

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, SPROTBOUGH WITH ST EDMUND, ANCHORAGE LANE

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Details

Other names ST MARY'S PCC, SPROTBOUGH

Status Registered

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Registered 2009-12-02

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Activities

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

Activities: The mission statement of St Mary's Church states that our purpose is to worship and serve the Lord. The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Classification

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

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£111,746	£163,925	-	-
2023-12-31	£125,491	£109,559	-	-
2022-12-31	£105,650	£114,811	-	-
2021-12-31	£166,098	£136,214	-	-
2020-12-31	£102,599	£110,626	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alison Lumby		2025-04-27
Angela Christine Hudson Mrs		2021-04-25
Derek Roy Barraclough Mr		2017-04-23
Gary Hill		2026-04-26
Heather Angela Mears		2025-04-27
James Inglis Mr		2021-04-25
Janet Scott Mrs		2018-04-22
Karen Ann Dodwell		2025-04-27
MISS BETTY BROCKMAN		
Marilyn Shersby Mrs		2024-04-28
Rev Amanda Barraclough		2015-07-23
Rev Robert Heaton		2016-05-09
Roger Malcom Offord Mr		2024-04-28
Roland Lumby		2026-04-26
Susan Lennox		2026-04-26

Accounts

**The Parish of
Sprotbrough**

**Annual Report
and
Financial Statement
of the Parish of Sprotbrough
for the year ended
31st December 2024**

Incumbent

The Revd A Barraclough
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Membership

The method of appointment of members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All eligible church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC.

The following shows the membership of the PCC as at 31st December 2024.

Ex officio members		
Rector	Revd Amanda Barraclough	2015
Associate Priest	Revd Robert Heaton	2016
Assistant Curate	Revd Christine Herbert	2022
Church Wardens	Janet Scott	2022
	Marilyn Shersby	2024
Deanery Synod Representative		
	Lyn Hopson	2023/26
	Rachel Towers & Secretary	2023/26
Reader Emerita		
	Betty Brockman	2024
Elected Members		
	Robert Paskell (Treasurer)	2022/2025
	Angela Hudson	2021/2024/2027
	James Inglis	2021/2024/2027
	<i>Therese Paskell</i>	<i>2021/2024 (Retired April 2024)</i>
	Andrea Offord	2022/2025
	Roger Offord	2024/2027
	Derek Barraclough	2023/2026
	Carol Palmer	2023/2026

Aims and Organisation

The mission statement of St Mary's Church states that our purpose is to Worship God and Welcome All. The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline measures 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

The PCC operates through the following committees, which meet between full meetings of the PCC.

Standing Committee

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

Vision Committee

This deals with matters relating to the ministry of the local church to the community and the world, including ecumenical links, evangelism and the support of mission and relief agencies.

Church, Building and Grounds Committee

This assists the churchwardens in executing their responsibility for the maintenance of the fabric and plant of St Mary's Church, and also for the maintenance of both St Mary's and Cadeby churchyards.

Social Events & Fundraising Team

Team to organise events that reach out into the Community as well as Church. The emphasis is on events that are enjoyable and fundraising is not the stimulus.

Rector's Report

One of the realities of an annual report, looking back over the previous year, is that it is written early in the following year, with the anticipation of all that is to come on the horizon. That can frequently add new perspective on the past year, and enable it to be seen as purposeful as preparation for what is to come. That feels particularly true for this report.

The year began with Derek Barraclough and Sophia Drake, completing a sponsored abseil to raise money for the Stable Renovation Fund, securing around £1000. The feat involved some (very considerable) heights and a (no less considerable, but carefully managed) drop. It required courage, and took both well beyond their comfort zone. Perhaps a parable of church life in 2024, I find myself thinking. There have been a mixture of highs and lows, and the need for courage, faith and mutual support as folk stepped outside their comfort zone. But all this was preparation for what is to come. In the greater purposes of God, I sense 2024 has been a season of preparation, building foundations for the future, which next year's report might reflect more fully.

My Sabbatical leave, running from July to September, released me to undertake some research whilst Derek and I were able to enjoy a slower pace of living. Book-ended by retreats at the start and end, the internal difference within my spirit were clear to me as I prepared to return, and I am grateful to those who ensured ministry was sustained in our absence. Robert, Lawrie, Betty and Christine covered Sunday ministry, and did much, along with other PCC members, behind the scenes to develop a sense of belonging and mutual support, sometimes in adverse and unpredictable circumstances. I was heartened by the heightened sense of God's faithfulness and of shared support articulated on our return. It will stand St. Mary's in good stead for the future.

The report written last year referred to the Vision Statement which was then new, and is now familiar. My sense is that the three key priorities are moving beyond being just three sets of tasks, (though they remain this) to becoming an embedded culture and a reference point, informing where our energies should lie. In other words, it's not just about what we do, but who we are becoming. Significant work has been going on to research and prepare for the launch of a new congregation, 'Families, Faith and Fun', with a team being recruited and a programme drawn up under the leadership of Andrea Offord, in readiness for a launch in early 2025. It will enable us to move towards all ages to be more visible and valued in the life of St. Mary's. Good preparation for the next phase! It was encouraging to see children delivering reflective pieces during the Carol Service; these began with a challenge in a school assembly and then took on a life of their own. The Holy Spirit is at work beyond the church – we only have to watch and see God at work!

Meanwhile, within the church we have welcomed 10 new members and shared in the joy of 3 Confirmations. New members are now intentionally invited to annual Cheese and Wine events at the Rectory to build relationships with the Ministry Team and one another – one of the ways we seek to develop a welcome which we're told by many is good, genuine and warm. The social space which was new at the point last year's report was written is now enriched by the kitchen facilities which allow for greater togetherness. This is the first phase of the planned redevelopment, and, again, preparation for the next steps in our shared life.

In seeking to be light in the community, welcome packs have been put together ecumenically and have been delivered to the new housing estate, as houses become occupied. Open the Book continues to enjoy rich engagement with the local schools, alongside the regular assemblies. Stretching times have been evident in our financial situation, and 2024 ended with a preparation for a Gift Day early in 2025 to help us resource future ministry. Tough decisions have led to the reduction in the Administrative support we are able to pay for, and the year ended with our thanks to Rachel as she steps aside from her Administrator role, and the appointment of Kaye Wynn to the more defined Bookings Administrator role.

Like an abseil, life in St. Mary's has involved highs and lows, acts of courage and leaps of faith. But in the midst of it all, God has remained faithful and uses both highs and lows to his good purposes in the future. **Rev. Canon Amanda Barraclough**

Churchwarden's - Report

At the Annual General Meeting Marilyn Shersby responded to God's call and was elected as another Churchwarden – thank you Marilyn. However, between us we still have responsibility for other areas that currently no one is dealing with, of which there are quite a few.

The proposed works for our Church are progressing with Phase 1, with the new kitchen completed. Further works are to follow in due course.

We have developed a schedule and are managing the maintenance requirements of all our three buildings.

Going forward, we always need further volunteers for various tasks – you'll be very welcome.
Churchwardens Janet Scott and Marilyn Shersby

Secretary – Report

Another busy year for Trustees over the past twelve months. The Trustees have faced a challenging year regards the financial resources depleting due to an aging congregation and in respect of volunteers to help with fundraising initiatives. At the end of the year a letter explaining the financial constraints St Mary's was facing was sent to parishioners and this encouraged people to consider their level of giving.

The contentious issues surrounding the costs of maintaining Cadeby Churchyard provided an opportunity for the Trustees to introduce a scheme to re-wild the churchyard. However, this attempt was not overly welcomed or successful and though supported by the Diocese not the local community. Local parishioners were invited to a meeting held at Cadeby Church and made aware of the costs associated and the lack of monies received to help with the maintenance from local households. The future of this churchyard will continue to be an issue until the final available burial plot is taken and the churchyard can be closed and the responsibility of its maintenance passed to the Local Authority.

Our Rector and her husband, Derek, took a three month sabbatical over the summer and this was a learning curve when it came to identifying the gaps in the wider Ministry team's knowledge but overall a positive team spirit ensured the Church services continued without incident. The Rector and Derek were very much missed in our Parish and Church.

The challenge of the Church re-developments which had been phased into two parts saw the new kitchen being installed over the summer and the second phase for the changes to the front of the Church undergoing various amendments through the Faculty process.

Finally the Parish Administer role was resigned at the end of the year. Financial constraints meant that only the role of Hall and Stable Bookings Administrator was the only part of the role that could actively be recruited. A successful candidate was engaged to take on the role of Bookings Administrator in the New Year but the wider Parish administrative jobs are expected to revert to the Rector or willing volunteers. Some roles as Secretary I will undertake. **Rachel Towers**

Deanery Synod - Report

The Deanery Synod representatives are, as last year Rachel Towers and Lyn Hopson. Dave Berry is Area Dean. Dave had a sabbatical in 2024, so we did not have as many meetings as usual.

At our meetings we receive up-dates on what is happening in neighbouring parishes, sharing good news from each, and are also made aware of Diocesan priorities, clergy appointments and focus areas. The meeting in February, which was discussed in my last annual report focused on mission.

At our last meeting the main speaker was Jane Truman, Asst Director of Vocations. She spoke about her own faith journey and how her life experiences have led her to her current role. This is to provide support and guidance to all those exploring potential vocations. These can be persons seeking ordination, or roles within Lay Ministry, exploring their call, affirming and enabling them to carry on and thrive. Vocations are a complex picture, with many ways to serve, Lay Reader, Focal Ministry, Youth Worker etc, as well as ordination. Jane stressed the need to avoid hierarchy, demonstrating a triangle model which had the various roles written along each side and all integral to the whole. Jane also outlined the new 'Grid of Qualities' now used with candidates rather than criteria, i.e. Love of God, Clear sense of call, Love of people, do they show wisdom/fruitfulness, demonstrate potential. She talked through the candidacy process; Stage 1 involves an on-line meet, participation in 3 local panels, and 1 national panel. Stage 2 involves an overnight stay with group discussions, working in group situations, two in-depth interviews with reflections and recommendations from 'Bishop's Advisors, before progressing to the Bishop who determines what happens next.

We were also advised on the Deanery Strategy update. The 2018 strategy of 'Renewed, Released. Rejuvenated' will be kept as a focus. Another priority will be the 'Lights for Christ', encouraging us to walk in the light and reflect the light of Christ.

New jobs, such as Buildings Officer and Associate Archdeacon Transition Enabler (AATE) have been created. Mission Area Support Teams (MAST) will still be in place, these can be accessed for help, such as with potential grant applications. Mission Partnership Development Workers have been pulled, but funding will still be available for Centenary Project Workers.

Hub churches will be identified, any church which has a particular strength or area of expertise could become a Hub Church.

Dave advised that he had had some difficulty in obtaining updates from General Synod, and has undertaken to advise the Deanery once these were available. At the time of writing, no further information has been sent. **Lyn Hopson**

Safeguarding – Report

We take safeguarding within the Diocese very seriously and St Mary's is no exception. All roles where a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service check) and training are needed, both requirements are met before an individual is able to take up their role.

We have training records which are maintained and updated as needed.

There are a number of administration tasks required to be undertaken within this role, currently being performed by Andrea Offord – thank you Andrea.

Our current PSO (Parish Safeguarding Officer) is Janet Scott who has indicated that she needs to stand down from this demanding but necessary role after many years. If God is calling you, is this a role you could undertake? **Janet Scott**

Church, Buildings & Ground Committee – Report

Last year we were awaiting the alterations to St Mary's to begin. This year I'm pleased to report that phase 1 is complete, and we have a new kitchen and social area which is proving very popular. In addition, work at the east end regarding the coping has been done therefore stopping the water ingress, allowing the wall to dry out. Phase 1 work has allowed us to create dedicated wheelchair user access to the west end of church without the need for the ramp, and that works have been ongoing to consider the needs of the disabled following a disability audit completed by a small group led by Christine Herbert. The remaining re-ordering will take place in due course.

Work has also been completed in the Stable to improve the electrics which included a new circuit board.

With regard to the work at Cadeby is not to the church, which is not our responsibility but is however to the churchyard. The input of the Diocese has led to extensive work with a tree surgeon, in addition to the usual grass cutting costs. Generally the response for help was unsupportive without a volunteer base, leaving no alternative but to return to the original pattern of regular full cuts.

Current Health and safety policies exist for our buildings, and these are renewed on an annual basis.

As we do not have a specific Health and Safety Officer nor a general maintenance person (any volunteers?) and SMITE can only do so much, the organising of major maintenance, inspections and Health and safety compliance has fallen to the Churchwardens.

