has also decreased, although attendance at special services continues to be strong. The graphs below show the number of people in our worshipping community (left) and the average attendance at services (right). However, we are hoping our church will grow now that we have a new vicar in post.



Festival Statistics

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Mothering Sunday (10am)	61	92
Ash Wednesday	25	30
Maundy Thursday	36	21
Good Friday (total)	95	110
Easter Day (8am)	10	10
Easter Day (10am)	89	79
Easter Day (6.30pm)	28	42
Ascension Day	27	12
Father's Day (10am)	54	77
Bereavement Service	77	66
Remembrance Service	285	244
Carols (5.30pm)	157	176
Carols (7.30pm)	94	86
Nativity	175	190
Midnight Communion	66	38
Christmas Day (8am)	9	11
Christmas Day (10am)	74	47
Christmas Day (11.30am)	3	0

Occasional Offices

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Weddings	3	6
Baptisms	4	3
Funerals/Thanksgivings	15	17

Electoral Roll

In 2025, in accordance with Church of England regulations, we have started a brand new electoral roll. This means that anyone wishing to go on the new roll had to reapply. Our new total for 2025 is 82, compared to 156 in 2024.

PCC Review of the Year

At the beginning of 2024 we began our third year as a church in Vacancy. This did not deter our endeavours to keep our church at the heart of the community in Bramcote. Much prayer, however, centred around our desire to appoint a new incumbent and we were disappointed in February when after a round of interviews there was no appointment.

As the year progressed, we followed the Christian calendar and held special services and events to celebrate Easter and Christmas. We have been blessed with a dedicated team of retired clergy and a reader who have led and preached at two services each Sunday and a third service at 8.00am each month.

We have been pleased to welcome a number of visiting preachers including Bishops Paul and Andy, our Archdeacon Phil and Christina Baxter, former principal of St Johns College. Our Mission Partners have all visited this year and have preached or spoken at Sunday Services. It was a great pleasure that Azaria Spencer, our Mission Partner from Guatemala, chose to have her Wedding Blessing in our church. The service pattern has remained the same but we have endeavoured to make the morning service, twice a month, more inclusive for families and children. This is something we intend to develop. The annual services for Easter, Christmas, Remembrance and Bereavement were very well attended and it was encouraging to have members of the uniformed organisations taking a leading role in the service on Remembrance Sunday.

The PCC and the Standing Committee have met bi-monthly to conduct the business of the church and to plan future strategies. Finance and the use of resources are always an agenda item. Staffing and structure are also discussed. The minutes and recommendations are taken to PCC meetings.

The Ministry Committee, the Outreach and Mission Committee and the Resource Committee also meet bi-monthly. These committees are made up of members of the PCC and representatives from the congregation, who have skills and an interest in these areas. All the committees have worked hard to keep our church and centre buildings in good repair and to ensure that we are a strong and caring presence in the community.

Our Ministry Committee has planned the Sunday and Midweek Services and prayer groups. They have focussed on prayer and care, circulating regular prayer leaflets and the need for personal prayer where requested. Topics for the Home Groups are discussed and planned. Special prayer meetings during Lent have focused on the new Diocesan Vision, Compassion, Confidence and Courage. Inspiring Worship, reaching out to young people, encouraging generosity and nurturing prayer were thoughtfully prayed about. A number of our church leaders and PCC members attended the meetings led by the Bishop to launch this new vision.

The Outreach and Mission Committee have strengthened our ties with the Mission Partners, and worked alongside the social Reference Group to organise events which would reach out to the community. Monies raised at our Harvest Supper and during the Sunday thanksgivings services was donated to "Mission Without Borders in Ukraine". Home mission continues to support Bestwood and Bulwell Food Bank, Teams4U and the Children's Society.

The Resource Committee aim to keep our buildings safe and in sound working order. They also look after the car park area, and the ashes plot. They are constantly aware of our environmental responsibilities and we are holders of a silver award from the A Rocha Eco Church scheme. Heating lighting and audio-visual matters are always high on their agenda, but unfortunately their aims and visions are hampered by our financial situation. A quinquennial Inspection revealed a number of issues which are being considered and addressed.

The Social Reference Group, under the auspice of Mission and Outreach, meet quarterly to plan and organise social events and activities. It is hoped that these will welcome and engage members of our community, including those in different age groups and background. They have included regular Parish Brunches, a May Day Walk, the Christmas Fair and Carols with the Salvation Army. This group is made up of representatives from the church and the community.

We continue to assess the many risks associated with people and buildings, finance, safety and the reputation of the church.

Our Safeguarding Officer is diligent in ensuring that all correct procedures are adhered to. She also ensures that safeguarding training for PCC members and members of the leadership teams has been undertaken and that they hold the relevant qualifications. Our Safeguarding policies, including Child Protection and E-Safety are also up to date. All who prepare food now hold a Health and Safety Level 2 certificate. Our Kitchen facilities have a 5 star rating.

Communication from St Michael's is good. The online weekly newsletter proves to be very popular and is circulated to over 200 homes in our parish and beyond. Hard copies are available in church. This includes information about our church services and a precis of the sermons. All our activities, with invitations, are mentioned together with interesting local news. We have seen many new faces at both events and church services as a result. Christmas and Easter cards were distributed to all homes in the parish. A welcome leaflet is now available for visitors. The parish website is continually being updated.

We are still struggling to encourage children, young people and their families into church. We do have a monthly Dads and Kids group on Saturday morning which is proving popular. Little Angels on a Thursday is very successful but sadly these young families are not getting involved in church life. This is a problem that a new incumbent will wish to address.

Unfortunately, our Children and Family Life Minister left in July. Donna had done much to cement the ties between our church and the church school. The foundation governors – members of our church - keep these links strongly in their remit. They are regular visitors to the school attending concerts, open days and church services. A new incumbent will automatically become part of that Governing Body.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

It is pleasing to report that our financial situation is strong this year. Our income is comparable to the previous year mainly as a result of interest gained from prudent investing. We are also not paying salaries for a Children and Family Life Minister or a Verger. As a result, we shall be able to pay our parish share in full using a much-reduced amount from a designated fund. It is our aim to be able to pay our Parish Share in full from regular giving. Thought and prayer is being given to this.

Full details of our income, expenditure, designated and restricted funds are shown in the annual accounts. These are reviewed on a regular basis by the Standing Committee and the PCC. A detailed annual budget has been produced and all accounts are audited at the beginning of each year. Our reserve policy continues to be in line with the Charities Act and the PCC have agreed that this should hold the equivalent of three months running costs as a General Reserve.

As we come to the end of 2024, I am delighted to announce that in November the Revd. Matt Roberts was appointed to be our new incumbent. We look forward to warmly welcoming Matt and his family to Bramcote in the new year.

Cindy Jones (PCC Secretary)

Resources Committee Report

Current Members: Alan Bateman, Ken Bird, Robert Cleave, Andrew Hall, John Hart, Stan Heptinstall, David Jones, Wendy Willan (Chair)

As with one's own home, there are many issues for which this committee has responsibility! So understandably it's been another busy year during which much has been accomplished both inside and outside the church premises with a list to carry over into the next year!

Meeting bi-monthly, the Committee have worked on some of the more critical issues raised by the latest Quinquennial report which highlighted work needing more urgent attention such as preventing water ingress into the building, for which quotes have been sought and a Faculty applied for to fund mending or replacing drainpipes and guttering. The perimeter wall is damaged and possible repair noted.

On a more domestic front, defunct heaters have been removed from the office and toilets, the subsequent holes replastered and the office redecorated/updated – new chair and new curtains. One of two broken cookers in the kitchen has been disposed of utilising parts to create one fully functional cooker.

With the input of a grant of £1000 from the Benefact Trust we have been able to repair a hole in the boiler pipe which will improve the heating system. The rear door in the kitchen is to be replaced with a proper outward-opening fire door, assuring a greater level of security and safety. The fencing and gates at the front of the car park have been stripped down and repainted. The Church Centre is now 40 years old and often none too warm, so quotes for the possible replacement of the aluminium windows at some future date have been obtained.

A visit from the Fire Service has led to updating our Fire Policy and Procedures in the case of fire. The AV desk has been 'tweaked' to overcome some of the sound issues experienced. Lighting has continued to be replaced by LED units as and when required. Our energy contract was switched to a 100% renewables programme early in the year and a smart meter installed.

Consideration was given to repainting the car park lines – now becoming a necessity – but the quote was in excess of £3000 and further options have been sought for this work to be done once drier weather makes it possible. A Working Party undertook removal of ivy, a lot of weeding and general tidying up of the grounds around the Church. The Council has drastically pruned the hedge running the length of the north side of the churchyard. A number of gravestones have been identified by the Council as unsafe – they are currently working on rectifying this.

All that we do is to ensure the care and safety of everyone who enters the buildings, both regular attendees and visitors to services, meetings and special events held here.

Much has been achieved during the past year and my thanks go to Committee members for their time and energy given to ensure St Michael's remains fit for purpose and at the heart of the community of Bramcote as we enter a new year – with a new vicar confirmed to be in place in March.

Wendy Willan (Chair)

Ministry, Nurture and Pastoral Care Committee Report

Current Members: Lillian Heptinstall, Cath Ortori, Jenny Biss, Christine Cleave, Liz Cardwell, Paul Neal and Donna Snowden (up to July 2025)

We meet regularly between PCC meetings. Many thanks to Christine for taking the minutes of our meetings.

Prayer

We encouraged prayer, and the fellowship we have when we pray together, by:

- Different people leading the Parish Prayer Meeting and putting together the prayer diary. The meeting is held on the third Tuesday of every month, 7-8pm in the Church Centre Lounge. Eight to ten people meet regularly. The parish prayer diary goes out via email to 34 others. Copies are also in the Link for any who would like to join us in prayer.
- Organising the Prayer Walk, which usually happens on Pentecost Saturday. About 12 people came in 2024 and the walk was organised by Cath Ortori. People can choose to walk the whole route, or part of it. This year the walk will take place on Saturday 31st May.
- Continuing the email prayer alerts for urgent prayer needs. Liz Cardwell co-ordinates this.
- Prayer ministry is offered at both Sunday services. Cath heads up the prayer ministry team and would welcome new members (training will be given). The instructions for the Prayer Ministry team now include references for safeguarding and will be issued to any new recruits. At the recent meeting between our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Tina Newton, and members of the Prayer Ministry team, Tina stressed the importance of completing the training to a further level (Safeguarding Foundation level).
- Prayer board – Christine Cleave has refreshed and updated the prayer board in the vestibule.
- Celtic Prayer group has met most weeks on Monday mornings to pray the requests on the Prayer Board. Though only a few people meet, Celtic Prayer provides a conduit for those in St Michael's to ask for prayer, often for their friends outside the church.

Lent and Easter 2024

Walking the way of the cross, a white cross is laid out on the grass outside church during Holy Week, booklets are prepared for adults and children to follow the stations of the cross. There was very little uptake in 2024 and it has been decided not to offer it this year.

The Maundy Thursday Agapé meal was well attended and much appreciated.

Advent 2024

The Prayer Labyrinth was managed and set up by the team for Friday 29th and Saturday 30th November, and was open at the same time as the Christmas Fayre. On the Friday the children from Bramcote C of E came to experience it and this proved very popular and meaningful. We have held a review and have decided to make the stations more child friendly for next year.

Nurture

A proposed Emmaus course did not go ahead as there was difficulty getting an outside speaker for a seekers service to launch the course.

Home groups provide a venue for studying the bible, learning together, praying and caring for each other. Resources are provided for home group leaders and individuals. During the past year groups have had the opportunity to engage in 'Journeying through Advent with New Daylight'. For joint studies in the Church Centre, we have looked at four of seven studies prepared by the Diocese around the refreshed Diocesan vision, and had two sets of four studies based on the prayer course by Pete Grieg.

Home groups have had the opportunity to study the Book of James together. This Lent, the studies will be from Holy Habits: Following Jesus, and Living Hope – for adults and children – a booklet of 40 daily meditations for Lent, produce by the Church of England.

Currently there are three home groups meeting regularly - all would welcome new members. We have continued take orders for Bible reading notes and have a group subscription for Bible Reading Fellowship notes, which gives us a discount for regular users. Recently, a few users have tried the notes for the first time. We have also offered notes for using in Advent and Lent; again, these give an opportunity to those who are not already regular readers of the Bible.

Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care continues through the Home Group and individual acts of care and kindness. 'In Touch' is a pastoral care network designed to keep people in touch with each other by means of a telephone contact network. This needs to be updated and renewed.

Our 'In Your Bereavement' booklet is available for all those who are in contact with those who are bereaved. It has been updated and is available in the Link and in the Church Office.

The 'Caring for Each Other at St Michael's' leaflet is available and gives details of who to contact for home groups, in bereavement, prayer requests and much more, available on the website and in the office. It is proposed to set up a bereavement contact/visiting group, but as yet we have no one to co-ordinate this.

Friendship Group

The friendship Group has met several times and is pleased to have new members.

New Welcome Pack

This has been put to one side for the time being. Thanks are due to Christine for taking over the rotas for welcoming and service refreshments. New volunteers are always welcome.

Space for Parents with Children

The South aisle has been arranged to allow for families and children to be together during any service, if they wish. This has proved a valuable space for families and for craft activities during the first Sunday service. It is also used as a quiet space for personal prayer with candles to light, and leaflets to help and encourage prayer.

Many thanks to everyone for their contributions and hard work over the last year, and to Claire Morell-Stone for her administrative support.

Lillian Heptinstall

Choir & Music Report

The choir has continued to lead the singing at the 10am and 6.30pm services each Sunday. Also, we have sung at a number of other services, including several weddings and funerals.

In a wider context, we maintain our membership of the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) which organises events, training and discounted music resources for the benefit of members.

Numerically, we have seen a slight decline in the year to about 12 regular members in the group, still rising to around 20 for special musical presentations.

It has been a pleasure to welcome Daniel Stanciu to assist in accompanying worship songs on guitar at the 10am service.

We particularly enjoyed preparing for and singing at the 2024 Good Friday evening service 'Crown of Thorns', Christmas Carols by Candlelight services and Choral Evensong each quarter. We were encouraged, both by the numbers attending these services and the comments received.

A particular highlight for me in March 2024 was the afternoon tea and Desert Island Discs followed by Choral Evensong to celebrate my 40 years in post. My sincere thanks to all who organised and participated in any way to make those events so special.

We practise in the Church Centre on Wednesday evenings and additional voices, both junior and adult, are always very welcome. It is great to share and develop our work with new members.

Please continue to pray for our spiritual and musical growth as a group, as we move forward in singing and worshipping together week by week.

David Hanford - Director of Music



Standing Committee Report

Standing Committee meets bimonthly between meetings of the PCC to deal with any urgent PCC business and to maintain an overview of all that is happening at St Michael's.

Current members: Alan Bateman (Church Treasurer), Robert Cleave (Deputy Lay Chair of PCC), Lillian Heptinstall (Chair of Ministry Committee), Stan Heptinstall (Churchwarden and Lay Chair of PCC), Cindy Jones (PCC Secretary), David Jones (Churchwarden), Christine Langton (Church Accountant), Lalage Smithurst (Chair of Outreach and Mission Committee), Wendy Willan (Chair of Resources Committee and Deputy Churchwarden).

The meetings always opened and closed with a prayer. Members looked at the minutes of recent meetings of the PCC and its subcommittees and received reports on church finances and all other matters relevant to progress at St Michael's. Minutes of the meetings were prepared and circulated to PCC members for information.

Here is an overview of what happened during the past year.

New Vicar – We were delighted when in late 2024 the Rev. Matt Roberts was shortlisted to fill the vacancy at St Michael's and subsequently his appointment as our new Vicar was announced on 1st December 2024. He with his wife Melanie and daughter Talitha, were to move to the new Bramcote Vicarage in February 2025 with his licensing as the Vicar of Bramcote on Sunday 9th March 2025. Matt was to attend one meeting of Standing Committee in January 2025 as a visitor.

Employees – During the year Donna Snowden, our Children and Family Worker, moved on, and we decided not to fill the vacancy at that time. Emma, our cleaner, also left us and Heather then joined us to fill that vacancy. Throughout 2024 we continued to manage without a paid verger. Into 2025 our three continuing highly valued employees are Claire Morell-Stone (administrator), David Hanford (Director of Music) and Heather Miles (cleaner).

Communications – Regular communications with church members and many others have been via a weekly newsletter, our church website and our Facebook page. Easter cards were delivered to every household and both a special newsletter and a card were delivered at Christmas. Rolling notices were prepared weekly for use on Sundays and video recordings of some Sunday sermons were made available.

Church Services – With the help of our retired clergy and Reader, the frequency of services during the vacancy was as before. A group met to consider the content of services, and this led to significant changes in the All-Age service on the first Sunday of the month. Volunteers enabled refreshments to be served at the main services on Sundays.

Midweek Activities – Celtic Prayer, Monthly Prayer Meetings, opening of the church for daily private prayer, Prayers for Ukraine and other matters, meetings of Home Groups, a Lent Course, an Advent Prayer Course, and Dads 'n' Kids, together with associated activities including Coffee Morning, Choir, Small Steps, Little Angels, Silver Surfers, Fitness and Friendship and Bell Ringing practice have continued successfully as before. The Friendship Group for 30- to 40-year-olds continued and new members joined this.

Special Services and Events – As always our annual Bereavement Service and Remembrance Sunday services were very well attended, and we were delighted with the number of people who came to our special services and events in December. Our celebration of David Hanford's 40 years as Director of Music, Organist and Choirmaster with us in March was a great success. There was a May Day walk, and we had a busy time interacting with children and families at the Hemlock Happening in June. There were occasional Parish Brunches, and we continued with all else that happens regularly at St Michael's.

Midweek Activities – Celtic Prayer, Monthly Prayer Meetings, Daily Private Prayer, Prayers for Ukraine and other matters, meetings of Home Groups, a Lent Course, Dads 'n' Kids, Rooted Youth Group, together with associated activities including Coffee Morning, Choir, Little Angels, Silver Surfers, Fitness and Friendship and Bell Ringing practice have continued successfully as before. A new Friendship Group for 30 to 40 year olds has been formed.

Parish Share – After careful stewardship of income and expenditure by our Finance Team and appropriate investment of funds we were able to pay our full parish share in 2024 with a top up of only £3822 from our reserves.

Charitable Support – 10% of our income goes to charities and support continued to be provided to our Mission Partners. There was also financial and gift support for Berega, T4U and the Bestwood and Bulwell Foodbank.

Book of Remembrance – The decision was taken to broaden the criteria for the recording of the names of deceased persons in our Book of Remembrance. This has proved very popular. We were delighted when Frances Pearson agreed to take on the role of entering the names, replacing Carole Croft following Carole's sad death.

Buildings and Safety – The new AV System in Church has proved to be a great improvement over what we had before. The Church Office was redecorated with a new carpet and this included removal of the redundant heating systems in the office and also in the toilets following which the walls were replastered. Work was done on the gas cookers in the kitchen with two cookers being replaced by one that is fully functioning. A Quinquennial Inspection took place and individual items identified by our Church Architect are now being followed up.

Many thanks to the many staff, volunteers and friends who have made all of the above possible.

Stan Heptinstall - Chair

Coffee Morning Report

This group has continued to meet almost every week during the past year, offering tea, coffee and biscuits to all who attend in the Church Centre. I believe this has continued to be a greatly appreciated church outreach activity, where putting the world to rights or discussing the latest headlines, making new friends and keeping in touch has always been part of our raison d'être. Sadly we have said goodbye to a few who have either died or moved into a Care Home or more appropriate accommodation but we have also seen new faces and friendships grow and we have celebrated many birthdays over the year!

At the beginning of each month Barbara has continued to arrange a small 'bring and buy' session and Hillary has updated the book-lending library, bringing in fresh titles for the avid readers amongst the group. These activities were augmented by a coach trip to Derby Garden Centre in late September when it was possible to do some early Christmas shopping and enjoy time together over a delicious meal.

Once a month we have provided a meal (for a small cost), fish and chips or jacket potatoes with a range of toppings followed by apple pie with custard and/or cream and it is only by the silence when we are eating that you realise just how much chatting goes on!

It has been great to have members helping out now and then to run the sessions, to see some members attending church and church events and we look forward to seeing more people in the community joining us in future weeks.

Wendy Willan

Bell Ringers Report

The current officers are:

Tower captain - Christine Langton
Secretary - Lesley Hill
Treasurer - Linda Seymour
Ringling master - Christine Langton
Communications officer - Richard Portwood
Steeple keeper - Tom Langton
Assistant steeple keeper - Richard Portwood
Social secretary - Fiona Maxwell
Spiderman - Richard Portwood
Register keeper - Linda Seymour



Our Friday practices have been well attended by our ringers, with the average at practice nights increasing to 9.5 ringers from an average of 8 ringers in the previous year. We held 50 practices during the year, only missing the practice during Holy Week and one in August. Thanks to our visitors who help out at the practices. We welcomed Daniel to our band during the year. He moved to the area and could already ring, so has been helping with the teaching. We also welcomed two new recruits (Dugald and Christine R) who are both learning how to ring. These recruits have helped to increase our numbers.

We rang the bells before the 10am Sunday service almost every week (excluding first Sundays), usually ringing at least five bells. Both Linda and Dugald have started ringing with us on a Sunday morning, which meant that towards the end of the year we have been able to ring all our six bells. We thank Richard Black and his family from Nuthall for joining us on Sunday mornings.

It has been a busy year for the bell ringers. In June we rang to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings. We joined in with many other churches across the nation 'Ringing out for Peace'. We rang 80 rows (every bell 'dinged' 80 times) of rounds (the bells ring in descending note from the highest pitched to the lowest pitched) and everything else we rang had 80 changes (a change is when every bell rings once in a sequence).

We held our annual 'Christmas Drinks with the Bell Ringers' event at the beginning of December. It was great to see so many people enjoying mulled wine, eating mince pies and several people even had a go at ringing. It was again a very successful event with 26 guests attending plus all the bell ringers. Thanks to everyone that attended to make it a very enjoyable evening.

This year the Nottingham district heat of the Crawford Cup county striking competition was hosted by St Helen's in Stapleford in March. We entered a band and rang very well. We were up against some very impressive bands and came 4th. The winners were St John the Baptist, Beeston.

In June the bell ringers hosted a stall at the Hemlock Happening, as part of the St Michael's stand. We provided mini hand bells for the public to have a go at ringing some well known tunes. Thanks to Lesley and Fiona for manning the stall.

Nine of the St Michael's ringers, including spouses, went on a 90 minute guided tour of the Taylor's bell foundry in Loughborough in August. It was a fascinating and very detailed tour, which described the history of the bell foundry and all the different techniques used over the years for making bells and all the fittings, which includes the wooden wheels, and the big metal bell frames. All the various parts are made at the foundry. There is a very informative and well laid out museum. We also got a chance to ring the bells at the foundry!

We also rang for four weddings and a wedding blessing during the year. We rang before the Berega dinner in July and rang half muffled on Remembrance Sunday. Over the Christmas period we were able to ring for the Carol Services, for the Children's Nativity service on Christmas Eve and for the 10am service on Christmas Day.

We have continued to ring our monthly quarter peals (continuous ringing for 45 minutes) before the evening service on a Sunday. We were successful with all of our eleven quarter peals. Congratulations to Eddie and Dave for ringing their first quarter peals.

All our bell ropes are getting to the point where they need replacing having all been bought in 1999. At the start of the year we bought new ropes for bell 2 and bell 4, using money from our Bell fund.

Congratulations to Linda and Dugald for passing their level 1 in bell ringing during the year, to Dave for passing his level 1 and level 2 during the year and to Eddie for passing his level 3 during the year. A big thank you to Alistair, the tower captain at St John the Baptist church in Beeston, for allowing us to hold a weekly teaching session for our new recruits, which is specifically aimed at helping them pass their level 1 and 2 in bell ringing.

Should anyone wish to have the bells rung to mark a special occasion (e.g. birthdays and anniversaries), then please do get in touch with Christine.

We are always looking for new recruits so if you are interested in learning to ring or just want to come along to see what we do, you are very welcome to join our practice on a Friday evening from 7.30pm to 9pm or contact Christine (christine@nuscr.org or 0115 877 9439).

Christine Langton

Safeguarding Report

During the last year I have continued to work as the Parish Safeguarding officer. I have responded in a timely manner to all referrals made and followed the correct procedure to bring them to the notice of the Diocese Safeguarding Team.

Alongside this I have kept a record of all safeguarding training, reminded people when and which training they need to go on and begun to populate an online record of this and DBS status of all people needing to be noted. This is called the Safeguarding Hub. This is quite time consuming but is an ongoing process. But when complete the hub should do the reminding about training for us.

I attend regular Parish Safeguarding updates online and attended the Parish Safeguarding Conference last year in Worksop. In March this year I am undertaking training to enable me to lead courses for Basic and Foundation Safeguarding training. I hope this will help members of this parish and others to do their training face to face when they prefer it to online.

I have produced a Safeguarding report for every PCC meeting and met with the Prayer Ministry team to discuss safeguarding issues.

We now have five Safeguarding Standards to work to. These can be seen on the Main Notice Board in the link opposite the entrance. I am working on Standard 2 (Prevention) and Standard 5 (Learning Supervision and Support).

I would like to thank the PCC and church wardens for support and Revd Lillian for keeping DBS records up to date.

Tina Newton - Parish Safeguarding Officer

Foodbank Report

“Need is Greater but provision is poorer”

That is the message we get from the manager and volunteer helpers at Bestwood and Bulwell. It is therefore a very heartfelt thank you that I say to all those who give and deliver our contributions from St Michaels. I am proud and pleased to report that we are, in fact one of their largest donors.

Bestwood and Bulwell is in the top 10 most deprived areas of our Country. Deprived not just of food, but of housing, job opportunities, education and resources of all kinds. It suffered and has never recovered from the 1980's pit closures. I am pleased to report that the food bank, as well as providing food, also offers counselling, financial advice and help to enable families to get back on their feet. Unfortunately, money that was hoped could provide help of this kind had to be used to buy extra food and toiletries.

This year we have contributed 1471kg of food. In addition, there has been continual financial donations. Outreach and Mission also make a large monetary donation, and contributions from our Harvest Weekend, supplemented by gifts from the Bramcote Pre School, were delivered to Food Bank.

Since we began this project 10 years ago we have provided 19,642kg of food. Once again, a huge thank you to all who give so generously and to those who make up our team of volunteer drivers. Please continue your support and if you feel that you could join the delivery team then please speak to me.

David Jones

Social Reference Group Report

Under the auspices of Outreach and Mission, our group has met quarterly to plan and organise social events. It is hoped that these will not only encourage fellowship within the church family, but will provide the opportunity to reach out, inclusively, to the whole parish. The group is made up of representatives from most of the church groups and some of the groups that use our Church Centre Working alongside the church calendar, we have planned activities to celebrate Christian Festivals. Hot cross buns at Easter and carol singing at Christmas (in the local pubs and with the Salvation Army band in our Church Centre). The latter has always been a very popular evening as we enjoy homemade cakes and hot drinks during the singing.

The Parish May Day Walk took place again this year. It was not so well supported, but those who came thoroughly enjoyed their day, which for most included coffee and cakes at Trowell Garden Centre. The regular Parish Brunch has continued throughout the year. This is proving to be very popular and provides an excellent opportunity for Mission. We had our usual presence at the annual Hemlock Happening. Children's activities were planned, alongside Bell Ringing and badge making. A most successful day for us as a church. The annual Classic Car event and Café Bramcote brought many new faces to our church, as did the Christmas Fair. Our Harvest Supper and concert was an opportunity for the church family to eat and meet together. Thank you to all members of this group, their enthusiasm, ideas, help and support, has enabled these activities to be so successful. As we start to plan for 2025 we are aware that our new incumbent will be in post and we will welcome him and his input at our future meetings.

Cindy Jones (Chair)

Nottingham South Deanery 2024 Annual Report

This year we have said goodbye to Rev'd Christopher Harrison (Nottingham All Saint and St Peter), Rev'd John Blakeley (Sneinton St Stephen) and have welcomed Marsha Farmer (Sneinton St Christopher), Rev'd Lee Dunleavy (Sneinton, St Cyprian), Rev'd Sam Watkins-Smith (Trinity Church Nottingham) and Rev'd James Saunders (St Mary's in the Lace Market).

The Deanery Leadership Team has continued to meet during the year to plan Synod and to discuss ways to support parishes in the Deanery – particularly those in vacancy. We have held three Synods:

On 13 February we met at St Mary's in the Lace Market and we invited the Jericho Road Project, Transforming Notts Together, Refugee Roots and 100 Homes. We spent time praying for these organisations and also for the Deanery.

On 10 July we met at St Mary the Virgin's in Attenborough. We were joined by Rev'd Canon Richard Kellett who shared about the new Diocesan Vision of growing disciples with Compassion, Confidence and Courage and led a discussion around 'how can we as the body of Christ work across our parish boundaries to realise the Diocesan vision?'. We also received a report from General Synod.

On 21 November we met at Christ Church, Chilwell where Rev'd Canon Richard Kellett led us in prayer for the Middle East. Julian Hodgson, the Diocesan Safeguarding Lead, shared about the National Safeguarding Standards.

Our November meeting was also our AGM and a report was provided on the work of the Deanery Leadership Team during the past year.

Following the AGM the Deanery Leadership Team was made up of:

- Ex-officio Members: Rev'd Jo Tatum (Area Dean), Kirsty Cowley (Deanery Administrator)
- Lay Chair: Charlie Barber and Fola Sowunmi
- Deanery Secretary: Peter Horne
- Deanery Treasurer: Trevor Peel
- DLT Members: Kirstine Buchan, Fi Shouler

We also voted the following people on to Diocesan Synod:

- House of Clergy: Rev'd Jo Tatum, Rev'd Dr Mark Wreford, Rev'd Jonny Hughes and Rev'd Andy Tufnell
- House of Laity: Christopher Gray

The Deanery paid 94% of its giving for ministry in 2024. Every parish is thanked for their generosity.

Outreach and Mission Committee Report

Membership: Chair, Lalage Smithurst; Glynn Bannister; Hillary Brian; Claire Gee; Cindy Jones; Tina Newton; Kate Prayle.

Over the past year, the Outreach & Mission Committee has continued to meet by Zoom approximately every two months.

Our Mission Partners are part of our church family and we play a vital role in their work by praying for them and supporting them financially. Every year we maintain the principle of the tithe by giving a tenth of the previous year's church annual income to support mission and charitable work outside the parish boundary. In 2024 the PCC giving was £9708.00, a slight decrease on 2023.

We have continued throughout the year to hear from and prayerfully support our **Mission Partners**.

Kate and Paul and their family returned to the UK from the Middle East in the summer of 2023 and visited St Michael's on Sunday 14th July when they shared some of their joys and frustrations. They are currently in Cambridge on long leave for rest, refreshment, and resetting; for reconnection with the church; to regroup, rethink, and re-evaluate; to retrain; and then to be re-sent/relaunched back into the Middle East.



CMS Mission Partners, Azaria and David Pocasangre, have updated us throughout the year about their work in training and supporting mentors working with vulnerable young people as well as being involved with the vulnerable community and their church in Bethania. Following their wedding in Guatemala in November 2023, a blessing of their marriage took place in St Michael's Church in February 2024, at which many who could not attend the actual wedding were present, including representatives from CMS and many link churches. They both visited St Michael's on Sunday 18th February before returning to Guatemala on 14th March.



David and Anne Curnock, Associate Mission Partners, continue to update us about their roles in health education and children's work with **OneCollective**. In March 2024 they visited Stara Zagora in Bulgaria for the 2nd time since lockdown and in April they visited Berega in Tanzania with Robert and Christine Cleave and were also involved in continuing discussions with the diocese of Morogoro about ongoing support for the work in and around Berega and the Church & Community Mobilization Process (CCMP) project, the project now managed by the diocese of Morogoro.



In July, the Curnocks and the Cleaves updated us on their work at very successful **Berega Dinner**, the profits from which totalled **£2859** and were divided equally between CCMP and the BREADtrust. They also returned and preached in St Michael's on Sunday 11th August.



We continue to support the **Bestwood & Bulwell Foodbank** with Cindy and David Jones keeping us updated with the most urgent needs, which have markedly increased in the current economic situation. The trolley in the south porch of the church has often been near to overflowing – so a **HUGE** thank you to all who have donated produce.

The practice of having a **Mission Support Sunday** usually on the second Sunday of each month has been continued and in addition to the above visits we have heard about The Leprosy Mission from Guy Willcock in January and an additional **£541** was given by personal donations to TLM.

As part of our **Outreach**, the following have been undertaken:

On **Good Friday**, hot-cross buns were provided after the morning meditation.

As a church, we had a stall at the **Hemlock Happening** in June and several people stopped and took part in the activities provided.



At our **Harvest Thanksgiving** weekend, we again organised a very successful and enjoyable **Harvest Supper**. Money donated in thanks over the weekend amounted to **£533.34** and was sent to **Mission Without Borders** for their work with internally displaced families in Ukraine. Non-perishable goods donations were taken to the **Bestwood & Bulwell Foodbank**.



Despite the current economic situation, generous donations at the **Toys, Gifts & Christingle Service** in December meant that a large number of toys were taken to the **Great Notts Christmas Toy Appeal**. This service was also a Christingle service in support of **The Children's Society**, another organisation which helps children and young people in disadvantaged situations. A cheque for **£55** was sent to The Children's Society.

As part of our outreach and mission, we have supported Christian Aid and Teams4U – these reports follow.

Lalage Smithurst, Outreach & Mission Committee Chair

Christian Aid Week - 12th-18th May 2024

The Brink of Survival

In Christian Aid Week 2024, £1471.42 (including Gift Aid) was raised in the Bramcote area through donations and fundraising. This fantastic amount of money has made such a difference to the lives of many of our marginalised neighbours. Those who were struggling to meet their basic needs and whose livelihoods were under threat from droughts, floods and landslides.

In May 2024, there was a Christian Aid Service at the start of the week with special hymns, Bible readings and prayers related to the annual appeal. A Cake Sale was hosted on a local street, paper quizzes were given out, E Envelopes were sent out, traditional donation envelopes were available and Christian Aid Week daily devotionals were used.

A busy week when our church and the local community came together to help the work of Christian Aid.

A very big thank you to everyone who supported the appeal through prayers and donations.



Graeme & Penny

T4U Shoebox Appeal Report

Here are the ingredients for shipping 4191 shoeboxes to Ukraine in December 2024:

- 1 warehouse – courtesy of Shoe Aid, Basford in which to store and process shoeboxes
- 46 volunteers – each giving up a minimum of 18 hours between 1st November and 6th December 2024 to collect, check, seal, carton, log and deliver shoeboxes
- 2 designated drivers to collect filled boxes from schools, churches, and groups around the county
- 1 team of recovering drug addicts to load a huge lorry
- Umpteen hours spent on the phone answering queries/arranging pick-ups/liasing with colleagues in Derby, Loughborough and Wrexham (Head Office)
- 7 presentations to schools/churches/WI and Trefoil groups
- 10 days setting up and ‘manning the stand’ in Tesco, which not only gave publicity but produced 78 filled shoeboxes
- 1 WhatsApp link to keep everyone encouraged and updated with progress and with whom to share ‘bargain buys’ for topping up shoeboxes
- A whole host of generous people around the county who filled, paid for and delivered shoeboxes, without whom 4191 children in Ukraine would not have experienced the joy and excitement of receiving a gift this Christmas.

We have a fabulous team of volunteers in Nottingham who work so well together, sharing ideas, fun, chocolates and friendship. It’s a great joy to reunite each November and catch up whilst processing shoeboxes and this year it was wonderful to welcome nine new volunteers to the team – and there is always room for more! We work on a ‘come-when-you-can’ and ‘go-when-you-must’ policy so no fixed hours – just energy and enthusiasm to be involved.

We are part of a global charity dedicated to empowering communities and transforming lives through Education, Health, and Humanitarian Aid. Filling and sending shoeboxes to impoverished children in Eastern Europe is the Christmas Campaign we undertake each year. We have partners in Romania, Moldova, Ukraine and Bosnia Herzegovina with whom Head Office work closely to ensure our shoeboxes reach the children safely.

Finally, I should like to thank ALL who have been involved in any way whatsoever in enabling all of the above to happen and I look forward to working with you again this year. What we have achieved together couldn’t have been done without any of you.

Wendy Willan
T4U Regional Coordinator



Report from the Clergy & Reader Team

Current members: Clergy – Tony Cardwell, David Edinborough, Lillian Heptinstall, Jonathan Smithurst; Reader – Lalage Smithurst; Director of Music, choir master and organist – David Hanford; Children and Family Life Minister – Donna Snowden (resigned July 2025).

The Staff Team continue to meet monthly to organise the Sunday and weekday worship rotas and special services. This year these included Remembrance Sunday, Carols by Candlelight and Easter services. Special thanks to David Hanford for the time and energy put into these services. Thanks also to Pat Ashworth for the Good Friday Meditation and the Taizé services.

Some of our regular services have a special focus. Our second Sunday service is Mission Support Sunday where we have welcomed visiting preachers from the Mission Societies we support. There were also special services for Harvest, and a service for those recently bereaved. An Agapé (informal meal with Holy Communion) was held on Maundy Thursday. We thank Claire Morrell-Stone for all her work in preparing for the Bereavement Service.

Remembrance Sunday was well attended by the uniformed organisations. We thank Paul Neal for his encouragement of the young people to attend this, as well as the special 'Angel' service which was held to commemorate the Patronal Festival of St Michael and All Angels.

The Annual Toy/Christingle service went particularly well, with children and adults enjoying making Christingles in church. Thank you to Kate, Andrea and Victoria for their help in preparing the Christingles beforehand.

Choral Evensong has proved very popular, attracting people from other churches as well as St Michael's. Carols by Candlelight also had a better attendance than in recent years.

Nativities services were held in church with Bramcote Nursery, Bramcote Pre-school and Little Angels attending. The Christmas Eve Nativity was particularly well attended. Donna planned and led a very successful Easter experience as well as welcoming children into church for the Church School end of term service. Jonathan covered the spring end of term service.

Children have been warmly welcomed into church at the end of the third Sunday service, following activities in the Church Centre. This has lapsed since Donna left and there is currently no provision for children except at the first Sunday service. Since Donna left Lillian has been co-ordinating this with input from some mums and children.

There has been much discussion about the shape and content of Family Worship (first Sunday of the month), including some input from Canon Tim Pullen (Rector of Wollaton). Some feedback has been received from parents. This service is now renamed 'Worship Together' and is all on the screen.

We continue to use some material from Roots (an ecumenical resource which follows the lectionary and provides ideas, services, crafts and activities for all Age Worship and for children and young people's work).

