

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. MARY & ALL SAINTS, BINGHAM

England & Wales - Charity number 1131217

Details

Other names	PCC OF ST. MARY & ALL SAINTS CHURCH BINGHAM
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-08-19
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCILS (POWERS) MEASURE 1956 AS AMENDED THE CHURCH REPRESENTATION RULES

Activities: Regular public worship. Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved. Teaching of Christianity. Promotion of Christianity. Promoting the whole mission of the Church. Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas.

Classification

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

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£144,125	£154,254	-	-
2024-12-31	£121,122	£146,058	-	-
2023-12-31	£116,459	£115,851	-	-
2022-12-31	£110,068	£114,588	-	-
2021-12-31	£85,365	£91,791	-	-
2020-12-31	£106,220	£103,658	-	-

Trustees

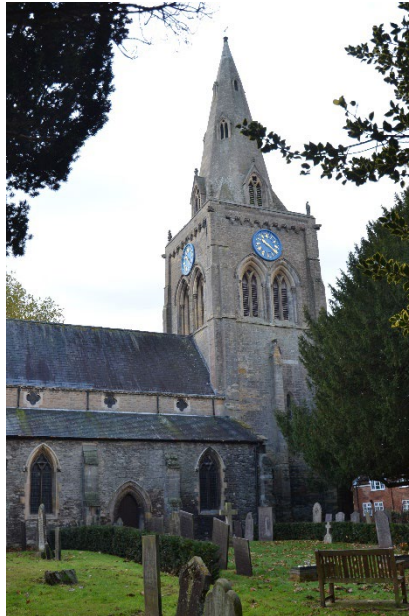
Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Moxon		2024-04-18
Chrissy Sanderson		2024-04-18
JOHN PHILIP WOODMAN		2011-05-16
Kate Gent		2014-04-27
Lesley Mary Black		2022-04-10
Natalie Lister		2024-04-18
Susan Elizabeth Price		2024-04-18
VIVIEN URSULA DYER		
Wendy Sarah Forbes-Buckingham		2018-04-15

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**St Mary and All Saints,
The Parish Church of Bingham**

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**Annual Report
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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2025

BACKGROUND

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MEMBERSHIP

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio, are elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), have been co-opted or have filled a vacancy during the year in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Incumbent:	In vacancy
Assistant Curate:	Revd Wendy Forbes-Buckingham
Warden:	Mr John Woodman
Hon PCC Secretary:	Mrs Winnie Wong
Treasury Team:	Mrs Susan Price, Mr John Woodman, Mrs Vivien Dyer
Representatives on the Diocesan Synod:	Mrs Kate Gent, Mrs Vivien Dyer
Representatives on the Deanery Synod:	Mrs Vivien Dyer
Elected Members:	Mr Andy Moxon (Chairman, until 2027)
	Mrs Lesley Black (until 2028)
	Ms Natalie Lister (until 2027)
	Mrs Chrissy Sanderson (until 2027)
	Mrs Jo Radford (until 2026)

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Old Church House Management Group

This committee considers the financial situation and the maintenance of Old Church House.

Church Attendance

Following a revision of the Church electoral roll for the 2025 APCM there were 68 parishioners on the roll.

The average weekly adult attendance counted during October 2025 was 89. On Easter Day 2025 there were 121 attendees; on Christmas Day 2025 there were 82 attendees.

There were 2 baptisms, 2 weddings and there were 19 Bingham parish funerals.

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On behalf of St Mary and All Saints' Parochial Church Council

**Mr Andy Moxon
Chairman (In interregnum)**

Date: 17 May 2026

ST MARY AND ALL SAINTS

THE PARISH CHURCH OF BINGHAM

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ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

12.00 – Sunday 17 May 2026

1. OPENING PRAYERS
2. Apologies for Absence

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2. The election of Church Wardens

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2. Revised Electoral Roll
3. Report in lieu of Rector's Report (attached)
4. Church Warden's Report
5. Treasurer's Report and adoption of the examined accounts for 2025 (attached)
6. Deanery Synod Report (attached)
7. OCH Report (attached)
8. The election of church members to the Parochial Church Council (one re-election sought)
9. The appointment of Sidesmen for the coming year
10. The appointment of an independent examiner
11. Other matters of parochial or general interest
12. CLOSING PRAYER

ST MARY AND ALL SAINTS, THE PARISH CHURCH OF BINGHAM

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS &
THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
HELD IN CHURCH ON SUNDAY 18TH MAY 2025**

PRESENT: Andy Moxon (Vice-Chair), 2 Churchwardens, 15 parishioners.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Anthony Watts, Graham Price, Chrissy Sanderson.

The meeting opened in prayer at 12.00.

The meeting opened in prayer and reading from Proverbs 24 by Andy Moxon at 12:00pm.

ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

1. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES HELD ON 28TH APRIL, 2024

The minutes had been previously circulated and were agreed to be a true record.

Proposed: Kate Gent. Seconded: Lesley Black. All in favour.

2. ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS

Wendy Forbes Buckingham will need to step down as Churchwarden due to her upcoming ordination. One nomination received:

John Woodman, nominated by Chris Page, seconded by John Miller.

In the absence of other nomination, it was proposed that **John Woodman be declared Churchwarden for the year 2025/2026. All in favour.**

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

1. MINUTES OF THE 2024 ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The minutes had been previously circulated and were agreed to be a true record.

Proposed: Wendy Forbes-Buckingham. Seconded: Kate Gent. All in favour.

2. REVISED ELECTORAL ROLL

The current electoral roll stands at a total of 66, a slight decrease from last year. However, the number of people regularly attending Sunday services has increased.

3. REPORT IN LIEU OF RECTOR'S REPORT (attached)

The report had been previously circulated and there were no questions raised. Wendy Forbes Buckingham expressed heartfelt thanks to the Rector Jon and his wife, Maria, for their 7.5 years of dedicated service, during which they laid strong foundation and provided a clear vision for the church's growth.

4. CHURCH WARDEN'S REPORT (attached)

The report had been previously circulated and there were no questions raised. John Woodman provided an update at the meeting on the pew project and the faculty application for the Spire Light project.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT AND ADOPTION OF THE EXAMINED ACCOUNTS FOR 2024 (attached)

The report and accounts had been previously circulated. Sue Price addressed the meeting, noting that the fundraising events including the fair, Christmas table top sale and coffee mornings had given £4,000. She expressed her gratitude to everybody involved. Special thanks to Linda Walden for her carrying along the Old Church House for years, with the kind assistance from Natalie Lister.

One quick question was raised regarding the meaning of 'restricted fund' in the financial statement. It was clarified that these funds were restricted purely for the specific course or purpose.

There were no further questions regarding the finance report. The accounts have been submitted and approved by independent examination.

The adoption of the examined accounts for 2024 was proposed by John Woodman and seconded by Alan Moxon. All in favour.

6. DEANERY SYNOD REPORT (attached)

The report had previously been circulated and there were no questions from the meeting.

7. OCH REPORT (attached)

The report had previously been circulated and there were no questions from the meeting.

Expression of thanks to Linda Walden again and the matters raised will be discussed at the next PCC meeting.

8. THE ELECTION OF CHURCH MEMBERS TO THE PCC (one re-election sought)

Mieneke Hedges and Alan Cooper stepped down from their positions, while Lesley Black was due for re-election.

Proposed: Kate Gent. Seconded: Gil Oxley. All in favour.

9. THE APPOINTMENT OF SIDESMEN FOR THE COMING YEAR.

Deferred to churchwardens.

10. THE APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

The Treasurer informed the meeting that Brian Hall had been appointed as the independent examiner of the accounts.

Proposed: Wendy Forbes-Buckingham. Seconded: John Woodman. All in favour.

11. OTHER MATTERS OF PAROCHIAL OR GENERAL INTEREST.

This related to safeguarding. Wendy Forbes-Buckingham has prepared the standard report to be attached and will continue to serve as the Safeguarding officer.

12. CLOSING PRAYER

The meeting closed with The Grace together at 12.30 pm

ST MARY AND ALL SAINTS, THE PARISH CHURCH OF BINGHAM

REPORT IN LIEU OF RECTOR'S REPORT FOR 2025

2025 has been a very exciting year in the life of St Mary & All Saints. We have seen a steady growth in numbers attending both of our regular services and have welcomed approximately 20 new people into our worshipping community.

We have seen the start of a monthly youth club, a weekly soup service and a monthly inter-generational service, all of which have been well received and supported.

2025 was our 800th Anniversary and we were delighted to have Bishop Paul with us at our Patronal Festival service to lead us in an anniversary procession with the children and to preach at the service.

We were able to connect with the local schools during 2025, holding a Christingle Assembly at Robert Miles Infant School; welcoming the children parents and staff of that school as we hosted their Christmas carol service in church; welcoming the children from Robert Miles Junior School to our Christmas Tree Festival; welcoming children from Carnarvon Primary School to join us in our 800th anniversary processions; delivering some teaching in Carnarvon Primary School.

Over the next year we plan to start running Alpha Courses and to continue to increase the number of young families coming to church. We are committed to playing our part in the Diocesan Vision of Living Faith.

As always, the PCC very much appreciates the continued support of all who serve and worship in St Mary and All Saints and within the wider community.

Revd Wendy Forbes-Buckingham
Assistant Curate

ST MARY AND ALL SAINTS, THE PARISH CHURCH OF BINGHAM
CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT FOR 2025
FABRIC, GOODS AND ORNAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Nave

The major project to remove pews and install tile flooring at west end was completed.

New moveable seating was purchased.

Toilets

The sump pump serving tower room toilets failed and was replaced.

Central Heating

Repairs were carried out to the boiler ignition system. The boiler is near the end of its life.

Tower Clock and Bells

The clock and associated mechanisms require significant work. Although regularly serviced, increasingly the clock has been stopping without obvious cause. Also, the chimes don't work properly.

A bell rope has been repaired.

Churchyard

A team of volunteers organised by Bingham Town Council carried out repairs to the churchyard wall. The work will be ongoing.

Also, memorial testing was carried out by the Council. Only 13 memorials are of concern.

John Woodman
Churchwarden

ST MARY AND ALL SAINTS, THE PARISH CHURCH OF BINGHAM

ANNUAL FINANCE REPORT – Year Ending 31 December 2025

Income:

Regular giving, collections and card payments increased during the year, for which we are thankful. Grateful thanks also for specific donations towards audio-visual improvements and repairs. The café/Sunday tea point provide a healthy income by donation. We have also received £1,500 during the year from the Chestnut Community Coffee morning, which is extremely kind, especially as it is supported mostly by those who do not attend St Marys.

Income from Buttercross, although slightly reduced, and Old Church House continue to support the overall church finances and the efforts of John Woodman and Linda Walden are much appreciated.

Expenditure:

The pews project, complete with the provision of chairs, was finished this year, with the total outlay in the region of £42,000, higher than originally anticipated.

Maintenance of the church and Old Church House continue to be problematic, with roof, heating and other issues raising their heads. Despite the huge heating bills, complaints about the cold church are on-going!

We were only able to pay 80% of the Parish Share this year, and it is going to present

another challenge in 2026, at a rate of over £5,000 per month, but we will endeavour to achieve the full payment.

Reserves:

We cashed in several very small investments this year, totalling £1,685 to help towards the pews project. The bellringers have asked the church to hold their funds as they raise money for replacement bells, and to that end £16,455 of the Reserves is restricted for this purpose only. Our available Reserve funds have diminished by another £10,000 over the year, leaving us quite vulnerable to any major repairs that crop up.

Susan Price
Treasurer

St Mary & All Saints Binham - Financial Statement for the Year ended 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	TOTAL 2025 £	TOTAL 2024 £
RECEIPTS				
Regular giving	31408.00	480.00	31888.00	29458.40
Collections/Envelopes/Card payments	8044.64	0.00	8044.64	5483.09
Other Giving (Note 1)	647.04	19955.00	20602.04	5671.31
Fund-raising : Café/Tea Point	3463.81	0.00	3463.81	2480.43
Fund-raising : Inc 800th & CT Festival	5277.30	0.00	5277.30	3831.30
VAT recovered	6917.76	0.00	6917.76	2379.07
Gift Aid/Small Donations Scheme	8078.09	486.25	8564.34	11862.32
Investment Income (Note 2)	1684.69	0.00	1684.69	15.67
Weddings & Funerals Total Inc	6108.00	0.00	6108.00	7954.10
Buttercross Advertising	23970.00	0.00	23970.00	24431.27
Old Church House Rentals	26599.19	0.00	26599.19	27555.20
Transfers from Reserves	10255.00	0.00	10255.00	24160.00
Other Receipts - inc. Sequestration	1005.56	0	1005.56	0
	133459.08	20921.25	154380.33	145282.16

EXPENDITURE				
Parish Share	-45879.00		-45879.00	-55152.00
Ministry expenses	-428.21		-428.21	-200.00
Services	-1967.48		-1967.48	-250.45
Weddings & Funerals (Costs & DBF)	-3895.00		-3895.00	-5443.48
Mission & Evangelism	-1142.74		-1142.74	-675.06
Church Running Costs	-8834.11		-8834.11	-9599.62
Church utilities	-6556.57		-6556.57	-6933.30
Church Fabric	-4816.56		-4816.56	-10826.67
Pews Project	-20989.22		-20989.22	-21601.52
Cost of Fund-raising	-1533.71		-1533.71	-23.35
Buttercross Printing	-22191.32		-22191.32	-21658.64
Old Church House Running Costs	-17815.27		-17815.27	-13693.56
Transfer to Reserves (Rest Donations)		-18205.00	-18205.00	
	-136049.19	-18205.00	-154254.19	-146057.65

CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE	
Balance at 1 January 2025	1861.71
Income	154380.33
Expenditure	-154254.19
Balance at 31 December 2025	1987.85

Reserves (Instant Access Account)

	Unrestricted General/Fabric	Restricted		TOTAL
		Bell Fund	Heating Fund	
01-Jan-25	32523.69			32523.69
Deposit		16445.00	1500.00	17945.00
Withdrawal	-10255.00			-10255.00
Interest	404.13			404.13
Gift Aid		10.00	250.00	260.00
31-Dec-25	22672.82	16455.00	1750.00	40877.82

TOTAL ASSETS	Unrestricted	Restricted
Current Account	1987.85	0.00
Reserves Account	22672.82	18205.00
CCLA Investment Account	16340.31	0.00

Note 1: Restricted donations for heating, books, speakers, chairs, TV screen.

Also the Bellingers' Bell Fund of £16445

Note 2: Seven very small investments cancelled and cashed in



Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees of

On accounts for the year ended Charity no (if any)

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed: Date:

Name:

Address:

ST MARY AND ALL SAINTS, THE PARISH CHURCH OF BINGHAM

EAST BINGHAM DEANERY SYNOD FOR 2025

East Bingham Deanery Synod meets three times a year. The Deanery representatives can bring to Synod subjects to discuss. I have been a Deanery Rep for several years alongside Pam Page, who relinquished her place and Vivien Dyer stepped up to be a second representative. Incumbents are also encouraged to attend the meetings and usually do. The Deanery has representatives on the Diocesan Synod so matters discussed can then be cascaded down to us. We also have reports on the matters discussed at General Synod reported back to us.

At the last few meetings we have broken into small groups to discuss subjects that have been discussed at Diocesan Synod. We also talk about Finance and the importance of paying Parish Shares each year so that ministry and mission can continue and grow.

Kate Gent

ST MARY AND ALL SAINTS, THE PARISH CHURCH OF BINGHAM

REPORT ON OLD CHURCH HOUSE

The tenants of OCH are getting into the habit of booking when they are in and when out. This makes it easier to accept casual bookings during the school holidays.

We have lost several groups due to semi-retirement, ill health, and a lack of volunteers. This has greatly reduced our income.

The light fitting in the passage by the store room is still not working. I understand that this is not straightforward. Peter has put a campsite light in the inner passage, which is helpful when unlocking the store room.

The decoration of the large hall, carried out by Megan, was completed last August. The kitchen was also painted thanks to members of the church, and chairs were re-covered. William painted the small hall, and new flooring was laid in the kitchen.

The roof has been greatly improved and no longer leaks.

The problem with drains has been sorted, but the men's and ladies' loos are still in need of upgrading, as is some of the flooring in the disabled loo and the corridor. The corridor also needs repainting.

The new idea of the spin mop was great and works very well.

The Henry Hoover sucks very well, but needs a new brush head.

Suggested work for this August, painting the corridor by William.

The Thursday playgroup / home schooling group is no longer using OCH.

The church café is now using OCH every Thursday at 10:00am to 12:00pm.

A great thank you to Natalie for liaising with the parties, and achieving action.

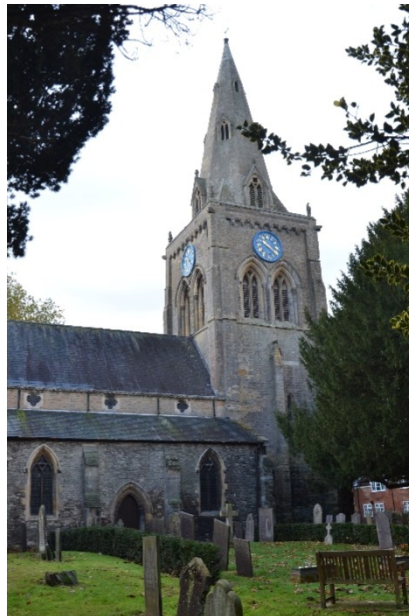
Linda Walden

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Incumbent: Revd Jon Wright (until 30.04.25)

Church Army: Capt. Alan Cooper CA MBE

Wardens: Mr John Woodman
Mrs Wendy Forbes-Buckingham

Hon PCC Secretary: Mrs Winnie Wong

Treasury Team: Mrs S Price, Mr John Woodman, Mrs Vivien Dyer

Representatives on the Diocesan Synod: Mrs Kate Gent, Mrs Vivien Dyer

Representatives on the Deanery Synod: Mrs Vivien Dyer

Elected Members: Mrs Lesley Black (until 2025)
Mrs Mienneke Hedges (until 2025)
Ms Natalie Lister
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**Mr Andy Moxon
Vice Chair (In Rector's absence on sick leave)**

Date: 18 May 2025

ST MARY AND ALL SAINTS

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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS & THE ANNUAL
PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

HELD IN CHURCH ON SUNDAY 28TH APRIL 2024

PRESENT: Revd Jon Wright (Chair), 2 Churchwardens, 21 parishioners.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Anne, Ben & Helen Barrow, Joy Holbrook, Don and Shelby Jordan.

The meeting opened in prayer at 12.05.

The Rector then introduced and welcomed our new Treasurer, Sue Price, to the meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

1. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES HELD ON 16TH APRIL, 2023

The minutes had been previously circulated and were agreed to be a true record. **Proposed: Maria Wright. Seconded: Kate Gent. All in favour.**

2. ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS

Two nominations received:

John Woodman, nominated by John Miller, seconded by Lesley Black.

Wendy Forbes-Buckingham, nominated by J. Litchfield, seconded by Mary Russell.

In the absence of any other nominations it was proposed that **John Woodman and Wendy Forbes-Buckingham be declared Churchwardens for the year 2024/2025. All in favour.**

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

1. MINUTES OF THE 2023 ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The minutes had been previously circulated and were agreed to be a true record. **Proposed: Maria Wright. Seconded: Kate Gent. All in favour.**

2. REVISED ELECTORAL ROLL

The current electoral roll stands at a total of 73.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT AND ADOPTION OF THE EXAMINED ACCOUNTS FOR 2023

The report and accounts had been previously circulated. The Treasurer addressed the meeting, pointing out that Old Church House keeps the church afloat and expressed thanks to Linda Walden for managing lettings, invoices etc. The treasurer also pointed out that the coming year looks challenging, due to increased fuel charges etc.

The accounts have been submitted and approved by independent examination.

There were no questions regarding the finance report.

The Rector expressed his thanks to Sue Price for taking over as Treasurer.

The adoption of the examined accounts for 2023 was proposed by Sue Price and seconded by Wendy Forbes-Buckingham. All in favour.

4. RECTOR'S REPORT (attached)

The report had been previously circulated and there were no questions raised. The Rector re-iterated his thanks to everyone who helps out in whatever capacity they serve, not least the churchwardens Wendy Forbes-Buckingham and John Woodman. He mentioned his sabbatical and the emerging teams that arose from his time away to think and pray about the future of the church. We have seen an increase in the number of children attending and he gave thanks for this encouragement and other continued growth within the church. Particular thanks, from the Rector, to our Licensed Lay Minister - Wendy Forbes-Buckingham – for ably leading the church during his sabbatical.

5. ANNUAL REPORT ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE PCC AND ACTIVITIES OF THE CHURCH AND OF OLD CHURCH HOUSE, AND OTHER RECEIVED REPORTS FOR 2023 (attached).

These reports had been previously circulated and there were no questions raised.

6. WARDEN'S REPORT AND REPORT ON THE FABRIC, GOODS AND ORNAMENTS OF THE CHURCH (attached)

The report had been previously circulated and there were no questions raised. John Woodman updated the meeting that a meeting with the architects has been arranged to discuss the ongoing "removal of the pews situation".

7. THE EAST BINGHAM DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

The report had previously been circulated and there were no questions from the meeting.

8. OTHER REPORTS

Old church house and flower group reports had been previously circulated. Thanks were expressed again to Linda Walden for all she does behind the scenes.

9. THE ELECTION OF CHURCH MEMBERS TO THE PCC

There were 4 nominations, to replace those standing down/retiring: -

Andrew Moxon – proposed by Lesley Black. Seconded by Linda Walden.

Chrissy Sanderson – proposed by Kate Gent. Seconded by Penny Greenwood.

Natalie Lister – proposed by Kate Gent. Seconded by Penny Greenwood and Jo Radford –proposed by Wonnie Wong. Seconded by Andrew Moxon. **All in favour.**

10. THE ELECTION OF 2 DEANERY SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES

There were 2 nominations.

Kate Gent – proposed by Penny Greenwood. Seconded by Roger Gittings

Viv Dyer – proposed by Kate Gent. Seconded by Roger Gittings. **All in favour.**

11. THE APPOINTMENT OF SIDESMEN FOR THE COMING YEAR.

Deferred to churchwardens.

12. THE APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

The Treasurer informed the meeting that Brian Hall (known to her) has agreed to be the independent examiner of our accounts.

13. OTHER MATTERS OF PAROCHIAL OR GENERAL INTEREST.

The Rector informed the meeting of an e-mail he had received from Mena Richardson asking if she could co-ordinate fund-raising activities for the church, with her friend Sandy (both from 10.30 congregation). **All were in favour.**

Marilyn Kirkbride requested that she be kept informed of planned events for the 800th anniversary celebrations so the cleaners can be organised.

Peter Kirkbride mentioned the song which has been written for the Anniversary, by Chrissy Sanderson in collaboration with a Dutch musician.

The Rector explained that a working group has been formed regarding the 800th Anniversary plans and ran through various ideas that have been put forward for consideration. Any other ideas are welcomed. The working group consists of the Rector, Wendy Forbes-Buckingham, Linda Walden and Lesley Black.

14. CLOSING PRAYER

The meeting closed in prayer at 12.30 pm

REPORT IN LIEU OF RECTOR'S REPORT

The PCC were very saddened by the news that our Rector, the Revd Jon Wright had to take the difficult decision to step down from Incumbency due to health reasons for which he successfully sought early retirement on health grounds. We said goodbye to Jon and his wife Maria by way of a farewell time of fellowship on 30 April 2025.

We have been extremely blessed by Jon's ministry here in Bingham and have seen many positive changes in the life of our church. Both congregations, the more traditional 9am and more contemporary 10.30am services, have grown. Although the number on the electoral roll is slightly lower than last reported, the actual consistent attendance is higher which is very encouraging.

There is continuous facility for childrens' work during the 10.30 service time slot and again more children are coming along and this ministry is, while continuing to develop, showing real growth with some children coming to faith and requesting to be baptised.

2025 sees the Church celebrating it's 800th anniversary for which logoed merchandise has been produced and various events will be held during the year.

The continued support of all who serve and worship in Bingham is both acknowledged and appreciated by the PCC.

Wendy Forbes-Buckingham

**ST MARY AND ALL SAINTS, THE PARISH CHURCH OF BINGHAM
CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024**

FABRIC, GOODS AND ORNAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Removal of Pews

After tenders were received Howlett & Sons were appointed to do the work:

Removal of pews and timber platform at west end of nave

Excavation of ground and removal of spoil

Laying of limecrete floor with foam glass insulation

Tiling to match existing tiling

Installation of two electric radiators

The original plan was for a stone finish, but the cost was prohibitive, so tiles were used instead. When the pews were originally installed the octagonal base of a column had been cut into. It was agreed to replace the cut stone with a new one.

Excavation revealed a number of findings that required the appointment of an archaeologist and caused considerable delay. As a result, the project extended into 2025 before completion.

Three burial vaults and a grave marker were the main finds. South of the central aisle the top of a burial vault was made visible. North of the central aisle two burial vaults could be seen, one partially covered and intersected by the aisle from main to north door and the second partially covered by north aisle. The grave marker was to the south of and partly hidden by central aisle.