We would like to take this opportunity would like to say a huge thank you to Roger Offord and the SMITE (maintenance) team. Who work tirelessly every Wednesday to smarten up the Churchyard and keep on top of maintenance tasks both in the Church and grounds and also at the Hall and Stable. Thank you so much! It is very much appreciated. If anyone would like to volunteer for SMITE duties, please see Roger Offord. **Janet Scott and Marilyn Shersby Church Wardens**

Vision Committee – Report

Vision Committee meets quarterly, joining with the monthly Ministry Team meeting which feels both efficient and effective, giving continuity to Ministry Team members whilst adding the wider perspective additional voices invariably bring. The agenda brings some variation at differing seasons, but is largely undergirded with a clear focus on the three key priorities embedded in the Vision Statement we have developed.

As a community of Christians called by God to be a lighthouse of Christ's hope and a refuge for the troubled, we aim to:

- **Be a church where all ages are visible and valued.**
- **Deepen our faith through prayer, study and discipleship.**
- **Bring the light of Jesus to others in the community.**

Mission Action Planning in 2023 highlighted the need for a clear and widely known Vision Statement, and after developing this in late 2023, 2024 has been focused on embedding it

so that it is a familiar part of our shared life. We check progress of each priority and identify possible next steps in implementation, working alongside small PCC working groups, where each PCC member has chosen the priority which most connects with them and their gifts.

The Mission Action Planning tool also highlighted the need for better co-ordination of Pastoral Care and as a result a small team has been working to ensure progress is made.

Revd. Canon Amanda Barraclough

Churches Together in Sprotbrough – Report

The formal group 'Churches Together in Sprotbrough' no longer exists, though there are still limited funds held in a bank account, with signatories from both churches. This has been utilized to pay for Welcome packs, containing fridge magnet, welcome card and sunflower seeds, which have been delivered to houses on the new estate as they become occupied. Through the pulpit swap during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and a number of joint services over the course of the year, including the World Day of Prayer, and the Ten Days of Prayer, we have sought to sustain ongoing relationships between St. Mary's Church and Sprotbrough Methodist Church. Occasional meetings of leaders show that we face many of the same challenges in ministry. The Methodist Church have requested that in future all services on Ash Wednesday, and Maundy Thursday, be delivered by St. Mary's rather than the historic pattern of alternating. The Community Carol Service will also be delivered annually at St. Mary's.

The ecumenical Bible Study and Open the Book continue to involve members of both churches, as do shared Lent Courses, which are agreed collaboratively. **Revd. Canon Amanda Barraclough**

Riverside Mission Area - Report

There is little to report, as both churches (St Peter's Bentley and St. Mary's) have largely operated independently from one another over the last year. Both parishes have adequate clergy provision (and both have a curate) which means there is little sense of need for closer collaboration. It is increasingly apparent that the cultural context and needs of each parish are quite different, so energies tend to be put in differing priorities. Both clergy are aware that, when either parish becomes vacant, they will not be replaced with a full time role, so planning for future ministry is an important factor in building collaborative partnerships. With a new Associate Archdeacon Transition Enabler now in post, efforts will be made to explore a possible way ahead. **Revd. Canon Amanda Barraclough**

Families, Faith & Fun

Following a PCC day to explore St Mary's vision for the future, it was decided that one of our priorities should be "to make all ages visible and valued" with an emphasis on bringing more young families into the life of the church. Messy Church was no longer working and it was time for a refresh.

With this in mind, some research was carried out and a visit arranged to St Francis, Bessacarr, to see their "Integrate" session with young families in operation.

Liz Gibson, their main leader, came to speak to a group from St Mary's who have been previously involved in children's activity sessions. She explained how "Integrate" worked and a follow up meeting determined how we could adapt their model so that it worked for us.

A team of eight was formed, themes agreed, and the name of our group decided upon. Families, Faith and Fun was born!

We look forward to St Mary's future with young families in our community.

(others in the team are Amanda, Adele Shaw, Alison Lumby, Janet Scott, Sue Silverwood, Heather Mears, Irene Heaton). **Andrea Offord**

Lay Pastoral Workers - Reports

Derek and Irene are the two licensed Lay Pastoral Workers here at St Mary's, although we both recognise that a large part of pastoral support; visiting and contact is conducted by many in the congregation and often goes unrecognised. We would like to express our grateful thanks and say a massive 'thank you' to all who contribute to this role of love, support and care, within St Mary's and in the wider community.....

..... For me (Derek), being a Licensed Reader blurs the two roles, but both fit together well, and often what is said and done is usually in the background. We at St Mary's are grateful for all the love and support in and outside our worshipping community. We continue with a service monthly at Richmond Care Home, though I have decided to prioritise other areas of ministry. One aspect for me is to try to converse with those attending services for the first time, with those exploring baptism - it is important to make them feel included, making them feel at home in a place which can feel like alien territory.

We continue to strive with our three priorities in our Vision statement; my personal area is outward looking, being lights for Christ in the community. Many thanks for your support and may God bless the wider ministry here in Sprotbrough.

Derek Barraclough

..... For me (Irene), since the end of 2023 and into 2024, I have continued working closely with Christine and Robert in creating and further developing a Pastoral Care network for St Mary's – which has now been running since June '24, with a much wider Pastoral Care Team of 13. This has enabled the pastoral care at St Mary's to become a much wider, shared ministry with the aim of now encompassing every member of the church family.

I have continued to have a large involvement in the running of one of the Fellowship Groups. Where we generally meet fortnightly and enjoy friendship and fellowship, all within a relaxed and informal atmosphere. By sharing and exploring the Bible together, and through song and prayer we've aimed to support and encourage the further growth and development of our Christian faith and our trust in the Lord, as we journey along together! This year some of the studies that we've explored, have included, 'Biblical Women of courage'; 'Identity' and parts of the Christmas Account. Surprising discussions and discoveries have come out of these studies! (Please do consider joining one of the Fellowship groups!). P.S. We also share food and faith meals together sometimes too!!

I'm also involved in the Ministry and Vision Team meetings, where I've become part of a working group to encourage the deepening of faith and prayer within St Mary's, linking in with the church's 'Vision Statement' that has been drawn up. By using the creative ideas of this working team of 7, a prayer board has been set up in the prayer chapel, where people have been encouraged to use this quiet space for prayer and reflection, as well as having the opportunity of leaving prayer requests on the board – enabling others from the wider church family to pray for them too. This is proving to be well used, not just by the congregation of St Mary's, but also by the wider community and visitors as they pop into church throughout the week.

Baptism visiting has also continued to be part of my pastoral work, which is always a great privilege to be involved in. Together with supporting the work that is carried out when Children Activity mornings/sessions are run in the church hall during some school holidays. Once again, thank you so much to all those who share these ministries with us.

Irene Heaton

Website/Social Media – Report

Sprotbrough Venues – In 2024 I continue to maintain the website and included a photo gallery to promote the regular users and promoted various events on the front page. This site was temporarily used toward the end of the year to support St Mary's Church content as the church's dedicated website crashed. Overall the Venues website see little change.

St Mary's Church – This website became difficult to update throughout the year and eventually around September became impossible to work on. The Trustees were grateful to Mr Brian Bentley, a local resident, who voluntarily designed a new website, at no cost to St Mary's, that would launch in the new year.

Facebook - The two Facebook pages for the Church and Sprotbrough Venues continue to be well subscribed. The Church Facebook has nearly 600 followers and continues to grow. The content is mostly related to the activities of St Mary's and its outreach into the community as well as sharing Diocesan/Church of England content. The Venues website is relatively new and though followers are just over 100, the numbers are steadily growing. This page wholly promotes users of the Hall and Stable and associated classes, events etc, it also promotes the venues for private hire. Both pages 'posts' are regularly shared across local Facebook groups/hubs for Sprotbrough and Cusworth. **Rachel Towers**

Children's Society Support Group - Report

Our small group of volunteers continue to raise funds for the Children's Society and we are grateful to everyone who supports us. Once again we held Barbara's quiz, a very successful and enjoyable evening raising funds for the society.

Thank you to everyone who has a Children's Society box, many giving notes or cheque to support the society instead of loose change.

Thank you to the children, parents and staff of Orchard and Copley schools for their generosity filling their Christingle candles. Every year we enjoy making Christingles with the children from Orchard school and sharing with them their Christingle service.

A total of £1503.01 was raised for the society, so a big thank you to everyone. We couldn't do it without your support. We are always looking for new volunteers so if you feel you can help in any way please contact me. **Friends of the Children's Society**

Mothers' Union – Report

Our branch of Mothers 'Union continues to thrive having 19 members, however we will always welcome new members.

We have a varied and interesting programme and in 2024 we celebrated our 30th Anniversary with a special service in which our Diocesan president enrolled two new members. We were joined by members of the Deanery enjoying refreshments and fellowship together.

As members of Doncaster Deanery, we support Doncaster Women's refuge, baby basics as well as Diocesan projects such as AFIA, providing a caravan holiday or days out for families in need.

We are proud to belong to an organisation with over 4 million members in 84 countries supporting families locally and worldwide. **Helen Harwood, Branch Co-Ordinator**

Sprotbrough Bellringers - Report

Our primary purpose is to ring for Sunday Service and we calculate our Performance Indicator whereby 100% would be scored if we rang all 8 bells every Sunday. In 2024 our score fell to 62.6% from 77.1% in 2023. By comparison, Doncaster Minster, exceeded 90%, but that is very much dependent on support of ringers from other towers, enabled by a late service time. Sadly this has resulted in there having been no ringing some Sundays.

We currently have one learner who by the time of the meeting will be ringing on Sundays. However, we urgently need to recruit a lot more learners in order to stem the decline and return to previous levels of ringing. **Tim Wheeler, Tower Captain**

Event & Fundraising Team – Report

In the spring, a quiz night was held in the hall and, by advertising on social media, it attracted new people from the community. A good time was had by all.

In November, Christmas trees were displayed in church created by Orchard Infant School, Copley Junior School, Richmond Hill Primary Academy and the Levett School which were enjoyed by many people when the village Christmas lights were switched on.

The Christmas Fayre was once again very successful and enjoyed by all who came.

Thank you to all who supported these events in any way.

In total, these events raised £3,270 for church funds which, although a good result, is less than we hoped for. Last year we raised £4,585.

We hoped to organise a large summer event but without more active volunteers, our ideas had to be discarded.

Fundraising is needed now more than ever so please consider playing an active role in this important aspect of St Mary's. **Andrea Offord, Issy Mears, Sue Ekins, Sue Silverwood, Derek Barraclough & James Inglis**

Jigsaw Library – Report

The Jigsaw club meets the second Thursday in the month from 10.30 -1.30 pm. Timings of the sessions changed in September 2024.

In June 2024 Reg resigned from running the jigsaw club owing to personal reasons. Thanks to be given for all his work in keeping the club running.

I had been assisting him for 6 months so decided to take over the running of the Club.

Carole Hall who had run the club previously offered to come back and assist me.

The Jigsaw Club has a regular group of people who attend every month borrowing a jigsaw and enjoying social time with everyone over coffee and cake.

In November 2024 we donated £50 to Wish for Will, £50 to Young Minds, £50 to the Children's Air Ambulance and £50 to Breast Cancer Doncaster.

We have over 200 jigsaws and are hoping to look at specialising in dementia jigsaws in the future. **Marilyn Shersby**

Forget me Not Cafe - Report

The Forget me Note social event is now run by Angela Hudson and Carol Palmer, as Hilary Downs unfortunately had to stand down due to health issues.

This event has proved very popular and support/attendance has grown significantly during the last year and is consistently enjoyed by all who attend. A big thank you to Angela and Carol, who had many hurdles to overcome to attain the level needed to run this event. Their hard work is evident every month and they have been responsible for keeping this event ongoing. I would like to thank all the volunteers too, without their help this event would not be able to run. **Janet Scott**

Craft-antics – Report

This regular group has continued to be well supported over the last 12 months. Numbers attending the monthly meeting can fluctuate between 10 and 22. People will either come for the day or drop in for just a few hours, it keeps the group dynamic fresh! We draw people for the wider community not just church family. Though we do not charge any monthly subscription/fee it was decided to make a more encouraged voluntary donation for refreshments and occasional items for sale in view of the financial predicament the Church finds itself in and we raised £232 in 2024.

The group continues to be a positive atmosphere where people enjoy a very varied range of crafts including painting, sewing, crochet, knitting etc and locals across the Parish are encouraged to pop in just for a coffee and chat if they are not crafting inclined. I am very grateful to Carole Hall whom for her unfailing support by providing home baked refreshments and support at every meeting. **Rachel Towers**

Electoral Role Officer Report

The number of people on the electoral roll is 89. **Christopher Davis**

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPROTROUGH

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

CHARITY NO:- 1133069

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPROTBROUGH

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STATEMENT OF THE TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Parochial Church Council requires the Trustees to ensure that financial statements are prepared for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Church and of the surplus or deficit of the Church for that period. In the preparation of those financial statements, the Trustees are required to ensure that:-

- * suitable accounting policies are selected and applied consistently;
- * judgements and estimates are reasonable and prudent;
- * preparation of the financial statements is on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Church will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the Church and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Parochial Church Council. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed:

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Date:- 21 May 2025

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPROTBROUGH

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPROTBROUGH**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

RESTRICTED	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds				
Other voluntary		703		70
Fundraising		3,221		698
Investment		11,600		24,558
Church activities (Stable)		7,000		7,000
Grants		500		935
Gross Income		23,024		33,261
Resources expended				
Running expenses	475		281	
Utility bills (Winter hotspot)	-		217	
Church maintenance	49,235		2,534	
Church hall & stable maintenance	7,971		8,965	
Other	3,017		1,713	
Recategorise funds	-		2,191	
		60,698		15,901
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		(37,674)		17,360
Funds balance b/fwd		242,970		225,610
		205,296		242,970

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPROTBROUGH

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

UNRESTRICTED	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds				
Collections		7,246		6,494
Collections - Baptism		621		579
Collections - Funerals		858		1,802
Collections - Weddings		103		101
Planned giving		25,065		26,101
Gift Aid and GASDS recovered		8,023		7,039
Church activities		26,800		25,315
Other voluntary		8,406		3,450
Statutory fees retained by the PCC		4,672		8,803
Investments		1,962		1,764
Legacies		500		2,000
Grants		-		2,150
Fundraising		3,270		4,139
Other income		262		60
Donations to other charities not SDBF		934		242
Recategorise funds		-		2,191
Gross Income		88,722		92,230
Resources expended				
Diocesan Parish share	43,000		43,000	
Salaries, wages & honoria	10,610		9,410	
Clergy and staff expenses	948		1,742	
Mission & evangelism costs	112		560	
Church running expenses	25,831		19,419	
Church utility bills	9,998		5,617	
Charity donations	876		700	
Cost of trading	10,712		12,767	
Fundraising costs	14		186	
Donations to other charities not SDBF	934		242	
Other	192		15	
		103,227		93,658
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		(14,505)		(1,428)
Fund balance brought forward		69,623		71,051
		55,118		69,623

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPROTBROUGH

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

Restricted	31.12.24		31.12.23	
	£	£	£	£
Investments				
Investments		-		198
		-		198
Current assets				
Short term investments (CCLA)	165,871		221,132	
Debtors (HMRC)	159		-	
Bank	39,266		21,640	
	<u>205,296</u>		<u>242,772</u>	
Current liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year				
Creditors	-		-	
	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
Net current assets		<u>205,296</u>		<u>242,772</u>
		<u>205,296</u>		<u>242,970</u>
Parish Funds				
Restricted		205,296		242,970
		<u>205,296</u>		<u>242,970</u>

Signed:  (Treasurer)

Signed:  (Trustees)

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Date:- 21 May 2024

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPOTBROUGH

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

Unrestricted	31.12.24		31 12.23	
	£	£	£	£
Current assets				
Debtors (HMRC)	2,164		3,279	
Debtors (GASDS)	1,541		3,890	
Bank	53,105		63,794	
	56,810		70,963	
Current liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year				
Creditors	1,692		1,340	
	1,692		1,340	
Net current assets		55,118		69,623
		55,118		69,623
Parish Funds				
Unrestricted		55,118		69,623
		55,118		69,623

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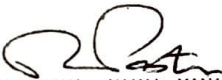
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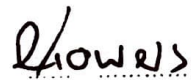
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AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	31.12.24		31 12.23	
	£	£	£	£
Investments				
Investments		-		198
		-		198
Current assets				
Short term investments (CCLA)	165,871		221,132	
Debtors (HMRC)	2,323		3,279	
Debtors (GASDS)	1,541		3,890	
Bank	92,371		85,434	
	262,106		313,735	
Current liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year				
Creditors	1,692		1,340	
	1,692		1,340	
Net current assets		260,414		312,395
		260,414		312,593
Parish Funds				
Total funds		260,414		312,593
		260,414		312,593

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St. MARY'S CHURCH SPROTBROUGH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2019.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law.

The financial statements include all transactions and assets.

They do not include the accounts of Church groups that owe their affiliation to another nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

1.2 Funds structures

Restricted funds represent donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific project. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent for each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the PCC is free to use for ordinary purposes. Unrestricted funds include designated funds, where the donor has made known their non binding wishes or where the PCC, at their discretion have created a fund for a specific purpose.

1.3 Incoming resources

Collections and planned giving are recognised when received, tax recoverable on gift aid is recognised when the donation is received. All other incoming resources are sufficient reliability. All incoming resources are accounted for gross, recognised once the PCC has entitlement to them, it is virtually certain that they will be received and the monetary value can be measured with certainty.

1.4 Resources expended

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred and is accounted for gross.

1.5 Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

1.6 Fixed assets

Consecrated property and movable Church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the financial statements by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993. Movable Church furnishings held by the vicar and Church warden on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are accounted for as inalienable property unless they cost below £5,000 or are consecrated. They are listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected. For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £5,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred. All expenditure in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £5,000 or on the repair of movable Church furnishings acquired before January 2000 is written off.

Fixed asset investments

Investments are stated at market value. The Income and Expenditure Account includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year. The BlackRock investment was sold in October 2024.

1.7 Stocks

Stocks of saleable items for fund raising are valued at cost and represent the amounts held on 31 December. No items were held on 31 December 2024.

1.8 Realised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to the Income and Expenditure Account as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and opening market value (purchase date if later). Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between closing market value and opening market value (or purchase date if later).

1.9 Recategorisation of funds

A transfer of £2,191 from the restricted funds to unrestricted funds was authorised during 2023. These monies represent the remaining balance on grants towards the winter hotspot which the grantors agreed could be used to support the Church Hall and Stable.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPROTBROUGH

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Accounts

**The Parish of
Sprotbrough**

**Annual Report
and
Financial Statement
of the Parish of Sprotbrough
for the year ended
31st December 2023**

Incumbent

The Revd A Barraclough
The Rectory
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Sprotbrough
Doncaster
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Bankers

Santander Bank
56 High Street
Doncaster
DN1 1UN

Independent Examiners

Messrs Brearley & Co
Accountants
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Membership

The method of appointment of members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All eligible church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC.

The following shows the membership of the PCC as at 31st December 2023.

Ex officio members

Rector	Revd Amanda Barraclough	2015
Associate Priest	Revd Robert Heaton	2016
Assistant Curate	Revd Christine Herbert	2022
Church Wardens	Roland Lumby Janet Scott	2017 (retired April 2023) 2022

Deanery Synod Representative

Derek Barraclough	2017/20 & 2020/23 (retired 2023)
Lyn Hopson	2023/26
Rachel Towers & Secretary	2023/26

Reader Emerita

Betty Brockman	2023
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Elected Members

Robert Paskell (Treasurer)	2022/25
Alison Lumby	2017/20 & 2020/23 (retired April 2023)
<i>Lyn Hopson</i>	<i>2021/23 (Deanery Synod Rep)</i>
Angela Hudson	2021/24
James Inglis	2021/24
Therese Paskell	2021/24
<i>Rachel Towers (Secretary)</i>	<i>2021/23 (Deanery Synod Rep)</i>
Andrea Offord	2022/25
Derek Barraclough	2023/2026
Carol Palmer	2023/2026

Aims and Organisation

The mission statement of St Mary's Church states that our purpose is to Worship God and Welcome All. The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline measures 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

The PCC operates through the following committees, which meet between full meetings of the PCC.

Standing Committee

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

Vision Committee

This deals with matters relating to the ministry of the local church to the community and the world, including ecumenical links, evangelism and the support of mission and relief agencies.

Church, Building and Grounds Committee

This assists the churchwardens in executing their responsibility for the maintenance of the fabric and plant of St Mary's Church, and also for the maintenance of both St Mary's and Cadeby churchyards.

Social Events & Fundraising Team

Team to organise events that reach out into the Community as well as Church. The emphasis is on events that are enjoyable and fundraising is not the stimulus.

Rector's Report

2023 has been another year of energetic activity, with life shared in all its joys and sorrows along the way. I've grateful to God, and to all who serve God in this place.

As 2023 began, the Ministry Team were considering a transition from our current pattern, a team locally grown, who work in partnership with me to develop mission and ministry, to the new Diocesan pattern of Oversight Minister and a Focal Team. Oversight Ministry involves a different role description which is more focused on team development, coaching and training each member. Focal Leaders are those, lay and ordained, who the community would recognize as the public face of the church in their particular context. The PCC had encouraged exploring this pattern in the awareness that this model, primarily aimed at parishes where a stipendiary minister is shared, will help to future-proof ministry here, where that is increasingly likely to be the case in future. However, the process was not felt to be a good fit to current patterns, and a service to license people to focal ministries, planned in September, was cancelled. We continue to work closely as a Ministry Team, and have invested time in a church Mission Action Plan 2023. A Vision Day for the PCC in November, led by Revd Toby Hole, Director of Mission and Ministry for the Diocese, enabled us to articulate a vision statement with three key priorities, which are now shaping future focus and enabling us to use our limited resources with wisdom.

Over the course of the year we have welcomed 11 new members into the life of St. Mary's and shared in the joy of three confirmations. Our culture of welcome has grown in strength and those new to the church tell us how welcome they have been made to feel. Our Worshipping Community (defined as those who engage with public worship at least monthly) has, however, remained static at 102, as we have also lost 11 members over the course of 2023. Whilst some have been 'promoted to glory', others are due to us pausing our Messy Church provision in July. This was a difficult decision, but it had become clear that Sunday afternoons were not working for the families with whom we seek to engage. We continue to discern next steps, but this will also involve growing a new team to deliver it. Despite this, opportunities to offer Christian ministry and teaching in schools and local nurseries have grown – this year we have developed an active link with the Levett School, and with a second nursery where story-time is offered each month, introducing young children to Jesus for the first time. Local schools now use the church building more frequently and for a greater variety of things, including displaying artwork for the wider community to enjoy. We were able to draw in wide community and school engagement in our project to create a handwritten illuminated Coronation Gospel to mark HRH's Coronation on 6th May this year. We were thrilled to hear of its arrival in the Chapel Royal and that it was being used in worship there.

One of our key priorities is a deepening of faith. Whilst always difficult to measure, the growth in Fellowship Groups and Advent and Lent course involvement is encouraging. New members are invited into these early in their journey of belonging, and this helps to develop a confidence in talking about faith. Prayer stations in the Chapel have become a regular feature this year, inspired by Louise, with the support of Christine Herbert, our curate. Rachel Towers, our Administrator, has embarked on the Foundations Course offered by the Diocese, with the support of the PCC, in order to deepen her understanding and to discern what God may be asking of her next. I am grateful to Rachel for her unswerving commitment to St. Mary's and her determination to serve God through his church. Her launch of the Craft-antics group this year has offered a valued meeting place for many. All these are encouraging markers of a family of faith who are putting deeper roots down into the soil of God's word, and finding this both nourishing and anchoring.

These shifts in church culture are reflected in the plans to redevelop aspects of our church building, after earlier consultation processes. The new social space in the south west corner of the building has allowed for more relaxed conversation and a greater sense of togetherness after services, and has proved a valuable area for young families during worship. We trust that as we adapt the space to today's needs, as it has been shaped many times before, it too will shape us to become more the people God would have us be, in his service and that of our community. **Revd. Canon Amanda Barraclough**

Churchwarden's - Report

At the APCM last year, Roland Lumby stood down from his position as Church Warden. I have therefore been the only Church warden since then as no-one else came forward.

It is quite challenging being the only Church Warden as all the numerous responsibilities which fall to the Churchwarden in the absence of another named person (i.e. Health and Safety). I have particularly enjoyed ensuring all is running smoothly on Sunday mornings, filling the gaps as needed. Work has been done on developing a diary of maintenance tasks and compliance certification so life ticks over smoothly.

A lot of support was needed and given from other Church members when required. A big thank you to all who have been called upon to help, I couldn't have managed without you.

Going forward to the coming year, more volunteers are certainly needed, with other people putting themselves forward for this demanding, but rewarding position. Whilst I have enjoyed serving in this role, I do not want to do so as sole churchwarden again. I may have to stand down if no-one else comes forward. **Janet Scott**

Secretary – Report

2023 was a busy year for the Parish and Trustees. The Hotspot initiative launched in a response to the cost of living crisis in winter 2022 continued through the start of 2023 and finished at the end of March. In a response to the popularity of having somewhere to be, I agreed to launch a monthly group from 10am-4pm and though a craft orientated group, it has been open to anyone to visit for a coffee and chat at no cost to attendees, just a request for donations toward refreshments that are donated to St Mary's Church (see later report). Though the Hotspot initiative had been popular the appetite to re-launch this in October 2023 was not there for our Trustees or local partners, the main issue being volunteers. However, it was agreed to promote the Warm Spaces we already provide weekly/monthly to the Parish and again this in conjunction with Parish partners.

The Trustees have had an interesting year as they dealt with the re-ordering of the Church and various faculty applications for this and installation of Wi-Fi into the Church building. The continuing pattern of reduced giving by the congregation is proving to be a concern as we lose aged generous givers. Providing honest information on the state of the Church finances to our congregation to encourage more generous giving is an ongoing exercise. Toward the end of 2023 the issues of the anticipated utility bills increases was acknowledged and considered for 2024 and the budget for next year reflected a deficit as the reducing income this year is expected to continue into the new year.

The Administrator role was split into two in April (Church Administrator and Hall & Stable Bookings) but this proved unsuccessful and the role reverted back to the Church Administrator at the end of August. Unfortunately revenue was lost over this period; however, after a concerted effort and creation of a Facebook page and concentrated promotion the bookings and revenue were back on track by the end of the year.

Finally, the Focal Ministry arrangement for St Mary's did not, as hoped, take place. Consideration of a Focal Ministry team will undoubtedly continue into the new year. However, focus on St Mary's vision for Ministry going forward was a high priority and again will continue to be so into the new year. **Rachel Towers**

Deanery Synod - Report

The two representatives from St. Mary's on the Deanery Synod for Adwick Deanery are Lyn Hopson, and Rachel Towers. Dave Berry is Area Dean. Currently, Dave is the only clergy member of the Standing Committee, along with three lay members, so those present at the meetings have been encouraged to consider whether they know of any clergy who might be willing to become members.

At our meetings we receive up-dates on what is happening in neighbouring parishes, sharing good news from each, and are also made aware of Diocesan priorities and focus areas. In the

two meetings I have attended so far, the main topic for the first was Focal Ministry, and its growing importance due to the fall in numbers of clergy. At the second meeting, John Marsh gave a talk on the importance of engagement in Mission and its biblical basis. We were encouraged to work in small groups to discuss and evaluate what was already happening in parishes in this area and what we might consider doing going forward. John also spoke about the 'Small Sparks' grants of between £500 and £2000 available from the Diocese to start something new/build on an existing project. Applications for these can be made by Church Wardens.

At the next meeting we will receive a report on the General Synod. The PCC is provided with a short report following each meeting to allow for discussion/ action if necessary and appropriate. **Lyn Hopson**

Safeguarding – Report

St Mary's Church takes safeguarding responsibilities seriously. My role as Safeguarding Officer entails ensuring the training and checks required by the Diocese of Sheffield, and the Church are in place.

All roles have a job description, and where necessary the correct level of training for the role is identified, and the applicant trained as needed prior to starting their role.

Should a role require regular contact with Children or vulnerable adults a check is undertaken using the DBS service provided by Thirtyoneeight. DBS certificates may be either basic or enhanced depending on the details of the post. This applies to both volunteers and employed people, and maybe either basic or enhanced dependant on the role. Even occasional helpers are required to undertake some basic safeguarding training and supply two references before they are involved.

Safeguarding Sunday was marked in 2023, and is become a regular part of our worshipping life. This ensures that safeguarding is seen to be the responsibility of the entire congregation, and part of the culture of St. Mary's. Safeguarding is a standard agenda item at all PCC meetings. This allows us to consider practical scenarios in church life through the lens of safe practice, and take appropriate action. **Janet Scott**

Church, Buildings & Ground Committee – Report

Work has progressed on the re-ordering of the Church, although there are still a number of things to be dealt with. The new social area (which will eventually have a kitchen installed) appears to be very popular.

Towards the end of 2023, we had our Quinquennial inspection. This went rather well, and a list of jobs to be dealt with prepared, but there was nothing urgent.

Risk assessments for the buildings have been done and are on a schedule to be updated every year, likewise the fire risk assessment as well, and we liaise frequently with our insurers, Ecclesiastical to ensure we comply with what they ask for.

Routine maintenance tasks have been identified and work carried out when necessary, involving respective contractors as needed. Much of the general maintenance work is carried out by the SMITIE team

We have also developed a disability action team, which is headed by Christine Herbert, this is still very much work in progress. , It is working towards finding any issues those with disabilities, may encounter and any adaptations that might make things at Church easier for them.

As we do not have (at the moment) a specific Health and Safety Officer nor a general maintenance person (any volunteers?) and SMITE can only do so much, the organising of Major maintenance, inspections and Health and safety compliance has fallen to the Churchwardens. Having only one committee has made it easier form a decision-making process however this shortfall has increased the workload of the Church Warden, again there is only one!

We would like to take this opportunity would like to say a huge thank you to Roger Offord and the SMITE (maintenance) team. Who work tirelessly every Wednesday to smarten up the Churchyard and keep on top of maintenance tasks both in the Church and grounds and also at the Hall and Stable. Thank you so much! It is very much appreciated. If anyone would like to volunteer for SMITE duties, please see Roger Offord. **Janet Scott**

Vision Committee – Report

The Vision Committee meet quarterly, joining the monthly Ministry Team meeting, and has enriched the conversation.

Significant focus has been given to developing Mission Action Plan 23, to help us identify key priorities for the next 2 years. It became apparent that greater attention needed to be given to articulating a clear summary of our vision, so that the whole congregation understand the priorities and can take their part in working towards them.

To enable us to progress this, Revd. Toby Hole, Director of Mission and Ministry for the Diocese, spent a Vision Day with the PCC in November, helping us to identify the key aspects of St. Mary's we felt God was seeking us to work on. The outcome was a statement which has three key priorities we seek to embed in our future life as a church.

As a community of Christians called by God to be a lighthouse of Christ's hope and a refuge for the troubled, we aim to :

- **Be a church where all ages are visible and valued.**
- **Deepen our faith through prayer, study and discipleship.**
- **Bring the light of Jesus to others in the community.**

Revd. Canon Amanda Barraclough

Churches Together in Sprotbrough – Report

The formal group 'Churches Together in Sprotbrough' no longer exists, though there are still limited funds held in a bank account, with signatories from both churches. Through the pulpit swap during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and a number of joint services over the course of the year, including the World Day of Prayer, and the Ten Days of Prayer, we have sought to sustain ongoing relationships between St. Mary's Church and Sprotbrough Methodist Church. Occasionally, ordained ministers from each church are invited to each other's Ministry Team meetings, and it is clear that many of the same challenges are ones we share in common.

The ecumenical Bible Study and Open the Book continue to involve members of both churches, as do shared Lent Courses, which are agreed collaboratively. **Revd. Canon Amanda Barraclough**

Riverside Mission Area - Report

There is little to report, as both churches (St Peter's Bentley and St. Mary's) have largely operated independently from one another over the last year. Both parishes have adequate clergy provision (and both have a curate) which means there is little sense of need for closer collaboration. It is increasingly apparent that the cultural context and needs of each parish are quite different, so energies tend to be put in differing priorities. It is hoped that future plans would enable closer working and help us to invest in areas of our parish we find it more difficult to minister to. **Revd. Canon Amanda Barraclough**

Messy Church

In January 2023 we ventured into running 'Messy Church' sessions for young children and their families, following the suggestion that Sunday t-Time should be re-launched under the brand of 'Messy Church' – a nationally better known name for church services and activities that are child friendly. The re-launch was advertised extensively on Social Media in the hope of attracting more young families.

During the Messy Church sessions, we continued to encourage and nurture friendships and fellowship as we shared and explored the Bible together, through role play; computer technology; craft activities; games; songs and prayers helping us to discover new things about God and supporting our Christian faith journeys, whilst engaging in fun and creativity.

However, due to numbers fluctuating from session to session and the decreased number of adults being able to commit to and support the running of Messy Church, it was decided that the last session of Messy Church would run at the end of July leading up to the summer time break. The decision was taken with the view that children's ministry would continue in different ways, as we were finding Sunday afternoons were now becoming even more busy for our Messy Church members, due to other commitments and demands on the young families. This decision wasn't taken lightly, and was a difficult and very sad one to make.

During the summer, a cheese and wine event was held at the rectory where Messy Church parents/carers were invited along to discuss what might be the next steps for the church to take in supporting their children's spiritual growth.

So at the moment the church is at a bit of 'a crossroads' where we are praying that God will show us the 'openings' and the next steps that He wants us to take with regard to children's ministry (as God always has a plan!). So we would very much value your prayers at this time.

As an update to this, during 2023 Amanda has had additional openings/opportunities to connect with both staff and children at the Levett School in Sprotbrough and also at the Danum Daisies Nursery. In addition to this, every opportunity has been taken to offer a Children's Activity Morning during each of the school holidays, as well as always promoting and advertising the 'All Age' (child friendly) services held every month in church. To this day, children still keep telling me how much they are missing not being able to come along to Messy Church. So please do pray for the children and the children's work at St Marys as they are a vital part of the church family. Thank you. **Irene Heaton**

Pastoral Workers - Reports

Irene and Derek are the two licensed Lay Pastoral Ministers here at St Mary's and we acknowledge that much of the pastoral care is carried out by the wider congregation, and often goes unrecognised. So may we firstly acknowledge your contribution and say a huge thank you for your love and care for our worshipping congregation and wider community. For Derek the lines have become blurred, as he is also a Lay Reader but he is proud to claim 'both hats'. Part of our role is to try to be aware of who is missing from our regular worship, or who we have lost contact with. We then try to follow up with gentle visits, enquiries or phone calls. We also try to be aware of those having difficulties or needs and give aid, encouragement and prayer in those situations.

Irene continues to fit in her role around busy and demanding work commitments. Much of her support is given by telephone and in church, with home and hospital visits. A large part of Irene's time (in the first 7 months of the year) has been involved with the Messy Church Services – please see details on the Messy Church Report.

Irene has also had a large involvement in one of the Fellowship Groups, where the group has generally met twice a month to explore and study the Bible and praying together, whilst enjoying fellowship with each other. The studies have included a series on 'Liberating Sabbath'; a short course on the Book of Proverbs and 2 Emmaus courses covering 'Christian Lifestyle' and 'Living images'. Amazing discussions and discoveries have come out of these studies! During 2023 fellowship numbers have continued to grow, which has been wonderful!

Irene and Derek meet regularly as part of the ministry team, where issues or situations can be discussed. It was suggested that men could meet monthly in the Ivanhoe pub at the same time as Mother's Union. This has now been happening for six months, and though not large, it is encouraging and we hope to continue to meet. It is a group where all men are welcome, with no agenda, to chat, discuss, drink beer, other beverages are available.

During a Ministry Meeting in the Autumn, it was suggested that the Pastoral Care network of St Marys be reviewed and developed. Since then, Christine, Robert and Irene have been looking

into this and have started to update the church's records and putting together ideas on how this network of those who provide pastoral care could be put into place. A larger, co-ordinated, Pastoral team could then hopefully be established – as a wider shared ministry throughout the church family.

There are encouraging signs of God's provision here at St Mary's. Following a recent P.C.C vision day we met to discuss, strategy and our mission statement, where three areas were highlighted. Community, Spirituality and Families, already almost without trying God is already meeting some of these needs. Please keep praying. Many thanks for your support. **Derek Barraclough and Irene Heaton.**

Lay Readers - Report

Lay Reader ministry here at St Mary's continues through Betty Brockman Emeritus reader and me. We are both part of the ministry team, praying, seeking God's guidance and direction as we minister in the parish of Sprotbrough and the wider diocese. Betty continues to preach regularly (To a high standard) leads intercessions and contributes much, unseen by the congregation. For my part I also am privileged to be able to preach, lead services and am involved outside of the remit of reader ministry. Both Betty and I meet regularly with our incumbent, Amanda, and she is always available where help/advice/direction is required.

This year I have taken on a wider role in the diocese by being invited to be on the Lay Readers Executive Committee, which meet four or five times annually to maintain, ongoing development of Reader Ministry in the Diocese.