We have been blessed by our visiting preachers, Bishop Paul Williams, Bishop Andy Emerton, Phil Williams our Archdeacon, Dr Christina Baxter, Mike Duff, Jess Savill, Sarah Meredith, Vicki Smith and Richard Hanford. Charlie Barber has also led an evening service.

We thank Andrew, Cath and Ros for their work with the PA system, and all those who volunteer to read and lead the intercessions in church. We would welcome more volunteers to these important ministries. Thank you also to Dan who has joined David in leading the worship songs at our morning services.

Among the items discussed at staff meetings have been matters of a pastoral nature, the Church motto, visiting preachers, family worship, proposals around the pattern of services following a second meeting to review the worship of the church.

The staff team continue to take weddings, funerals, burial of ashes, baptisms and other occasional offices as requested.

While we are happy to contribute to the life and worship of St Michael's we are looking forward to the licensing of Matt Roberts as our new Vicar, and to welcoming him, Melanie and Talitha.

After many years of faithful and loving service, David Edinborough stepped back from up-front ministry on Easter Day, although he continues to be available for occasional offices and services. We are very grateful for his presence on the staff team.

With grateful thanks for all your prayers and support.

Lillian Heptinstall – March 2025

Bramcote Care Group Report

Following on from last year's report, decline in requests continues, despite advertising mechanisms remaining the same.

During 2024 there were 10 requests from 7 individuals, most of which were inappropriate for our intervention. Three requests were completed by different volunteers, others were advised to contact The Helpful Bureau.

A current issue I am struggling with is the ongoing renewal and management of DBS online updates which used to be renewed automatically without intervention. The DBS service changed the process in September 2024, but didn't let anyone know! If anyone has any insight or expert knowledge, I would really appreciate any help that can be offered.

Elaine Morris

Silver Surfers Report

I'm happy to report that Silver Surfers continues to thrive; we have regular attendees who have come along weekly for many years and enjoy the social interaction provided. We also have a small number of new attendees, one or two per month, some stay for a short time, because they have had the help they needed, and some turn into regular long term guests.

Our committee is unchanged and everyone works collaboratively to ensure smooth running. Through recent work from one committee member and Nottingham Trent University contacts we have attracted students who are going through induction as new coaches; it's early days, but we're hopeful.

I am always amazed at the number of different devices people bring along, the questions that they raise and the challenge that developing technology brings; even more amazingly, there are very few challenges that we can't meet!

Elaine Morris

Little Angels Report

Committee Members: Steph, Sam, Rachel, Theresa, Megan, Barbara

Little Angels is a group for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers along with their parents, grandparents and carers to come and play, learn and meet other families in the community around Bramcote. We meet on a Thursday morning in the Church Centre during term time. We are a group run by a committee of volunteers, plus occasional helpers, which includes parents and grandparents.

We no longer take a set amount for admission, we now do a suggested donation of £2 per child but have the option for people to give from £1 up to £5. This allows people to choose what they feel they can give that day. We offer refreshments of tea, coffee, toast and sometimes a sweet treat. We also provide a snack at an allocated time for the children, which allows them a time to sit together and share.

At Christmas this year we went up to the church to tell the nativity story and sing some songs. There was a surprise visitor waiting for the children on our return to the hall!



The number of attendees of Little Angels has been pretty steady over the last 12 months with around 30 families on our register currently.



During in the morning, we have a craft activity for the children to take part in which links to the story we are learning about that morning. We will also have a messy activity that also links into the story. This allows the children to explore with all their senses and is usually very popular.

Little Angels endeavours to be a relaxing, fun, safe and supportive environment with a Christian ethos, reaching out to people in the community and welcoming them to the church of St Michaels.

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Bramcote C of E Primary School Report

Introduction

It is with great pleasure that I present this report on behalf of Bramcote Church of England Primary School for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) of 2025. Our school continues to thrive as a nurturing Christian community, where children feel valued, inspired, and encouraged to grow in their faith and learning.

Christian Ethos and Collective Worship

Our Christian ethos remains at the heart of everything we do. This year, our children have taken a more active role in worship, leading prayers, writing reflections, and sharing their thoughts on key Christian values. The Worship Organisation Team (WOT) club led by Mrs Sarah Shaw lead worship and meet weekly at lunchtime to reflect on bible readings and plan worship ideas.

Although Donna Snowden left in July, we are pleased that we have been able to continue our links with St Michael and All Angels Church, with Rev Jonathan Smithurst visiting and leading worship.

The themes of worships have had a strong link to our values such as perseverance, kindness and co-operation this has enabled the children to reflect on their faith and apply Christian principles in their daily lives.

Religious Education and Spiritual Development

Mrs Abi Bodily our RE subject leader worked hard in the summer to revamp our Religious Education curriculum. We primarily use 'Understanding Christianity', dovetailing with the Notts Agreed Syllabus, which has enabled the children to explore Christianity and other world religions with curiosity and respect. Through creative storytelling, drama, and hands-on activities, pupils have deepened their understanding of faith and how it shapes lives. Spiritual development is nurtured with each classroom through the use of prayer spaces, with opportunities for quiet contemplation, which children use to express their thoughts, prayers, and aspirations. The children also have daily access to our Prayer Tree in the entrance hall.

Community Engagement and Outreach

Our pupils have been at the forefront of various outreach initiatives, demonstrating kindness and service to others with a particular focus on Courageous Advocacy. They have actively participated in charity fundraising, food bank collections, and visits to local care homes, where they sang songs and shared handmade cards. In addition, children have enjoyed welcoming parents and the wider community to events such as our Harvest Festival, Christmas and Easter services.

Academic and Extra-Curricular Achievements

Academically, our pupils continue to achieve well, with strong results across the curriculum. In addition to core subjects, children have thrived in a range of extra-curricular activities, including choir, drama, and sports, which allow them to develop their talents and confidence. We are delighted that we had success with the swimming gala in February and are now through to the County Finals in May.

Bramcote Voice has continued to thrive in the absence of Miss Felicity Scott who left us in July to pursue training in Music Therapy. Before her departure it was lovely to have a joint concert with the Rock and Soul Singers in July at St Michael's where we raised money towards the costs of attending the Young Voices Concert in February 2025 and the Blood Bike Charity.

Wellbeing and Pastoral Care

The wellbeing of our children remains a priority, and we introduced new initiatives to support their mental health and emotional resilience. Mrs Danielle Pickard our Emotional Literacy Support Assistant has ensured she works closely with pupils to ensure they feel safe, valued, and supported. Children have also benefited from support from the Mental Health Support Team who have visited school and delivered workshops to the children.

Looking Ahead

It was a pleasure and privilege to be involved in the appointment of Rev. Matt Roberts in November. We are looking forward to his leadership and involvement within the parish and hope he will enjoy working with us.

We are grateful for the continued prayers and support from the church and wider community in helping us nurture and guide our children and we look forward to a new chapter under the steer of Rev. Matt Roberts.

Sarah Meredith - Headteacher

Finance Report for the Year Ending 31st December 2024

This report should be read in conjunction with the full set of Financial Statements that are displayed in the following pages.

We have had a steady year financially. As a church in vacancy our retired clergy team have maintained a full schedule of church services. This has continued to give the platform for people to have the opportunity to contribute financially to help us contend with a continued period of inflation. We are grateful to all those who have made donations or indeed, reviewed and increased their level of giving.

Our income and spending levels from general funds have been helped in two main ways. Firstly, our investment management has been actively led by Christine Langton such that we have greatly increased our savings with CCLA, the church investment body. This had the effect of increasing our income from investments from £4,000 in 2023 to £13,000 in 2024. This means that when we need to spend on large projects such as building repairs we are not reducing our Contingency Reserve as much as might have been thought, since the higher interest earned has mitigated the effect. Secondly, our salaries bill has been significantly reduced. This has come about by different factors, chiefly the moving on of our Children and Youth Worker who we were sorry to lose. But also by reductions in hours and a gap between a staff cleaner leaving and a replacement starting. We continue to be thankful for our wardens covering the work of a verger. As a result, our salaries and pension bill was reduced from £31,000 in 2023 to £19,000 in 2024.

We have again managed to pay our Giving for Ministry (Parish Share) allocation (£71,580) in full. This has been possible through continuing to apply some of our savings from the Contingency Reserve to top-up monthly payments from our general funds. We plan to do this also for 2025. Overall, our total funds decreased by around £17,000 compared to the preceding year. Our total funds include our general funds, designated funds and restricted funds.

Below is a simplified summary of our general funds (i.e. excluding specially designated and restricted funds and which appear more fully in the accounts in the following pages) for 2024.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>INC/(DEC)</u>
Church Running Costs	43,000	45,000	(2,000)
Giving for Ministry	<u>57,000</u>	<u>52,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Sub-total	100,000	97,000	3,000
General Reserve Transfer	(2,000)	(1,000)	1,000
10% Mission Transfer	<u>9,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>(1,000)</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>107,000</u>	<u>106,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
Regular Giving and Collections	72,000	77,000	(5,000)
Income Tax Reclaimed	16,000	16,000	-
Other Income	<u>19,000</u>	<u>13,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>107,000</u>	<u>106,000</u>	<u>(1,000)</u>

Our volunteer collections counting team have worked on a rota basis so that each week we have two counters. I am sure they would appreciate further volunteers to join them on an occasional basis. They make sure that income from giving is recorded and deposited. The team is led by Victor Smithson and John Hart. John has recently stepped down after many years in the role and we thank him for all he has done.

The members of the Finance Team have specific roles. As Treasurer, Alan Bateman is the frontline worker who pays the bills and initially draws up accounts. These accounts are audited by Christine Langton, as volunteer Church Accountant, who also has an overarching role to look at financial matters generally. This includes preparing budgets, and producing the year-end Financial Statements.

Ken Bird, as Planned Giving Officer, is involved with all aspects of giving. This includes maintaining databases, making Gift Aid claims, and handling all the forms and declarations and envelopes.

The Finance Team

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We have had a steady year financially. As a church in vacancy our retired clergy team have maintained a full schedule of church services. This has continued to give the platform for people to have the opportunity to contribute financially to help us contend with a continued period of inflation. We are grateful to all those who have made donations or indeed, reviewed and increased their level of giving.

Our income and spending levels from general funds have been helped in two main ways. Firstly, our investment management has been actively led by Christine Langton such that we have greatly increased our savings with CCLA, the church investment body. This had the effect of increasing our income from investments from £4,000 in 2023 to £13,000 in 2024. This means that when we need to spend on large projects such as building repairs we are not reducing our Contingency Reserve as much as might have been thought, since the higher interest earned has mitigated the effect. Secondly, our salaries bill has been significantly reduced. This has come about by different factors, chiefly the moving on of our Children and Youth worker who we were sorry to lose. But also by reductions in hours and a gap between a staff cleaner leaving and a replacement starting. We continue to be thankful for our wardens covering the work of a verger. As a result, our salaries and pension bill was reduced from £31,000 in 2023 to £19,000 in 2024.

We have again managed to pay our Giving for Ministry (Parish Share) allocation (£71,580) in full. This has been possible through continuing to apply some of our savings from the Contingency Reserve to top-up monthly payments from our general funds. We plan to do this also for 2025. Overall, our total funds decreased by around £17,000 compared to the preceding year. Our total funds include our general funds, designated funds and restricted funds.

Below is a simplified summary of our general funds (i.e. excluding specially designated and restricted funds and which appear more fully in the accounts in the following pages) for 2024.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>INC/(DEC)</u>
Church Running Costs	43,000	45,000	(2,000)
Giving for Ministry	<u>57,000</u>	<u>52,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Sub-total	100,000	97,000	3,000
General Reserve Transfer	(2,000)	(1,000)	1,000
10% Mission Transfer	<u>9,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>(1,000)</u> -
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>107,000</u>	<u>106,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
Regular Giving and Collections			
	72,000	77,000	(5,000)
Income Tax Reclaimed	16,000	16,000	-
Other Income	<u>19,000</u>	<u>13,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>107,000</u>	<u>106,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>

Our volunteer collections counting team have worked on a rota basis so that each week we have two counters. I am sure they would appreciate further volunteers to join them on an occasional basis. They make sure that income from giving is recorded and deposited. The team is led by Victor Smithson and John Hart. John has recently stepped down after many years in the role and we thank him for all he has done.

The members of the Finance Team have specific roles. As Treasurer, Alan Bateman is the frontline worker who pays the bills and initially draws up accounts. These accounts are audited by Christine Langton, as volunteer Church Accountant, who also has an overarching role to look at financial matters generally. This includes preparing budgets, and producing the year-end Financial Statements.

Ken Bird, as Planned Giving Officer, is involved with all aspects of giving. This includes maintaining databases, making Gift Aid claims, and handling all the forms and declarations and envelopes.

The Finance Team

Alan Bateman

Church Treasurer

Christine Langton

Church Accountant

Ken Bird

Planned Giving Officer

**Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Bramcote
Statement of Financial Activities**

For the year ending 31 December 2024

		(Unrestricted)				TOTAL FUNDS	
	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
INCOMING RESOURCES							
Voluntary income	2(a)	90,018	-	5,495	-	95,513	119,249
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	6,951	-	-	-	6,951	5,240
Income from investments	2(c)	432	11,909	659	177	13,177	4,046
Church activities	2(d)	5,794	109	5,942	-	11,845	10,741
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		103,195	12,018	12,096	177	127,486	139,276
RESOURCES EXPENDED							
Cost of generating voluntary income	3(a)	166	-	-	-	166	90
Grants	3(b)	-	8,730	618	-	9,348	9,753
Church activities	3(c)	100,557	15,310	19,487	-	135,354	142,912
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		100,723	24,040	20,105	-	144,868	152,755
NET INCOMING / (OUTGOING) RESOURCES		2,472	(12,022)	(8,009)	177	(17,382)	(13,479)
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS	9	(2,472)	7,689	(5,217)	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS		-	(4,333)	(13,226)	177	(17,382)	(13,479)
FUND BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY 2024	9	-	251,337	28,579	2,345	282,261	295,740
TOTAL FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2024	8, 9	-	247,004	15,353	2,522	264,879	282,261

The notes on pages 3 to 7 form part of these accounts.

**Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Bramcote
Balance Sheet at 31 December 2024**

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	6	13,754	10,465
Short term deposits		253,147	273,077
Cash at bank and in hand		1,014	1,954
		<u>267,915</u>	<u>285,496</u>
LIABILITIES			
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>(3,036)</u>	<u>(3,235)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>264,879</u>	<u>282,261</u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>264,879</u></u>	<u><u>282,261</u></u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted	8, 9	247,004	251,337
Restricted	8, 9	15,353	28,579
Endowment	8, 9	2,522	2,345
		<u>264,879</u>	<u>282,261</u>

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Stan Heptinstall
Chairman.....1264CAD9101F44F.....
(Stan Heptinstall)

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Alan Bateman
TreasurerFADBFD2980EA467.....
(Alan Bateman)

The notes on pages 3 to 7 form part of these accounts.

Registered Charity No. 1130798

Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Bramcote
Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ending 31 December 2024

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCC's.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts.

Funds

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a special object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections, donations, grants and bank interest are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. All other income is recognised when it is received. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources Expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when paid. Any parish share unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as an accrual in the Balance Sheet. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated property and moveable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficial property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). No value is placed on such property in these accounts.

All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA).

No value is placed on the Church centre and for insurance purposes there is no separate valuation as it is included in the overall amount of £14,300,000 (2023 : £14,300,000) for both the Church and centre.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

All expenditure on fixtures, fittings and office furniture is written off at the time expenditure is incurred.

Current Assets

Short - term deposits is cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

Reserve Policy

The PCC agreed to continue the policy of holding the equivalent of three months running costs as a General Reserve. As at 31st December 2024 the balance in the reserve is £10,081 (2023 : £11,217).

**Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Bramcote.
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**

For the year ending 31 December 2024

2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	(Unrestricted)				TOTAL FUNDS	
	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
2(a) Voluntary income						
Planned giving:						
Gift Aid donations	59,871	-	2,810	-	62,681	76,274
Income tax recoverable	16,248	-	702	-	16,950	20,382
Other planned giving	7,900	-	-	-	7,900	13,037
Collections (open plate) at all services	4,351	-	-	-	4,351	4,523
Grants	1,464	-	34	-	1,498	1,950
Donations, appeals etc.	184	-	1,949	-	2,133	3,083
	<u>90,018</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,495</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>95,513</u>	<u>119,249</u>
2(b) Activities for generating funds						
Church Centre Hire	5,966	-	-	-	5,966	4,235
Christmas Market	822	-	-	-	822	689
Other Fund Raising Events	163	-	-	-	163	316
	<u>6,951</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,951</u>	<u>5,240</u>
2(c) Income from investment						
Interest	432	11,909	659	125	13,125	3,995
Other	-	-	-	52	52	51
	<u>432</u>	<u>11,909</u>	<u>659</u>	<u>177</u>	<u>13,177</u>	<u>4,046</u>
2(d) Church activities						
Traidcraft	-	-	-	-	-	827
Bookstall	-	109	-	-	109	134
Catering	642	-	-	-	642	618
Fees	4,704	-	-	-	4,704	3,478
Outreach Events	226	-	49	-	275	88
Education	222	-	-	-	222	388
Silver Surfers	-	-	4,040	-	4,040	3,832
Little Angels	-	-	1,853	-	1,853	1,346
Other	-	-	-	-	-	30
	<u>5,794</u>	<u>109</u>	<u>5,942</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,845</u>	<u>10,741</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>103,195</u>	<u>12,018</u>	<u>12,096</u>	<u>177</u>	<u>127,486</u>	<u>139,276</u>

**Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Bramcote.
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**

For the year ending 31 December 2024

3 RESOURCES EXPENDED

	(Unrestricted)				TOTAL FUNDS	
	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
3(a) Generation of voluntary income						
Giving envelopes	166	-	-	-	166	90
	<u>166</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>166</u>	<u>90</u>
3(b) Grants						
Missionary and charitable giving:						
Church Mission Society	-	2,288	-	-	2,288	2,380
Church Pastoral Aid Society	-	1,790	-	-	1,790	1,829
Bible Society	-	139	-	-	139	142
The Leprosy Mission	-	139	-	-	139	141
P & K Miles	-	1,144	-	-	1,144	1,798
Foodbank - Bestwood & Bulwell	-	1,043	-	-	1,043	1,066
Framework	-	1,043	-	-	1,043	1,066
Berega	-	1,144	618	-	1,762	1,331
	<u>-</u>	<u>8,730</u>	<u>618</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,348</u>	<u>9,753</u>
3(c) Activities directly relating to the work of						
Ministry: Diocesan parish share	57,014	14,566	-	-	71,580	68,124
Working expenses	746	-	-	-	746	1,373
Bookstall	-	245	-	-	245	306
Traidcraft	-	-	-	-	-	1,075
Church running expenses	13,975	-	-	-	13,975	12,769
Church maintenance	5,038	-	361	-	5,399	8,787
Upkeep of services	571	-	-	-	571	372
Children, Youth & Family Life Co-ordinator						
- Salary and pension	-	-	7,367	-	7,367	14,775
- Expenses	-	-	316	-	316	1,101
Equipment	564	499	7,861	-	8,924	3,277
Fund Raising	16	-	-	-	16	15
Catering	659	-	-	-	659	617
Outreach	1,073	-	103	-	1,176	577
Messy Church	-	-	-	-	-	45
Printing, postage & stationery	1,792	-	-	-	1,792	1,811
Miscellaneous administration	5,499	-	-	-	5,499	5,149
Salaries	11,226	-	-	-	11,226	16,115
Education	1,690	-	-	-	1,690	2,197
Silver Surfers	-	-	1,973	-	1,973	1,599
Little Angels	-	-	1,394	-	1,394	1,459
Other	694	-	112	-	806	1,369
	<u>100,557</u>	<u>15,310</u>	<u>19,487</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>135,354</u>	<u>142,912</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u>100,723</u>	<u>24,040</u>	<u>20,105</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>144,868</u>	<u>152,755</u>

**Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Bramcote.
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**

For the year ending 31 December 2024

4 STAFF NUMBERS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year the PCC paid 4 employees (2023:5), the organist, parish administrator, cleaner and a Children and Family Youth Minister.

STAFF COSTS	2024	2023
	£	£
Salaries	18,007	29,969
Pension Contributions	586	921
TOTAL	<u>18,593</u>	<u>30,890</u>

The PCC pays at least the Living Wage Foundation living wage. The Workplace Pension was implemented on 1st July 2016 and the PCC chose the Government scheme NEST as its provider.

No payments were paid to any member of the PCC or persons closely connected to them or related parties, except that a member of the PCC became employed as a verger from 1st January 2019 to 31st March 2023. He was not a party to discussions on relevant employee matters. The Public Liability Insurance now includes Church Council and Trustee Indemnity, and no separate fee has therefore been paid.

5 EXTERNAL EXAMINER'S FEE

The fee agreed by the external examiner for the Independent Examination of the 2024 accounts is £1,140 (2023: £1,020), including VAT and has been accrued in these accounts. This included an examination of the Charity Accounts.

6 DEBTORS	2024	2023
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	7,902	8,945
Other debtors	4,935	727
Prepayments	917	793
	<u>13,754</u>	<u>10,465</u>

7 LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	3,036	3,235
	<u>3,036</u>	<u>3,235</u>

8 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Funds
	General Funds	Designated Funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
Total Assets	3,036	247,004	15,353	2,522	267,915
Current Liabilities	(3,036)	-	-	-	(3,036)
	<u>-</u>	<u>247,004</u>	<u>15,353</u>	<u>2,522</u>	<u>264,879</u>

**Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Bramcote.
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**

For the year ending 31 December 2024

9 BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD

Designated Funds	Balance at 1/01/24 £	Income/ Income Tax £	Interest £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31/12/24 £
Bookfund	582	109	25	(245)	-	471
General Maintenance	680	-	33	-	-	713
Mission Giving 2023	9,708	-	-	(8,730)	(978)	-
Mission Giving 2024	-	-	-	-	9,315	9,315
Youth Minister Work	1,133	-	56	-	-	1,189
Traidcraft	1,763	-	25	-	(1,788)	-
Overseas Development	-	-	63	-	1,788	1,851
Legacy - New Equipment	4,619	-	213	(499)	-	4,333
SMAAA Youth Work	4,559	-	260	-	978	5,797
General Reserve	11,217	-	490	-	(1,626)	10,081
Contingency Reserve	217,076	-	10,744	(14,566)	-	213,254
	<u>251,337</u>	<u>109</u>	<u>11,909</u>	<u>(24,040)</u>	<u>7,689</u>	<u>247,004</u>

Restricted Funds	Balance at 1/01/24 £	Income/ Income Tax £	Interest £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31/12/24 £
Bells	918	267	41	(248)	-	978
Legacy - Home Work (Youth)	8,154	-	225	-	(4,171)	4,208
Choir & Organ	1,841	-	91	-	-	1,932
Hymn Books	107	-	5	-	-	112
Music Fund	1,474	-	73	-	-	1,547
Heating System	751	-	37	(157)	-	631
Youth Minister	-	3,512	-	(7,683)	4,171	-
Berega Project	472	135	11	(618)	-	-
Grant - Community Hub	454	-	20	(59)	-	415
Bramcote Care Group	203	-	10	-	-	213
Wednesday Coffee Group	638	1,300	17	-	(1,612)	343
Audio/Visual System	9,920	330	124	(7,861)	-	2,513
Caring for Creation Grant	174	-	5	(112)	-	67
Silver Surfers	2,068	4,040	-	(1,973)	(2,205)	1,930
St Michael's Little Angels	1,405	1,853	-	(1,394)	(1,400)	464
	<u>28,579</u>	<u>11,437</u>	<u>659</u>	<u>(20,105)</u>	<u>(5,217)</u>	<u>15,353</u>

Endowment Fund (Income only)	Balance at 1/01/24 £	Income/ Income Tax £	Interest £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31/12/24 £
Bramcote Chancel	2,345	52	125	-	-	2,522
	<u>2,345</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>125</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,522</u>

10 FUND DETAILS

The endowment fund is the income only element of the Bramcote Chancel Fund. This is a permanent endowment which requires the income to be spent on keeping the chancel "wind and weather proof". The capital element of the fund is represented by 82.50 shares in the Central Board of Finance Investment Fund at an original cost of £613 and is not shown in these financial statements. The value of the capital at 31 December 2024 was £1,907.62 i.e. £23.1227 per share (2023: £1,864.94 i.e. £22.6053 per share). Both the income and capital of the fund is held by the Diocese of Southwell with the income invested in a Central Board of Finance Deposit Fund.

Independent Examiner's Report

To the PCC of St Michael and All Angels Church, Bramcote

I report to the Parochial Church Council on my examination of the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and Notes to the Financial Statements of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 1 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records 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.

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Accounts

St Michael & All Angels, Bramcote

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Monday 22nd April 2024



“May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus.”

CHURCH MOTTO 2024 ~ Romans 15:5



Statutory Information

Parish Name: Bramcote, St Michael and All Angels
Deanery: Nottingham South
Archdeaconry: Nottingham
Diocese: Southwell and Nottingham
Address: Church Street, Bramcote NG9 3HD

Telephone: (0115) 9430137
Email: office@bramcoteparishchurch.com
Website: www.saintmichaelsbramcote.com

Parochial Church Council (PCC):

The PCC is a registered charity (#1130798)

Bankers:

Barclays Bank

Insurers:

Ecclesiastical Insurance Group PLC

Independent Examiner:

TCP Chartered Accountants

Church Architect:

Graham Renton MA (Hons) DipArch RIBA AABC MIDA
Architect Associate BDP

All information believed to be correct as of 1st March 2024

Parish Staff Team

Vicar:	In vacancy
Associate Ministers:	Rev. Canon Lillian Heptinstall Rev. Tony Cardwell Rev. Jonathan Smithurst
Children & Family Minister:	Donna Snowden
Licensed Lay Reader:	Lalage Smithurst

Principal Church Officers

Churchwardens:	David Jones Stan Heptinstall
Deputy Churchwardens:	Wendy Willan Cath Ortori
PCC Secretary:	Cindy Jones
PCC Treasurer:	Alan Bateman
PCC Accountant:	Christine Langton
PCC Deputy Lay Chair:	Robert Cleave
Parish Administrator:	Claire Morrell-Stone
Safeguarding Officer:	Tina Newton
Electoral Roll Officer:	Claire Morrell-Stone

Committee Chairpersons

Standing:	Stan Heptinstall
Outreach and Mission:	Jonathan Smithurst (up to September 2023), succeeded by Lalage Smithurst
Ministry:	Rev. Canon Lillian Heptinstall
Resources:	Wendy Willan

The Parochial Church Council (PCC)

Introduction

The Church Representation Rules require 'an annual report on the proceedings of the Parochial Church Council and the activities of the parish generally' to be received in time for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). The contents of the report may be subject to discussion.

Aims of the Organisation

The PCC (Powers) Measure 1956 directs that the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Michael's, Bramcote has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church; pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for all church buildings and grounds. Thus the prime purpose of the church is to maintain and develop the community of Christian believers and to use the strength of that community to promote the beliefs of and in Christ through outreach, care for those in need, and by contributing in practical and Christian ways to the whole of our local community.

Consequently, this will involve our engagement in such issues as Mission, Pastoral Care, Teaching, Nurture and Christian Stewardship - the giving of our time, talents and financial resources. All of this should be seen as part of our common Christian discipleship and not just for those who are particularly keen, willing and/or able.

In addition, our support of missionary activities, both at home and overseas, should form a clear and integral part of our communal life as the family of God in the ecclesiastical parish of Bramcote.

Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected at the APCM. In accordance with Church Representation Rules, membership is open to all those who a) are over 16 b) are on the electoral roll c) consent to being appointed d) have been confirmed e) have received Communion at least three times in the previous year and f) are not otherwise legally prohibited from serving.

During the past year, the following individuals have served as members of the PCC:

Ex-officio members: Stan Heptinstall and David Jones (Churchwardens)

Synod members:

Cindy Jones (Diocesan/Deanery Synod)

Liz Cardwell and Robert Cleave (Deanery Synod)

Elected members of the PCC:

Hillary Brian Christine Cleave Cindy Jones Andrew Hall Kate Prayle Liz Cardwell
Alan Windsor Jenny Biss Cath Ortori Glynn Bannister Stan Heptinstall
Robert Cleave Jimmy Smith Alan Bateman Wendy Willan

Invited as needed:

Donna Snowden Tina Newton Revd Canon Lillian Heptinstall
Revd Jonathan Smithurst Sarah Meredith

Warden Emeriti:

David Jones Victor Smithson Wendy Willan

PCC Committees**Standing Committee**

This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. It also serves to establish the agenda of the PCC.

During the past year, the following have served as members:

Stan Heptinstall (Lay Chair of PCC & Churchwarden)
David Jones (Churchwarden)
Cindy Jones (PCC Secretary)
Alan Bateman (Treasurer)
Christine Langton (Church Accountant)
Lillian Heptinstall (Chair of Ministry Committee)
Jonathan Smithurst (Chair of Mission & Outreach Committee)
Wendy Willan (Chair of Resources Committee)
Robert Cleave (Deputy Lay Chair of PCC)

Outreach and Mission Committee

Responsible for the mission of the church within our own local community, together with the support of missions overseas and at home. During the past year, Jonathan Smithurst has served as chair.

Ministry Committee

Responsible for the development of faith within its people and their pastoral care. During the past year, Lillian Heptinstall has served as chair.

Resources Committee

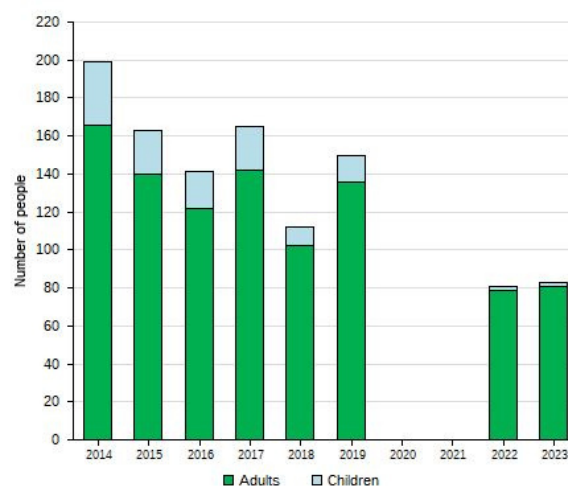
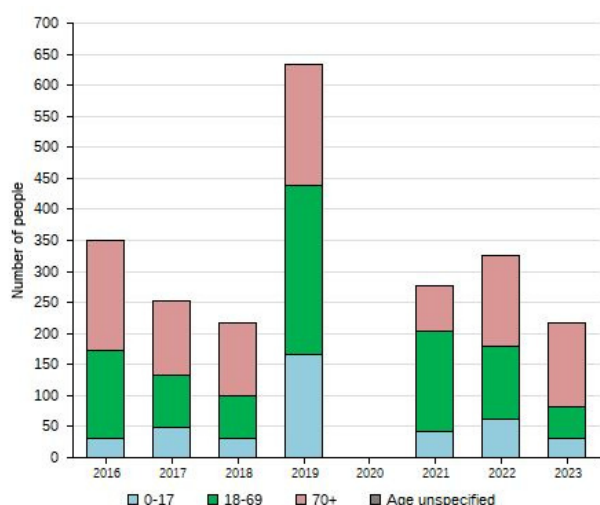
Responsible for resourcing the mission and ministry of the church through the regular maintenance and development of our premises, properties and equipment with an ongoing programme of Christian Stewardship. During the past year, Wendy Willan has served as chair.



Membership & Attendance Statistics

Over the last year, we have had the opportunity to go through our membership database and remove a large number of people who have either died or no longer come to church, including a significant number who have moved away. This means that the overall number of people is down on previous years, but is a truer reflection of our current church family. The number of children worshipping with us has also slightly decreased, mainly because we have stopped offering Messy Church in favour of trying to get families into church on Sundays. Our Family Worship and Sunday Stars are new initiatives which will hopefully grow over the next 12 months.

On the positive side, the number of people attending church on Sundays has risen slightly. A typical Sunday in October saw an average of 112 compared to 96 in 2022. The number of people attending special services (see below) has also frequently been higher than last year.



Festival Statistics

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Mothering Sunday (10am)	53	61
Ash Wednesday	42	25
Maundy Thursday	35	36
Good Friday (total)	95	95
Easter Day (8am)	10	10
Easter Day (10am)	71	89
Easter Day (6.30pm)	32	28
Ascension Day	29	27
Father's Day (10am)	45	54
Bereavement Service	85	77
Remembrance Service	250	285
Carols (5.30pm)	115	157
Carols (7.30pm)	82	94
Nativity	163	175
Midnight Communion	46	66
Christmas Day (8am)	11	9
Christmas Day (10am)	60	74
Christmas Day (11.30am)	15	3

Occasional Offices

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Weddings	2	4
Baptisms	2	4
Funerals/Thanksgivings	18	15

Electoral Roll

The number of people on the roll has remained stable since 2019. For 2022 it was 166, for 2023 it was 157 and for 2024 it is 156.

PCC Report

This has been a year of vacancy but not of inactivity. We have endeavoured to keep our church running efficiently and to keep alive our vision of reaching wider deeper and younger. Ministry, Mission and Prayer are at the heart of all we undertake.

The church has been blessed with a team of retired clergy and reader who have worked together to ensure that our service pattern has continued. Their work has been supported during the year with visiting preachers, including our Archdeacon Phil, Bishop Andy and Christina Baxter, the former principal of St John's College. Our mission partners and representatives, from organisations we support, have also contributed to the Sunday services. Special services for Easter, Remembrance, Bereavement, Christingle and Christmas took place, and were well attended. We have been pleased to welcome new faces to the congregation at both morning and evening services.

The PCC and Standing Committee have met bi-monthly to conduct the business of the church. An important agenda item has been the suggestion that we should begin to change our service pattern, and content, to make some Sunday Services 'more user friendly' to new families and the unchurched. The idea has been well received but it has to be recognised that new resources are needed to make these services successful. Discussions are taking place but it is a work in progress. We recognise the need, but the implementation is more problematic. The Resources Committee, Ministry Committee and Outreach and Mission meet in between, and their recommendations are discussed and ratified where necessary. The committee membership includes representatives from the PCC and the congregation. They each have their own remit.

The Resources Committee has ensured that the buildings and the grounds are well maintained. Repairs have been made to the lighting in the church and Church Centre. The heating system has been updated and work has been carried out to improve the sound system. We are constantly aware of our environmental responsibilities and we are working on moving on from the Silver to the Gold Standard A Rocha Eco Church scheme.

The Ministry Committee has planned our Sunday and Midweek Services and Prayer Meetings. The committee has coordinated the topics for Home Groups and has encompassed Pastoral Care and Prayer. A prayer diary, and personal requests for prayer, are circulated regularly both online and in church.

The Mission and Outreach Committee has strengthened the links with our Mission Partners. The committee has organised the monthly services and we have been pleased to hear about, and pray for, the work of our overseas Mission Partners and leaders of Food Bank, Teams4U and the Children's Society. In recognition of King Charles' coronation, a very successful community lunch was held on a hot Sunday in May in the church car park. Working together with local residents, this event attracted over 100 families and individuals and was hugely appreciated by all.

The proceeds from our Harvest Thanksgiving supported the work of Anglican International Development. Their Executive Officer Dr Simon Tustin spoke at our September mission service, outlining the work of the organisation and their projects.

The Social Reference Group, under the auspice of Mission and Outreach, meets regularly to plan and organise social events and activities. These are designed to welcome, encourage and engage members of our community from all backgrounds and age groups. Events have included a regular Parish Brunch, Café Bramcote evenings, concerts, a Christmas Fair and later this year a Parish Walk.

A hot topic has been the appointment of a new incumbent. On the 30th January an extraordinary PCC meeting was led by representatives from the Diocese to consider Safeguarding and this was followed by a Section 11 Meeting, to discuss arrangements for the advertising and the ensuing interviewing of candidates. Since then, we have prayed constantly for the right person to come and lead us forward. We also held a special diocesan prayer event for other parishes with a vacancy as well as our own, which was attended by Archdeacon Phil. So far our prayers have not been answered, but we are not discouraged. A new modern house has been purchased, via the diocese, to replace the current Vicarage and our Parish Profile has been revised. We move into 2024 with hope and enthusiasm.

Donna, our Children and Youth Worker, works alongside families and children in both our Church School and church itself. Little Angels and Dads 'n' Kids groups are flourishing, but sadly Sunday attendance by young people and families is low. A monthly family service is developing and it is hoped that more families will attend. The worshipping community in the church school is growing in number. Pupils attended Experience Easter in March and a Prayer Labyrinth during advent. End of term services are well attended by parents, friends and governors.

Links between church and school are strong and Donna has done much to cement this. The foundation governors are regular visitors to the school, attending open days, concerts and services. They ensure that all pupils are making good progress, whatever their needs, and that the Christian ethos of the school is apparent throughout.

Communication from St Michael's is good. The online weekly newsletter is circulated to church members and to more than 200 households in our parish and beyond. This has proved to be very popular. It contains details of our church services and activities, as well as interesting local news and information. A special edition for Easter and Christmas was delivered to every house in the parish and we saw many new faces in church as a consequence. A special handout for new people was prepared and made available to all who visit us. Our parish website has been redesigned and updated, and this year a new Facebook page has been launched.

We continue to assess the many risks associated with people and buildings, finance, safety, and the reputation of the church. Following a recent fire inspection, the resource committee addressed issues raised and we now have an up-to-date Fire Risk Assessment Policy that covers both the church and the Church Centre.

Our Safeguarding Officer is diligent in ensuring that all correct procedures are adhered to. Safeguarding policies, including Child Protection and E-Safety have now been rewritten and are up to date. PCC members have undergone safeguarding training and hold the relevant qualifications. DBS checks have been carried out where necessary on church members and on leaders of groups associated with our church. All who prepare food now hold a Health and Safety Level 2 certificate.

Financial Review

In 2023 we balanced our books but had to withdraw some funding from contingencies to pay the full Parish Share. There was a reduction in regular income from giving due to deaths and people moving away following retirement. To balance this, we have tried to be less wasteful when using heat, light and consumable items, and extra income has been generated by hiring out our premises for local groups and parties. The Parish Administrator has to be congratulated for her role in this. We have also been able to make savings through reductions in staff costs.

A Giving Campaign during the year also helped to stabilise our decreasing income. After the resignation of our Verger, the Warden Team decided that they would take on these duties, thus making a substantial reduction in salaries. The proceeds from the sale of the curate's house enabled us to fund vital repairs to the church, to make up the Parish Share shortfall and fund our youth worker for three years. We have done this for two years so far.

The designated and restricted funds are detailed in the annual accounts and both the PCC and Standing Committee review these on a regular basis, together with our general income and expenditure accounts. A detailed annual budget has been produced, against which our income and expenditure are reviewed. Our reserve policy continues to be in line with the Charities Act and the PCC have agreed to the setting up of a Reserve Policy, namely that we should hold the equivalent of three months running costs as a General Reserve.

Cindy Jones (PCC Secretary)

Resources Committee Report

Current Members: Alan Bateman, Ken Bird, Robert Cleave, Andrew Hall, John Hart, Stan Heptinstall, David Jones, Wendy Willan

Resources – a stock or supply of money, materials, staff and other assets that can be drawn on by a person or organisation in order to function effectively. So says the dictionary.

At the close of another busy year, there is still much ongoing work to keep us all occupied! Five years ago we had a Quinquennial Report which raised a number of issues to be dealt with within those five years. Many have been undertaken – re-roofing the south aisle, for example. Some remain as annual checks and monitoring the condition of items such as the walls, gates, guttering and stonework for example will need our attention in due course.

At the heart of what we do is the care and safety of all who enter the buildings, both regular attendees and visitors to services, meetings and special events held here.

Much of what has been done has been unseen – drawing up policies; liaising with the Church Insurers; updating documents such as Risk Assessments and obtaining quotes for repainting the car park lines etc; together with communicating with church members and the wider community to enable events like the outdoor meal to celebrate King Charles' coronation last summer to take place so successfully.

Ongoing projects have included sourcing a new kitchen door and a quote for its cost, of course! One very visible project we have undertaken is the refurbishment of the office for which we are very grateful for the donation of both time and finance. The door to the Centre has been mended and the controls to same lowered for those of us of shorter stature!! With reference to upholding and improving our green credentials we have talked to the Church's architect about the suitability of solar panels, smart meters and other ECO related issues.

So, we have done and continue to do those things which help enable church to function effectively and to keep us all safe and secure. We have some unsung heroes in our midst, and not just committee members, who have planted, weeded and trimmed much of the grounds around the church premises. Thank you SO much – you know who you are!

Finally, I should like to say a huge thank you to all members of the committee for their ongoing commitment of both time and energy during this past year for all that they have done. Another busy year lies ahead!!

Wendy Willan (Chair)

Ministry, Training and Pastoral Care Committee Report

Current Members: Lillian Heptinstall, Cath Ortori, Jenny Biss, Christine Cleave, Liz Cardwell, Paul Neal and Donna Snowden. We meet regularly between PCC meetings, usually Tuesday evenings via Zoom. Many thanks to Christine for taking very good minutes for our meetings.

The work of the Ministry, Training and Pastoral Care Committee includes prayer and prayer ministry, nurture and pastoral care.

Prayer

We encouraged prayer, and the fellowship we have when we pray together, in the following ways.

- Different people lead the Parish Prayer Meeting and put together the prayer diary. It is held on the third Tuesday of every month, 7pm until 8pm, in the Church Centre lounge. Eight to ten people meet regularly. The parish prayer diary goes out via email to 34 others. Copies are also in the Link for any who would like to join us in prayer.
- Organising the Prayer Walk on Pentecost Saturday. This year it will be on Saturday 18th May, organised by Cath Ortori. Last year about 20 people started and finished, not always the same people, as they joined and left as they needed to. A 'halfway' lunch was kindly hosted by Pat Ashworth. People can choose to walk the whole route or part of it. This is connected to 'Thy Kingdom Come', a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension Day to Pentecost for five more people to come to know Jesus. Every person, household and church are encouraged to pray during the 10 days in their own way. This will be co-ordinated by the Outreach and Mission Group.
- Celtic Prayer continues at 10am on Monday mornings. Requests put on the prayer board are prayed about at this meeting. Jenny and Christine are taking a lead on this.
- Continuing the email prayer alerts for urgent prayer needs. This has now been taken on by Liz Cardwell. Grateful thanks to Alex Pearson for her work in keeping it going when Gill Wilmot became poorly.
- Prayer ministry is offered at both Sunday services. Cath heads up the prayer ministry team and would welcome new members – training will be given. The instructions for the Prayer Ministry team now include references for Safeguarding and will be issued to any new recruits.
- 'Pop in and pray' was held on 12th October 2023. The day started with Holy Communion at 10am. From 10.45am Archdeacon Phil lead us in prayer for the Diocese, Deanery and churches in vacancy. Paul Neal led set prayer at intervals during the morning. We enjoyed a light lunch together and ended the morning in prayer.

Lent and Easter 2024

Walking the Way of the Cross – The cross was laid out on the grass outside church during Holy Week. Booklets were prepared with a separate one for the children.

Our Maundy Thursday Agapé Meal was well attended and much appreciated.

Advent 2023

Last year there was no Prayer Labyrinth during Advent. There were insufficient volunteers to enable it to happen. We hope to set it up this next Advent.

Nurture

The Alpha courses and the Bible course are two courses available to nurture church members and new disciples. The Alpha course did not take place as planned but a course is planned for later in the year. This will be for anyone who wishes to refresh their Christian faith or to find out more. We hope that those wishing to prepare for Confirmation will join the next course. There is a Confirmation service on 16th June at 6pm at St Mary's in the Lace Market.

Home groups provide a venue for studying the bible, learning together, praying and caring for each other. Resources are provided for home group leaders and individuals. During the past year, groups have had the opportunity to engage with studies from Philippians, Advent studies on the First and Second Coming of Christ and Romans. During Lent up to 18 people attended the Lent course held in the Church Centre. We looked at four of seven studies prepared by the Diocese around the refreshed Diocesan vision. We looked at Inspiring Worship, Reaching Younger, Encouraging Generosity and Nurturing Prayer.

The Diocese has a Learning Hub, which can be accessed by all, there are lots of learning opportunities to be found there.

The Home Group studies after Easter will centre around the book of Esther.

Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care continues through the Home Group and individual acts of care and kindness. 'In Touch' is a pastoral care network designed to keep people in touch with each other by means of a telephone contact network. This needs to be updated and renewed. Our 'In Your Bereavement' booklet is available for all those who are in contact with those who are bereaved. It has been updated and is available in the Link and in the Church Office. The 'Caring for Each Other at St Michael's' leaflet is available and gives details of who to contact for home groups, in bereavement, prayer requests and much more. This is available on the church website and in the office.

Friendship Group

The friendship Group has met several times and includes singles and married couples, meeting together for fellowship and fun. We have had a guided walk, led by Val Bird, around part of Bramcote Village, had a fun Christmas gathering and a games evening. We plan to meet and walk around Attenborough Nature Reserve in May.

Resource Room

The prayer room can no longer be used as a prayer room because of safeguarding concerns. It has been set up as a resource room and currently houses materials for the Labyrinth and 'Walk the Way of the Cross', as well as resources for Christingle and Carols by Candlelight services, materials for Alpha, home groups studies, books and other useful resources. Many thanks to all who helped with this.

New Welcome Pack

There have been several attempts at putting together a 'Welcome Pack'. We are nearly there! Thank you Claire for all your work on this. It is proposed that it be made available for those who are new and attending regularly at St Michael's. A separate welcome leaflet was produced at Christmas (thank you Paul), which was given to everyone coming to St Michael's over the Christmas period. This is periodically updated.

Space for Parents with Children

The South aisle has been arranged to allow for families and children to be together during any service, if they wish. It is also used as a quiet space for personal prayer with candles to light, and leaflets to help and encourage prayer.

Many thanks to everyone for their contributions and hard work over the last year, and to Claire Morrell-Stone for her administrative support.

Standing Committee Report

Standing Committee meets bimonthly between meetings of the PCC to deal with any urgent PCC business and to maintain an overview of all that is happening at St Michael's.

Current members: Alan Bateman (Church Treasurer), Ken Bird (Planned Giving Officer), Robert Cleave (Deputy Chair of PCC), Lillian Heptinstall (Chair of Ministry Committee), Stan Heptinstall (Churchwarden and Chair of PCC), Cindy Jones (PCC Secretary), David Jones (Churchwarden), Christine Langton (Church Accountant), Cath Ortori (Deputy Churchwarden), Lalage Smithurst (Chair of Outreach and Mission Committee), Wendy Willan (Chair of Resources Committee and Deputy Churchwarden).

The meetings always open and close with a prayer. We look at the minutes of recent meetings of the PCC and its subcommittees and receive reports on church finances and all other matters relevant to progress at St Michael's. Minutes of the meetings are prepared and circulated to PCC members for information. Here is an overview of what happened during the past year.

Vacancy – The year started with the preparations for advertising for the new Vicar of Bramcote; subsequently there were discussions with the Diocese that resulted in the purchase of a new vicarage, some modifications to the Parish Profile, and additional information provided for, and interviews with, selected candidates. At the end of the year our search for the right appointee is continuing.

Income and Expenditure – Careful reflection on church finances led to a new giving campaign and actions on lettings as a means of increasing income, as well as considerable inputs into reducing expenditure. The use of new ways of giving via card readers was introduced.

Communications – A new church website was launched, a new Facebook page was started, a new edition of green pages was published, weekly newsletters were distributed, occasional information on what is happening at St Michael's was delivered to all homes in Bramcote, and new 'welcome to our church' leaflets were made available. Rolling notices were prepared weekly for use on Sundays and video recordings of some of the Sunday sermons were made for the benefit of those unable to come to church.

Special Events – We celebrated the Coronation of King Charles III with a special service and a very successful Coronation Big Lunch in collaboration with our local community and the local Scouts. We had a presence at the Hemlock Happening and there was a Family Fun Day. We celebrated with David Hanford on his 40 years as organist, choirmaster, and Director of Music at St Michael's. We participated in a special Diocesan Day of Prayer for all churches currently in vacancy. All this with Parish Brunches and all else that happens regularly at St Michael's.

Buildings and Safety – The AV Systems in the church and the Church Centre received a significant overhaul, new spaces in church were identified for use by children and families and for pre-and post-service refreshments, the church office was refurbished, other areas were specially cleaned and tidied, and necessary repairs and maintenance were performed. A new Fire Safety Assessment was written, and actions put in place, including re-establishment of functioning emergency lighting. There was new tree planting and work in the churchyard to increase biodiversity.

Church Services – With the help of many, and especially our retired clergy, the frequency of services has continued as before the vacancy. Mission support has continued with associated financial and gift support for our Mission Partners, Berega, T4U and the Bestwood and Bulwell Foodbank. Some changes have taken place and others are under consideration, especially with the aim of attracting younger people and families to join us at St Michael's.

Midweek Activities – Celtic Prayer, Monthly Prayer Meetings, Daily Private Prayer, Prayers for Ukraine and other matters, meetings of Home Groups, a Lent Course, Dads 'n' Kids, Rooted Youth Group, together with associated activities including Coffee Morning, Choir, Little Angels, Silver Surfers, Fitness and Friendship and Bell Ringing practice have continued successfully as before. A new Friendship Group for 30 to 40 year olds has been formed.

Many thanks to the many staff, volunteers and friends who have made all of the above possible.

Stan Heptinstall - Chair

Safeguarding Report

WIn the last year considerable progress has been made in Safeguarding procedures at St Michael and All Angels Bramcote.

Revd Lillian Heptinstall has put considerable work into ensuring that all people that need a Disclosure Barring Check, DBS, have one. Thank you to Lillian for this.

I also want to thank all those who have undergone Safeguarding Training needed for all those with roles in the Church. The training is free to us but takes personal time of everyone who does it and my thanks to them too.

As Parish Safeguarding Officer, I keep a record of all the above and up until now this has been on an online programme called the Parish Dashboard. We were at Level 2 and so were able to access a development of the dashboard called the Safeguarding Hub. This will make the management of recording both training and DBS much more user friendly and less time consuming. It needs populating with the roles we have in church and the DBS and training information. Revd Lillian and I have begun this and will continue with this.

Safeguarding in Church is all about making sure we have the correct procedures in place to make sure Church is as safe as we can make it. It is also about having clear and thorough procedures so that if any unsafe behaviours occur, it is clear what needs to happen and so everyone continues to be kept safe in Church.

I want to thank everyone who sends referrals to me so that we can ensure everything is safe in church for everyone.

Tina Newton

Bell Ringers Report

The current officers are:

Tower captain - Christine Langton

Secretary - Lesley Hill

Treasurer - Christine Langton

Ringling master - Christine Langton

Communications officer - Richard Portwood

Steeple keeper - Tom Langton

Assistant steeple keeper - Richard Portwood

Education officer - Anne Sladen

Social secretary - Fiona Maxwell

Spiderman - Richard Portwood

Register keeper - Linda Seymour

Our Friday practices have been well attended by our ringers, with the average at practice nights increasing to eight ringers from an average of seven ringers in the previous year. We held 50 practices during the year, only missing the practice during Holy Week and one in August. Thanks to our visitors who help out at the practices. We welcomed five new recruits (Clare, Linda, Dave, Philippa and Lesley E) in the year who are all learning how to ring. It was sad to have to say goodbye to Sue, who retired from ringing in July 2023 to look after her husband. Sue had been a regular member of our band for many years.

We rang the bells before the 10am Sunday service almost every week (excluding first Sundays), usually ringing at least five bells. Both Eddie and Dave have started ringing with us on a Sunday morning, which has greatly helped to increase our number of service ringers. We thank Richard Black and his family from Nuthall for joining us on Sunday mornings.

It has been a busy year for the bell ringers. In May we rang for the Coronation of King Charles III. It was a great turn out with 12 ringers, including a couple of our new recruits (Clare and Linda). Our ringing included the change called 'King's', which is 5, 3, 1, 2, 4, 6 and the change called 'Queen's', which is 1, 3, 5, 2, 4, 6. Special congratulations to Eddie who rang without any help after only starting to learn to ring in November 2022. We later received a card from King Charles III and Queen Camilla thanking us for our ringing.

We held our annual 'Christmas Drinks with the Bell Ringers' event at the beginning of December. It was great to see so many neighbours enjoying mulled wine, eating mince pies and several people even had a go at ringing. It was again a very successful event with 28 guests attending plus all the bell ringers. Thanks to everyone that attended to make it a very enjoyable evening. We even had a write up about our event in the international bell ringing magazine, called The Ringing World. During the evening Richard Portwood was presented with his Level 5 in bell ringing (see photo overleaf of Richard receiving his certificate). Also, congratulations to Eddie for passing his level 1 and level 2 in bell ringing during the year.

This year, the Nottingham district heat of the Crawford Cup county striking competition was hosted by St Paul's, Daybrook in March. There were eight teams in total. We rang very well and were up against some very impressive bands. The winners were St Mary's, Nottingham.

In May we restarted ringing our monthly quarter peals (continuous ringing for 45 minutes) before the evening service on a Sunday, after a long break due to Covid and then not having enough ringers. We were successful with four of our quarter peals.

We also rang for three weddings during the year, we rang before the Berega dinner in July and rang half muffled on Remembrance Sunday.

Over the Christmas period, we were able to ring for the Carol Services, for the Children's Nativity service on Christmas Eve and for the 10am service on Christmas Day.

Lesley welcomed two groups of visiting bell ringers during the year, one of which rang a quarter peal. They gave us donations, which have gone into our Bell Fund.

Should anyone wish to have the bells rung to mark a special occasion (e.g. birthdays and anniversaries), then please do get in touch with Christine Langton.

We are always looking for new recruits so if you are interested in learning to ring or just want to come along to see what we do, you are very welcome to join our practice on a Friday evening from 7.30pm to 9pm or contact Christine Langton (christine@nuscr.org or 0115 877 9439).

Christine Langton



Bramcote Care Group Report

Bramcote Care Group continues to be advertised in the weekly newsletter and on the website. There is no committee, I am the coordinator, and the current deputy coordinator is inactive at present due to a family bereavement. We have very few relevant requests, but I have the skills to assess suitability and signpost to alternative services. Even when relevant requests are sent out to the volunteer group, update is poor due to volunteer availability.

Elaine Morris

Silver Surfers Report

Silver Surfers continues to be very popular with regular guests and newcomers. Committee members are listed on our notice board, available at every meeting.

We have a few sessions where we invite speakers, such as Cybercrime and NHS Digital, which have proved to be very popular, but we don't wish to interrupt our regular sessions by having speakers too often. Our fortnightly lunch, Social Surfers, now has a regular attendance of 12-18 and is a successful and popular branch of our social activities.

We still have problems attracting and retaining volunteers and coaches, for reasons I fail to understand. My concern is that our current volunteers, who have been loyal volunteers for many years, will eventually become fatigued due to the increasing guest numbers. We then run the risk of not providing the service that guests expect and attendance will drop off.

Elaine Morris

Food Bank Report

Bestwood and Bulwell Food Bank is situated, and serves, very needy families in one of the most deprived areas of our country. Sadly, the necessity for the Food Bank has continued to grow. Unemployment in this area, changes in the benefit system and the Cost of Living Crisis has meant that more and more families are desperately in need of help. Usually this is for a short time until work or financial help can be found. To some extent, the high rise in food prices has meant the more affluent donors are giving less. Funding from the Local Authorities and the Government is also likely to decline.

St Michael's Church is one of the largest providers of food, toiletries and financial donations. The Food Bank is most grateful for our help. I personally would like to say a huge thank you to all who give so generously week by week. On average we send about 50kg of food and toiletries each week, but at Christmas and Harvest time the deliveries were much higher.

I would also like to thank my team of deliverers. Without them the donations would not reach their destination. Each week one of our team collects the food and takes it across the city to Bestwood. One or two of the team have, unfortunately, had to give this job up due to health problems. If there is anybody who has a heart for this mission then please do contact me. The task is not onerous and usually will involve only three journeys each year.

Once again thank you so much to all who generously give of their time and talents, and may I urge you all to continue to support Bestwood and Bulwell Food Bank in the weeks ahead.

David Jones

Social Reference Group Report

The Social Reference Group comes under the auspice of the Mission and Outreach Committee. It is made up of representatives from each of the main organisations and groups within our church.

We meet quarterly to discuss, plan and organise social events which take place in our church and often in the surrounding parish. One member may come up with a suggestion, they take ownership of the arrangements but then enlist help with the planning and execution. Within our group are members with a very wide range of interests and talents. Some events fit in with the church calendar but others are purely social events. All of them are planned to reach out to the wider community. Through these activities we aim to show the love of the Lord Jesus for all. We hope to be inclusive and reach out to all ages, whatever creed or culture.

During 2023 there have been regular Parish brunches. We held a Harvest Supper, a Christmas Fair, an evening of Carols with the Salvation Army, and Carol Singing in the local pubs. A very successful meal was held to raise funds for one of our overseas mission charities in Berega.

We took part in the Hemlock Happening in June and one of the highlights of the year was a Celebration of the Coronation, where young and old from the surrounding road held a lunch and party in the church grounds. There was fun, games and activities for all (see photo below).

Several concerts were held during the year, catering for a wide range of musical tastes. A May Day Parish Walk took place, covering eight or nine miles of woods and parkland in Bramcote. This proved very successful, attracting walkers of all ages, families and canine friends.

As 2023 drew to a close the group was already planning for 2024. Watch out for news on our website and in the weekly newsletter!

Cindy Jones (Chair)



Nottingham South Deanery

2023 Annual Report



This year we have said goodbye to Rev'd Tom Gillum (St Mary's in the Lace Market) and Rev'd Jamie Franklin (Nottingham, St George). We have welcomed Rev'd Fi Shouler (St Barnabas, Lenton Abbey), Rev'd Anna Clarke (Trinity – Pioneer Minister) and curates Amy Jones (Trinity), John Lees-Robinson (Nottingham, St Saviour), Daniel Tsoi (Nottingham, St Nic's).

Rev'd Jonny Hughes became priest-in-charge at Nottingham St Andrew's as it joined Trinity and Nottingham St Saviour. Rev'ds Jo and John Lees-Robinson moved to Nottingham St Saviour with a team from Trinity and it re-opened on 17 December.

The Deanery Leadership Team has continued to meet during the year to plan Synod and to discuss ways to support parishes in the Deanery – particularly those in vacancy. We have held three Synods:

On 15 February we met at St Peter's in Nottingham and the theme of our meeting was "Crossing Cultures with Christ). The aim of this meeting was to help us to continue to think about the diversity of our Deanery and how we can reflect this in our churches. Our speakers were Rev'd Clive Burrows, Rev'd Liam O'Boyle and Adan Baker (from Refugee Roots).

On 18 July we met at St Mary's, Wollaton Park. We were joined by Rev'd David McCoulough who shared with us about the varied role chaplains can fulfil. Synod then discussed the potential role for chaplains in their parishes. We also admitted churchwardens who had not been able to attend the visitation services at Southwell.

On 23 November we met at St Barnabas, Lenton Abbey. Rev'd Jo Tatum, Area Dean, updated Synod on the renewed vision and Trevor Peel, Deanery Treasurer, explained the process for the allocation of giving for ministry for 2024. Cpt Denis Tully and Rev'd Dr Ian Paul then gave a report to Synod about General Synod including the Prayers of Love and Faith.

Our November meeting was also our AGM and a report was provided on the work of the Deanery Leadership Team during the past year. Elaine Hinchliffe had given notice that she was stepping down as Lay Chair at the end of November 2023 and she was thanked for all she had done in this role.

Following the AGM the Deanery Leadership Team was made up of:

- Ex-officio Members: Rev'd Jo Tatum (Area Dean), Kirsty Cowley (Deanery Administrator)
- Lay Chair: Vacant
- Deanery Secretary: Peter Horne
- Deanery Treasurer: Trevor Peel
- DLT Members: Fola Sowunmi, two clergy vacancies, one lay vacancy

We also voted the following people on to Diocesan Synod:

- House of Clergy: Rev'd Jo Tatum, Rev'd Dr Mark Wreford, Rev'd Jonny Hughes and Rev'd Andy Tufnell
- House of Laity: Christopher Gray

The Deanery paid 86.6% of its giving for ministry in 2023. Every parish is thanked for their generosity.

Outreach and Mission Committee Report

Membership: Chair – Jonathan Smithurst (until September 2023) then Lalage Smithurst; Glynn Bannister; Hillary Brian; Claire Gee; Cindy Jones; Tina Newton; Jonathan Portwood (resigned September 2023); Kate Prayle.

Over the past year, the Outreach & Mission Committee has continued to meet by Zoom approximately every two months. During the year, the committee was renamed Outreach & Mission Committee to reinforce the Outreach role of the Committee and also because some people seemed confused as to whether they were members of the Ministry or Mission & Outreach Committee (2 Ms) and others referred to the Mission Committee.

Our Mission Partners are part of our church family and we play a vital role in their work by praying for them and supporting them financially. Every year we maintain the principle of the tithe by giving a tenth of the previous year's church annual income to support mission and charitable work outside the parish boundary. In 2023, the PCC giving was £9922.00, slightly down on the previous year. To this was added a further £1000 from the liquidation of the Traidcraft stock following Traidcraft going into administration; this was specifically for the successor to the Tearfund Church & Community Mobilisation Process in Berega in Tanzania following the end of the 3-year Memorandum of Understanding with Tearfund to support this project.

We have continued throughout the year to hear from and prayerfully support our Mission Partners, having a particular prayer focus each month and usually a Mission Support Sunday on the second Sunday of the month. In January, we heard about The Leprosy Mission (TLM) from Helen Walton and an additional £225 was given by personal donations directly to TLM.



CMS Mission Partner, Azaria Spencer de Pocasangre, has updated us throughout the year about her work in training and supporting mentors working with vulnerable young people as well as being involved with the vulnerable community. This included a visit to St Michael's in March 2023 when she also announced her engagement to David. They were married in Guatemala in November. David has been accepted as a CMS Mission Partner and spent January this year undergoing training in this country.

Kate and Paul and their family returned to the UK from the Middle East in the summer of 2023 and visited St Michael's on Sunday August 13th when they shared some of their joys and frustrations. They are currently in Cambridge on long leave for rest, refreshment, and resetting; for reconnection with the church; to regroup, rethink, and re-evaluate; to retrain; and then to be re-sent/relaunched back into the Middle East next year.



David and Anne Curnock, Associate Mission Partners, continue to update us about their roles in health education and children's work with **OneCollective**. In 2023, they visited both Stara Zagora in Bulgaria and Berega in Tanzania, their first visits for three years following lockdown. Robert and Christine Cleave accompanied them on their visit to Tanzania. In addition to visiting Berega and district, they were also involved in discussions about support with the Diocese of Morogoro which now administers the Church & Community Transformation (CCT) project in and around Berega.



In July 2023, they updated us on their work both on the Sunday and at very successful **Berega Dinner**, the profits from which totalled **£2880** with donations of £1440 being sent to each of the BREADtrust and CCT.



We continue to support the **Bestwood & Bulwell Foodbank** with Cindy and David Jones keeping us updated with the most urgent needs, which have markedly increased in the current economic situation. The trolley in the south porch of the church has often been near to overflowing – so a **HUGE** thank you to all who have donated produce. In addition, Nigel Webster, the Bestwood & Bulwell Foodbank Manager, preached on June 11th.

The Leprosy Mission ceased collecting used stamps at the end of March, but Brian Sellens is now sending them to the Royal National Institute for the Blind (**RNIB**).

Old spectacles are also collected and sent to the **Notts/Derby Hemlockstone Lions Club** for onward sorting and dispatch around the globe.

As part of our **Outreach**, the following have been undertaken:

On **Good Friday**, hot-cross buns were provided after the morning meditation. Before Easter, 75 copies of a Church of England booklet, 'Daily Prayers for the Coronation of King Charles III', were purchased and made available for sale. It contains daily themes, reflection and prayers for the 28 days from Easter to the **King's Coronation** on May 6th. We also provided books for school leavers at the Church School which will, hopefully, be extended to other junior schools in the parish as well as books for an All Hallows Eve alternative to Halloween.

Other Outreach activities included planting four trees near the boundary of the graveyard as part of the **Queen's Green Canopy** project and as a result of the 75 ideas suggested by **Thy Kingdom Come** in the Queen's Platinum Jubilee year; the **Coronation Big Lunch** in conjunction with the local community on Sunday 7th May; and having a stall at the **Hemlock Happening** on Saturday 3rd June.



At our **Harvest Thanksgiving** weekend, we again organised a very successful and enjoyable **Harvest Supper**. Money donated in thanks over the weekend amounted to **£571.03** and was sent to **Anglican International Development (AID)** for their **WASH** (Water, Hygiene & Sanitation) project in South Sudan; non-perishable goods donations were taken to the **Bestwood & Bulwell Foodbank**. Simon Tustin of AID preached earlier in September to advise us of details of this project.



Despite the current economic situation, generous donations at the **Toys, Gifts & Christingle Service** in December meant that a large number of toys were taken to the **Great Notts Christmas Toy Appeal**. The 2023 collection had been the largest in the Appeal's 51 years and, in the current Cost of Living Crisis, even more requests for help had been received than in previous years. This service was also a Christingle service in support of The Children's Society, another organisation which helps children and young people in disadvantaged situations.

As part of our outreach and mission, we have supported Christian Aid and Teams4U – these reports follow.

Lalage Smithurst, Outreach & Mission Committee Chair

The Power of a Simple Gift – another successful year for Teams4U – thank you!

You may recall that last October I raised the question as to whether St Michael's could provide 100 shoeboxes for the T4U Christmas Shoebox Appeal. I am thrilled to report that we did it! In fact, thanks to you, your families and friends, 161 boxes were taken to the warehouse in Basford for checking and cartoning. In total, the people of Nottinghamshire sent 4357 shoeboxes – an increase of 26% on last year's total – to children in Bosnia. The power of the shoebox brings so much joy and excitement to the children.

Last Christmas I had the privilege of joining a distribution trip to Romania, to help Raul, T4U's Romanian partner, give out these shoeboxes to children in schools, orphanages, nurseries and the Roma communities there. We also took boxes to a new project in Suncuis, a remote village in the Bihor region of Romania, where children are only educated to the age of 11. T4U have also worked with Suncuis's community leaders to build a room where children can go and continue their education and/or do their homework after school. It's a small beginning headed up by an inspirational and dynamic young teacher, but now a new facility is needed to enable them to access extra tuition and get a hot meal.

Shoeboxes are not the only project T4U undertake. Other projects taking place in Sierra Leone and Uganda provide education and access to water, and support for these is always welcome in T4U's unwavering dedication to making a positive difference in the lives of vulnerable communities worldwide – bringing hope, compassion and lasting change to these peoples. Find out more on their website www.teams4u.com

When we pack a shoebox, we don't know who is going to receive it. Each box tells a child that they're not forgotten; that someone a long way away has thought about them. Each box contains the love and care of the donor and that magic of Christmas alongside the gifts. There are many anecdotes to share – about boxes travelling by boat to some remote regions and one about the box for a young girl which contained two pairs of gloves. On finding them she said, 'How did you know my sister needed a pair too?'



Wendy Willan
T4U Regional Coordinator



Christian Aid Week - 14th-21st May 2023 Help Dreams Come True

In Christian Aid Week 2023, £1574.11 (including Gift Aid) was raised in the Bramcote area through donations, quizzes and cake sales. This fantastic amount of money has made such a difference to the lives of so many people who were living in poverty and facing severe hardship caused by flooding, cyclones and crop failure.

A very big thank you to everyone who supported the appeal week through prayers and donations.



Graeme & Penny

Report from the Clergy & Reader Team

Current members: Clergy – Tony Cardwell, David Edinborough, Lillian Heptinstall, Jonathan Smithurst. Reader – Lalage Smithurst. Musical director, Choir Master and Organist – David Hanford. Children and Life Minister – Donna Snowden.

The staff team meets monthly to organise the Sunday and weekday worship rotas and special services including Remembrance Sunday, Carols by Candlelight and Easter services. Special thanks to David Hanford for the time and energy put into these services. Thanks also to Pat Ashworth for the Good Friday Meditations, and the Taizé services.

Some of our services have a special focus. Our second Sunday service is Mission Support Sunday where we have welcomed visiting preachers from the Mission Societies we support. Guy Wilcox came on Leprosy Mission Sunday and we were pleased to welcome Azaria and David Pocasangre, working in Guatemala, and Wendy Willan (T4U shoebox appeal). There were also special services for Harvest and a service for those recently bereaved. An agapé (informal meal with Holy Communion) was held on Maundy Thursday.

We thank Alex Pearson for all her work in preparing for the Bereavement Service in past years. Claire Morrell-Stone will take up the arrangements for this year's service.

Remembrance Sunday was well attended by the uniformed organisations – we thank Paul Neal for his encouragement of the young people to attend. The Annual Toy/Christingle service went particularly well, with children and adults enjoying making Christingles in church. Choral Evensong has proved very popular, attracting people from other churches as well as from St Michael's, with a special service held to commemorate David Hanford 40th anniversary as Choir Master. Carols by candlelight had a better attendance than in recent years. Donna plans and runs a very successful, well attended Nativity service on Christmas Eve, as well as welcoming children into church for end of term services and Advent activities. Donna also ran an Experience Easter event for children at our church school.

Children have been warmly welcomed into church at the end of the Sunday morning service following activities in the Church Centre. There has been much discussion about the shape and content of Family Worship (first Sunday of the month) and some feedback from parents has been received. Roots (an ecumenical resource which follows the lectionary and provides ideas, services, crafts and activities for All-age Worship and for children and young people's work) has been purchased and used at recent services. Donna and Lillian take a lead on these.

We have been blessed by our visiting preachers, Phil our Archdeacon, Bishop Andy (on two occasions), Christina Baxter (former principal of St John's College) and Richard Hanford. Charlie Barber has led an evening service. We hope to encourage more 'younger' voices to preach and lead at our services.

We thank Andrew, Roz and Cath for their work with the PA system, and all those who volunteer to read and lead the intercessions in church. We would welcome more volunteers to these important ministries. Thank you to Dan who has recently joined David in leading the worship songs at our morning services.

Among the items discussed at staff meetings have been matters of a pastoral nature, the Church motto, visiting preachers, family worship, and proposals around the pattern of services following a meeting last year to review the worship of the church.

The staff team continue to take weddings, funerals, burial of ashes, baptisms and other occasional offices. While the retired clergy are happy to contribute to the life and worship of St Michael's, we will be delighted (and relieved) when a new Vicar is appointed.

After many years of faithful and loving service, David Edinborough will be taking a step back from up front ministry. He will still be available for occasional offices and services. We are grateful for his presence on the staff team.

With grateful thanks for your prayers and support.

Lillian Heptinstall – March 2024

Choir Report

The choir continues to lead the singing at the 10am and 6.30pm services each Sunday. Also, we have sung at a number of other services, including several weddings and funerals.

In a wider context, we maintain our membership of the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) which organises events, training and discounted music resources for the benefit of members. Numerically, we have remained fairly stable throughout the year with 14 regular members in the group, rising to around 20 for special musical presentations.

We particularly enjoyed preparing for and singing at the 2023 Good Friday evening service 'Reflections on the Cross', Carols by Candlelight services at Christmas and Choral Evensong each quarter. We were encouraged both by the numbers attending these services and the comments received.

We practise in the Church Centre on Wednesday evenings and additional voices, both junior and adult, are always very welcome. It is great to share and develop our work with new members.

Please continue to pray for our spiritual and musical growth as a group, as we sing and worship together week by week.

David Hanford

Coffee Morning Report

An excellent year for the community to get together on Wednesday mornings, come rain or shine, and our thanks go to the Church for the use of the premises. The highlights of the year were the Easter Bonnet competition and our trip to East Bridgford Garden Centre in September, offering a chance to do some pre-Christmas shopping but mostly to enjoy each other's company and a day out!

Monthly lunches have continued to be popular with fish and chips, pizza and jacket potatoes all vying for best option!

Hillary has maintained an excellent lending library where you can pick up your bedtime reading for just 10p per book with a wide selection to choose from. A more recent plan has been to introduce a 'Bring and Buy' stall which Barbara has been developing with some excellent bargains to be had.

We have been delighted to see new members coming along and making new friendships. With no upper or lower age limit, why not come and try us out? You'll be assured of a warm welcome.

Wendy Willan & Hillary Brian

Little Angels Report

Committee Members:

Ruella
Laura
Nicky
Carla
Steph
Sam
Rachel
Theresa
Donna (pastoral care)



At Christmas this year we had a picnic style shared lunch where we invited the children and their carers to stay and join in.

Little Angels is a group for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers along with their parents, grandparents and carers to come and play, learn and meet other families in the community around Bramcote. We meet on a Thursday morning in the Church entre of St Michaels and All Angels during term time. We are a group run by a committee of volunteers, which includes parents, grandparents and church members.

We no longer take a set amount for admission, we now do a suggested donation of £2 per child with the option for people to give from £1 up to £5. This allows people to choose what they feel they can give that day. We offer refreshments throughout the morning of tea, coffee, toast and sometimes a sweet treat. We also provide a snack at an allocated time for the children, which allows them a time to sit together and share.



Pictured: Some examples of the types of messy play activities we do during the morning session.

The number of attendees of Little Angels has been pretty steady over the last 12 months, with around 40 families on our register currently.



Pictured: A photo of a typical morning at Little Angels.

During the morning, we have a craft activity for the children to take part in which links to the Bible story we are learning about that morning. We will also have a messy activity that links in to the Bible story, which allows the children to explore with all their senses. This is usually a very popular table!

Little Angels endeavours to be a relaxing, fun, safe and supportive environment with a Christian ethos, reaching out to people in the community and welcoming them to the church of St Michaels.

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Children, Youth & Families Report - SWOT Analysis

STRENGTHS

<p>Little Angels Thursday term time 9.30-11.30am</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amazing group of dedicated volunteers' lead. • Outreach opportunity.
<p>Family Worship</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committed to First Sunday of the month as a 'Family service'. • Simplified language making more inclusive to children. • Interactive activities provide an opportunity to bring all congregation together. • Coffee and biscuits at the end. • Sing a few worship songs known by families.
<p>Dads and Kids Every second Saturday of the month, 9am-11am</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marc Holliday donates food and kindly cooks. • Growing in numbers (21 in February)
<p>Sunday Stars Every third Sunday of the month</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growing in numbers. • Breads and spreads. • Arts and Crafts. • Nicky and Matt kindly leading song and game.
<p>Bramcote C of E weekly collective Wednesday Worship</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent collaborative working with Sarah Meredith – supporting each other with term planning and ideas. • Building strong relationships with staff, children and families. • Children engage and recognise 'Charlie.' • WOT Club children actively involved in planning, ideas, delivery, and prayers.
<p>Bramcote C of E After School Worship</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building relationships with families. • Maximum attendance 50. • Re-location to small hall more intimate. • Worship songs known by children and families.
<p>Rooted Youth Group</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building strong relationships with children. • Supported by volunteer Johanna. • Numbers grown to 10. • Access to Energise resource is helping with planning.
<p>Experience Easter/Christmas 2023/24</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2023 Easter supported by St Leonard's. • Christmas supported by St Michael's volunteers. • 2024 Donna delivered Experience Easter with each class in school and shared together at end of day.

Holiday Club Summer 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent collaboration with Lindy. • Two days at Firbeck and two days at Bramcote C of E. • Used Scripture Union resources – children fully engaged.
Family Night (October 2023)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40 people attended. • Local families attended/lead activities.
Collaboration/support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claire Morrell-Stone amazing support creating and printing. • Office Angels support. • Maddie at school supports colour printing. • Lalage supported request and outreach committee used funds to buy books to handout at Nativity. • Christine supports by providing refreshments.

WEAKNESSES

Family Worship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not everyone wishing to engage in activities. • Older hymns from hymn book excludes children and families who do not know songs. • Not 'inclusive' (physical and learning difficulties). • No soft seating/dedicated 'family' space.
Dads 'n' Kids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wider communication to reach more in the community.
Sunday Stars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional support to use projector for music/videos. • If go up after communion – adults don't receive communion.
Bramcote C of E After School Worship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicating date and time. • Trying to do too much.
Rooted Youth Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently unable to move larger items (e.g. table tennis and football table).
Family Night	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No one from Church family attended – missed opportunity to get to know families. • A lot of work to do alone.
Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve evaluating resources and tools to measure impact.

OPPORTUNITIES

<p>Little Angels</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church family drop in on a Thursday and build relationships. • Recruit new volunteers.
<p>Family/Intergenerational Worship</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refreshments available at start and throughout service. • Move seating to café-style. • Informal start – ask any birthdays? • Everyone engages on activity/discussion. • Short testimonial. • All worship songs that children know from school, with movement/dance. • Children doing readings and prayers.
<p>Dads ‘n’ Kids</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers sign up if/when Donna & Marc not available to lead. • Church family welcome to drop in to build relationships.
<p>Sunday Stars</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start with theme. • Word – memory verse (written and laminated to hand out). • Arts/crafts/game/song/show and tell. • Invite up to communion: Adults receive/children receive a blessing. • Invite people/children to lead.
<p>Bramcote C of E weekly collective Wednesday Worship</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WOT Club - develop ‘young leaders’ opportunity to plan and lead.
<p>Bramcote C of E After School Worship</p>	<p>Simplify:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ·Breads and Spreads • ·Worship song • ·The Word: memory verse • ·Interactive: art and craft • ·Observe/Apply: family discussion <p>Church family welcome to attend.</p>
<p>Rooted Youth Group</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Male volunteers (would help move larger items). • Use Energize resources to support planning.

Family Nights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With more support plan and deliver termly get together and promote. • Church family welcome to attend.
Worship WhatsApp Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite families to be part of WhatsApp group – message Worship Theme – share songs/arts and crafts/ideas which give me options to use.
Planning, Doing, Reviewing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hear by Right children group.* • Use Development through lifespan to inform delivery. • Measuring impact tools and methods.
Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request Maddie from school to be trained on how to use technology for school end of term services. • Invite young people to be trained how to use technology to support groups/services.
Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree and be given CYF budget. • Support from other committees to use funding to purchase whole church resources e.g. Easter, Nativity.
<p>*Hear by Right - St Michael's has a number of adult committees that feedback to PCC. Propose to invite children and youth to create own committee and feedback to PCC.</p>	

OPPORTUNITIES

Little Angels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual volunteers required for future sustainability.
Family	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difficult for future sustainability if no growth in numbers. • Older hymns may exclude. • Language used and talk aimed at adults may exclude. • Not inclusive (wheelchairs, hearing/sight impairment, neuro-diversity). • Lack of diversity may exclude.
Dads 'n' Kids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More volunteers to secure future sustainability.
Sunday Stars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently Donna leads so any unplanned absence/sickness could mean no Sunday Stars. • Not all children wish to show and tell in front of church.

<p>Bramcote C of E weekly collective Wednesday Worship</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As only Donna currently delivers (with planned absence Tina has kindly stepped in) any unplanned absence means no cover so no worship.
<p>Bramcote C of E After School Worship</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After school clubs etc. mean children are often busy. • Needs to be more inclusive.
<p>Rooted Youth Group</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can only grow in numbers if increase volunteers due to adult/child ratio.
<p>Experience Easter/Christmas & Holiday Club</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can only proceed if enough volunteers.
<p>Spend</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With no allocated budget for CYF I am limited to what I can buy and offer.
<p>Family Nights</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenging to plan and deliver without support.
<p>Technology</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reliant on availability of Andrew/Cath to support.



Bramcote C of E Primary School Report

We started the new academic year by welcoming 30 new Reception children; we held our Welcome Service at Church and this was well attended by children, staff and parents.

The Harvest Thanksgiving service was held at school this year and was a successful event; our year six pupils prepared fruit baskets which were brought down to the church and were distributed throughout the village.

Throughout this year we have continued to value the contributions that the children can make to the school and we elected our new school parliament at the end of September. This year we had twelve nominations for the role of Prime Minister and the children produced some fantastic manifestoes which were presented to the whole school. All the children took part in democratic elections, which simulated the real process complete with registration and ballot boxes.

The school parliament have been very proactive in bringing a variety of positive changes to school life. They have helped to organise Children in Need and Red Nose day, raising around £800 combined. They are currently working on a project to upgrade and improve the outdoor environment and have asked the whole school to submit their ideas of what they would like in our playground. Our Friends PTA have donated £5000 to the project and we have agreed to match fund this from our DFC budget.

The School Parliament also enjoyed the opportunity to interview the potential candidates for the Vicar post at St Michael and All Angel's in March. They compiled their own questions and gave their feedback to me to pass onto the interview panel.

We have held two very successful theme weeks since September, the first based around Design and Technology, with the children designing, making and evaluating their work. The second was based on English and Shakespeare with all children from Reception to Year Six working on *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. The children had a great time engaging in drama, written work and producing some fantastic art which is on display in school.

We had further open classroom events in the autumn and spring terms for parents and governors to come in and see teaching and learning in action. The parents and governors were able to see a wide range of activities during these events.

Our Bramcote Voice choir, now 40 plus and led by Miss Scott, also had a busy time performing throughout the year, including at the end of term services at Christmas and Easter. They then enjoyed being part of a 5000+ children's choir at Sheffield Arena in February.

We have further strengthened our partnership with local church schools, Trowell and St John's Stapleford, coming together and sharing in a range of INSET and CPD opportunities for staff.

Donna has been delivering Wednesday Worship in school each week. Donna and I have worked closely together to plan a series of worships which are closely linked to our school values. Since January, Donna has supported our Worship Organisation Team (WOT Club) and has helped them to play an active part each week in child-led worship. We have also held After School Worship in the autumn and spring terms. These have been well attended and give families the opportunity to pray and worship together. We have more events planned for the summer term.

'Life in all its Fullness' remains an integral part of our ethos; we teach the children that they can have a full life through a broad and balanced curriculum, taking on the challenges that this brings in the knowledge that we are safe in the hands of Jesus the Good Shepherd. I feel privileged to work with such amazing pupils, parents, staff and governors who believe strongly that God provides us with so many opportunities enabling us to be the best that we can possibly be.

Sarah Meredith - Headteacher

Year Ending December 31st 2023

This report should be read in conjunction with the full set of Financial Statements that are displayed in the following pages.

Despite the loss of some church members over the last year or two, mainly by people moving away from the area, our income from giving has not reduced as much as might have been expected. This was helped by our asking our congregation if they could review their level of giving, an appeal which we have not done for a few years. This was done in an organised way, led by Ken Bird, such that information packs were made available and the bank and Gift Aid process made as smooth as possible. Both regular and occasional donors were involved. Church members did respond, and we are grateful to them for their increased giving.

Our spending from general funds was up on the previous year but lower than our income from general funds. This was helped by a drive led by Stan Heptinstall to reduce costs where we could. A significant example related to savings on our salaries bill: when our verger moved on, our wardens stepped in to take on the duties themselves. Also, our administrator opted for reduced hours.

For the second year running we have paid our Giving for Ministry (Parish Share) allocation (£68,000) in full. This has been possible through continuing to apply some of our savings to top-up monthly payments from our general funds. We plan to do this also for 2024 and then to see where we go from there. Overall our total funds decreased by around £13,500 (compared to 2022: a decrease of £77,100) during the year. Our total funds include our general funds, designated funds and restricted funds.

During the year, a donor who wished to remain anonymous made a significant sum specifically to transform the audio-visual systems in both the church and Church Centre. This has resulted in new equipment including a digital mixing desk. It means we have the infrastructure to last for many years to come.

Below is a simplified summary of our general funds (i.e. excluding specially designated and restricted funds which appear in the full set of accounts in the

will see that the figures for 2023 are balanced
e paid for from other funds :

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>INC/(DEC)</u>
Church Running Costs	45,000	53,000	(8,000)
Giving for Ministry	<u>52,000</u>	<u>39,000</u>	<u>13,000</u>
Sub-total	97,000	92,000	5,000
General Reserve Transfer	(1,000)	5,000	(6,000)
10% Mission Transfer	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>106,000</u>	<u>107,000</u>	<u>(1,000)</u>
Regular Giving and Collections			
	77,000	80,000	(3,000)
Income Tax Reclaimed	16,000	17,000	(1,000)
Other Income	<u>13,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>106,000</u>	<u>107,000</u>	<u>(1,000)</u>

We continue to be grateful to the collections counting team, who every week ensure that income from giving is recorded and deposited. We have a team of volunteers led by Victor Smithson and John Hart.

The members of the Finance Team have specific roles. As Treasurer, Alan Bateman is the frontline worker who pays the bills and initially draws up accounts. These accounts are audited by Christine Langton, as volunteer Church Accountant, who also has an overarching role to look at financial matters generally. This includes preparing budgets

Ken Bird, as Planned Giving Officer, is involved with all aspects of giving. This includes maintaining databases, making Gift Aid claims, and overseeing the use of digital giving, which we hope to develop as we go along.

The Finance Team



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Ken Bird

Church Treasurer

Church Accountant

Planned Giving Officer

Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Bramcote
Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ending 31 December 2023

	Note	(Unrestricted)				TOTAL FUNDS	
		Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2023 £	2022 £
INCOMING RESOURCES							
Voluntary income	2(a)	95,099	-	24,150	-	119,249	120,778
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	5,240	-	-	-	5,240	4,224
Income from investments	2(c)	39	3,526	358	123	4,046	783
Church activities	2(d)	4,579	961	5,201	-	10,741	13,497
Surplus on disposal of investments	11	-	-	-	-	-	115,000
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		104,957	4,487	29,709	123	139,276	254,282
RESOURCES EXPENDED							
Cost of generating voluntary income	3(a)	90	-	-	-	90	81
Grants	3(b)	-	8,922	831	-	9,753	12,450
Church activities	3(c)	99,415	21,214	22,283	-	142,912	203,861
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		99,505	30,136	23,114	-	152,755	216,392
NET (OUTGOING) / INCOMING RESOURCES		5,452	(25,649)	6,595	123	(13,479)	37,890
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS	10	(5,452)	7,610	(2,158)	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS		-	(18,039)	4,437	123	(13,479)	37,890
FUND BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY 2023	10	-	269,376	24,142	2,222	295,740	372,850
FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2023	9,10	-	251,337	28,579	2,345	282,261	410,740
Disposal	11	-	-	-	-	-	(115,000)
TOTAL FUNDS BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2023		-	251,337	28,579	2,345	282,261	295,740


The notes on pages 3 to 7 form part of these accounts.


**Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Bramcote
Balance Sheet at 31 December 2023**

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
INVESTMENT ASSETS			
Investment property	6	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS			
Traidcraft stock		-	836
Debtors	7	10,465	6,310
Short term deposits		273,077	289,737
Cash at bank and in hand		1,954	2,230
		<u>285,496</u>	<u>299,113</u>
LIABILITIES			
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>(3,235)</u>	<u>(3,373)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>282,261</u>	<u>295,740</u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>282,261</u></u>	<u><u>295,740</u></u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted	9,10	251,337	269,376
Restricted	9,10	28,579	24,142
Endowment	9,10	2,345	2,222
		<u>282,261</u>	<u>295,740</u>

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Approved by the Parochial Church Council on and signed on its behalf by:

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 Chairman B14D1FE64DB34B8.....
 (Stan Heptinstall)

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 Treasurer FADBFD2980EA487.....
 (Alan Bateman)

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Registered Charity No. 1130798

Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Bramcote
Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ending 31 December 2023

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCC's.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts.

Funds

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a special object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections, donations, grants and bank interest are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. All other income is recognised when it is received. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources Expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when paid. Any parish share unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as an accrual in the Balance Sheet. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated property and moveable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficial property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). No value is placed on such property in these accounts.

All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA).

No value is placed on the Church centre and for insurance purposes there is no separate valuation as it is included in the overall amount of £14,300,000 (2022 : £11,820,000) for both the Church and centre.

Investment Assets

The property at 46 Rufford Avenue was held as an investment to generate rental income to part fund the Children, Family and Youth Minister. It originally cost £57,000. The property was sold on 31 January 2022 for £305,000.

Following the introduction of FRS102 the investment property is now recognised in the financial statements at market value as determined by the PCC.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

All expenditure on fixtures, fittings and office furniture is written off at the time expenditure is incurred.

Current Assets

Short - term deposits is cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

Reserve Policy

The PCC agreed to continue the policy of holding the equivalent of three months running costs as a General Reserve. As at 31st December 2023 the balance in the reserve is £11,217 (2022 : £12,609).

Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Bramcote.
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the year ending 31 December 2023

2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	(Unrestricted)				TOTAL FUNDS	
	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
2(a) Voluntary income						
Planned giving:						
Gift Aid donations	59,554	-	16,720	-	76,274	71,449
Income tax recoverable	16,202	-	4,180	-	20,382	18,604
Other planned giving	13,037	-	-	-	13,037	12,318
Collections (open plate) at all services	4,523	-	-	-	4,523	2,569
Grants	1,500	-	450	-	1,950	12,000
Donations, appeals etc.	283	-	2,800	-	3,083	3,838
	<u>95,099</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,150</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>119,249</u>	<u>120,778</u>
2(b) Activities for generating funds						
Church Centre Hire	4,235	-	-	-	4,235	2,140
Christmas Market	689	-	-	-	689	2,084
Other Fund Raising Events	316	-	-	-	316	-
	<u>5,240</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,240</u>	<u>4,224</u>
2(c) Income from investment						
Interest	39	3,526	358	72	3,995	732
Other	-	-	-	51	51	51
	<u>39</u>	<u>3,526</u>	<u>358</u>	<u>123</u>	<u>4,046</u>	<u>783</u>
2(d) Church activities						
Traidcraft	-	827	-	-	827	3,662
Magazines	-	-	-	-	-	1,140
Mission	-	-	-	-	-	203
Bookstall	-	134	-	-	134	301
Catering	618	-	-	-	618	932
Fees	3,478	-	-	-	3,478	1,759
Outreach Events	65	-	23	-	88	809
Education	388	-	-	-	388	-
Messy Church	-	-	-	-	-	37
Silver Surfers	-	-	3,832	-	3,832	2,647
Little Angels	-	-	1,346	-	1,346	1,051
Other	30	-	-	-	30	956
	<u>4,579</u>	<u>961</u>	<u>5,201</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,741</u>	<u>13,497</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>104,957</u>	<u>4,487</u>	<u>29,709</u>	<u>123</u>	<u>139,276</u>	<u>139,282</u>

Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Bramcote.
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the year ending 31 December 2023

3 RESOURCES EXPENDED

	(Unrestricted)				TOTAL FUNDS	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2023	2022
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	£	£
3(a) Generation of voluntary income						
Giving envelopes	90	-	-	-	90	81
	<u>90</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>81</u>
3(b) Grants						
Missionary and charitable giving:						
Church Mission Society	-	2,380	-	-	2,380	2,140
Church Pastoral Aid Society	-	1,829	-	-	1,829	1,899
Bible Society	-	142	-	-	142	197
The Leprosy Mission	-	141	-	-	141	196
TEAR Fund	-	-	-	-	-	980
P & K Miles	-	1,798	-	-	1,798	1,558
Foodbank - Bestwood & Bulwell	-	1,066	-	-	1,066	1,066
Framework	-	1,066	-	-	1,066	1,066
Berega	-	500	831	-	1,331	3,348
	<u>-</u>	<u>8,922</u>	<u>831</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,753</u>	<u>12,450</u>
3(c) Activities directly relating to the work of						
Ministry: Diocesan parish share	51,620	16,504	-	-	68,124	69,000
Working expenses	1,373	-	-	-	1,373	1,393
Bookstall	-	306	-	-	306	198
Traidcraft	-	1,075	-	-	1,075	3,463
Church running expenses	12,769	-	-	-	12,769	10,092
Church maintenance	5,339	3,329	119	-	8,787	59,548
Upkeep of services	372	-	-	-	372	482
Rufford Avenue	-	-	-	-	-	3,413
Children, Youth & Family Life Co-ordinator						
- Salary and pension	-	-	14,775	-	14,775	14,264
- Expenses	-	-	1,101	-	1,101	529
General/Equipment	564	-	2,713	-	3,277	614
Fund Raising	15	-	-	-	15	1,575
Catering	617	-	-	-	617	552
Outreach	538	-	39	-	577	1,443
Messy Church	45	-	-	-	45	613
Printing, postage & stationery	1,811	-	-	-	1,811	1,589
Miscellaneous administration	5,149	-	-	-	5,149	4,111
Salaries	16,115	-	-	-	16,115	24,272
Education	2,197	-	-	-	2,197	1,660
Silver Surfers	-	-	1,599	-	1,599	1,440
Little Angels	-	-	1,459	-	1,459	1,379
Other	891	-	478	-	1,369	2,231
	<u>99,415</u>	<u>21,214</u>	<u>22,283</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>142,912</u>	<u>203,861</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u>99,505</u>	<u>30,136</u>	<u>23,114</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>152,755</u>	<u>216,392</u>

**Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Bramcote.
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**

For the year ending 31 December 2023

4 STAFF NUMBERS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year the PCC paid 5 employees (2022:5), the organist, verger, parish administrator, cleaner and a Children and Family Youth Minister.

STAFF COSTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Salaries	29,969	37,556
Pension Contributions	921	980
TOTAL	30,890	38,536

The PCC pays at least the Living Wage Foundation living wage. The Workplace Pension was implemented on 1st July 2016 and the PCC chose the Government scheme NEST as its provider.

No payments were paid to any member of the PCC or persons closely connected to them or related parties, except that a member of the PCC became employed as a verger from 1st January 2019. He is not a party to discussions on relevant employee matters. The Public Liability Insurance now includes Church Council and Trustee Indemnity, and no separate fee has therefore been paid.

5 EXTERNAL EXAMINER'S FEE

The fee agreed by the external examiner for the Independent Examination of the 2023 accounts is £1,020 (2022: £1,200), including VAT and has been accrued in these accounts. This included an examination of the Charity Accounts.

6 INVESTMENTS

Following the introduction of FRS102 the investment property at 46 Rufford Avenue has been reclassified as investment property and needs to be stated in the accounts at market value. The property valuations have been determined by the PCC based upon the valuations of similar properties in the same locality. In accordance with FRS102 accounting for investment properties, 46 Rufford Avenue is included in the accounts at market value. The property was sold on 31 January 2022 for £305,000.

	2023	2022
	£	£
Valuation		
As at 1 January 2023	-	305,000
Disposal	-	(305,000)
As at 31st December 2023	-	-

7 DEBTORS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	8,945	4,254
Other debtors	727	1,240
Prepayments	793	816
TOTAL	10,465	6,310

8 LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	3,235	3,373
TOTAL	3,235	3,373

9 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Funds
	General Funds	Designated Funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
Total Assets	3,235	251,337	28,579	2,345	285,496
Current Liabilities	(3,235)	-	-	-	(3,235)
TOTAL	-	251,337	28,579	2,345	282,261

Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Bramcote.
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the year ending 31 December 2023

10 BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD

Designated Funds

	Balance at 1/01/23	Income/ Income Tax	Interest	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance at 31/12/23
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bookfund	745	134	9	(306)	-	582
General Maintenance	670	-	10	-	-	680
Property fund	233,737	-	3,172	(19,833)	(217,076)	-
Mission Giving 2022	9,922	-	-	(8,922)	(1,000)	-
Mission Giving 2023	-	-	-	-	9,708	9,708
Youth Minister Work	1,117	-	16	-	-	1,133
Traidcraft	2,475	827	36	(1,075)	(500)	1,763
Legacy	4,555	-	64	-	-	4,619
SMAAA Youth Work	3,546	-	58	-	955	4,559
General Reserve	12,609	-	161	-	(1,553)	11,217
Contingency Reserve	-	-	-	-	217,076	217,076
	<u>269,376</u>	<u>961</u>	<u>3,526</u>	<u>(30,136)</u>	<u>7,610</u>	<u>251,337</u>

Restricted Funds

	Balance at 1/01/23	Income/ Income Tax	Interest	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance at 31/12/23
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bells	782	163	12	(39)	-	918
Legacy - Home Work (Youth)	8,042	-	112	-	-	8,154
Choir & Organ	1,816	-	25	-	-	1,841
Hymn Books	105	-	2	-	-	107
Music Fund	1,454	-	20	-	-	1,474
Heating System	858	-	12	(119)	-	751
Youth Minister	7,230	8,600	46	(15,876)	-	-
Berega Project	496	300	7	(831)	500	472
Grant - Community Hub	448	-	6	-	-	454
Bramcote Care Group	200	-	3	-	-	203
Wednesday Coffee Group	-	2,330	8	(400)	(1,300)	638
Audio/Visual System	-	12,530	103	(2,713)	-	9,920
Caring for Creation Grant	-	250	2	(78)	-	174
Silver Surfers	1,110	3,832	-	(1,599)	(1,275)	2,068
St Michael's Little Angels	1,601	1,346	-	(1,459)	(83)	1,405
	<u>24,142</u>	<u>29,351</u>	<u>358</u>	<u>(23,114)</u>	<u>(2,158)</u>	<u>28,579</u>

Endowment Fund (Income only)

	Balance at 1/01/23	Income/ Income Tax	Interest	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance at 31/12/23
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bramcote Chancel	2,222	72	51	-	-	2,345
	<u>2,222</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,345</u>

11 REVALUATION RESERVE

	2023	2022
	£	£
Balance brought forward	-	115,000
Disposal	-	(115,000)
Balance carried forward	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

12 FUND DETAILS

The endowment fund is the income only element of the Bramcote Chancel Fund. This is a permanent endowment which requires the income to be spent on keeping the chancel "wind and weather proof". The capital element of the fund is represented by 82.50 shares in the Central Board of Finance Investment Fund at an original cost of £613 and is not shown in these financial statements. The value of the capital at 31 December 2023 was £1,864.94 i.e. £22.6053 per share (2022: £1,703.29 i.e. £20.6459 per share). Both the income and capital of the fund is held by the Diocese of Southwell with the income invested in a Central Board of Finance Deposit Fund.

Independent Examiner's Report

To the PCC of St Michael and All Angels Church, Bramcote

I report to the Parochial Church Council on my examination of the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and Notes to the Financial Statements of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 1 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records 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.

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St Michael & All Angels, Bramcote
Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Monday 27th March 2023



*Do not dwell on the past.
See, I am doing a new thing.'*

CHURCH MOTTO 2023 - Isaiah 43:18-19



A Year of Change:

Ministry, Training & Pastoral Care Committee

Report

Members: *Lillian Heptinstall, Cath Ortori, Jenny Biss, Christine Cleave, Liz Cardwell*

The work of the Ministry, Training and Pastoral Care Committee includes prayer and prayer ministry, nurture and pastoral care.

Donna Snowden has recently agreed to join our Committee. We would welcome other new members.

We were sad to see David Curnock leave; he and Anne made an immense contribution to the life and ministry of St Michael's. We were also sorry to see Sarah and Mike Elbourne leave us. Tom Clifford and Andrea Bradbury have also left the group, as of course has Paul Reynolds.

Many thanks to everyone for their contribution and hard work.

Prayer

We encouraged prayer, and the fellowship we have when we pray together, by:

- ◆ Different people leading the Parish Prayer Meeting, which is held on the third Tuesday of every month, 7pm until 8pm, in the Church Centre lounge. 8-10 people meet regularly. The parish prayer diary goes out via email to 30 others. Copies are also in the Link corridor for any who would like to join us.
- ◆ Organising the Prayer Walk on Pentecost Saturday. This year it will be on Saturday 27th May. People can choose to walk the whole route or part of it.
- ◆ The Monday morning Celtic Prayer continues meeting at 10am. Requests put on the prayer board are prayed about at this meeting. David Edinborough, Jenny Biss and Christine Cleave are taking a lead on this.
- ◆ Continuing the email prayer alerts for urgent prayer needs.
- ◆ Prayer ministry is offered at both Sunday services. Cath heads up the prayer ministry team and would welcome new members. Training will be given. The instructions for the Prayer Ministry team now include references to Safeguarding and will be issued to any new recruits.

Lent and Easter 2022

Walking the way of the cross, the cross was laid on the grass outside church during Holy Week, booklets were prepared with a separate one for children. It was well received. Maundy Thursday Agape meal was well attended and much appreciated.

Advent

Advent began with the Advent Prayer Labyrinth in church: Donna organised for the children from the church school to come into church, class by class, on Friday 25th

November. They found it a very good experience. On Saturday 26th it was also the Christmas fair and many who attended the fair also experienced the Prayer Labyrinth. Thanks to all who help set it up and were on duty during the two days.

Nurture

The **Alpha courses** and the **Bible course** are two courses available to nurture church members and new disciples. In discussion with Donna and at Ministry Committee, an Alpha course will be held in September. This will be mainly for carers from Little Angels, who will organise child-minding. The clergy team will help as needed.

Home Groups provide a venue for studying the bible, learning together, praying and caring for each other. Resources are provided for Home Group leaders and individuals; during the past year groups have had the opportunity to engage with studies such as, during Advent, 'The Unexpected Jesus'. We have also had studies from the Beatitudes, the Prayer of Jesus, and Acts. The current Lent studies are 'By His Wounds'.

Some church members attended the course 'Living in Love and Faith' - a Church of England initiative, looking at the Christian teaching about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage. Those who attended provided feedback and this indicated that this course was helpful, as it dealt sensitively with the issues and discussions were in the context of the helpful and caring environment of the group. Differing viewpoints were reflected in the feedback, which Lillian sent off to James Halstead (Diocesan Officer with responsibility for LLF) and received a letter of appreciation for the participation of St Michael's in the course.

Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care continues through the Home Groups and individual acts of care and kindness. The 'In Touch Pastoral Care Network' continues to operate; there are five groups each with a facilitator and 34 members of our church family are taking part.

We intend to update 'Caring for Each Other at St Michael's' when needed. The 'Caring for Each Other at St Michael's' leaflet is available to everyone and gives details of who to contact for Home Groups, in bereavement, prayer requests and much more. Very valuable to keep to hand.

New Initiatives

There are proposals for some new initiatives:

Younger adult group

A new project to encourage the younger members of the church (proposed 30+ year olds). To begin with the group would include single and married members of our church, those preparing for marriage, and those who have recently had children baptised. Currently we have a good number of people who fit these categories. The group would be an informal group, for friendship and fellowship, and maybe outings and activities. Val Bird will co-ordinate it with me, and it is proposed that we meet for cake and croissants on a Saturday morning toward the end of April. We hope that the group will eventually run itself and provide a church-based group for some who are currently feeling isolated.

The prayer room to become resources room

The prayer room can no longer be used as a prayer room because of safeguarding concerns. We hope to set it up as a resources room. This would provide a place to store resources for the Labyrinth, Christingle and Carols by Candlelight services, as well as materials for Alpha, Home Group studies and books, and other useful resources. This would mean that everything is kept in one place and is accessible to everyone. It would prevent the room from being used as a dumping ground for unused items. The Ministry Committee is willing to undertake the changeover and provide some storage.

New Welcome Pack

It is proposed that a welcome pack be produced. An A5 folder with colourful post-card sized information sheets. Each sheet to detail a church activity, information and contact details. Claire Morrell-Stone is currently working on this.

Space for parents with children

Following Pat's suggestion of a safe and comfortable place for families with small children to be during Sunday services, members of the Ministry Committee spent a morning in church looking at the possibilities. The best space is adjacent to the bell tower area; there is room for a rug for children to play on, and by turning some unused chairs around there will be seats for parents to sit. It can be set up in a few minutes. We would like to trial this. The bell-ringing team are happy for it to be used this way and that there would be no risk to children or families by using that area.

*Lillian Heptinstall
March 2023*

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Bramcote Care Group Report

Bramcote Care Group is coordinated by myself, Elaine Morris, with the occasional help of a deputy co-ordinator. We promote the service on the church website and in the weekly newsletter, and leaflets are also available at Silver Surfers. Any relevant phone calls to church are passed on to me.

Requests for help were reducing prior to the pandemic, dramatically reduced during the pandemic and have not recovered since activities have returned to more normal levels.

Most of our requests are for lifts to clinical appointments, however volunteer drivers are often not available when the requests are made. Luckily, I have a lot of local knowledge and can signpost requests to other resources when we are unable to meet the request, or when the request is inappropriate for us.

All of our volunteers have a DBS check and are registered for online updates which I check annually.

Elaine Morris

Statutory Information

Parish Name: **Bramcote, St Michael and All Angels**
Deanery: **Nottingham South**
Archdeaconry: **Nottingham**
Diocese: **Southwell and Nottingham**
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Website: saintmichaelsbramcote.com

Parochial Church Council (PCC)

The PCC is a registered charity (#1130798)

Bankers

Barclays Bank

Insurers

Ecclesiastical Insurance Group PLC

Independent Examiner

TCP Chartered Accountants

Church Architect

**Graham Renton MA (Hons) DipArch RIBA AABC MIDA
Architect Associate BDP**

All information believed to be correct as of 1st March 2023

Parish Staff Team

<i>Vicar:</i>	<i>Revd Paul Reynolds (until July 2022)</i>
<i>Associate Ministers:</i>	<i>Revd Canon Lillian Heptinstall</i> <i>Revd David Edinborough</i> <i>Revd Tony Cardwell</i> <i>Revd Jonathan Smithurst</i>
<i>Family Life Minister</i>	<i>Donna Snowden</i>
<i>Readers:</i>	<i>Lalage Smithurst</i> <i>Alison Reynolds (until July 2022)</i>

Principal Church Officers

<i>Churchwardens:</i>	<i>Stan Heptinstall</i> <i>David Jones</i>
<i>Deputy warden:</i>	<i>Wendy Willan</i>
<i>PCC Secretary:</i>	<i>Cindy Jones</i>
<i>PCC Treasurer:</i>	<i>Alan Bateman</i>
<i>PCC Accountant:</i>	<i>Christine Langton</i>
<i>PCC Lay Chair:</i>	<i>Robert Cleave</i>
<i>Parish Administrator:</i>	<i>Claire Morrell-Stone</i>
<i>Verger:</i>	<i>Jonathan Portwood</i>
<i>Safeguarding Officer:</i>	<i>Tina Newton</i>
<i>Electoral Roll Officer:</i>	<i>Claire Morrell-Stone</i>

Committee Chairpersons

<i>Standing:</i>	<i>Stan Heptinstall</i>
<i>Mission & Outreach:</i>	<i>Revd Jonathan Smithurst</i>
<i>Ministry:</i>	<i>Revd Canon Lillian Heptinstall</i>
<i>Resources:</i>	<i>Wendy Willan</i>

The Parochial Church Council (PCC)

Introduction

The Church Representation Rules require **‘an annual report on the proceedings of the Parochial Church Council and the activities of the parish generally’** to be received in time for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). The contents of the report may be subject to discussion.

Aims of the Organisation

The PCC (Powers) Measure 1956 directs that the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Michael’s, Bramcote has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church; pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for all church buildings and grounds. Thus the prime purpose of the church is to maintain and develop the community of Christian believers and to use the strength of that community to promote the beliefs of and in Christ through outreach, care for those in need, and by contributing in practical and Christian ways to the whole of our local community.

Consequently, this will involve our engagement in such issues as Mission, Pastoral Care, Teaching, Nurture and Christian Stewardship - the giving of our time, talents and financial resources. All of this should be seen as part of our common Christian discipleship and not just for those who are particularly keen, willing and/or able.

In addition, our support of missionary activities, both at home and overseas, should form a clear and integral part of our communal life as the family of God in the ecclesiastical parish of Bramcote.

Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected at the APCM. In accordance with Church Representation Rules, membership is open to all those who a) are over 16 b) are on the electoral roll c) consent to being appointed d) have been confirmed e) have received Communion at least 3 times in the previous year and f) are not otherwise legally prohibited from serving.

During the past year, the following individuals have served as members of the PCC:

Ex-officio members:

Vicar: *Revd Paul Reynolds (until July 2022)*

Wardens: *Stan Heptinstall*
David Jones

Synod members:

Cindy Jones (Diocesan/Deanery Synod)

Liz Cardwell (Deanery Synod)

David Ducker (Deanery Synod)

Robert Cleave (Deanery Synod)

Elected members of the PCC:

Hillary Brian *Christine Cleave*

Cindy Jones *Andrew Hall*

Kate Prayle *Liz Cardwell*

Alan Windsor *Jenny Biss*

Cath Ortori *Glynn Bannister*

Stan Heptinstall *Robert Cleave*

Jimmy Smith *David Ducker*

Alan Bateman *Wendy Willan*

Invited as needed:

Donna Snowden *Tina Newton* *Revd Canon Lillian Heptinstall*

Revd Jonathan Smithurst *Sarah Meredith*

Warden Emeriti:

David Jones *Victor Smithson* *Wendy Willan*



PCC Committees

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. It also serves to establish the agenda of the PCC.

During the past year, the following have served as members:

Paul Reynolds (*Incumbent until July 2022*)

Stan Heptinstall (*Lay Chair of PCC & Churchwarden*)

David Jones (*Churchwarden*)

Cindy Jones (*PCC Secretary*)

Alan Bateman (*Treasurer*)

Christine Langton (*Church Accountant*)

Lillian Heptinstall (*Chair of Ministry Committee*)

Jonathan Smithurst (*Chair of Mission & Outreach Committee*)

Wendy Willan (*Chair of Resources Committee*)

Robert Cleave (*Deputy Lay Chair of PCC*)

Mission and Outreach Committee

Responsible for the mission of the church within our own local community, together with the support of missions overseas and at home.

During the past year, **Jonathan Smithurst** has served as chair.

Ministry Committee

Responsible for the development of faith within its people and their pastoral care.

During the past year, **Lillian Heptinstall** has served as chair.

Resources Committee

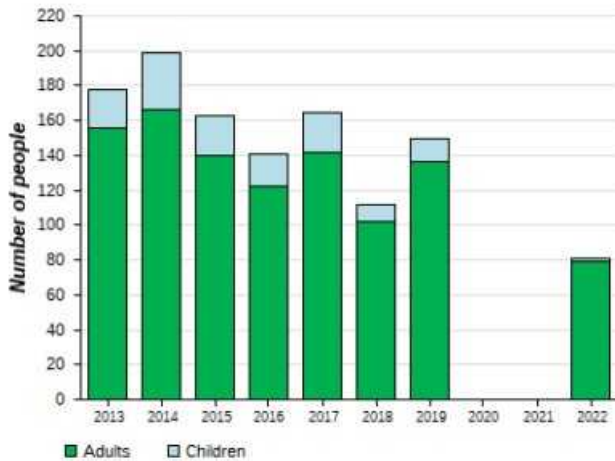
Responsible for resourcing the mission and ministry of the church through the regular maintenance and development of our premises, properties and equipment by means of an ongoing programme of Christian Stewardship.

During the past year, **Wendy Willan** has served as chair.

Membership & Attendance Statistics

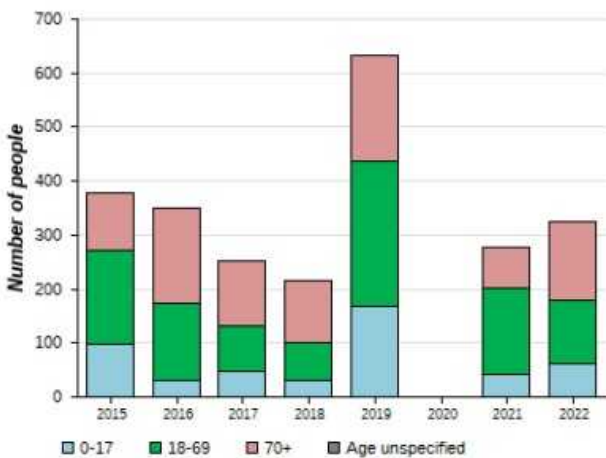
Over the last year, the number of people attending church on a regular Sunday has continued to fall, as shown below, due to an ageing congregation. A typical Sunday in October saw an average attendance of 96 compared to 125 in 2021.

Usual Sunday Attendance, (2013-2022)



However, the number of children in our membership has increased slightly due to the implementation and/or continuation of a number of successful Fresh Expressions ventures (e.g. Dads 'n' Kids). This has increased the overall number of people in our Worshipping Community compared to 2021.

Worshipping Community, (2015-2022)



Electoral Roll

The number on the roll has remained stable since 2019. The total for 2021 was 161, for 2022 it was 166 and for 2023 it will be 157.

Festival Statistics

Festival attendance figures have dropped in many instances but have improved considerably in others, particularly for our Remembrance Service, Carols by Candlelight services and Christmas Eve Nativity.

Festival	2021	2022
Mothering Sunday (10am)	115	53
Ash Wednesday	47	42
Maundy Thursday	27	35
Good Friday (total)	103	95
Easter Day (8am)	- *	10
Easter Day (10am)	142	71
Easter Day (6.30pm)	- *	32
Ascension Day	68	29
Father's Day (10am)	94	45
Bereavement Service	79	85
Remembrance Service	139	250
Carols (5.30)	63	115
Carols (7.30)	54	82
Nativity	59	163
Midnight Communion	31	46
Christmas Day (8am)	18	11
Christmas Day (10am)	55	60
Christmas Day (12pm)	15	15

*Information unavailable due to system failure

Occasional Offices

	2021	2022
Weddings	1	2
Baptisms	4	2
Funerals (inc. Memorials)	19	18

PCC Annual Report 2022

This has been a year of Change, Challenge and Conservation at St Michael's. With the retirement of our vicar in July **changes** were made in order to continue with our planned programme of Services, our Mission and Outreach events and activities and we had to face the **challenges** that come when a church goes into vacancy. We have been determined to improve our carbon footprint as a church and **conservation** has been high on our agenda.

The PCC and Leadership teams have met monthly to conduct the business of the church and to consider our vision for the future. The Mission and Outreach Committee, Ministry Committee and Resources Committee have met bi-monthly and their reports and recommendations have been discussed by the PCC.

With the help of our dedicated team of retired clergy and reader, our pattern of services continued as planned, including special services for Remembrance, Bereavement and Christmas. Baptisms and weddings have also taken place.

In September, the Wardens and PCC began the process for appointing a new incumbent with a preliminary meeting with our Archdeacon and a representative from CPAS. Both subsequently attended an open meeting for all members of the congregation and the formulation of a Parish Profile began.

Under the guidance of our Eco Team, improvements were made in the way in which we used our resources and we quickly gained our Bronze award under the A Rocha Eco Church scheme and by the end of 2022 we had achieved Silver.

It has been a busy year, as we have determined to establish a 'new normal' pattern at all times, focusing on our vision and objective of reaching wider, deeper and younger. The Social Reference Committee, under the auspice of Mission and Outreach, met regularly to organise and oversee events designed to encourage, attract and welcome members of our community from all backgrounds, ethnicity and ages. These events have included several Parish Brunches, afternoon tea concerts and evening Café Bramcote (with Hand Bell Ringers in the summer and the Salvation Army at Christmas). The annual Harvest Supper was well attended.

An evening Clarinet Concert, followed by a special service and Parish Lunch on the Sunday, gave us the opportunity to say thank you and goodbye to Paul and Alison and messages of goodwill and gifts were presented on these occasions.

The Mission and Outreach Committee has maintained strong links with our overseas partners encouraging them to visit us via Zoom or in person with their families. The proceeds from Harvest supported a water project in Berega, Tanzania and closer to home we have continued to give generously in supporting the Bestwood and Bulwell Food Bank as well as the Christmas Toy Appeal and the Teams4U Shoebox Campaign.



The Ministry Committee has continued to focus on deepening our prayer and spiritual lives. Monthly prayer meetings are held and subsequently a prayer diary is produced and circulated online and in church. During the week, groups have continued to meet for prayer in our church and school. A Prayer Labyrinth was held in church during Advent and was visited by members of the public and the pupils from the church school. Study material for Home Groups and members of the congregation have been available. Prayer and Care have been at the heart of their discussions and planning.

Under the guidance of our Children and Youth Worker, Donna, our work with children and families is growing and developing. Messy Church and Dad's 'n' Kids sessions have continued throughout the year; an after-school club in the Church Centre and a new worshipping community in the Church School have also been initiated. The weekly Little Angels group has continued to be extremely well attended and it was good to see many children and families in church for the Remembrance Day Service, end-of-term school services and at the carol services. As a result of the children's involvement in these, both local schools and the Scouts and Cub Troops held their own carol services in the church.