Excerpts from archaeologist's report:

As the brick vaults extended below the formation depth of the building works full archaeological excavation was not undertaken. Therefore, as only the top of each vault was exposed it was not established whether they were single width burial shafts or the slightly larger and broadly contemporary family vaults (Litton, J., 1991 *The English Way of Death The Common Funeral Since 1450*, 221). Single width brick lined burial shafts were the most popular form of intramural burial from c. 1650-1850. On average twelve feet deep, they could accommodate six coffins, separated one from another by horizontal bars with the shaft often capped by an incised ledger stone. Vaults were popular due to demand from the middle classes as they were increasingly disdainful of the lower-class trend of erecting headstones within the churchyard and space within churches was limited due to oversubscription in previous centuries (Litten, 1991, 221-2).

Though the inscription of the grave marker is incomplete as it lay partially beneath the baulk the Nottingham Burial Index records that at Bingham Ann Markham was buried on the 7th October 1727 and Elizabeth Markham on the 29th August 1727 who was baptised on the 14th July 1727; undoubtedly the individuals commemorated on the grave marker. Therefore, the grave marker is broadly contemporary with the vaults with Elizabeth and Ann potentially buried within one or two of them. However, the original stratigraphic relationship between the grave marker and vaults has been lost as the former has been re-used as levelling for the current stone flag floor and it could be the case that it is an incised ledger stone for a different vault or shaft grave altogether.

Toilets

The sump pump serving tower room toilets became blocked and required servicing. The pump is in poor condition.

Roof

Gutters cleared and minor repairs to slates and lead flashing.

Tower Clock and Bells

The clock is serviced every year by Smith of Derby.

One of the bell ropes has been repaired.

Churchyard

The plane tree on southern boundary has damaged both wall and public path.

Trees and soil in south-east corner have caused eastern wall to lean.

Walls need repointing at other points on perimeter.

Since the churchyard is closed and in the care of local authority, Bingham Town Council has taken the lead on this matter, but we will apply on their behalf to DAC for necessary permissions.

Quinquennial Inspection

This took place on 1st May.

Quinquennial reports use a score system for urgency of repair grade, (A) urgent, (B) within 5 years, (C) as soon as possible and (D) desirable but no fixed timescale.

The only work that the report categorised as urgent, to guttering and fallen slates, had already been planned and when executed also covered several issues scored as grade B.

John Woodman, Wendy Forbes-Buckingham

ST MARY AND ALL SAINTS, THE PARISH CHURCH OF BINGHAM

Annual Finance Report & Accounts 2024

Income:

Despite best efforts, regular giving has only increased marginally during 2024. Service collections and donations have remained steady and we were very grateful for a donation specifically for the audio equipment upgrade and towards the kitchen refurbishment, and financial contributions towards the disposal of pews. The temporary closure of the Thursday café and the – hopefully – temporary removal of the cash donation box has led to reduced income in these areas.

Buttercross magazine continues to raise a small profit, but a decrease in adverts, together with an increase in printing costs, means a decision will be taken in 2025 as to its future. In the meantime, we have reduced circulation to ten issues a year. Income from Old Church House provides much needed assistance to church costs. Many thanks to Linda Walden for her continued support, but strenuous efforts must be made in the New Year to find a replacement for her and allow her a much-deserved retirement!

For the first time in a few years, a fund-raising drive has raised £3,831.30 from a Summer Fair, a Christmas table-top sale and healthy donations from the Saturday Chestnut community coffee mornings, for which all contributors are gratefully thanked.

Expenditure:

St Mary managed to pay 100% of its Parish Share this year, but increasing costs and decreasing Reserves mean that this is unlikely to be the case in 2025.

There has been major expenditure on the kitchen refurbishment, roof repairs and the cost of the quinquennial report – which has identified areas requiring repairs in future years.

The PCC gave the go-ahead for the removal of pews and the cost of work so far has totalled £21,601 with another estimated £14,000 to come. It is estimated that after completion of the work there will be approximately £18,000 left in Reserves, with the church running at a deficit of up to £1,000 a month if we are to meet our obligations. It is hoped that there will be an opportunity of raising funds during the 800 celebrations in 2025.

Sue Price
Treasurer

The East Bingham Standing Committee meets before each Deanery Synod to discuss the agenda and plans across the deanery. The standing committee elected at the start of the triennium remains in place

Standing Committee aims to meet regularly for prayer and reflection, and the Mustard Seed prayer group has been praying for the deanery throughout the year. Coordinated by Lesley, everyone is encouraged to join in these monthly prayer meetings, and to send in any prayer requests to the administrator Portia Newling to share with the group.

At Deanery Synod we have been working through the focal points of the Growing Disciples vision in discussion groups, as well as regular business.

We have circulated reports from Ian Boothroyd, a representative in General Synod, and he has regularly joined us to answer questions and give us a taste of the atmosphere at General Synod.

In addition to Deanery Synod business, we have also held a thank you meal for readers and retired clergy supporting ministry in the deanery. We held an open Chapter on the topic of Chaplaincy, with David McCoulough. Archbishop Stephen Cottrell spoke in the most recent of our series on Reflections on faith and Ministry, where we have also heard about the journey to faith of Bishop Paul and Dean Nicola. We also gathered for a roadshow 'Encouraging Generosity' which prepared us for the coming trajectories for parish share.

ST MARY AND ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, BINGHAM

REPORT ON OLD CHURCH HOUSE

The tenants of OCH are now getting into the habit of booking when they are in and when out. This makes it easier to accept casual bookings during the school holidays.

The light fitting in the passage by the store rooms, is still not working. I think this may be proving a difficult job.

It has been pointed out to me that there is a tree growing in the roof over the office.

Please see photo at the end.

The decoration provided by Megan in the large hall will be starting the week of 28th July.

The curtains from the large hall are not being reused, so a plan to launder and reuse to cover the green chairs is in place.

The ceiling in the ladies loo is going to be repaired by William , now that he is happy that the roof above is indeed on longer leaking.

I am hoping that he will also start decorating the small hall.

The store room has been cleared of a great deal of clutter belonging to the uniformed organisations and the Playgroups.

Thank you to Natalie for liaising and achieving action.

Please see second email for further photo



Linda Walden

St Mary & All Saints Bingham - Financial Statement for the Year ended 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
RECEIPTS				
Regular giving	28983.40	475.00	29458.40	29174.10
Collections/Envelopes	5483.09		5483.09	4254.48
Donations (Note 1)	4886.31	785.00	5671.31	8592.82
VAT recovered	2379.07		2379.07	0.00
Gift Aid recovered (Note 2)	11772.32	90.00	11862.32	5905.58
Café & Tea Point	2480.43		2480.43	3165.46
Grants	0.00		0.00	750.00
Investment Income	15.67		15.67	11.54
Transfers from Reserves	24160.00		24160.00	2648.70
Weddings & Funerals	7954.10		7954.10	7415.30
Buttercross	24431.27		24431.27	24840.56
Old Church House	27555.20		27555.20	29700.56
Fund-Raising	3831.3		3831.30	0
			145282.16	116459.10

EXPENDITURE				
Parish Share	-55152.00		-55152.00	51999.97
Ministry expenses	-200.00		-200.00	0.00
Services	-250.45		-250.45	797.13
Weddings & Funerals	-5443.48		-5443.48	5185.30
Church Running Costs (Note 3)	-24003.17		-24003.17	16213.53
Administration	-1534.08		-1534.08	964.96
Miscellaneous (Note 4)	-2497.40		-2497.40	1546.30
Café Expenses	-23.35		-23.35	245.45
Pews Project	-21601.52		-21601.52	3250.80
Lighting	0.00		0.00	288.00
Buttercross	-21658.64		-21658.64	21995.74
Old Church House	-13693.56		-13693.56	13364.43
			-146057.65	115851.61

CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE	
Balance at 1 January 2024	2637.20
Income	145282.16
Expenditure	<u>-146057.65</u>
Balance at 31 December 2024	<u>1861.71</u>

Reserves (Instant Access Account)

	01-Jan-24	55991.36
Deposit/Withdrawal		-24250.00
Interest		692.33
Gift Aid		90.00
	31-Dec-24	<u>32523.69</u>

TOTAL ASSETS	
Current Account	1861.71
Reserves Account	32523.69
CCLA Investment Account	15632.84

Church of England Investment Funds	201901 Bell Ringers (Miles)	201903 Churyd(Miles)	201905 Fabric (Richmond)	201906 General Purpose	TOTAL
	269.91	135.02	578.07	681.69	£ 1,664.69

Note 1: Includes £785 for Audio Upgrade

Note 2: Gift Aid includes Planned Giving & Small Donations Scheme

Note 3: Church Running Costs Breakdown

	2024	2023
Mission	675.06	2515.07
Insurance	4730.52	4579.48
Gas	5849.51	4131.51
Electricity	863.56	855.54
Water	220.23	188.44
Inc Kitchen £8376.14, Roof £1278	Fabric	Fabric
	10826.67	2041.81
	Other	Other
	<u>837.62</u>	<u>1901.68</u>
	<u>24003.17</u>	<u>16213.53</u>

Note 4: Includes Audio Upgrade and Quinquennial Inspection



Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees of St Mary & All Saints Bingham

On accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 **Charity no (if any)** 1131217

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed: B.V. Hall

Date: 21/1/25

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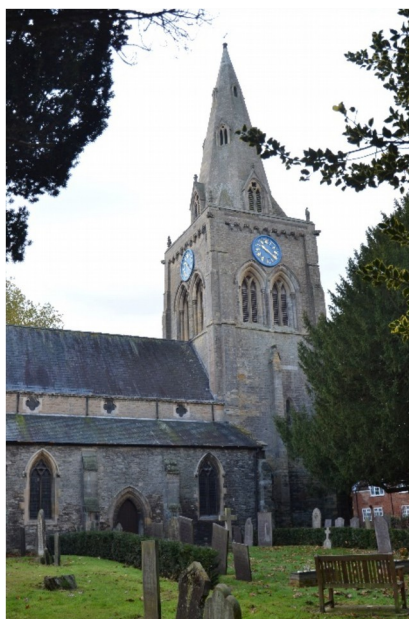
Accounts

St Mary and All Saints, The Parish Church of Bingham

Registered Charity Number – 1131217

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council

For the year ended 31 December 2023



PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY AND ALL SAINTS BINGHAM ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2023

BACKGROUND

St Mary and All Saints' PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the Rector to promote in the ecclesiastical parish of Bingham, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The aims are stated as: to worship God, to serve the community, to show God's love to everyone, to care for those in need and to introduce people, young and old, to our Lord Jesus Christ.

The PCC is also responsible for Old Church House.

MEMBERSHIP

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio, are elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), have been co-opted or have filled a vacancy during the year in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Incumbent:	Revd Jon Wright
Church Army:	Capt. Alan Cooper CA MBE
Wardens:	Mr John Woodman Mrs Wendy Forbes-Buckingham
Hon PCC Secretary:	Mrs Lesley Black
Treasury Team:	Mrs Susan Price, Mr John Woodman, Mrs Vivien Dyer
Representative on the Deanery Synod:	Mrs Kate Gent

Elected Members:

Mrs Vivien Dyer	until APCM 2024
Mrs Mieneke Hedges	until APCM 2025
Mr Peter Kirkbride	until APCM 2025
Mr John Miller	until APCM 2024
Mrs Linda Walden	until APCM 2025

COMMITTEES

The PCC operates with the help of two committees or groups which meet between full meetings of the PCC:

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has powers to transact the business of the PC between meetings subject to any direction given by the PCC.

Old Church House Management Group

This committee considers the financial situation and the maintenance of Old Church House.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

There are currently 73 people on the Electoral Roll

The average weekly adult attendance counted during October 2023 was 70 The number in attendance on Easter Day 2023 was 120; on Christmas Eve and Day the number was 145.

There was 1 baptism, 3 weddings and there were 15 Bingham parish funerals.

RECTOR'S REPORT

Dear Friends

After 15 years of ordained ministry, it was great to be able to take a 3-month sabbatical in the summer of 2023, not only for rest and spiritual refreshment, but also to think and pray about developing new initiatives within the church.

The outcome has been the formation of different teams leading in the areas of prayer and pastoral support, evangelism, worship and children's work. A new daytime home group is also being led by Andy and Jenny Moxon our pastoral and prayer coordinators.

I am extremely thankful to Chrissy Sanderson, Jenny and Andy Moxon, Lesley Black, Gill & Steve Oxley who are heading up these teams, as well as to everyone involved. I am also very grateful to Anthony Watts for his contribution to our 9am Communion services.

A small working party has also been set up to plan events for our upcoming 800th Anniversary next year.

November saw us hosting Rev. Bryony Wood who led an evangelistic outreach event based on the Sound of Music which was well attended.

Our Christmas Services were particularly well attended, especially the Carol service where our worship included the Vale Voice Choir, who have been invited again this year.

The project of removing pews from the back of church in order to make a more adaptable space for children's work, the outreach cafe, and other community events, has been more expensive than anticipated, and is therefore going back to the 'drawing board' to see if a more affordable alternative can be achieved.