I am indebted to Betty for her support, experience, spirituality and friendship as we minister alongside each other. We are both honoured and privileged to be part of the worshipping community here in Sprotbrough. **Derek Barraclough**

Website/Social Media – Report

Sprotbrough Venues – In 2023 I maintained the website and included a photo gallery to promote the regular users and promoted various events on the front page. The details of our website are regularly promoted via Facebook to the local area.

St Mary's Church – This website though an old format works well, though technical issues have begun to become a challenge occasionally. I endeavour to keep the pages all up to date and the front page is constantly updated to represent what is happening i.e. a link to the weekly newsletter, foodbank news and various events/services we promote.

Facebook- As well as the page for St Mary's Church, in September 2023 a new page was created for Sprotbrough Venues, cross promotion is undertaken but the majority of posts for the Venues Facebook page is supporting events and regular users of the Hall and Stable. The number of followers has been increasing monthly on the Venue page. The Church Facebook page continues to increase followers and content is well received. Both pages are shared across local Hubs to promote our wide range of services, prayers, events, activities and social issues. **Rachel Towers**

Children's Society Support Group - Report

Friends of the Children's Society are a small group of volunteers raising funds for the Society.

Our annual quiz is always a popular event and this year raised £436.50.

The annual box opening raised £632.70.

Once again a few of us enjoyed making Christingles with the children at Orchard school, always a happy occasion and they collected £297.05 for the society.

A total of £1,422.66 has been sent to the society during 2023. We are truly grateful for all the support we receive so thank you very much. **Friends of the Children's Society**

Mothers' Union – Report

The members enjoyed a variety of speakers during 2023, and our meetings continue to be well attended. We continue to support Doncaster Women's refuge providing essential items for the women and children when they are rehoused.

Our afternoon cream tea raised £683 for Away From It All, a Mothers' Union project that provides a holiday and days out for needy families. Thank you to everyone who supported us.

Mothers' Union has been supporting families since 1876 with over 4 million members in 84 countries. We as a branch would love to have more members, so why not come to one of our meetings. **Helen Harwood, Branch Co-Ordinator**

Sprotbrough Bellringers - Report

Our primary purpose is to ring for Sunday Service and we calculate our Performance Indicator whereby 100% would be scored if we rang all 8 bells every Sunday. Pre-Covid we were achieving circa 95%. In 2022, first full post covid year this dropped to 76% due to some ringers dropping out of the band. This year our score was 77%, thus holding steady, though we clearly need to recruit. By comparison, only Doncaster Minster, supported by ringers from other towers exceeded this score, which is indicative of a widespread problem of recruitment and training of ringers. We are grateful for support by ringers from nearby towers, as similarly many of our band ring at more than one tower on Sundays and support other practice nights.

The Bells are regularly checked, in accordance with national guidelines, and minor routine maintenance promptly carried out. The only issue outside our control is stone dust falling within the bell chamber, stairs and ringing room, which was identified in the Quinquennial report. **Tim Wheeler, Tower Captain**

Event & Fundraising Team – Report

Several events were organised in 2023. Three Northern Soul nights in January, April and October proved popular and brought in a group of people from within and beyond Sprotbrough.

“Wedding Dresses Through the Years” and a cheese and wine evening again appealed to people beyond our church family and brought many people into church who told stories of their own courting days and weddings.

The Christmas trees displayed in church were reduced so that our limited number of volunteers could focus their efforts on the Christmas Fayre. Orchard Infant School, Copley Junior School, Richmond Hill Primary Academy and the Levett School displayed trees which were enjoyed by many people when the village lights were switched on. The Christmas Fayre was very successful and enjoyed by all who came.

Thank you to all who supported these events in any way. In total, these events raised £4,585 for church funds. **Andrea Offord, Issy Mears, Sue Ekins, Sue Silverwood, Derek Barraclough**

Jigsaw Library – Report

The Jigsaw library is now in its 12th year of operation. The numbers have declined over recent years but there is still a dedicated core that come out in all weathers to enjoy a social group with friends and to swap out their jigsaws. Sadly one of our helpers, Marcia' succumbed to cancer in September and she had been a faithful worker for the club for many years. We are in urgent need of more helpers as we had to cancel one meeting due to illness. However we continue to provide an opportunity for people in the community to meet and socialise with each other in a hospitable and friendly atmosphere whilst enjoying a drink and a biscuit.

With upwards of over 400 jigsaws to choose from members can borrow as many as they wish, for whatever period they require them, at a minimum cost of £1 with tea/coffee and biscuits available at £1.50. Many users borrow multiple jigsaws either for themselves or for people who they support in the community. We continue to donate surplus jigsaws to local charity shops.

Funds generated by members have enabled us to make the following donations:- £100 St Marys Church, £100 RedCross - Turkey Appeal and £50 English Estates – In Memory of Marcia. **Reg Crockford**

Forget me Not Cafe - Report

In April 2023 we received £435 from the Sprotbrough & Cusworth Parish Council which has helped to fund this year's meetings, providing entertainment and refreshments. Numbers have

increased slightly this year; on average we have 20 people including volunteers. We do promote the monthly meetings and attend the bimonthly Doncaster Dementia Collaborative meetings on behalf of St Mary's. **Angela Hudson & Hilary White**

Craft-antics – Report

On 19th May 2023 we launched a new craft and natter group to be held monthly on the third Friday of the month. This group was launched in response to the success of the Hotspot initiative over winter 2022/23. With the support of the Trustees it was agreed that there would be no charge for people to attend this group and it would run from 10am-4.00pm. Any voluntary monies given toward refreshments have been donated to the Church. Carole Hall is an invaluable support to me with managing the group and provides home baked goods which are all popular.

The numbers have varied between 12 and 16 at each meeting, some pop in, others stay all day. Not all attendees are Church family, it has been encouraging to have people from the wider community join us and become regulars. There is a various assortment of crafts people bring and I provide encouragement and enjoy hosting the various personalities. The atmosphere tends to be one of good humour and positivity. I hope this will continue next year. **Rachel Towers**

Electoral Role Officer Report

The number people on the electoral roll at 31st December 2023 is 132. **Christopher Davis**

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPROTBROUGH

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

CHARITY NO:- 1133069

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPROTBOUGH

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Mr J Inglis

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Mrs R Paskell

Mrs T Paskell

Mrs J Scott

Miss R Towers

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPROTBOUGH

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPROTBOUGH

STATEMENT OF THE TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Parochial Church Council requires the Trustees to ensure that financial statements are prepared for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Church and of the surplus or deficit of the Church for that period. In the preparation of those financial statements, the Trustees are required to ensure that:-

- * suitable accounting policies are selected and applied consistently;
- * judgements and estimates are reasonable and prudent;
- * preparation of the financial statements is on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Church will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the Church and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Parochial Church Council. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed: Haradian.....

Signed: Howells.....

} (Trustees)

Date:- 28/4/24

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPROTBROUGH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH, SPROTBROUGH.

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

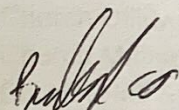
As the Charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

I have completed my examination. I can confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect;

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Parochial Church Council as required by section 130 of the Act or
2. the accounts did not accord with the accounting records.

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



Brearley & Co Accountants Limited

Date:-

Chartered Certified Accountants

**39/43 Bridge Street
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ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPROTBROUGH

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

RESTRICTED

	31.12.23		31.12.22	
	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds				
Other voluntary		70		246
Fundraising		698		1,580
Investment		24,558		1,683
Gift Aid & GASDS recovered		-		-
Church Activities		7,000		7,000
Grants		935		4,000
Gross Income		<u>33,261</u>		<u>14,509</u>
Resources expended				
Church Running Expenses	281		-	
Church Utility Bills	217		-	
Church Maintenance	2,534		4,248	
Church Hall & Stable Maintenance	8,965		26	
Other	1,713		78	
Recategorise Funds	2,191		-	
		<u>15,901</u>		<u>4,352</u>
Net Gains/(Losses) on Investments				<u>- 16,709</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		17,360		- 6,552
Funds balance b/fwd		225,610		232,162
		<u>242,970</u>		<u>225,610</u>

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPROTBROUGH

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

UNRESTRICTED	31.12.23		31.12.22	
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds				
Collections - Service		6,494		5,895
Collections - Baptism		579		959
Collections - Funerals		1,802		803
Collections - Weddings		101		394
Planned Giving		26,101		32,925
Gift Aid and GASDS recovered		7,039		8,245
Church Activities		25,315		24,381
Other Voluntary		3,450		3,130
Statutory Fees retained by the PCC		8,803		6,168
Investments		1,764		504
Legacies		2,000		-
Grants		2,150		1,000
Fundraising		4,139		4,255
Other Receipts/Income not listed		60		1,452
Donations to Other Charities not SDBF		242		1,030
Recategorise Funds		2,191		-
Gross Income		92,230		91,141
 Resources expended				
Diocesan Parish Share	43,000		43,000	
Salaries, Wages & Honoria	9,410		10,417	
Clergy and Staff Expenses	1,742		186	
Mission & Evangelism costs	560		732	
Church Running Expenses	19,419		17,602	
Church Utility Bills	5,617		5,848	
Church Utility Bills	700		2,409	
Charity Donations	-		-	
Church Maintenance	12,767		11,544	
Costs of Trading	186		132	
Fundraising Costs	242		1,012	
Donations to Other Charities not SDBF	15		868	
Other				
		93,658		93,750
 Net Gains/(Losses) on Investments				
		-		-
 Surplus/(Deficit) for the year				
		- 1,428		- 2,609
 Fund balance brought forward				
		71,051		73,660
		69,623		71,051

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPOTBROUGH

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

Restricted

Investments

SDB Finance

Investments

31.12.23

£

£

31.12.22

£

£

198

194

-

-

198

194

Current assets

Short Term Investments (CCLA)

221,132

193,079

Debtors (HMRC)

-

25

Bank

21,640

32,312

242,772

225,416

Current liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year

Creditors

-

-

-

-

Net current assets

242,772

225,416

242,970

225,610

Parish Funds

Restricted

242,970

225,610

242,970

225,610

Signed: Alan

Signed: Howells

Signed: R. R. R.

Date: 28/4/24

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPROTBROUGH

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

Unrestricted

	31.12.23		31.12.22	
	£	£	£	£
Investments				
SDB Finance		-		-
Investments		-		-
		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>

Current assets

Debtors (HMRC)	3,279	3,732
Debtors (GASDS)	3,890	-
Bank	63,794	68,919
	<u>70,963</u>	<u>72,651</u>

Current liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year

Creditors	1,340	1,600
	<u>1,340</u>	<u>1,600</u>

Net current assets

	69,623	71,051
	<u>69,623</u>	<u>71,051</u>

Parish Funds

Unrestricted	69,623	71,051
	<u>69,623</u>	<u>71,051</u>

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Date:- 28/4/24

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPROTBROUGH

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	31.12.23		31.12.22	
	£	£	£	£
Investments				
SDB Finance		198		194
Investments		-		-
		<u>198</u>		<u>194</u>
Current assets				
Short term Investments	221,132		193,079	
Debtors (HMRC)	3,279		1,965	
Debtors (GASDS)	3,890		1,792	
Bank	85,434		101,231	
	<u>313,735</u>		<u>298,067</u>	
Current liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year				
Creditors	1,340		1,600	
	<u>1,340</u>		<u>1,600</u>	
Net current assets		<u>312,395</u>		<u>296,467</u>
		<u>312,593</u>		<u>296,661</u>
Parish Funds				
Total Funds		312,593		296,661
		<u>312,593</u>		<u>296,661</u>

Signed: Atkinson

Signed: Howells

Signed: Robt

Date:- 28/4/24

St. MARY'S CHURCH SPROTBROUGH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2019.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law.

The financial statements include all transactions and assets.

They do not include the accounts of Church groups that owe their affiliation to another nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

1.2 Funds structures

Restricted funds represent donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific project. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent for each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the PCC is free to use for ordinary purposes. Unrestricted funds include designated funds, where the donor has made known their non binding wishes or where the PCC, at their discretion have created a fund for a specific purpose.

1.3 Incoming resources

Collections and planned giving are recognised when received, tax recoverable on gift aid is recognised when the donation is received. All other incoming resources are sufficient reliability. All incoming resources are accounted for gross, recognised once the PCC has entitlement to them, it is virtually certain that they will be received and the monetary value can be measured with certainty.

1.4 Resources expended

The Diocesan Parish share is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred and is accounted for gross.

1.5 Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

1.6 Fixed assets

Consecrated property and movable Church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the financial statements by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993. Movable Church furnishings held by the vicar and Church warden on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are accounted for as inalienable property unless they cost below £5,000 or are consecrated. They are listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected. For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £5,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred. All expenditure in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £5,000 or on the repair of movable Church furnishings acquired before January 2000 is written off.