Links between the Church and the Church School have always been strong and Donna has done much to cement this. The foundation governors were pleased to report on a successful OFSTED inspection with the Church School continuing to be graded as 'Good'. The PCC gave a bible to all new reception pupils and all Year 6 leavers received a book at the end of the summer term. The school has continued to be supported financially by an annual donation from church funds.

The Resources Committee has achieved much this year and has been at the heart of the eco work, encouraging all of us to look at our carbon footprint and consider ways in which to reduce it. Two major projects have been the reroofing of the church and the repair of a stained-glass window. Electrical work and plumbing have also been carried out and buildings and grounds have been well maintained.

Communication from St Michael's is good. A weekly newsletter continues to be circulated to church members and to over 200 members of our parish and beyond. This includes notification, invitation and explanation of meetings and services and features local news and articles from various groups. It highlights future events and activities for all ages and has proved to be very popular. In addition to this, our parish website has been redesigned and updated over recent months, leading to a successful relaunch in February.

We have much to celebrate at St Michael's, but sadly we have lost a number of very active and generous members of our church family. A few have died and some have moved to other parts of the country and their work and contribution amongst us has been greatly missed.

We continue to assess the many risks associated with people and buildings, finance and the reputation of the church. A new Safeguarding Officer was appointed in September and she is undertaking a critical task of updating our Safeguarding

policies and procedures, including Child Protection and E-Safety. Members of the PCC and those who work with or are associated with children and vulnerable adults have undergone Safeguarding Training. DBS checks and certificates are being completed and all members who prepare food hold a Health and Safety Level 2 certificate.

The Resources Committee has carried out a risk assessment of the Church and Church Centre and a Risk Assessment and Safety Policy is now in place.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The state of our finances continues to be a matter of grave concern and much deliberation has been given to ways in which income can be generated and expenditure reduced. Expenditure has exceeded income this year. The proceeds from the sale of the curate's house became available at the beginning of the year which enabled us to fund the reroofing of the church and to make up the shortfall in our parish share. It was agreed that the remaining funds should be allocated for the salary of our Youth Worker for the next 2 years and for any emergency repairs. Staffing and church running costs are to be considered in the near future.

The designated and restricted funds are detailed in the annual accounts and both the PCC and Standing Committee review these on a regular basis, together with our general income and expenditure accounts. A detailed annual budget has been produced, against which our income and expenditure are reviewed. Our reserve policy is now in line with the Charities Act and the PCC have agreed to the setting up of a Reserve Policy, namely that we should hold the equivalent of three months running costs as a General Reserve.

Cindy Jones
(PCC Secretary)



Nottingham South Deanery

2022 Annual Report



This year we have said goodbye to Rev'd Paul Reynolds (Bramcote St Michael and All Angels) and Rev'd Colin Bourne who stepped down as Area Dean. We have welcomed Rev'd Jess Savill (Toton St Peter) and curates Rev'd Claire Tufnell and Rev'd Ryan Mellor (Christ Church, Chilwell), Rev'd Angelika and Daniele Bocchetti (Lenton Holy Trinity and The Priory), Rev'd Tasha Genk (St Nic's) and Rev'd Bethan Resch (Trinity) to our Deanery. We were also pleased to congratulate Rev'd Jo Tatum who was appointed as Area Dean, Rev'd Tracey Byrne and Garreth Frank who were appointed as Priests-in-Charge at St John's Carrington and Lenton Holy Trinity and The Priory respectively, and Grant Walton who was appointed Co-ordinating Chaplain at the University of Nottingham.

The Deanery Leadership Team has continued to meet during the year to plan Synod and to discuss ways to support parishes in the Deanery - particularly those in vacancy. We have held three Synods:

On 23rd March we met at St Nic's in Nottingham and the theme of our meeting was "Is there a place for me in your church?". The aim of this meeting was to recognise that racial justice and integration are vital issues for the church and to challenge churches to address this issue. Speakers shared their lived experience and the scriptural basis for addressing this. We then spent some time discussing the challenge and praying for each other.

On 13 July we met at St Barnabas, Lenton Abbey and our theme was mental health and wellbeing. Again, we had speakers share their lived experience on the impact of the pandemic and the role churches can play in supporting those with mental health issues. We also heard about the work of Renew Wellbeing and running wellbeing cafés in our buildings.

On 24 November we met at St Michael's, Bramcote and our theme was Disability Awareness in our churches. Our speakers shared their lived experiences and we were challenged to consider ways we could make our churches accessible. We were also challenged to think how our churches could act as a link for disabled people and our communities.

Our November meeting was also our AGM and a report was provided on the work of the Deanery Leadership Team during the past year. Colin

Bourne stepped down as Area Dean, Gary Stephenson stepped down as Deanery Treasurer and Clive Burrows also stepped down from the Deanery Leadership Team. We thanked them for all they had done in these roles and also welcomed Jo Tatum as Area Dean.

Following the AGM the Deanery Leadership Team was made up of:

- ♦ Ex-officio Members: Rev'd Jo Tatum (Area Dean), Kirsty Cowley (Deanery Administrator)
- ♦ Lay Chair: Elaine Hinchliffe
- ♦ Deanery Secretary: Peter Horne
- ♦ Deanery Treasurer: Trevor Peel
- ♦ DLT Members: Rev'd Tom Gillum Gary Stephenson, Fola Sowunmi (co-opted)

The Deanery paid managed to exceed the percentage of giving for ministry paid in 2021 (96% as opposed to 94.9%). Every parish is thanked for their generosity in these difficult times.

Elaine Hinchliffe
(Lay Chair)

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Resources Committee Report

Members: Alan Bateman, Ken Bird, Hillary Brian, Robert Cleave, John Hart, Stan Heptinstall, David Jones, Wendy Willan

Much of what we do as a committee goes unseen and unspoken but at its heart the committee has the safety and care of all who walk through the doors of the church buildings. As the latest Chair of this committee I should like to thank each member for their time, commitment and dedication to working on behalf of us all, without which we would not have the premises we have today.

Much of what we do is ongoing: tweaking, mending, clearing and cleaning, applying for a faculty or seeking financial support from the diocese and/or community. The rest involves the following: arranging for the re-roofing of the South Aisle; heating and lighting (uplighters and downlighters, spotlights and outside lights, kitchen); new fridge/freezer; replacement toilet seats; aging plasterwork around the South Door; noticeboards (repainting and re-ordering); updating the website; smoke alarm replacements; maintenance of the Ashes Plot and car park; 'wilding' a part of the churchyard; acquisition of a digital card reader; discussion on the renewal of our energy contracts (going greener); maintenance of the sound system; liaising with all the other committees; staff contracts; Church Inventory (photographing and listing all church items such as font, collection plate, communion equipment, hoovers, cutlery etc); mending cupboards; hanging awards (Silver status ECO award - action now needed to obtain Gold status); planting trees in commemoration of the Queen's platinum Jubilee; maintaining gutters on the Centre and Link Corridor; ensuring there are policies in place for Fire, Accident, Disciplinary & Grievance; Equality Diversity & Inclusion; Safeguarding; consideration of recording and broadcasting our services online; repair of both East and West Windows; and more recently the oversight of the Vicarage whilst it is unoccupied.

Hopefully you will have seen the results of some of the above – new roof, card reader and new fridge/freezer being three of the most obvious. Do watch out for other initiatives yet to be fulfilled.

It's been a busy year!

Wendy Willan (Chair)



Mission & Outreach Committee Report

Members: Jonathan Smithurst (Chair), Lalage Smithurst (Secretary), Glynn Bannister, Hillary Brian, Claire Gee, Cindy Jones, Tina Newton, Jonathan Portwood, Kate Prayle, Jimmy Smith

Over the past year, the Mission & Outreach Committee has continued to meet by Zoom approximately every two months. Our Mission Partners are part of our church family and we play a vital role in their work by praying for them and supporting them financially. Every year we maintain the principle of the tithe by giving a tenth of our church annual income to support mission and charitable work outside the parish boundary. In 2022 the PCC giving was **£10,143**. We have continued throughout the year to hear from and prayerfully support our **Mission Partners**.



CMS Mission Partner, Azaria Spencer, has updated us throughout the year about her work with street children and young people at risk in Guatemala City where she is now coordinator of a mentoring centre, the Centre Opp. She and her boyfriend, David, spent Christmas in the UK and since then she has been visiting her link churches, with St Michael's being the last one on Sunday 12th March before her planned return to Guatemala on 15th March.

Kate and Paul and their family were able to return to the UK from the Middle East in the summer of 2022 and visited St Michael's on Sunday 24th July when they shared some of their joys and frustrations. During the year Kate was appointed director of the new university medical education centre.



In June, before they left Bramcote for a new home in Northumberland, **David and Anne Curnock** were commissioned as **Associate Mission Partners** for health education and children's work with **OneCollective**. In February this year they visited Stara Zagora in Bulgaria and in March plan to be in Berega in Tanzania, their first visits for 3 years following the lockdown.



We continue to support the **Bestwood & Bulwell Foodbank** with Cindy and David Jones keeping us updated with the most urgent needs, which have markedly increased in the current economic situation. The trolley in the south porch of the church has often been near to overflowing - so a HUGE thank you to all who have donated produce.

The practice of having a **Mission Sunday** on the second Sunday of each month was reintroduced this year and so far we have heard about The Leprosy Mission in January and T4U in February. We will hear about Azaria's work with CMS in Guatemala in March.

On **Good Friday**, we reinstated the provision of hot-cross buns after the morning meditation.



For the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** in June, 320 copies of a special souvenir publication *Our Faithful Queen* were purchased and distributed, many at the Hemlock Happening on Saturday 4th June and at a special Songs of Praise service at Pentecost (Sunday 5th June). Following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in September, a companion book, *A Life of Grace*, was published. It highlights how her Christian faith shaped her vision for her role and empowered her to be the inspiring example she was and remains. 40 copies were purchased and made available for sale.



At our **Harvest Thanksgiving** weekend, we again organised a very successful and enjoyable **Harvest Supper**. Money donated in thanks amounted to **£571.03** and was sent to the **BREADtrust** to provide clean water for the villages and hospital in Berega in Tanzania. Non-perishable goods donations were taken to the **Bestwood & Bulwell Foodbank**.



The Children's Society

Despite the current economic situation, generous donations at the **Toys, Gifts & Christingle Service** in December meant that a large number of toys were taken to the **Great Notts Christmas Toy Appeal** and **£100.30** was sent to **The Children's Society**, two organisations which help children and young people in disadvantaged situations.

As part of our outreach and mission, we have supported Christian Aid, Teams4U, and Traidcraft - these reports follow.

Jonathan Smithurst (*Mission & Outreach Committee Chair*)
February 2023

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Christian Aid Week 2022 - Hungry for Justice



During Christian Aid Week 15th-21st May 2022, £2009.21 (including Gift Aid and online giving) was raised in the Bramcote area through donations, quizzes and cake sales. This fantastic amount of money was given despite there being no house-to-house collections. It will make such a difference to the lives of so many people who were living in poverty and facing severe hardship. Very many thanks to everyone who made these contributions possible in so many different ways.

Penny & Graeme Coe

Teams4U - What has been achieved in the last 365 days?

Not expecting to meet again after December 2021's T4U shoebox campaign, the Nottingham team of volunteers unanimously agreed to respond to the unfolding crisis in Ukraine by collecting, sorting and shipping what turned out to be nearly 5 tonnes of aid - foodstuffs, blankets, medical aid, toiletries and so much more, donated by many here at St Michael's and all over Nottingham. On behalf of those who received your gifts, thank you. Everything was sent to Suceava where Professor Lucian Pascut set up a shop for Ukrainians crossing no-man's land into Romania could pick up essential supplies on a daily basis - nappies, baby milk, food, bedding, bandages - and some of the aid went on to those on the front line with local people making the extremely dangerous crossing into Ukraine to deliver it.

120 days into the war, staff from Great Ormond Street Hospital accompanied Dave and Simon Cooke to an orphanage in Chernivtsi, northern Ukraine, to assess the needs of the children there with special needs and to plan what they needed. T4U has already funded a shower block for them.

In other parts of the world, T4U have also been actively supporting local communities to help them improve their situation. In Sierra Leone T4U have created Vocational Skills Centres in two rural regions where tailoring, carpentry, catering and hairdressing courses are offered, providing not only a means of earning a living, but essential survival strategies and how to be financially secure in a consistently fragile economy.

In Uganda, hand-washing stations have been built in many of the schools, providing running water for hundreds of school children and reducing the number of cases of diarrhoea by 24% and thus fewer children missing school.

During November we were back collecting and processing shoeboxes for children in Eastern Europe and I was privileged to join a distribution trip to Suceava in December, visiting several centres for special needs children as well as a school on the Romanian/Ukrainian border and Roma families living in rural areas of the country - in very primitive conditions and with next to no personal possessions. The overarching memory of this trip is the graciousness, thanks and generosity of all who received shoeboxes - such a simple gift but with such a resounding message that someone somewhere cares enough to send a shoebox of gifts to someone they will never meet. This indeed is faith in action.

Thank you to each one of the 3227 Nottinghamshire people who have given of their time, money and/or a filled shoebox, without which such trips would not be possible - be assured your gifts were the cause of great excitement, smiles and shrieks of joy!

Wendy Willan
T4U Regional Coordinator



Social Reference Group Report

Members: *Cindy Jones, David Jones, Stan Heptinstall, Christine Cleave Wendy Willan, Fiona Maxwell, Elaine Morris, Pat Ashworth, Nicky Lake, Donna Snowdon, Hillary Brian, Sally Cresswell*

The Social Reference group was formed after Covid restrictions were lifted, as the Church began once more to reach out to the Parish and its members. The group comes under the auspice of the Mission and Outreach Committee. It is made up of representatives from all the church groups and a number of community groups. The group's remit is to oversee the events which make up the church calendar. This is essential to prevent clashes of dates and opportunities.

The group decides who is to take ownership of each event. This is usually the person who has had the idea, or someone who has a specific interest or experience in that field. That person will then request help from the group; it may be in catering or communication, front of house, welcoming, ticket selling or other specific roles that lead to the success of any event.

In 2022 we coordinated the organisation of Parish Breakfasts and Brunches, Afternoon Tea Concerts, Café Bramcote evenings with entertainment, Harvest Supper, drama and special services for Easter and Christmas. We also had a presence at Hemlock Happening, with various stands including children's activities, strawberries and cream and church information. We gave out bubbles to children and a book celebrating the Queens Platinum Jubilee to over 100 adults. It was a very successful afternoon.

Thank you to all members of this committee for your enthusiasm and dedication throughout the past year. I hope that we will continue to flourish and develop as we plan our future calendar.

Cindy Jones (Chair)



Report from the Clergy & Reader Team

The Clergy and Reader team (Tony Cardwell, Lillian Heptinstall, David Edinborough, Lalage Smithurst, Jonathan Smithurst) have been meeting on a regular basis since Paul Reynolds left. We have more recently also met together with David Hanford (musical director) Jonathan Portwood (Verger and PA operator) and Donna Snowden (Family Life Minister).



We have met to organise the Sunday and weekday worship rotas and special services: Remembrance Sunday, Carols by Candlelight and other services with a special focus i.e. our second Sunday service which has a Mission focus. third Sunday evening which can be Taizé, Healing or Celtic prayer, and fifth Sunday evening service which is Choral Evensong. Also Harvest, Safeguarding Sunday and our annual Bereavement Service.

Donna plans and runs a monthly, Sunday afternoon 'Families Together Worship'. She also organised a very successful, well attended Nativity service.

Among the items discussed have been Safeguarding, matters of a pastoral nature, 'Living in Love and Faith', Church motto, visiting preachers, a proposed Alpha course, Advent labyrinth and much more.

At our next meeting we will be planning for Holy Week, Easter and beyond.

Our services have been mainly covered by the Clergy and Reader team, but we have had visiting preachers, Colin Bourne and Richard Hanford, and some Mission Partners. Pippa Scott led a Taizé service for us. We are looking forward to the visits of Jo Tatum (Area Dean) in May and Phil Williams (Archdeacon) in July as well as further Mission Partners.

The staff team continue to take weddings, funerals, burial of ashes, Baptisms and other occasional offices as requested.

With grateful thanks for your prayers and support.

Lillian Heptinstall

Children, Youth & Families Report

Introduction

Many thanks to all the members of the Church family who have been so generous with their prayers, knowledge, wisdom and time volunteering. Particular thanks to Lillian who has been given the task of being my line manager since the departure of Revd Paul Reynolds in July 2022 and Claire Morrell-Stone who always says 'yes'!

1. SCHOOLS

Bramcote C of E Primary School

I am very grateful for Sarah Meredith's collaboration as Headteacher and all staff at the Bramcote C of E Primary School, building a strong connection with Children and Families, sharing and growing Faith.

Weekly Wednesdays:

- ◆ Whole school collective worship
- ◆ Check-in and prayer with Sarah
- ◆ Year 6 1:1 coaching and prayer



Plus termly after-school worship (very well-attended with an average of 6 families) and end-of-term services for Christmas, Easter and Summer with the whole school and parents at St Michael's. We also invited Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to our Prayer Labyrinth in November.

Bramcote Hills Primary School

Bramcote Hills Year 5 used St Michael's for their Carol Service in December. Having met the Headteacher Peter Taylor in person at this event, I was invited to lead a Key Stage 2 Assembly in January and put on the 'Visitor List' for future assemblies.

Having asked the school 'how can I serve?' the response was supporting with reading - so I have committed to do this 1 hour a week (Wednesdays 1-2pm).

Year 1 class are visiting church in March 2022 on the topic: How Do Christians Use the Church as a Place of Worship?

Peter shared that as a non-Christian School they are unable to promote anything alone from St Michael's but happy to display posters etc.

2. FAMILIES

After collating initial feedback from families since May 2022 I have offered a shorter, more informal, interactive service with modern worship songs every third Sunday 3-3.45pm. Average attendance is 3-4 families. In November I asked families attending if they wished to continue with this option or attend other services? The children voted to keep this service, so we will keep and review in the summer.

I meet parents every Wednesday in Bramcote C of E playground as well as meeting parents/carers at Little Angels on Thursdays.

Nativity Christmas Eve

Attended: 120.

We made Christmas star decorations out of salt dough to hand out.



Great church family participation: volunteers supported meet and greet; Eddie Prayle narrated; young people read prayers; Little Angels sang; Dads from the Dads 'n' Kids group read 'dad jokes'!

Baptisms

Being part of the Baptism service is a real joy. I have developed a good relationship with Leah and Ollie Elliott who had sons Rupert and Felix baptised in February.

Brunch

We invited families to January's Parish Brunch. Some new faces attended and feedback was how much they enjoyed it.

3. LITTLE ANGELS

Amazing mum volunteers: Nicky, Ruella, Jane, Laura, Carla, Emily plus Rachel and Nicky's mum who do an incredible job planning and delivering Little Angels. Many of these volunteers will be unable to continue in September so we are actively spreading the message and recruiting now so the group can continue.

4. MESSY CHURCH

Every first Saturday of the month, 2.45-4.15pm. Average attendance 22 children.

We are without a Volunteer Messy Team (I currently plan, buy resources, set up and deliver). Parent/child volunteers who attend on the day may be assigned to an activity to supervise.

Having reflected on the costs of food and potential wastage as numbers varied we moved from meals to a 'grab bag' - sandwiches and snacks in a bag to take away. Following families feedback Jan 2023 consensus was to just offer snacks and juice so we now provide oranges, apples, bananas and grapes.

Current charge £1 per child.

Themes 2023:

Sat 4th Feb	Sat 4th March	Sat 3rd June	Sat 30th Sept/7th Oct	Sat 4th Nov	Sat 2nd Dec
<i>God is Love</i>	<i>Who is the Holy Spirit?</i>	<i>The Lord's Prayer</i>	<i>Harvest</i>	<i>I am the Light of the World</i>	<i>Messy Christmas</i>

5. DADS 'N' KIDS

Every second Saturday 9am-11am (term-time). Average attendance 4-6 families. We have welcomed three new dads/carers in last 12 months.

Dads volunteered to do 'Dad Jokes' as part of the Christmas Eve Nativity which was very well received. Dads/carers have volunteered to buy food for the sessions and either donate or claim back.

6. YOUTH GROUP - Rooted

In 2022 we started a youth group every second Thursday (term-time), 4.30-6pm.

Having built a good relationship with Year 6 last academic year I offered a focus group session to find out what they would like. Hence Thursday 4.30-6pm with simple games and space just 'to be'. Currently offered to Years 5 and 6 (Primary) and Year 7 (Secondary). Average attendance is 4 children.

Having reflected on 2022 and not wishing to lose the few that are engaged, I have invested in Scripture Union Rooted Journal for each young person attending. The aim is to work through journal together to 'Grow - into who you are, and all that God has planned for you'.

7. EASTER EXPERIENCE

Wednesday 22nd March - in collaboration with Lindy Jones (Families & Children Development Minister, St Leonard's Wollaton), delivering at Firbeck Primary.

Wednesday 29th March - Years 3-6 Bramcote C of E, delivering at St Michael's.

Thursday 30th March - inviting Little Angels and Silver Surfers.

8. FAMILY FUN DAY - Saturday 15th July

Agreed not to run any Messy/Dads n Kids/Families Together Worship - instead invite whole church family to a Fun Day. **Plan A** - St Georges Park. **Plan B (poor weather)** - Church Centre. Games and activities from 12pm to 4pm - bring your own picnic.

Summer 2023 TBC. Working collaboratively with Lindy from St Leonard's to offer a 'summer experience'.

9. ALPHA 2023

Volunteers at Little Angels expressed a desire to offer something to parents/carers who were 'exploring' what it is to be a Christian witnessing their discipleship. After consultation and discussion through the correct channels it has been agreed to offer 6 weeks of Alpha from 14th September to 19th October, 11.30-1pm in church.

This will take the form of a light lunch together while watching a 25 min video, followed by 25 min reflection and discussion. Little Angel volunteer mums have offered to look after the children during the sessions.



10. SAFEGUARDING/HEALTH & SAFETY

Volunteers ratio - to run any groups without parents the following is required:

- ♦ **0-2 years:** 1 adult to every 3 children
- ♦ **2-3 years:** 1 adult to every 4 children
- ♦ **4-8 years:** 1 adult to every 6 children
- ♦ **9-12 years:** 1 adult to every 8 children
- ♦ **13-18 years:** 1 adult to every 10 children



I have current DBS and complete Diocese Safeguarding Training. I have completed a Food Hygiene Certificate and have a current First Aid certificate. Marc Holiday from Dads 'n' Kids has a Food Hygiene Certificate but we may need more volunteers to complete this plus First Aid training.

I am working with Lillian and Tina to ensure volunteers have DBS. I am also in the process of writing Risk Assessments for Children Youth and Family Activities (drafts to be completed by Easter).

Issues have been raised regarding safety of doors into/out of the Church Centre and children 'escaping'. Resources Committee have been made aware of this and it is to be discussed further with upcoming visit from the Fire Service to seek advice. Agreed a higher sliding bolt can be fixed to the lounge area door.

11. BUDGET

Expenses £528.60. Young people £165.38. Messy Church £613.47. Main costs are food and drink, which will be significantly reduced with offering fruit and juice at Messy. Aim to plan arts and crafts around what resources we already have to keep costs as low as possible.

12. SCRIPTURE UNION COLLABORATION - mission enable Dom Conti

I have signed up with Scripture Union - benefits include 50% or 25% discount on resources and Free Faith Guide (training and support).

'Revealing Jesus to the 95': 95% of Children and Young People across England and Wales are not in a Church ('Gen Z' - those born between 1995 and 2010 - and 'Generation Alpha' - those born since 2010).

Strategy:

Connect - A relational opportunity with a Christian identity.

Explore - Time to uncover greater understanding from the Bible about Jesus, the word and the Christian Faith.

Respond - Further exploration of the Christian Faith and clear invitation to respond to Jesus.

Grow - A culturally appropriate worshipping community that enables the faith of the 95 to flourish in their commitment to Jesus; embraced, supported and nurtured by the local church.

Faith Guide - A Christian who is committed to building relationships with the 95, journeying with them towards a vibrant, personal faith in Jesus.

Conclusion

My role is 23 hours a week which means a balance of working efficiently to achieve planning, delivery and reviewing Children Youth and Families work.

Looking at the ratios of workers to young people it is evident that to grow any future engagement without parent/carers present will require more volunteers.

I am looking forward to building on all of the above in 2023.

Donna Snowden
Family Life Minister

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Food Bank Report

Since we became part of the Trussell Trust Food Bank scheme I am pleased to report that we have delivered 12 Tons of food from St Michael's to the Bestwood and Bulwell Food Bank. During 2022 we have supplied them with 1½ Tons of food.

We were asked by our diocese to help this Food Bank, as it is situated in one of the most deprived areas of the country and is not surrounded by affluent neighbourhoods. We are one of the largest donors and our support is greatly appreciated by Nigel Webster and his team of volunteers who run the operation.

Many people ask me how the Food Bank works. Those who are in need of help are sent by a social worker, medical professional or care worker who will give them a food allocation form. They are supplied with enough food to last for a few days and the amount depends on the size of the family. Their pack may include cereal, soup, tins of beans or spaghetti, meat or fish, fruit, puddings, rice or pasta, tea or coffee, long life milk and fruit juice. Biscuits, snacks and chocolate are added when available, as are household items and toiletries. This will enable them to eat until other benefits or work becomes available.

Sadly, with the cost of living crisis the need for Food Banks has increased. Many working families are living in poverty if they rely on non-contact hours of work or receive the basic minimum wage. Unfortunately, the rise in food prices has meant that donors are unable to give as much.

Members of St Michael's Church and the parish have continued to be very generous in their giving of both produce and money. I do wish to thank you so much for this. I also wish to thank my team of dedicated helpers who deliver the food each week to the Food Bank.

Please continue to support those who are in such desperate need.

God Bless you all.

David Jones





Bramcote C of E Primary School

Report 2022-23

It has been a very busy year, after finally coming out of COVID measures it has been fantastic to be able to reconnect with the church and the school community.

We enjoyed welcoming Donna Snowden into school after February half term and she has continued to lead our Wednesday worship, which has been enjoyed by all of the children. Donna has become a valued member of our worship team.

We also launched a family worship in school after Easter and this has been a great opportunity for families to meet together to praise and worship with songs, the word and prayers. The highlight for the children has to be the 'breads and spreads' being able to make jam or chocolate spread sandwiches and have a drink of water or squash in the school hall, while parents & Carers have a hot drink and biscuit.

Also, during the summer term we celebrated the platinum Jubilee for the late Queen Elizabeth II. This came at the end of our history curriculum theme week where each class learned about a decade from the 50s to the present day. It was great to set up our own history museum in the school hall consisting of children's work, pictures and many memorabilia sent in by parents and grandparents. The Jubilee Jamboree took place on the afternoon of Thursday 26th May and this was a fantastic community event. Our Friends PTA made cream teas to pre-order and it was well attended by families of the children, governors, ex members of staff and members of St Michael's.

Our end of term summer service was held at St Michael and All Angels and we finally had parents/carers back in church with us too.

During the Autumn term we continued to be blessed by Donna's commitment to lead Wednesday Worship and give time to pastoral support to some of our Year 6 pupils.

We visited the church again to welcome our new reception children where they were presented with a first Bible that had been kindly purchased by the PCC.

We had another curriculum theme week after half term with a focus on courageous advocacy. The children learned about how they too can be advocates for change and support something they strongly believe in.

At the beginning of advent, Years 2-6 visited the church to take part in the Prayer Labyrinth. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and found it both reflective and informative. Thanks again to Donna and team for leading the sessions.

As the term drew to a close, we welcomed families back into school to see the first Infant Nativity and Year 3/4 play since 2019! All the children did so well and the performances were enjoyed by all. Christmas fairs, parties and dinner were all back as was our Christmas Service. Contributions from all the classes and Donna sharing the message of Christmas brought 2022 to an end.

A massive thank you to the PCC for their generous contribution in support of the school. This has been used to purchase First Bibles and leavers books, as well as the purchase of a new oven for our school kitchen, enabling the children to take part in cooking activities.

Sarah Meredith (Headteacher)
March 2023

Open House Report

It has been a fragmented year for members of Open House to be together and undertake some form of study together. Despite Covid restrictions having been pretty much lifted, some members living with vulnerable adults were uncomfortable meeting up indoors, so in order to keep in touch and share concerns/help for one another we met in each other's homes. Some members are still working so can only get together in holiday times. In September it was hoped that Gill Wilmot would be well enough to resume leadership of the group, but sadly this was not the case, thus a 'fresh start' was postponed until the new year. So, in February we rebooked the Church Lounge and have recently been enjoying returning to study and worship together.

Wendy Willan

Parish Safeguarding Report

I was appointed to this role on 20th July 2022. Previously in my role as a Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher I was the Senior Designated Person for Safeguarding and so my experience is very pertinent to this post.

Since appointed I have been getting policies, procedures and training in place in order to ensure that St Michael's is compliant with current safeguarding rules and therefore fully insured.

This has involved ensuring that everyone who needs safeguarding training has it, i.e. PCC members and all those with responsibility for children and young people and any vulnerable adults. As you will see, that encompasses many people in the church. We are 75% compliant in training terms so far.

I have also presented 3 policies to the PCC for approval:

1. Promoting a Safer Church as the Safeguarding Policy - 7th November 2022
2. Responding to Concerns and Allegations Statement - 9th January 2023
3. Policy on the Recruitment of Ex-Offenders - 6th March 2023

These are all essential and necessary policies to have.

I have ensured that I am up to date with my own training: Basic Awareness in Safeguarding; Foundations in Safeguarding; Training for Parish Safeguarding Officers; Modern Slavery; and Leadership in Safeguarding.

I also delivered the talk on Safeguarding Sunday.

I have liaised with the Parish's Lead Recruiter, Revd Canon Lillian Heptinstall, to ensure all Disclosure Barring Checks (DBS) are completed for all those who need them.

There is a Parish Dashboard which has to be kept up to date and this is now up-to-date but needs more to complete all tasks necessary.

I am very thankful to the PCC members who have supported me in this task and also the Churchwardens, Revd Lillian and Donna Snowden who have all given support.

If you see me around and have any questions with regard to Safeguarding do not hesitate to ask.

Tina Newton
(Parish Safeguarding Officer)



Little Angels Report

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair: Ruella Parkinson
Vice Chair: Jane Goodfellow

Laura
Carla
Rachel
Nicky
Emily
Theresa
Donna (pastoral care)



Our Community Rainbow we made out of the handprints of all the children.

Little Angels is a group for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers along with their parents, grandparents and carers to come and play, learn and meet other families in the community around Bramcote. We meet on a Thursday morning in the Church Centre of St Michael's during term-time. We are a group run by a committee of volunteers, which includes parents, grandparents and church members.

For an entrance fee of £1 per family, we offer refreshments throughout the morning of tea, coffee, toast and sometimes a sweet treat. We also provide a snack at an allocated time for the children, which allows them a time to sit together and share.



Some examples of the types of messy play activities we do during the morning session.

The number of attendees at Little Angels has grown considerably over the last year with around 40 families on our register currently. Below is a photo of a typical Thursday morning at Little Angels.



During the morning we have a craft activity for the children to take part in which links to the bible story we are learning about that morning. We also have a messy activity that links in to the bible story. This allows the children to explore with all their senses. This is usually a very popular table.

Little Angels endeavours to be a relaxing, fun, safe and supportive environment with a Christian ethos, reaching out to people in the community and welcoming them to the church of St Michaels.

Ruella Parkinson 08.02.2023

Choir Report

The choir continues to lead the singing at the 10am and 6.30pm services each Sunday. Also, we have sung at a number of other services, including several weddings and funerals.

In a wider context, we maintain our membership of the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) and attended an uplifting Choir Festival in Southwell Minster with other affiliated choirs in October.

Numerically, we have remained fairly stable throughout the year with 15 regular members in the group, rising to around 20 for special musical presentations.



We particularly enjoyed preparing for and singing at the 2022 Good Friday evening service 'The Way of the Cross', Christmas 'Carols by Candlelight' services, and Choral Evensong each quarter. It was especially pleasing to receive many words of encouragement from those who attended.



We practise in the Church Centre on Wednesday evenings and additional voices, both junior and adult, are always very welcome. It is great to share and develop our work with new members.

Please continue to pray for our spiritual and musical growth as a group, as we sing and worship together week by week.

David Hanford (*Organist & Choirmaster*)

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Silver Surfers Report

Our weekly meetings continue to be well attended. Recent advertising (including on the new church website) has increased our guest attendance each week to 20-25, with many also joining us for lunch. The fortnightly meal out 'Social Surfers' is also increasing in popularity.

Unfortunately, our appeal for volunteers and coaches has been less successful.



The current committee are listed on our noticeboard at our meetings.

Elaine Morris

Bell-ringers Report



The current officers are:

<i>Tower captain:</i>	Christine Langton
<i>Secretary:</i>	Lesley Hill
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Christine Langton
<i>Ringing master:</i>	Christine Langton
<i>Communications officer:</i>	Richard Portwood
<i>Steeple keeper:</i>	Tom Langton
<i>Assistant steeple keeper:</i>	Richard Portwood
<i>Education officer:</i>	Anne Sladen
<i>Social secretary:</i>	Fiona Maxwell
<i>Spiderman:</i>	Richard Portwood
<i>Register keeper:</i>	Richard Portwood

Our Friday practices have been well attended by our ringers, although the average has dropped to 7 ringers from an average of 8.5 ringers in the previous year. We held 51 practices during the year, only missing the practice during Holy Week. Thanks to our visitors who help out at the practices. We welcome Eddie as our newest recruit. It was sad to have to say goodbye to Murray and Sarah. Murray has moved to Wales and Sarah has moved to Devon. They had both been ringing with us for a number of years.

We rang the bells before the 10am Sunday service almost every week (excluding first Sundays), usually ringing at least four bells. We thank Richard Black and his family from Nuthall for joining us on Sunday mornings.

It has been a busy year for the bell ringers. We rang for the 70th anniversary of the late Queen's accession to the throne in February and rang for the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June. The death of the Queen in September was marked by Christine tolling our tenor bell 96 times followed by some half-muffled ringing. It was lovely to have an audience listening to us ringing. Later in the month we also rang directly before the Queen's funeral with some half-muffled ringing, which included ringing the change 'Queens' (1,3,5,2,4,6) 96 times.

This year we hosted the Nottingham District Bell Ringers' AGM at St Michael's. Many ringers from across the district had a chance to ring on our lovely bells whilst enjoying tea, coffee and cakes made by the St Michael's ringers. This was then followed by the AGM in the church.

We held our annual 'Christmas Drinks with the Neighbours' event at the beginning of December. It was great to see so many neighbours enjoying mulled wine, eating mince pies and several people even had a go at ringing. It was a good turnout with 26 guests.

In June the bell ringers hosted a stall at the Hemlock Happening, as part of the St Michael's stand. We provided mini hand bells for the public to have a go at ringing some well known tunes and had a 'Guess the Name of the Corgi' competition in honour of the late Queen Elizabeth II. The winner of the corgi competition was an

8-year-old boy who was delighted to receive his toy corgi prize. The ideas, organisation and running of the stall were all expertly managed by Fiona, with help from Richard.

In July we rang before Evensong for Paul Reynolds' last service to thank Paul and Alison for all the good work they had done over many years at St Michael's. The bell ringers presented a certificate of our ringing to Paul and Alison.

We also rang before the Berega dinner in February, rang in solidarity with all those suffering due to the invasion of Ukraine in March, and rang half-muffled on Remembrance Sunday.

Over the Christmas period we were able to ring for the Carols by Candlelight services, for the Nativity service on Christmas Eve and for the 10am service on Christmas Day.

Lesley welcomed 6 groups of visiting bell ringers during the year, 3 of which rang quarter peals (continuous ringing for 45 minutes). They all gave us donations, which have gone into our Bell Fund.

Should anyone wish to have the bells rung to mark a special occasion (e.g. birthdays and anniversaries) then please do get in touch with Christine Langton.

We are always looking for new recruits so if you are interested in learning to ring or just want to come along to see what we do, you are very welcome to join our practice on a Friday evening from 7.30pm to 9pm or contact Christine Langton (christine@nuscr.org or 0115 877 9439).

Christine Langton
March 2023



Wednesday Coffee Morning Report

What a joy it has been to continue to see new faces coming along and sharing a couple of hours together on a Wednesday morning!

Regular attendees have been delighted to welcome new faces on Wednesdays, offering a warm welcome and a boost to numbers. For many, the lure of either jacket potatoes or a fish and chips lunch once a month has added to the attraction of attending!



The Lending Library, managed by Hillary, continues to provide a source of bedtime reading and is as popular as ever! In October 2022 we put on a special afternoon tea to celebrate Barbara Brown's 100th birthday - our first centenarian - with music, cake, balloons and a few visiting friends together with 24 members of the current group. She was delighted to be one of the first to receive a card from the King!



Over the year we have had to say goodbye to one or two members - either through death, long-term ill health or moving away - which reminds us all of our own fragility and dependence on others. Thus we have celebrated the life of Rita Portwood, the long-term past leader of this group; Rita Keenan passed away before Christmas and just recently Dorothy Roberts. Lesley Law has moved to Devon to live with her family and due to diminishing health reasons both Brenda Evans and Joy Hawkins are sadly no longer able to join us.

Cynthia Slater, Carol Kemsley, Janice Wilson, Elenor Wild, Sue Parkin, Barbara Morton, Liz Wiseman, Eileen Coe and Pat Frame have all joined during the year and we are delighted to have them as part of the group.

For many living on their own this regular meeting is a highlight of their week and a means of getting out and keeping up with friends. It's an open group so please do come and join us any Wednesday from 10 until 12 for friendship, fun and food (well, tea, coffee and biscuits!). Stan's newsletter keeps us up-to-date with forthcoming events and even a 'looking back on the past week' for those who have missed a week.

It's a loyal group and thanks must go to Maureen, Pat and Elizabeth who continue to manage the kitchen-side so well. Thank you all so very much for your support.

Wendy Willan & Hillary Brian

Traidcraft Report

Thanks to the loyal Traidcraft customers in the Bramcote community, this was a good trading year for the St Michael's stall. At least £150 of sales were taken at Easter and £150 worth of Christmas cards were ordered. As the year went on, an array of chocolate and biscuits in the church vestibule proved tempting to passers-by, who used an honesty box to pay for their purchases. Those at Wednesday Coffee Morning also enjoyed the convenience of access to a tray of goods in the Church Centre. Stalls were held at St Michael's Christmas Market and at Café Bramcote with the Salvation Army. An extremely successful Christmas stall was also held at Beeston Methodist church. At least £3000 worth of goods (both gifts and consumables) were sold in 2022 and income continued to exceed expenditure.



In January 2023, there was a surprise announcement that Traidcraft plc was going into administration. In company with other retailers, its sales had been hit hard by a combination of factors: the Covid pandemic, followed by the combined effects of the war in Ukraine, rising energy prices and increased transport costs. At the time of writing, it is not clear whether Traidcraft itself will survive in any form in the future. The announcement coincided with my decision to cease organising the Traidcraft stall due to other commitments. This means that the existing stock level will not be maintained; goods will gradually be sold on the stalls at St Michael's and through other traders.

However, at St Michael's it is proposed that we continue our commitment to be a Fairtrade Church through support for Transform Trade, formerly Traidcraft Exchange. This organisation campaigns for a better deal for traders and provides help for those starting businesses in poorer countries.

This year, the refreshments after services have been Fairtrade and other items such as toilet rolls have been bought for use in the Church Centre. We expect this to continue, using other online and local suppliers.



Traidcraft has played a pioneering role in paving the way for fairly traded goods to be more available, e.g. in supermarkets. The Traidcraft directors said in a letter that the company 'has been a major force for good in the ethical retail sector for over 40 years'. Robert Cleave was one of the first volunteer reps to sell Traidcraft goods and he was succeeded by other familiar names, continuing in an unbroken line until the present day! During that time, the goods purchased in the

Bramcote community have enabled scores of poorer families to earn a livelihood and for that you have their thanks.

Christine Cleave

Financial Report for the Year Ending 31st December 2022

This report should be read in conjunction with the full set of Financial Statements that are displayed in the following pages.

Compared to 2021, our spending is up and our regular giving slightly down. In fact, we have lost some of our long-standing church members through passing or moving out of the area.

The year started with the sale of the former curate's house, which meant that a capital asset became an accessible capital sum. This has been and will continue to be significant in enabling us to improve our record on matters such as paying Giving for Ministry (Parish Share), for which we have paid our full allocation (£69,000) for the first time for several years.

The planned work for major repairs (£50,000) to our south-facing church roof was carried out. This was made possible partly by the capital as above, but also from the generous grants (£11,500) given from three providers. Donations from some church members completed the funding.

Below is a simplified summary of our general funds for 2022 (i.e. excluding specially designated and restricted funds which appear in the full set of accounts in the following pages). You will see that the figures for 2022 are balanced by enabling some spending to be paid for from other funds:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>INC/(DEC)</u>
Church Running Costs	53,000	47,000	6,000
Giving for Ministry	<u>39,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>(11,000)</u>
Sub-total	92,000	97,000	(5,000)
General Reserve Transfer	5,000	(4,000)	9,000
10% Mission Transfer	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>107,000</u>	<u>103,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>
Regular Giving/Collections	80,000	81,000	(1,000)
Income Tax Reclaimed	17,000	18,000	(1,000)
Other Income	<u>10,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>107,000</u>	<u>103,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>

We are grateful to Ken Bird for his work as Planned Giving Officer. He makes the Gift Aid claims on our behalf, and maintains databases of donations and organises regular and occasional giving through envelopes. Towards the end of 2022, visitors were able to donate by bank card or phone app for the first time, and Ken has plans to provide additional choices for digital giving in 2023.

We are also grateful to the counting team, who continue to be the unsung heroes because their work is not seen. They count and keep records of the collections and deposit funds at the bank. Many thanks go to Victor Smithson, John Hart and the counting team members.

As Treasurer, Alan relies on the correct presentation and accuracy of the accounts as provided from the input of Christine as volunteer Church Accountant. Her role in auditing monthly accounts is crucial, and she has a wider remit in overseeing financial matters generally, including in specific areas such as preparing the annual budget.

Alan Bateman (Church Treasurer)
Christine Langton (Church Accountant)



Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Bramcote
Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ending 31 December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted	(Unrestricted)	Restricted	Endowment	Revaluation	TOTAL FUNDS	
		Funds	Designated Funds	Funds	Funds	Reserve	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES								
Voluntary income	2(a)	97,337	500	22,941	-	-	120,778	112,329
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	4,224	-	-	-	-	4,224	525
Income from investments	2(c)	10	628	65	80	-	783	73
Church activities	2(d)	5,834	3,963	3,700	-	-	13,497	11,453
Surplus on disposal of investments	6	-	115,000	-	-	-	115,000	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		107,405	120,091	26,706	80	-	254,282	124,380
RESOURCES EXPENDED								
Cost of generating voluntary income	3(a)	81	-	-	-	-	81	73
Grants	3(b)	-	9,102	3,348	-	-	12,450	13,042
Church activities	3(c)	94,682	79,410	29,769	-	-	203,861	112,966
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		94,763	88,512	33,117	-	-	216,392	126,081
NET (OUTGOING) / INCOMING RESOURCES		12,642	31,579	(6,411)	80	-	37,890	(1,701)
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS	10	(12,642)	14,137	(1,495)	-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS		-	45,716	(7,906)	80	-	37,890	(1,701)
FUND BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY 2022	10	-	223,660	32,048	2,142	115,000	372,850	344,551
FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2022	9,10	-	269,376	24,142	2,222	115,000	410,740	342,850
Revaluation movement (Unrealised)	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	30,000
Disposal	11	-	-	-	-	(115,000)	(115,000)	-
TOTAL FUNDS BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2022		-	269,376	24,142	2,222	-	295,740	372,850

The notes on pages 3 to 7 form part of these accounts.

Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Bramcote
Balance Sheet at 31 December 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
INVESTMENT ASSETS			
Investment property	6	-	305,000
CURRENT ASSETS			
Traidcraft stock		836	898
Debtors	7	6,310	5,685
Short term deposits		289,737	66,989
Cash at bank and in hand		2,230	2,839
		<u>299,113</u>	<u>76,411</u>
LIABILITIES			
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>(3,373)</u>	<u>(8,561)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>295,740</u>	<u>67,850</u>
NET ASSETS			
		<u>295,740</u>	<u>372,850</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted	9,10	269,376	223,660
Restricted	9,10	24,142	32,048
Endowment	9,10	2,222	2,142
		<u>295,740</u>	<u>257,850</u>
Revaluation reserve	11	-	115,000
		<u>295,740</u>	<u>372,850</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 13th March 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Chairman.....
(Stan Heptinstall)

Treasurer.....
(Alan Bateman)

The notes on pages 3 to 7 form part of these accounts.

Registered Charity No. 1130798

**Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Bramcote
Notes to the Financial Statements**

For the year ending 31 December 2022

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCC's.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts.

Funds

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a special object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections, donations, grants and bank interest are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. All other income is recognised when it is received. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources Expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when paid. Any parish share unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as an accrual in the Balance Sheet. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated property and moveable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficial property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). No value is placed on such property in these accounts.

All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA).

No value is placed on the Church centre and for insurance purposes there is no separate valuation as it is included in the overall amount of £11,820,000 (2021 : £11,627,200) for both the Church and centre.

Investment Assets

The property at 46 Rufford Avenue was held as an investment to generate rental income to part fund the Children, Family and Youth Minister. It was valued at market value of £- (2021 : £305,000). It originally cost £57,000. The property was sold on 31 January 2022 for £305,000.

Following the introduction of FRS102 the investment property is now recognised in the financial statements at market value as determined by the PCC.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

All expenditure on fixtures, fittings and office furniture is written off at the time expenditure is incurred.

Current Assets

Short - term deposits is cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

Reserve Policy

The PCC agreed to continue the policy of holding the equivalent of three months running costs as a General Reserve. As at 31st December 2022 the balance in the reserve is £12,609 (2021 : £7,817).

Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Bramcote.
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the year ending 31 December 2022

2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds	(Unrestricted)		Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
		Designated Funds	Restricted Funds		2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
2(a) Voluntary income						
Planned giving:						
Gift Aid donations	64,574	-	6,875	-	71,449	75,190
Income tax recoverable	16,885	-	1,719	-	18,604	19,496
Other planned giving	12,318	-	-	-	12,318	11,359
Collections (open plate) at all services	2,569	-	-	-	2,569	1,628
Grants	-	500	11,500	-	12,000	-
Donations, appeals etc.	991	-	2,847	-	3,838	4,656
	<u>97,337</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>22,941</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>120,778</u>	<u>112,329</u>
2(b) Activities for generating funds						
Church Hall Donations	2,140	-	-	-	2,140	525
Christmas Market	2,084	-	-	-	2,084	-
	<u>4,224</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,224</u>	<u>525</u>
2(c) Income from investment						
Interest	10	628	65	29	732	24
Other	-	-	-	51	51	49
	<u>10</u>	<u>628</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>783</u>	<u>73</u>
2(d) Church activities						
Traidcraft	-	3,662	-	-	3,662	4,491
Magazines	1,140	-	-	-	1,140	-
Mission	203	-	-	-	203	92
Bookstall	-	301	-	-	301	62
Catering	932	-	-	-	932	111
Fees	1,759	-	-	-	1,759	2,171
Outreach Events	807	-	2	-	809	957
Messy Church	37	-	-	-	37	-
Rufford Avenue	-	-	-	-	-	2,200
Silver Surfers	-	-	2,647	-	2,647	1,112
Little Angels	-	-	1,051	-	1,051	257
Other	956	-	-	-	956	-
	<u>5,834</u>	<u>3,963</u>	<u>3,700</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,497</u>	<u>11,453</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>107,405</u>	<u>5,091</u>	<u>26,706</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>139,282</u>	<u>124,380</u>

Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Bramcote.
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the year ending 31 December 2022

3 RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted Funds	(Unrestricted)		Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
		Designated Funds	Restricted Funds			2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
3(a) Generation of voluntary income							
Giving envelopes	81	-	-	-	-	81	73
	<u>81</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>73</u>
3(b) Grants							
Missionary and charitable giving:							
Church Mission Society	-	2,140	-	-	-	2,140	2,951
Church Pastoral Aid Society	-	1,899	-	-	-	1,899	1,899
Bible Society	-	197	-	-	-	197	130
The Leprosy Mission	-	196	-	-	-	196	130
TEAR Fund	-	980	-	-	-	980	730
P & K Miles	-	1,558	-	-	-	1,558	1,058
Foodbank - Bestwood & Bulwell	-	1,066	-	-	-	1,066	1,030
Framework	-	1,066	-	-	-	1,066	1,030
Berega	-	-	3,348	-	-	3,348	4,084
	<u>-</u>	<u>9,102</u>	<u>3,348</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,450</u>	<u>13,042</u>
3(c) Activities directly relating to the work of							
Ministry: Diocesan parish share	38,749	30,251	-	-	-	69,000	50,015
Working expenses	1,393	-	-	-	-	1,393	1,986
Expenditure on parish magazine and bookstall	-	198	-	-	-	198	114
Traidcraft	-	3,463	-	-	-	3,463	4,893
Church running expenses	10,092	-	-	-	-	10,092	9,327
Church maintenance	5,329	42,085	12,134	-	-	59,548	6,226
Upkeep of services	482	-	-	-	-	482	372
Rufford Avenue	-	3,413	-	-	-	3,413	1,840
Children, Youth & Family Life Co-ordinator							
- Salary and pension	-	-	14,264	-	-	14,264	2,947
- Expenses	-	-	529	-	-	529	1,140
General/Equipment	614	-	-	-	-	614	904
Fund Raising	1,575	-	-	-	-	1,575	31
Catering	552	-	-	-	-	552	126
Outreach	1,420	-	23	-	-	1,443	1,473
Messy Church	613	-	-	-	-	613	421
Printing, postage & stationery	1,589	-	-	-	-	1,589	1,412
Miscellaneous administration	4,111	-	-	-	-	4,111	4,508
Salaries	24,272	-	-	-	-	24,272	22,460
Education	1,660	-	-	-	-	1,660	1,531
Silver Surfers	-	-	1,440	-	-	1,440	311
Little Angels	-	-	1,379	-	-	1,379	212
Other	2,231	-	-	-	-	2,231	717
	<u>94,682</u>	<u>79,410</u>	<u>29,769</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>203,861</u>	<u>112,966</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u>94,763</u>	<u>88,512</u>	<u>33,117</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>216,392</u>	<u>126,081</u>

Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Bramcote.
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the year ending 31 December 2022

4 STAFF NUMBERS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year the PCC paid 5 employees (2021:5), the organist, verger, parish administrator, cleaner and a Children and Family Youth Minister.

STAFF COSTS		
	2022	2021
	£	£
Salaries	37,556	24,894
Pension Contributions	980	512
TOTAL	<u>38,536</u>	<u>25,406</u>

The PCC pays at least the Living Wage Foundation living wage. The Workplace Pension was implemented on 1st July 2016 and the PCC chose the Government scheme NEST as its provider.

No payments were paid to any member of the PCC or persons closely connected to them or related parties, except that a member of the PCC became employed as a verger from 1st January 2019. He is not a party to discussions on relevant employee matters. The Public Liability Insurance now includes Church Council and Trustee Indemnity, and no separate fee has therefore been paid.

5 EXTERNAL EXAMINER'S FEE

The fee agreed by the external examiner for the Independent Examination of the 2022 accounts is £1,200 (2021:£1,200), including VAT and has been accrued in these accounts. This included an examination of the Charity Accounts.

6 INVESTMENTS

Following the introduction of FRS102 the investment property at 46 Rufford Avenue has been reclassified as investment property and needs to be stated in the accounts at market value. The property valuations have been determined by the PCC based upon the valuations of similar properties in the same locality. In accordance with FRS102 accounting for investment properties, 46 Rufford Avenue is included in the accounts at market value. The property was sold on 31 January 2022 for £305,000.

	2022	2021
	£	£
Valuation		
As at 1 January 2022	305,000	275,000
Valuation adjustment	-	30,000
Disposal	(305,000)	-
As at 31st December 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>305,000</u>

7 DEBTORS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	4,254	4,898
Other debtors	1,240	-
Prepayments	816	787
	<u>6,310</u>	<u>5,685</u>

8 LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	3,373	8,561
	<u>3,373</u>	<u>8,561</u>

9 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Funds
	General Funds	Designated Funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
Total Assets	3,373	269,376	24,142	2,222	299,113
Current Liabilities	(3,373)	-	-	-	(3,373)
	<u>-</u>	<u>269,376</u>	<u>24,142</u>	<u>2,222</u>	<u>295,740</u>

Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Bramcote.
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the year ending 31 December 2022

10 BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD

Designated Funds

	Balance at 1/01/22	Income/ Income Tax	Interest	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance at 31/12/22
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bookfund	640	301	2	(198)	-	745
General Maintenance	668	-	2	-	-	670
Property fund	-	500	573	(72,336)	305,000	233,737
Mission Giving 2021	10,143	-	-	(9,102)	(1,041)	-
Mission Giving 2022	-	-	-	-	9,922	9,922
Rufford Avenue	4,167	-	1	(3,413)	(755)	-
46 Rufford Avenue	190,000	115,000	-	-	(305,000)	-
Youth Minister Work	360	-	2	-	755	1,117
Traidcraft	2,213	3,662	6	(3,463)	57	2,475
Legacy	4,543	-	12	-	-	4,555
SMAAA Youth Work	3,109	-	9	-	428	3,546
General Reserve	7,817	-	21	-	4,771	12,609
	<u>223,660</u>	<u>119,463</u>	<u>628</u>	<u>(88,512)</u>	<u>14,137</u>	<u>269,376</u>

Restricted Funds

	Balance at 1/01/22	Income/ Income Tax	Interest	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance at 31/12/22
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bells	716	141	2	(77)	-	782
Legacy - Home Work (Youth)	8,021	-	21	-	-	8,042
Choir & Organ	1,812	-	4	-	-	1,816
Hymn Books	105	-	-	-	-	105
Music Fund	1,450	-	4	-	-	1,454
Centre Lighting Upgrade	370	-	1	(371)	-	-
Heating System	963	-	3	(108)	-	858
Youth Minister	13,592	8,405	26	(14,793)	-	7,230
Berega Project	1,245	2,597	2	(3,348)	-	496
Grant - Community Hub	447	-	1	-	-	448
Church Roof	-	11,600	1	(11,601)	-	-
Bramcote Care Group	-	200	-	-	-	200
Silver Surfers	1,178	2,647	-	(1,440)	(1,275)	1,110
St Michael's Little Angels	2,149	1,051	-	(1,379)	(220)	1,601
	<u>32,048</u>	<u>26,641</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>(33,117)</u>	<u>(1,495)</u>	<u>24,142</u>

Endowment Fund (Income only)

	Balance at 1/01/22	Income/ Income Tax	Interest	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance at 31/12/22
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bramcote Chancel	2,142	51	29	-	-	2,222
	<u>2,142</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,222</u>

11 REVALUATION RESERVE

	2022	2021
	£	£
Balance brought forward	115,000	85,000
Valuation adjustment	-	30,000
Disposal	(115,000)	-
Balance carried forward	<u>-</u>	<u>115,000</u>

12 FUND DETAILS

The endowment fund is the income only element of the Bramcote Chancel Fund. This is a permanent endowment which requires the income to be spent on keeping the chancel "wind and weather proof". The capital element of the fund is represented by 82.50 shares in the Central Board of Finance Investment Fund at an original cost of £613 and is not shown in these financial statements. The value of the capital at 31 December 2022 was £1,703.29 i.e. £20.6459 per share (2021: £1,929.40 i.e. £23.3867 per share). Both the income and capital of the fund is held by the Diocese of Southwell with the income invested in a Central Board of Finance Deposit Fund.

Independent Examiner's Report

To the PCC of St Michael & All Angels Church, Bramcote

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 1 to 7.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1. the accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act
2. the accounts do not accord with those records
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an Independent examination.

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



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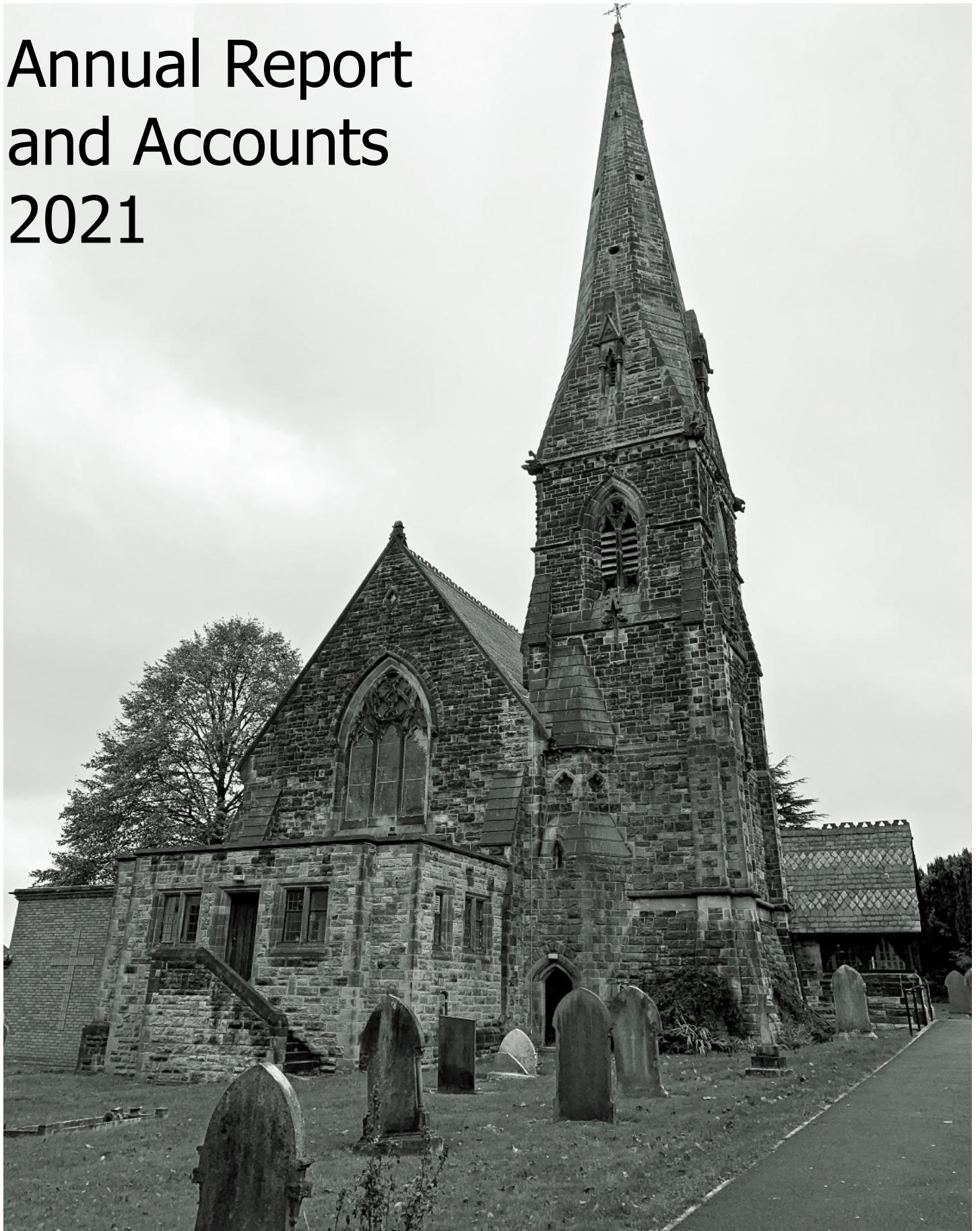
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Preface

The past two or three years have been extremely challenging for a great many people; particularly with respect to all those who have been infected with, or continue to be afflicted by, Covid-19. Despite the many sterling efforts of a great many people, the Church family has diminished in a number of differing ways as members have died, moved away, or are still somewhat nervous about returning. Various recent reports indicate that many churches are currently experiencing just over half of their pre-Covid attendance levels. As a consequence of this, we face the very real challenge of encouraging those who have not yet returned to the Church family to do so, but also of reaching out in meaningful ways to those who have yet to become members of that family; particularly through developing our contacts with those who participated throughout the pandemic through various resources, including the weekly on-line Sunday services. We also face a number of other significant challenges in terms of maximising the provision of our time, talents and treasure in order to fully resource our mission and ministry both within the Church family and outside of it within the wider local community.

At first, this task may sound more than a little daunting, but through concerted prayer and sacrificial discipleship the future facing us is full of potential and growth. As Christians, we worship and follow a tremendously loving, gracious and faithful God who has consistently provided for us in the past, and will surely do so into the future. Troubling times are often the catalyst we need to rededicate ourselves to the task of proclaiming and sharing the gospel message of hope and salvation. The Bible contains numerous examples of God's people rededicating themselves to His service and seeing Him act powerfully through them in history as a consequence.

For some years our principal vision has been to become the spiritual heart of the parish by serving as 'The Church in the Community'. In addition to the traditional activities of the Church, chiefly the provision of worship, pastoral care and the occasional offices, we have also sought to reach out through activities such as Silver Surfers and social events, but more recently through our active membership of the eco-Church movement; wherein, thus far, we have attained bronze status with more notable achievements to follow. In order for us to grow as a Church family we clearly need to ensure that we develop each of these events and activities in order that we might achieve our primary role of fulfilling both the Great Commission and Great Commandment, thus seeing an ever constant flow of people responding to the Christian gospel and becoming active Christian disciples.

During the recent year we have been extremely blessed by the arrival of Donna Snowden - our new Children, Young People and Family Life Minister. She has already made a host of useful contacts within the community as well as enhancing our provision of worship, teaching and pastoral care resources through activities such as Messy Church and our contact with the local primary schools. There are many more plans in the pipe-line, so please do support Donna in any way you can; especially through regular prayer and encouragement.

Taking into account all of the severe challenges of recent times, my constant prayer is that we all strive to reach out beyond our own experiences and seek out and lovingly engage with all those who appear to have fallen by the wayside and all those who are not yet members of our Christian community.

As you read this report, may the Lord richly bless and preserve you unto everlasting life.

Revd Paul Reynolds (Vicar)

March 2022

A Snapshot Of Everyday Life At St Michael's, Bramcote



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Revd Jonathan Smithurst

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Revd Canon Lillian Heptinstall

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Stan Heptinstall

All information within believed to be correct as at April 5th, 2022.

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Parochial Church Council (PCC)

The PCC is a registered charity # 1130798.

Bankers

Barclays Bank (*Beeston Branch*)

Insurers

Ecclesiastical Insurance Group plc

Independent Examiner

TCP Chartered Accountants

Church Architect

Graham Renton MA (Hons) DipArch RIBA AABC MIDA

CCLI Licences

CCL	-	2063	CLA	-	824292
PRS	-	824302	PPL	-	1727666
SS	-	1122498	VL	-	824319
SL	-	126689			

All information within believed to be correct as at April 5th, 2022

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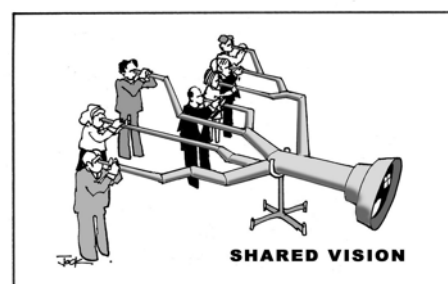
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Our Common Principles

Following a great deal of prayer and discussion by the Parochial Church Council (PCC), including three parish weekends at home, we have established the following five core principles upon which we seek to build a strong foundation for the future in obedience to the Great Commandment and Great Commission (Matthew 22:36-40; 28:18-20):

- **Evangelistic Outreach**
By our sharing the love of Christ freely with all people.
- **Pastoral Care**
Providing real help and support for people in their greatest areas of need.
- **Work with children, young people and their families**
Seeking to establish and build future generations of active Christian Disciples.
- **Personal Spirituality**
Helping every church member to develop and grow in the Christian faith.
- **Resources**
By the ongoing development of our buildings, that they might provide the greatest possible versatility of use, and be truly 'Fit for Purpose' well into the future.

Through concerted prayer, faithful obedience to reflecting the love of God for all people, and active proclamation of the gospel of good news and salvation, we seek to both know God and make Him known at every possible opportunity.



The Parochial Church Council (PCC)

Introduction

The Church Representation Rules (Rule 9 (1)(b)) requires "***an annual report on the proceedings of the parochial church council and the activities of the parish generally***" to be received by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). The contents of the report may be subject to discussion.

Aims of the Organization

The PCC (Powers) Measure 1956 directs that the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Saint Michael's, Bramcote has the responsibility of co-operating with the Vicar, Revd Paul Reynolds, in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church; pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for all church buildings and grounds. Thus the prime purpose of the church is to maintain and develop the community of Christian believers and to use the strength of that community to promote the beliefs of and in Christ through outreach, care for those in need, and by contributing in practical and Christian ways to the whole of our local community.

Naturally, this will involve our engagement in such issues as Mission, Pastoral Care, Teaching, Nurture and Christian Stewardship - the giving of our time, talents and financial resources. All of this should be seen as part of our common Christian discipleship, and not just for those who are particularly keen, willing, and able.

In addition, our support of missionary activities (both at home and overseas) should form a clear and integral part of our communal life as the family of God in the ecclesiastical parish of Bramcote.

Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the APCM.

In accordance with the Church Representation Rules (Rules 10(1) and 54(1)) membership is open to all those who fulfil the following requirements: are (a) over 16, (b) on the electoral roll, (c) who consent to being appointed, (d) who have been confirmed, (e) who have received Communion at least three times in the previous year, and (f) are not otherwise legally prohibited ☹ from serving.

During the past year, the following individuals have served, or been eligible to serve, as members of the PCC:

Ex-officio members:

Vicar: Revd Paul Reynolds (*Chairman*)

Wardens: Stan Heptinstall ①
Tom Clifford

☹ For example, their ineligibility to serve as a charity trustee.



Synod

Members:

Cindy Jones	②	Deanery Synod
Liz Cardwell		Deanery Synod
David Ducker		Deanery Synod
Jimmy Smith		Deanery Synod

Elected Members of the PCC:

Alan Bateman	③
Christine Cleave	
Robert Cleave	
David Curnock	
Janet Ducker	⑤
Sarah Elbourne	④
David Jones	⑤
Christine Langton	③
Jonathan Portwood	
Kate Prayle	
Wendy Willan	
Alan Windsor	

Honorary Members In-Attendance: ⑥

Sarah Meredith	<i>(Head Teacher, Bramcote Primary School)</i>
Revd Lillian Heptinstall	<i>(Chair, Ministry Committee)</i>
Revd Jonathan Smithurst	<i>(Chair, Mission Committee)</i>
Donna Snowden	<i>(Children, Youth and Family Life Minister)</i>

Warden

David Curnock

Emeriti:

David Jones
Martin Plackett (RIP)
Victor Smithson
Wendy Willan

- KEY:**
- ① PCC Lay vice-chair
 - ② PCC Secretary
 - ③ PCC Treasurer
 - ④ PCC Minute Secretary
 - ⑤ Deputy Churchwarden
 - ⑥ May attend meetings without voting rights, but may, on occasion, be invited by the chair to contribute to discussions with PCC approval



PCC Committees

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. It also serves to establish the agenda of the PCC.

During the past year, the following have served as members:

Ex-officio members:

Revd Paul Reynolds (*Chair*)

Stan Heptinstall (*Lay Vice-Chair*)

Tom Clifford (*Churchwarden*)

Elected Members:

Alan Bateman (*Treasurer*)

Christine Langton (*Church Accountant*)

Cindy Jones (*PCC Secretary*)

In Attendance:

Revd Jonathan Smithurst (*Mission and Outreach Chair*)

Revd Lillian Heptinstall (*Ministry Committee Chair*)

Mission Committee

Responsible for the mission of the Church within our own local community, together with the support of missions overseas and at home. During the past year, the following individual served as chair:

Revd Jonathan Smithurst (*Chair*)

Ministry Committee

Responsible for the development of faith within its people and their pastoral care. During the past year, the following individual has served as chair:

Revd Lillian Heptinstall (*Chair*)

Resources Committee

Responsible for resourcing the mission and ministry of the church through the regular maintenance and development of our premises, properties and equipment by means of an on-going programme of Christian Stewardship. During the past year, the following individual served as chair:

Stan Heptinstall (*Chair*)

*In accordance with the Church Representation Rules (Rule 15)
the Incumbent is an ex-officio member of all committees.*

Review of the Year 2021

At the end of 2020 we worshipped together in Carols by Candlelight and Christmas Day Praise. Shortly after this St Michael's, in line with most other churches, closed for public worship as we faced another national lockdown. We did keep our church open, however, for private prayer and contemplation for which a dedicated team welcomed visitors each weekday morning. Sunday services continued online, led by our vicar and the team of retired clergy, and members of the congregation contributed with readings, prayers and reflections. Daily reflections and bible study were available online as was our weekly newsletter. Many members of our congregation were again confined to home and pastoral care groups kept in touch by phone or email. Shopping was also delivered to the door.

A number of church groups were able to meet virtually, and the choir were diligent in their weekly practice, providing choral support for the online Ascension Day service.

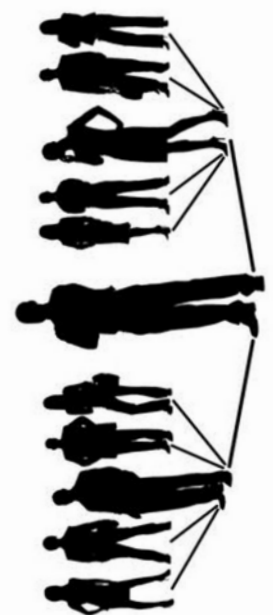
On the 7th March our doors were once again opened for worship, although restrictions were in place. The church centre remained closed but as the weather improved refreshments were served outside allowing members to chat safely. The online service continued and was welcomed by those who were still isolating or afraid to go out.

During the summer months the PCC and leadership teams considered ways of moving forward when at last restrictions were lifted and we could open both church and centre.

Establishing 'The New Normal' was discussed and it was agreed that we needed to do much to reach out to our parish and become inclusive to all ages, gender, ethnicity and status. Friendship evangelism is important and activities should be open to the whole local community. Communication was paramount. After the success of the reopening weekend and the Harvest Supper a new Social Reference Group was formed. The membership was made up from representatives of all church groups and community groups who have contact with St Michael's.



Social Reference Group





Their remit was to plan social events throughout the year and to work together using the many skills within the group.

The first weekend in September was chosen for our Grand Reopening. It was decided that this should be a weekend of celebration, and much planning went into this, including cleaning and sanitising the building. It started with a concert in church on Friday evening, a family breakfast on Saturday morning and was followed by a BBQ later in the day and an afternoon of Messy Church. A service of celebration was held on Sunday morning and the weekend closed with an afternoon piano concert and tea to which the Church family, friends and neighbours were welcomed. After this groups began to meet once again in the Centre and a new pattern of services was trialled. The 10:00am service was to be a Family Friendly service with unrobed clergy, choir and a music group. Provision was to be made for children and young people. The 4:30pm service was to begin with tea and cake and would be more formal. A review was planned to take place in *2022*.



The weekly Thursday Communion Service and the monthly 8:00am BCP also resumed in October.

The PCC met bi-monthly to conduct the business of the Church and in between these, the Standing Committee, the Mission and Outreach Committee, the Resources Committee and the Ministry Committee all met and considered their recommendations to take to the PCC.

The newly formed Mission and Outreach Committee continued to support our Mission Partners with both Charitable Giving and continued Prayer. Arrangements were made for our partners to meet both the committee members and the church congregation via zoom. Food Bank was generously supported with weekly deliveries from church members and financial giving. The Harvest Supper was revived as one of the first social events with a hearty meal and in-house entertainment making it a successful and enjoyable evening. Proceeds from this event together with collections at the Harvest Service were sent to the Toilet Twinning Project. The Committee have raised awareness of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022 and are keeping it at the forefront of outreach planning.



The Ministry Committee have focused on deepening our prayer and spiritual lives. The monthly prayer meetings have continued, once again in the church centre, the Parish Prayer walk took place in the Spring and the Advent Prayer Labyrinth was held in church. A prayer diary is produced monthly and distributed online and in church.

The Resources Committee have been very active during the year, both in planning future major projects and in keeping the buildings and grounds in good order. The yew tree at the front of church was lit up for Christmas and became a focal point for the parish. Electrical work in both the church and centre has been carried out, lighting has been improved and PAT testing will take place in the new year.

It is proposed that major roof repairs and maintenance should begin early in 2022. A sub-group has been formed to consider ways in which we could reduce our environmental footprint in all that we do at St Michael's. Through the plans and actions taken so far we have achieved the Bronze level award as an Eco-Church and continue to strive to gain the Silver level award.

Throughout the year our children's work was delivered virtually and was well attended and appreciated by many families.

In August we were delighted to appoint a new Children and Youth worker, Donna Snowden. She quickly evaluated the needs of families and children in church, and in the parish, and has planned strategies that will engage and encourage growth in this age group. There will be strong links between the church and the church school and activities organised using both buildings.

Our Church school remained open throughout the lockdown period. Key workers' children and vulnerable pupils were taught in school, and remote learning was in place for all other pupils. As restrictions lifted all pupils were able to be in school, in bubbles, and working in safe and secure surroundings. This put a lot of pressure on the Headteacher and her staff. The Church sent Easter Eggs to all members of staff as a thank you for all their hard work.





Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll currently stands as follows:

Number on Roll - 164

Resident - 109

Non-resident - 54

As the current Electoral Roll cannot presently be kept on display in church, details can be requested from the Electoral Roll Officer, Claire Morrell.

Claire Morrell

Electoral Roll Officer
April 2022

Our Foundation Governors continued to meet virtually to discuss school business, the ever-changing safeguarding arrangements, and to plan strategies for the future.

We continue to assess the many risks associated with people and buildings, finance and the reputation of the church. A Child Protection Policy, including E-safety is in place. All members who work or associate with children and vulnerable adults have undergone Safeguarding training and hold a DBS certificate. All members who prepare food hold a Health and Safety level 2 certificate.

The Resources Committee have carried out a risk assessment of the church and centre and a Risk Assessment and Safety Policy is in place.

Financial Review

The state of our finances continues to be a matter of grave concern for the PCC. Income has fallen, fewer church services have meant a loss of weekly giving and there have been fewer weddings and baptisms. We have also needed to spend money on essential repairs and maintenance. Sadly, we were unable to meet our share of Deanery Giving for Ministry by £18,000. It is hoped that the sale of our Curate's house will help to ease the financial situation, although there will be strict guidelines regarding the future use of any proceeds.

The designated and restricted funds are detailed in the annual accounts and both the PCC and Standing Committee review these on a regular basis, together with our general income and expenditure accounts. A detailed budget is produced annually, against which our monthly income and expenditure are reviewed. Our reserve policy is now in line with the Charities Act and the PCC have agreed to the setting up of a Reserve Policy, namely that we should hold the equivalent of three months running costs as a General Reserve.

Cindy Jones
PCC Secretary
December 2021



Mission and Outreach Committee

Due to the impact of Covid, the newly-constituted Mission and Outreach Committee has met by Zoom approximately every two months.

Our Mission Partners are part of our church family and we play a vital role in their work by praying for them and supporting them financially. Every year we maintain the principle of the tithe by giving a tenth of our church annual income to support mission and charitable work outside the parish boundary. In March we submitted recommendations for the 2022 Mission Charitable Giving to the PCC for approval of payment to the various charities/Mission Partners.

We have continued throughout the year to hear from and prayerfully support our various mission partners.

Mission Partners:

CMS Mission Partners, the Paton family, after 16 years in south-east Asia, Tony preached a farewell sermon in the summer, and returned to Scotland in December. He is now making progress in discerning the Lord's will for his/their future in Scotland.

CMS Mission Partner, Azaria Spencer, returned to Guatemala in May 2021 after spending 6 months of quality time with her family in the UK. Although, as a church we were not able to see her in person, she joined a meeting of the Mission and Outreach Committee by Zoom before she returned to Guatemala. She is working with street children and young people at risk in Guatemala City and is now co-ordinator of a mentoring centre, the Centre Opp.

Kate and Paul and their family were able to return to the UK from the Middle-East for a few weeks in the summer of 2021 but, because of Covid, could not visit St Michael's in person. Kate, however, was able to share a short testimony by video link, shown only in church, and both Kate and Paul joined a meeting of the Mission and Outreach Committee by Zoom and shared some of their joys and frustrations.

Membership:

Jonathan Smithurst (Chair)

Lalage Smithurst (Secretary)

Janet Ducker

Claire Gee

Cindy Jones

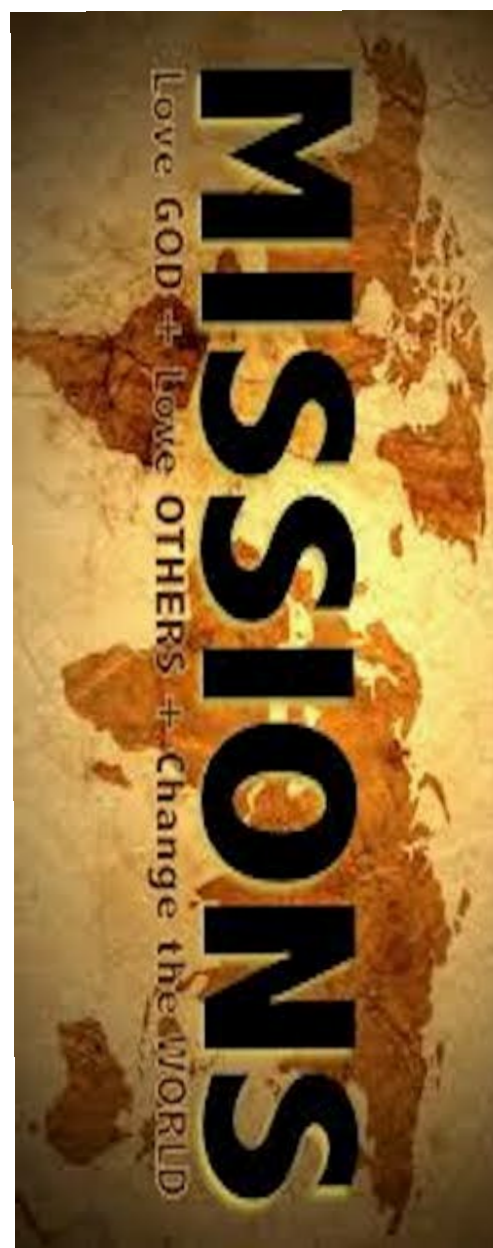
Tina Newton

Jonathan Portwood

Kate Prayle

Jimmy Smith

Alan Windsor





Bestwood and Bulwell Foodbank Cindy and David Jones keep us updated with the most urgent needs. The trolley in the south porch of the church has often been near to overflowing - so a HUGE thank you to all who have donated produce. As ever, we are seeking to find ways of supporting the Foodbank, not only with their long-term needs of non-perishable food and toiletries but also in other ways and this year have initiated a Lent project, *'Fill a bag for Lent'*, as a means of raising awareness of the needs and reminding us of those less fortunate who rely on the Foodbank.

With the easing of lockdown, the Committee revived the **Harvest Supper** as one of the first social occasions since lockdown and it was a very successful and enjoyable event. We also encouraged the giving of money in thanks at the Harvest Thanksgiving weekend and donations amounted to **£678.34**, more than enough to twin with 11 toilets through the Tearfund Toilet Twinning scheme. All the toilets in the church and Church Centre are now twinned and contain certificates showing the locations of the twinned toilets.

We also raised awareness of the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** in June 2022 keeping it to the forefront in outreach planning; the PCC has enthusiastically welcomed our proposal of engaging in and actively preparing for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee activities during the 4-day Bank Holiday of 2-5 June 2022. It is a perfect opportunity to invite people to these celebrations with a special Pentecost service to end the weekend (5 June is Pentecost). As part of this we have ordered copies of a special souvenir publication *'Our Faithful Queen'* for distribution over the 4 days. As part of our outreach and mission, we have and are again supporting Teams4U.

Traidcraft Despite the gradual easing of lockdown over the last year, people at St Michael's and in the wider community in Bramcote have continued to contact Christine Cleave with orders, so she has been kept busy delivering these. There is a trend amongst customers towards ordering popular items (such as tea, coffee and rice) by the case of 6 and the superb quality of the artisan made goods means that Traidcraft is often the first port of call for birthday gifts. As last year, Easter and Christmas were both busy times, with orders worth about £1500 in October and November combined.

During the year, the Traidcraft supplies moved from their lockdown location in Christine's house back into church to a brand-new cupboard in the church vestibule, presided over by a benevolent gnome called Tarquinius. Thank you to Paul and Stewart for installing the cupboard and to Alison's sister for the gnome and the homely curtains. It is such a help to be able to open the stall by simply opening the doors!

Christian Aid Week 2021 was the 75th anniversary of Christian Aid Week, wherein **£2458** (including Gift Aid) was raised in the Bramcote area through donations and fund-raising events, an increase of £1149 or 88% over the previous year. This fantastic amount of money was given despite there again being no house-to-house collections with Covid pandemic restrictions still in place. This money makes such a difference to the lives of so many people who were living in poverty and facing severe hardship.

Very many thanks to all who made these contributions possible in so many different ways.

As a result of the Green Audit in the church, the PCC asked that the refreshments served in church should be fully Fairtrade; our thanks to the hard-working band of volunteers who make this happen on Sundays and during the week. Traidcraft tea has earned Best Taste awards, so it's a good cuppa! In addition, we are gradually making a transition to using more environmentally friendly Fairtrade cleaning materials, as well as the excellent quality Traidcraft own-brand toilet rolls.

Increasingly, Traidcraft's charitable partner organisation, Traidcraft Exchange, is working with farmers who have been hit by climate change, to enable them to make a basic living in a sustainable way. Thank you to everyone for their wonderful support for Traidcraft this year; you have made a real difference by making Fairtrade purchases and we anticipate being able to make a donation to Traidcraft Exchange out of the surplus in due course.

Revd Jonathan Smithurst
Mission and Outreach Committee Chair
March 2022



TRAIDCRAFT
Fighting poverty through trade

Prayer Ministry with our Prayer Ministry Team of twelve people resumed when our church reopened for Services in September.

In February Lillian Heptinstall led a **Quiet Day** for us: we had been booked to be at Sacrista Prebend at Southwell but because of Storm Eunice had to move to St Michael's church itself at the last moment: it really blessed us!

Nurture

The Alpha courses and the Bible course are two courses available to nurture church members and new disciples.

Home groups provide a venue for studying the bible, learning together, praying and caring for each other. Covid has made it difficult for some groups to meet together.

Resources are provided for Home group leaders and individuals, during the past year groups have had the opportunity to engage with studies on the 5 marks of Mission, a study from USPG (Partners in Global Mission), Advent themed studies, the Acts of the Apostles and currently a study also from USPG - Living Stones, Living Hope, discovering how people from different parts of the world live out their faith.

Ministry, Training and Pastoral Care Committee

The work of the Ministry Training and Pastoral Care Committee includes prayer and prayer ministry, nurture and pastoral care.

Thanks to all for their contribution and their hard work.

Prayer

We encouraged prayer, and the fellowship we have when we pray together, by:

- asking different people to lead the **Parish Prayer Meeting** every month, and producing the **Prayer Diary**. The meetings were on Zoom from April until August, and then from September onwards we rejoiced to meet together in person again in the Church Centre
- organising the **Prayer Walk** on Pentecost Saturday with social distancing on 22nd May
- continuing the Monday morning **Celtic Prayer** by praying together in pairs on the phone, and then in person in the church centre lounge from October onwards
- encouraging all of us to start using the **Prayer Board** again from September, with all the requests being prayed for individually at Celtic Prayer every Monday morning
- continuing the **e-mail prayer alerts** for urgent prayer needs

During Holy Week from 29 March to 3 April we laid out the large white Cross on the grass by the side the path to the Church Centre and encouraged people to come and **Walk the Way of the Cross** with meditations for each of the Stages of the Cross on laminated sheets by the Cross. On 26th and 27th November, the two days before Advent Sunday, we had the **Advent Prayer Labyrinth** in the church: 42 people came over the two days and were blessed by the experience.

The **Living in Love and Faith** course – a Church of England initiative - will be held from the end of April, on Fridays in the church centre.

This is a course which looks at the Christian teaching about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage.

Christine Cleave ran two Oasis-style sessions in November, similar to her Lent sessions earlier in the year: they were very well received as people discovered new ways to pray and to listen to God.

Christine also suggested setting up a group to organise social events in the church – it was agreed unanimously to put this to PCC for discussion. A group – **The Social Reference Group** – is subsequently up and running.

Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care continues through the Home Groups. Because of the Covid restriction preventing people meeting together for support the **In Touch Pastoral Care Network** was set up in June: there are five groups each with a facilitator and 34 members of our church family are taking part. In September we updated **Caring for Each Other at St Michael's** and the new edition was given out to everyone at church that month. This leaflet is available to everyone and gives details of who to contact for home groups, in bereavement, prayer requests and much more. Very valuable to keep to hand. The **Bereavement Care Team** has continued with telephone support when visiting wasn't possible.

Revd Canon Lillian Heptinstall

Ministry, Training and Pastoral Care Committee Chair
March 2022

Membership:

Revd Canon Lillian Heptinstall (Chair)

Revd Paul Reynolds

David Curnock

Sarah Elbourne

Andrea Bradbury

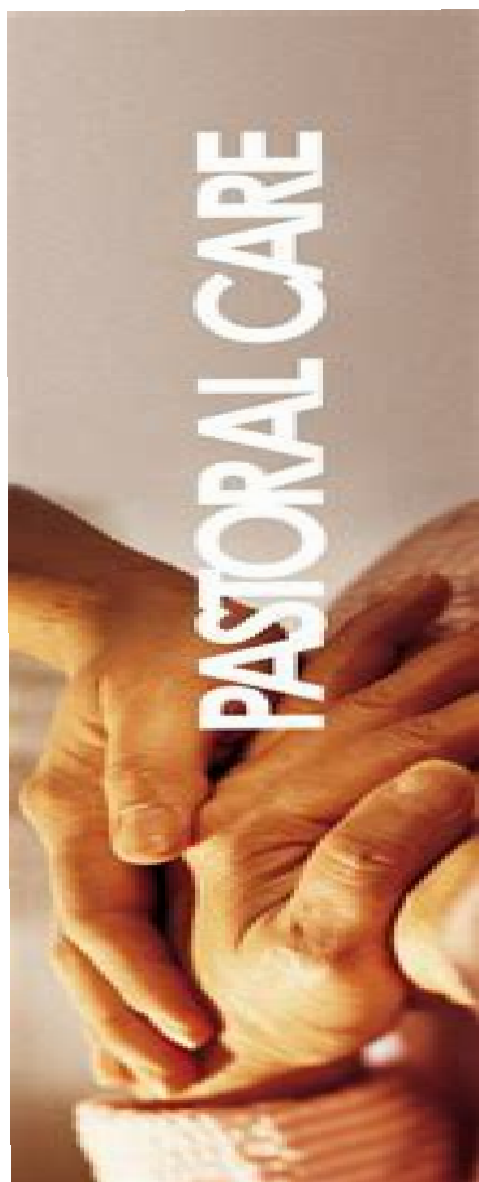
Tom Clifford

Gill Wilmot

David Ducker

Liz Cardwell

Claire Gee stood down as a member of the group earlier in the year in order to join the Mission and Outreach Committee.



Environmental Justice Group. This new group was created with a view to ensuring environmental responsibility in all that we do at St Michael's. Initial actions resulted in a bronze award as an Eco-Church, and we are currently working towards the silver award.

Use of Energy. In view of rising prices and in consideration of our environmental responsibility, steps have been taken to try to reduce the use of energy in our church building.



Resources Committee

This report covers the period from the last APCM, held on 19th April 2021, to the beginning of February 2022.

Resources Committee met on 11/06/21, 13/08/21, 08/10/21, 16/11/21, 10/12/21 and 04/02/22. All but one meeting were held via Zoom. The meeting on 16/11/21 (which was an additional meeting to those scheduled) was held in the Church Centre.

From the time of the APCM to the re-opening weekend at the beginning of September, church activities were curtailed because of Covid. From September onwards most church activities had resumed.

Here is a summary of the major actions taken by Resources Committee since the last APCM.

Lighting and Electrics. Work was performed to renew and improve some of the lighting in and around the Church Centre and in the church. Electrical Installation Condition Reports for the whole building were obtained; all electrical installations were deemed to be in a satisfactory condition. Further work is needed to renew/replace defective lighting high up in the church and work is in hand to define the details of the work needed and to seek quotes for this.

Christmas Lights. The yew tree in front of church was trimmed to enable Christmas Lights to be hung in December 2021. The feedback from everyone was very positive.

Sale of Church Property. After full consideration of various options, and after discussion with the Diocese, PCC agreed to sell the former curate's house; the sale was completed at the end of January 2022.

Church Roof Maintenance. After taking advice from our church architect, it was decided to start a process of major maintenance on the south side of the church roof. Tenders were invited and a faculty for the work was obtained. It is hoped the work will start in the first quarter of 2022. There was consideration of the possibility of extending the work to the church roof with, for example, better insulation and incorporation of solar panels, but it was decided NOT to include this additional work at this time.

General maintenance.

Curtains and blinds in the Church Centre were repaired and re-hung.

A water leak in a burst pipe at the front of church was dealt with and there was work in a toilet to replace a unit responsible for regulating water flow.

Some routine maintenance work on the church boiler was performed. Valleys and gullies on the roofs were cleared of leaves.

Emergency safety work was performed on a panel in the large window at the west end of the church and arrangements are in place for permanent repair in the early part of 2022.

As a safety measure, the step outside the entrance to the Church Centre has been highlighted using appropriate materials.

Membership:

Stan Heptinstall (Chair)

Ken Bird (Secretary)

Alan Bateman

Robert Cleave

John Hart

David Jones

Cath Ortori

Jonathan Portwood

Wendy Willan

Stan Heptinstall

Resources Committee Chair

February 2022



Financial Report for the Year Ending December 31st, 2021

“My friends, we want you to know that the churches in Macedonia have shown others how kind God is.

Although they were going through hard times and were very poor, they were glad to give generously.

They gave as much as they could afford and even more, simply because they wanted to. They even asked and begged us to let them have the joy of giving their money for God's people. And they did more than we had hoped.

They gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us, just as God wanted them to do.”

2 Corinthians 8:1-5

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Copies of the full audited accounts are available upon request.

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This report should be read in conjunction with the full set of Financial Statements that are displayed in the following pages.

Compared to the preceding year, our income overall (including our designated and restricted funds) is at a similar level. With our spending slightly higher. So 2021 was a year when we have continued on the path towards a gradual return to some form of normality.

The PCC made a couple of important financial decisions during the year. One was to vote for some major repairs to be carried out on the church roof, in place of the piecemeal repairs of the past. This planned work would cost tens of thousands but would provide stable infrastructure for many years to come. We hope to have the work carried out in 2022.

The other decision was to sell the former curate's house, which had now become unoccupied. The potential sale proceeds (the sale was completed in January 2022) will go towards various projects including fabric repairs as mentioned in the paragraph above.

The sale also provides hope of improving our record of paying Parish Share to the Diocese. This year, as last year, we paid 72% of our allocation.

A simplified summary of our general funds (i.e. excluding specially designated and restricted funds which appear in the full set of accounts in the following pages) for 2021 is as follows:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>INC/(DEC)</u>
Church Running Costs	43,000	46,000	(3,000)
Giving for Ministry	<u>50,000</u>	<u>45,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Sub-total	93,000	91,000	2,000
10% Mission Transfer	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>103,000</u>	<u>101,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
Regular Giving and Collections	81,000	79,000	2,000
Income Tax Reclaimed	18,000	17,000	1,000
Other Income	<u>4,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>(1,000)</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>103,000</u>	<u>101,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>

Ken Bird has continued as Planned Giving Officer, and we thank him for the experience he brings to the role. He compiles the Gift Aid claims to HMRC on our behalf and which are a significant bonus to our funds. He maintains databases of donations and organises regular and occasional giving through envelopes.

And we are also grateful to the counting team, who weekly keep records of the collections at services and who deposit funds at our bank. John Hart, Victor Smithson and the whole team do their work behind the scenes but it is important work, and we would soon feel the effects if not done.

As Treasurer, Alan continues to appreciate the crucial support from Christine as volunteer Church Accountant, whose role has been to oversee financial matters, and in particular to audit monthly accounts and prepare the annual budget.

Alan Bateman
Church Treasurer

Christine Langton
Church Accountant

April 2021



WHAT MIGHT GOD
BE CALLING YOU
TO DO TO HELP?

Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Bramcote
Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ending 31 December 2021

	Note	(Unrestricted)					TOTAL FUNDS	
		Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Revaluation Reserve £	2021 £	2020 £
INCOMING RESOURCES								
Voluntary income	2(a)	99,424	-	12,905	-	-	112,329	107,691
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	525	-	-	-	-	525	645
Income from investments	2(c)	4	10	9	50	-	73	219
Church activities	2(d)	3,292	6,753	1,408	-	-	11,453	15,937
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		103,245	6,763	14,322	50	-	124,380	124,492
RESOURCES EXPENDED								
Cost of generating voluntary income	3(a)	73	-	-	-	-	73	-
Grants	3(b)	-	8,958	4,084	-	-	13,042	10,442
Church activities	3(c)	98,147	9,559	5,260	-	-	112,966	110,284
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		98,220	18,517	9,344	-	-	126,081	120,726
NET (OUTGOING) / INCOMING RESOURCES		5,025	(11,754)	4,978	50	-	(1,701)	3,766
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS	10	(5,025)	5,400	(375)	-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS		-	(6,354)	4,603	50	-	(1,701)	3,766
FUND BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY 2021	10	-	230,014	27,445	2,092	85,000	344,551	325,785
FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2021	9,10	-	223,660	32,048	2,142	85,000	342,850	329,551
Revaluation movement (Unrealised)	6	-	-	-	-	30,000	30,000	15,000
TOTAL FUNDS BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2021		-	223,660	32,048	2,142	115,000	372,850	344,551

The notes on pages 3 to 7 form part of these accounts.

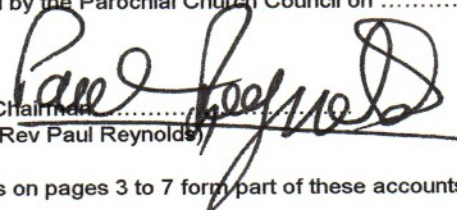
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Balance Sheet at 31 December 2021**

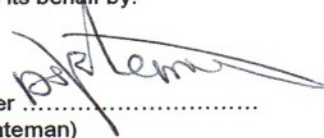
	Note	2021 £	2020 £
INVESTMENT ASSETS			
Investment property	6	305,000	275,000
CURRENT ASSETS			
Traidcraft stock		898	1,104
Debtors	7	5,685	5,320
Short term deposits		66,989	74,583
Cash at bank and in hand		2,839	2,914
		<u>76,411</u>	<u>83,921</u>
LIABILITIES			
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>(8,561)</u>	<u>(14,370)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>67,850</u>	<u>69,551</u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>372,850</u></u>	<u><u>344,551</u></u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted	9,10	223,660	230,014
Restricted	9,10	32,048	27,445
Endowment	9,10	2,142	2,092
		<u>257,850</u>	<u>259,551</u>
Revaluation reserve	11	115,000	85,000
		<u><u>372,850</u></u>	<u><u>344,551</u></u>

(STANDING COMMITTEE)

4TH APRIL 2022

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on and signed on its behalf by:


 Chairman
 (Rev Paul Reynolds)


 Treasurer
 (Alan Bateman)

The notes on pages 3 to 7 form part of these accounts.

Registered Charity No. 1130798

For the year ending 31 December 2021

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCC's.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts.

Funds

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a special object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections, donations, grants and bank interest are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. All other income is recognised when it is received. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources Expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when paid. Any parish share unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as an accrual in the Balance Sheet. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated property and moveable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficial property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). No value is placed on such property in these accounts.

All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA).

No value is placed on the Church centre and for insurance purposes there is no separate valuation as it is included in the overall amount of £11,627,200 (2020 : £11,627,200) for both the Church and centre.

Investment Assets

The property at 46 Rufford Avenue is held as an investment to generate rental income to part fund the Children, Family and Youth Minister. It is valued at market value of £305,000 (2020 : £275,000). It originally cost £57,000.

Following the introduction of FRS102 the investment property is now recognised in the financial statements at market value as determined by the PCC.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

All expenditure on fixtures, fittings and office furniture is written off at the time expenditure is incurred.

Current Assets

Short - term deposits is cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

Reserve Policy

The PCC agreed to continue the policy of holding the equivalent of three months running costs as a General Reserve. As at 31st December 2021 the balance in the reserve is £7,817 (2020 : £12,134).

**Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Bramcote.
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**

For the year ending 31 December 2021

2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds	(Unrestricted)		Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
		Designated Funds	£			£	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
2(a) Voluntary income							
Planned giving:							
Gift Aid donations	68,470	-	6,720	-	-	75,190	73,679
Income tax recoverable	17,572	-	1,924	-	-	19,496	18,958
Other planned giving	11,359	-	-	-	-	11,359	10,504
Collections (open plate) at all services	1,628	-	-	-	-	1,628	1,702
Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	500
Donations, appeals etc	395	-	4,261	-	-	4,656	2,348
	<u>99,424</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,905</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>112,329</u>	<u>107,691</u>
2(b) Activities for generating funds							
Church Hall Donations	525	-	-	-	-	525	645
	<u>525</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>525</u>	<u>645</u>
2(c) Income from investment							
Interest	4	10	9	1	24	172	172
Other	-	-	-	49	49	47	47
	<u>4</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>219</u>	<u>219</u>
2(d) Church activities							
Traidcraft	-	4,491	-	-	-	4,491	4,313
Magazines	-	-	-	-	-	-	268
Mission	92	-	-	-	-	92	152
Bookstall	-	62	-	-	-	62	209
Catering	111	-	-	-	-	111	1,151
Fees	2,171	-	-	-	-	2,171	3,015
Outreach Events	918	-	39	-	-	957	-
Rufford Avenue	-	2,200	-	-	-	2,200	5,500
Silver Surfers	-	-	1,112	-	-	1,112	1,074
Little Angels	-	-	257	-	-	257	255
	<u>3,292</u>	<u>6,753</u>	<u>1,408</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,453</u>	<u>15,937</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>103,245</u>	<u>6,763</u>	<u>14,322</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>124,380</u>	<u>124,492</u>

Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Bramcote.
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the year ending 31 December 2021

3 RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted Funds	(Unrestricted) Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
					2021	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
3(a) Generation of voluntary income						
Giving envelopes	73	-	-	-	73	-
	<u>73</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>-</u>
3(b) Grants						
Missionary and charitable giving:						
Church Mission Society	-	2,951	-	-	2,951	3,686
Church Pastoral Aid Society	-	1,899	-	-	1,899	2,110
Bible Society	-	130	-	-	130	140
The Leprosy Mission	-	130	-	-	130	140
TEAR Fund	-	730	-	-	730	820
P & K Miles	-	1,058	-	-	1,058	820
Foodbank - Bestwood & Bulwell	-	1,030	-	-	1,030	1,163
Framework	-	1,030	-	-	1,030	1,163
Berega	-	-	4,084	-	4,084	400
	-	<u>8,958</u>	<u>4,084</u>	-	<u>13,042</u>	<u>10,442</u>
3(c) Activities directly relating to the work of						
Ministry: Diocesan parish share	50,015	-	-	-	50,015	50,000
Working expenses	1,986	-	-	-	1,986	1,808
Expenditure on parish magazine and bookstall	-	114	-	-	114	387
Traidcraft	-	4,893	-	-	4,893	3,843
Church running expenses	9,327	-	-	-	9,327	8,714
Church maintenance	2,920	2,712	594	-	6,226	3,998
Upkeep of services	372	-	-	-	372	316
Rufford Avenue	-	1,840	-	-	1,840	1,759
Children, Youth & Family Life Co-ordinator						
- Salary and pension	-	-	2,947	-	2,947	3,872
- Expenses	-	-	1,140	-	1,140	-
General/Equipment	904	-	-	-	904	833
Fund Raising	11	-	20	-	31	94
Catering	126	-	-	-	126	1,003
Outreach	1,437	-	36	-	1,473	302
Messy Church	421	-	-	-	421	22
Printing, postage & stationery	1,412	-	-	-	1,412	1,377
Miscellaneous administration	4,508	-	-	-	4,508	3,737
Salaries	22,460	-	-	-	22,460	21,919
Education	1,531	-	-	-	1,531	1,951
Silver Surfers	-	-	311	-	311	1,767
Little Angels	-	-	212	-	212	73
Other	717	-	-	-	717	2,509
	<u>98,147</u>	<u>9,559</u>	<u>5,260</u>	-	<u>112,966</u>	<u>110,284</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u>98,220</u>	<u>18,517</u>	<u>9,344</u>	-	<u>126,081</u>	<u>120,726</u>

**Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Bramcote.
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**

For the year ending 31 December 2021

4 STAFF NUMBERS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year the PCC paid 5 employees (2020:6), the organist, verger, parish administrator, cleaner and a Children and Family Youth Minister.

STAFF COSTS

	2021 £	2020 £
Salaries	24,894	25,981
Pension Contributions	512	538
TOTAL	<u>25,406</u>	<u>26,519</u>

The PCC pays at least the Living Wage Foundation living wage. The Workplace Pension was implemented on 1st July 2016 and the PCC chose the Government scheme NEST as its provider.

No payments were paid to any member of the PCC or persons closely connected to them or related parties, except that a member of the PCC became employed as a verger from 1st January 2019. He is not a party to discussions on relevant employee matters. The Public Liability Insurance now includes Church Council and Trustee Indemnity, and no separate fee has therefore been paid.

5 EXTERNAL EXAMINER'S FEE

The fee agreed by the external examiner for the Independent Examination of the 2021 accounts is £1,200 (2020:£1,200), including VAT and has been accrued in these accounts. This included an examination of the Charity Accounts.

6 INVESTMENTS

Following the introduction of FRS102 the investment property at 46 Rufford Avenue has been reclassified as investment property and needs to be stated in the accounts at market value. The property valuations have been determined by the PCC based upon the valuations of similar properties in the same locality. In accordance with FRS102 accounting for investment properties, 46 Rufford Avenue is included in the accounts at market value. During the year ended 31 December 2021 the decision was made to put it up for sale and it was subsequently sold on 31 January 2022 for £305,000.

	2021 £	2020 £
Valuation		
As at 1 January 2021	275,000	260,000
Valuation adjustment	30,000	15,000
As at 31st December 2021	<u>305,000</u>	<u>275,000</u>

7 DEBTORS

	2021 £	2020 £
Income tax recoverable	4,898	4,716
Other debtors	-	38
Prepayments	787	566
	<u>5,685</u>	<u>5,320</u>

8 LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Accruals and deferred income	8,561	14,370
	<u>8,561</u>	<u>14,370</u>

9 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Funds
	General Funds	Designated Funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
Total Assets	8,561	223,660	32,048	2,142	266,411
Revaluation reserve	-	115,000	-	-	115,000
Current Liabilities	(8,561)	-	-	-	(8,561)
	<u>-</u>	<u>338,660</u>	<u>32,048</u>	<u>2,142</u>	<u>372,850</u>

Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Bramcote.
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the year ending 31 December 2021

10 BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD

Designated Funds	Balance at 1/01/21 £	Income/ Income Tax £	Interest £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31/12/21 £
Bookfund	692	62	-	(114)	-	640
General Maintenance	3,272	-	1	(2,605)	-	668
Mission Giving 2019	8	-	-	(8)	-	-
Mission Giving 2020	9,989	-	-	(8,950)	(1,039)	-
Mission Giving 2021	-	-	-	-	10,143	10,143
Rufford Avenue	4,166	2,200	1	(1,840)	(360)	4,167
46 Rufford Avenue	190,000	-	-	-	-	190,000
Youth Minister Work	-	-	-	-	360	360
Traidcraft	2,614	4,491	1	(4,893)	-	2,213
Margie Edinborough	46	-	-	(46)	-	-
Legacy	4,542	-	1	-	-	4,543
SMAAA Youth Work	2,490	-	1	-	618	3,109
Soft Furnishings	61	-	-	(61)	-	-
General Reserve	12,134	-	5	-	(4,322)	7,817
	<u>230,014</u>	<u>6,753</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>(18,517)</u>	<u>5,400</u>	<u>223,660</u>

Restricted Funds	Balance at 1/01/21 £	Income/ Income Tax £	Interest £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31/12/21 £
Bells	529	243	-	(56)	-	716
Legacy - Home Work (Youth)	8,018	-	3	-	-	8,021
Choir & Organ	1,811	-	1	-	-	1,812
Hymn Books	105	-	-	-	-	105
Music Fund	1,449	-	1	-	-	1,450
Centre Lighting Upgrade	784	-	-	(414)	-	370
Heating System	1,143	-	-	(180)	-	963
Youth Minister	9,275	8,400	4	(4,087)	-	13,592
Berega Project	1,028	4,301	-	(4,084)	-	1,245
Grant - Community Hub	447	-	-	-	-	447
Silver Surfers	752	1,112	-	(311)	(375)	1,178
St Michael's Little Angels	2,104	257	-	(212)	-	2,149
	<u>27,445</u>	<u>14,313</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>(9,344)</u>	<u>(375)</u>	<u>32,048</u>

Endowment Fund (Income only)	Balance at 1/01/21 £	Income/ Income Tax £	Interest £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31/12/21 £
Bramcote Chancel	2,092	49	1	-	-	2,142
	<u>2,092</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,142</u>

11 REVALUATION RESERVE

	2021 £	2020 £
Balance brought forward	85,000	70,000
Valuation adjustment	30,000	15,000
Balance carried forward	<u>115,000</u>	<u>85,000</u>

12 FUND DETAILS

The endowment fund is the income only element of the Bramcote Chancel Fund. This is a permanent endowment which requires the income to be spent on keeping the chancel "wind and weather proof". The capital element of the fund is represented by 82.50 shares in the Central Board of Finance Investment Fund at an original cost of £613 and is not shown in these financial statements. The value of the capital at 31 December 2021 was £1,929.40 ie £23.3867 per share (2020: £1,686.85 ie £20.4467 per share). Both the income and capital of the fund is held by the Diocese of Southwell with the income invested in a Central Board of Finance Deposit Fund.

**Independent Examiner's Report
To The PCC of St. Michaels & All Angels Church, Bramcote**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 1 to 7

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- * the accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act

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



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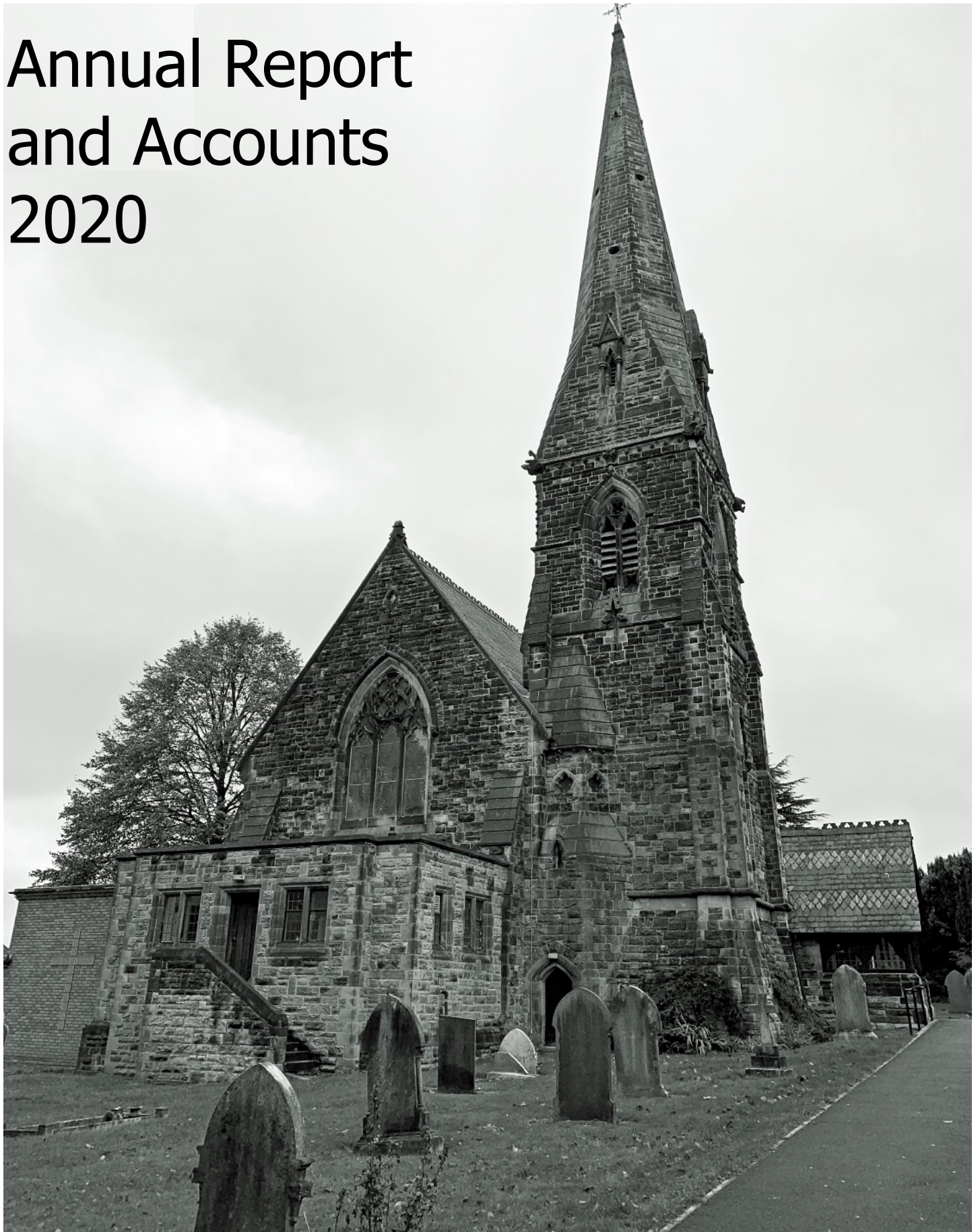
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Preface

The past year was certainly a very difficult and challenging time for everyone; with many Weddings and Baptisms, together with a myriad of regular Church and social events, either being postponed or else cancelled entirely. Despite this, so many people have faced up to the challenges and ensured a strong Christian presence in Bramcote, through on-line services and Bible reflections, weekly newsletters and, when permitted, Services of Reflection or Holy Communion in church on a weekly, albeit severely reduced, basis.

As I write this preface, we are still severely restricted in terms of what we can do and offer to the local community which we seek to serve as the Church in Bramcote. Despite this, we have conscientiously sought to share the good news of the Christian faith in both word and deed by maintaining myriad opportunities for practical and social support, together with prayer and worship.

Once again, I am extremely grateful to all those who have played an important role in maintaining and developing the life of the Church throughout this difficult period: whether through the provision of regular information and communications to the parish, providing alternative pastoral and practical care to those in need, cleaning, maintaining and opening our properties for both private prayer and limited public worship on a Sunday morning, and by just being there as the spiritual heart of the community. Particular thanks must go to the Clergy and Reader team for providing thought provoking and sustaining daily on-line reflections and weekly services of reflection, and by offering many other forms of practical and pastoral support. Also to all those who have sought to maintain our work with children, young people and their families through the highly imaginative use of social media and parish-wide activities. Also to the various Church Officers (Verger, Treasurers, and members of the PCC), and Churchwardens (both current and emeriti) for their tireless efforts and support. Despite the obvious pressures and increased workloads encountered, everyone has played a full and active part. They will clearly need to be allowed time to recharge their spiritual batteries in due course.

Whatever the future holds for us, and whatever the shape of the emergent 'new-normality', we must all maintain our vigilance in guarding against further outbreaks of pandemic viruses such as Covid-19, whilst at the same time continuing to provide for the effective mission and ministry of the Church within the parish and beyond. As the Covid-19 pandemic currently continues to afflict us all, by affecting our physical, mental and spiritual health, we must each continue to play our own part in supporting and caring for one another; whether through telephone, email, text, zoom and face-time, or other forms of social contact. In particular, we must pray without ceasing for one another - particularly those afflicted by the long-term effects of the Covid-19 virus; praying that they might be treated effectively, and that their friends and family may be supported and cared for.

As you read this report, may the Lord richly bless and preserve you unto everlasting life.

Revd Paul Reynolds (Vicar)

March 2021



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Vicar:

Revd Paul Reynolds

Associate Ministers:

Revd Tony Cardwell

Revd David Edinborough

Revd Canon Lillian Heptinstall

Revd Michael Smith

Revd Jonathan Smithurst

Children and Family Life Minister :

Appointment Pending

LLM's (Readers)

David Ducker

Alison Reynolds

Mike Ross

Lalage Smithurst

Principal Church Officers

Churchwardens:

Stan Heptinstall

Tom Clifford

PCC Secretary:

Cindy Jones

PCC Minute Secretary:

Sarah Elbourne

PCC Treasurer:

Alan Bateman

PCC Accountant:

Christine Langton

PCC Lay Chair:

Stan Heptinstall

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Ann Mellon

Parish Administrator:

Claire Morrell

Bookings Coordinator:

Claire Morrell

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Committee Chairpersons

Standing:

Revd Paul Reynolds

Mission:

Revd Jonathan Smithurst

Ministry:

Revd Paul Reynolds

Resources:

Stan Heptinstall

All information within believed to be correct as at April 5th, 2021.

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Statutory Information

Parish Name: Bramcote, Saint Michael and All Angels
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Parochial Church Council (PCC)

The PCC is a registered charity # 1130798.

Bankers

Barclays Bank (*Beeston Branch*)

Insurers

Ecclesiastical Insurance Group plc

Independent Examiner

TCP Chartered Accountants

Church Architect

Graham Renton MA (Hons) DipArch RIBA AABC MIDA

CCLI Licences

CCL	-	2063	CLA	-	824292
PRS	-	824302	PPL	-	1727666
SS	-	1122498	VL	-	824319
SL	-	126689			

All information within believed to be correct as at April 5th, 2021

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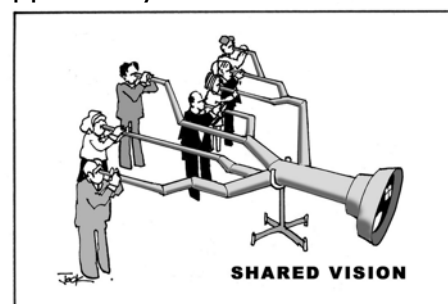
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Our Common Principles

Following a great deal of prayer and discussion by the Parochial Church Council (PCC), including three parish weekends at home, we have established the following five core principles upon which we seek to build a strong foundation for the future in obedience to the Great Commandment and Great Commission (Matthew 22:36-40; 28:18-20):

- **Evangelistic Outreach**
By our sharing the love of Christ freely with all people.
- **Pastoral Care**
Providing real help and support for people in their greatest areas of need.
- **Work with children, young people and their families**
Seeking to establish and build future generations of active Christian Disciples.
- **Personal Spirituality**
Helping every church member to develop and grow in the Christian faith.
- **Resources**
By the ongoing development of our buildings, that they might provide the greatest possible versatility of use, and be truly 'Fit for Purpose' well into the future.

Through concerted prayer, faithful obedience to reflecting the love of God for all people, and active proclamation of the gospel of good news and salvation, we seek to both know God and make Him known at every possible opportunity.



The Parochial Church Council (PCC)

Introduction

The Church Representation Rules (Rule 9 (1)(b)) requires "***an annual report on the proceedings of the parochial church council and the activities of the parish generally***" to be received by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). The contents of the report may be subject to discussion.

Aims of the Organization

The PCC (Powers) Measure 1956 directs that the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Saint Michael's, Bramcote has the responsibility of co-operating with the Vicar, Revd Paul Reynolds, in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church; pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for all church buildings and grounds. Thus the prime purpose of the church is to maintain and develop the community of Christian believers and to use the strength of that community to promote the beliefs of and in Christ through outreach, care for those in need, and by contributing in practical and Christian ways to the whole of our local community.

Naturally, this will involve our engagement in such issues as Mission, Pastoral Care, Teaching, Nurture and Christian Stewardship - the giving of our time, talents and financial resources. All of this should be seen as part of our common Christian discipleship, and not just for those who are particularly keen, willing, and able.

In addition, our support of missionary activities (both at home and overseas) should form a clear and integral part of our communal life as the family of God in the ecclesiastical parish of Bramcote.

Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the APCM.

In accordance with the Church Representation Rules (Rules 10(1) and 54(1)) membership is open to all those who fulfil the following requirements: are (a) over 16, (b) on the electoral roll, (c) who consent to being appointed, (d) who have been confirmed, (e) who have received Communion at least three times in the previous year, and (f) are not otherwise legally prohibited ☹ from serving.

During the past year, the following individuals have served, or been eligible to serve, as members of the PCC:

Ex-officio members:

Vicar: Revd Paul Reynolds (*Chairman*)

Wardens: Stan Heptinstall ①
Tom Clifford

☹ For example, their ineligibility to serve as a charity trustee.

Synod

Members:

Cindy Jones	②	Deanery Synod
Liz Cardwell		Deanery Synod
David Ducker		Deanery Synod
Jimmy Smith		Deanery Synod

Elected Members of the PCC:

Alan Bateman	③
Christine Cleave	
Robert Cleave	
David Curnock	
Janet Ducker	⑤
Sarah Elbourne	④
David Jones	⑤
Christine Langton	③
Jonathan Portwood	
Kate Prayle	
Wendy Willan	
Alan Windsor	

Honorary Members In-Attendance: ⑥

Sarah Meredith	<i>(Head Teacher, Bramcote Primary School)</i>
Revd Lillian Heptinstall	<i>(Co-Chair, Ministry Committee)</i>
Revd Jonathan Smithurst	<i>(Chair, Mission Committee)</i>
Children and Youth Minister	<i>(Appointment Pending)</i>

Warden

David Curnock

Emeriti:

David Jones
Martin Plackett
Victor Smithson
Wendy Willan

- KEY:**
- ① PCC Lay vice-chair
 - ② PCC Secretary
 - ③ PCC Treasurer
 - ④ PCC Minute Secretary
 - ⑤ Deputy Churchwarden
 - ⑥ May attend meetings without voting rights, but may, on occasion, be invited by the chair to contribute to discussions with PCC approval

PCC Committees

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. It also serves to establish the agenda of the PCC.

During the past year, the following have served as members:

Ex-officio members:

Revd Paul Reynolds (*Chair*)

Stan Heptinstall (*Lay Vice-Chair*)

Tom Clifford (*Churchwarden*)

Elected Members:

Alan Bateman (*Treasurer*)

Christine Langton (*Church Accountant*)

Cindy Jones (*PCC Secretary*)

Mission Committee

Responsible for the mission of the Church within our own local community, together with the support of missions overseas and at home. During the past year, the following individual served as chair:

Revd Jonathan Smithurst (*Chair*)

Ministry Committee

Responsible for the development of faith within its people and their pastoral care. During the past year, the following individual has served as chair:

Revd Paul Reynolds (*Chair*)

Resources Committee

Responsible for resourcing the mission and ministry of the church through the regular maintenance and development of our premises, properties and equipment by means of an on-going programme of Christian Stewardship. During the past year, the following individual served as chair:

Stan Heptinstall (*Chair*)

*In accordance with the Church Representation Rules (Rule 15)
the Incumbent is an ex-officio member of all committees.*



Review of the Year 2020



2020 turned out to be a most surreal and unprecedented year for the World, our Nation and our Churches. A dangerous and highly contagious pandemic swept into our society disrupting our way of life and all that we held dear.

At the start of the year St Michael's was holding three services each Sunday, plus midweek and monthly Communion Services. The PCC met in January and March and began planning for further growth and development in all areas of church life. Committees met to consider the needs of church members and of our parish. Reaching wider, deeper and younger was always in the planning. At the end of March however, church life was brought to an abrupt halt as the national lock-down began. Along with shops, gyms, hotels, pubs, and cafes our churches were instructed to close. It was at this point that we came to realise that the building was not the church.



Church life continued in new and innovative ways. Prayer and care became paramount, and emphasis was placed on the needs of those who were elderly, housebound and living alone. Technology provided a way in which we could communicate, and very shortly an online service was held each Sunday. Meetings continued via zoom as did daily reflections, Bible study groups and prayer meetings. Virtual choir practices were held weekly. Although these initiatives were successful, it was recognised that many of our church family and parishioners were unable to access them. Where possible hard copies were delivered to homes. Groups were set up to ensure that all lonely and needy people were contacted regularly by phone, and people gave willingly of their time to buy and deliver shopping. A weekly newsletter was posted on the church website and hard copies were hand delivered.



The PCC did not meet during this time but the Standing Committee met with our Vicar to discuss problems, progress and financial matters. PCC meetings resumed via zoom in November, following the APCM which took place in October.

The Committees met via zoom and continued with their individual remits in spite of the many restrictions.

Mission ensured that Charitable Giving was not disrupted and they continued to support our Mission Partners in prayer and via the Internet. Food Bank was generously supported both in kind and financial giving. Paul gave permission for the Church Centre to be used as a processing centre for Teams4U shoe boxes of which 2137 from across Nottinghamshire were subsequently sent to Romania and Belarus.



The focus of the Ministry Committee was to encourage prayer and the fellowship we receive when we pray together. The monthly prayer meetings continued on Zoom from April onwards. A Prayer Diary was produced regularly and the annual Prayer Walk took place in May.

Celtic Prayer continued with group members praying in pairs on the phone. Church members and new disciples were nurtured by participating in the Alpha Course during the Summer and a Bible Course during the Autumn. These took place via zoom. Walking the Way of the Cross at Easter, and the Advent Prayer Labyrinth had been organised, but sadly due to the Covid-19 restrictions, could not take place.

The Resources Committee met bimonthly, via zoom after lock-down. They were able to complete many tasks during this period as the Church and Centre were not being used. The church heating system was replaced, including the installation of a new boiler. Some electrical, plumbing and painting work was carried out in the Church Centre. Maintenance work was undertaken on the fabric of the church. Drains and gutters were inspected and clearance will be completed in 2021. A major hole in the roof was repaired and necessary additional work was identified. A recommendation was put to the PCC that a major refurbishment of the roof should be considered. Committee members worked alongside Broxtowe Borough Council in maintaining and keeping safe the Church Grounds. During December four thousand coloured lights decorated the Yew tree at the front the Church, and a spot light lit the spire and west window. This initiative received some very positive feedback and it illustrated where the true meaning of Christmas lay.

The church opened for worship again in June. Every effort was made to ensure that it was Covid safe and yet still welcoming. A Service of The Word took place every Sunday until the lock-down restrictions began again in November. Fortunately, we were able to reopen in time for our Christmas Services but sadly locked down once more after this. The Christmas services were well attended, the highlight being our two Candlelit Carol Services. The Church has remained open each weekday for private prayer. The online service of Reflection has continued throughout 2020. Our vicar has been supported in these services by members of our retired clergy team. Together, they have also delivered the on-line daily reflections which have continued into 2021.

The work with children has also been delivered through the Internet. An on-line Sunday activity and regular Messy Church events have been delivered via zoom and these have kept the children in touch with the Church and each other.

It has been a very challenging time for our Church School. It has remained open throughout all periods of lock-down for key worker and vulnerable pupils. During June and July several classes were brought back. Staff were teaching face to face and producing daily on-line teaching. The end of term Leavers Service took place via zoom and pupils were presented with their book, a gift from the PCC. The PCC support the school financially and this year the donation will help to provide laptops to disadvantaged pupils. It was good that during the Autumn term schools reopened for all pupils.





A great deal of organisation and preparation was required to ensure all Covid restrictions and safety measures were adhered to. The Headteacher welcomed the support she has received from the Foundation Governors. Although they have been unable to visit school, they have attended regular meetings, and the zoom assemblies. This has kept them in touch with both pupils and staff. We continue to assess the many risks associated with people and buildings, finance and the reputation of the church. A child protection policy is in place, which includes E-Safety. All members who work or associate with children and vulnerable adults have undergone Safeguarding training and hold a DBS certificate. The Resources Committee have carried out a risk assessment of the church and centre and a Risk Assessment and Safety Policy is in place.

Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll currently stands as follows:

Number on Roll - 165

Resident - 112

Non-resident - 53

As the current Electoral Roll cannot presently be kept on display in church, details can be requested from the Electoral Roll Officer, Ann Mellon.

Ann Mellon
Electoral Roll Officer
April 2021

Financial Review

The state of our finances continues to be a matter of grave concern for the PCC. Expenditure this year has been greatly reduced due to the lock-down restrictions. Income however has fallen, there have been far fewer services, resulting in a loss of weekly giving on the collection plates. No weddings and Baptisms have added to this. Sadly, we were unable to meet our share of Deanery Giving for Ministry by £19,000.

The designated and restricted funds are detailed in the annual accounts, and both the PCC and Standing committee review these on a regular basis, together with our general income and expenditure accounts. A detailed budget is produced annually, against which our monthly income and expenditure are reviewed. Our reserve policy is now in line with the Charities Act wherein the PCC agreed to holding the equivalent of three months running costs as a General Reserve.

Cindy Jones
PCC Secretary
December 2020

Mission Committee



Due to the impact of Covid, it was not possible for the Mission Committee to meet in person beyond January 2020 and since then there have been no activities in which we would normally have been involved allowed to take place.

In February we submitted the 2019 Mission Charitable Giving table to the Standing Committee for approval of payment to the various charities/Mission Partners and, of course, we have continued throughout the year to support prayerfully the Mission Partners: the Paton family in the Far East, the Miles family in the Middle East and Azaria Spencer in Guatemala. Azaria was finally able to return to the UK in time for Christmas for her 6 month furlough and has enjoyed being with her family again after three years working with the Street Kids in Guatemala.



Uplifting all of God's creation and God's people in constant prayer.

Foodbank requests have continued through the stalwart work of Cindy and David Jones keeping us updated with the most urgent needs and the trolley was left in the South Porch of the church for easy access. Most weeks it has been near to overflowing - so a HUGE thank you to all who have donated produce for the Bestwood and Bulwell Foodbank who themselves have managed to 'stay open' and support those in need.

With Paul's permission it was possible to use the Church Centre as Nottingham's Processing Warehouse for T4U Shoeboxes during November with just three teams of six people each day, socially distanced and Covid compliant. Deliveries of boxes ready for checking and sealing meant that an excellent total of 2137 shoeboxes from across Nottinghamshire were despatched to children in Romania and Belarus.

Despite the restrictions Covid has put upon us in 2020 the Lord has answered our prayers for health and safety and used us in the above few ways to serve others.

Membership

Wendy Willan (Chair)
Richard Portwood (Secretary)
(resigned January 2020),
Rev Tony Cardwell,
David Jones,
Kate Prayle,
Louise Rudham

(Committee suspended meetings in January 2020)



Wendy Willan
Mission Committee Chair
February 2021

Ministry Committee

The work of the Ministry Committee includes prayer and prayer ministry, nurture and pastoral care: we met three times during the year - once in person in January and twice on Zoom, in June and September.

Our role description as the Ministry Committee includes the words "With prayer at the heart of all we do" Obviously everything changed in March when the first lockdown of the pandemic began, but prayer doesn't change!

Prayer

We encouraged prayer, and the fellowship we have when we pray together, by:

- asking different people to lead the **Parish Prayer** meeting every month, and producing the Prayer Diary. The meetings continued on Zoom from April onwards.
- organising the Prayer Walk with social distancing (May 9th)
- continuing the Monday morning *Celtic Prayer* by praying together in pairs on the phone
- continuing the *email prayer alerts* for urgent prayer needs

In January we planned the *Advent Prayer Labyrinth* to be held on the two days before Advent, and for *Walking the Way of the Cross* during Easter Week, but both of these were not possible because of the Covid-19 restrictions. But we were able to modify the prayer stations of the Advent Labyrinth so that they could be downloaded onto a smart-phone, and we encouraged people to walk the Prayer Labyrinth either in their own homes or at the Sundial Maze at Bramcote Hills Park – as well as our own church members we had 8 requests for the download from people in other churches!

Prayer Ministry, Wholeness and Healing

Prayer Ministry with our Prayer Ministry Team of twelve people continued as usual at the services in January, February and March until the services finished with the closure of the church. In January Michael Smith led the team in a very much appreciated Quiet Day at the Convent of the Holy Name in Derby. Since the pandemic we have been able to pray for each other in various ways depending on the restrictions – socially distanced at Coffee in the Park after the morning services at church when they have been happening, and on the different church WhatsApp groups, over the phone, and in various Zoom meetings.

Nurture

We nurtured our church members and new disciples (and ourselves!) by running the *Alpha Course* from June to August, followed by *The Bible Course* from September to November, all on Zoom of course. In fact Zoom makes it possible to welcome people who wouldn't normally come to a traditional group meeting – amazing!

Lillian Heptinstall has run Bible Studies which have been open to all on Thursday afternoons from May through to the present time, and the Clergy and Readers team have written a Reflection on a Bible passage for every weekday which are accessed through the church website.

Pastoral Care

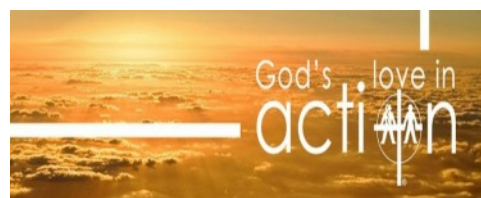
Pastoral Care continues through the Home Groups, three of which have continued meeting during the lockdowns on Zoom, and in all sorts of other ways through the other church groups. Lillian Heptinstall has taken over responsibility for the Home Groups and we are very happy that Lillian has joined the Ministry Committee. In January we updated *Caring for each other at St Michael's* and the new edition was given out to everyone at church that month. *The Bereavement Care Team* has carried on throughout 2020 with support by phone when visiting wasn't possible.

David Curnock

Mission Committee Chair
March 2020

Membership

David Curnock (Chair)
Penny Coe
Karen Cole
Lillian Heptinstall
Anne Curnock
David Ducker
Janet Ducker
Jimmy Smith
Gill Wilmot



Membership

Revd Paul Reynolds
(Chair)
Liz Cardwell
Christine Cleave
Sarah Elbourne
David Hanford
Revd Lillian Heptinstall
Alison Reynolds
Heide Stafford

The committee was disbanded in October 2020 with its work transferred to the Vicar and Readers Team.

Christine Cleave
Traidcraft Co-ordinator

Worship Committee

The work of the Worship Committee is chiefly concerned with reviewing and developing every area of our worship across the broad range of services currently on offer.

The committee works closely with the Clergy and LLM (Reader) team, choir, singers, musicians and drama teams, and those on the readers and intercessors rotas.

Other work of the committee involves investigating new hymns, songs and liturgies, and introducing alternative forms of worship, both for those currently within the church as well as those who are not yet members.

Revd Paul Reynolds
Worship Committee Chair
March 2021

Traidcraft

When the first Covid Lockdown started in March 2020, Christine Cleave began to offer a delivery service of basic foodstuffs and household items within the parish, hoping that it would be useful for those who were not able to get out to the shops. There was much demand for pasta, toilet rolls and hand sanitiser, due to shortages in the supermarkets. People also appreciated the excellent quality of Traidcraft products, the Fairtrade ethos and the opportunity to support artisans and farmers in developing countries. Regular emails and information in Stan Heptinstall's weekly Parish Newsletter advised local friends about prices and availability of products. Christine's delivery service continues into 2021, with many friends now placing regular orders.

In the run up to Christmas, we held two pioneering Taste the World Zoom events, when friends enjoyed presentations about the work of Traidcraft, sampled teas and treats and viewed gifts and fashion items. In the evening session we were joined by Matt Oliver (Sales Manager, Traidcraft plc) and Heather Thompson (Supporter Relations Manager, Traidcraft Exchange), who came to encourage us. 27 households were represented and the events generated £90 for Traidcraft Exchange, as well as orders for the Traidcraft stall worth an unprecedented £1,700 during November. The total income for the year was £4,319 and the surplus of income over spend, taking stock into account, was £476. This surplus has enabled St Michael's to support the Regenerators' Appeal for planting trees in Tanzania, to prevent erosion caused by climate change; we recently sent £250 to Traidcraft Exchange; which was UK-Aid matched, making it worth £500.

Buying Traidcraft goods is a positive contribution to combating climate change, compatible with the organisation's core values; this sits well with the Green Audit at St Michael's proposed for 2021.

Thanks to Alan Bateman for his support with the accounts and a very big thank you from Traidcraft to everyone at St Michael's for your faithful support during this Lockdown year.

Resources Committee

Resources Committee is a sub-committee of the Parochial Church Council at St Michael's and deals with issues to do with the church buildings and other resources to enable everything that happens. The committee is composed of a subgroup of PCC members and co-opted members from the church family and thanks are due to all the members for their diligence and actions in helping keep things in order. Please find below a summary of the activities of the Committee during 2020.

Meeting Frequency

Meetings were held bimonthly during the year. The first two meetings were held face to face, but all other meetings were via a video link (Zoom) because of the pandemic and the restrictions that resulted from this.

Heating

The church heating system was replaced in 2019 and this included installation of a new boiler purchased with the help of a significant donation from a church member. Early in 2020 a fierce storm resulted in some water leaking into the boiler room and this matter was resolved by the contractor who had replaced the boiler. Also, during the year some further work was needed to make all the radiators in church work efficiently. The heating in the Church Centre seems to be ok at present although the church office is currently heated using a portable heater.

Lighting

Some of the lights in church had been replaced in 2018/19 and LED lighting had been installed in the main hall and the lounge area in the Church Centre. All this was paid for after an appeal for help to church members. On his own volition, a volunteer, Richard Thompson, repaired all the residual fluorescent lighting in the Centre for which we are very grateful. Into 2020 it was found that two of the LED panels in the main hall were not working, and very recently more lights in church have failed, and so more work is still needed. Also, it is now time to carry out some routine electrical safety checking.

General Maintenance

A coat of paint was applied to the external door to the kitchen in the Church Centre. There were problems with the drainage system below two of the sinks in the kitchen in the Centre, and a plumber was employed to resolve the issue. Later in the year the same plumber, Phil Stone, who is also a local resident, fixed a water leak in the clergy vestry free of charge. During the year the blinds and curtains in the Centre needed frequent attention. Also, the folding doors between the main hall and the lounge needed lubrication.

Buildings

Internal Re-ordering

During much of 2020 the Church was either closed or used very differently to previously because of the pandemic. It became important to ensure that the church, when used, was appropriately ordered and arranged to allow for social distancing and to put procedures in place for frequent cleaning and sanitisation. For much of the year the Church Centre was not in general use, although specific permission was given to a charity to use it to fill shoe boxes for distribution to children overseas at Christmas.

Buildings

External Repairs

The gutters above the Church Centre were cleared by a contractor late in 2019. Further clearance is scheduled for later in 2021. Other external drains and gutters were inspected in 2020 by another contractor in line with recommendations made in the Quinquennial Inspection in late 2019. The same contractor repaired a major hole in the roof in April 2020 caused by storm damage. At the same time a crack in the stonework was discovered that will require attention. Further repairs to the roof were made in December 2020, and the contractors suggested that the time had come to consider a major refurbishment of the roof. This recommendation is now being looked at by PCC. The difficulty will be in finding the finance to do the job.

Membership

Stan Heptinstall (Chair)
Ken Bird (Secretary)
Alan Bateman
Michael Bellamy
Jonathan Portwood
Daniel Stevenson
Alan Windsor

Church Grounds

The committee worked with Broxtowe Borough Council in identifying potentially dangerous structures in the churchyard, and all safety work deemed necessary was completed by 21 February 2020. Also, Broxtowe removed an oak tree from behind the church because it was in a dangerous condition. Following a major refurbishment and extension of the Garden of Remembrance in 2019, work is in process to remove unwanted growth in the hedge behind the Garden. In June, the church was re-opened for one service on a Sunday and for private prayer during the week, and a Working Party was put together to clean the car park prior to receiving visitors.

'Curates' House

There were various discussions on the condition of the 'curates' house and some work was scheduled to be performed on the outside of the house and in the garden. Discussions are in progress regarding further works to be performed at the end of the current tenancy.

Christmas Lights

Over Christmas 2020, Christmas lights were placed in the yew tree in front of church and a spotlight was put in place to light up the front of the church. This involved installing an external electricity supply. This initiative received very positive feedback from both church members and the general public.

The committee meetings are bimonthly and from April 2019 to February 2020 were held face to face. From April to August the meetings were held bimonthly via Zoom.

Stan Heptinstall
Resources Committee Chair
January 2021

Nottingham South Deanery Synod

This year we have said goodbye to Revd Jonathan Smithurst (Attenborough), Revd Claire Goode (Nottingham St Andrew's) and Revd Dr Michele Hampson (Lenton). We have welcomed curates Revd Jo Lees-Robinson (Trinity Church), Revd Francis Finn (St. Nic's) and Revd Grant Walton (St Mary's in the Lace Market) to our Deanery. We were also pleased to congratulate Revd Hannah Hall and her husband Will on the birth of their daughter, Katelyn, in August.



The Deanery Leadership Team has continued to meet during the year to plan Synod and to discuss ways to support parishes in the Deanery. Revd Tom Gillum from St Mary's in the Lace Market has also joined the Team.

Due to the unprecedented circumstances of 2020, we only held one Deanery Synod. We met together at St Barnabas, Lenton Abbey on 12th February to thank those who had served over the past three years and to reflect on all God had done in and around our Deanery. In particular people shared about City Prayer, Trinity Church, the Beeston Workplace Chaplaincy, Nottingham Citizens and we were challenged to become involved with the Green Festival in the autumn.

The Deanery has again paid a large percentage of its giving for ministry allocation (89.2% in 2020, compared to 96.9% in 2019). Every parish is to be thanked for their faithfulness in paying for the ministry received in this deanery, particularly in these difficult times.

We are looking forward to 2021 and hope to have the opportunity to meet again in person.

Kirsty Cowley
Deanery Administrator



"My friends, we want you to know that the churches in Macedonia have shown others how kind God is. Although they were going through hard times and were very poor, they were glad to give generously. They gave as much as they could afford and even more, simply because they wanted to. They even asked and begged us to let them have the joy of giving their money for God's people. And they did more than we had hoped. They gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us, just as God wanted them to do."

2 Corinthians 8:1-5 (NIV)



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Copies of the full audited accounts are available upon request.

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Financial Report for the Year Ending December 31st, 2020

This report should be read in conjunction with the full set of Financial Statements that are displayed in the following pages.

Compared to the year before, our income overall (including our designated and restricted funds) has reduced by a quarter. And therefore our spending has decreased by a similar amount. What this meant in real life is that there was no Berega Dinner for the hospital and church in Tanzania, no Christmas Fayre, few group meetings in the Church Centre including tuition on IT devices when it was wanted all the more, few church services but none over Easter, no choir and no singing.

But what did happen was Vicar Paul obtained a streaming licence, enabling us to have virtual Sunday services. David Hanford our organist arranged for pre-recording of Carols by Candlelight with the full choir. Actual services also took place with safety precautions. Our Traidcraft organiser Christine Cleave was energetic in drumming up trade such that we had one of the best years yet. We have just about managed to pay all the everyday bills to maintain our presence.

We had hoped to have improved our record of paying Giving for Ministry to the Diocese. Instead, we only managed to pay 72% of our allocation. This is becoming an ongoing issue for us.

A simplified summary of our general funds (i.e. excluding specially designated and restricted funds which appear in the full set of accounts in the following pages) for 2020 is as follows:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>INC/(DEC)</u>
Church Running Costs	46,000	55,000	(9,000)
Giving for Ministry	<u>45,000</u>	<u>52,000</u>	<u>(7,000)</u>
Sub-total	91,000	107,000	(16,000)
10% Mission Transfer	<u>10,000</u>	<u>11,000</u>	<u>(1,000)</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>101,000</u>	<u>118,000</u>	<u>(17,000)</u>
Regular Giving and Collections	79,000	86,000	(7,000)
Income Tax Reclaimed	17,000	20,000	(3,000)
Deficit Fund transfer	-	(1,000)	1,000
Other Income	<u>5,000</u>	<u>13,000</u>	<u>(8,000)</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>101,000</u>	<u>118,000</u>	<u>(17,000)</u>

We are indebted to Ken Bird for his continued role as Planned Giving Officer, who is able to make Gift Aid claims to HMRC on our behalf by maintaining databases of donations and organising regular and occasional giving through envelopes. And we are also grateful to the counting team, who weekly keep records of the collections at services and who deposit funds at our bank. This year has seen Victor Smithson and John Hart in particular taking the lead in this responsibility and ensuring this task is done safely.

Alan Bateman
Church Treasurer

Christine Langton
Church Accountant
April 2021

Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Bramcote
Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ending 31 December 2020

	Note	(Unrestricted)					TOTAL FUNDS	
		Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Revaluation Reserve £	2020 £	2019 £
INCOMING RESOURCES								
Voluntary income	2(a)	97,253	-	10,438	-	-	107,691	136,653
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	645	-	-	-	-	645	5,716
Income from investments	2(c)	6	103	54	56	-	219	352
Church activities	2(d)	4,586	10,022	1,329	-	-	15,937	20,890
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		102,490	10,125	11,821	56	-	124,492	163,611
RESOURCES EXPENDED								
Cost of generating voluntary income	3(a)	-	-	-	-	-	-	247
Grants	3(b)	-	10,042	400	-	-	10,442	17,878
Church activities	3(c)	92,993	10,287	7,004	-	-	110,284	144,939
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		92,993	20,329	7,404	-	-	120,726	163,064
NET INCOMING / (OUTGOING) RESOURCES		9,497	(10,204)	4,417	56	-	3,766	547
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS	10	(9,497)	6,086	3,411	-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS		-	(4,118)	7,828	56	-	3,766	547
FUND BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY 2020	10	-	234,132	19,617	2,036	70,000	325,785	315,238
FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2020	9,10	-	230,014	27,445	2,092	70,000	329,551	315,785
Revaluation movement (Unrealised)	6	-	-	-	-	15,000	15,000	10,000
TOTAL FUNDS BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2020		-	230,014	27,445	2,092	85,000	344,551	325,785

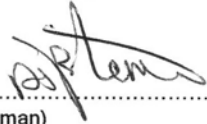
The notes on pages 3 to 8 form part of these accounts.

**Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Bramcote
Balance Sheet at 31 December 2020**

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
INVESTMENT ASSETS			
Investment property	6	275,000	260,000
CURRENT ASSETS			
Traidcraft stock		1,104	682
Debtors	7	5,320	19,113
Short term deposits		74,583	59,832
Cash at bank and in hand		2,914	2,732
		<u>83,921</u>	<u>82,359</u>
LIABILITIES			
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>(14,370)</u>	<u>(16,574)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>69,551</u>	<u>65,785</u>
NET ASSETS			
		<u><u>344,551</u></u>	<u><u>325,785</u></u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted	9,10	230,014	234,132
Restricted	9,10	27,445	19,617
Endowment	9,10	2,092	2,036
		<u>259,551</u>	<u>255,785</u>
Revaluation reserve	11	85,000	70,000
		<u><u>344,551</u></u>	<u><u>325,785</u></u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on March 18th 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Chairman... 
(Rev Paul Reynolds)

Treasurer... 
(Alan Bateman)

The notes on pages 3 to 8 form part of these accounts.

Registered Charity No. 1130798

For the year ending 31 December 2020

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCC's.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts.

Funds

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a special object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections, donations, grants and bank interest are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. All other income is recognised when it is received. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources Expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when paid. Any parish share unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as an accrual in the Balance Sheet. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated property and moveable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficial property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). No value is placed on such property in these accounts.

All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA).

No value is placed on the Church centre and for insurance purposes there is no separate valuation as it is included in the overall amount of £11,627,200 (also £11,627,200 in 2019) for both the Church and centre.

Investment Assets

The property at 46 Rufford Avenue is held as an investment to generate rental income to part fund the Children, Family and Youth Minister. It is valued at market value of £275,000 (2019 : £260,000). It originally cost £57,000.

Following the introduction of FRS102 the investment property is now recognised in the financial statements at market value as determined by the PCC.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

All expenditure on fixtures, fittings and office furniture is written off at the time expenditure is incurred.

Current Assets

Short - term deposits is cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

Reserve Policy

The PCC agreed to continue the policy of holding the equivalent of three months running costs as a General Reserve. As at 31st December 2020 the balance in the reserve is £12,134 (£12,237 in 2019).

Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Bramcote.
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

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2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds	(Unrestricted)		Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
		Designated Funds	Restricted Funds		2020	2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£
2(a) Voluntary income						
Planned giving:						
Gift Aid donations	66,959	-	6,720	-	73,679	80,701
Income tax recoverable	17,278	-	1,680	-	18,958	21,892
Other planned giving	10,504	-	-	-	10,504	8,544
Collections (open plate) at all services	1,702	-	-	-	1,702	4,274
Grants	-	-	500	-	500	-
Donations, appeals etc	810	-	1,538	-	2,348	19,241
Legacy	-	-	-	-	-	2,001
	<u>97,253</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,438</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>107,691</u>	<u>136,653</u>
2(b) Activities for generating funds						
Berega Dinner	-	-	-	-	-	2,175
Bazaar etc	-	-	-	-	-	1,259
Church Hall Donations	645	-	-	-	645	2,282
	<u>645</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>645</u>	<u>5,716</u>
2(c) Income from investment						
Interest	6	103	54	9	172	306
Other	-	-	-	47	47	46
	<u>6</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>219</u>	<u>352</u>
2(d) Church activities						
Traidcraft	-	4,313	-	-	4,313	1,921
Magazines	268	-	-	-	268	1,841
Café Bramcote	-	-	-	-	-	648
Mission	152	-	-	-	152	-
Bookstall	-	209	-	-	209	259
Catering	1,151	-	-	-	1,151	3,030
Fees	3,015	-	-	-	3,015	2,602
Messy Church	-	-	-	-	-	31
Rufford Avenue	-	5,500	-	-	5,500	6,600
Silver Surfers	-	-	1,074	-	1,074	3,178
Little Angels	-	-	255	-	255	780
	<u>4,586</u>	<u>10,022</u>	<u>1,329</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,937</u>	<u>20,890</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>102,490</u>	<u>10,125</u>	<u>11,821</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>124,492</u>	<u>163,611</u>

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3 RESOURCES EXPENDED

	(Unrestricted)				TOTAL FUNDS	
	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£
3(a) Generation of voluntary income						
Giving envelopes	-	-	-	-	-	247
	-	-	-	-	-	247
3(b) Grants						
Missionary and charitable giving:						
Church Mission Society	-	3,686	-	-	3,686	3,813
Church Pastoral Aid Society	-	2,110	-	-	2,110	2,200
Bible Society	-	140	-	-	140	150
The Leprosy Mission	-	140	-	-	140	150
TEAR Fund	-	820	-	-	820	3,435
P & K Miles	-	820	-	-	820	850
Salvation Army	-	-	-	-	-	300
Foodbank - Bestwood & Bulwell	-	1,163	-	-	1,163	1,200
Framework	-	1,163	-	-	1,163	1,200
Berega	-	-	400	-	400	4,580
	-	10,042	400	-	10,442	17,878
3(c) Activities directly relating to the work of						
Ministry: Diocesan parish share	45,484	4,516	-	-	50,000	51,900
Working expenses	1,808	-	-	-	1,808	1,798
Expenditure on parish magazine and bookstall	218	169	-	-	387	859
Traidcraft	-	3,843	-	-	3,843	1,647
Church running expenses	8,714	-	-	-	8,714	9,737
Church maintenance	2,820	-	1,178	-	3,998	22,226
Upkeep of services	316	-	-	-	316	416
Rufford Avenue	-	1,759	-	-	1,759	1,278
Children, Youth & Family Life Co-ordinator						
- Salary and pension	-	-	3,872	-	3,872	15,375
- Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	233
General/Equipment	719	-	114	-	833	1,903
Fund Raising	94	-	-	-	94	40
Catering	1,003	-	-	-	1,003	3,050
Outreach	302	-	-	-	302	688
Messy Church	22	-	-	-	22	313
Printing, postage & stationery	1,377	-	-	-	1,377	2,125
Miscellaneous administration	3,737	-	-	-	3,737	4,942
Salaries	21,919	-	-	-	21,919	21,258
Education	1,951	-	-	-	1,951	2,271
Silver Surfers	-	-	1,767	-	1,767	1,782
Little Angels	-	-	73	-	73	396
Other	2,509	-	-	-	2,509	702
	92,993	10,287	7,004	-	110,284	144,939
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	92,993	20,329	7,404	-	120,726	163,064

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4 STAFF NUMBERS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year the PCC paid 6 employees (2019:6), the organist, vergers, kitchen co-ordinator, parish administrator, cleaner and a Children and Family Life Minister.

STAFF COSTS

	2020 £	2019 £
Salaries	25,981	37,145
Pension Contributions	538	910
TOTAL	<u>26,519</u>	<u>38,055</u>

The PCC pays at least the Living Wage Foundation living wage. The Workplace Pension was implemented on 1st July 2016 and the PCC chose the Government scheme NEST as its provider.

No payments were paid to any member of the PCC or persons closely connected to them or related parties, except that a member of the PCC became employed as a vergers from 1st January 2019. He is not a party to discussions on relevant employee matters, neither is his father who was also a PCC member. The Public Liability Insurance now includes Church Council and Trustee Indemnity, and no separate fee has therefore been paid.

5 EXTERNAL EXAMINER'S FEE

The fee agreed by the external examiner for the Independent Examination of the 2020 accounts is £1,200 (2019:£1,272), including VAT and has been accrued in these accounts. This included an examination of the Charity Accounts.

6 INVESTMENTS

Following the introduction of FRS102 the investment property at 46 Rufford Avenue has been reclassified as investment property and needs to be stated in the accounts at market value. The property valuations have been determined by the PCC based upon the valuations of similar properties in the same locality.

Valuation	2020 £	2019 £
As at 1 January 2020	260,000	250,000
Valuation adjustment	15,000	10,000
As at 31st December 2020	<u>275,000</u>	<u>260,000</u>

7 DEBTORS

	2020 £	2019 £
Income tax recoverable	4,716	5,778
Other debtors	38	12,684
Prepayments	566	651
	<u>5,320</u>	<u>19,113</u>

8 LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020 £	2019 £
Accruals and deferred income	14,370	16,574
	<u>14,370</u>	<u>16,574</u>

9 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Funds
	General Funds	Designated Funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
Total Assets	14,370	230,014	27,445	2,092	273,921
Revaluation reserve	-	85,000	-	-	85,000
Current Liabilities	(14,370)	-	-	-	(14,370)
	<u>-</u>	<u>315,014</u>	<u>27,445</u>	<u>2,092</u>	<u>344,551</u>

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10 BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD

Designated Funds

	Balance at 1/01/20	Income/ Income Tax	Interest	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance at 31/12/20
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bookfund	650	209	2	(169)	-	692
General Maintenance	3,262	-	10	-	-	3,272
Mission Giving 2019	11,220	-	-	(10,042)	(1,170)	8
Mission Giving 2020	-	-	-	-	9,989	9,989
Rufford Avenue	4,153	5,500	13	(1,759)	(3,741)	4,166
46 Rufford Avenue	190,000	-	-	-	-	190,000
Traidcraft	2,138	4,313	6	(3,843)	-	2,614
Margie Edinborough	46	-	-	-	-	46
Legacy	4,528	-	14	-	-	4,542
Parish Share Deficit	4,502	-	14	(4,516)	-	-
SMAAA Youth Work	1,335	-	7	-	1,148	2,490
Soft Furnishings	61	-	-	-	-	61
General Reserve	12,237	-	37	-	(140)	12,134
	<u>234,132</u>	<u>10,022</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>(20,329)</u>	<u>6,086</u>	<u>230,014</u>

Restricted Funds

	Balance at 1/01/20	Income/ Income Tax	Interest	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance at 31/12/20
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bells	474	53	2	-	-	529
Legacy - Home Work (Youth)	8,994	-	25	-	(1,001)	8,018
Choir & Organ	1,805	-	6	-	-	1,811
Wireless Headsets/AudioVisual	7	-	-	(7)	-	-
Hymn Books	105	-	-	-	-	105
Music Fund	1,498	-	4	(53)	-	1,449
Centre Lighting Upgrade	662	120	2	-	-	784
Heating System	2,315	-	6	(1,178)	-	1,143
Youth Minister	-	8,400	5	(3,872)	4,742	9,275
Berega Project	60	1,365	3	(400)	-	1,028
Grant - Community Hub	-	500	1	(54)	-	447
Silver Surfers	1,775	1,074	-	(1,767)	(330)	752
St Michael's Little Angels	1,922	255	-	(73)	-	2,104
	<u>19,617</u>	<u>11,767</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>(7,404)</u>	<u>3,411</u>	<u>27,445</u>

Endowment Fund (Income only)

	Balance at 1/01/20	Income/ Income Tax	Interest	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance at 31/12/20
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bramcote Chancel	2,036	47	9	-	-	2,092
	<u>2,036</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,092</u>

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11 REVALUATION RESERVE

	2020 £	2019 £
Balance brought forward	70,000	60,000
Valuation adjustment	15,000	10,000
Balance carried forward	<u>85,000</u>	<u>70,000</u>

12 FUND DETAILS

The endowment fund is the income only element of the Bramcote Chancel Fund. This is a permanent endowment which requires the income to be spent on keeping the chancel "wind and weather proof". The capital element of the fund is represented by 82.50 shares in the Central Board of Finance Investment Fund at an original cost of £613 and is not shown in these financial statements. The value of the capital at 31 December 2020 was £1,686.85 ie £20.4467 per share (2019: £1,577.90 ie £19.1260 per share). Both the income and capital of the fund is held by the Diocese of Southwell with the income invested in a Central Board of Finance Deposit Fund.

**Independent Examiner's Report
To The PCC of St. Michaels & All Angels Church, Bramcote**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2020 which are set out on pages 1 to 7

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- * the accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act

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



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