The outreach cafe continues to be a popular meeting place for the wider community, and I'm extremely grateful to Maria and all the volunteers who serve week in week out to make the cafe such a success. It's also very encouraging to be able to make new friendships and support people who don't usually come to church.

We have also welcomed a number of new people to both our 9am and 10:30 services and seen a considerable number of children join us which is a great encouragement. This has led to 4 children making a public declaration of faith during our 10:30 service!

I would also like to thank everyone for their support over the last year, not least our Wardens John Woodman and Wendy Forbes Buckingham, and St Mary and All Saints PCC, and to everyone who serves behind the scenes.

Last but not least, I would like to say a very special thank you to Wendy in her role as licensed lay minister who ably led the church during my sabbatical.

As we look forward to the next year, please pray for our continued growth, as we build on being a family friendly church, that loves God, Shares Christ, and Serves One Another.

Every blessing,

Jon

REVIEW OF THE YEAR - 2023

The full PCC met 5 times with an average attendance of 87%.

The following matters were discussed and acted upon:

SAFEGUARDING

All PCC members have completed the safeguarding module, either on-line or face to face. The church is therefore compliant with Diocesan Safeguarding Policies and Procedures. No safeguarding issues were brought to the PCC throughout the year. Gill Coult (Safeguarding Officer) could not attend the PCC meeting in May as arranged, but had previously circulated amended and updated Safeguarding documents, which were formally adopted by the PCC. Wendy Forbes-Buckingham has undertaken a course on domestic abuse.

OUTREACH

The Christianity Explored Course, which ran during Lent, was well attended (14) and enjoyed by teenagers and older folks alike.

The Leading Evangelism Course concluded this year, and the PCC is looking at ways to keep evangelism at the forefront of church life as we go forward in mission.

Outreach events included a visit from the Bishop of Sherwood on Palm Sunday, which we saw as an opportunity to invite friends who had never met a bishop!

On Mothering Sunday in the churchyard and the market square we handed out flowers, with a laminated prayer card and a booklet entitled "Is Easter Unbelievable", which were well received.

The church hosted a successful outreach event entitled "The Sound of Musings" from the book written by Bryony Woods. Bryony spoke on her book on Saturday evening and preached at the next day Sunday service.

Children from a new school in Bingham were shown round the church and given a leaflet promoting services and the outreach café.

Outreach café – the café continues to be well attended by members of the wider Bingham community. We now have regulars and pray that, as relationships are forged, folks will feel confident to come to church on Sundays. So successful is the café, it has outgrown our old, dated kitchen and plans are in place for a refurbishment.

The added 7 steps to the Diocesan Vision Refresh Initiative (growing disciples – wider, younger, deeper) were outlined by the Rector to the PCC. The vision is to grow disciples who are compassionate, confident and courageous. The 7 steps are – inspiring worship, reaching younger people, growing leaders, enhancing diversity, encouraging generosity, nurturing prayer and enabling commitment. We will commit all of this to prayer and look forward to the way the Lord will lead us in the year ahead.

Youth Worker – discussions were had around the idea of applying for funding to employ a Youth Worker. There are various processes to go through with the diocese, so this is an ongoing project.

EVENTS AND SERVICES

The British Legion informed the Rector that their Remembrance Day Service was to be held in the Market Place, as it was in 2022, and not in church. Our usual Sunday service was held in church, including an act of Remembrance.

The usual Carol, Christingle, Crib, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services were held – the Carol Service being a particular success with the inclusion of the Vale Voice Choir. There was no midnight service on Christmas Eve due to the disruptions from revellers last year.

Lesley Black

OLD CHURCH HOUSE REPORT

Old Church House has continued to serve the community and is greatly needed in Bingham.

Interest groups:

U3A – gentle fitness, Art, Yoga, Private dance practice, Private martial arts, Historical dance – meet and pay full rent.

Dancing school meet Tues, Weds, Thurs & Saturdays; Uniformed groups (Scouts, Rainbows, Guides); Mother & Baby groups meet Thurs and Fridays – pay a concessional rate.

The concessional rate is St Mary & All Saints' opportunity to help the community.

The timetable of availability has been changed to clear Tuesday morning, Friday afternoon and Sunday morning/early afternoon. This time allows our caretaker William to clean and maintain the building. He is also gradually redecorating the interior.

We now have a regular date to clear for Election Voting, whenever the need arises. We can also re-arrange Sundays for Sunday School as we have in the past. During school holidays we are available for parties (pre-school and infant school age only).

Church members are welcome to hold events, wakes etc which have often been catered for by our congregation members.

Invoices amount to approximately £22,000+. Outgoings (gas, bins, insurance, electricity, water, supplies and caretaker wages) amount to approximately £13,000+. We therefore run at approximately £8,000 profit.

Old Church House is in need of urgent roof work, the electricians need attention, and the place is in need of upgrading. William can manage some of the work but outside tradespeople may be needed very soon.

Old Church House has jogged along for decades and is very valuable to the community. It has held many fabulous events in the past, both for the church and for Bingham people who are not members of the congregation.

We now have to think of its future and how we are going to manage and maintain it for us and for Bingham.

Linda Walden
Booking Clerk for OCH

FLOWER GROUP REPORT

The team has been small, consisting of three ladies. At Christmas three new ladies joined, which each one of us are guiding. We hope after Easter the new ladies will take a turn on the rota.

We have a notice and chart at the back of church to encourage new volunteers. Also to encourage special occasion displays and to encourage help with the cost.

To help the cost, with so few members we have bought as cheaply as possible and made the blooms last longer than we would have done in the past. We hope the displays have given a little to praise the beauty of the earth.

We look forward to a larger team in the future.

Linda Walden

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023 FABRIC, GOODS AND ORNAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Nave Platform

Restoration of the platform was completed, and new carpet laid.

Lighting

A fault in Chancel and Rector's Vestry was repaired by CLS the company that had installed LED lighting in 2022. Although the exact fault was not identified, a way was found to circumvent it and it was clear that it had not resulted from LED installation. The historic wiring in that area is not properly understood or mapped and may still be vulnerable.

Removal of Pews

Faculty has been granted to remove pews at west end of nave. The following works will be required after removal of the pews and timber platform.

The ground will be excavated, and spoil removed in order to lay a limecrete floor with foam glass insulation that will retain the breathable nature of the floor whilst providing additional insulation.

Existing adjacent flagstones, ledger stones and quarry tiles will be retained and complemented with a new stone finish to the proposed floor.

Additional heating will be provided via electric radiators connected to the existing heating and electrical systems.

2 tenders were received from the 4 firms invited to tender. However, the quotations far exceeded architect's estimate, so further tenders have been invited.

Tower Clock and Bells

The clock is serviced every year by Smith of Derby, but they came for a second visit when clock kept stopping and chimes became unsynchronised.

4 bell ropes have been repaired.

Kitchen

This has been refurbished with new units.

Churchyard

Lychgate ironwork was repainted in accordance with faculty previously granted.

Quinquennial Inspection

This is due and will take place early 2024.

Retirement of Alan Morris

Alan is in our prayers as he is seriously ill.

We thank him for a lifetime of support for our church. He was Tower Captain and bell ringer for many years and undertook countless practical works around church and churchyard.

We are greatly indebted to him and miss him sadly. We send him our best wishes.

John Woodman, Wendy Forbes-Buckingham

EAST BINGHAM DEANERY SYNOD ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Deanery Synod met three times in 2023, worshipping and praying together and sharing positive news from around the deanery. Area Dean Revd Canon Stephen Hippiisley-Cox kept us updated with what is happening in the diocese, and at Diocesan and General Synod.

This year saw the start of the new triennium, so standing committee was elected again. Lesley Haig was elected as Lay Chair with thanks for her work and agreement to stand again. We welcomed Kate Macfarlane (as Secretary) and Elaine Rawlins for the first time. Roger Scothern and Revds Paul Massey, Ruth Colby and Tim Chambers agreed to continue in post. We thank Revd Jon Wright and Tony Darby for their service, as they have now stood down and pray for God's continued blessing. The position of Treasurer remains vacant.

Standing Committee meets regularly for prayer and reflection, in addition to business meetings, and the Mustard Seed prayer group has been praying for the deanery throughout the year. Coordinated by Lesley, everyone is encouraged to join in these monthly prayer meetings, and to send in any prayer requests to the administrator Portia Newling to share with the group.

Archdeacon Phil Williams visited to explain the Parish Refresh process, which has led to 2024's Diocesan Vision Evenings. He updated us on the position across the diocese regarding recruitment.

Deanery share – our giving is generally consistent, with some congregations having been particularly generous in their support of the deanery. The new diocesan Head of Finance has worked with diocesan and deanery leadership teams to calculate the figures for 2024 and a major review is underway, which we hope will be ready for 2025.

We held three deanery events, all of which were valued by those who came – a prayer walk around Cotgrave county park; an Evening with Bishop Paul, where he shared reflections on his life and journey of faith; and visiting Southwell Minster for the Advent Procession.

Towards the end of the year, we welcomed the Revds David and Pixie Rowe to Wiverton. Plumtree and Tollerton continue in vacancy. We are very grateful for the support of our retired clergy who give so much in all our parishes

ANNUAL FINANCE REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2023

Planned giving has increased in 2023, as has the amount received in envelopes and collection plates. Donations are considerably down, but we are extremely grateful for personal donations towards new audio equipment and the kitchen refurbishment, as well as that from the Friends of St Mary & All Saints towards repairing and improving the platform at the front of the church.

This year the Parish Share demand was considerably higher than 2022, and as a result we have paid a total of £52,000 i.e. 82.3%, compared to 86.2% in 2022.

Income from Butter Cross magazine has remained at a similar level to the previous year, but the growth of Bingham housing and associated printing costs has resulted in a much reduced profit margin.

Income from Old Church House lettings was much higher in 2023, but this is as a result of most Autumn 2022 invoices not being paid until January 2023, therefore giving receipts for four terms instead of three. An overall profit over expenditure for 2023 was £16,000, which will not be the case in 2024. Additionally, it must be borne in mind that future repair/redecoration of OCH may be required.

The funds in Reserves have been called upon this year, beginning the year with £58,085 which includes a legacy for the Pews Project, £3,250 of which has been used in year for architect's plans for this project. The final balance of £55,991 at year end includes a ring-fenced donation of £3,000 towards the kitchen, and approximately £2,500 has been used in general church running costs.

Without the Reserves, together with the OCH profit, the church would have had a shortfall on expenditure over income of around £18,000, and therefore some budget planning is required to decide how best to proceed towards future years.

Having taken over as Treasurer during the autumn, my thanks go to outgoing Treasurer, Simon Kirsop and to John Woodman for their support. Also, to Viv Dyer for administering the planned giving and to Linda Walden for her demanding task of booking and invoicing for use of OCH.

Susan Price

Treasurer

St Mary & All Saints Bingham - Financial Statement for the Year ended 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
RECEIPTS				
Regular giving	28742.10	432.00	29174.10	25565.50
Collections/Envelopes	4254.48		4254.48	3020.61
Donations (Note 1)	3791.77	4801.05	8592.82	13524.06
VAT recovered				2932.05
Gift Aid recovered	5815.58	90.00	5905.58	6407.32
Café & Tea Point	3165.46		3165.46	2183.07
Grants	750.00		750.00	0.00
Investment Income	11.54		11.54	15.36
Transfers from Reserves	2648.70		2648.70	2648.07
Weddings & Funerals	7415.30		7415.30	6542.20
Buttercross	24840.56		24840.56	25066.21
Legacy				2000.00
Old Church House	29700.56		29700.56	19263.97
	111156.05	5323.05	116459.10	110668.42

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
EXPENDITURE				
Parish Share	51999.97		51999.97	50040.00
Ministry expenses				101.55
Services	797.13		797.13	543.50
Weddings & Funerals	5185.30		5185.30	3101.85
Church Running Costs (Note 2)	14757.91	1455.62	16213.53	11813.10
Administration	964.96		964.96	1218.35
Miscellaneous	1088.87	457.45	1546.30	2557.38
Café Expenses	345.45		345.45	
Peas Project	3250.80		3250.80	
Lighting	288.00		288.00	14857.00
Buttercross	21995.74		21995.74	18851.80
Old Church House	13364.43		13364.43	11814.29
	113938.56	1913.05	115851.61	114588.82

CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE	
Balance at 1 January 2023	2029.71
Income	116459.10
Expenditure	-115851.61
Balance at 31 December 2023	2637.20

Reserves (Instant Access Account)

	General	Fabric	Bells	Choir/Organ	TOTAL
01-Jan-23	26343.15	24862.43	4621.08	1258.97	£ 58,085.63
Deposit/Withdrawal	-987.18	-1273.52	-528.00	0.00	-£ 2,788.70
Interest	235.53	251.28	45.09	22.53	£ 554.43
Gift Aid		90.00			£ 90.00
31-Dec-23	25641.50	23980.19	4138.17	1281.50	£ 55,041.36