Fixed asset investments

Investments are stated at market value. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

1.7 Stocks

Stocks of saleable items for fund raising are valued at cost and represent the amounts held on 31 December. No items were held on 31 December 2023.

1.8 Realised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and opening market value (purchase date if later). Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between market value at 5 October, mid year review and opening market value (or purchase date if later).

1.9 Recategorisation of funds

A transfer of £2,191 from the restricted funds to unrestricted funds was authorised during the year. These monies represent the remaining balance on grants towards the winter hotspot which the grantors agreed could be used to support the Church Hall and Stable.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPROTBROUGH

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
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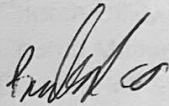
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Accounts

**The Parish of
Sprotbrough**

**Annual Report
and
Financial Statement
of the Parish of Sprotbrough
for the year ended
31st December 2022**

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Membership

The method of appointment of members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All eligible church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC.

The following shows the membership of the PCC as at 31st December 2022.

Ex officio members

Rector	Revd Amanda Barraclough	2015
Associate Priest	Revd Robert Heaton	2016
Assistant Curate	Revd Christine Herbert	2022
Church Wardens	Roland Lumby	2017
	Andrea Offord	2019 (retired April 2022)
	Janet Scott	2022

Deanery Synod Representative

Derek Barraclough 2017/20 & 2020/23

Reader Emerita

Betty Brockman

Elected Members

Ray Ekins (Treasurer)	2012/15, 2015/22 (retired)
Hilary Downs	2016/19 & 2019/22 (retired)
Heather Mears	2019/22 (retired)
Anne Smith (Secretary)	2018/18 & 2018/22 (retired)
Barbara Perry	2017/20 & 2020/23
Alison Lumby	2017/20 & 2020/23
Lyn Hopson	2021/24
Angela Hudson	2021/24
James Inglis	2021/24
Therese Paskell	2021/24
Rachel Towers (Secretary)	2021/24
Andrea Offord	2022/25
Robert Paskell (Treasurer)	2022/25

Aims and Organisation

The mission statement of St Mary's Church states that our purpose is to Worship God and Welcome All. The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline measures 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

The PCC operates through the following committees, which meet between full meetings of the PCC.

Standing Committee

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

Vision Committee

This deals with matters relating to the ministry of the local church to the community and the world, including ecumenical links, evangelism and the support of mission and relief agencies.

Church, Building and Grounds Committee

This assists the churchwardens in executing their responsibility for the maintenance of the fabric and plant of St Mary's Church, and also for the maintenance of both St Mary's and Cadeby churchyards.

Social Events & Fundraising Team

Team to organise events that reach out into the Community as well as Church. The emphasis is on events that are enjoyable and fundraising is not the stimulus.

Rector's Report

2022 has seen the first full year of resumption of normal patterns of church life since 2019, and the continued slow recovery from the impact of the COVID pandemic. Recovery does not mean returning back to the past patterns, but emerging into a new normal which involves new ways of being and delivering ministry. That is demanding, because it requires agility and adaptability, the capacity to think on our feet and respond creatively to new circumstances.

Patterns are undoubtedly changing. Generally, those who are part of the Worshipping Community of St. Mary's (defined as those who engage in public worship at least monthly) tend to be attending less frequently. This resulted in an overall average fall in attendance of 8 adults and 1 child, across all our congregations over the course of 2022, compared to 2019. (From average 57 adult, 5 children attendance in 2019 to 49 adult, 4 children attendance in 2022). However, our Worshipping Community, which stood at 149 in 2019 (including traditional, All-Age, t-Time and Richmond Care Home) and which in 2021 had dipped to 78, has shown some significant recovery, to 102. We have been able to identify 24 new attenders across these congregations over the last 12 months. We have spent time investing in our welcome, and offering opportunities for those welcoming at the door to learn from one another. This has been timely and worthwhile, and we've been greatly encouraged in listening to those who have found a home at St. Mary's this year as they have reported the positive experience of welcome they have experienced. We were finally able to re-launch our monthly service at Richmond Care Home in August. It is clear that this service is a resource to residents, relatives and staff – we regularly fill the largest lounge area, having outgrown the smaller lounge we used pre-COVID.

We were clear, on emerging from COVID, of the importance of working in partnership with the community. This has taken a number of forms, not least the idea, first considered during Lent, of creating Community Hot Spots as the impact on energy prices due to the war in Ukraine began to be anticipated. The cost of living crisis has further heightened the need. The Community Hot Spot project has been developed in collaboration with other community spaces to create a Monday-Friday provision from October 2022 to March 2023. The grant funding we were able to secure, and the volunteer time given so willingly, has been wonderful to see. The provision has increased in popularity as the months have passed, and has offered a warm welcome on a number of levels. The initial partnership meetings to plan this have continued and now give us a presence in conversations to address other key issues of community need.

The Platinum Jubilee in June, marking 70 years of the reign of HM Queen Elizabeth II, saw us working with our ecumenical partners to deliver a ticketed community Hog Roast, and gathering of symbols of community life for a Time Capsule, which was subsequently buried in the church grounds during the September Scarecrow Festival. The sad death of the Queen was marked with a period of public mourning, Sunday services to mark this, and the provision of a Book of Condolence for the community, which was well used. I am grateful to the Ministry Team and Churchwardens for carrying the planning for much of this.

The Ministry team were the first of three groups in the parish who followed the Living in Love and Faith Course. This material facilitates conversation around issues of human sexuality and gender identity, and enabled some careful reflections which deepened our understanding of one another, and showed a mature ability to learn from difference in perspectives. Feedback was submitted to the national conversation, which will perhaps dominate much of the conversation in the Church of England in the coming year(s). We will have to consider the national church's recommendations for liturgical provision and pastoral support to LGBTQI+ people. The conversations made possible by those who have followed the course material put us in a better place to do this well.

PCC have been working to consider my role being amended to that of Oversight Minister, with a team of Focal Ministers alongside me. This will mean that members of the Focal Team will work as co-leaders to share in ministry in this active congregation where not everything can be carried by one paid member of clergy. Initial training happened in November, and in 2023 we will be working to explore how this takes shape in our particular context. The PCC identified the following as those they felt should be trained and authorised: Derek Barraclough, Revd. Robert Heaton, Irene Heaton, Revd. Lawrie Jenkins, Therese Paskell. Increasingly, once authorized,

these will become the individuals to approach for ministry provision as we transition to a future in which paid clergy may have more congregations to oversee. It will take time, but this is a significant, if slow, change of direction. It is something I believe should be embraced with enthusiasm, as an opportunity to develop the gifts of each individual in our shared call to be Lights for Christ. We have been blessed to be joined this year by our new curate, Revd. Christine Herbert, who has added to the team and brought her quiet wisdom and careful thought to ministry here. I am grateful to all those who make my ministry possible, not least Derek. **Revd. Canon Amanda Barraclough**

Churchwarden's - Report

At the APCM, last year 2022, Andrea Offord stood down from a Churchwarden role after two years of service. Janet Scott was elected as Churchwarden to replace Andrea; Janet is also the Parish Safeguarding Officer. 2022, continued to see a slow but steady return to Church activities, although even now (March 23) some previous members have still not returned to Church and participate in events, and they are certainly missed, but still encouraged to return to us.

We have also welcomed our new curate, Christine as she joins the ministry team at St. Mary's.

Our Services are now pretty much back to normal and communion is offered in the normal way, and a choice of what you wish to receive is always offered. Passing the peace is now "with what you feel comfortable" often people waving to others rather than walking about.

A big thank you is given to the team of Deputy Wardens for the work they do to support the Church wardens, we couldn't manage without your assistance. – THANKYOU.

March 2023, has also seen the "Bishop's Visitation" at which the administrative and legal documents are checked, this year the task fell to Rev. Dave Berry in his role as Area Dean. You'll be as pleased as we were to know all is well!!

This year again, we are to lose another long-standing Churchwarden, Roland will be standing down as he has completed his 6th year in role. Roland has been a very active member of the team, and I would like to thank him for all he has done, and for helping me to settle into my new role. He will be sorely missed. So, who will be next? Who will feel God's call to serve the Church in this role – we'll see. Janet.

Finally thank you to all our Church Family for the encouragement and support you have shown throughout this last year. **Janet Scott & Roland Lumby**

Secretary – Report

The previous secretary, Anne Smith, retired the role at the April 2022 APCM and I agreed to take over the role. The eight months in the role has been relatively straightforward as the previous year's pandemic restrictions were lifted and the Standing Committee and PCC meetings were able to meet regularly in the Stable.

Throughout the last eight months the PCC have updated Policies on behalf of the Church as part of a monthly routine. Notable issues that are worth highlighting has been the ongoing discussions around the refurbishment plans for the Church. The PCC also decided to introduce contactless payments to supplement the usual offertory plate, however, the lack of Wi-Fi has not made this a smooth installation. In response to the cost-of-living crisis this Autumn/Winter the PCC were quick to support Amanda's proposal to instigate a community wide initiative with local partners and provide a Hot Spot (warm space and refreshments) to those living in our Parish. So it was agreed every Friday 10am-2pm from the end of October 2022 through to end of March 2023 the Stable would be available and volunteers from our Church asked to volunteer to provide cover. The PCC were introduced to the concept of Focal Ministry and discourse on this has been part of an ongoing review. Finally, at the end of the year the current Parish Administrator asked the PCC to consider splitting the role into two, providing a new role to cover just Hall and Stable bookings/administration from April 2023. How this would be taken forward will be considered in the New Year. Overall, a busy time for PCC. **Rachel Towers**

Deanery Synod - Report

Deanery Synod continues with Dave Berry as Area Dean, I remain on the standing committee and up to APCM am the lone representative for St. Mary's on the Deanery Synod for Adwick Deanery. At our meetings we have regular up-dates from our General Synod reps. We are made aware of the financial constraints and the importance of maintaining and achieving our commitment to meeting our common fund target. Discussions around the Diocesan strategy for new congregations also appear on agendas. Last October we were joined by Keith Mallon (Diocesan Finance Director) and Libby Culmer (Church Operations and Generosity Development Team Leader). July 2022 we were joined by Hannah Sandoval Diocesan Lights for Christ co-ordinator. We also met as joint meeting, twinned with Snaith and Hatfield, with Bishop Sophie Jelley. **Derek Barraclough**

Safeguarding – Report

St Mary's Church takes safeguarding responsibilities seriously. To which we have appointed a Safeguarding Officer, whose role entails ensuring the training and checks required by the Diocese of Sheffield, and the Church are in place as per recommendations.

All roles have a job description, and where necessary the correct level of training for the role is identified, and the applicant trained as needed prior to starting their role.

At the same time should a role require regular contact with Children or vulnerable adults a check is undertaken using the DBS service provided by Thirtyoneeight. DBS certificates may be either basic or enhanced depending on the details of the post. This applies to both volunteers and employed people, and maybe either basic or enhanced dependant on the role.

Even occasional helpers are required to undertake some basic safeguarding training and supply two references before they are involved.

At this time all roles are filled and each person has undergone the required level of training and DBS check.

At St. Mary's we have also held a "safeguarding service" both in 2021 and 2022, focusing the entire service on Safeguarding, and why it is so important. **Janet Scott**

Church, Buildings & Ground Committee – Report

As you are aware the PCC decided in 2022 to combine both the Church buildings and Grounds committee and the Hall and Stable committee. As we do not have (at the moment) a specific Health and Safety Officer nor a general maintenance person (any volunteers?) and SMITE can only do so much, the organising of Major maintenance, inspections and Health and safety compliance has fallen to the Churchwardens. Having only one committee has made it easier form a decision-making process however this shortfall has increased the workload of the Churchwardens.

The fabric and grounds committee, Reordering sub group and the PCC completed a lot of work during 2022 on the proposed Re-ordering of the Church. In consultation with the PCC I am pleased to report that a faculty application was submitted to the DAC in 2022. As is usual with the DAC there are areas that they require further clarification on, so we still have a lot of work to do before any final decision is made regarding the application. We did however have good news on our application for a new cremated remains area. The application was approved and 2022 has seen us start to use the area adjacent to the South path.

