

# **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 2021**



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

### **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:

<b>Incumbent:</b>	Revd Jon Wright
<b>Church Army:</b>	Capt. Alan Cooper CA MBE
<b>Wardens:</b>	Mr John Woodman Mrs Wendy Forbes-Buckingham
<b>Hon PCC Secretary:</b> (Acting)	Mrs Wendy Forbes-Buckingham
<b>Treasury Team:</b>	Mr Simon Kirsop, Mr John Woodman, Mrs Vivien Dyer
<b>Representative on the Diocesan Synod:</b>	Mrs Kate Gent
<b>Representative on the Deanery Synod:</b>	Mrs Kate Gent

### **Elected Members:**

Mrs Vivien Dyer	until APCM 2024
Mr Peter Kirkbride	until APCM 2022
Mr John Miller	until APCM 2024
Mrs Ruth Ross	until APCM 2022
Mrs Linda Walden	until APCM 2022

## **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 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.

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### **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](mailto: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.

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## **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**

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## **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)**

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## **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

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## **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.

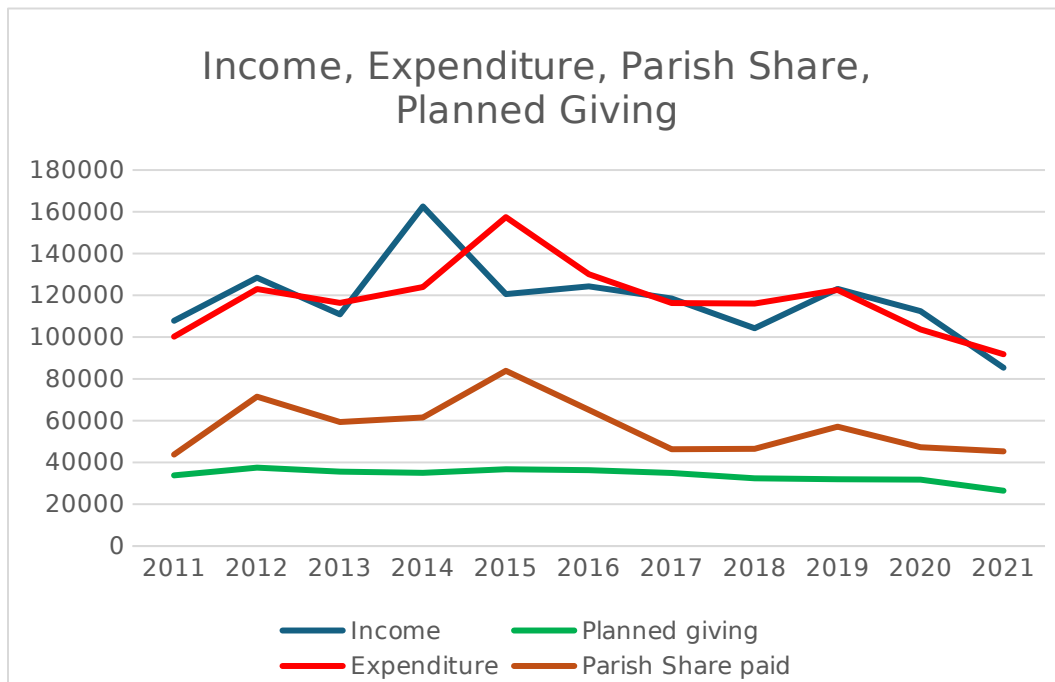
I would like to thank Vivien Dyer for administering planned giving. Her work constitutes a good percentage of the total hours we collectively spend on finance. I would also like to thank Linda Walden. In addition to booking and invoicing OCH tenants, during the pandemic, she ensured that risk assessments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

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

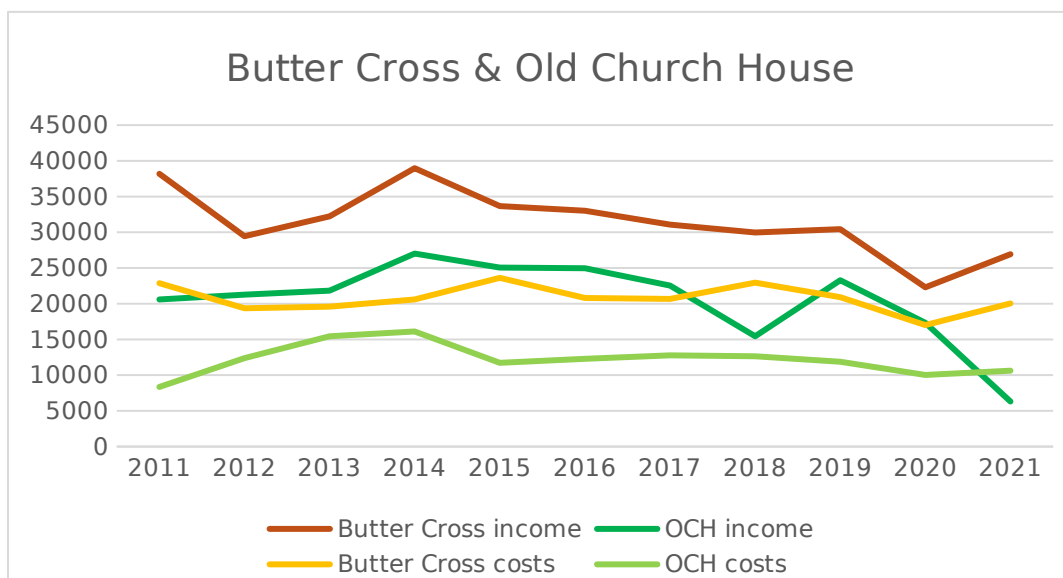
John Woodman  
Churchwarden

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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>84,407</b>	<b>958</b>		<b>106,220</b>	<b>6,220</b>
<b>TOTAL Restricted &amp; Unrestricted</b>	<b>85,365</b>			<b>112,440</b>	

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		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-91,791</b>			<b>-103,658</b>		
<b>NET BALANCE</b>	<b>-6,426</b>			<b>8,782</b>		

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

<b>CURRENT ACCOUNT &amp; CASH</b>	<b>Cur Acc + Cash</b>	<b>Cur Acc</b>	<b>Cash</b>
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	
<b>Balance 31/12/2021</b>	<b>6,631</b>	<b>6,550</b>	<b>81</b>

#### RESERVES & ASSETS

<b>RESERVE ACCOUNT</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>Fabric*</b>	<b>Bells*</b>	<b>Chr/Org*</b>	<b>Mission*</b>	<b>Projects</b>	<b>Total</b>	
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	
<b>Balance 31/12.2021</b>	<b>29,068</b>	<b>24,090</b>	<b>4,272</b>	<b>2,189</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>59,620</b>	

\* Restricted

<b>SUMMARY</b>	<b>Cur Acc + Cash</b>	<b>Cur Acc</b>	<b>Cash</b>	<b>Reserve Acc</b>	<b>Total</b>
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
<b>Balance 31/12/2021</b>	<b>6,631</b>	<b>6,550</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>59,620</b>	<b>66,251</b>

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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>82,310</b>	<b>50,791</b>	<b>31,519</b>	<b>61,317</b>	<b>20,993</b>
Old Church House* (Historic value)	2,000		2,000	2,000	0
	<b>84,310</b>	<b>50,791</b>	<b>33,519</b>	<b>63,317</b>	<b>20,993</b>

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

Examiner: Neville Davis

Signature:



Date:

