

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD, EDWALTON

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Activities

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

Activities: Regular public worship open to all. The provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation. Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved. Teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses, small groups. Promoting the whole mission of the Church through provision of activities for parents toddlers and other special need groups. Promotion of Christianity. Supporting other charities.

Classification

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

Geography

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

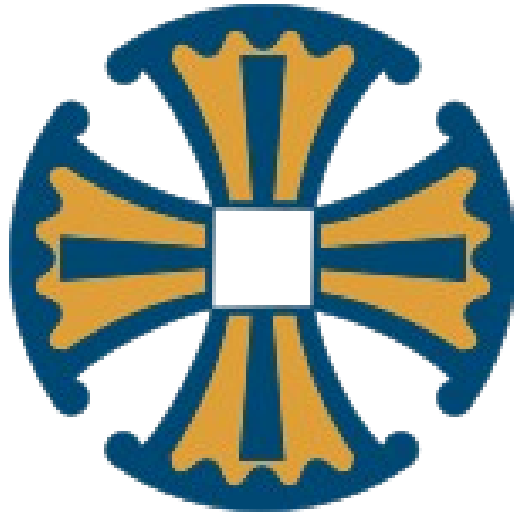
Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£86,053	£118,236	-	-
2023-12-31	£85,466	£100,822	-	-
2022-12-31	£93,743	£129,526	-	-
2021-12-31	£104,600	£107,669	-	-
2020-12-31	£58,033	£82,276	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ALAN DAVID BATTE		2022-04-21
ALAN WILLIAM TREASE		2022-04-21
DAVID WRAY POTTS		2025-05-25
ELAINE WILEY		2024-04-29
GRAHAM BECK		2022-04-21
HILARY FROST		2025-05-25
NIGEL FROST		2025-05-25
ROBERT ALLISTER CRADDOCK		2018-04-19
Rev ADRIAN DAVID PERHAM		2021-07-04
STEFAN BECK		2022-04-21
VIVIENNE JOYCE		2023-04-27

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2024 Annual Report

Parochial Church Council

Church of the Holy Rood
Edwalton

April 2025

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AIMS AND PURPOSES

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Priest in Charge (Revd Mark Fraser until Nov 2024; Revd Ade Perham since Nov 2024) in promoting, in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The church also has benefitted from a variety of clergy from across the Parishes.

The PCC is specifically responsible for the maintenance of the building of the Church of the Holy Rood, Village Street, Edwalton and the Church Hall, Village Green, Edwalton.

The Churchwardens – Graham Beck and Allister Craddock – are happy to report that the Church inventory and terrier are all in order.

Objectives

The aspiration of the Church of the Holy Rood is to increasingly be “A worshipping church, welcoming young and old into the Lord’s family, proclaiming the gospel and serving the community.”

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of Holy Rood’s church community.

OVERVIEW

Throughout 2024, we have continued pressing into and living out our church’s shared vision and values together, as we aspire to be:

“A worshipping Church, welcoming young and old into the Lord’s family, proclaiming the gospel and serving the community.”

As trustees of Holy Rood, the Parochial Church Council (PCC) met 7 times during 2024 and has (amongst other things) overseen the Church’s enabling of our vision and values to be more fully realised.

So, what have we done?

a) *A worshipping Church*

We are very grateful to the Ministry Team, who lead our services on Sundays and Wednesdays, along with occasional additional services throughout the year. Throughout the year, this team has included Rev. Mark Fraser, Rev. Ade Perham, Rev. Joyce Saywell (retired Church of Scotland clergy), Jacky Tivers (Licensed Lay Minister), Roger Johnson, Adrian Kemp and Beth Bevan.

In 2024, Holy Rood has offered three kinds of regular Sunday services:

- 10:15am Traditional service (weekly, average attendance of 40 adults and 3 children)
- 9am 'Breakfast Church' service (2nd and 4th Sundays per month, average attendance of 9 adults and 6 children)
- 4pm Evensong service (3rd Sunday per month, average attendance of 14 adults)

On the 3rd Sunday of each month, the 10am service is also a parade service for the church-affiliated BBGA group. Children's provision (called 'Explorers') is offered during this service.

It was heartening to see the church full at times this year (particularly around Easter and Christmas).

The Morning Prayer group has continued to meet on Wednesday mornings, attended by a faithful group of approximately 8 people. The Book Group (meeting bi-weekly on Thursday evenings) has also continued to meet in-person.

The prayer booklets in the Church Garden continue to be popular amongst parishioners (with a total of more than 80 copies being taken) and several services were held outside, including the Holy Saturday morning service and the Crib service. The positive atmosphere around them in their own unique ways was lovely to experience. We are grateful for the faithful team who lovingly maintain the Garden week in and week out throughout the year.

During Advent, we also organised/hosted community carol services at two locations in the parish (including in the Village) which engaged over 50 people in total.

A legacy from Covid is that we continue to offer Communion in two kinds at the 10:15am service. This is because the PCC recognise differing opinions amongst the congregation, with some members preferring

intinction (dipping a wafer into the chalice of wine), and others preferring 'Common Cup' (drinking wine from a chalice). This is a subject that the PCC is regularly reviewing.

b) Welcoming young and old into the Lord's family

2024 brought unexpected but exciting changes in staffing at church, most notably Adrian's resignation and Beth's subsequent hiring as Children & youth Ministry Pioneer in September 2024. Having worked at Holy Rood for three years, Adrian's departure was deeply felt by many and left with a warm goodbye as he moved into a new role in the South-West of the country.

Within a week of Adrian leaving, Beth started in her role. She has very quickly settled in and her faith, enthusiasm and prayerfulness is infectious. As you will see in Beth's report, there are lots of encouraging things that happened in the autumn (and are happening) that engage with younger people. Thank you so much to those of you who help in this vital ministry, giving wholeheartedly of your time, energy, imagination and warmth in sharing God's welcome and love to those you meet.

Speaking of staffing changes, another significant change was precipitated by the Diocese's decision to create and fund a (initially 3-year) full-time incumbency position at Holy Rood. For the last few years, Revd. Mark Fraser was the incumbent of two churches: Holy Rood and St Luke's (in the neighbouring parish). However, with the support of the Diocese, the PCC appointed Revd. Ade Perham to the role of full-time incumbent in the autumn, and he was installed as Priest-in-Charge in the late-November. We are sincerely grateful to Mark for his leadership over the last few years, and his support of the process that led to this full-time incumbency role being created.

Encouragingly, we are growing as a Church. In 2024, we have welcomed new families, couples and individuals across our three services. We are hugely grateful for the warm welcome you give to people walking through our doors for the first time, particularly the sidespeople on Sundays and leaders of other weekday activities and events.

c) Proclaiming the gospel

We hosted a Christingle service in early December (at the Church Hall) which attracted 40 people and included a short talk from Beth. About half of those who came do not currently attend a church regularly. At one-off

events, including the Easter Experience, Easter Trail and Christmas Tree Festival, lots of you facilitated ways for children and parents to engage with Bible stories and their real meaning.

It has also been really encouraging to hear stories from places such as the Tuesday toddler group, where people coming along have felt able to have deep and meaningful conversations with team members.

d) Serving the community

Speaking of Toddlers, the group is run by an active and committed team, who have done a fabulous job of providing a safe space for children and their 'grown-ups', whilst building relationships and being 'good news' to all who come. Whilst we're grateful to the whole team for their continued efforts, particular thanks must go to Sue Bailey for all her hard work in coordinating the team and being generally awesome.

Other regular activities that serve the community and provide vital places of welcome include Rood Gamers (bi-weekly on Tuesday afternoons) and Coffee Morning (weekly on Thursday mornings). Both are well attended, with more than 50 people (total, between them) regularly frequenting them.

The Harvest Celebration Weekend in September saw over 200 people attend. The event included some incredible contributions of flowers and scarecrows from local schools, care homes, other groups and individuals. Particular thanks goes to Julia Jefferson for her efforts in making it happen.

The annual Christmas Tree Festival proved a hit once again. It involved a record 47 trees (provided and decorated by local community organisations), hundreds of visitors and many cakes & cuppa's! Huge thanks to Helen Stephenson and Alex Whitaker, along with the many others who made this such a success. The funds raised for the Children's Bereavement Centre and the Nottinghamshire Hospice were a huge bonus.

Another way that we continued to serve the community throughout the year was by taking several funeral services for members of the church and community. The deaths of long standing members of the congregation are ones that particularly impacted the church.

The PCC, with the support of a few others, explored and actioned the extending of the footpaths in the churchyard, meaning that those with mobility issues can more easily access the churchyard and garden. Additionally, we are thankful to the small team of people who faithfully service and maintain the churchyard on Thursday mornings.

Two other groups of people have kindly been giving their time to reviewing our Churchyard policy and access to the bell-tower.

The PCC have also appointed a Team to figure out what to do with the existing Church Hall and future development/alternative ways to bless and serve the community with the legacy that was given a few years ago. The Community Audit (which was done in collaboration with Transforming Notts Together in 2023) will steer the needs and requirements of the Hall, so that it is a venue that meets the church's missional aims in the local community.

People

We are grateful to a wide range of people who have contributed to the life and flourishing of Holy Rood in 2024. However, every year has its ups and downs, and perhaps the greatest sadnesses were the loss of valuable members of our congregation. Their faithfulness as disciples and their lovingkindness were greatly valued by everyone at Holy Rood and they have, in their unique ways, left rich legacies in the lives of all who knew them.

Throughout 2024, the long-standing six teams that work under the auspices of the PCC, have contributed hugely to the life of the church. These teams include the Finance Team, Ministry Team, Fabric Team, Communications group, 'Breakfast Church' Service Core Team and Pastoral Care Team. As previously mentioned, in the autumn, a Church Hall Steering Group was also set up. These teams have particular remits, empowered by and accountable to the PCC, with each Team having ideally a minimum of two PCC members on them, so that there are clear lines of communication, support and accountability between the teams and the Church's trustees. These teams also ensure that no individual should have to be overly burdened with responsibilities, and makes it easier for newcomers to join these teams and 'learn the ropes' before committing to particular responsibilities.

Thank you to those involved in these teams, and of course the PCC, without which vital parts of the Church simply could not function.

Julie Beesley is our Parish Safeguarding Officer and Rev. Joyce Saywell is our Safeguarding Lead Recruiter. We had no safeguarding issues this year.

We are grateful to all of you who completed the updated GDPR contact details forms, as this has helped us to update our records and gives us a solid platform to continue our Pastoral Care from.

This was our fifth successive year without a full complement of PCC members. This situation cannot continue indefinitely, and we are in real need of church members being willing to stand and serve, to lead the church together into a future with hope and confidence. Whilst we face challenges, we also have many opportunities opening to us and we need to be willing to trust God, listen to his leading and risk some changes to live out our vision to be a “Worshipping Church, welcoming young and old into the Lord’s family, proclaiming the gospel and serving the community.”

PCC Meetings

The PCC has met seven times during 2024/25. The standing business of each PCC meeting has included:

Opening worship, Apologies, Minutes of the previous meeting
Priest’s Report, Health & Safety Report, Safeguarding Report
Treasurer’s Report, Fabric Report, Communications Report
Closing prayers

After each meeting a leaflet summarising our discussions has been made available in the Church Foyer.

At our first meeting after the last APCM we welcomed Elaine Wiley as a newly co-opted PCC member, and Graham Beck and Allister Craddock in their new roles as Churchwardens.

Our meetings in early summer focused primarily on developing our Vision and Roadmap for Holy Rood. For this we were joined by Archdeacon Phil

Williams, who enabled us to clarify the opportunities and challenges we face. We approved our Growing Disciples Plan and Roadmap in July; this enabled the Diocese to agree to appointing Rev'd Ade Perham as our full-time Vicar. Mark Fraser stepped aside as our Priest in Charge, and Ade was installed on 24th November.

In the autumn we turned our attentions to the Church Hall. We appointed a small Project Team to re-visit and explore the options – whether to extensively refurbish the existing building, or whether to demolish it and build a new Hall. These explorations are expected to continue throughout 2025.

The smooth and effective functioning of the PCC is dependent on the handling of routine management and maintenance matters by three PCC subgroups:

- Finance – who oversee all our income & expenditure and the preparation of our accounts, and also our employment procedures
- Fabric – who oversee the maintenance and use of our buildings and sites, as well as Health & Safety matters
- Communications – who are concerned with all aspects of publicity and information-sharing, both among our congregation and in the wider world.

We are grateful to the members of these sub-groups for their significant contributions to supporting the ongoing ministry of our church.

The PCC also has responsibility for Safeguarding; our Parish Safeguarding Officer is Julie Beesley. Safeguarding has come to prominence throughout the Church of England recently, and we have been making strenuous efforts to ensure that all the relevant procedures are being fully implemented at Holy Rood.

David Batte, PCC Secretary

FABRIC GROUP

The Fabric Committee was formally re-established following the 2022 APCM and has the following members:

Revd Ade Perham, Graham Beck (Chair), Neil Stephenson, Julie Beesley.

The team has continued to follow the work initiated in 2022 and described in more detail in previous years' reports. There is a framework of operational activities and reviews for the management of routine activities at the Church, the Churchyard and Garden areas and the Hall, including some with a Health and Safety perspective. This mechanism is now well established and allows actions to be processed with limited intervention from the PCC or indeed the Fabric Committee itself. This allows the team to focus energy on priority matters, typically of strategic nature.

Our thanks go to the many folk who support the upkeep of the premises – indoor and out – it is greatly appreciated by us all. In addition, to Alex, in her 'site manager' role who oversees the organising of key matters, ensuring completion by the due dates. Also to the cleaning and caretaking teams for their contributions as well.

A number of activities have been undertaken over the period of this report, including:

Preparation for the quinquennial – a five yearly external review of the church buildings and surrounds. This is to commence in June this year and will yield a number of actions, with relative priorities for the team to consider.

Tree surveys, following storm damage in November 2024. Remedial works have been undertaken and a new survey has been brought forward to assess the situation again.

Work on the ladder in the belltower: This has been a long and complex issue, but we are close to being able to undertake works. A LOT of effort has been expended by many folk including David Batte and Sue Beamish, to get us to where we are now.

One of the buttresses to the side of the church requires repair. This work has been scoped and costed and will commence shortly.

We continue to monitor some cracking observed in the Church, about the South Door, and also to a window near the pulpit. Although there appears to be some movement, we hope that we will get further advice from the quinquennial review.

Guttering has had some significant work to clear detritus and to get the works on a more frequent cadence.

Routine fire extinguisher checks and electrical safety reviews.

Work on the future of the hall is a separate group. Operational matters continue at the hall, however, including some remedial repair works to some of the window frames and gutters.

The team continues to monitor operational works, and strategic matters that rise from PCC discussions as well as major maintenance activities. We are a small team and would welcome willing volunteers to join us.

Administrative information

The Church of the Holy Rood is a charity registered with the Charity Commission. The members of the PCC are trustees.

PCC members who have served at any time during 2024;

Ex Officio members

Priest-in-charge - Revd. Mark Fraser (until November 2024)

Curate – Revd. Ade Perham (Chairperson),

Priest-in-charge (from November 2024)

Churchwardens - Graham Beck, Allister Craddock

Elected members

Stefan Beck, Vivienne Joyce, Joyce Saywell, Malcolm Saywell, Alan Trease

Co-opted

David Batte, Elaine Wiley

Deanery, Diocesan and General Synods

West Bingham Deanery consists of twenty Parishes. Rev'd Tim Fox (St Paul's) is our Area Dean and Jane Robins (St Peter's Ruddington) is our Lay Chair.

Deanery Synod held four meetings during the last 12 months:

- On 24 April Rev'd David McCullough spoke to us about Diocesan Chaplaincy.
- On 26 June Tony Brown spoke to us about the generosity of giving.
- On 10 October Rev'd Richard Kellett focused our thoughts and prayers on the people of Gaza, Israel, Lebanon and Jerusalem.
- On 11 March 2025 Bishop Paul spoke to us about our Diocesan Vision 2030 and we shared stories of celebration from around the Deanery. We also prayed for all those who have been hurt and abused by the church's shortcomings regarding safeguarding.

There have also been several other events and activities during the year:

- In July, elections were held for our Diocesan Synod and General Synod.
- In September we held a Deanery Prayer Walk around Sharphill, followed by refreshments in the pub.
- Also in September we had a Safeguarding Briefing. This was one of several Briefings and Workshops being held during the coming year.
- In November we had a presentation about the new Parish Giving Scheme, one of several meetings during the year about Parish Share.
- In March 2025 we met with Martin Cooper (Diocesan CEO) about our Growing Disciples Plans and our Parish Giving Trajectory.

David Batte, Deanery Synod Representative

Financial Review

FINANCIAL REVIEW FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

General Income and Expenditure Account

The General Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December 2024 shows a deficit before transfers from other reserves of £32,182. This compares with a deficit of £15,356 in the preceding year.

Regular giving income increased by around 7% during 2024, and income from the hire of the Church Hall/Meeting Room was nearly 30% higher than last year. Despite these, our overall annual income in 2024 was only around 1% higher than in 2023.

In the autumn of 2023 we undertook a Giving Review. The increase in our pledged regular income during 2024 reflects the generous response we received. We encourage everyone to review their giving on an annual basis.

Expenditure has been closely scrutinised by the PCC Finance Committee throughout the year. Our Parish Share was 5% higher than in 2023. Salary costs increased by around 55%; we continued to pay our Children & Families Pioneer worker from the Parish Investment Fund, see below. Our overall annual general expenditure was around 17% higher than in 2023.

In line with Church of England recommended practice, it is our policy to maintain as a reserve an amount equivalent to approximately three months expenditure (eg around £25,000) for contingency purposes. During 2024, the PCC agreed to transfer £24,000 from our Designated Fund Accounts in order to maintain adequate cash reserves. At the end of the year the cash balance in our Unrestricted Accounts was £15,453.

Designated Fund Accounts and Investments

We have three ongoing Designated Fund Accounts:

- The Hall Renewal Fund: designated for the renewal/rebuilding of the Church Hall
- The Parish Investment Fund: designated for supporting an employee who will develop/promote the ministry and mission of the church in the Parish of Edwalton
- The Church Fabric and Churchyard Maintenance Fund: designated for supporting work on the church and surrounding site that cannot be fully funded from within the General Account.

During 2024, the investments within these three Designated Fund Accounts increased in value, reflecting the worldwide increase in the value of investments. The capital value of our investments increased by

£37,700 (2.9%) during the year, while interest and dividends amounted to £34,200 (2.7%).

During the year we transferred £24,000 to our General Account (see above) and £3500 to our Charitable Fund (see below).

During 2024 we spent around £24,500 on our Children & Families Pioneer and associated activities. We also spent around £18,000 from our Church Fabric and Churchyard Fund to improve and repair the paths around our churchyard and garden (we received a grant of £5000 from Rushcliffe Borough Council towards this work) and to renew our fleet of grass mowers.

As a result of these activities the overall value of our Designated Fund Accounts, including funds in our deposit and current accounts, increased by £8500 (0.6%) during the year. At 31st December 2024 the values of these three ongoing Designated Fund Accounts were

Hall Renewal Fund - £854,838

Parish Investment Fund - £448,250

Church Fabric and Churchyard Maintenance Fund - £1831

We received the original legacy from the estate of John Hill in 2015; this was used to establish our Parish Investment and Hall Renewal Funds. Since then the combined net value of these two Funds, after allowing for transfers and expenditure over the nine-year period, has increased by £303,000.

In 2023 we established the designated Holy Rood Charitable Fund, allocating 10% of the previous year's interest and dividends to provide grants for local organisations that are seeking to address social or environmental needs in the local area. During 2024 we allocated £3500, from which we made five grants totalling £2200, to Friends of Sharphill, The Ark Pre-school, Downs Support Group, West Bridgford Debt Centre and Rushcliffe Toy Appeal. The remaining money will be carried forward to 2025.

There was no activity relating to our designated Heritage Fund Cultural Grant of £11,100. Most of the income and expenditure occurred during 2021, with only a residual amount (£1133) remaining in the accounts at the end of 2025.

Legacy Policy

In 2016 the PCC established a policy whereby, wherever possible, legacy gifts are used to help fund development projects, whether buildings, equipment or staff. We encourage people to leave gifts in their wills for the general purposes of the church rather than for a restricted purpose. We discuss the possible uses of such gifts with the executors, bearing in mind the areas of interest of the deceased and the priorities of the church at the time. The PCC makes a decision and the executors are informed regarding the use to which the money is being put.

A legacy of £5000 received during 2024 was used to offset some of the expenditure in our designated Church Fabric and Churchyard Fund (see above).

Charitable Donations and Fundraising

In addition to our Charitable Fund Grants (see above), during 2024 we raised £1700 at our Christmas Tree Festival which was shared between the Children's Bereavement Centre and Nottinghamshire Hospice. We also raised £560 for the Children's Society and donated £60 to the British Legion.

David Batte (Treasurer)

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules.

At the Church of the Holy Rood the membership of the PCC consists of the Priest in Charge, Churchwardens, Deanery Synod representatives and Laity Members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the church parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

Children and Families Pioneer Report

We continue to offer a variety of ways for children and young people to be a part of our church and to grow in their understanding and journey with God – both on Sundays and during the week. And we also hope, pray and seek to grow this over the following year as we continue to reach out and connect with more and more of the younger generations throughout Edwalton.

Sundays

1st & 5th Sundays: We offer children's activities during the service on the 1st Sunday in the transept, providing fun, engaging and creative ways for them to learn more about God.

2nd & 4th Sundays: We have our more informal service called Afternoon Church which happens from 3:30-5pm in the church hall, with lots of ways for babies, children and young people to get involved, including our very own kids church where we learn more about God and explore this by having lots of fun together in games, creativity, prayer, worship and exploring the bible. This is run by Beth and some very generous and talented volunteers. Afternoon Church has continued to grow over the last year, welcoming a wide range of people to this service, and providing a more informal and contemporary way to worship God. We are excited to see how God will continue to grow this over the next year.

3rd Sundays: We run Explorers during the morning service, where we also learn more about God and have lots of fun together. We often love to explore faith through games, creativity and food! We also love serving and spending time with the children from Boys Brigade & Girls Association who come for Parade Sunday during this session.

Midweek

I have been part of the Baby & Toddler Group team every Tuesday morning during term time, supporting the team and connecting with children and their parents/carers as well as providing a faith-themed story and lots of fun songs (and occasionally bubbles!). This has been a great way to build relationships with families in our community and journey with them, as well as inviting them to other things in our church such as Sunday services & community events.

On Tuesday afternoons, I help to run a choir after school club at Edwalton Primary, building relationships with their KS1 children and staff, and bringing God's presence into the school.

This year, I have been planning for an afternoon school club at Edwalton Primary that is starting at the end of April 25, on Wednesdays after school – providing a safe and fun space for KS2 children to hear stories from the bible and engage with them, aiming to encourage creativity and curiosity.

In March 2025, we began our Youth Space outreach on Thursday afternoons – serving free hot chocolates to young people after school. We have engaged with around 100 young people every week, from both Rushcliffe Spencer Academy and Rosecliffe Spencer Academy. This has been a really joyful way to be present in our community and to share God with the young people.

Other Events

I have really enjoyed developing further relationships with the schools in our area, providing Christmas & Easter workshops, and inviting over 150 students into our church for Christingle Services at Christmas.

We have also reached children, youth and their families through church community events – Harvest Festival, Christmas Tree Festival, Fish & Chips Quiz Night & our Easter Story Trail. This has been a great way to welcome people into our church buildings and witness and share the goodness of God through a variety of ways.

We have also connected with families through our Christingle Service, Pancake Party and Afternoon Church picnics this year, and our hope for the following year is to see more of these families coming along to church and learning who God is and the fullness of life that is found in him.

It has been a joy to serve as Children's & Youth Ministry Pioneer since September, and I look forward with hope, expectancy and joy at all God might do in our church in the next year.

Beth Bevan, Children's & Youth Ministry Pioneer

Communications Report

Gordon and I work together closely on our respective platforms:

Facebook and the website --- [https:// edwaltonchurch.org](https://edwaltonchurch.org)

Facebook's online reach is growing steadily . In the last month we recorded 6,184 views and our reach was 1,209. There was a similar increase in the messages received via the Messenger Inbox. Some required immediate action. One was about the storm damage to our trees.

I believe it shows there is enormous goodwill in the community to reach out to us, and our online platform gives them the opportunity to do just that. As, of course, does our website.

Gordon and I very much hope that our church's varied activities get more of a mention online. So please everyone, supply us with your stories and photos.

Finally, more good news.

Allister is hoping to relaunch the Herald soon. He's talking to a designer who's interested in taking on that side of the operation.

Paul Srinivasan

Caring for our Churchyard

Our Caring for our Churchyard Group has had a busy time during 2024.

In January and February we explored the possibility of acquiring land from Rushcliffe Borough Council to extend our graveyard, but this proved impossible because the land is prone to flooding.

In March and April we focused on improvements to the paths in the churchyard and garden, to make them more usable by people with restricted mobility. This work was completed in May with the help of a grant from the Council.

During the summer we set about clearing the brambles and soil waste from the south-west corner of the graveyard. The newly-grassed area is a great improvement, and will be usable for future burials.

In July we held our 'Marvellous Moths' event and recorded over 50 species. And there was a Garden Plant Sale, which raised money towards replacement of our ageing fleet of grass mowers.

In November we experienced snow damage to some of the trees adjacent to our Village Street boundary. Urgent remedial work was completed in December, and further work was completed in March 2025.

During the year we have updated our church policies and guidance on graves, memorials and the surrounding natural environment. Firstly we collated a substantial amount of historic information about the families of those buried in our graveyard, and supplemented this with listings of the fauna (birds, moths, mammals etc) and flora (courtesy of Liz Curtis) seen in our churchyard; all this demonstrated just what a rich historical and environmental heritage we have at Holy Rood. Then we updated our policy on 'Installation and Care of Graves and Memorials in our Churchyard', bringing it into line with Diocesan Regulations, and published a Guidance Leaflet for the Bereaved (now given to Funeral Directors and any other enquirers). And we produced a 'Management Plan for the Natural Environment in our Churchyard' based on Church of England guidance, including a simple leaflet for visitors.

So far as the overall site is concerned, our wonderful volunteers have continued to keep it as safe, tidy and attractive as possible. The grass areas and flower beds are maintained regularly, while the hedges, shrubs and trees are kept under control. During the year they have completed a tremendous amount of work, for which we are all truly grateful. ***Please come and join them!***

David Batte, Trevor Greaves, Brian Jefferson, Vivienne Joyce, Steve Lockwood, Susan Russell and Alex Whitaker

Church Gardening Club

'One who plants a garden plants happiness' so says the Chinese proverb. Many visitors to the garden would agree and add that they visit the garden because they appreciate the peace and quietness.

The construction of the new gravel path now allows easy access to the garden for wheelchair users.

We are grateful to the volunteers and essential coffee makers who willingly give of their time every Saturday to care for the garden (and the gardeners) and to the many people who kindly donate money towards the upkeep of the garden and essential maintenance of the equipment. We also thank those who provide shrubs and garden furniture in memory of loved ones.

New volunteers, experienced gardeners or not, are needed and can be assured of a warm welcome. We meet on Saturday mornings between 10 and 12.

Trevor Greaves

Edwalton Baby & Toddler Group

Baby and toddlers group continues with really good volunteer support. the team has been enhanced with Beth joining us and her enthusiastic approach is much appreciated by all.

Brian continues to be our 'barista' and the kitchen is in safe hands. Joyce, Jacky, Vivienne and Sue make up the welcoming and support ladies, further supported by Marjory and Elaine on a needs basis.

The numbers of attendees took a bit of a dip as we have had a number of children leaving to go on to the next part of their journey, how we miss them and their carers. Still, we have a baby boom, with second children for at least 4 of our regulars, currently more boys than girls with a surprise to come.

Beth has introduced electronic registration and we will be very happy with this innovation, eventually. Card payments are also available which will relieve people of the need to hunt for that all elusive £1 coin, although the children do love the responsibility and noise of that money going in our special tin.

We try to encourage participation at other church activities and are looking forward to Stefan joining us from the Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association.

Thursday Coffee Morning and Warm Space

Mel and Sue's Thursday Coffee Morning continues to run successfully. We welcome our first customers at 10.20 am through to midday, it being a 'Legacy' and memory of all the care and many projects at Holy Rood by Sue and Melvyn Dougan over many years.

The morning is an open invitation to all in the community, not just members of our church, biscuits and a whole range of drinks are available to suit most tastes including decaf tea or coffee, and many flavours from builders tea to Earl Grey.

On special occasions, Christmas, Easter, and people's birthdays are a time for celebration with cake, eggs, mince pies, a birthday card from all the members, and always a rendition of "[Happy Birthday](#) To You".

Thursday Coffee Morning is one of our most happiest and joyful of occasions each week, with laughter, conversation, and wonderful welcoming company of people.

Why not give us a try? Go on you know you want to!



We welcome anyone to visit, no need to book!

Brian Stewart

Ladies Fellowship

The past year has been very enjoyable with various speakers giving interesting talks on a wide range of topics - including five female fire fighters who climbed Mount Toubkel in the Atlas Mountains raising funds for Fire Brigade Charities, we also heard about the work of the Nottingham Street Pastors who patrol Nottingham City centre at weekends caring for young people.

We were very fortunate with the weather for our annual picnic in July, which we held in July.

We provided and decorated a tree for the Christmas Tree Festival helping to raise funds for the chosen charity.

Our membership continues to increase and we were in a position to donate £250.00 to the Church.

We meet in the Church Meeting room on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm and we shall be delighted to welcome visitors and prospective new members.

Freda Crampton

Rood Gamers & Rood Singers

We continue to meet fortnightly on a Tuesday afternoon between 2pm and 4pm in the Church Meeting Room. It is a social gathering where we play a variety of sit down games. Our regular attendance is twelve. We are open to newcomers joining us whatever age, all it costs is 50p and for that you get a hot drink and biscuits.

Keith, Trevor and David

We are a group of people from the Church who enjoy singing. This session we have performed at the Christmas Tree Festival where we sang Carols that were well known and others that are not. Also there were a couple of light hearted ones as well. We also led the Carol singing around the Village.

Keith and Malcolm

1st Edwalton Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides have had another busy year. Our membership remains full, and with our waiting list we anticipate that this will be the case for the foreseeable future. Leaders wise we are struggling though, and are currently on the look out for 2 Guide leaders and 1 Brownie leader to support from September.

We continue to have a packed and varied activity schedule - in the last 12 months this has included - a sponsored walk round Holme Pierrepont for

CoppaFeel, Rainbows sleepover to White Post Farm, fruit & veg tasting, music & dancing activities, bouldering, chip shop walk, movie night, planetarium night, spa evening, meditation evening, celebration of national donut day, deaf awareness sessions and loads of crafts & colouring. Some activities we link in with our wider Guiding family including Sports Day with other units across West Bridgford and Thinking Day activities which are celebrated across the world.

We were extremely lucky to also be visited by Fudge and co, an animal encounter experience company where the girls thoroughly enjoyed making friends with a skunk, a rat, an owl, a tenrec, a royal python, a blued tongued skink, giant millipedes, hissing cockroaches and a tarantula

At Christmas we returned to Epperstone Court which is a complex of 87 assisted living flats, this was the first time since Covid and it was wonderful to be back with the residents. Even more so when some of the faces we recognised, and we also had the opportunity to make new friends. As usual we took all the residents a gift that we had made. We were lucky enough that Santa paid us a visit and not only gave out the gifts to all the residents, but to all the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides too.

Up and coming, the Brownies have their White Post Farm sleepover in July, a trip to PGL Activity Centre in September, whilst the Guides are joining 100 other Guides from West Bridgford for a camp at Elton in June. Finally, we would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who helps us and supports us throughout the year.

Nikki Lucas – Brownie and Guide Leader and Kate Meakin - Rainbow Leader

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42nd Nottingham (Edwalton) Boys' Brigade

The last year has seen the 42nd Company go onwards and upwards. Thanks to the Building Stronger campaign started by BB nationally nearly two years ago, over this last year, we have recruited straight into Juniors and straight into Company Section, making the latter of those two the largest its been in numbers for years. We've also gained four more Anchors this year. Our Company's Facebook and Instagram pages

continue to grow in popularity and recently we've had a page on the Church website set up for us. We would all like to thank Gordon for his initiative and help given to make this happen.

Since Beth started in her role in the Church at the end of the summer, she has visited us on a monthly basis, leading activities and engaging brilliantly with members of all sections. Her Explorers sessions on Parade Sunday's have also proved popular with our Anchors and Juniors.

In September we participated in the Church's Love the World event, with five scarecrows put together by our Company Section members. Our stall with games proved popular as well.

In October we once again took part in the Juniors annual sleepover, spending the night at the Church, and in November our band once again led the Royal British Legion Parade in Eastwood on Remembrance Sunday. A week later saw our annual Enrolment Service take place.

December saw us participate in the Church Christmas Tree festival, with our band performing on the Saturday afternoon and our members helped lead some carol singing the same day. Our tree was themed around the 42nd of today, with each members name adorning it, along with pictures of each badge, some handmade decorations made by the Anchors, and pictures of some of the highlights of the year. Alongside the tree was the anchor mosaic made by our Company Section members last year, consisting of 4096 Lego tiles!

The final build up to Christmas saw the young members fully engage in the advent themed Parade Service followed by our family Carol Service at the Church Hall.

This year both our Juniors, and then our Anchors took part in an indoor climbing evening at the Nottingham Climbing Centre.

Highlights in competitions taken part in include our Juniors winning the indoor athletics competition last June, James winning the Company Section Chess in October, Karsten winning the Company Section Table Tennis in January, and Jacob winning the Juniors Connect 4 in March.

We continue to attend Church services once a month through our own monthly Parades, keeping the band going strong, which continues to draw great appraisal from Church members and residents alike. Our members continue to participate in services by doing readings and the

collection, and although our Anchors and Juniors usually go out to Explorers during the services, we at least do still get a good percentage of Company members attending and enjoying coming to the services.

We of course are very grateful for all positive feedback we get from congregation members, whether it be for how well dressed the young people are, how well behaved they are, how good the band sounds, whatever it may be. We do appreciate it, and we don't take for granted the things we get to do in the Church and will always contribute to the life of the Church as much as we can and in the best way we can.

So, at the time of writing, we currently have 5 Anchors, 6 Juniors, 7 Company Section and 5 Officers, but as is often the way, what we lack in quantity we make up for in quality. And our young people never let the low numbers get in the way of having a fun evening, nor let it stop them being able to do the things they can do and achieve.

Our Annual Display and Awards Night this year is on Wednesday 11th June at the Church Hall. You are all of course welcome to attend, and you will be able to see what they can do in small numbers and what they've been able to achieve. You can see them show their talents, many of which they may not have known they even had if they weren't in the BBGA, and do it with confidence.

My final word goes to the Officers of the Company, Graham, Lisa, Andy and Matthew, without whom, the Company could simply not function. Being a BBGA Officer is a thankless task and all 4 give their services quite freely and willingly, not looking for any reward or recognition.

Stefan Beck

Services

2024

1 st Sunday	10.15am	Morning Worship
2 nd & 4 th Sundays	9.00am	Breakfast Church at the Church Hall
	10.15am	Holy Communion
3 rd Sunday	10.15am	Morning Worship with BBGA Parade
	4.00pm	Evensong

HOME or HOSPITAL COMMUNION By arrangement with the Ministry team.

BAPTISM and THANKSGIVINGS During the 10.15am service by arrangement with Rev Mark Fraser or Rev Ade Perham

WEDDINGS and MARRIAGE BLESSINGS By arrangement with Rev'd Mark Fraser or Rev Ade Perham

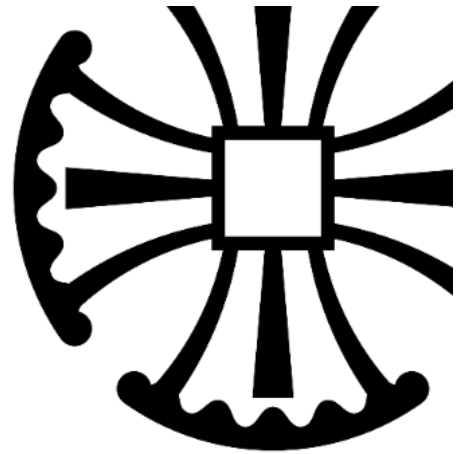
FUNERALS By arrangement with Rev'd Mark Fraser or Rev Ade Perham

Thank you to everyone who contributes to the life of the Church.

If you would like to know more about any of the groups or events mentioned in the report, please contact the group leader, Ade or Alex

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

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Independent Examiner's Report to the members of the Parochial Church

Council of The Church of the Holy Rood, Edwalton

I report on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Act, but that an independent examination is required.

I report in respect of my examination of the accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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 confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 31 December 2024

		Note	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	TOTAL FUNDS	
			Funds	Funds	Funds	Y/E 31 Dec	Y/E 31 Dec
						2024	2023
			£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources		2					
Voluntary Income			59,936	15,697	-	75,633	67,284
Activities for generating funds			-	2,187	-	2,187	2,442
Income from investments			251	23,598	-	23,849	23,014
Church activities			25,866	-	-	25,866	21,029
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES			86,053	41,482	-	127,535	113,769
RESOURCES EXPENDED		3					
Church activities			113,985	53,771	1,425	169,181	132,492
Governance costs			4,251	3,500	-	7,751	5,134
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED			118,236	57,271	1,425	176,932	137,626
NET (OUTGOING)/ INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS			(32,183)	(15,789)	(1,425)	(49,397)	(23,857)
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS			24,000	(24,000)	-	-	-
NET(OUTGOING)/ INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES			(8,183)	(39,789)	(1,425)	(49,397)	(23,857)
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS			-	-	-	-	-
Gains/(loss) on investment assets			-	48,274	-	48,274	95,297
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS			(8,183)	8,485	(1,425)	(1,123)	71,440
Balances b/fwd 1 January			37,502	1,297,576	2,850	1,337,928	1,266,488
Balances c/fwd 31 December			29,319	1,306,061	1,425	1,336,805	1,337,928

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

						2024	2023
					Notes	£	£
FIXED ASSETS							
	Tangible				5(a)	14,338	17,737
	Investments				5(b)	1,240,158	1,221,884
						1,254,496	1,239,621
CURRENT ASSETS							
	Stock					300	300
	Debtors and prepayments					4,425	2,461
	Cash at bank and in hand					83,781	98,613
						88,506	101,374
LIABILITIES							
	Creditors - amounts falling due					6,197	3,067
	within one year						
NET CURRENT ASSETS						82,309	98,307
TOTAL NET ASSETS						1,336,805	1,337,928
PARISH FUNDS							
	Unrestricted				6	29,319	37,502
	Designated					1,306,061	1,297,576
	Restricted					1,425	2,850
	Endowment					-	-
						1,336,805	1,337,928

2. INCOMING RESOURCES				Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	TOTAL FUNDS	
				Funds	Funds	Funds	2024	2023
				£	£	£	£	£
2(a)	Voluntary Income							
	Planned giving:							
		Gift Aid donations		40,772	-	-	40,772	38,079
		Tax recoverable		10,567	-	-	10,567	10,485
		Uncovenanted		8,420	-	-	8,420	5,721
	Donations:							
		Sundry		177	2,076	-	2,253	5,174
		Fabric		-	3,621	-	3,621	2,725
		Bells		-	-	-	-	-
	Grant:							
		Listed Worship Grant		-	-	-	-	-
		Other Grant		-	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
	Legacies			-	5,000	-	5,000	100
				59,936	15,697	-	75,633	67,284
2(b)	Activities from generating funds							
	Fund Raising Events			-	2,187	-	2,187	2,442
	Other					-	-	-
				-	2,187	-	2,187	2,442
2 ©	Income from Investments							
	Dividends and interest			-	23,598	-	23,598	22,453
	Interest Received			251	-	-	251	561
				251	23,598	-	23,849	23,014
2(d)	Income from church activities							
	Fees			8,063	-	-	8,063	7,215
	Hire of church hall			15,563	-	-	15,563	12,198
	Hire of meeting room			2,240	-	-	2,240	1,616
				25,866	-	-	25,866	21,029
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES				86,053	41,482	-	127,535	113,769

3. RESOURCES EXPENDED			Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	TOTAL	
			Funds	Funds	Funds	2024	2023
			£	£	£	£	£
3 (a)	Church activities						
	Church Societies			-	-	-	-
	Secular charities		126	4,469	-	4,595	4,521
	Ministry:	Parish Share	63,082	-	-	63,082	59,916
		Incumbent	3,142	-	-	3,142	3,014
		Vicars expenses	1,967	-	-	1,967	1,560
	Heating, lighting and cleaning		12,941	-	-	12,941	8,642
	Insurance		4,259	-	-	4,259	4,169
	Minor repairs		3,577	-	-	3,577	1,496
	Churchyard		1,006	18,985	-	19,991	4,294
	Audit & Accountancy		70	-	-	70	175
	Upkeep of services		472	-	-	472	690
	Depreciation of fixtures and fitting		1,974	-	1,425	3,399	3,399
	Salaries and honoraria		18,397	24,567	-	42,964	38,305
	Church hall		2,972	5,750	-	8,722	2,311
	Other		-	-	-	-	-
			113,985	53,771	1,425	169,181	132,492
3(b)	Governance						
	Printing, postage and stationary		2,031	-	-	2,031	2,242
	Sundry Administration expenses		2,220	3,500	-	5,720	2,892
			4,251	3,500	-	7,751	5,134
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED			118,236	57,271	1,425	176,932	137,626

4. STAFF COSTS		2024	2023
		£	£
Wages and salaries		42,964	36,513
		42,964	36,513

During the year the PCC employed an administrator, two cleaners and a pioneer worker none of whom earned more than £50,000 pa. There were no disposable transactions in respect of PCC members, persons closely connected with them or related parties.

Employees of the Holy Rood participate in the Pension Builder Scheme section of CWPF for lay staff. CWPF is administered by the Church of England Pensions Board, which holds the CWPF assets separately from those of Holy Rood, and other participating employers. CWPF has two sections, the Defined Benefit Scheme and the Pension Builder Scheme, the later having two subsections - Pension Builder Classic, which is a deferred annuity scheme, and Pension Builder 2014, which is a cash balance scheme. Both sections of the Pension Builder Scheme are classed as defined benefit schemes. Pension Builder Classic provides a pension, accumulated from contributions paid and converted into a deferred annuity during employment based on terms set and reviewed by the Church of England Pensions Board from time to time. Pension Builder 2014 is a cash balance scheme that provides a lump sum which members use to provide benefits at retirement. Pension contributions are recorded in an account for each member. Discretionary bonuses may be added before retirement, depending on investment returns and other factors. The account plus any bonuses declared is payable, unreduced from age 65. There is no sub-division of assets between employers in each section of the Pension Builder Scheme. The scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102. This is because it is not possible to attribute the Pension Builder Scheme's assets and liabilities to specific employers and means that contributions are accounted for as if the Scheme were a defined contribution scheme. The pensions costs charged to the SoFA in the year are the contributions payable to the Pension Builder 2014 scheme were £1,776 (2023 £2,300).

A valuation of the Pension Builder Scheme is carried out once every three years. The most recent valuation was carried out as at 31 December 2022. For the Pension Builder Classic section, the valuation revealed a surplus of £34.8m on the ongoing assumptions used. At the most recent annual review effective 1 January 2025, the Board chose to grant a discretionary bonus of 6.7% to both pensions not yet in payments and pensions in payment in respect of service prior to April 1997; and a bonus on pensions in payment in payment in respect of post April 2006 service so that the pension increase was 2.7% (where usually it would be calculated based on inflation up to 2.5%). This followed improvements in the funding position over 2024. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time.

The next valuation is due as at 31 December 2025.

For the Pension Builder 2014 section, the valuation revealed a surplus of £8.5m on the ongoing assumptions used.

There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time.

The legal structure of the scheme is such that if another employer fails, Holy Rood could become responsible for paying a share of the failed employer's pension liabilities.

5. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC		Freehold land and buildings £	Church & church hall equipment £	Church & church hall Total £		
5(a) Tangible fixed assets						
ACTUAL/DEEMED COST	At 1 January 2024	11,365	32,889	44,254		
	Additions	-		-		
	At 31 December 2024	11,365	32,889	44,254		
DEPRECIATION	At 1 January 2024	-	26,517	26,517		
	Charge for the year	-	3,399	3,399		
	At 31 December 2024	-	29,916	29,916		
NET BOOK VALUE	At 31 December 2024	11,365	2,973	14,338		
	At 1 January 2024	11,365	6,372	17,737		
5(b) Investment fixed assets			£			
	Market Value at 1 January 2024		1,221,884			
	Purchases at cost					
	Disposals at cost		(30,000)			
	Change in Market Value		48,274			
	Market Value at 31 December 2024		1,240,158			
Holdings at 31 December 2024:		34,419 shares in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund (Unrestricted) Investments fixed assets include three designated funds one of £444.305, one designated fund of £792,422 and one of £3,445. They all comprise of equity shares and bonds and are managed by third parties.				
6. NET ASSETS BY FUND		Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL £
	Fixed Assets for Church use	12,913	-	1,425	-	14,338
	Investment Fixed Assets		1,240,158	-	-	1,240,158
	Current Assets	19,796	68,710	-	-	88,506
	Current Liabilities	(3,390)	(2,807)		-	(6,197)
	Fund Balance	29,319	1,306,061	1,425	-	1,336,805

These Accounts were adopted, following Independent Examination, at
the PCC Meeting held on Sunday 13th April 2025

Signed  (PCC Chair)

Rev'd Ade Perham

Date 13/4/2025

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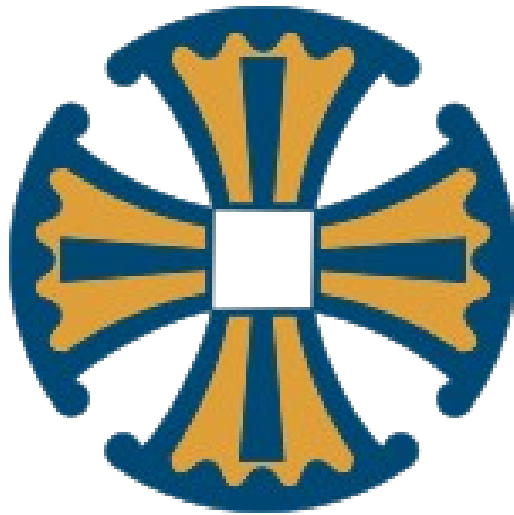
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Parochial Church Council

Church of the Holy Rood
Edwalton

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The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Priest in Charge (Revd Mark Fraser) in promoting, in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The church also has benefitted from a variety of clergy from across the Parishes.

The PCC is specifically responsible for the maintenance of the building of the Church of the Holy Rood, Village Street, Edwalton and the Church Hall, Village Green, Edwalton.

In the absence of Churchwardens David Batte and Susan Russell are happy to report that the Church inventory and terrier are all in order.

Objectives

The mission of the Church of the Holy Rood is “A worshipping church, welcoming everyone into the Lord’s family, proclaiming the gospel and serving the community.”

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of the parish community

OVERVIEW

Throughout 2023, we have been pressing into and living out our church’s shared vision and values together, as we aspire to be:

“A worshipping Church, welcoming young and old into the Lord’s family, proclaiming the gospel and serving the community.”

As trustees of Holy Rood, the Parochial Church Council (PCC) met 7 times during 2023 and has (amongst other things) overseen the Church’s enabling of our vision and values to be more fully realised.

So, what have we done?

a) A worshipping Church

We are very grateful to the Ministry Team, who lead our services on Sundays and Wednesdays, along with occasional additional services throughout the year. This team includes Rev. Mark Fraser, Rev. Ade

Perham, Rev. Joyce Saywell, Jacky Tivers (our Licensed Lay Minister), Adrian Kemp and Roger Johnson.

In 2023, Holy Rood has offered three kinds of regular Sunday services:

- 10am Traditional service (weekly, average attendance of 40 adults and 3 children)
- 11:30am 'All in' service (1st Sunday per month, average attendance of 8 adults and 5 children)
- 4pm Evensong service (3rd Sunday per month, average attendance of 19 adults)

Until September, on the 3rd Sunday of each month, the 10am service had been 'All age' (with BBGA members and other children staying in for the whole service). For several reasons, since September this service has reverted to being the same as other 10am services, however children's provision (called 'Explorers') is offered during this particular service.

It was heartening to see the church full at times this year (particularly around Easter and Christmas).

The Morning Prayer group has continued to meet on Wednesday mornings, attended by a faithful group of approximately 8 people. The Book Group (meeting bi-weekly on Thursday evenings) has also continued to meet, initially on Zoom but now meets in-person most of the time.

In recognition of the significance of the Church Garden for parishioners, a new prayer walk booklet for the garden ('Remembering a loved one') was created (20 copies were taken in the space of two months) and several services were held outside. These included the Holy Saturday morning service, the summer all-age service, and the Crib service. The positive atmosphere around them all in their own unique ways was lovely to experience. We are grateful for the faithful team who lovingly maintain the Garden week in and week out throughout the year.

During Advent, we also organised/hosted community carol services at three different locations around the parish (including in the Village) which engaged over 50 people in total, despite the inclement weather.

A legacy from Covid is that we offer Communion in two kinds at the 10am service. This is because the PCC recognised differing opinions amongst the congregation, with some members preferring intinction (dipping a

wafer into the chalice of wine), and others preferring 'Common Cup' (drinking wine from a chalice). This is a subject that the PCC is regularly reviewing.

b) Welcoming young and old into the Lord's family

As you will see in Adrian's comprehensive report, there are lots of encouraging things that happened (and are happening) that engage with younger people and families. Thank you so much to those of you who help in this vital ministry, giving wholeheartedly of your time, energy, imagination and warmth in sharing God's welcome and love to those you meet.

Encouragingly, we are growing as a Church. In 2023, we have welcomed new families, couples and individuals across our three services. We are hugely grateful for the warm welcome you give to people walking through our doors for the first time, particularly the sidespeople on Sundays and leaders of other weekday activities and events.

c) Proclaiming the gospel

We hosted a Christingle service in early December, which attracted 38 people and included a short talk from Adrian. About 10 of them do not currently attend a church regularly. At one-off events, including the Easter Experience, Easter Trail and Christmas Tree Festival, lots of you facilitated ways for children and parents to engage with Bible stories and their real meaning.

It has also been really encouraging to hear stories from places such as the Tuesday toddler group, where people coming along have felt able to have really deep and meaningful conversations with team members.

d) Serving the community

Speaking of Toddlers, the group is run by an active and committed team, who have done a fabulous job of providing a safe space for children and their 'grown-ups', whilst building relationships and being 'good news' to all who come. Whilst we're grateful to the whole team for their continued efforts, particular thanks must go to Sue Bailey for all her hard work in coordinating the team and being generally awesome.

Other regular activities that serve the community and provide vital places of welcome include Rood Gamers (bi-weekly on Tuesday afternoons) and

Coffee Morning (weekly on Thursday mornings). Both are well attended, steadily growing in popularity, with more than 50 people (total, between them) regularly frequenting them.

The annual Christmas Tree Festival proved a hit once again. It involved a record 44 trees(provided and decorated by local community organisations), hundreds of visitors and many cakes & cuppa's! Huge thanks to Helen Stephenson and Alex Whitaker, along with the many others who made this such a success. The funds raised for the Children's Bereavement Service and Cystic Fibrosis Trust were a huge encouragement, too.

Another way that we continued to serve the community throughout the year was by taking a wedding and several funeral services for members of the church and community. The deaths of Roy Bradshaw and Colin Machin are ones that particularly impacted the church.

The PCC, with the support of a few others, have been exploring various options of ways that we might practically serve the community. These have included:

Entering into discussions with the Council over purchasing a small piece of the golf course so that the graveyard can be extended, as there are very few burial plots remaining.

Appointing a Team to figure out what to do with the existing Church Hall and future development/alternative ways to bless and serve the community with the legacy that was given a few years ago. A Community Audit was conducted throughout 2023, concluding in the autumn.

People

We are grateful to a wide range of people who have contributed to the life and flourishing of Holy Rood in 2023. However, every year has its ups and downs, and perhaps the greatest sadnesses were the loss of Colin Machin and Roy Bradshaw. Their faithful service and compassion were greatly valued by everyone at Holy Rood and they have left rich legacies in the lives of all who knew them.

Throughout 2023, alongside the Finance Team, Ministry Team, Fabric Team and Communications group, two other teams have been established. These are the 'All in' service core team and the Pastoral

Care Team. All six of these teams have particular remits, empowered by and accountable to the PCC, with each Team having ideally a minimum of two PCC members on them, so that there are clear lines of communication, support and accountability between the teams and the Church's trustees. These teams also ensure that no individual should have to be overly burdened with responsibilities, and makes it easier for newcomers to join these teams and 'learn the ropes' before committing to particular responsibilities.

Thank you to those involved in these teams, and of course the PCC, without which vital parts of the Church simply could not function. The PCC are very grateful for David Batte's service as Treasurer, ably supported by Helen Stephenson, Joanne Pilkington and the Finance Team, who help us to maintain a clear understanding of our financial position and responsibilities.

Rev. Joyce Saywell has taken over as Safeguarding Lead Recruiter (with Julie Beesley being Parish Safeguarding Officer) and we had no safeguarding issues this year.

We are grateful to all of you who completed the updated GDPR contact details forms, as this has helped us to update our records and gives us a solid platform to continue our Pastoral Care from.

This was our fourth successive year without any church wardens and this situation cannot continue indefinitely. We are in real need of church members being willing to stand to serve as wardens and a full complement of PCC members if we are to lead the church together into a future with hope and confidence. Whilst we face challenges, we also have many opportunities opening to us and we need to be willing to trust God, listen to his leading and risk some changes to live out our vision to be a "Worshipping Church, welcoming young and old into the Lord's family, proclaiming the gospel and serving the community."

PCC Meetings

The standing business of the PCC for the year was:

Opening worship

Apologies

Minutes of the previous meeting

Priests Report

Treasurer's Report

Fabric Report

Communications Report

Health & Safety Report

Safeguarding Report

AOB

Closing prayers

The PCC met seven times during 2023/ 24

FABRIC GROUP

The Fabric Committee was formally re-established following the 2022 APCM, and currently has the following members:

Ade Perham, Graham Beck, Julie Beesley and Neil Stephenson.

The Fabric team has continued with the work initiated in 2022 and described in the report last year. We now have an operational framework for the management of routine activities around the Church premises and the hall. This mechanism allows for actions to be completed without the need for direct PCC intervention and works well for routine work, allowing the committee members to focus time and energy on priority matters.

Our thanks go to all those who assist in the upkeep of the Church buildings and garden areas – it is greatly appreciated by us all. Alex, in her extended role as 'site manager' works well to oversee the organising

of key matters, and ensuring that tasks are targeted and completed as planned.

A number of significant activities have been undertaken over the period of this report, including:

Significant upgrade to the lighting at the Church Hall, to LEDs. This investment has been complimented by a number of the hall users and will produce a significant reduction in the electricity use there. We continue to look for short term measures to manage the heating in the hall. As it is fully electric, it is more expensive to run than gas, and are investigating ways whereby heating could be 'on demand' for users rather than on a timer which assumes the times and heating are required at the same setpoints each cycle. We have installed 'anti tamper' measures to thermostats and timeswitches, which has helped, but also highlighted some concerns we need to overcome.

Remedial works to the hall windows and car park potholes has been undertaken, as well as a major tidy of the hall cupboards, kitchen areas and decoration of the toilet rooms. The space on and behind the stage is being remodelled to better meet our current needs and this will help ensure that all users are able to access and use available areas safely and efficiently.

We have reviewed the status of the current church boiler and have received quotes for a replacement should that prove necessary.

Risk assessments continue to be reviewed.

The bell tower activities continue – there have been some significant challenges to overcome in this area, relating to the existing ladder and how to replace it. As it is of significant historical interest, it requires sensitive management whilst also allowing other means to access the tower itself. A team including David Batte continue to work on this.

In addition to these items, and more, the team has also begun to consider the future of the Hall as part of the wider PCC activity. We have recently initiated some surveying of the building for asbestos content.

We continue to consider future works in all the areas within the remit of the committee, specifically the Church itself, the Churchyard and the

Church Hall, according to the established schedule and also by priority for unplanned events.

We have a significant amount of work to oversee and maintain, and could benefit from additional volunteers to bolster the team.

Administrative information

The Church of the Holy Rood is a charity registered with the Charity Commission. The members of the PCC are trustees.

PCC members who have served at any time during 2023;

Ex Officio members

Priest-in-charge - Revd. Mark Fraser

Curate – Revd. Ade Perham (Chairperson)

Churchwardens -

Elected members

Graham Beck, Stefan Beck, Allister Craddock, Vivienne Joyce, Joyce Saywell, Malcolm Saywell, Alan Trease

Co-opted

David Batte

Deanery, Diocesan and General Synods

Our Deanery Synod meets three times a year, in March, June and October. At the beginning of the year Rev'd Tim Fox (St Paul's) was appointed Area Dean, taking over from Rev'd Mark Fraser.

At our meeting in June we welcomed Craig Hunt (Diocesan Director of Ordinands) who spoke about the gift of Lay Ministry, and the importance of encouraging each other and recognising one another's gifts. The Eco Church initiative was introduced, and Tim emphasised the importance of signing up.

At our meeting in October we welcomed Rev'd Joanna Seaborne, recently appointed as Rector of St Giles.

Our Deanery Incumbents and Treasurers met several times during the year to review progress with allocating and paying our Parish Share; a particular problem for some Parishes in our Deanery due to energy-related and other cost of living concerns. Martin Cooper, Diocesan CEO, joined our meeting in June.

Our Diocesan Synod meets three times a year. At the meeting in May, Bishop Paul focused his address on the Diocesan Vision & Strategy for 2023-2030, building on the results of the Diocesan Refresh initiative and introducing the next steps in the journey, 'Living in Love and Faith'. He emphasised the need to maintain the unity of the church; continuing to love, listen and learn from those with differing viewpoints while faithfully upholding and teaching the doctrine of the church as we have received it.

The Church of England General Synod in November also focused on 'Living in Love and Faith', and the tensions between this and the conflicts currently in Gaza, in Ukraine and elsewhere. The Synod commenced with addresses by Justin Welby (Archbishop of Canterbury), Hosam Naoum (Archbishop of Jerusalem) and Stephen Cottrell (Archbishop of York).

David Batte, Deanery Synod Representative

Financial Review

FINANCIAL REVIEW FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023 **General Income and Expenditure Account**

The Unrestricted General Account for the year ended 31st December 2023 shows a deficit before transfers from other reserves of £15,356. This compares with a deficit of £22,208 in the preceding year.

Regular giving income increased by around 6% during 2023, and income from the hire of the Church Hall/Meeting Room was around 10% higher than last year. We also benefitted from a one-off Energy Support Grant of £5000 from the Diocese. Our overall annual income in 2023 was around 22% higher than in 2022.

In the autumn of 2023 we undertook a Giving Review. The outcome was an increase of around 10% in our pledged regular income; some of this will have contributed to the increase in regular giving noted above.

Expenditure has been closely scrutinised by the PCC Finance Committee throughout the year. Our Parish Share was 4% higher than in 2022. Salary costs increased by around 10%; we continued to pay our Children & Families Pioneer worker from the Parish Investment Fund, see below. Our overall annual expenditure was around 9% higher than in 2022.

In line with Church of England recommended practice, it is our policy to maintain as a reserve an amount equivalent to approximately three months unrestricted expenditure (eg around £25,000) for contingency purposes. During 2023, the PCC agreed to transfer £10,000 from our Designated Fund Accounts in order to maintain adequate cash reserves. At the end of the year the balance in our Unrestricted Accounts was £21,797.

Designated Fund Accounts and Investments

We have three ongoing Designated Fund Accounts:

- The Hall Renewal Fund: designated for the renewal/rebuilding of the Church Hall
- The Parish Investment Fund: designated for supporting an employee who will develop/promote the ministry and mission of the church in the Parish of Edwalton
- The Church Fabric and Churchyard Maintenance Fund: designated for supporting work on the church and surrounding site that cannot be fully funded from within the General Account.

During 2023, the investments within these three Designated Fund Accounts increased in value, reflecting the worldwide increase in the value of investments. The capital value of our investments increased by £82,500 (6.5%) during the year, while interest and dividends amounted to £35,000 (2.7%).

In mid-2023 the PCC agreed to transfer £50,000 of our accumulated interest in the Hall Renewal Fund into a new deposit fund, taking advantage of the higher interest rates.

During 2023 we transferred £10,000 to our Unrestricted General Account (see above) and £3200 to our Charitable Fund (see below), spent around

£28,000 on our Children & Families Pioneer and associated activities, and spent around £3000 on other items.

Hence the overall value of our Designated Fund Accounts, including funds in our deposit and current accounts, increased by £77,000 (5.9%) during the year. At 31st December 2023 the values of our three ongoing Designated Fund Accounts were

Hall Renewal Fund - £835,602

Parish Investment Fund - £453,743

Church Fabric and Churchyard Maintenance Fund - £7,035

We received the original legacy from the estate of John Hill in 2015; this was used to establish our Parish Investment and Hall Renewal Funds. Since then the combined net value of these two Funds, after allowing for transfers and expenditure over the eight-year period, has increased by £289,320.

During 2023 we established the designated Holy Rood Charitable Fund, allocating 10% of the previous year's interest and dividends to provide grants for local organisations that are seeking to address social or environmental needs in the local area. From the initial fund of £3200 we made four grants of £500 during 2023, to Radford Care Group, PASIC (Nottingham Oncology Daycare), Edwalton Primary School Parents Association and Nottinghamshire Hospice. The remaining money will be carried forward to 2024.

There was no activity relating to our designated Heritage Fund Cultural Grant of £11,100. Most of the income and expenditure occurred during 2021, with only a residual amount (£1133) remaining in the accounts at the end of 2023.

Legacy Policy

In 2016 the PCC established a policy whereby, wherever possible, legacy gifts are used to help fund development projects, whether buildings, equipment or staff. We encourage people to leave gifts in their wills for the general purposes of the church rather than for a restricted purpose. We discuss the possible uses of such gifts with the executors, bearing in mind the areas of interest of the deceased and the priorities of the church at the time. The PCC makes a decision and the executors are informed regarding the use to which the money is being put. No legacies were received during 2023.

Charitable Donations and Fundraising

In addition to our Charitable Fund Grants (see above), during 2023 we raised £1400 at our Christmas Tree Festival which was shared between the Childrens Bereavement Centre and the Cystic Fibrosis Association. We also raised £325 for Nottinghamshire Hospice and £35 for the Childrens Society, and donated £60 to the British Legion. Our two Everyone Can Sing concerts raised £262 for Fairshare and £291 for The Invisible Friends, our Weavers wine-tasting event raised £343 for the Nottingham (SEWA) Foodbank, and our Macmillan Coffee Morning raised £503.

David Batte (Treasurer)

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules.

At the Church of the Holy Rood the membership of the PCC consists of the Priest in Charge, Churchwardens, Deanery Synod representatives and Laity Members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the church parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

Children and Families Pioneer Report

There is much to thank God for that has happened over the last twelve months,

Church programme

Our Sunday children's discipleship group, **Explorers**, has been going for a year now. On Parade Sundays we usually have about six to eight children coming into Explorers, mostly from the Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association (BBGA). Since the new year there has also almost always been children coming on the first Sunday of the month as well, so we

have had Explorers then, too. This is definitely an improving situation, as in 2023 there was quite often no children present on a Sunday morning. In September we ceased **All-Age services** and have instead had Explorers when the BBGA children are here for Parade Sunday. This is working well for the children: we get to explore the Word, pray and have fun together, but has perhaps created more of a disconnect between the children and the adults in church, so I am looking at ways of overcoming this. Dropping All-Age also makes my hope for the church to become intergenerational harder to achieve. However, I am convinced that the **new worshipping community** is the best way to help us connect with younger generations right now.

The services for our new worshipping community (formerly known as the **All-In Service**) relocated to the church hall in May, to give us more space and to make us more accessible to people who don't otherwise attend church. Since June we have had a core team of eight people who have met together frequently to learn, grow and pray together, and who help give practical support to running Sunday gatherings. We decided that the 11.30 start time was probably not that helpful for families, so in January we relaunched as **Breakfast Church**, starting at 9am with a light breakfast. We also went from meeting once a month to twice a month (every second and fourth Sunday of the month), which has been very successful in helping us find a better regular rhythm. We typically have about 16 attenders on average, but had 25 last time out. We have recently been encouraged by a couple of new families coming, and hearing of our established families feeling like Breakfast church is their church. We continue to try new things and evolve as we find out what works best. On Palm Sunday we were delighted to welcome Bishop Andy to Breakfast Church.

At Breakfast Church I plan and lead the bible focus in ways that hopefully make the passage come alive for both adults and children, often using a visual story, discussion and space for reflection and response. We believe that God can speak to us individually, whatever our age or stage of faith.

Outreach

I continue to support the **Baby & Toddler Group** team each Tuesday morning where I enjoy welcoming and chatting with our guests, present a

visual bible story in a creative way, provide art/craft activities for older children and accompany the much-loved nursery songs on guitar. We currently have thirty family units regularly attending.

In the last twelve months the church has continued to actively engage with local children and families through different **outreach events**, including a community family event celebrating the king's coronation; a children's sports games afternoon and half term holiday fun days offering games and crafts.

Family-oriented **Christmas** outreach events were very popular: We made good new connections at the Christmas Tree Festival, the Christingle and the pop-up community carol service on one of the new estates. The Crib Service on Christmas Eve, which had to be moved inside because of the weather, attracted about 100 people. Many children dressed up in costume and participated in the Nativity scene – a brilliant way of engaging with the story.

On Good Friday this year we had our third annual ***Easter Story Trail*** which attracted 170 participants (despite the showers), and over twenty helpers, too. There was a wonderful atmosphere as families enjoyed hearing the Easter story around the village and then came back for lots of Easter story crafts and refreshments. Most of the families that came were as a result of our good connections with toddler group families and the children at the two primary schools I serve.

In addition to the outreach events I have been able to work with the BBGA - in particular by helping the children to engage creatively with the Word; I have participated in the 'Know Your Church Know Your Neighbourhood' course with a small group from church; I have done prayer walks around Edwalton; helped lead the recent Alpha course; written content for families and children in our *Edwalton Herald* newsletter; and done regular, significant work in our two local primary schools.

Ministry in schools

My work and presence in the two local primary schools continues to flourish, and I am delighted how God is making ways for me to share the gospel in the schools. At **Edwalton Primary** I have continued to do regular assemblies - linking bible stories and scripture to their school core values - and presenting Christian messages at their special Easter,

Harvest and Christmas celebration assemblies. It was brilliant to be able to lead an RE lesson on the Fruit of the Spirit for both Year 3 classes, and later present an assembly on this. I continue to run a weekly lunchtime ukulele club – teaching children to play ukulele and therefore bringing enjoyment and new skills to the children. The ukulele band has performed in assemblies, school fayres, and at the Meadow Covert pub at a Christmas event. We even had a song recorded and played on Hospitals Radio. It was wonderful to be honoured by the school in July when they awarded me with a Flying High Trust award for Enjoyment (one of their school values), as voted for by the students of the School Council, for bringing enjoyment to the school through music and assemblies. In a new venture, I have just started a weekly bible-based after-school club at Edwalton Primary, which is so exciting!

At **Rosecliffe Spencer Academy** I have fewer opportunities to do assemblies than at Edwalton Primary, but more opportunities to lead RE lessons. I have led several Christianity lessons for years R, 1, 2 and 3. They have really embraced my *Godly Play* lessons which I have done for them through the academic year to help them achieve curriculum needs, and the teachers tell me that the children get really excited when they hear I am coming to lead an RE lesson.

In October, we welcomed both Year 1 classes to Holy Rood to learn about the church, Christian worship and the Creation story.

My ministry within the schools is crucial because school is at the heart of the community. It enables me to be a Christian presence there, allows me to reach hundreds of children with the Gospel, and gives Holy Rood a higher profile amongst the families represented.

Ecumenical work and networking

At the very end of August I helped organise and lead a brand new inter-church event designed for Christian kids in the West Bridgford area to encounter Jesus, grow their faith and build new Christian friendships. The day was called **Activate** and we had around 70 children attend at St Paul's, plus lots of young leaders too. It was a fabulous day of child-friendly worship, bible exploration, creative prayer and fun activities. We equipped the children to share with their friends what the gospel story is

and gave them a wristband to remind them how to do it. At the end of the day children knelt at the cross to say 'yes' to Jesus.

On Halloween there was a second *Activate* day, where we celebrated Jesus – the light of the world – instead of the usual dark, spooky stuff associated with Halloween. Everyone had a super time, enjoying worship, a creative prayer space, a bible story and lots of activities. We know that some of the children from churches brought their non-Christian friends. It is a joy to see churches work together to share the good news of Jesus and show his love to children and families in creative and relevant ways. Further *Activate* events are being planned for 2024.

Finally, I have participated in several Diocesan initiatives over the year, including children/youth/family worker get-togethers, safeguarding training, the Bishop's study day and, most recently, the Diocesan vision refresh launch.

Hopes for next twelve months

Put simply, I hope we can create more opportunities for the children and adults we are engaging with to encounter Jesus, say yes to following him, choose to worship with us and then help us make more disciples. To do well at this we are going to need more help, and I hope more people from church will get involved in what I think is the church's most fun and exciting ministry! It's a real joy for me to be a 'partner in the gospel' here in Edwalton.

Adrian Kemp, Children and Families Pioneer

Communications Report

Our **Facebook** page has been renamed **Holy Rood Edwalton**. Paul has changed the Facebook Cover image to include information about our groups and activities. The idea is that casual or first-time visitors get an instant idea of what's on offer without having to search through weeks of posts to find out more about us. Our Facebook audience is growing. The number of 'likes' and 'follows' is up more than half on last year.

The Facebook 'reach' for the four weeks to mid April was 448.

Paul says we receive inquiries on a regular basis through Facebook

Messenger and we have always managed to deal with them promptly.

The **Edwalton Herald** is now delivered to 2,200 homes in our growing parish. It aims to play its part in encouraging people from our new estates to explore what Holy Rood has to offer. Broadening our appeal to younger members of the community – children and parents alike – is also very important. Hence the growing number of stories reflecting Adrian's impact as Family and Children pioneer. The delightful photo in the latest edition of the Ukulele band at Edwalton Primary is just one example.

We always welcome ideas and it will be interesting to see what response we get to our appeal for people's views on the future of the Church Hall. Also, our thanks to Gordon for his good work in continuing to maintain and develop our website. Visitors to <https://edwaltonchurch.org> peaked in December and March at 309 and 251 respectively.

Allister Craddock

Church Gardening Club

The church gardening club continues to meet every Saturday from 10am till noon with the obligatory coffee and biscuits at 11 am. Last year we welcomed a new volunteer and continued to have the help of young people who were working towards their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver Awards.

As I reported last year, although the garden is not consecrated, is it nevertheless part of the church and as such faculties (Diocesan permission) need to be granted before any major work can be done. This is something we were not aware of until last year. Consequently, such things as memorial benches, tree planting and construction work will in future need permission from the Diocese. We are still waiting to hear whether we need to submit faculties retrospectively for work done in the past.

We are grateful to our band of willing volunteers who turn up on Saturdays regardless of the weather and their aches and pains and to those people who have supported us throughout the year by donating to

the upkeep of the garden and the essential maintenance of tools and machinery.

We are a sociable group - always keen to welcome new volunteer – so why not come and join us?

Trevor Greaves

Edwalton Baby & Toddler Group

The baby and Toddler group continues to be available to anyone with a child aged between 0 and 4.

This has been an ordinary year, what a joy to be able to say that, but that describes the group in 2023/24.

We are blessed with a strong and reliable group of volunteers, each of whom know where they fit and what is expected of them. During February 2024, I was unable to help as I had an operation, however, the group continued and indeed identified a new opportunity.

Brian is our man in the kitchen and does a splendid job serving excellent coffee and other drinks throughout the morning. The children love Brian, and insist he comes out of the kitchen for our final song, The hokey cokey.

Jacky, Joyce and Vivienne, do all the heavy lifting, setting up the rooms and clearing away, and of course, engaging everyone in cheerful conversation. Occasionally Marjory, will help too.

Mums, Dads, Grannies, Grandads and carers from all across the Globe join us for the morning, and seem to enjoy doing so too.

We have a variety of age ranges from new babies, to some who are going to pre-school, child attendance varies to a maximum of 20, and averages 15 on a normal day.

Adrian is a key person who sets up play for the slightly older ages, tells everyone a bible story and accompanies the sing song on his guitar. The children all respectfully listen to Adrians stories and it is delightful to see them all clustered around the mat which Adrian uses to display his storyline.

Overall it is a delightful opportunity to mix with people from our community and just for a short while enjoy the wonder that are children, blossoming and happy.

Sue, Oh, I do the register!

Sue Bailey, co-ordinator of Baby and Toddler Group

Thursday Coffee Morning and Warm Space

It is so rewarding to hear the laughter and happy voices each and every Thursday Coffee Morning & Warm Space at Edwalton Church. All are welcome to drop in any time from 10.30am with 'last orders' at midday. Our numbers continue to grow with a total register of 42 people and a weekly attendance of 21 to 32. A range of coffee and tea is always available from Latte, Cappuccino including decaf, as well as filtered coffee from a Cafetiere and various tea choices from Earl Grey to the strong Yorkshire stuff along with decaf. Orange and Black Current juices are also available. Biscuits are always presented on the tables with the occasional cake or box of chocolates, especially for those celebrating a birthday. We try to ensure a special treat for each attending member at Christmas and at Easter.

It is a credit to Melvyn and Sue Dougan who first had the idea and then saw it through its early days to the success it is today. What a legacy to remember Melvyn by, may God bless him!

Special thanks to Kay & Stephen



We welcome anyone to visit, no need to book!

Brian Stewart

Ladies Fellowship

Over the past year we have enjoyed speakers covering a wide range of interesting topics. Our membership has increased enabling us to be in a position to donate £250.00 to Church funds towards the cost of heating and lighting. We also participated in the Christmas Tree Festival.

The meetings are held in the Church Meeting Room on the 1st. Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm. to which visitors and new members are most welcome to join us.

A varied and interesting programme has been arranged for the coming year.

Freda Crampton

Rood Gamers & Rood Singers

We continue to meet fortnightly on a Tuesday afternoon between 2pm and 4pm in the Church Meeting Room. It is a social gathering where we play a variety of sit down games. Our regular attendance is twelve. We are open to newcomers joining us whatever age, all it costs is 50p and for that you get a hot drink and biscuits.

Keith, Trevor and David

We are a group of people from the Church who enjoy singing. This session we have performed at the Christmas Tree Festival where we sang Carols that were well known and others that are not . Also there were a couple of light hearted ones as well. We also led the Carol singing around the Village.

Keith and Malcolm

1st Edwalton Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

1st Edwalton Rainbows

2023/24 has been a successful and fun year for the Rainbow unit. Averaging a weekly count of 15 x 5 & 6 years has kept us all busy. Thank you for the use of Holyrood Church Hall and the Church grounds, which has made all our fun possible!

We have done various elements of the Girlguiding Programme which now links themes across all the different ages of Guiding, this year we have done our Stage 1 Badges in Have Adventures, Know Myself and Be Well. Activities to support these badges have included learning how to keep warm while camping, learning about female explorers, how tracking can help while out and about, writing postcards about Nottingham landmarks to other Guides around the world and learning about different personalities and that it is ok to be you (with the help of Winnie the pooh & his friends).

Crafts play a huge part of our weekly activities and we have used our skills to make many wonderful keep-sakes including decorations for the Christmas Tree Festival, Tie dye T-shirts and St David's Day Dragon's. We have been out and about in the community with a trip to the farm at Edwalton School, our annual walk to the fish & chip shop and play at Central Avenue park; gymnastics at Rushcliffe Arena and we went to the Girlguiding campsite at Elton for a day of Christmas fun with Santa's Elves. We have also had lots of different activities join us at the hall including Zumba, Aikido and a published author.

Unfortunately our main leader Kate was poorly and away for most of 2023. Thank you to all the wonderful parents, young leaders and other leaders who have stepped up to support in her absence. Kate is thankfully back now & fighting fit. Whilst we are lucky with the numbers of leaders we have, we always welcome anyone who would like to help out, however frequent or has a 'special talent' they could share with the girls.

1st Edwalton Brownies

Brownies have had another busy year. Our membership remains full, we anticipate that this will continue to be the case for the foreseeable future. We are very lucky to have a strong leadership team with 5 leaders and 5 young leaders.

In October we took part in an overnight trip to The Deep in Hull, where we got to sleep next to the fishes. This was as part of a Division trip and there were 137 Brownies who attended along with 28 leaders.

At the end of this month, we are going on a Pack Holiday to the Oaks Campsite, just outside of Shepshed. We will have 2 nights here and will be having fun glass sledging and completing the jungle trail, as well as completing the 'I'm a Brownie Get Me Out of Here' challenge badge. Last Summer we took part in the annual Brownies Sports Day, which was held at Rushcliffe school. We almost won the relay cup last year; we will be doing our best in July to see if we can win one of the trophies this time. In June we are going to Twycross Zoo for the day along with all the Brownies and Guides in West Bridgford South Trent Division. We have everything crossed for good weather.

So, looking back we have crammed a lot in to the last 12 months, not forgetting our annual Chip Shop walk, celebrating International Women's Day, our Thinking Day celebrations, Bonfire night event with lots of smores and sparklers, a trip to Edwalton School Farm, and much more too.

We also have a lot to look forward to, including a trip to PGL Caythorpe in October 2024 and a trip to PGL Paris in February 2026.

1st Edwalton Guides

We are now in our 3rd year of offering a Guide section and we are delighted that our membership is full, again we anticipate that this will continue to be the case for the foreseeable future. We are very lucky to have a strong leadership team with 5 leaders and 4 young leaders.

In July last year we took part in a Guide Camp at Oaks Campsite, just outside of Shepshed. We did this with 3 other Guide Units. Unfortunately, the weather really was not kind to us, we put the tents up in the rain on Friday and on the Saturday, it did not stop raining all day. However, the Guides demonstrated amazing resilience and did not let the weather ruin their fun at all. But I think we were all relieved to get back home on the Sunday.

Our next camp is booked for June this year and we have everything crossed that the weather will be much kinder to us this year. We are going to Roughbreak camp site in North Nottinghamshire.

Also, in June we will be going with the Brownies to Twycross Zoo, along with the rest of the Division. The Guides will also support the running of the Annual Brownie Sports Day.

So just like the Brownies we have done a lot this year including Bin Bag fashion, tie dying t-shirts and making flags for camp, we have baked cookies, taken part in a Gymnastics event, thought about what we would like to do when we grow up and written inspirational messages for each other for Valentines day and lots more too.

We are also looking forward to taking part in the trip to PGL Paris in February 2026.

Finally, we would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who helps us and supports us throughout the year.

Nikki Lucas – Brownie & Guide Leader

42nd Nottingham (Edwalton) Boys' Brigade

In the last year our Company has celebrated the Coronation of King Charles III back in May 2023. We celebrated it on our Company night and took part in the Church's celebration event. The BB also released a badge to commemorate this which our members wore until the end of 2023.

We have started supporting the Cystic Fibrosis Trust in support the family of one of our Company Section members, who's youngest daughter suffers from the condition. At our Annual Display last year and the Parade Sunday in Father's Day, we wore yellow armbands in support of the charity and all donations made on those two dates were given to the charity.

At the end of the summer term, we said goodbye to Adam Price as he left to go to university after reaching the age limit for young people in BBGA. Adam is one of the few young people we've had in the Company who joined at the age of 5 and went all the way through to age 18. During his time with us he won 21 company trophies, the second highest of all time. He was also Battalion Pool Champion in his Company Section years and was runner-up in Seniors Table Tennis two years in a row. But his biggest achievements were of course gaining his President's and Queen's Badges, and all the levels of Duke of Edinburgh's Award. He gained the Bronze DofE at the end of 2019, followed by the President's Badge in mid-2020. His Queen's Badge was presented in February 2022, just 17 months after starting on the award. His presentation being among the first Queen's badges presented in the 42nd for nearly 7 years. Covid caused delay in him getting his Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award being completed, along with starting off on Gold. By the time he finished in the Company, he had finished Silver but the award had not yet arrived. It eventually came in August 2023, and a few weeks later, he completed Gold. His Gold Award eventually came in time for the end of the Autumn term of 2023, and so we were finally able to present his Gold Award just before Christmas, the first Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award presented in the 42nd since 2010, and the 70th Duke of Edinburgh's Award presented in the Company.

All the Officers at the 42nd are very pleased and proud of what Adam has achieved with us, and we are very grateful for his exemplary and dedicated service to the Company. We all wish him the very best for his future.

We have welcomed back Matthew as a helper this year as he takes a gap year from university. Many will remember Matthew for being a long serving member of the Company, like Adam was, being a regular attender

to Parade Sunday's and being a good reader in services. He gained experience of working with the younger sections through his work towards the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award and Queen's Badge, and has used that experience to the full this year, and has fitted into the team very well. We are all very grateful for his help and contributions.

Early on in the 2023-24 session, we received the sad news of the passing of our Church's former Vicar and Company's former Chaplain Rev. David Bignell. As Chaplain to our Company, we could not have asked for any more of David really, he was very supportive of every aspect of the Company. He regularly visited on our meeting nights, every summer when we went camping, he would be there to visit, he attended every Display and Awards Night and even helped out with lifts to outings. He also frequently gave the Company chances to contribute to Parade Services such as doing the collection, reading the prayers and readings, doing role plays and even choosing the hymns sometimes.

Not only did he show an interest in everything the Company did but he also always showed a genuine interest in every member of the Company, young and old, and everyone had the utmost respect for him.

David was a big part of why the 42nd Nottingham Company has such a good relationship with the Church, which it still has to this day. It's something that really every BB Company should have. And we cannot thank David enough for his contribution to the life of our Company.

In October, The Boys' Brigade celebrated it's 140th Anniversary since it's formation in Glasgow by William Alexander Smith. Luckily for us, the actual date of the anniversary, the 4th October, was on a Wednesday and we marked the occasion with all Company members and families together with cake and a sing. The following Saturday, we held a sleepover at the Church Hall for our Junior Section members as part of a nationwide event the BB were holding. Believe it or not, our Juniors did actually sleep that night but perhaps not as much as we'd hoped. The success of the event has led the BB to plan another event this year for the section.

In November, our band led the Remembrance Sunday Parade in Eastwood again which was yet another success despite it being slightly on the cold side, and we are booked in to play again this year. The

following Sunday we had our annual Enrolment Parade Service, welcoming in the latest set of new members.

Another sad passing this last year was that of Roy Bradshaw, who passed away in November. Roy, or Mr B as he was known to us, was such a big part of our Company's history and folklore, having served as an Officer for over 30 years, and seen both his sons, Martin and Chris serve as Captain during his time.

I know I'm not the only person who learned so much from Mr. B and has so much gratitude for the input he had in my younger years. The help and advice he gave was always highly valued and respected no matter what age you were.

He always stressed the importance of being smart in your uniform, and I can say from experience that it was very hard to get full marks in inspection when he was inspecting you. But if you didn't get full marks, he would give simple advice on how to do it. He always knew how to get young people to listen to him, and everyone was always very keen to learn from him, and no one ever wanted to let him down.

Of course, after retiring, Roy continued to support the 42nd Company in any way he could. Attending our Annual Displays and most Parade Sunday's, he would often talk about how good it was to still here the band playing and seeing the colour party at the beginning and end of a service. Only in last year's report I spoke about how we helped celebrate his 90th birthday by wearing uniforms from during his time in the Company.

His passing was a real sad occurrence and we as a Company did our bit to make sure we gave him the tribute he deserved, with members past and present being at the funeral service, and being in the guard of honour. Also, our colours were on display in their usual places at each end of the altar curtains.

Roy Bradshaw's name and spirit will sure live on in the 42nd Company for many more years to come, including with his name being on two of our Company trophies.

December saw us participate in the Church Christmas Tree festival, with our band performing on the Saturday afternoon and our members having a visual presence throughout both days. Our tree was themed around the 140th anniversary of the BB, being adorned in facts about each year since 1883, and the flag of every country, island and territory where the BB has

established itself. Around the tree included other facts such as famous people who were in the BB as young people, Lego figures made by our Anchors and Juniors members, and an anchor mosaic made by our Company Section members consisting of 4096 Lego tiles!

Now all of these efforts weren't enough to make our tree the 'best tree' at the festival but we don't do it for that, and our young members all did us very proud, particularly the Company Section for their hard work and dedication to complete the mural. We plan to have the mural framed in the near future as a reminder of the work put in.

The final build up to Christmas saw the young members fully engage in the advent themed Parade Service followed by our family Carol Service at the Church Hall.

January saw us host the Battalion Company and Seniors Table Tennis Competition and our Anchors took part in an indoor climbing evening at the Nottingham Climbing Centre. Other competitions include our Juniors taking part in the Edgar Spencer mini challenge competition, where they finished 3rd. As the session progresses, it is hoped they will also take part in the Unihoc, Dodgeball, Football and Athletics competitions. Our Company Section also hope to take part in Dodgeball, Athletics and Badminton competitions.

Perhaps the biggest thing for the 42nd Company this year has been going onto the BB's Building Stronger campaign. This is an initiative set up by the BB at National level to help companies build their membership numbers up through strengthening their programmes and increasing their online and social media presence. Our Company already has its own Facebook and Instagram pages and we are working on the advice given to us to help build a stronger presence within Edwalton as the new estate continues to build.

Adrian continues to visit regularly on our meeting nights and he too has given some input on how to improve our programme and build our known presence in the area and hopefully our membership numbers.

We continue our monthly joint meeting nights with the 45th Company in Clifton for our Company Section members, helping to get them to meet more and different people of their own age, as well as offer them a

different environment. This continues to be a success for both companies, and in July, both of us along with the 44th Company, also in Clifton, will be going on a weekend camp in Derbyshire.

We continue to attend Church services once a month through our own monthly Parades, keeping the band going strong, which continues to draw great appraisal from Church members and residents alike. Our members continue to participate in services by doing readings and the collection, and although our Anchors and Juniors usually go out to Explorers now during the services, we at least do still get a good percentage of Company members attending and enjoying coming to the services.

We of course are very grateful for all positive feedback we get from congregation members, whether it be for how well dressed the young people are, how well behaved they are, how good the band sounds, whatever it may be. We do appreciate it, and we don't take for granted the things we get to do in the Church and will always contribute to the life of the Church as much as we can and in the best way we can.

So, at the time of writing, we currently have 4 Anchors, 4 Juniors, 3 Company Section and 5 Officers, but as is often the way, what we lack in quantity we make up for in quality. And our young people never let the low numbers get in the way of having a fun evening, nor let it stop them being able to do the things they can do and achieve.

Our Annual Display and Awards Night this year is on Wednesday 12th June at the Church Hall. You are all of course welcome to attend, and you will be able to see what they can do in small numbers and what they've been able to achieve. You can see them show their talents, many of which they may not have known they even had if they weren't in the BBGA, and do it with confidence.

My final word goes to the Officers of the Company, Graham, Lisa, Andy and Matthew, without whom, the Company could simply not function. Being a BBGA Officer is a thankless task and all 4 give their services quite freely and willingly, not looking for any reward or recognition. Let's hope we can end 2023-24 on a high, and hope that 2024-25 can be the start of something bigger and even more exciting.

Services

2023

1st, 2nd, 4th Sundays	10.00 am	Parish Communion / Morning Worship (Common Worship)
1 st Sunday	11.30 am	<i>All in</i> Service at the Church Hall
3rd Sunday	10.00 am	All age Worship
	4.00 pm	Evensong

2024

1 st Sunday	10.15am	Morning Worship
2 nd & 4 th Sundays	9.00am	Breakfast Church at the Church Hall
	10.15am	Holy Communion
3 rd Sunday	10.15am	Morning Worship with BBGA Parade
	4.00pm	Evensong

HOME or HOSPITAL COMMUNION By arrangement with the Ministry team.

BAPTISM and THANKSGIVINGS During the 10.00am service by arrangement with Rev Mark Fraser or Rev Ade Perham

WEDDINGS and MARRIAGE BLESSINGS By arrangement with Rev'd Mark Fraser

FUNERALS By arrangement with Rev'd Mark Fraser

Thank you to everyone who contributes to the life of the Church.

If you would like to know more about any of the groups or events mentioned in the report, please contact the group leader, Ade or Alex

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

Registered Charity Number 1133017

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The Church of the Holy Rood, Edwalton**

I report on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Act, but that an independent examination is required.

I report in respect of my examination of the accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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 confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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22 March 2024

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 31 December 2023							
		Note	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	TOTAL FUNDS	
			Funds	Funds	Funds	Y/E 31 Dec	Y/E 31 Dec
						2023	2022
			£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources		2					
Voluntary Income			63,876	6,608	-	70,484	50,136
Activities for generating funds			-	2,442	-	2,442	2,403
Income from investments			561	19,253	-	19,814	20,388
Church activities			21,029	-	-	21,029	20,816
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES			85,466	28,303	-	113,769	93,743
RESOURCES EXPENDED		3					
Church activities			97,117	33,950	1,425	132,492	125,663
Governance costs			3,705	1,429	-	5,134	3,863
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED			100,822	35,379	1,425	137,626	129,526
NET (OUTGOING)/ INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS			(15,356)	(7,076)	(1,425)	(23,857)	(35,783)
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS			10,000	(10,000)	-	-	-
NET(OUTGOING)/ INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES			(5,356)	(17,076)	(1,425)	(23,857)	(35,783)
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS			-	-	-	-	-
Gains/(loss) on investment assets			-	95,297	-	95,297	(134,433)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS			(5,356)	78,221	(1,425)	71,440	(170,216)
Balances b/fwd 1 January			42,858	1,219,355	4,275	1,266,488	1,436,703
Balances c/fwd 31 December			37,502	1,297,576	2,850	1,337,928	1,266,488

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2022									
						2023	2022		
					Notes	£	£		
FIXED ASSETS									
	Tangible				5(a)	17,737	20,311		
	Investments				5(b)	1,221,884	1,176,587		
						1,239,621	1,196,898		
CURRENT ASSETS									
	Stock					300	300		
	Debtors and prepayments					2,461	3,040		
	Cash at bank and in hand					98,613	70,387		
						101,374	73,727		
LIABILITIES									
	Creditors - amounts falling due within one year					3,067	4,137		
NET CURRENT ASSETS						98,307	69,590		
TOTAL NET ASSETS						1,337,928	1,266,488		
PARISH FUNDS									
	Unrestricted				6	37,502	42,858		
	Designated					1,297,576	1,219,355		
	Restricted					2,850	4,275		
	Endowment					-	-		
						1,337,928	1,266,488		

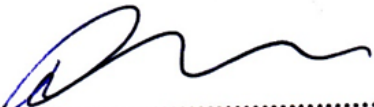
2. INCOMING RESOURCES				Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	TOTAL FUNDS		
				Funds	Funds	Funds	2023	2022	
				£	£	£	£	£	
2(a)	Voluntary Income								
	Planned giving:								
		Gift Aid donations		38,079	-	-	38,079	35,831	
		Tax recoverable		10,485	-	-	10,485	8,636	
		Uncovenanted		5,721	-	-	5,721	4,622	
	Donations:								
		Sundry		4,491	683	-	5,174	1,047	
		Fabric		-	2,725	-	2,725	-	
		Bells		-	-	-	-	-	
	Grant:								
		Listed Worship Grant		-	-	-	-	-	
		Other Grant		5,000	3,200	-	8,200	-	
	Legacies			100	-	-	100	-	
				63,876	6,608	-	70,484	50,136	
2(b)	Activities from generating funds								
	Fund Raising Events			-	2,442	-	2,442	2,403	
	Other					-	-	-	
				-	2,442	-	2,442	2,403	
2 (c)	Income from Investments								
	Dividends			-	19,253	-	19,253	20,294	
	Interest Received			561	-	-	561	94	
				561	19,253	-	19,814	20,388	
2(d)	Income from church activities								
	Fees			7,215	-	-	7,215	8,276	
	Hire of church hall			12,198	-	-	12,198	11,114	
	Hire of meeting room			1,616	-	-	1,616	1,426	
				21,029	-	-	21,029	20,816	
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES				85,466	28,303	-	113,769	93,743	

3. RESOURCES EXPENDED			Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	TOTAL	
			Funds	Funds	Funds	2023	2022
			£	£	£	£	£
3 (a)	Church activities						
	Church Societies			-	-	-	
	Secular charities		127	4,394	-	4,521	2,879
	Ministry:	Parish Share	59,916	-	-	59,916	57,396
		Incumbent	3,014	-	-	3,014	2,749
		Vicars expenses	1,560	-	-	1,560	1,275
	Heating, lighting and cleaning		8,642	-	-	8,642	5,783
	Insurance		4,169	-	-	4,169	3,990
	Minor repairs		1,496	-	-	1,496	2,521
	Churchyard		1,188	3,106	-	4,294	763
	Audit & Accountancy		175	-	-	175	150
	Upkeep of services		690	-	-	690	432
	Depreciation of fixtures and fitting		1,974	-	1,425	3,399	3,124
	Salaries and honoraria		11,855	26,450	-	38,305	36,513
	Church hall		2,311	-	-	2,311	5,692
	Other		-	-	-	-	2,396
			97,117	33,950	1,425	132,492	125,663
3(b)							
	Governance						
	Printing, postage and stationary		2,242	-	-	2,242	2,815
	Sundry Administration expenses		1,463	1,429	-	2,892	1,048
			3,705	1,429	-	5,135	3,863
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED			100,822	35,379	1,425	137,627	129,526

4. STAFF COSTS					2023	2022		
					£	£		
	Wages and salaries				38,305	36,513		
					38,305	36,513		
	During the year the PCC employed an administrator, two cleaners and a pioneer worker none of whom earned more than £50,000 pa. There were no disclosable transactions in respect of PCC members, persons closely connected with them or related parties.							
	Employees of the Holy Rood participate in the Pension Builder Scheme section of CWPF for lay staff. CWPF is administered by the Church of England Pensions Board, which holds the CWPF assets separately from those of Holy Rood, and other participating employers. CWPF has two sections, the Defined Benefit Scheme and the Pension Builder Scheme, the latter having two subsections - Pension Builder Classic, which is a deferred annuity scheme, and Pension Builder 2014. The Pension Builder 2014 is a cash balance scheme, which provides a lump sum that members use to provide benefits at retirement. Pension contributions are recorded in an account for each member and discretionary bonuses may be added before retirement, depending on investment returns and other factors. The whole account is payable, unreduced, from age 65.							
	There is no sub-division of assets between employers in each section of the Pension Builder Scheme. The scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102. This is because it is not possible to attribute the Pension Builder Scheme's assets and liabilities to specific employers and means that contributions are accounted for as if the Scheme were a defined contribution scheme. The pensions costs charged to the SoFA in the year are the contributions payable to the Pension Builder 2014 scheme were £2,300 (2022 £2,300).							
	A valuation of the Pension Builder Scheme is carried out once every three years. The most recent valuation was carried out as at 31 December 2019. For the Pension Builder 2014 section, the 2019 valuation revealed a surplus of £5.5m on the ongoing assumptions used. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time. The next valuation is due as at 31 December 2022. Calculations for this are currently under way. More details of the other schemes can be found on the Church of England website in the Pensions pages.							
	The legal structure of the scheme is such that if another employer fails, Holy Rood could become responsible for paying a share of the failed employer's pension liabilities.							

5. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC								
			Freehold land and buildings		Church & church hall equipment		Church & church hall Total	
			£		£		£	
5(a) Tangible fixed assets								
ACTUAL/DEEMED COST	At 1 January 2023		11,365		32,064		43,429	
	Additions		-		825		825	
	At 31 December 2023		11,365		32,889		44,254	
DEPRECIATION	At 1 January 2023		-		23,118		23,118	
	Charge for the year		-		3,399		3,399	
	At 31 December 2023		-		26,517		26,517	
NET BOOK VALUE	At 31 December 2023		11,365		6,372		17,737	
	At 1 January 2023		11,365		8,946		20,311	
5(b) Investment fixed assets								
					£			
	Market Value at 1 January 2023				1,176,587			
	Purchases at cost				-			
	Disposals at cost				(50,000)			
	Change in Market Value				95,297			
	Market Value at 31 December 2023				1,221,884			
Holdings at 31 December 2023:								
			34,419 shares in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund (Unrestricted)					
			Investments fixed assets include three designated funds one of £443,825, one designated fund of £774,691 and one of £3,368. They all comprise of equity shares and bonds and are managed by third parties.					
6. NET ASSETS BY FUND			Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL	
			£	£	£	£	£	
	Fixed Assets for Church use		14,887	-	2,850	-	17,737	
	Investment Fixed Assets			1,221,884	-	-	1,221,884	
	Current Assets		24,560	76,814	-	-	101,374	
	Current Liabilities		(1,945)	(1,122)		-	(3,067)	
	Fund Balance		37,502	1,297,576	2,850	-	1,337,928	

These accounts were adopted at the Parochial Church Council meeting held on Monday 25th March 2024.


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Rev'd Ade Perham

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RESOURCES EXPENDED		3					
Church activities			97,117	33,950	1,425	132,492	125,663
Governance costs			3,705	1,429	-	5,134	3,863
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED			100,822	35,379	1,425	137,626	129,526
NET (OUTGOING)/ INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS			(15,356)	(7,076)	(1,425)	(23,857)	(35,783)
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS			10,000	(10,000)	-	-	-
NET(OUTGOING)/ INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES			(5,356)	(17,076)	(1,425)	(23,857)	(35,783)
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS			-	-	-	-	-
Gains/(loss) on investment assets			-	95,297	-	95,297	(134,433)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS			(5,356)	78,221	(1,425)	71,440	(170,216)
Balances b/fwd 1 January			42,858	1,219,355	4,275	1,266,488	1,436,703
Balances c/fwd 31 December			37,502	1,297,576	2,850	1,337,928	1,266,488

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2022									
						2023	2022		
					Notes	£	£		
FIXED ASSETS									
	Tangible				5(a)	17,737	20,311		
	Investments				5(b)	1,221,884	1,176,587		
						1,239,621	1,196,898		
CURRENT ASSETS									
	Stock					300	300		
	Debtors and prepayments					2,461	3,040		
	Cash at bank and in hand					98,613	70,387		
						101,374	73,727		
LIABILITIES									
	Creditors - amounts falling due within one year					3,067	4,137		
NET CURRENT ASSETS						98,307	69,590		
TOTAL NET ASSETS						1,337,928	1,266,488		
PARISH FUNDS									
	Unrestricted				6	37,502	42,858		
	Designated					1,297,576	1,219,355		
	Restricted					2,850	4,275		
	Endowment					-	-		
						1,337,928	1,266,488		

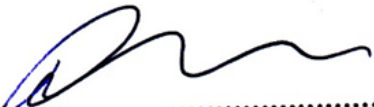
2. INCOMING RESOURCES				Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	TOTAL FUNDS		
				Funds	Funds	Funds	2023	2022	
				£	£	£	£	£	
2(a)	Voluntary Income								
	Planned giving:								
		Gift Aid donations		38,079	-	-	38,079	35,831	
		Tax recoverable		10,485	-	-	10,485	8,636	
		Uncovenanted		5,721	-	-	5,721	4,622	
	Donations:								
		Sundry		4,491	683	-	5,174	1,047	
		Fabric		-	2,725	-	2,725	-	
		Bells		-	-	-	-	-	
	Grant:								
		Listed Worship Grant		-	-	-	-	-	
		Other Grant		5,000	3,200	-	8,200	-	
	Legacies			100	-	-	100	-	
				63,876	6,608	-	70,484	50,136	
2(b)	Activities from generating funds								
	Fund Raising Events			-	2,442	-	2,442	2,403	
	Other					-	-	-	
				-	2,442	-	2,442	2,403	
2 (c)	Income from Investments								
	Dividends			-	19,253	-	19,253	20,294	
	Interest Received			561	-	-	561	94	
				561	19,253	-	19,814	20,388	
2(d)	Income from church activities								
	Fees			7,215	-	-	7,215	8,276	
	Hire of church hall			12,198	-	-	12,198	11,114	
	Hire of meeting room			1,616	-	-	1,616	1,426	
				21,029	-	-	21,029	20,816	
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES				85,466	28,303	-	113,769	93,743	

3. RESOURCES EXPENDED			Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	TOTAL	
			Funds	Funds	Funds	2023	2022
			£	£	£	£	£
3 (a)	Church activities						
	Church Societies			-	-	-	
	Secular charities		127	4,394	-	4,521	2,879
	Ministry:	Parish Share	59,916	-	-	59,916	57,396
		Incumbent	3,014	-	-	3,014	2,749
		Vicars expenses	1,560	-	-	1,560	1,275
	Heating, lighting and cleaning		8,642	-	-	8,642	5,783
	Insurance		4,169	-	-	4,169	3,990
	Minor repairs		1,496	-	-	1,496	2,521
	Churchyard		1,188	3,106	-	4,294	763
	Audit & Accountancy		175	-	-	175	150
	Upkeep of services		690	-	-	690	432
	Depreciation of fixtures and fitting		1,974	-	1,425	3,399	3,124
	Salaries and honoraria		11,855	26,450	-	38,305	36,513
	Church hall		2,311	-	-	2,311	5,692
	Other		-	-	-	-	2,396
			97,117	33,950	1,425	132,492	125,663
3(b)							
	Governance						
	Printing, postage and stationary		2,242	-	-	2,242	2,815
	Sundry Administration expenses		1,463	1,429	-	2,892	1,048
			3,705	1,429	-	5,135	3,863
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED			100,822	35,379	1,425	137,627	129,526

4. STAFF COSTS					2023	2022		
					£	£		
	Wages and salaries				38,305	36,513		
					38,305	36,513		
	During the year the PCC employed an administrator, two cleaners and a pioneer worker none of whom earned more than £50,000 pa. There were no disclosable transactions in respect of PCC members, persons closely connected with them or related parties.							
	Employees of the Holy Rood participate in the Pension Builder Scheme section of CWPF for lay staff. CWPF is administered by the Church of England Pensions Board, which holds the CWPF assets separately from those of Holy Rood, and other participating employers. CWPF has two sections, the Defined Benefit Scheme and the Pension Builder Scheme, the later having two subsections - Pension Builder Classic, which is a deferred annuity scheme, and Pension Builder 2014. The Pension Builder 2014 is a cash balance scheme, which provides a lump sum that members use to provide benefits at retirement. Pension contributions are recorded in an account for each member and discretionary bonuses may be added before retirement, depending on investment returns and other factors. The whole account is payable, unreduced, from age 65.							
	There is no sub-division of assets between employers in each section of the Pension Builder Scheme. The scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102. This is because it is not possible to attribute the Pension Builder Scheme's assets and liabilities to specific employers and means that contributions are accounted for as if the Scheme were a defined contribution scheme. The pensions costs charged to the SoFA in the year are the contributions payable to the Pension Builder 2014 scheme were £2,300 (2022 £2,300).							
	A valuation of the Pension Builder Scheme is carried out once every three years. The most recent valuation was carried out as at 31 December 2019. For the Pension Builder 2014 section, the 2019 valuation revealed a surplus of £5.5m on the ongoing assumptions used. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time. The next valuation is due as at 31 December 2022. Calculations for this are currently under way. More details of the other schemes can be found on the Church of England website in the Pensions pages.							
	The legal structure of the scheme is such that if another employer fails, Holy Rood could become responsible for paying a share of the failed employer's pension liabilities.							

5. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC								
			Freehold land and buildings		Church & church hall equipment		Church & church hall Total	
			£		£		£	
5(a) Tangible fixed assets								
ACTUAL/DEEMED COST	At 1 January 2023		11,365		32,064		43,429	
	Additions		-		825		825	
	At 31 December 2023		11,365		32,889		44,254	
DEPRECIATION	At 1 January 2023		-		23,118		23,118	
	Charge for the year		-		3,399		3,399	
	At 31 December 2023		-		26,517		26,517	
NET BOOK VALUE	At 31 December 2023		11,365		6,372		17,737	
	At 1 January 2023		11,365		8,946		20,311	
5(b) Investment fixed assets								
					£			
	Market Value at 1 January 2023				1,176,587			
	Purchases at cost				-			
	Disposals at cost				(50,000)			
	Change in Market Value				95,297			
	Market Value at 31 December 2023				1,221,884			
Holdings at 31 December 2023:								
			34,419 shares in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund (Unrestricted)					
			Investments fixed assets include three designated funds one of £443,825, one designated fund of £774,691 and one of £3,368. They all comprise of equity shares and bonds and are managed by third parties.					
6. NET ASSETS BY FUND			Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL	
			£	£	£	£	£	
	Fixed Assets for Church use		14,887	-	2,850	-	17,737	
	Investment Fixed Assets			1,221,884	-	-	1,221,884	
	Current Assets		24,560	76,814	-	-	101,374	
	Current Liabilities		(1,945)	(1,122)		-	(3,067)	
	Fund Balance		37,502	1,297,576	2,850	-	1,337,928	

These accounts were adopted at the Parochial Church Council meeting held on Monday 25th March 2024.


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Rev'd Ade Perham

Church of the Holy Rood, Edwalton

Accounts



2022 Annual Report

Parochial Church Council

Church of the Holy Rood
Edwalton

April 202

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AIMS AND PURPOSES

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Priest in Charge (Revd Mark Fraser) in promoting, in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The church also has benefitted from a variety of clergy from across the Parishes.

The PCC is specifically responsible for the maintenance of the building of the Church of the Holy Rood, Village Street, Edwalton and the Church Hall, Village Green, Edwalton.

In the absence of Churchwardens, David Batte and Susan Russell are happy to report that the Church inventory and terrier are all in order.

Objectives

The mission of the Church of the Holy Rood is “A worshipping church, welcoming everyone into the Lord’s family, proclaiming the gospel and serving the community.”

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of the parish community

OVERVIEW

Throughout 2022, we have been discerning together our vision & values, celebrating how these things currently happen in the life of Holy Rood, and providing opportunities for the Church Congregation to discuss how we might do these things better. Holy Rood’s vision statement makes clear our aspiration to be:

“A worshipping Church, welcoming young and old into the Lord’s family, proclaiming the gospel and serving the community.”

As trustees of Holy Rood, the Parochial Church Council (PCC) met ?? times during 2022 and has (amongst other things) overseen the Church’s enabling of our vision and values to be more fully realised.

So, what have we done?

a) A worshipping Church

We are very grateful to the Ministry Team, who lead our services on Sundays and Wednesdays, along with occasional additional services throughout the year. This team includes Rev. Mark Fraser, Rev. Ade Perham, Rev. Joyce Saywell, Jacky Tivers (our Licensed Lay Minister), Adrian Kemp and Tom Judge. We are also very appreciative of all those people who contribute to our services. Thanks to Douglas Harvey and Susan Russell for playing the organ, to Janet who, after many years of playing, has now retired; to Paul and Stefan for manning the sound desk; to all our sidespeople, intercessors, readers and those who provide refreshments.

In September 2022, Holy Rood's offering of services was expanded to include two additional monthly services: Evensong (3rd Sunday each month at 4pm) and an Informal Family Service (1st Sunday each month at 11:30am). Both are well attended (approximately 20 at each), with the 10am Traditional Service attracting an average attendance of 40 throughout the year.

Compared to the last couple of years, where Covid had a significant impact on people's engagement with church services, it was heartening to see the church full at times this year (particularly around Easter and Christmas).

The Morning Prayer group has continued to meet on Wednesday mornings, attended by a faithful group of approximately 7 people. The Book Group (meeting bi-weekly on Thursday evenings) has also continued to meet, initially on Zoom but now meets in-person most of the time.

In recognition of the significance of the Church Garden for parishioners during the Covid pandemic, the Garden's prayer walk booklet was updated and several services were held outside. These included the Holy Saturday morning service, the summer all-age service, and the Crib service. The positive atmosphere around them all in their own unique ways was lovely to experience. We are grateful for the faithful team who lovingly maintain the Garden week in and week out throughout the year.

During Advent, we also organised/hosted community carol services at three different locations around the parish (including in the Village) which engaged over 160 people in total.

A legacy from Covid is that we currently do not share a common cup during the distribution of Communion, preferring instead to intinct (dipping a wafer into the chalice of wine). We appreciate there are mixed opinions about this sensitive subject, and ask that you speak to a PCC member to share your views, which can then be discussed at a forthcoming PCC meeting.

b) Welcoming young and old into the Lord's family

As you will see in Adrian's comprehensive report, there are lots of encouraging things that happened (and are happening) that engage with younger people and families. Thank you so much to those of you who helped out in this vital ministry, giving wholeheartedly of your time, energy, imagination and warmth in sharing God's welcome and love to those you met.

Encouragingly, we are growing as a Church. In 2022, over 40 adults and 6 under-16s joined us (or re-joined, following a long absence). We are hugely grateful for the warm welcome you give to people walking through our doors for the first time, particularly the sidespeople on Sundays and leaders of other weekday activities and events.

c) Proclaiming the gospel

During our 'Cake and Chat' events, one of the things that was unanimously agreed upon was that we felt unsure about what 'proclaiming the gospel' might look like. A couple of ideas in response to this cropped up, including arranging some teaching on the subject, and organising some community events that would include an element of engagement with the Christian faith.

In response to the latter, we hosted a Christingle service at the Church Hall in early December, which attracted about 75 people and included a short talk from Adrian. To our knowledge, many of those who attended do not currently attend a church regularly. At events such as the Christmas Tree Festival, Adrian also facilitated a few sessions that helped children and parents to engage with the Christmas story and its real meaning.

It has also been really encouraging to hear stories from places such as the Tuesday toddler group, where people coming along have felt able to have really deep and meaningful conversations with team members.

d) Serving the community

Speaking of Toddlers, the group is run by an active and committed team, who have done a fabulous job of providing a safe space for children and their 'grown-ups', whilst building relationships and being 'good news' to all who come. Whilst we're grateful to the whole team for their continued efforts, particular thanks must go to Sue Bailey for all her hard work in coordinating the team and being generally awesome.

Other regular activities that served the community and provided vital places of welcome include Rood Gamers (bi-weekly on Tuesday afternoons) and Coffee Group (weekly on Thursday mornings). Both were well attended, steadily growing in popularity.

There were also several community-oriented events that were organised by the Church. These included:

Two community picnics that happened on the Edwalton Park and Edwalton Chase housing estates, in celebration of Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee. These attracted in excess of 150 people (of all ages).

The Harvest Celebration Weekend in September, which included some incredible contributions of flowers and scarecrows from local schools, care homes, other groups and individuals. It attracted over 200 people and particular thanks goes to Julia Jefferson for her efforts in making it happen.

The Christmas Tree Festival, which involved over 40 trees (provided and decorated by local community organisations), hundreds of visitors and many cakes & cuppas! Huge thanks to Helen Stephenson and Alex Whitaker, along with the many others who made this such a success. The funds raised for the Childrens Bereavement Service were a huge encouragement, too.

Another way that we continued to serve the community throughout the year was by taking several wedding and funeral services for members of the church and community. The death of Melvyn was a particular shock, which the church community continues to mourn.

The PCC, with the support of a few others, have been exploring various options of ways that we might practically serve the community. These have included:

Entering into discussions with the Council over purchasing a small piece of the golf course so that the graveyard can be extended, as there are very few burial plots remaining.

Appointing a Team to figure out what to do with the existing Church Hall and future development/alternative ways to bless and serve the community with the legacy that was given a few years ago. Incidentally, a Community Audit is currently being conducted as part of this process.

People

We are grateful to a wide range of people who have contributed to the life and flourishing of Holy Rood in 2022. However, every year has its ups and downs, and perhaps the greatest sadness was the loss of Melvyn Dougan, following illness that began earlier in the year. Melvyn's faithful ministry, wisdom and compassionate care was greatly valued by everyone at Holy Rood and he has left a rich legacy in the lives of all who knew him.

Throughout 2022, alongside the Finance Team and Ministry Team, two other teams have become more fully established. These are the Communications Team and the Fabric Team. All four of these teams have particular remits, empowered by and accountable to the PCC, with each Team having a minimum of two PCC members on them, so that there are clear lines of communication, support and accountability between the teams and the Church's trustees. These teams also ensure that no individual should have to be overly burdened with responsibilities, and makes it easier for newcomers to join these teams and 'learn the ropes' before committing to particular responsibilities.

Thank you to those involved in these teams, and of course the PCC, without which vital parts of the Church simply could not function. The PCC were very grateful for David Bailey's service as Treasurer, before this responsibility was handed over to David Batte during early-2022, both of whom were ably supported by Helen Stephenson, Joanne Pilkington and the Finance Team, who helped us to maintain a clear understanding of our financial position and responsibilities.

Rev. Joyce Saywell has taken over as Safeguarding Officer and we had no safeguarding issues this year.

In 2023, we hope to establish a Pastoral Care team, as we are mindful that people can easily ‘fall through the gaps’. We are grateful to all of you who completed the updated GDPR contact details forms, as this has helped us to update our records and gives us a solid platform to start our Pastoral Care activities from.

This was our third successive year without any church wardens and this situation cannot continue indefinitely. We are in real need of church members being willing to stand to serve as wardens and a full complement of PCC members if we are to lead the church together into a future with hope and confidence. Whilst we face challenges, we also have many opportunities opening to us and we need to be willing to trust God, listen to his leading and risk some changes in order to live out our vision to be a “Worshipping Church, welcoming young and old into the Lord’s family, proclaiming the gospel and serving the community.”

PCC Meetings

The standing business of the PCC for the year was:

Opening worship

Apologies

Minutes of the previous meeting

Priests Report

Treasurer’s Report

Fabric Report

Communications Report

Health & Safety Report

Safeguarding Report

AOB

Closing prayers

The PCC met seven times during 2022/ 23

FABRIC GROUP

The Fabric Committee was formally re-established following the 2022 APCM, and currently has the following members:

Ade Perham, Graham Beck, Julie Beesley and Neil Stephenson.

The team has spent a good proportion of time establishing a framework for the management of routine activities around the Church premises. This is to continue with the intention of allowing routine maintenance to be completed without the need for review by the PCC. Financial limits and scope have been agreed and allow for much of this activity to proceed with Fabric Committee oversight only. Our sincere thanks to Melvyn for his support and dedication in previous years and in helping the team get to grips with the operational processes associated with the team.

A proportion of the last year has seen the church without a caretaker, and we welcome Patrick as the new incumbent, and thank Paul for his service, and continued support as well.

A number of significant activities have occurred throughout the period, including:

Installation of a fire alarm system at the Church Hall; completed in September 2022. In addition, remedial works to fire doors and other activities including signage were also completed.

Risk assessments of the Church have been reviewed and continue to be updated.

A thorough assessment of the Church Bell Tower has been conducted by Taylors of Loughborough. The report is currently being considered and actions arising will be discussed in due course.

The paving at the Church door has been re-set so that the doors no longer catch.

Paving to the Church garden is planned to be widened to enhance accessibility for wheelchairs.

An ongoing assessment of the Church hall continues to determine what remedial works may be required to ensure the venue remains a useful facility for the Church and community. Some decorating work is due to be undertaken in the toilets.

We continue to consider future works in all the areas within the remit of the committee, specifically the Church itself, the Churchyard and the

Church Hall, according to the established schedule and also by priority for unplanned events.

We have a significant amount of work to oversee and maintain, and could benefit from additional volunteers to bolster the team.

Our thanks too, to those outside the team that have contributed to works, completed and ongoing.

Administrative information

The Church of the Holy Rood is a charity registered with the Charity Commission. The members of the PCC are trustees.

PCC members who have served at any time during 2022;

Ex Officio members

Priest-in-charge - Revd. Mark Fraser

Curate – Revd. Ade Perham (Chairperson)

Churchwardens -

Elected members

Graham Beck

Stefan Beck

Julie Beesley

Allister Craddock

Melvyn Dougan

David Rhodes

Joyce Saywell

Malcolm Saywell

Alan Trease

Co-opted

David Batte

Deanery Synod

DEANERY SYNOD PROCEEDINGS IN 2022

West Bingham Deanery is one of nine deaneries in the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham. Its area covers churches in West Bridgford, Clifton, Wilford and villages to the south and west. Synod Meetings bring together clergy and lay representatives two or three times a year, to receive reports and discuss church issues. Meetings are often also open to members of parishes.

Mark Fraser was Area Dean throughout 2022 but stood down in January 2023 and has been succeeded by **Revd Tim Fox** (St Paul's Wilford Hill). **Katharine Dryden** continued as Deanery Administrator and **Andrew Little** (St Paul's, Wilford Hill) recently replaced Barry Dryden as Deanery Treasurer.

The **Deanery Leadership Team** each year sets the size of each parish's Share, the amount of money that each parish is asked to pay towards the cost of running the Diocese including stipends, pensions and accommodation.

Holy Rood is entitled to two lay representatives but unfortunately we didn't have any lay representation during 2022.

SYNOD MEETINGS IN 2022

March at St Mary's Clifton: we prayed and encouraged one another. We talked about Clifton Parish's work with young people.

June at St Wilfrid's Wilford: Revd Liam O'Boyle spoke about Supporting Refugees in our diocese, and Jane Gray (St Peter's Ruddington) on Supporting the Supporters. We agreed to plan Mission events to be held during September 2023.

October at St Paul's Wilford Hill: Robert Cleave (the *Diocesan Environment Officer*) spoke about Caring for Creation with churches becoming Eco Parishes and appointing "eco

champions” to encourage parishioners to change their lifestyles. [Robert offered to visit PCC meetings in local parishes].

Revd James Halstead (*Principal of the Diocese’s School of Discipleship*) explained about the materials and resources available on the Learning Hub on the Diocese’s website.

RETIREMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS IN 2022

Revd Lee Proudlove of St Giles’ retired; no successor has yet been appointed.

The long-standing vacancy at Sutton Bonington & Normanton continues.

New curates started at East Leake (**Daniel Bauhahn**) and Lady Bay (**Kristine Mole**).

2023 ELECTIONS We may elect up to two lay representatives to Deanery Synod at its APCM on 27 April. Those elected will serve terms of three years ending on 30 June 2026.

Revd Mark Fraser

Financial Review

FINANCIAL REVIEW FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022

General Income and Expenditure Account

The Unrestricted General Account for the year ended 31st December 2022 shows a loss before transfers from other reserves of £22,208. This compares with a loss of £24,149 in the preceding year.

Regular giving income increased by around 10% during 2022, and income from the hire of the Church Hall/Meeting Room was over 35% higher than last year.

Expenditure has been closely scrutinised by the PCC Finance Committee throughout the year. Our Parish Share, 6% higher than in 2021, was paid

in full. Salary costs increased by around 7%; we continued to pay our Children & Families Pioneer worker from the Parish Investment Fund, see below.

Leaving aside the income and expenditure associated with the Heritage Fund Cultural Grant (see below), our overall income and expenditure in 2022 were around 10% higher than in 2021.

In line with Church of England recommended practice, it is our policy to maintain as a reserve an amount equivalent to approximately three months unrestricted expenditure (eg around £25,000) for contingency purposes. During 2022, the PCC agreed to transfer £25,000 from our Designated Fund Accounts in order to maintain adequate cash reserves. At the end of the year the balance in our Unrestricted Accounts was £26,223.

Designated Fund Accounts and Investments

We have three ongoing Designated Fund Accounts:

- The Hall Renewal Fund: designated for the renewal/rebuilding of the Church Hall
- The Parish Investment Fund: designated for supporting an employee who will develop/promote the ministry and mission of the church in the Parish of Edwalton
- The Church Fabric and Churchyard Maintenance Fund: designated for supporting work on the church and surrounding site that cannot be fully funded from within the General Account.

During 2022, the investments within our Designated Fund Accounts decreased in value, reflecting the worldwide decrease in the value of investments due to global uncertainties; the capital value of our investments decreased by £130,000 (10%) during the year. We also transferred £25,000 to our Unrestricted General Account, spent around £37,000 on our Children & Families Pioneer and associated activities, and spent around £5000 on other items. This expenditure was offset by interest and dividend receipts amounting to £31,775 (2.7%). Hence the overall value of our Designated Fund Accounts decreased by £171,515 (12%) during the year.

At 31st December 2022 the values of our three ongoing Designated Fund Accounts were

Hall Renewal Fund - £755,166

Parish Investment Fund - £457,225

Church Fabric and Churchyard Maintenance Fund - £7,276

We received the original legacy from the estate of John Hill in 2015; this was used to establish our Parish Investment and Hall Renewal Funds. Since then the combined net value of these two Funds, after allowing for transfers and expenditure over the seven-year period, has increased by £212,366.

In 2021/22 we received from the Heritage Fund a Cultural Grant of £11,100. Most of the income and expenditure occurred during 2021, with only a residual amount (£1133) remaining in the accounts at the end of 2022.

Legacy Policy

In 2016 the PCC established a policy whereby, wherever possible, legacy gifts are used to help fund development projects, whether buildings, equipment or staff. We encourage people to leave gifts in their wills for the general purposes of the church rather than for a restricted purpose. We discuss the possible uses of such gifts with the executors, bearing in mind the areas of interest of the deceased and the priorities of the church at the time. The PCC makes a decision and the executors are informed regarding the use to which the money is being put.

No legacies were received during 2022.

Charitable Donations

During 2022, the Parish donated £500 to the Notts Clergy Widows and Dependents Fund. We also raised £676 for Sewa Foodbank, £600 for the Children's Bereavement Centre, £600 for Macmillan Cancer Support, £70 for Nottingham Hospice, £45 for the Childrens' Society and £110 for other causes.

David Batte (Treasurer)

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules.

At the Church of the Holy Rood the membership of the PCC consists of the Priest in Charge, Churchwardens, Deanery Synod representatives and Laity Members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the church parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

Children and Families Pioneer Report

Church programme

At Easter 2022 we launched our Sunday children's discipleship group, *Explorers*. This is offered on the second and fourth Sundays. Attendance is erratic (often there are no children), and at other times a wide age range is a challenge, but we always have a very worthwhile time exploring God's Word - usually through the *Godly Play* method - and building positive friendships with each other. It's important for any young families who come to our church, or who are looking for a new church, to know there is provision for children. I am grateful for the help of Julia Tragheim and Val Lee.

In our monthly All-Age services we continue to try and engage children and adults alike in slightly more interactive and creative ways. For example, over the last twelve months we have used storytelling, drama,

object lessons, new songs, art, creative prayers and interactive responses to the message. I've been delighted to see how people have been open to responding in different ways. Our all-age service in the garden in August, and the rare visit of the Girlguiding units with lots of parents in November were two particular highlights for me. Through 2023 we are exploring God's BIG story – looking at the grand narrative of the Bible from Creation to New Creation.

In October we commenced our new monthly 11.30 worship service with a vision for reaching new families and younger generations and building a vibrant new worshipping community. Ade and I share responsibility for this and we have been using these early sessions to experiment, learn and evolve. Typically we are getting around 16-18 people come, and we have seen at least ten different families connect with us, but not all at the same time. Our big challenge is to find ways for all ages and stages of faith to worship and engage with God together. We enjoy modern worship songs and child-friendly action songs, hearing and seeing a bible story then discussing it together, and then responding to what God is saying to us in creative ways. We are moving location to the church hall from May in order to be more accessible to people who don't come to church. We have also commenced bi-monthly Saturday morning 'Family, Faith, Fun' events at Ade's house – another way in for new families who don't attend church. In recent weeks I have completed the Plant course with Ade, at the Centre for Church Multiplication in London. This has been an invaluable learning experience and has helped us sharpen our vision and strategies for the new worshipping community, which we have now decided to call the *All-In service*.

Outreach

We have been actively engaging with children and families through the year through many different events including a bible-based summer holiday club; a scarecrow trail and crafts for Harvest weekend; a football coaching kids holiday club in October (working with St Luke's and St Giles' churches and *Ambassadors Football*); telling the Christmas story to children at the Christmas Tree Festival; February and May half term games and craft mornings and a Kids Sing Pop event. Family-oriented Christmas outreach events were very popular: We moved the Christingle service to the church hall and this was packed out with people who don't

normally come to our church; the pop-up carol singing events on the new estates attracted about 100 people as did the Crib Service in the garden, where many children and some adults dressed up in costume and participated in the Nativity scene.

The public's amazing response to our new *Easter Story Trail* events have exceeded my expectations, with around 130 people coming on Good Friday 2022 and 180 this Easter. A huge thanks to everyone who has helped me on any of these events.

I believe that Holy Rood is gaining an increasingly positive reputation through all of these community-focused events and I suspect we are becoming known as a church that does really good, family-friendly and creative things that people are finding surprising!

Aside from these outreach events I have been able to visit and work with the Boys Brigade and the Rainbows and Brownies; attend the ongoing 'Know Your Church Know Your Community' course; go on prayer walks around Edwalton; write content for families and children in our *Edwalton Herald* newsletter; and do regular work in our two local primary schools. I continue to support Sue and the Baby & Toddler Group team each Tuesday morning where I enjoy welcoming and chatting with our guests, present a visual bible story, provide art/craft activities for older children and accompany the much-loved nursery songs on guitar.

Ministry in schools

My work and presence in the schools has increased and begun to flourish over the last year. At Edwalton Primary I do regular assemblies, linking bible stories and scripture to their school core values, and presenting Christian messages at their Easter, Harvest and Christmas celebration assemblies. The children and staff now know and trust me and value my ministry there. I get fewer opportunities to do assemblies at Rosecliffe Spencer Academy than at Edwalton Primary, but more opportunities to lead RE lessons. I have led several Christianity lessons for years R, 1, and 2. They have really embraced my *Godly Play* lessons which I have done for them through the academic year to help them achieve curriculum needs.

Rosecliffe Year 1 class visited Holy Rood to learn about the church and Christian worship and celebrations in July, Edwalton Primary contributed

six scarecrows for the scarecrow trail in September, and we welcomed a total of 150 children from the schools for *Easter Experience* - an interactive, multi-sensory exploration of the Easter story.

In November I, along with Emily Trease, commenced a lunchtime music club at Edwalton Primary. We have taught the group to play ukelele, learnt some songs, performed in assemblies, and we have helped the children to write their own song, which they have found very exciting. Due to the success of the music club, the school have recently bought a set of 30 new ukeleles. The music club is another way I have been able to bless the school, strengthen my presence there, and work alongside some of the children more frequently

My ministry within the schools is crucial because school is at the heart of the community. It enables me to be a Christian presence there, allows me to reach hundreds of children with the Gospel, and gives Holy Rood a higher profile amongst the families represented. It's worth noting that these are secular, state schools. God has been so good in opening doors to these schools and I believe there are greater things to come.

Hopes for next twelve months

Put simply, I hope we can create more opportunities for the children and adults we are engaging with to encounter Jesus, say yes to him and become his disciples, choose to worship with us and then help us make more disciples. It's a real joy for me to be a 'partner in the gospel' here in Edwalton.

Communications Report



The Communications Sub-Group was formed at the start of 2022 and comprises Ade Perham, Julia Jefferson, Allister Craddock, Paul Srinivasan and Gordon Russell.

The initial focus of the group has been to promote consistency in the look of communications produced by the Church. To this end there has been two key introductions to our paper and digital communications:

- A themed logo is now in use based on the Canterbury Cross which can be seen at the entrance to Holy Rood above the lychgate.
- The Church is commonly referred to as Holy Rood, Edwalton. Previously there were a variety of ways in which the Church was referred to and these are gradually being aligned. Note that this does not impinge on the full formal name of the Church.

As part of extending our outreach with the Edwalton Herald we increased the publication from 4 pages to 8 enabling us to have a dedicated 2 page spread for Families and Children.

We are continuing to develop our presence on Facebook for which our thanks go to Paul Srinivasan for the vibrant new look and regular fresh content. To complement our social media presence, we have also launched a new website. The new website provides the opportunity to host an expanding variety of content about our Church.

A summary of the latest PCC meeting is now available in the Church and on our website.

Something that may be on the horizon for further development is an experimental recording of a service. The results are available on the website and on Facebook where you can listen to the readings, sermon and prayers at your leisure.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/edwaltonparishchurch

Website: edwaltonchurch.org

Church Gardening Club

Rain, snow, hail did not deter the gardeners. Our team of willing volunteers continued to tend the church garden every Saturday throughout the year – they were, however, given Christmas weekend off and were ‘allowed’ extended coffee breaks during bad weather. The club is self-sufficient and has, in the past, organised fund raising events such as the ever popular strawberry tea. Regrettably it was decided that we were no longer physically able to organise such events ourselves so we

relied on donations. We were most grateful to those donors for their generosity.

Sadly vandals, for whatever reason, uprooted the three newly constructed Easter crosses in the garden and left golf balls in the holes and the squirrels were busy digging up the bulbs.

The Diocese has now ruled that, because the garden is part of the Church, although not consecrated, faculties (planning permission) must be granted before any major work can be carried out.

The Church Garden is there for all to enjoy and we are most grateful to our volunteer gardeners and coffee makers for their enthusiasm, their time and commitment.

We meet every Saturday from 10am till 12 noon and would welcome more volunteers to come and work – and drink coffee – with us.

Trevor Greaves

Edwalton Baby & Toddler Group

Since my first report we have continued to grow. Every week is different as we do not have a system whereby people are guaranteed a place or book for a term.

On average, we get at least 14 adults with accompanying children. The age range of the children continues to be 2 months to 3 years old.

Since starting we have added Vivienne to our team and she is enjoying herself immensely. We also get occasional help from Julia Tragheim and Julia Jefferson.

So the team is myself, Adrian, Joyce, Jacky and Brian.

I wish to record my thanks to all the volunteers who contribute so much to each session.

We have added and replaced various toys during the year and include a small craft activity for the slightly older children in our group.

We opened for one extra week during half-term and invited Musical Tots to entertain the children, this was well received.

Dancing Digits also came to one of our sessions to encourage the children to think about numbers, it was very interesting to see which of our regular children loved this activity.

I'm delighted to report that there have been no incidents

We had a Tree in the Christmas Tree festival and the Christmas Elf visited with gifts for all.

Sue Bailey, co-ordinator of Baby and Toddler Group

Thursday Coffee Morning and Warm Space

Our Thursday Coffee Morning experienced a great shock early 2022 when the Founder, Melvyn Dougan fell ill and I, Brian Stewart, was asked to take temporary charge. This seemed a little ironic since I had expressed to Melvyn my opinion that this idea of meeting up regularly once a week for a cup of tea or coffee would not work. How wrong I was!

It has gone from strength to strength, as well as confounding us all because of its unusual demographic with male attendees outnumbering ladies four to one. We regularly enjoy the company of 25 people and have a solid membership of 38. New members are always welcome and all are invited to drop in and 'smell the coffee', taste the biscuits, and feel the

excitement and friendly atmosphere generated by such a happy fellowship. We try not to miss a birthday, plus we do like a cake! Give it a try, you don't have to stay, BUT, I bet you will return!

During the winter we opened ourselves' up even more by encouraging our community to turn down their home heating and take advantage of our 'Warm Space', but this was only taken up with limited numbers. Even so, I suggest the PCC should consider repeating during Winter 2023/4.

It has also been suggested that we try to open a second day during the week, this may prove difficult, but I promised those that asked that I would pass the suggestion on to the PCC.



We welcome anyone to visit, no need to book!

Ladies Fellowship

Members have enjoyed another successful year with a further increase in membership. We have had a variety of interesting speakers covering many interesting and informative topics.

We had pleasure in donating £200 to Church funds and participated in the Christmas Tree Festival.

In these uncertain times when everything around us seems to be changing, it is comforting that we as a group, continue to thrive and enjoy friendship and fellowship.

Please feel free to join us. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month in the Church Meeting Room at 7.30pm and coffee and biscuits are served at the end of the meeting.

A programme is on the notice board in the entrance porch.

Freda Crampton

Rood Gamers

We continue to meet fortnightly on a Tuesday afternoon between 2pm and 4pm in the Church Meeting Room. It is a social gathering where we play a variety of card and board games. Our regular attendance is twelve. We are open to retired newcomers joining us, all it costs is 50p and for that you get a hot drink, biscuits and the essential chat. During the summer, if the weather is warm, we may venture into the garden for a game of boules or croquet

Keith, Trevor and David

Rood Singers

The idea for this group began towards the end of 2022, as it had been hoped for a while to introduce newer music to Church services, but at the same time it was felt that plenty of hymns that had been out for while were not being used, or had been forgotten about in recent years. And so at the beginning of 2023 an idea was put forward to try and put something together to get us to learn these new songs and hymns, and re-familiarise ourselves with ones we may have forgotten about.

Interest in this was very positive, and our first meeting took place on Friday 17th February, and since then we have met every other Friday, and have covered more than 40 different hymns and songs of different styles and genres from different eras. Examples of this range from us covering one verse hymns that are sung through two or three times from the 1970's, 80's and 90's at our first few meetings, the hymns and songs up in the 1000's in our Mission Praise books, and at our most recent meeting, some of the more classic style hymns in the green Kevin Mayhew books. We have also tried to work on hymns for the events in the Church calendar, Easter being the first of these and the Pentecost period being the next one, and going forward we look to work on more of those that we may have used to sing and haven't for some time, and some newer ones that may not be in our hymn books and some Taize tunes as well.

Some of what we've worked on has been used in services and we hope to continue this, as well as giving people the opportunity to have enjoy having a sing of hymns and songs together outside the Sunday services. We are a fairly small but very committed and enthusiastic group and, but will always welcome new members to provide their voices. So if you think this might be your thing, come and join us. Our first meeting after the APCM is the night after, the 28th April, and our May meetings are the 12th and 26th.

42nd Nottingham (Edwalton) Boys' Brigade

In the last year we as a Company celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee last June with a party and at national level a commemorative badge was released. Also at national level was a competition to find the best picture design to commemorate the event, and the best seventy were chosen for a card to be sent to Her Majesty from the Brigade, and one of our Juniors designs was one of the lucky seventy.

During the summer weeks we had a trip to Stonebridge City Farm and had an evening on Victoria Embankment, and we ended the term with a weekend camp in Leicestershire with the two Clifton companies.

September was a difficult month for us as our membership numbers almost halved over the course of the month from what we had when we finished in July, leaving us in single figures. And of course we can't not mention the passing of the Queen, which like the majority of the country left us very saddened. We displayed a tribute to Her Majesty with our Companies display at the Church Scarecrow Festival along with our albums and flyers, and outside were our four scarecrows, Bill (Anchors), Bob (Junior Section), Jim (Company Section) and Rob (Seniors).

In November, our Juniors won the Battalion Bible Knowledge competition for the first time ever. We also had our Enrolment Service in November as usual where our three newest members were enrolled, and at the end of the same month, we contributed in the usual way to the Church's Christmas Tree Festival.

In December we said goodbye to Julia after fifteen years' service, and her farewell tribute and our family carol service was well attended by family, BBGA and Church members. We are very grateful to the service Julia gave us during her time in the Company, and we're sure she will take her experience into her new helping roles within the Church.

The last part of 2022 was helping celebrate the ninetieth birthday of Mr Roy Bradshaw. Anyone who knows the 42nd Company knows just how much Roy, or Mr B as he was known to us, is such a big part of our Company's history and folklore. For the December Parade, the day before the big day itself, uniforms from throughout his time in the Company were worn by our members, which included commemorative badges that were released in those particular years. Also, because the weather prevented us from marching, the band played outside the Church immediately after the service.

2023 began with us gaining three new Anchors and one new Company Section member thanks to seeing info about us at Church after a service and the Christmas Tree Festival respectively.

We've continued to attend monthly at All Age Services and continue to contribute in many ways including doing the readings, the collection, the

occasional choosing of hymns to sing and engaging in the All Age talks. We are grateful to Ade and Adrian for making the services enjoyable for our children and for allowing us to contribute in the way that we do. We are also grateful for the visits they make to our Wednesday meeting nights.

This year will hopefully see our oldest member complete his Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award, but not at the same time of course.

We look forward to being able to celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty the King next month as the BBGA nationally has made numerous resources and gifts to mark the occasion.

Our Annual Display and Awards Night will take place on Wednesday 14th June at the Church Hall, and as always, everyone is welcome to attend, showing the support you give to our Company that you do so well and we are always grateful for, and we hope that will continue.

Stefan Beck

Services

1st, 2nd, 4th Sundays	10.00 am	Parish Communion / Morning Worship (Common Worship)
1 st Sunday	11.30 am	<i>All in</i> Service at the Church Hall

3rd Sunday

10.00 am

All age Worship

4.00 pm

Evensong

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HOME or HOSPITAL COMMUNION

By arrangement with the Ministry team.

BAPTISM and THANKSGIVINGS

During the 10.15am service by arrangement with Rev Mark Fraser or Rev Ade Perham

WEDDINGS and MARRIAGE BLESSINGS

By arrangement with Rev'd Mark Fraser

FUNERALS

By arrangement with Rev'd Mark Fraser

If you would like to become involved in any of the groups or activities mentioned in the Report, please contact the Group leaders or leave a message in the Church Office.

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PARISH OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD, EDWALTON**

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022

Registered Charity Number 1133017

**Independent Examiner's Report to the members of the Parochial Church Council of
The Church of the Holy Rood, Edwalton**

I report on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Act, but that an independent examination is required.

I report in respect of my examination of the accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

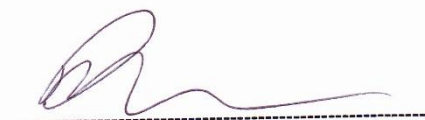
I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Debbie Caine FCCA CTA ACA
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11 March 2023

**These accounts were adopted at the Parochial Church Council meeting
held on 20th March 2023**



Rev'd Ade Perham
Curate, Holy Rood Church, Edwalton

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 31 December 2022							
	Note	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	TOTAL FUNDS		
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Y/E 31 Dec	Y/E 31 Dec	
					2022	2021	
		£	£	£	£	£	
Incoming Resources	2						
Voluntary Income		49,342	794	-	50,136	55,409	
Activities for generating funds		-	2,403	-	2,403	2,293	
Income from investments		94	20,294	-	20,388	31,125	
Church activities		20,816	-	-	20,816	15,773	
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		70,252	23,491	-	93,743	104,600	
RESOURCES EXPENDED	3						
Church activities		88,597	35,641	1,425	125,663	102,353	
Governance costs		3,863	-	-	3,863	5,316	
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		92,460	35,641	1,425	129,526	107,669	
NET (OUTGOING)/ INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS		(22,208)	(12,149)	(1,425)	(35,783)	(3,069)	
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS		25,000	(25,000)	-	-	-	
NET(OUTGOING)/ INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		2,792	(37,149)	(1,425)	(35,783)	(3,069)	
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS		-	-	-	-	-	
Gains/(loss) on investment assets		-	(134,433)	-	(134,433)	124,307	
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		2,792	(171,582)	(1,425)	(170,216)	121,238	
Balances b/fwd 1 January		40,066	1,390,937	5,700	1,436,703	1,315,465	
Balances c/fwd 31 December		42,858	1,219,355	4,275	1,266,488	1,436,703	

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2022									
						2022	2021		
					Notes	£	£		
FIXED ASSETS									
	Tangible				5(a)	20,311	21,616		
	Investments				5(b)	1,176,587	1,196,020		
						1,196,898	1,217,636		
CURRENT ASSETS									
	Stock					300	300		
	Debtors and prepayments					3,040	1,730		
	Cash at bank and in hand					70,387	220,462		
						73,727	222,492		
LIABILITIES									
	Creditors - amounts falling due within one year					4,137	3,425		
NET CURRENT ASSETS									
						69,590	219,067		
TOTAL NET ASSETS									
						1,266,488	1,436,703		
PARISH FUNDS									
	Unrestricted				6	42,858	40,066		
	Designated					1,219,355	1,390,937		
	Restricted					4,275	5,700		
	Endowment					-	-		
						1,266,488	1,436,703		

2. INCOMING RESOURCES				Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	TOTAL FUNDS	
				Funds	Funds	Funds	2022	2021
				£	£	£	£	£
2(a)	Voluntary Income							
	Planned giving:							
		Gift Aid donations		35,831	-	-	35,831	32,208
		Tax recoverable		8,636	-	-	8,636	7,536
		Uncovenanted		4,622	-	-	4,622	3,376
	Donations:							
		Sundry		253	794	-	1,047	1,299
		Fabric		-	-	-	-	-
		Bells		-	-	-	-	-
	Grant:							
		Listed Worship Grant		-	-	-	-	-
		Other Grant		-	-	-	-	9,990
	Legacies			-	-	-	-	1,000
				49,342	794	-	50,136	55,409
2(b)	Activities from generating funds							
	Fund Raising Events			-	2,403	-	2,403	1,687
	Other					-	-	606
				-	2,403	-	2,403	2,293
2 ©	Income from Investments							
	Dividends			-	20,294	-	20,294	29,584
	Interest Received			94	-	-	94	1,541
				94	20,294	-	20,388	31,125
2(d)	Income from church activities							
	Fees			8,276	-	-	8,276	6,615
	Hire of church hall			11,114	-	-	11,114	9,138
	Hire of meeting room			1,426	-	-	1,426	20
				20,816	-	-	20,816	15,773
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES				70,252	23,491	-	93,743	104,600

3. RESOURCES EXPENDED			Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	TOTAL	
			Funds	Funds	Funds	2022	2021
			£	£	£	£	£
3 (a)	Church activities						
	Church Societies			-	-	-	
	Secular charities		500	2,379	-	2,879	1,815
	Ministry:	Parish Share	57,396	-	-	57,396	54,060
		Incumbent	2,749	-	-	2,749	2,365
		Vicars expenses	1,275	-	-	1,275	340
	Heating, lighting and cleaning		5,783	-	-	5,783	4,598
	Insurance		3,990	-	-	3,990	3,846
	Minor repairs		2,521	-	-	2,521	6,536
	Churchyard		157	606	-	763	1,480
	Audit & Accountancy		150	-	-	150	300
	Upkeep of services		432	-	-	432	1,911
	Depreciation of fixtures and fitting		1,699	-	1,425	3,124	2,943
	Salaries and honoraria		10,721	25,792	-	36,513	17,982
	Church hall		1,224	4,468	-	5,692	1,412
	Other		-	2,396	-	2,396	2,765
			88,597	35,641	1,425	125,663	102,353
3(b)	Governance						
	Printing, postage and stationary		2,815	-	-	2,815	4,458
	Sundry Administration expenses		1,048	-	-	1,048	858
			3,863	-	-	3,863	5,316
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED			92,460	35,641	1,425	129,526	107,669

4. STAFF COSTS					2022	2021		
					£	£		
	Wages and salaries				36,512	17,982		
					36,512	17,982		
	During the year the PCC employed an administrator, a cleaner and a pioneer worker none of whom earned more than £50,000 pa. There were no disposable transactions in respect of PCC members, persons closely connected with them or related parties.							
5. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC					Church &		Church &	
			Freehold land		church hall		church hall	
			and buildings		equipment		Total	
			£		£		£	
5(a) Tangible fixed assets								
ACTUAL/DEEMED	At 1 January 2022		11,365		30,839		42,204	
COST	Additions		-		1,819		1,819	
	At 31 December 2022		11,365		32,658		44,023	
DEPRECIATION	At 1 January 2022		-		20,588		20,588	
	Charge for the year		-		3,124		3,124	
	At 31 December 2022		-		23,712		23,712	
NET BOOK VALUE	At 31 December 2022		11,365		8,946		20,311	
	At 1 January 2022		11,365		10,251		21,616	
5(b) Investment fixed assets					£			
	Market Value at 1 January 2022				1,196,020			
	Purchases at cost				130,000			
	Disposals at cost				(15,000)			
	Change in Market Value				(134,433)			
	Market Value at 31 December 2022				1,176,587			
	Holdings at 31 December 2022:							
6. NET ASSETS BY FUND			Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	TOTAL	
			Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds		
			£	£	£	£	£	
	Fixed Assets for Church use		16,036	-	4,275	-	20,311	
	Investment Fixed Assets			1,176,587	-	-	1,176,587	
	Current Assets		29,564	44,163	-	-	73,727	
	Current Liabilities		(2,742)	(1,395)		-	(4,137)	
	Fund Balance		42,858	1,219,355	4,275	-	1,266,488	

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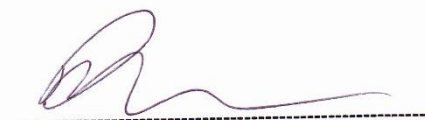
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11 March 2023

**These accounts were adopted at the Parochial Church Council meeting
held on 20th March 2023**



Rev'd Ade Perham
Curate, Holy Rood Church, Edwalton

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 31 December 2022							
	Note	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	TOTAL FUNDS		
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Y/E 31 Dec	Y/E 31 Dec	
					2022	2021	
		£	£	£	£	£	
Incoming Resources	2						
Voluntary Income		49,342	794	-	50,136	55,409	
Activities for generating funds		-	2,403	-	2,403	2,293	
Income from investments		94	20,294	-	20,388	31,125	
Church activities		20,816	-	-	20,816	15,773	
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		70,252	23,491	-	93,743	104,600	
RESOURCES EXPENDED	3						
Church activities		88,597	35,641	1,425	125,663	102,353	
Governance costs		3,863	-	-	3,863	5,316	
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		92,460	35,641	1,425	129,526	107,669	
NET (OUTGOING)/ INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS		(22,208)	(12,149)	(1,425)	(35,783)	(3,069)	
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS		25,000	(25,000)	-	-	-	
NET(OUTGOING)/ INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		2,792	(37,149)	(1,425)	(35,783)	(3,069)	
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS		-	-	-	-	-	
Gains/(loss) on investment assets		-	(134,433)	-	(134,433)	124,307	
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		2,792	(171,582)	(1,425)	(170,216)	121,238	
Balances b/fwd 1 January		40,066	1,390,937	5,700	1,436,703	1,315,465	
Balances c/fwd 31 December		42,858	1,219,355	4,275	1,266,488	1,436,703	

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2022									
						2022	2021		
					Notes	£	£		
FIXED ASSETS									
	Tangible				5(a)	20,311	21,616		
	Investments				5(b)	1,176,587	1,196,020		
						1,196,898	1,217,636		
CURRENT ASSETS									
	Stock					300	300		
	Debtors and prepayments					3,040	1,730		
	Cash at bank and in hand					70,387	220,462		
						73,727	222,492		
LIABILITIES									
	Creditors - amounts falling due within one year					4,137	3,425		
NET CURRENT ASSETS									
						69,590	219,067		
TOTAL NET ASSETS									
						1,266,488	1,436,703		
PARISH FUNDS									
	Unrestricted				6	42,858	40,066		
	Designated					1,219,355	1,390,937		
	Restricted					4,275	5,700		
	Endowment					-	-		
						1,266,488	1,436,703		

2. INCOMING RESOURCES				Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	TOTAL FUNDS	
				Funds	Funds	Funds	2022	2021
				£	£	£	£	£
2(a)	Voluntary Income							
	Planned giving:							
		Gift Aid donations		35,831	-	-	35,831	32,208
		Tax recoverable		8,636	-	-	8,636	7,536
		Uncovenanted		4,622	-	-	4,622	3,376
	Donations:							
		Sundry		253	794	-	1,047	1,299
		Fabric		-	-	-	-	-
		Bells		-	-	-	-	-
	Grant:							
		Listed Worship Grant		-	-	-	-	-
		Other Grant		-	-	-	-	9,990
	Legacies			-	-	-	-	1,000
				49,342	794	-	50,136	55,409
2(b)	Activities from generating funds							
	Fund Raising Events			-	2,403	-	2,403	1,687
	Other					-	-	606
				-	2,403	-	2,403	2,293
2 ©	Income from Investments							
	Dividends			-	20,294	-	20,294	29,584
	Interest Received			94	-	-	94	1,541
				94	20,294	-	20,388	31,125
2(d)	Income from church activities							
	Fees			8,276	-	-	8,276	6,615
	Hire of church hall			11,114	-	-	11,114	9,138
	Hire of meeting room			1,426	-	-	1,426	20
				20,816	-	-	20,816	15,773
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES				70,252	23,491	-	93,743	104,600

3. RESOURCES EXPENDED			Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	TOTAL	
			Funds	Funds	Funds	2022	2021
			£	£	£	£	£
3 (a)	Church activities						
	Church Societies			-	-	-	
	Secular charities		500	2,379	-	2,879	1,815
	Ministry:	Parish Share	57,396	-	-	57,396	54,060
		Incumbent	2,749	-	-	2,749	2,365
		Vicars expenses	1,275	-	-	1,275	340
	Heating, lighting and cleaning		5,783	-	-	5,783	4,598
	Insurance		3,990	-	-	3,990	3,846
	Minor repairs		2,521	-	-	2,521	6,536
	Churchyard		157	606	-	763	1,480
	Audit & Accountancy		150	-	-	150	300
	Upkeep of services		432	-	-	432	1,911
	Depreciation of fixtures and fitting		1,699	-	1,425	3,124	2,943
	Salaries and honoraria		10,721	25,792	-	36,513	17,982
	Church hall		1,224	4,468	-	5,692	1,412
	Other		-	2,396	-	2,396	2,765
			88,597	35,641	1,425	125,663	102,353
3(b)	Governance						
	Printing, postage and stationary		2,815	-	-	2,815	4,458
	Sundry Administration expenses		1,048	-	-	1,048	858
			3,863	-	-	3,863	5,316
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED			92,460	35,641	1,425	129,526	107,669

4. STAFF COSTS					2022	2021		
					£	£		
	Wages and salaries				36,512	17,982		
					36,512	17,982		
	During the year the PCC employed an administrator, a cleaner and a pioneer worker none of whom earned more than £50,000 pa. There were no disposable transactions in respect of PCC members, persons closely connected with them or related parties.							
5. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC					Church &		Church &	
			Freehold land		church hall		church hall	
			and buildings		equipment		Total	
			£		£		£	
5(a) Tangible fixed assets								
ACTUAL/DEEMED	At 1 January 2022		11,365		30,839		42,204	
COST	Additions		-		1,819		1,819	
	At 31 December 2022		11,365		32,658		44,023	
DEPRECIATION	At 1 January 2022		-		20,588		20,588	
	Charge for the year		-		3,124		3,124	
	At 31 December 2022		-		23,712		23,712	
NET BOOK VALUE	At 31 December 2022		11,365		8,946		20,311	
	At 1 January 2022		11,365		10,251		21,616	
5(b) Investment fixed assets					£			
	Market Value at 1 January 2022				1,196,020			
	Purchases at cost				130,000			
	Disposals at cost				(15,000)			
	Change in Market Value				(134,433)			
	Market Value at 31 December 2022				1,176,587			
	Holdings at 31 December 2022:							
6. NET ASSETS BY FUND			Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	TOTAL	
			Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds		
			£	£	£	£	£	
	Fixed Assets for Church use		16,036	-	4,275	-	20,311	
	Investment Fixed Assets			1,176,587	-	-	1,176,587	
	Current Assets		29,564	44,163	-	-	73,727	
	Current Liabilities		(2,742)	(1,395)		-	(4,137)	
	Fund Balance		42,858	1,219,355	4,275	-	1,266,488	

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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD, EDWALTON**

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2021

Registered Charity Number 1133017

**Independent Examiner's Report to the members of the Parochial Church Council of
The Church of the Holy Rood, Edwalton**

I report on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Act, but that an independent examination is required.

I report in respect of my examination of the accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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 confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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16 March 2022

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 31 December 2021								
			Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
							31-Dec 2021	31-Dec 2020
				£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources		1						
Voluntary Income				45,309	110	9,990	55,409	47,647
Activities for generating funds				487	119	1,687	2,293	536
Income from investments				3	31,122	-	31,125	30,971
Church activities				15,773	-	-	15,773	11,214
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES				61,572	31,351	11,677	104,600	90,368
RESOURCES EXPENDED		2						
Church activities				82,432	8,845	11,076	102,353	82,651
Governance costs				3,289	-	2,027	5,316	1,705
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED				85,721	8,845	13,103	107,669	84,356
NET (OUTGOING)/ INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS				(24,149)	22,506	(1,426)	(3,069)	6,012
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS				20,000	(20,000)	-	-	-
NET(OUTGOING)/ INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES				(4,149)	2,506	(1,426)	(3,069)	6,012
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS				-	-	-	-	-
Gains/(loss) on investment assets				-	124,307	-	124,307	23,995
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS				(4,149)	126,813	(1,426)	121,238	30,007
Balances b/fwd 1 January				44,215	1,264,124	7,126	1,315,465	1,285,458
Balances c/fwd 31 December				40,066	1,390,937	5,700	1,436,703	1,315,465

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2021									
						2021	2020		
					Notes	£	£		
FIXED ASSETS									
	Tangible				5a	-	24,559		
	Investments				5b	1,196,020	1,066,901		
						1,196,020	1,091,460		
CURRENT ASSETS									
	Stock					300	300		
	Debtors and prepayments					1,730	3,399		
	Cash at bank and other deposit takers					220,462	222,955		
						222,492	226,654		
LIABILITIES									
	Creditors - amounts falling due within one year					3,425	2,649		
NET CURRENT ASSETS						219,067	224,005		
TOTAL NET ASSETS						1,415,087	1,315,465		
PARISH FUNDS									
	Unrestricted				6	-	44,215		
	Designated					1,390,937	1,264,124		
	Restricted					-	7,126		
	Endowment					-	-		
						1,390,937	1,315,465		

These accounts were adopted at the Parochial Church Council meeting on 21st March 2022

Rev'd Mark Fraser, Priest in Charge

Church of the Holy Rood, Edwalton

Note 1. INCOMING RESOURCES				Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	TOTAL FUNDS		
				Funds	Funds	Funds	2021	2020	
				£	£	£	£	£	
1a	Voluntary Income								
	Planned giving:								
		Gift Aid donations		32,208	-	-	32,208	31,858	
		Tax recoverable		7,536	-	-	7,536	8,092	
		Uncovenanted		3,376	-	-	3,376	3,247	
	Donations:								
		Sundry		1,189	110	-	1,299	790	
		Fabric		-	-	-	-		
		Bells		-	-	-	-		
	Grant:								
		Listed Worship Grant				-	-	852	
		Other Grant			-	9,990	9,990	1,808	
	Legacies			1,000	-	-	1,000	1,000	
				45,309	110	9,990	55,409	47,647	
1b	Activities from generating funds								
	Fund Raising Events					1,687	1,687	536	
	Other			487	119		606		
				487	119	1,687	2,293	536	
1c	Income from Investments								
	Dividends			-	29,584	-	29,584	28,800	
	Interest Received			3	1,538	-	1,541	2,171	
				3	31,122	-	31,125	30,971	
1d	Income from church activities								
	Fees			6,615	-	-	6,615	7,346	
	Hire of church hall			9,138	-	-	9,138	3,791	
	Hire of meeting room			20	-	-	20	77	
				15,773	-	-	15,773	11,214	
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES				61,572	31,351	11,677	104,600	90,368	

Note 2. RESOURCES EXPENDED			Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	TOTAL		
			Funds	Funds	Funds	2021	2020	
			£	£	£	£	£	
2a	Church activities							
				-	-	-		
	Secular charities		128		1,687	1,815	536	
	Ministry:	Parish Share	54,060	-	-	54,060	54,228	
		Incumbent	2,365	-	-	2,365	3,392	
		Vicars expenses	340	-	-	340	225	
	Heating, lighting and cleaning		4,598	-	-	4,598	3,420	
	Insurance		3,846	-	-	3,846	3,838	
	Minor repairs		1,896	-	4,640	6,536	2,043	
	Churchyard		902	-	578	1,480	174	
	Audit & Accountancy		300	-	-	300	260	
	Upkeep of services		939	-	972	1,911	533	
	Depreciation of fixtures and fitting		1,517		1,426	2,943	3,119	
	Salaries and honoraria		9,623	7,859	500	17,982	10,267	
	Church hall		1,412	-	-	1,412	616	
	Other		506	986	1,273	2,765		
			82,432	8,845	11,076	102,353	82,651	
2b								
	Governance							
	Printing, postage and stationery		2,431	-	2,027	4,458	1,385	
	Sundry Administration expenses		858	-	-	858	320	
			3,289	-	2,027	5,316	1,705	
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED			85,721	8,845	13,103	107,669	84,356	

Note 3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES							
	Basis of preparation						
	These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention						
	with items recognised at cost or transaction value						
	unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts.						
	The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:						
	The Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities						
	preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard						
	applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014.						
	Debtors						
	Debtors comprise of income tax recoverable						
	and other prepayments and accrued income						
	Creditors						
	Creditors comprise of accruals and deferred income.						
	Grants						
	Grant expenditure has been charged to the statement of financial activities						
	in the period in which the grant has been awarded.						
Note 4. STAFF COSTS				2021	2020		
				£	£		
	Wages and salaries			17,982	10,267		
				17,982	10,267		
	During the year the PCC employed two administrators, a cleaner and						
	Pioneer worker, none of whom earned more than £50,000 pa.						
	There were no disclosable transactions in respect of PCC members,						
	persons closely connected with them or related parties.						

Note 5. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC				Freehold land and buildings	Church & church hall equipment	Church & church hall Total	
				£	£	£	
5 a Tangible fixed assets							
ACTUAL/DEEMED COST	At 1 January 2021			11,365	30,839	42,204	
	Additions			-	-	-	
	At 31 December 2021			11,365	30,839	42,204	
DEPRECIATION	At 1 January 2021				17,645	17,645	
	Charge for the year			-	2,943	2,943	
	At 31 December 2021			-	20,588	20,588	
NET BOOK VALUE	At 31 December 2021			11,365	10,251	21,616	
	At 1 January 2021			11,365	13,194	24,559	
5 b Investment fixed assets					£		
	Market Value at 1 January 2021				1,066,901		
	Movements during the year and changes in Mar				129,119		
	Market Value at 31 December 2021				1,196,020		
Holdings at 31 December 2021:							
28,683 shares in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund (Designated)							
Investments fixed assets include three designated funds, one of £668,211, one designated fund of £524,300 and one of £3,510. They all comprise of equity shares and bonds and are managed by third parties. Fees of £4,900 are charged by investment managers and this has been reflected in the change in market values and year end valuations.							
Post Balance Sheet Event:							
A large amount of cash was held at the year end , some of which has been used to purchase a further 5736 shares in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund to the value of £130,000.							
Note 6. NET ASSETS BY FUND				Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL
				£	£	£	£
	Fixed Assets for Church use			15,916	-	5,700	21,616
	Investment Fixed Assets				1,196,020	-	1,196,020
	Current Assets			26,806	195,686	-	222,492
	Current Liabilities			(2,656)	(769)	-	(3,425)
	Fund Balance			40,066	1,390,937	5,700	1,436,703

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2020 Annual Report

Parochial Church Council

Church of the Holy Rood
Edwalton

April 2021

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AIMS AND PURPOSES

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Priest in Charge (Revd Mark Fraser) in promoting, in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The church also has the benefit of the assistance of Revd Jonathon Mole and retired priest, Revd Kath Batte.

The PCC is specifically responsible for the maintenance of the building of the Church of the Holy Rood, Village Street, Edwalton and the Church Hall, Village Green, Edwalton.

In the absence of Churchwardens the PCC are happy to report that the Church inventory and terrier are all in order.

Objectives

The mission of the Church of the Holy Rood is “A worshipping church, welcoming everyone into the Lord’s family, proclaiming the gospel and serving the community.”

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of the parish community

OVERVIEW

2020 was the most extraordinary of years as the world was caught up in the Covid19 pandemic that affected all of our lives in ways that we could never have imagined. This has had a huge impact on our lives as nations, communities, individuals and also on life and activities of the church.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) met three times prior to lockdown. This included an additional meeting in February to follow-up on the PCC Away Day in the previous November. This meeting led to producing a vision document for the church that had been due to be explored with the wider church family later in the year. Following the national lockdown and

ongoing coronavirus restrictions the remaining 4 PCC meetings were conducted online using Zoom.

So what have we done?

- 1 Appointed a cleaner for the church and a caretaker for the Church Hall. The new caretaker is shared between St Luke's and Holy Rood.
- 2 In January and February a Pilgrim course was held on Thursday afternoons in the Meeting Room. It was led by Ade Perham and attended by people from Holy Rood and St Luke's.
- 3 During the first lockdown every member of the church was invited to join a pastoral circle for mutual support, practical assistance and to counter isolation.
- 4 Printed worship materials for Easter 2020 were mailed or posted to everyone on the church database.
- 5 Initially online worship was produced jointly for people from St Luke's and Edwalton. From Pentecost onwards online services produced in and for Edwalton were provided every other week.
- 6 In accordance with government and church guidelines the church building was opened for private personal prayer on Mondays and Fridays throughout lockdown.
- 7 Quiet Place – the monthly time of reflection in the church and garden – moved online and continued to be facilitated by Roger Johnson.
- 8 Plans were made for church services to re-open in September which involved planning how to allow for social distancing, hand sanitisation, appropriate ventilation and other protocols to comply with government and Church of England guidelines. Appropriate risk assessments were produced.
- 9 The Church Annual Parochial Church Meeting took place in the Church building on Sunday 11th October (having been delayed from April). Trevor Greaves and Di Illsley stepped down as Churchwardens after many years of committed service.
- 10 In Late November Gifts and Toys were collected at the Church and then donated to the Great Notts Christmas Toy Appeal.

- 11 Unfortunately, the Christmas Tree Festival could not take place this year however fundraising activities, helped substantially by Helen and Amelia Stephenson, led to Over £800 being raised and donated to the Child Bereavement Centre.
- 12 Cards advertising the Christmas Services were distributed around the parish. The Carols by Candlelight service was held twice to enable more people to attend. The Christmas Eve Crib service was held outdoors in the afternoon and attended by over 50 people of all ages who sang and joined in the service with gusto!

Church and Hall Caretaker

The Church Hall remained closed throughout the majority of 2020 due to government restrictions on indoor activities. We are grateful to those who have helped to maintain the building and grounds and look after them during this season. We finished the year anticipating the arrival of a new caretaker and the future prospect of welcoming the community back to the activities that they enjoy.

Church Garden

The Church Garden has always been a wonderful place and much loved by those who discover it and come to enjoy its tranquility and beauty. However, throughout 2020 it has had a significant increase in visitors as people have given more time to walking and exercising in their local area. The PCC would like to thank those who give so much time keeping it in such wonderful condition.

Worship

Throughout 2020 a range of people have taken part in leading and preaching at our weekly services including Revd Mark Fraser, Revd Jonathan Mole, Rev Emily Charkham, Ordinands Kristine Mole and Ade Perham, and Jackie Tivers (our Licensed Lay Minister). Much of this worship was produced online although we were delighted to return to the church building in September. A number of people have appreciated the online worship when they would not have been able to attend in person. Others have accessed worship produced by the BBC or streamed from

Southwell Minster. Once worship services returned to the church building we have regularly welcomed around 25-30 adults each week.

During the year we said goodbye to a number of members and friends of Edwalton Church. In total we conducted 10 funerals, 6 of which were held in the church with reduced numbers of people in attendance.

People

We welcomed Revd Emily Charkham as curate at St Luke's.

Holy Rood is the building; the Church is the people and each of us, with our different skills and talents, is part of it. 2020 has been a very difficult year for all of us and we are hoping that during 2021 we will return to something approaching normality. Together we have learnt new skills, experienced new ways of worshipping, learnt to rely on each other and got to know our neighbours better. With the prospect of vaccination and a loosening of restrictions we look forward to meeting in person and re-connecting during 2021. In all of this the PCC is most grateful for the help and support it continues to receive.

PCC Meetings

The standing business of the PCC for the year was:

Opening worship

Apologies

Minutes of the previous meeting

Priests Report

Treasurer's Report

Fabric Report

Health & Safety Report

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Closing prayers

The PCC met seven times during 2020/ 21

FABRIC GROUP

Fabric Group

Although there is no Fabric Group as such, any matters arising are discussed with a small number of volunteer advisers; a formal proposal is placed before the PCC for an appropriate decision related to the solution and financing of the project. Day to day routine maintenance is achieved without recourse to the PCC within strict financial limits.

The work throughout 2020 involved.

Obviously, going into the first lockdown in March 2020 all work was curtailed until we were able to resume limited activity. The first function was the completion of the mandatory quinquennial survey of the Church by our Architect, Mark Goodwill-Hodgson in June. Nothing out of the ordinary was noted and generally the Church remains in good condition.

We will be carrying out some of the listed requirements later this year (such as high-level gutter cleaning and lightning conductor test and inspection) and will continue to monitor the building as required.

In March our gas boiler underwent it's annual service and again nothing untoward was reported, but ... the British Gas engineer commented on the age such that following any breakdown it may be more cost effective to replace to gain efficiency savings. This is a future task as and when it occurs though.

In the summer we experienced a light failure in the Bell Tower (required to support the funeral services that were able to proceed at this time). The fault was traced to squirrel invasion at the top of the Bell Tower, our electrical contractor repaired the chewed wiring whilst Martin Marriot and Steve Lockwood worked to seal the entry holes. To date no further illegal entry has occurred.

Once we were able to start a limited amount of work, some Churchyard grass cutting teams met to maintain the churchyard grass, saving the cost of paying the Community Payback Team contractors who were not meeting at this time. Additional voluntary tasks included the clearing of the roof and gutters of pine needles dropped by our delightful cedar trees.

Following return to services in the Autumn held under Covid-19 restrictions, including over the Christmas period and a garden service allowing communal singing the Church went into lockdown again, but this time we continued to work in and around the Church to allow our online broadcast of services to take place safely.

Because we did not place Paul our new Church Hall caretaker, on furlough, we retained his services to help in maintaining the Church to a standard ready for re-opening again. Work included repairing the fence on Village Street, clearing the Churchyard of old wreaths and memorials, washing the benches, and cleaning the old memorials. Some painting, gutter clearing and general work as required.

We continue to utilise his services as required.

Ongoing and Future Work Requirements

The Churchyard will continue to be maintained by a volunteer team. This will save around £2,000 this year.



A regular problem, visible to everyone who uses the Church is the bird droppings on the path, and the slippery condition of the path when wet. The droppings are cleaned away on a regular basis, easier to do when it is raining of course, and we would appreciate any volunteer help with this task! The overall condition of the path is being monitored, (cracking, lifting and grouting) especially

following repairs to the entry doors as a result of catching on the paving stones.

All the external doors have deteriorated badly and will be refurbished throughout 2021, including addressing the 'jamming' situation by repairing the paving stones or maybe trimming the bottom of the doors.

Church Hall

We continue to manage the Church Hall in order to generate valuable income for the Church. The new cleaner/caretaker Paul Taylor started but soon we went into lockdown and it was not possible to place Paul on furlough, he worked to carry out internal and external maintenance tasks

with volunteer help from the Church membership. The red woodwork has now gone! and the building is an elegant grey offering a professional and elegant environment for our users as they return. He also used his working hours in working at the Church. The PCC will continue to look at a possibility of modifying his contract to include some of his contracted hours to the Church. A lot of you have already met Paul and enjoyed his company. Hopefully, with everything opening up he can continue to enjoy working around the Church Hall and the Church. Discussions regarding a replacement building continue.

Melvyn Dougan; Chairman Church Fabric Group of the PCC.

Administrative information

The Church of the Holy Rood is a charity registered with the Charity Commission. The members of the PCC are trustees.

PCC members who have served at any time during 2020;

Ex Officio members

Priest-in-charge - Revd. Mark Fraser (Chairperson)

Churchwardens -

Elected members

David Batte (Treasurer and Deanery Synod Representative)

Julie Beesley

Allister Craddock

Melvyn Dougan

Di Illsley

Julia Jefferson

Janet Machin

Brian Stewart

Deanery Synod

West Bingham Deanery is one of nine deaneries in the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham. Its area extends over part of Rushcliffe (West Bridgford and villages to the south and west) plus Clifton and Wilford. Its meetings or “synods” bring together clergy and lay representatives two or three times a year, with a mix of synod business and reports plus discussion on topical issues. Meetings are often open to members of all the parishes.

Mark Fraser is currently Area Dean; Katharine Dryden is the Deanery Administrator. Our lay representatives from 2017 to 2020 were David Batte and Trevor Greaves. We did not have anyone stand for election at our 2020 meetings and so we continue to hold vacancies. This is unfortunate as it is important to have representation on the Synod as we discuss matters and make decisions that affect each of our parishes.

Deanery Synod met twice in 2020, in person in March and by video link in November:

The **March Meeting** was an Open Synod at St Luke’s. It was jointly chaired by Dean Mark and Lay Chair Jane Gray. Mark welcomed and introduced to the Deanery Lydia Cartwright, the incoming Vicar at Clifton Team Ministry. Mark emphasised the significance of taking seriously the Past Case Review of safeguarding issues, and identified the new Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor (DSA) Julian Hodgson, who would be key in progressing this agenda, but who was unable to attend this meeting.

Following the success of the OneLife Northern Bishops’ Mission across the Deanery in September 2019, Mark set out an early plan for a home-grown mission initiative for the autumn of 2021. He presented some encouraging ideas for training and preparation to make good use of the intervening time.

Under the heading of ‘Inspiring Generosity’, Mark introduced the topic of church finances and in particular churches ‘Parish Share’ contribution the Diocese which funds parish clergy as well as central costs. The meeting acknowledged the difficult financial position shared by all parishes. Mark said that “the bigger challenge is not meeting the parish share but living

Christlike lives”, and provided a number of references and resources to help parishes progress their thinking and actions on the issue.

The **November Meeting** was also an Open Synod and was by video link with 31 attendees. Mark introduced new clergy Esther Hutchinson, Curate and Gill Hall, Associate Minister, both at Clifton, and Emily Charkham, Curate at St Luke’s, though none of these was able to attend. Longstanding vacancies remained at St Wilfrid’s Wilford (though there had been an interview not leading to appointment) and All Hallows’ Lady Bay.

The meeting was encouraged to reflect on the unfolding mission of God’s church through personal testimonies from Christians involved in serving the community of some of the challenges, opportunities and blessings arising from the Covid crisis and consequent restrictions.

Under the heading ‘financial realities’ Mark presented that the Parish Share nominal increase of 3.5% in 2021 was more daunting because all the pressures in 2020 meant we were well short of achieving the 2020 baseline. Parishes were asked to bid towards achieving the target and any remaining shortfall would need to be shared out.

Copies of Deanery Minutes are available from the Deanery Administrator.

Financial Review

FINANCIAL REVIEW FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020 **General Income and Expenditure Account**

The unrestricted General Account for the year ended 31st December 2020 shows a loss before transfers from other reserves of £24,243.

Uncovenanted giving income and income from the hire of the Church Hall/Meeting Room was adversely affected by the global Coronavirus pandemic which led to several lockdowns in the period. One legacy of £1,000 was received in the period. Our overall annual income in 2020 was around 10% lower than in 2019.

Expenditure has been closely scrutinised by the PCC Finance Committee throughout the year. Our Parish Share however increased by 26% compared to 2019. Salary costs also increased during the period as the Church utilised a member of St Luke's staff as a Church Hall caretaker. Where possible, employees were put on furlough and a grant was received from the Government.

In line with Church of England recommended practice, it is our policy to maintain as a reserve an amount equivalent to approximately three months unrestricted expenditure (eg around £25,000) for contingency purposes. At the beginning of 2020, the PCC agreed to transfer £20,000 from our Designated Fund Accounts in order to maintain adequate cash reserves.

Designated Fund Accounts and Investments

We have three Designated Fund Accounts:

- The Hall Renewal Fund: designated for the renewal/rebuilding of the Church Hall
- The Parish Investment Fund: designated for supporting an employee who will develop/promote the ministry and mission of the church in the Parish of Edwalton
- The Church Fabric and Churchyard Maintenance Fund: designated for

supporting work on the church and surrounding site that cannot be fully funded from within the General Account.

During 2020 the investments within the Designated Fund Accounts continued to perform satisfactorily. The capital value of our investments increased by £24,000 (2.6%) during the year, and interest/dividend receipts amounted to £31,000. At 31st December the value of our three Designated Fund Accounts was

Hall Renewal Fund - £752,531

Parish Investment Fund - £503,937

Church Fabric and Churchyard Maintenance Fund - £7,656

We received the original legacy from the estate of John Hill in 2015. Since then, the combined net value of our Parish Investment and Hall Renewal Funds has increased by £248,000

Legacy Policy

In 2016 the PCC established a policy whereby, wherever possible, legacy gifts are used to help fund development projects, whether buildings, equipment or staff. We encourage people to leave gifts in their wills for the general purposes of the church rather than for a restricted purpose. We discuss the possible uses of such gifts with the executors, bearing in mind the areas of interest of the deceased and the priorities of the church at the time. The PCC makes a decision and the executors are informed regarding the use to which the money is being put.

Charitable Donations

During 2020 the Parish raised £536 for the Children's Bereavement Centre by running various events in lieu of the Christmas Tree Festival.

Helen Stephenson (Member of the Finance Committee)

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules.

At the Church of the Holy Rood the membership of the PCC consists of the Priest in Charge, Churchwardens, Deanery Synod representatives and Laity Members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the church parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

Church Gardening Club

To comply with Covid restrictions, our regular Saturday Gardening Club meetings had to be suspended. However, in order to maintain the garden, some of our members were able to work on their own during the week. This time has also been used to start constructing much needed compost bays. Restrictions also meant that we were not able to hold any of our regular fundraising events. We were most grateful, therefore, to receive donations from people who visited the garden and who wished to express their appreciation for the work that our team of enthusiastic gardeners continued to do. It has been most encouraging to see so many people visit the garden and to be told how they enjoyed and very much appreciated the quiet and peaceful atmosphere where they could sit and meditate and perhaps treat their visit as a welcomed respite from lockdown. The garden has also been a useful 'nature resource' for parents who have been home schooling their children. Children have gone away with handfuls of autumn coloured leaves in order to create artistic collages.

Due to Covid restrictions, we were not able to hold our annual Easter Saturday Service in the garden. However, we were pleased to welcome to the garden over 70 people (socially distanced) to the Christmas Eve Crib

Service. Adults and children gathered round the gazebo and pallet constructed stable – complete with costumed characters – and sang carols.

Hopefully, with the easing of lockdown, we might be able to resume our normal weekly Saturday sessions – and maybe to hold our ‘Strawberry Cream Tea’ event in July. Enthusiastic volunteers, whether they have gardening experience or not, will always be most welcome. Gardening can be very therapeutic and rewarding.

Trevor Greaves

Church Website

Church Website

We only have **two** maintained websites that contain current information. These are;

1. www.edwaltonchurch.plus.com

This is our current website that is maintained on a regular basis to be up to date and relevant. We have had to include Safeguarding information as a priority this year. This website is maintained for general information about our Church, to obtain service information or news of our Church you go to the second website;

2. www.achurchnearyou.com

We use the Church Near You website, provided by the Church of England. Updating is easier for me and can be done very quickly (unlike the other website).

The Church continues to receive contact messages through both websites.

If you would like your event or function placed on the website **please, please** provide me with the information. My preference would be to receive a computer file (any type) directly by email to either me, (mel.dougan@btinternet.com), or the Church email address.

I am always very pleased to receive suggestions or comments to improve our website.



FACEBOOK.

We now have an official Facebook Page that is used to publicise events for the Church. Please log on in Facebook and Search for Holy Rood Edwalton, like and follow in order to receive this information.

Melvyn Dougan

Junior Church

Prior to the lockdown in March, Junior Church met at the 10.15am service on the 2nd and 4th Sunday. There was a small number of children who were taught by Julie Beesley and Alex Whitaker. Crafts, stories, games and other interactive activities to help the children grow in faith.

Unfortunately, we haven't met since last March and one of our families have moved away. We look forward to welcoming new children in the near future.

Organ

"It has been a quiet year for the organists in view of the Covid restrictions. However, we are, as ever, grateful to them (Douglas, Ian, Janet and Susan) and look forward to a more musical year in 2021-22."

Susan Russell

Edwalton Baby & Toddler Group

The Group was not able to meet throughout 2020 due to the Country being in Lockdown. A Christmas card was sent to the families who had been attending prior to lockdown.

In order that we can restart this group safely we need to look for new leaders and volunteers.

We will also need to wait for all social distancing requirements to be lifted in order that the furniture currently in the meeting room can be returned to the church.

If you feel able to help lead this group please contact me and I can advise you on the running of the group.

Sue Dougan

Ladies Fellowship

In common with other organisations we have been unable to meet during the pandemic. However, as soon as restrictions are totally lifted and it is considered safe to do so, we hope to reconvene as soon as possible. We have all missed the friendship and fellowship the group offers.

Freda Crampton

Mothers' Union

There is not a lot to report for 2020 due to Covid.

Apart from our A.G.M in February there have been no meetings.

It is with great sadness that we have decided to close the branch mainly due to declining numbers and increase in the annual subscriptions.

The branch has been in existence since 1932 so it was a hard choice to make. We hope to have a service of closure when all the restrictions are lifted.

We received a letter from Jennifer Jackson, who is the branch leader of our link branch of St Lawrence, Mansfield with whom we have had a long and happy association over many years.

Jennifer wrote:

St Lawrence's M.U has been blessed to have such a lovely link branch. We have always been warmly welcomed and made to feel special. The friendship which has grown between the two groups seems unusual compared with many links.

We always felt the warmth of your welcome and enjoyed the wonderful teas your members prepared. You treated us to such a variety of entertainments and talks and we will miss our visits.

Please pass on our thanks to your members and give them our love.

On behalf of all our members I would like to thank you for all your encouragement and support over the past years.

Margaret Arrowsmith

Branch Leader

42nd Nottingham (Edwalton) Boys' Brigade

Well, I'm sure it won't surprise many when I say that the last twelve months have been difficult and challenging for our Company. The Lockdowns, and the subsequent cancellation of face-to-face meetings, have been something none of our members have ever experienced before, like the majority of BB members across the country I dare to say.

Whilst our Zoom meetings on Wednesday nights kept us in touch with one another, they were never going to live up to fun and enjoyment we all get from ordinary nights at the Church Hall. I am extremely grateful to all our children and their families for keeping their interest in the Company

despite the restrictions, and also to all the Officers for all they've done to help with it.

We returned to face to face again on 21st April, and the joy that our young people showed at being able to return was great to see.

The restrictions also meant that we couldn't celebrate our 60th Anniversary in March the way we would have liked. Depending on restrictions being eased at the time the Government has promised, we hope to hold this in late June, along with our Annual Display and Awards Night. We continue to pray hope that things continue on the right track.

I must also mention our sadness at the passing of The Duke of Edinburgh, mainly because of what The Duke of Edinburgh's Award has played in our Company's history, with more than 40 young people benefitting from the scheme, and one of our Seniors is working towards his Silver Award. Nearly 70 awards have been presented over all 3 levels. I can say with confidence that despite the Duke's passing, the award will continue to help develop members of the 42nd Nottingham for many more years to come.

Finally, I'd like to thank all the Officers for their contributions to the Company over the year. Your work is greatly appreciated as ever.

Stefan Beck

Services

1st, 2nd, 4th Sundays	10.15 am	Parish Communion / Morning Worship (Common Worship)
1st, 2nd, 4th Sundays	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer (Prayer Book)
3rd Sunday	10.15 am	All age Worship
3rd Sunday	6.00 pm	Choral Communion

HOME or HOSPITAL COMMUNION

By arrangement with Rev'd Mark Fraser and Rev'd Jonathan Mole (subject to latest regulations)

BAPTISM and THANKSGIVINGS

During the 10.15am service by arrangement with Rev'd Mark Fraser

WEDDINGS and MARRIAGE BLESSINGS

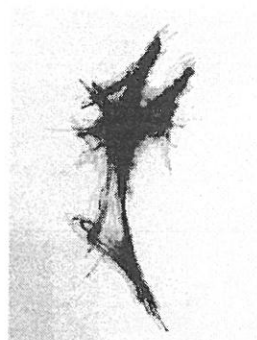
By arrangement with Rev'd Mark Fraser

FUNERALS

By arrangement with Rev'd Mark Fraser

If you would like to become involved in any of the groups or activities mentioned in the Report, please contact the Group leaders or leave a message in the Church Office.

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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH
OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD, EDWALTON**

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020

Registered Charity Number 1133017

**Independent Examiner's Report to the members of the Parochial Church Council of
The Church of the Holy Rood, Edwalton**

I report on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Act, but that an independent examination is required.

I report in respect of my examination of the accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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 confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Debbie Caine FCCA CTA ACA
43 Blanford Gardens
West Bridgford
Nottingham
NG2 7UQ

Date 14/4/2021

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 31 December 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
					V/E 31 Dec 2020	V/E 31 Dec 2019
		£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources	2					
Voluntary Income		46,795	852	-	47,647	50,322
Activities for generating funds		-	536	-	536	1,833
Income from investments		24	30,947	-	30,971	30,771
Church activities		11,214	-	-	11,214	17,342
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		58,033	32,335	-	90,368	100,268
RESOURCES EXPENDED	3					
Church activities		80,571	655	1,425	82,651	81,037
Governance costs		1,705	-	-	1,705	3,294
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		82,276	655	1,425	84,356	84,331
NET (OUTGOING)/ INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS		(24,243)	31,680	(1,425)	6,012	15,937
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS		20,000	(20,000)	-	-	-
NET(OUTGOING)/ INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		(4,243)	11,680	(1,425)	6,012	15,937
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS		-	-	-	-	-
Gains/(loss) on investment assets		-	23,995	-	23,995	119,427
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(4,243)	35,675	(1,425)	30,007	135,364
Balances b/fwd 1 January		48,458	1,228,449	8,551	1,285,458	1,150,094
Balances c/fwd 31 December		44,215	1,264,124	7,126	1,315,465	1,285,458

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible	5a	24,559	27,678
Investments	5b	1,066,901	1,038,889
		<u>1,091,460</u>	<u>1,066,567</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock		300	300
Debtors and prepayments		3,399	4,478
Cash at bank and other deposit takers		222,955	225,265
		<u>226,654</u>	<u>230,043</u>
LIABILITIES			
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year		2,649	11,152
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>224,005</u>	<u>218,891</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>1,315,465</u>	<u>1,285,458</u>
PARISH FUNDS			
	6		
Unrestricted		44,215	48,458
Designated		1,264,124	1,228,449
Restricted		7,126	8,551
Endowment		-	-
		<u>1,315,465</u>	<u>1,285,458</u>

These accounts were adopted at the Parochial Church Council meeting on Monday 19 April 2021

Rev'd Mark Fraser, Priest in Charge
Church of the Holy Rood
Edwalton



2. INCOMING RESOURCES

		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	TOTAL FUNDS	
		Funds	Funds	Funds	2020	2019
		£	£	£	£	£
2a	Voluntary Income					
	<i>Planned giving:</i>					
	Gift Aid donations	31,858	-	-	31,858	29,361
	Tax recoverable	8,092	-	-	8,092	9,042
	Uncovenanted	3,247	-	-	3,247	9,761
	<i>Donations:</i>					
	Sundry	790	-	-	790	2,098
	Fabric	-	-	-	-	-
	Bells	-	-	-	-	60
	<i>Grant:</i>					
	Listed Worship Grant		852	-	852	-
	Other Grant	1,808	-	-	1,808	-
	Legacies	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
		46,795	852	-	47,647	50,322
2b	Activities from generating funds					
	Fund Raising Events	-	536	-	536	1,833
2c	Income from Investments					
	Dividends	-	28,800	-	28,800	27,628
	Interest Received	24	2,147	-	2,171	3,143
		24	30,947	-	30,971	30,771
2d	Income from church activities					
	Fees	7,346	-	-	7,346	5,551
	Hire of church hall	3,791	-	-	3,791	11,103
	Hire of meeting room	77	-	-	77	688
		11,214	-	-	11,214	17,342
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		58,033	32,335	-	90,368	100,268

3. RESOURCES EXPENDED

		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	TOTAL	
		Funds	Funds	Funds	2020	2019
		£	£	£	£	£
3a	Church activities					
	Church Societies		-	-	-	2,533
	Secular charities	-	536	-	536	17
	Ministry: Parish Share	54,228	-	-	54,228	42,864
	Incumbent	3,392	-	-	3,392	2,398
	Vicars expenses	225	-	-	225	52
	Heating, lighting and cleaning	3,420	-	-	3,420	7,090
	Insurance	3,838	-	-	3,838	4,040
	Minor repairs	2,043	-	-	2,043	7,444
	Churchyard	174	-	-	174	1,500
	Audit & Accountancy	260	-	-	260	535
	Upkeep of services	533	-	-	533	824
	Depreciation of fixtures and fitting	1,575	119	1,425	3,119	3,216
	Salaries and honoraria	10,267	-	-	10,267	7,453
	Church hall	616	-	-	616	1,024
	Sunday School & youth fellowship	-	-	-	-	47
		80,571	655	1,425	82,651	81,037
3b	Governance					
	Printing, postage and stationary	1,385	-	-	1,385	1,648
	Sundry Administration expenses	320	-	-	320	1,646
		1,705	-	-	1,705	3,294
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		82,276	655	1,425	84,356	84,331

4. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014.

Debtors

Debtors comprises of income tax receivable and other prepayments and accrued income.

Creditors

Creditors comprises of accruals and deferred income.

5. STAFF COSTS

	2020 £	2019 £
Wages and salaries	10,244	6,893
Social security costs	23	-
	<u>10,267</u>	<u>6,893</u>

During the year the PCC employed two administrators and a cleaner, none of whom earned more than £50,000 pa. There were no disclosable transactions in respect of PCC members, persons closely connected with them or related parties.

6. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

		Freehold land and buildings £	Church & church hall equipment £	Church & church hall Total £
6 a Tangible fixed assets				
ACTUAL/DEEMED COST	At 1 January 2020	11,365	30,838	42,203
	Additions	-	-	-
	At 31 December 2020	<u>11,365</u>	<u>30,838</u>	<u>42,203</u>
DEPRECIATION	At 1 January 2020	-	14,525	14,525
	Charge for the year	-	3,119	3,119
	At 31 December 2020	<u>-</u>	<u>17,644</u>	<u>17,644</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	At 31 December 2020	<u>11,365</u>	<u>13,194</u>	<u>24,559</u>
	At 1 January 2020	<u>11,365</u>	<u>16,313</u>	<u>27,678</u>

6 b Investment fixed assets

	£
Market Value at 1 January 2020	1,038,889
Purchases at cost	4,017
Change in Market Value	23,995
Market Value at 31 December 2020	<u>1,066,901</u>

Holdings at 31 December 2020:

28,477 shares in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund (Unrestricted)

Investments fixed assets include three designated funds one of £584,583, one designated fund of £479,266 and one of £3,052. They all comprise of equity shares and bonds and are managed by third parties. There is a small element of cash within these funds totalling £14,234 at the year end. Fees are charged by both investment managers and this has been reflected in the change in market values and year end valuations

7. NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL £
Fixed Assets for Church use	17,433	-	7,126	-	24,559
Investment Fixed Assets		1,066,901	-	-	1,066,901
Current Assets	29,431	197,223	-	-	226,654
Current Liabilities	(2,649)	-	-	-	(2,649)
Fund Balance	<u>44,215</u>	<u>1,264,124</u>	<u>7,126</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,315,465</u>

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Responsibilities and basis of report

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Act, but that an independent examination is required.

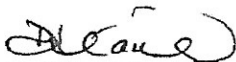
I report in respect of my examination of the accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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 confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date 14/4/2021