TOTAL ASSETS	
Current Account	2637.20
Reserves Account	55991.56
CCIA Investment Account	14844.90

	201901 Bell Ringers (Miles)	201903 Churchyard (Miles)	201905 Fabric (Richmond)	201906 General Purpose	CBF Flood 15800104F
Church of England Investment Fund (to follow)					

Note 1 : Includes donations specifically for kitchen refurbishment, audio equipment and platform repairs

Note 2: Church Running Costs Breakdown

	2023	2022
Mission	2515.07	2097.99
Insurance	4579.48	5337.15
Gas	4131.51	1851.05
Electricity	855.54	1426.69
Water	188.44	
Fabric	2041.81	140.21
Other	1901.68	960.01
	16213.53	11813.10



Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees of

On accounts for the year ended Charity no (if any)

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed: Date:

Name:

Address:

Accounts

St Mary and All Saints, The Parish Church of Bingham

Registered Charity Number – 1131217

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council

For the year ended 31 December 2022



PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY AND ALL SAINTS BINGHAM ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022

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During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Incumbent:	Revd Jon Wright
Church Army:	Capt. Alan Cooper CA MBE
Wardens:	Mr John Woodman Mrs Wendy Forbes-Buckingham
Hon PCC Secretary:	Mrs Lesley Black
Treasury Team:	Mr Simon Kirsop, Mr John Woodman, Mrs Vivien Dyer
Representative on the Deanery Synod:	Mrs Kate Gent

Elected Members:

Mrs Vivien Dyer	until APCM 2024
Mrs Mieneke Hedges	until APCM 2025
Mr Peter Kirkbride	until APCM 2025
Mr John Miller	until APCM 2024
Mrs Linda Walden	until APCM 2025

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CHURCH ATTENDANCE

There are currently 87 people on the Electoral Roll

The average weekly adult attendance counted during October 2022 was 57.

The number in attendance on Easter Day 2022 was 103; on Christmas Eve and Day the number was 195.

There were 4 baptisms, 5 weddings and there were 16 Bingham parish funerals.

RECTOR'S REPORT

Dear Friends

This year has been a real encouragement as we continued to see signs of growth and welcome new people to both our 9am and 10:30am services post pandemic.

The feedback has been: "that we are a friendly church that has a lovely atmosphere."

I'm extremely grateful to everyone for making St. Mary's such a welcoming place.

In March a small team from St. Mary's completed an 18-month course called: Leading Evangelism. This has helped us as a congregation to think more about sharing our faith and praying for our non-Christian friends and family, for example the Pray for 5 initiative, and recent Christianity Explored Course held during Lent.

I'm very grateful to the team who completed the course, and who are now looking at ways of keeping outreach and evangelism at the forefront of our ministry together. This is in line with the PCC's vision of doubling our congregation over the next 5 years.

Although this might sound like an ambitious target, if we all prayerfully introduced one person to Jesus we'd achieve our goal.

Following her licensing at Southwell Minster in October, Wendy Forbes Buckingham has continued to flourish in her role as Lay Minister and been a real blessing to the church both pastorally and through her preaching and leading ministry at services.

Please continue to pray for Wendy as she helps in this supporting role.

The project of removing pews from the back of church in order to make a more adaptable space for children's work, the outreach cafe, and other community events, has taken longer than anticipated.

However, a faculty has now been applied for and we are awaiting further news from DAC (Diocesan Advisory Committee).

The Nave Platform has also been extensively repaired due to damage caused by damp. I would like to say a big thank you to Peter Kirkbride, Peter Aldridge, and Steve Oxley for their help with this.

Following the Church of England's recent vote to bless same sex marriage, St. Mary and All Saints PCC has taken the difficult decision not to use such blessings in church.

As a result, we've had to make the even harder decision of withdrawing from joint services with Bingham Methodist Church, due to their policy of conducting same sex weddings.

We are deeply saddened by the withdrawal, but the PCC's conviction is that any change to the definition of marriage is a serious departure from scripture and the traditional teaching of the church.

To quote a PCC member:

"I hope we can still be friends, but we can't be seen to be in agreement with the Methodist Church on this issue."

We know this may cause hurt and disappointment to the wider church, so, if you would like to chat further, please don't hesitate to speak to me or a member of the PCC.

Our Outreach Cafe continues to be a popular meeting place for the wider community, and we have seen considerable growth since it first started.

During the cost-of-living crisis it's also been a place of welcome and hospitality for many, and we've seen several people attend our Sunday services as a result.

On a sadder note, several members of the church family have died over the last 12 months, who over the years have been a real blessing, and will be sadly missed. Please continue to pray for their families.

I would also like to thank everyone for their support over the last year, not least our Wardens John Woodman and Wendy Forbes Buckingham, and St. Mary and All Saints PCC.

As we look forward to the next year, please pray for our continued growth, as we build on the foundations of being a family friendly church, that loves God, Shares Christ, and Serves One Another.

Every blessing,

Jon

REVIEW OF THE YEAR - 2022

The full PCC met 6 times with an average attendance of 83%.

The following matters were discussed and acted upon:

SAFEGUARDING

In January, the PCC welcomed Gill Coult (safeguarding officer) who gave an update of new requirements regarding the Diocesan Safeguarding Dashboard. It was decided that all safeguarding information should be available through our website and that copies of advice and information should be kept in the Rector's vestry. The role of social media was discussed, and the Rector confirmed that only he and one other has access to both the website and Facebook page. Pocket handbooks were to be made available to all, giving advice on what to do, in terms of listening and acting upon disclosures. All PCC members are to complete the safeguarding module, either on-line or face to face. The church is therefore compliant with Diocesan Safeguarding Policies and Procedures.

OUTREACH

The Diocesan initiative inviting churches to reflect on learning/progress regarding growing disciples - Vision Refresh - was introduced by the Rector. A working party was set up to reflect on our progress to date and to complete an on-line form, considering opportunities/needs and sharing our vision in this area. The Rector shared his vision to double the size of the congregation in the next 5 years.

Regular updates from the Leading Evangelism Course, attended by the Rector and 3 others, were given throughout the year. The course has been a great encouragement to us, putting evangelism firmly in our church culture and outreach officially on the agenda of the PCC.

The Thursday café continues to grow in numbers and is known for its hospitality and popularity within the wider community in Bingham. Many regulars come every week and relationships are being built as we continue to serve the Lord in this area.

Bible study groups have been very well attended with up to 12 attending regularly. Members report our church family has grown spiritually because of the teaching received and the discussions had around the subjects studied. One member became a Christian during a meeting.

EVENTS AND SERVICES

The Platinum Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II was celebrated with a children's Art Competition with a display of entries in church. The church was decorated by the flower group and teas and coffees were served.

Events, times and venues from Churches Together Meetings were brought to us, including Beetle Drive, Big Sing, Quiz and various joint services.

The British Legion decided against having The Remembrance Day Service in St Mary and All Saints and held a meeting in the Market Square instead.

On the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II, a book of condolence was displayed in church which was signed by many members of the public. This will be archived in the church safe. A reflective service was held on Sept 18th in the evening.

Lesley Black

OLD CHURCH HOUSE REPORT

The groups have returned after the lock down.

Hand sanitisation and covid notices remain for groups to use as they wish and if they feel necessary.

The concessionary groups remain as:

2 Rainbows groups: Guides and Scouts

2 playgroups: Friday and Thursday groups.

Full paying groups are:

U3A gentle fitness

Yoga

Adult historical dance Art

Private ballroom

Private karate

Special booking:

Bingham Dance School who are booked in 4 days of the week.

Free group:

Sunday school 1st monthly

Casual extra charge:

Parties for pre-school and infant age children remain popular and happen on Sundays.

In May we are booked out for voting.

We are missing out on new bookings because we don't have Wi-Fi.

New caretaker and cleaner are proving to be very caring and helpful:

William Plumb and Beryl Price

The halls are currently being repainted by William. This will freshen the halls, but OCH remains in need of updating and under threat of more substantial repairs in the near future.

It would help the congestion outside if the kerb was dropped and parking marked at the front of the building. This in turn would stop the street parking, which causes problems.

Linda Walden

Booking Clerk for OCH

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022 FABRIC, GOODS AND ORNAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Lighting

In recent years the halogen lighting has been increasingly difficult to maintain. Bulbs were failing more frequently, commercial supplies were being phased out and access to fittings, via long ladder, difficult and dangerous. Consequently, the decision was made to replace halogen by LED.

The newly installed LED lighting is of long life and does not require bulbs to be regularly replaced. It is also much more energy efficient.

Nave Platform

During 2022 a section of the nave platform was found to be rotten owing to damp and about to collapse. Remedial work was carried out Peter Kirkbride, Steve Oxley and Peter Aldridge. We are very grateful to them.

2023 update: LA Building have replaced a large section and installed a membrane to stop the damp. Grills are to be installed to aid ventilation and new carpet laid.

Rector's Vestry

A contractor will be sought to remedy water leaks.

Rector's Vestry External Door: Peter Kirkbride and Peter Aldridge refitted door frame.

Churchyard

Planned work on Lychgate ironwork: MS Higginbotham's quotation has been approved by Friends of Bingham Parish Church. The work will be carried out when weather is suitable.

John Woodman, Wendy Forbes-Buckingham

EAST BINGHAM DEANERY SYNOD ANNUAL REPORT 2022

East Bingham Deanery Synod met on February 17th (via zoom), June 23rd and October 20th (via zoom). Although again we met by zoom more than in person, we began to enter a renewal phase as we considered how we emerge from the period of the pandemic. The process of Parish Refresh was launched and, emphasising the importance of prayer, Stephen introduced a regular monthly evening prayer service via zoom. We were then well represented at the regular monthly Diocesan Day of Prayer events established in the autumn to pray for the Parish Refresh process. Revd Rachel Mitchel retired from the Wiverton group on ill health grounds.

We wish Rachel and her husband Sid many years of healthy retirement.

Sadly Colin Slater, who had regularly reported to us in the past on General Synod business, has passed away and will be greatly missed.

Stephen encouraged us to read the standardised reports now circulated by Jubilee House, and to follow General Synod business directly via this General Synod link or Twitter and YouTube. The deanery visited Southwell Minster and shared in a wonderful sung evensong celebrating the festival of Christ the King.

Learning Hub: Jubilee House regularly advertises courses that can be found here 'The Learning Hub' – our own local ones as well as those run by Jubilee House and others. We

were encouraged to explore some of the courses available. Across the deanery we have held a 'Pastoral Principles' course, 'God Story' as well as Alpha.

The Mustard Seed prayer group has been meeting faithfully throughout the year, in winter choosing churches which are already in use during the week so as not to increase heating costs. Coordinated by Lesley, everyone is encouraged to join in these monthly prayer meetings, and to send in any prayer requests to the administrator to share with the group.

The Standing Committee can co-opt members and is looking for representatives from the benefices Wiverton, Tollerton and Keyworth in order that every benefice is represented. We were pleased to appoint Lesley Haig as our Lay Chair, and she and she looks forward to getting to developing her role in the coming year. Unfortunately, Anne Henderson stepped down after having been Deanery Treasurer since 2019, We thank her for her work over those years.

Deanery Share: The Deanery paid E540011 (82.7%) of its overall share apportionment (E652606) in 2022, with 10 parishes (of 28) paying their share in full. This is close to the 83% paid across the whole Diocese, and a smaller percentage than we achieved last year. Stephen stepped in to lead the deanery share arrangements, which were as a result a little later being distributed than is usual. Stephen reminded us there is always enough money for the things God wants us to do, but that we need to discern what that is!

ST MARY AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH, BINGHAM
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2022

This is the first full year's activities since the end of the pandemic, and this is represented in the accounts by the increase in the income from activities such as the café and the letting of Old Church House.

Whilst the tax efficient planned giving, that is giving upon which can claim tax back, has remained largely the same other planned giving has dropped. We are of course very grateful to all for their gifts.

On the subject of gifts, the great increase shown this year for donations is down to the generosity of The Friends of Bingham Parish Church who kindly paid for the new lighting.

Turning to the expenditure the majority of this has been on the Parish Share which is the amount given to the Diocese towards the cost of the clergy and running of the Diocese.

With regards to the deposit accounts the majority of the general fund will be spent this year on the reordering of the back the church to accommodate the very successful Thursday morning café and similar activities.

The accounts have been independently examined and passed as accurate by David Goulsbra, former employee of HM Revenue & Customs and Grant Thornton accountants.

