

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

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:	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

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 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					



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees

Form I-1000

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

Set out on pages

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(Delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.)

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 Goultsbra

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

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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.