We would like to take this opportunity would like to say a huge thank you to Roger Offord and the SMITE (maintenance) team. Who work tirelessly every Wednesday to smarten up the Churchyard and keep on top of maintenance tasks both in the Church and grounds and also at the Hall and Stable. Thank you so much! It is very much appreciated. If anyone would like to volunteer for SMITE duties, please see Roger Offord. **Roland Lumby**

Vision Committee – Report

Following the APCM in 2022, the PCC agreed that, given the significant personnel and agenda overlap between the Vision Committee and the Ministry Team, the quarterly meeting of the Vision Committee should be an extended Ministry Team meeting. This has worked well, and has enabled both the vision to be sustained by the Ministry Team in its monthly meetings, but also added fresh perspective to those ongoing conversations when the Vision Committee is gathered.

Significant time was invested in the application for a Centenary Project Worker. Despite three rounds of adverts, the Diocese have been unable to recruit someone to develop our children's and families' work. There is disappointment about this, since the role is attractive.

Our June meeting was with Revd. Sally Myers, the Director of Focal Ministry, as she explained the role. This has enabled us, with the encouragement of the PCC, to progress developing this pattern at St. Mary's.

The Vision Committee have also helped to develop the plans for the Community Hot Spot, as well as working on our Jubilee celebrations. They facilitated the much postponed Sanctuary Day as Kevin & Anne Roberts were able to offer us a long-awaited day of spiritual renewal in October. **Revd. Canon Amanda Barraclough**

Churches Together in Sprotbrough – Report

Churches Together in Sprotbrough AGM was held on 30th June 2022. Over recent years, the once well-supported Committee has dwindled to a small working party with representatives from each of the three congregations (St. Mary's, Sprotbrough Park and Sprotbrough Road Methodist Churches). A number of factors led to resignation of most of these, and these posts were unable to be filled. The issues were further exacerbated by the movement of the Sprotbrough Road congregation out of Methodist, and Churches Together, affiliation. CTiS was therefore deemed unsustainable. In a practical sense, therefore, CTiS has ceased to function, though a bank account is still held, with Anglican and Methodist signatories, and is used to fund shared missional activities and their promotion.

The impetus is now entirely on members of the two churches to find ways to engage with one another and show a united Christian presence in the community. This continues through Open the Book, the ecumenical Bible Study, Lent groups, the annual pulpit swap during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and in shared services at a variety of times in the liturgical cycle. We also shared delivery of the Hog Roast for the Jubilee at SMC in June. **Revd. Canon Amanda Barraclough**

Riverside Mission Area - Report

Whilst we are in a Mission Area with St. Peter's Bentley, and do support one another occasionally in covering occasional offices (eg funeral ministry) the presence of a full-time stipendiary priest (each with a curate) in both parishes currently does not create the impetus required for close collaboration.

St. Peter's have, in 2022, taken on a former conservatory showroom at the Town End area of their parish, with a view to developing its presence as a base for future ministry and possible new congregation. This would create a visible Christian presence close to the area of the parish of Sprotbrough we find it most challenging to engage with effectively, and may offer a launch-pad into more pro-active collaboration in the future. **Revd. Canon Amanda Barraclough**

Sunday t-Time - Report

A year without Covid Restrictions – wonderful news for the t-Time family and the services that we were now able to run - 'Thank you Lord!' With the lifting of restrictions, we were allowed (once again) to use the indoor environment in a much freer and accessible way enabling us to be more creative in our worship together. Which in turn, I feel, has helped to enrich and

encourage our continued learning and exploring of God's Word as we've journeyed along in our Christian faith.

Along with this good news, there was great excitement back in May when we had our very first baptism within a Sunday t-Time service! The family concerned have been coming along to t-Time for quite a number of years and they decided that they would like to invite their family and friends along to a t-Time service to join in and witness the baptism of their youngest daughter. It was a wonderful occasion in which all ages from toddlers to grandparents engaged in worship and activities together, whilst celebrating the baptism of the little girl.

We are so grateful to everyone who has supported us in prayer throughout the year – thank you. **Irene Heaton**

Pastoral Workers - Reports

As in 2021, a large part of my time has been involved with the Sunday t-Time Services - in the planning, preparation and delivery of each of the sessions. As a result of the Covid restrictions being lifted in 2022, we have been able to meet together in person, thus connecting, maintaining and building on our church family relationships, as we've worshipped, explored and journeyed together in our Christian faith.

My Pastoral work has continued, but due to my daily work patterns, a lot of this has been carried out over the phone or by email – alongside some home visits. I have also continued with some baptism visiting as well.

I have also had a large involvement in the Fellowship Group work, where we have generally met up twice a month throughout the year to study the Bible and enjoy fellowship together. Earlier in the year we continued our studies on 'Biblical Women of Courage', exploring the work/lives of Deborah, Hagar and Mary of Bethany, amongst others – A great eye-opener for learning! We then studied various psalms, followed by a series entitled 'Liberating Sabbath'. During the year numbers have steadily grown, which has been great news! **Irene Heaton**

The pastoral ministry here at St Mary's continues, since Covid we have had to amend our practice. Some of the contact is done by phone calls rather than visits, we are aware of the varied needs of those within and outside of the congregation, and our support is offered to all. An important element is prayer, we pray daily for our community, members and specific needs. Prayer is also available after services in the prayer chapel for personal prayer needs.

As we move into focal minister roles the ministry will continue, but it may be more co-ordinated and those offering this ministry may be more aware of needs. It is important that this pastoral support isn't just seen as a few people involved, but we as a ministry team acknowledge that many give this care and ministry unseen and perhaps unaware that it is a ministry and that they are offering their gifts in the service of Jesus here in Sprotbrough. For this we are forever thankful for all that you and God provide for us as a worshipping community. **Derek Barraclough**

Lay Readers - Report

Betty and I continue in our roles as lay readers here at St Mary's and feel very privileged to be able to minister in this way. Betty continues to lead services, preaching regularly and bringing her knowledge and experience to our ministry team meetings.

I also continue in my role, leading services, morning prayer, preaching and a number of other areas as needs arise. I have recently been co-opted on to the Diocesan Lay Reader's executive committee at this time as the Diocese moves to focal ministry functions and how this will/has affected lay reader training. **Derek Barraclough**

Website/Social Media – Report

Sprotbrough Venues – This website focuses on the Hall and Stable. Due to its nature there is not a lot to be updated apart from hire fees and any terms and conditions amendments. However, this year I added a What's On page and gallery to support the regular users of the venues and their businesses, it also provides a link to the Church website community page. On the front page I try to promote one-off events by adding posters provided.

St Mary's Church – This website though an old format works well. The Community page now provides more detailed information on What's On across the Church, Hall & Stable. The front page is a notice board of up to date information, content is often geared to support Facebook posts. Changes to pages for various groups like MU and T-time are undertaken as necessary.

Facebook- This platform goes from strength to strength and is a powerful tool for outreach. The page is updated weekly and sometimes daily. It has a ministry and community engagements and most posts 'reach' are more than a thousand views, often doubling this figure if there is strong community interest. The page is often used to link to the two websites platforms too.

Rachel Towers

Children's Society Support Group - Report

Friends of the Children's Society are a small group of volunteers raising funds for the Society.

At the beginning of November we hosted Barbara's Quiz, a very popular event which raised £427 for the work of the Children's Society.

Letters were sent out to our Children Society box holders, inviting them to the coffee, cake & chat coffee morning in October or to return their box/donation to one of our volunteers. A fantastic amount of £847.49 was collected.

In December, a small group of volunteers went into Orchard school, to make Christingles with every child, a very happy occasion. The following day Amanda held a Christingle assembly in which the children returned their donations for the Society £197.87 was collected.

Copley school also had a collection for the society at their annual Christmas assembly raising £78.21. We are very grateful to the children, parents and staff for their continuing support.

A total of £1550.57 was sent to the society in 2022. Like all charities the Children's Society has struggled with loss of income, but they are still committed to helping vulnerable children. A very big thank you to all our supporters and if you would like to join our small team of volunteers you will be very welcome. **Friends of the Children's Society**

Mothers' Union – Report

Can you believe that there has been a branch of Mothers' Union in Sprotbrough for 28 years? No, neither can I! Mothers' Union is a worldwide organisation and in 2023 we celebrate 147 years of Mothers' Union. Founded by Mary Sumner in 1876 there are now over 4 million members in 84 communities worldwide.

During 2022 we have had many interesting speakers, thoughtful Lent reflection, visit from our Diocesan president, Gill Fellowes, craft evening and Christmas celebrations.

In July we hosted our Jubilee cream tea in aid of Away From It All which is a Mothers' Union project that provides a caravan holiday or days out for families whose lives have been met with adversity. It was a wonderful afternoon, and we raised £830 for AFIA which was fantastic.

Our meetings are informal, friendly and we welcome new members both male and female, so why not come along to one of our meetings. We would love to see you. **Helen Harwood, Branch Co-Ordinator**

Sprotbrough Bellringers - Report

With the easing of Covid restrictions we were able to return to normal ringing throughout last year, however, some of our older ringers chose to 'retire' and we currently have only eight regular members of the band. Due to holidays, we often meet with insufficient to ring all eight bells on Sunday and overall, only rang an average of six bells.

Pre-Covid we helped with training to enable ringing to resume in a number of neighbouring towers, which have been silent.

We now need to focus on recruiting new learners in Sprotbrough, as ideally, we need two, twice as many ringers as bells, to ensure we usually have enough. **Tim Wheeler, Tower Captain**

Event & Fundraising Team – Report

The events team was formed in 2022, not only to focus on fundraising, but also to organise events to bring people from the community into St Mary's.

So far, we have held a Christmas Fair, Christmas Tree Festival and two Northern Soul nights. These events have collectively raised just over £3000 for church funds. Thank you to everyone who has supported them in any way.

We have begun to plan other events for 2023 and would welcome your support. The team members are Andrea Offord, Issy Mears, Sue Ekins, Sue Silverwood, Derek Barraclough, Ted Rimington and Robyn Wainwright. **Andrea Offord**

Jigsaw Library – Report

The Jigsaw library, now in its 11th year, saw many changes take place but continues to provide an opportunity for people in the community to meet and socialise with each other in a hospitable and friendly atmosphere whilst enjoying a drink and a biscuit. Carole Hall & June Spencer who started the club back in 2011 and have devoted endless hours in organising and running the club decided it was time to take a back seat and recruited new volunteers to take their place. A further change was to move the day the group met to the 2nd Thursday in every month from 1 to 3pm.

With upwards of over 400 jigsaws to choose from members can borrow as many as they wish, for whatever period they require them, at a minimum cost of £1 with tea/coffee and biscuits available at £1.50. Many users borrow multiple jigsaws either for themselves or for people who they support in the community. We continue to donate surplus jigsaws to local charity shops (178 last year).

Funds generated by members have enabled us to make a donation of £100 to St Marys Church and £350 to a Ukraine Appeal. **Reg Crockford**

Forget me Not Cafe - Report

The monthly cafe re-opened in May after Covid restrictions were lifted. However, there has been a marked drop in attendees than pre-Covid times. Going forward, we are working hard to raise the profile of the Cafe and are optimistic that numbers will increase. **Hilary Downs**

Electoral Role Officer Report

The number people on the electoral roll at 31st December 2022 is 129. **Christopher Davis**

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPROTBROUGH

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

CHARITY NO:- 1133069

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPROTBROUGH

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPROTBOUGH

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPROTBOUGH

STATEMENT OF THE TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Parochial Church Council requires the Trustees to ensure that financial statements are prepared for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Church and of the surplus or deficit of the Church for that period. In the preparation of those financial statements, the Trustees are required to ensure that:-

- * suitable accounting policies are selected and applied consistently;
- * judgements and estimates are reasonable and prudent;
- * preparation of the financial statements is on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Church will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the Church and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Parochial Church Council. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed: Alan Clayton.....