Simon Kirsop

	2022		2021		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted	
RECEIPTS					
Tax efficient planned giving	24,287.72	490	24,147	530	
Other planned giving	471.78	116	2,326	295	
Collections	3920.61		1,195.00		
Donations	13524.06		1,410		
VAT Recovered	2932.05		0		
Gift Aid recovered	6344.82	62.5	6,970	132	
Candlestand	0		6		
Café & Tea Point	2183.07		625		
Grants	0		1,722		
Investment Income	15.36		15		
Transfers from Reserves	2,848.07		8,158		
Weddings & Funerals	6,542.20		4,609		
Buttercross	25066.21		26,926		
Legacy	2000		0		
Old Church House	19,263.97		6,299		
Totals	109,399.92	668.5	84,408	957	
Total Restricted and Unrestricted	110,068.42				
EXPENDITURE					
Parish Share	-50,040		-45,360		
Ministry Expenses	-101.55		0		
Services	-343.5		18		
Choir & Organ	0		-300		
Weddings & Funerals	-3191.85		-2,120		
Church Running Costs	-11,813.10		-15,447		
		Mission	-2097.99	Mission	-1,023
		Insurance	-5337.15	Insurance	-4248
		Gas	-1851.05	Gas	-3,282
		Electricity	-1426.69	Electricity	-192
		Fabric	-140.21	Fabric	-2,644
		Other	-960.01	Other	-4,036
Administration	-1218.35		-729		
Miscellaneous	-2357.38		-3,975		
Lighting	-14,857		0		
Buttercross	-18851.8		-20,024		
Old Church House	-11814.29		-11769		
Total	-114,588.87		-91,791		
Balance					
Balance at 1/1/22	6550.16				
Income	110,068.42				
Expenditure	-114,588.87				
Balance at 31/12/22	2,029.71				
Reserves (Instant Access Account)					
	General	Fabric	Bells	Choir & Organ	
01/01/2022	29,068.10	24,090.47	4,272.19	2,188.87	59,619.63
Deposit/Withdrawal	-2,848.07	606	330	60.57	
Interest	123.12	103.46	18.89	9.53	
Gift Aid		62.5			
31/12/2022	26,343.15	24,862.43	4,621.08	2,258.97	58,085.63
Assets					
Current Account	2,029.71				
Petty Cash	80.95				
Business Instant Access Account	58,085.63				
CCLA CBF Church of England Deposit	14,383.91				
Flower Group	202.31				
Bingham Fabric (Richmond)	516.54				
Bingham Churchyard (Miles)	67.95				
Bingham General Purposes (Miles)	342.94				
Bingham Bell Ringers (Miles)	135.73				



**Independent examiner's report on the
accounts**



Report to the trustees

Charity Name
The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary & All Saints Bingham

On accounts for the year ended

31/12/2022	Charity no (if any)	1131217
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(Optional: include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

11/04/2022

Name:

David Murray Goulstra

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

BscEcon
RICS Associate Member (retd)

Address:

Chaff House, Burtons Lane,
Side Street,
Allington, Lincs, NG32 2DZ

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

[Empty box for disclosure details]

Accounts

St Mary and All Saints, The Parish Church of Bingham

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For the year ended 31 December 2021



PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY AND ALL SAINTS BINGHAM ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2021

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Representative on the Deanery Synod:	Mrs Kate Gent

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Mr Peter Kirkbride	until APCM 2022
Mr John Miller	until APCM 2024
Mrs Ruth Ross	until APCM 2022
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CHURCH ATTENDANCE

There are currently 95 people on the Electoral Roll

The average weekly adult attendance counted during October 2021 was 43. The number in attendance on Easter Day 2021 was 25; on Christmas Eve and Day the number was 107.

There were 0 baptisms, 3 weddings and there were 14 Bingham parish funerals.

COVENANT FOR UNITY

St Mary and All Saints' Church is in a Covenant for Unity with other churches in Bingham, namely the Methodist Church and the Bingham Congregation of St Anne's Roman Catholic Church in Radcliffe-on-Trent.

RECTOR'S REPORT

Dear Friends

Despite another challenging year due to the ongoing pandemic and its effects, we have been encouraged at St. Mary's as we've welcomed new people to our services, had families attend for baptism, and started a new outreach coffee morning that has been well received by the community.

Our midweek Bible Study has also been well attended, along with our Monday morning prayer meeting, which has been at the centre of everything we do as we seek God's wisdom and blessing moving forward.

A small team is also involved with a Diocesan course called Leading Evangelism as look we look at new ways of sharing the good news of Jesus and make outreach a part of our DNA.

It has also been encouraging to support Wendy Forbes Buckingham through Lay ministry training, and we look forward to her licensing later in the year.

Another development has been the receipt of a generous legacy last year and following discussions the PCC voted in favour of reordering the back of church by removing the pews in the West end.

This is a very exciting project that would provide a more adaptable space for children's work, the outreach cafe, and other community events.

The proposed changes are currently being submitted to Diocesan Advisory

Committee, (DAC), and our Architect. (* Please see section 2 from our Statement of Need below).

As a church there are still challenges ahead, not least in the area of finance, again due to the pandemic and the rising cost of living; but we trust God to supply for all our needs as we respond to his generosity, and plan for growth according to our mission statement: Loving God, Sharing Christ, Serving One Another.

If you would like to know more about how you can support the ministry and day to day running costs of the church then please speak to our treasurer Simon Kirsop:

binghampcctreasurer@btinternet.com

As we look forward to the coming year please pray that we would continue to be the light of Christ in Bingham.

Every blessing,

Jon

*** Section 2. What do you need?**

The need for a community/meeting area within the church has been identified: the Cafe, groups and after service refreshments have highlighted this. We need an adaptable area that is able to be quickly converted into a space for the cafe, or a meeting, or a children's group and back again into seating area for services. An adaptable area for people with mobility issues and young mum's with pushchairs to be more comfortable during services, at the current time we have little space for wheelchairs or push chairs without blocking the aisles. Bingham has only a few meeting places and our community needs the church to work for them as a useful, comfortable venue that meets everyones needs. The area we are looking at is the West end of the church which is near the main doors, toilets and tea point, so would also allow good access to these facilities and is visible as you enter the church creating a welcoming vista.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR - 2021

The full PCC met 5 times with an average attendance of 77.2%.

There were fewer meetings than in previous years due to restrictions caused by the Covid 19 Pandemic. However, the following matters were discussed and acted upon:

SERVICE PATTERN AND CONGREGATION

August 2021 saw a return to in-person services and the new service pattern consisting of a 9.00am traditional communion service with organ and hymns followed by a more contemporary, family-friendly service at 10.30am. Both services are well attended and although some people have decided not to return to in-person services, many have, and there has been a steady return to near pre-pandemic numbers with a few new people and families joining us. We were delighted to welcome Bishop Andy Emerton, the new Bishop of Sherwood as well as the Rev James Halstead, Principal of the School of Discipleship in Southwell, to services.

There was a good response to the "Count Me In" forms by which people signed up to serve in whatever capacity they felt called (e.g. reading a lesson, leading intercessions, joining the PCC, serving coffee, flower arranging etc).

OUTREACH

Mothering Sunday 2021 fell at a time when in-person services were not allowed due to the Covid 19 Pandemic and so as a means of outreach, potted flowers with prayer cards were handed out to mums as they walked through the churchyard. This was very well received by members of the public. This will be repeated this year.

Similarly on Easter Saturday an Easter Egg Hunt was held in the churchyard where children were encouraged to look for clues that relayed the Easter story and they were rewarded with a chocolate egg and a sticker at the end of the Hunt. This was again well attended and received positive feedback. This will also be repeated this year.

September 2021 saw the opening of the new outreach Thursday morning café in church which has proved to be enormously successful and has been attended by many people, both from the congregation and from the wider community.

GROWING DISCIPLES

The weekly Monday morning prayer meeting has been re-established post-pandemic and more people are joining this group.

The weekly Bible Study evenings have also recommenced and are well attended.

The Rector along with three members of the congregation are attending a Leading Evangelism course which will run over the next year.

The congregation have been encouraged to keep a list of and pray for 5 non-Christians that they know, praying that these people would come to know Christ.

Wendy Forbes-Buckingham

OLD CHURCH HOUSE REPORT

Most groups have now returned as usual. One or two did not return. Sundays have become very popular for birthday parties These have been closely monitored. Only pre school age and infant school age party bookings are accepted. We have a new adult dancing group Sunday evening 7pm -9pm. We have a new cleaner who we know and is very welcome. She has worked for us before covering leave and will be a great team player. Next invoices will go out at the end of term. Easter. Most clients are paying by BACS I believe?? The building remains in need of care, and I consider it in poor comparison with other Church halls in the local area. The fact remains that Bingham as a town needs the Hall and would be very lost with out it. We have to remain aware, that if expensive repairs are needed we are going to struggle to serve the community with this hall in the way that we have.

Neil (caretaker) Sonia (Cleaner) Linda (contact: booking and billing)

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2021 FABRIC, GOODS AND ORNAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Electrical Installation

Inspection of our electrical circuitry showed that several components were not up to modern standards and had to be replaced. All necessary works, which included a new distribution board, were completed to obtain the required Electrical Installation Condition Report (EICR) certificate.

Rector's Vestry

Intended work to remedy water leaks delayed owing to illness of contractor.

Churchyard

Planned work on Lychgate ironwork: quotation from Steven Higgenbotham by Friends of Bingham Parish Church Friends of Bingham Parish Church approved a quotation from Steven Higgenbotham.

John Woodman, Wendy Forbes-Buckingham

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2021

As anticipated in last year's Annual Treasurer's Report it has been a difficult year. The effects of the pandemic continued into 2021 and remain with us even now.

Our financial health primarily depends on church attendance and associated giving. Planned giving has borne up comparatively well. In decades past when giving was largely via the collection plate the effect of services being cancelled by government decree would have been very severe. The concern, however, is that the effect has simply been delayed and that recovery may be slow. During the pandemic, some people moved away from churches that were very restricted to others that could stay open more, or they lost the habit of attending church. A long-term effect of this is, potentially, standing orders get reassigned or not renewed. It is noticeable that giving in 2021 at around £30,000 was between £5000 and £6000 less than in 2020. We are one of many churches to have been affected this way.

Regarding parish share, appearances suggest we did well. We paid 100%, but in monetary terms £2,000 less than in 2020. This was down to the good efforts of Chris Page as Treasurer obtaining a £10,000 grant from the Diocesan Parish Share Support Fund for 2021. In contrast there was no grant in 2020 and there is no grant for 2022.

We also gained £4,000 by changing from NatWest to TSB under an incentive scheme (re government rescue of NatWest in 2008) to move businesses away from the former.

We continued to benefit from the government furlough scheme to retain our employees until restrictions were lifted and OCH could operate fully.

Without use of our reserves the deficit on the current account would have been £18,500, compared to last year's deficit of £10,000 similarly calculated. Without the bonus £4000 from switching banks the deficit would have been £22,500. It does not bear thinking about if full payment of parish share had been obligatory, another £10,000.

More positively, Old Church House will make a profit this year unless another national crisis intervenes. OCH did not make a loss of over £5,000 compared to a profit of £5,000 in 2020 as the accounts apparently show. 2019 autumn term receipts arrived the following year and so inflated the 2020 account. Similarly, 2021 autumn term receipts were delayed to 2022. Furthermore, 2021 spring term was affected by lockdown, so the accounts reflect only one term's (summer) operations.

Also, OCH costs were in practice lower than shown in accounts owing to the Corona Job Retention Scheme. Funds received under CJRS are classified with Grants. OCH benefited by £2,275 in 2020 and by £1,150 last year. The second chart uses figures adjusted for CJRS.

There was a full quota of 11 Butter Cross issues in 2021, so ostensibly Butter Cross was unaffected by the pandemic last year. Advertising had been declining before 2020, but profit was less than hoped. Local businesses have suffered for two years, and this will have affected advertising.

The sum effect of reduced giving and commercial income has been a drain on reserves. Fortunately, we received two legacies in the year – one of which was for \$50,000 – totalling

£37,500. However, total assets only increased by £21,000 because of the deficit on income and expenditure.

On order to show general trends, key metrics such as total income and expenditure, parish share paid and planned giving are plotted in the first chart.

I would like to thank Chris Page for helping me take over financial affairs from July last year. Chris had been Treasurer since 2019 and had assisted Birgit Dean in the role before that. For years Chris has made substantial contributions to the life and financial governance of the church. So, on behalf of the church, I wish to express our many thanks to him.

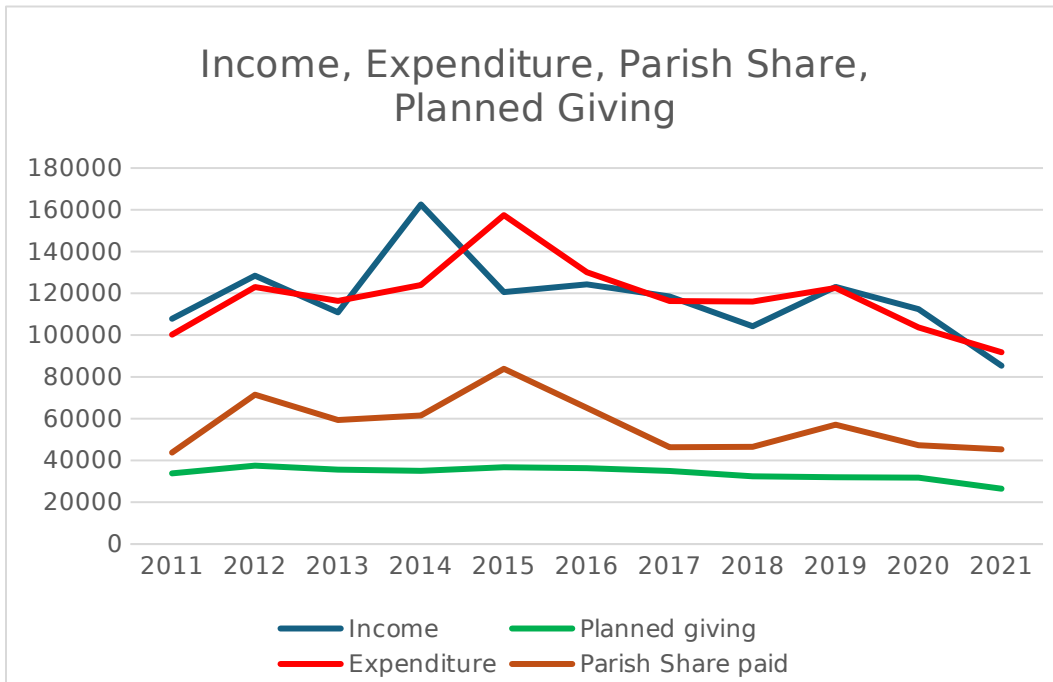
My tenure was a temporary arrangement until we could appoint a new Treasurer, which we did in November. Owing to bank formalities it was early this year before he could take effective control, which is why I am presenting this report. For the future, I am very pleased to welcome Simon Kirsop as our Treasurer.

I would like to thank Vivien Dyer for administering planned giving. Her work constitutes a good percentage of the total hours we collectively spend on finance. I would also like to thank Linda Walden. In addition to booking and invoicing OCH tenants, during the pandemic, she ensured that risk assessments were carried out and Covid-19 rules followed.

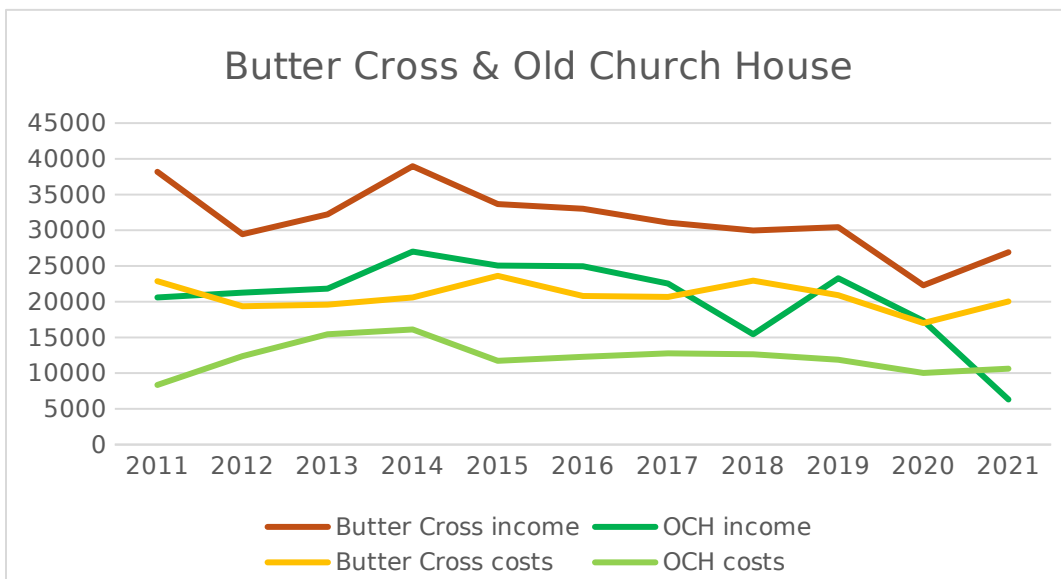
Finally, I express my appreciation to Neville Davis for independently examining our accounts.

John Woodman
Churchwarden

2/4/2022



Income and Expenditure figures include transfers to and from reserves.



ST MARY AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH, BINGHAM
Financial Statement Year Ended 31st December 2021

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS (nearest £)	2021 UNRESTRICTED	2021 RESTRICTED		2020 UNRESTRICTED	2020 RESTRICTED
Tax efficient planned giving	23,772	530		28,452	470
Other planned giving	2,700	295		3,350	420
Collections	1,195			802	
Donations	1,410			2,072	4,507
Gift Aid recovered	6,970	133		8,332	814
Candlestand	6			32	
Café & Tea Point	625			171	
Grants	1,722			2,905	
Investment Interest	15			14	
Transfer from Reserves	8,158			18,800	
Wedding and Funerals	4,609			1,678	
Buttercross	26,926			22,282	
Old Church House	6,299			17,330	
Total	84,407	958		106,220	6,220
TOTAL Restricted & Unrestricted	85,365			112,440	

EXPENDITURE (nearest £)	2021			2020		
		Breakdown			Breakdown	
Parish Share	-45,360			-47,276		
Ministry Expenses	0			-40		
Services: Wine, bread, candles	-18			-240		
Choir and organ	-300			-369		
Weddings and funerals	-2,120			-751		
Church Running Costs	-15,447	Mission	-1,023	-24,390	Mission	-2,136
		Insurance	-4,248		Insurance	-4,220
		Gas	-3,283		Gas & Electricity	-4,671
		Electricity	-193		Fabric	-758
		Fabric	-2,664		Sound & Screens	-9,676
		Other	-4,036		Other	-2,929
Administration	-729			-1,287		
Miscellaneous	3,975			0		
Buttercross	-20,024			-17,003		
Old Church House	-11,769			-12,302		
TOTAL	-91,791			-103,658		
NET BALANCE	-6,426			8,782		

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SPECIAL ITEMS			
Transfer from Reserves	8,158		18,800
Switcher cashback (nonrecurring item)	4,000		
NET balance without special items	-18,584		-10,018

CURRENT ACCOUNT & CASH	Cur Acc + Cash	Cur Acc	Cash
Balance 1/1/2021	13,033	12,861	172
Pending transactions 1/1/2021	24	24	
Net transactions: Income - Expenditure	-6,426	-6,335	-91
Pending transactions 31/12/2021	0	0	
Balance 31/12/2021	6,631	6,550	81

RESERVES & ASSETS

RESERVE ACCOUNT	General	Fabric*	Bells*	Chr/Org*	Mission*	Projects	Total	
Business Instance Access								
Balance 1/1/2021	240	24,004	4,263	2,184	1,670	-269	32,093	32,150
Pending transfers 1/1/2021	0	57	0	0	0	0	57	
Transfers from Current Acc	0	1,408	0	0	0	543	1,951	
Transfers to Current Acc	-8,010	-1,428	0	0	-650	-20	-10,109	-8,158
Direct Payments In	35,518	0	0	0	0	0	35,518	
Direct Payments Out	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Interest	43	50	9	5	3	0	110	
Transfers intra-account	1,278	0	0	0	-1,023	-255	0	
Pending transfers 31/12/2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Balance 31/12.2021	29,068	24,090	4,272	2,189	0	0	59,620	

* Restricted

SUMMARY	Cur Acc + Cash	Cur Acc	Cash	Reserve Acc	Total
Current, Cash & Reserve Accounts					
Balance 1/1/2021	13,033	12,861	172	32,093	45,126
Pending transactions 1/1/2021	24	24		57	81
Net transactions: Income - Expenditure	-6,426	-6,335	-91	27,470	21,044
Pending transactions 31/12/2021	0	0		0	0
Balance 31/12/2021	6,631	6,550	81	59,620	66,251

ASSETS	2021	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020	Change
Current Account inc Pending	6,550	6,550		12,885	-6,335
Petty Cash	81	81		172	-91
Reserve (Business Instant Access) Account*	59,620	29,068	30,552	32,093	27,527
CCLA CBF Church of England Deposit Fund	14,197	14,197		14,190	7
Flower Group	251	251		418	-167
201901 Miles Bell Ringers* CBF Fixed shares	124		124	133	-9
201901 Miles Bell Ringers* CBF Fixed inc dep acc	131		131	127	4
201903 Miles Churchyard* CBF Fixed shares	62		62	66	-4
201903 Miles Churchyard* CBF Fixed inc dep acc	66		66	64	2
201905 Richmond Fabric* Fixed Income shares	585		585	512	73
201906 Miles Gen Ch Purp CBF Fixed shares	313	313		335	-22
201906 Miles Gen Ch Purp CBF Fixed inc dep acc	331	331		322	9
TOTAL	82,310	50,791	31,519	61,317	20,993
Old Church House* (Historic value)	2,000		2,000	2,000	0
	84,310	50,791	33,519	63,317	20,993

The accounts for 2021 have been examined and found to be correct according to the documents presented.

Examiner: Neville Davis

Signature: 

Date: 5/4/22

Accounts

St Mary and All Saints, The Parish Church of Bingham

Registered Charity Number – 1131217

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council

For the year ended 31 December 2020



PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY AND ALL SAINTS BINGHAM ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2020

BACKGROUND

St Mary and All Saints' PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the Rector to promote in the ecclesiastical parish of Bingham, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The aims are stated as: to worship God, to serve the community, to show God's love to everyone, to care for those in need and to introduce people, young and old, to our Lord Jesus Christ.

The PCC is also responsible for Old Church House.

MEMBERSHIP

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio, are elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), have been co-opted or have filled a vacancy during the year in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Incumbent:	Revd Jon Wright
Church Army:	Capt. Alan Cooper CA MBE
Wardens:	Mr John Woodman Mrs Wendy Forbes-Buckingham
Hon PCC Secretary:	Mrs Wendy Forbes-Buckingham
Treasury Team:	Mr Chris Page, Mr John Woodman, Mrs Vivien Dyer
Representative on the Deanery Synod:	Mrs Pam Page

Elected Members:

Mr Philip Bacon
Mrs Vivien Dyer
Mr Peter Kirkbride
Mrs Linda Walden
Mr Anthony Watts

COMMITTEES

The PCC operates with the help of two committees or groups which meet between full meetings of the PCC:

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has powers to transact the business of the PC between meetings subject to any direction given by the PCC.

Old Church House Management Group

This committee considers the financial situation and the maintenance of Old Church House.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Following a revision of the Church electoral roll for the 2019 APCM there were 97 parishioners on the roll.

The average weekly adult attendance counted during October 2020 was 22 (Covid 19 restrictions in place). Due to the Covid 19 Pandemic and the national lockdown there was no “in-person” service on Easter Day 2020; on Christmas Day there were 25 attendees (Covid 19 restrictions in place).

There were 0 baptisms, 0 weddings and there were 17 Bingham parish funerals.

RECTOR'S REPORT

Dear Friends,

I know that for some of us the last year has been really hard as we've had to adapt quickly to the current situation and learn how to do church differently.

Initially not being able to meet together, getting used to online services, and having to face restrictions now that we can meet hasn't been easy.

In spite of this, a couple of new people found us online and have been able join us for services.

We've also seen good viewing figures for our online services and I would like to thank Steve and Gill Oxley for their help in leading the worship, and everyone who's been involved in helping our online presence run smoothly.

Despite the challenges of the last year, I believe that God is giving us a great opportunity to start afresh and do things differently as we move towards restrictions being lifted in the summer. Having spoken to the church wardens recently, I'm looking forward to discussing these plans with the PCC in more detail in the near future.

Due to your incredible generosity following a couple gift days held last August we've been able to purchase two screens for the church. As we look to the future this will give us a lot more flexibility and scope during services, especially when the children join us again for Family Worship.

We pray that God would use this new media for his glory.

The closure of Old Church House and suspension of Butter Cross deliveries also highlighted that we can't rely solely on their income to sustain the church and its mission. As a result,

we've been encouraged to think more about giving as part of our discipleship as these temporary suspensions have had a negative effect on church finances.

However, with God's help and your continued support this is something we can overcome together. And so, thank you if you have increased your giving, set up a standing order, or used our online collection plate. If not, could I encourage you to pray about how you might be able to support the church financially.

The current pandemic has also brought into focus the importance of growing the Church. As Bishop Paul said in his address at the Clergy Conference towards the end of last year: "At a time like this the temptation is to look inward, but instead our vision should be expanding."

He also mentioned that transformational change should be taking place within our churches as we apply Jesus' instruction to make new disciples in Matthew 28v28 our own.

This was also reiterated by the new Bishop of Sherwood Andy Emerton recently, who's passion is to encourage children and young families in their faith.

This obviously comes with the challenge of being more outward looking as we seek to share God's love for us in Christ.

One result of this is that on Mothering Sunday and Easter Saturday we were able to serve the community by giving away free plants and a prayer card to mums, and free Easter Eggs on an Easter trail in the church yard explaining the events of Holy Week and beyond.

Another positive outcome is that Wendy Forbes Buckingham has been a great gift to the church as she continues her lay ministry training and has assisted me in leading services.

We have also enjoyed online Bible Studies and the continuation of our Prayer Group despite restrictions.

We still face many challenges but with God's continued help we have a wonderful opportunity to deepen our fellowship, focus on mission, and develop our worship as we Love God, Share Christ, and Serve One Another.

And so, I close with some words from Acts:

"The church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied."

(Acts 9v31)

Every blessing,

Jon

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020 FABRIC, GOODS AND ORNAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Fabric Internal

Sound System issues reported last year, now resolved.

Fabric External

Lightning conductor inspection reported that it complies with standards.

Churchyard

Planned work on Lychgate ironwork delayed owing to pandemic.

Goods and Ornaments

Display screens installed to aid worship have met with general approval.

John Woodman, Wendy Forbes-Buckingham

EAST BINGHAM DEANERY SYNOD REPORTS OF MEETINGS HELD IN 2020

13th February

Guest Speaker

The speaker was the Venerable Phil Williams, Archdeacon of Nottingham, who had been working with many parishes and had engaged with many rural churches.

In response to his questions Synod members reported the following: people were being drawn into faith by new technology and modern approaches to services; by Alpha Courses and especially by personal invitation to courses or services.

There were challenges, especially for younger families who might feel it necessary to travel to inner city churches where they felt more comfortable in a more mixed age congregation. A parish might also feel disconnected from the Diocese because of lack of contact and knowledge of resources.

Generate These groups were organised to bring together young people from rural communities across the Deanery, but the distances and the lack of suitable public transport proved problematic and eventually the initiative ended.

The use of websites was suggested as a way forward, particularly for rural areas.

Finance The balance of the Deanery bank account at the 5th February was £3,851.14. In 2019, the deanery share apportionment was £565,913. Despite this being less than the previous year, only 87% was achieved. The 2020 deanery apportionment was £594,414.

There is a commitment to be open and transparent about needs across the Deanery in order to share better with one another.

Area Dean's Report

1. Tim Chambers, who was appointed to the Cranmer Group was licenced on the 23rd March;
2. 80 people from the Deanery attended the Advent Service at the Minster on 1st December last.

Standing Committee

This year the parish elects Deanery representatives for the next three years and Steve Gelsthorpe, the Lay Chair, emphasised the importance of the role and that there should be regular attendance at the meetings.

Deanery Events

Most events either did not take place or were carried out by Zoom, except some Mustard Seed meetings which were able to take place in gardens.

Sharing Good News

In Radcliffe, the regular Nativity Services had become family carol services with a nativity.

This eventually became two Christmas Eve services in 2019 which were very successful. Plumtree Light Party, the first was held in 2017 and by 2019 had become financially supported by the Deanery with more than 30 children plus babies with parents attending. Ed Hine, Colston Bassett, who previously explained how they had tripled their congregation in the previous year, maintained that the reason for attendance remaining static since was that services were advertised by a banner displayed outside the church.

Janet Baines, Stanton on the Wolds, explained how they held a Golfers Service, as there was a nearby club. This was extremely popular and those who did not come had asked about a future service.

The planned meetings in June and October 2020 were cancelled because of the pandemic.

12th November (via Zoom)

The Area Dean welcomed everyone to the very first Zoom Synod Meeting.

Matters Arising

It was noted that most of the plans for 2020 had been postponed. The visit to the Minster for Evensong during April had been replaced by a virtual visit hosted by Dean Nicola. Steve Gelsthorpe, Lay Chair, hoped the Deanery would be able to repeat the experience.

Area Dean's Report

The pandemic has brought many initiatives to a halt but has accelerated many others such as the use of computer technology for services and meetings etc.

Several spoke about their experience of lockdown. Jon Wright referred to the challenges of learning to adapt but the encouragement of reaching a wider audience. The financial challenge also encouraged the parish to re-think giving. Pastoral care was difficult but people kept in touch electronically. Katharine Bacon (Wiverton in the Vale) commented that

Rachel Mitchell, although only appointed a few months previously, had succeeded in having the PCC working together on line, had organised mainly lay-led regular Zoom prayer meetings, had recorded Sunday services followed by Zoom coffee and chat and had run zoom Alpha and prayer courses. The parish had enjoyed a brilliant Remembrance Day Service on You Tube. Paul Massey felt the strength of people coming together in the 'Cotgrave Community response', which brought together organisations in partnership to meet the needs of the community. When churches were closed a lot of businesses were open and agreed to host services including the pub and school. Mark Tanner (Radcliffe) referred to recorded and zoomed services, on line children's ministry and a foodbank collection. He also mentioned the gifting in lay people which contributed to the life of the church.

Deanery Share

By November 83% should have been contributed but only 65% had been received. East Bingham Deanery is the lowest contributor to the Nottingham Archdeaconry. Steve Gelsthorpe (Lay Chair) suggested that this be talked through at local level with PCCs.

Standing Committee Elections

The list of nominees was shared and voting was to be by e-mail. The result would be announced within two weeks.

Deanery Events

Lesley Haig reported regarding the Mustard Seed Prayer Group, which had been meeting either in gardens or via Zoom throughout the year. Lesley felt that a bond had been created with different churches across the Deanery and believed that there was plenty of room to create more groups.

The Diocesan Lay Conference was to take place on the 21st November by Zoom. The Lay Chair urged as many as possible to attend.

Pam Page

TREASURER'S REPORT

The year began reasonably well, and it looked as though we would be able to pay the parish share in full again and still break even. Then disaster struck. At the end of March, we suffered the first lockdown and this meant that Old Church House had to be closed with a corresponding high loss in income. Nearly half of the income received for Old Church House bookings during the year came in during January and related to usage of the building during the last term of 2019. The income from the first term was only slightly less than the previous year, but no income was received during the second term and although some income was received in the third term, mainly from the Bingham School of Dance which must be congratulated for the safe systems it introduced to keep going at a reduced capacity, the building had to be closed again towards the end of the year. The fact that any activities were possible after Easter was a result of the hard work of the Old Church House team in meeting the stringent safety requirements. Fortunately, we were able to retain the staff who look after the building thanks to the Government's Furlough Scheme which enabled them to work when necessary and continue to be paid otherwise. The actual income from Old Church House was more than £14,000 less than 2019. Butter Cross was also hit since it was not possible to publish the magazine for four months and this resulted in a loss in revenue of £8,000 compared with 2019.

Unfortunately, our finances are very dependent upon our commercial activities as we are currently unable to generate sufficient funds from giving, and, consequently, we were unable to meet our parish share in full, paying £11k less than our allocation.

Towards the end of the year, when it became obvious that the pandemic was going to continue to affect us seriously in 2021, I made an application to the Diocesan Parish Share Support Fund for 2021 and was successful in obtaining £10k towards our 2021 commitment. Unfortunately, the figures I produced to support this claim assumed some income from Old Church House in the Spring Term of 2021, which now appears to be very unlikely, and I also assumed a normal income from Butter Cross which is probably over optimistic considering it will almost certainly be impossible to publish eleven copies during the year. As a result. The expected shortfall in 2021 is now anticipated to be considerably more than £10k.

Obviously, it is not really sensible to compare figures with previous years. Our income from planned giving held up until the later part of the year when there was an understandable reduction. Our income from collections reduced by £4k and donations generally were down.

During the year, the sound system in church was replaced using the money that had been raised by the 2019 Christmas Tree Festival. The one big success story of the year was the purchase of screens and the accompanying software to enable services to be run efficiently without service books. An appeal was made to cover the cost of this and as a result of the generosity of church members and Bingham residents the full expenditure was covered.

We begin 2020 in a very weak position financially. We have virtually used up all our unrestricted reserves and we are unlikely to receive any income from Old Church House until December 2021. It is very likely that, despite the grant we received, we will be unable to pay our parish share in full again in 2021. Indeed, 2021 is going to be a very challenging year.

Finally, I should like to thank Vivien Dyer and John Woodman, for all their hard work in helping to run the church's finances and also thank Neville Davis for auditing our accounts once again.

Chris Page

ST MARY AND ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, BINGHAM
Financial Statement Year Ended 31st December 2020

CURRENT ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS (nearest £)	2020 UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	2020 RESTRICTED (nearest £)	2019 UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	2019 RESTRICTED (nearest £)
Tax efficient planned giving	28,452	470	27,891	892
Other planned giving	3,350	420	4,059	
Collections	802		4,822	
Donations	2072	4,507	4,853	767
Gift Aid recovered	8,332	814	7,514	208
Candlestand & bookshelf	32		216	
Tea Point	171		479	
Grants	2,905		403	
Investment Interest	14		14	
Transfer from Reserves	18,800		9,108	
Wedding and funerals	1,678		5,610	
Butter Cross	22,282		30,439	
Old Church House	17,330		23,286	
TOTAL	106,220	6,220	123,089	1,867

ST MARY AND ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, BINGHAM
Financial Statement Year Ended 31st December 2020

CURRENT ACCOUNT (continued)

EXPENDITURE	2020	2020 Breakdown	2019	2019 Breakdown
Parish Share	47,276		57,120	
Ministry Expenses	40		160	
Services: Wine, bread, candles	240		484	
Choir and organ	369		699	
Weddings and funerals	751		3,006	
Church Running Costs	24,390	Mission 2,136 Insurance 4,220 Gas & Electric 4,671 Building work 758 Sound & Screens 9,676 Other 2,929	20,958	Mission 2,361 Insurance 4,740 Gas & Electric 3,424 Building work 3,988 Other 6,445
Administration	1,287		1,609	
Miscellaneous	0		450	
Butter Cross	17,003		20,915	
Old Church House	12,302		11,858	
TOTAL	103,658		122,526	

TOTAL INCOME – TOTAL EXPENDITURE = £2,562

CURRENT ACCOUNT	2020	2019
Start Balance	£10,306.91	£9,743.47
End Balance	£12,868.50	£10,306.91

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RESERVE ACCOUNTS

RESERVE ACCOUNT	FABRIC FUND (£)	CHOIR & ORGAN (£)	BELL FUND (£)	MISSION FUND (£)	GENERAL FUND (£)
Balance at 1st Jan 2020	23,618.06	2,182.56	4,259.83	2,004.64	8,241.47
Funds Added	1,183.14	0	0	35.00	1.75
Funds Used	758.40	0	0	370.64	8,000
Interest Earned	18.50	1.69	3.37	1.30	6.56
Balance at Year End	24,061.30	2,184.25	4,263.20	1,670.30	249.78

RESERVE ACCOUNT	TTIC (£)	XMAS TREE FESTIVAL (£)	PROJECTS FUND	TOTAL (£)
Balance at 1st Jan 2020	89.91	4,350.51	0	44,746.98
Funds Added	0	520.92	494.42* 4,472.00	
Funds Used	30.00	4,440.36	5,235.60	
Interest Earned	0.05	3.39	0	
Transferred to Projects Fund 21/08/20	59.96	434.46		
Balance at Year End	0 A/C Closed 21/08/21	0 A/C Closed 21/08/21	269.18**	32,159.65

*Transferred from TTIC and CTF Funds.

**The balance should increase to £274.07 in February when Gift Aid is received.

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ASSETS SUMMARY

Monetary Assets (£)	2020	2019
Current Account	12,868.50	10,306.91
Petty Cash (CP)	92.81	19.16
Petty Cash (JW)	78.95	78.95
General Reserve	249.78	8,241.47
Reserve Fabric Fund	24,061.30	23,618.06
Reserve Bells Fund	4,263.20	4,259.83
Reserve Choir and Organ Fund	2,184.25	2,182.56
Reserve Mission Fund	1,670.30	2,004.64
Reserve TTIC Fund	0	89.91
Reserve Christmas Tree Fund	0	4,350.51
Reserve Projects Fund	-269.18	
CCLA Special Fund	14,189.78	
Bloom Group	417.71	437.71
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>60,057.12</u>	<u>69,719.51</u>
Bingham Fabric (Richmond)	512.18*	479.25
Bingham Churchyard (Miles)	63.76*	61.32
Bingham General Purposes (Miles)	321.73	309.43
Bingham Bell Ringers (Miles)	127.37	122.49
CBF Fixed 13800104F	335.49*	332.76
Old Church House (Historic value)	2,000.00	2,000.00

*Current Market Value

The accounts for 2020 have been examined and found to be correct according to the documents presented.

Signature

Neville Davis

Date: 8th March 2021