Signed: Al Howells..... (Trustees)

Date:- 28 April 2023

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPROTROUGH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPROTROUGH

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

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

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

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 in respect of the Parochial Church Council as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts did not accord with the accounting records;

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

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Date:- 28 April 2023

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPROTBROUGH

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

RESTRICTED	2022	2021
	£	£
Restricted Funds		
Other voluntary	246	247
Fundraising	1,580	546
Investment	1,683	1,679
Gift Aid & GASDS recovered	-	62
Church activities	7,000	-
Grants	4,000	2,142
	<u>14,509</u>	<u>4,676</u>
Gross Income		
Resources expended		
Church maintenance	4,248	385
Church hall & stable maintenance	26	-
Other	78	167
Recategorise funds	-	45,209
	<u>4,352</u>	<u>45,761</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	<u>(16,709)</u>	<u>13,642</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(6,552)	(27,443)
Funds balance b/fwd	232,162	259,605
	<u><u>225,610</u></u>	<u><u>232,162</u></u>

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPROTBOUGH

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

UNRESTRICTED	2022	2021
	£	£
Unrestricted Funds		
Collections	5,895	2,804
Collections - Baptism	959	1,270
Collections - Funerals	803	1,151
Collections - Weddings	394	151
Planned giving	32,925	37,639
Gift Aid and GASDS recovered	8,245	8,849
Church activities	24,381	17,698
Other voluntary	3,130	1,215
Statutory fees retained by the PCC	6,168	8,103
Investments	504	-
Legacies	-	2,000
Grants	1,000	17,097
Fundraising	4,255	1,653
Other income	1,452	2,384
Donations to other charities not SDBF	1,030	557
Recategorise funds	-	45,209
	91,141	147,780
Gross Income		
Resources expended		
Diocesan Parish share	43,000	45,000
Salaries, wages & honoria	10,417	4,880
Clergy and staff expenses	186	800
Mission & evangelism costs	732	600
Church running expenses	17,602	16,880
Church utility bills	5,848	4,618
Charity donations	2,409	-
Church maintenance	-	1,846
Cost of trading	11,544	14,972
Fundraising costs	132	300
Donations to other charities not SDBF	1,012	557
Other	868	-
	93,750	90,453
Net gains/(losses) on investments	-	-
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(2,609)	57,327
Fund balance brought forward	73,660	16,333
	71,051	73,660

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPROTBOUGH

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

Restricted	31.12.22		31.12.21	
	£	£	£	£
Investments				
SDB Finance		194		245
Investments		-		-
		<u>194</u>		<u>245</u>
Current assets				
Short term investments (CCLA)	193,079		170,638	
Debtors (HMRC)	25		52	
Bank	32,312		61,227	
	<u>225,416</u>		<u>231,917</u>	
Current liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year				
Creditors	-		-	
	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
Net current assets		<u>225,416</u>		<u>231,917</u>
		<u>225,610</u>		<u>232,162</u>
Parish Funds				
Restricted		225,610		232,162
		<u>225,610</u>		<u>232,162</u>

Signed:  (Treasurer)

Signed:  (Trustees)

Signed:  (Trustees)

Date:- 28 April 2023

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPROTBOUGH

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

Unrestricted	31.12.22		31.12.21	
	£	£	£	£
Investments				
SDB Finance		-		-
Investments		-		-
		-		-
Current assets				
Short term investments (CCLA)	-		-	
Debtors (HMRC)	3,732		3,388	
Bank	68,919		71,487	
	<u>72,651</u>		<u>74,875</u>	
Current liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year				
Creditors	1,600		1,215	
	<u>1,600</u>		<u>1,215</u>	
Net current assets		<u>71,051</u>		<u>73,660</u>
		<u>71,051</u>		<u>73,660</u>
Parish Funds				
Unrestricted		<u>71,051</u>		<u>73,660</u>
		<u>71,051</u>		<u>73,660</u>

Signed:  (Treasurer)

Signed: 

Signed:  (Trustees)

Date:- 28 April 2023

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPOTBROUGH

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	31.12.22		31.12.21	
	£	£	£	£
Investments				
SDB Finance		194		245
Investments		-		-
		<u>194</u>		<u>245</u>
Current assets				
Short term investments	193,079		170,638	
Debtors (HMRC)	3,757		3,440	
Bank	101,231		132,714	
	<u>298,067</u>		<u>306,792</u>	
Current liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year				
Creditors	1,600		1,215	
	<u>1,600</u>		<u>1,215</u>	
Net current assets		<u>296,467</u>		<u>305,577</u>
		<u>296,661</u>		<u>305,822</u>
Parish Funds				
Total funds		296,661		305,822
		<u>296,661</u>		<u>305,822</u>

Signed:  (Treasurer)

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St. MARY'S CHURCH SPOTBROUGH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2019.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law.

The financial statements include all transactions and assets.

They do not include the accounts of Church groups that owe their affiliation to another nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

1.2 Funds structures

Restricted funds represent donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific project. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent for each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the PCC is free to use for ordinary purposes. Unrestricted funds include designated funds, where the donor has made known their non binding wishes or where the PCC, at their discretion have created a fund for a specific purpose.

1.3 Incoming resources

Collections and planned giving are recognised when received, tax recoverable on gift aid is recognised when the donation is received. All other incoming resources are sufficient reliability. All incoming resources are accounted for gross, recognised once the PCC has entitlement to them, it is virtually certain that they will be received and the monetary value can be measured with certainty.

1.4 Resources expended

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred and is accounted for gross.

1.5 Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

1.6 Fixed assets

Consecrated property and movable Church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the financial statements by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993. Movable Church furnishings held by the vicar and Church warden on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are accounted for as inalienable property unless they cost below £5,000 or are consecrated. They are listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected. For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £5,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred. All expenditure in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £5,000 or on the repair of movable Church furnishings acquired before January 2000 is written off.

Fixed asset investments

Investments are stated at market value. The Income and Expenditure Account includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

1.7 Stocks

Stocks of saleable items for fund raising are valued at cost and represent the amounts held on 31 December. No items were held on 31 December 2022.

1.8 Realised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to the Income and Expenditure Account as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and opening market value (purchase date if later). Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between closing market value and opening market value (or purchase date if later).

1.9 Recategorisation of funds

A transfer of £45,209 from the restricted funds to unrestricted funds was authorised during 2021. These monies represent legacies and other resources where the donor has not indicated a specific use, and therefore should not have been allocated to restricted funds on receipt.

Accounts

**The Parish of
Sprotbrough**

**Annual Report
and
Financial Statement**

**of the Parish of Sprotbrough
for the year ended
31st December 2021**

Incumbent

The Revd A Barraclough
The Rectory
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Doncaster
DN5 7QG

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Santander Bank
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Doncaster
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Independent Examiners

Messrs Brearley & Co
Accountants
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S64 8AP

1. Membership

The method of appointment of members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All eligible church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC.

The following shows the membership of the PCC as 31st December 2020.

Ex officio members

Rector	Revd Amanda Barraclough	2015
Assistant Curate	Revd Robert Heaton	2011
Churchwardens	Andrea Offord	2019
	Roland Lumby	2017

Deanery Synod Representative	Derek Barraclough	2017/20	2020/23
Reader Emerita	Betty Brockman		

Elected members

Hilary Downs	2016 / 2019	2019/ 2022	
Ray Ekins (Treasurer)	2012 / 2015	2015 /2018	2018/2021
Lyn Hopson	2021/2024		
Angela Hudson	2021/2024		
James Inglis	2021/2024		
Alison Lumby	2017/2020	2020/23	
Heather Mears	2019/ 2022		
Therese Paskell	2021/2024		
Barbara Perry	2017 / 2020	2020/23	
Janet Scott	2018/ 2021	2021/2024	
Anne Smith (Secretary)	2015 / 2018	2018 / 2021	
Rachel Towers	2021/2024		

2. Aims and Organisation

The mission statement of St Mary's Church states that our purpose is to Worship God and Welcome All. The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline measures 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

The PCC operates through the following committees, which meet between full meetings of the PCC.

Standing Committee

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

Vision Committee

This deals with matters relating to the ministry of the local church to the community and the world, including ecumenical links, evangelism and the support of mission and relief agencies.

Church Building and Grounds Committee

This assists the churchwardens in executing their responsibility for the maintenance of the fabric and plant of St Mary's Church, and also for the maintenance of both St Mary's and Cadeby churchyards.

Church Hall and Stable Committee

This has responsibility for the maintenance of the fabric and plant of the Hall and the Stable.

3. Rector's Report for 2021

It has been a year where the impact of COVID 19 and the gradual easing of restrictions have continued to occupy significant energy. We are in a slow phase of recovery which will take some years to emerge from, and will have reshaped both church and community.

Online worship, uploaded weekly to YouTube, continued until 25th April 2021. Between Easter Day 2020, and Mothering Sunday 2021, the date on which a sustained pattern of in person worship began, the average was 63 views across 58 services. St. Mary's closed its doors again following the service on 10th January 2021 during the third national lockdown, and reopened on 14th March 2021 (Mothering Sunday) with 2m social distancing for a maximum of 18 households/social bubbles. Between 14th March and 25th April, online worship continued, but a fall in views to an average of 22, with just 9 on the final week, led to the decision to suspend online provision. It has been necessary to use limited resources wisely, to prioritize the additional requirements involved in maintaining COVID safe space, with pre-booking required until July, and a maximum capacity of 30. We have chosen to move out of restrictions gradually, recognizing the need to show practical care for the most vulnerable. Over the summer, 2m distancing was relaxed, and limited proximity became possible. Maximum capacity was increased to 80, so pre-booking was no longer required. Throughout the entire year, masks have remained in place for all sung worship, and for most of the year were required at all times. No singing was permitted until July, and initially was by singing to recorded music. Karen Dodwell, formally appointed as Organist in August, has been playing since. September saw a return to offering refreshments, though this was suspended in December with the arrival of the omicron variant. Christmas Eve Crib Services were managed by pre-booking, and demand significantly outstripped supply.

The disruption has had a stark impact. A significant number who were habitual attenders have simply lost the habit. This is true across our traditional, All-Age and t-Time services. Our Worshipping Community (defined as those who engage in worship through St. Mary's at least monthly) currently stands at 78. Before COVID it stood at 149 (including Care home Worshippers). It is a startling and uncomfortable reality that we are a smaller congregation, and some will need significant support to re-establish the lost pattern of regular worship. Some never will.

Whilst this gives us pause for thought, we should not be discouraged. There is Biblical precedent for God using a small remnant to do something new. "I am the Vine; you are the branches." (John 15:5), and branches need pruning for new growth to emerge. Where has that been evident in this difficult year of 2021? We have welcomed new faces into church. There is evidence of refreshed commitment and resolve as some have returned with clearer priorities; some have a deepened faith after lockdown. Prayer Triplets have launched since autumn- one impact of the Lights for Christ learning hub completed in 2021. The Lent Course online was popular. Advent saw 15-18 people engaging in shared study – a great encouragement. We have resisted starting all we formerly did – a smaller capacity means we need to discern what is most needed and offer different engagement with a broader cross-section of the community. This will involve an outward-looking focus and the courage to experiment. The re-launch of All-Age Worship outside in the church grounds was one example, and allowed the welcome of the many youngsters baptized between May and November as we addressed the backlog built up. Re-launching anything takes time – much momentum has been lost. I am grateful to our new Administrator, Rachel Towers, who began in April and has devoted herself to the hard work of re-populating the calendar of Church Hall and Stable use from a standing start. This has also involved additional work for the Hall & Stable Committee. There is a natural desire to make up for lost time, to go into overdrive- we are determined not to do that. We do not serve God, the community or one another well by burning ourselves out. COVID has taught us that the institution is our servant, not our master. In the Mission Area we share with St. Peter's Bentley, the allocation is 1.5 stipendiary posts by 2025. COVID has only served to increase the urgency of reducing posts. Developing a confident team of home-grown leaders will be increasingly pressing as we move into 2022. Whilst this can feel somewhat stretching, I am confident that "The One who calls you is faithful, and he will do it." (1 Thess. 5:24).

Rev. Canon Amanda Barraclough 23/2/22

4. Electoral Roll Officer

The number of people on the Electoral Roll at 3rd March 2022 was 127.

Chris Davis

5. Churchwardens' Report

We thought 2020 was an unusual year and 2021 would see a gradual move back to some sort of normality. How wrong we were! A third lockdown and restrictions back on the table. The challenges have been many and varied and in some cases difficult decisions have had to be made. We were able to open the church building for services for part of the year. We are grateful to all those who helped in any way with making the building Covid safe and to those who welcomed people at the door. Throughout the pandemic, Amanda and ourselves have had regular monthly wardens meetings to not only discuss the way forward but also for us to talk about our own challenges and how we can best support each other. It has been a tough year for all the ministry team at St Mary's. At times it's felt swan-like, all calm on the surface but everyone working *really* hard under the surface to try and ensure we are going in the right direction. We believe however there is light at the end of the tunnel.

We would like to thank our team of Deputy Wardens who have carried the load when we have both been absent (through personal reasons). We couldn't have done it without you. Thank you! Thank you also to all those who support us in any way.

The appointment of our Administrator (Rachel) last year has helped in spreading the load. We must however be mindful not to overburden her. We now have a regular Facebook presence reaching more of the community (see website report), we are looking at moving the website to a new platform and, of course, we have the re-ordering project. Interesting times lay ahead!

Church Buildings and Grounds.

A lot of work has been carried out on the proposed Re-ordering of the Church. We have completed the consultation process and have set up a small team which will, with regular planned meetings, enable us to keep the project moving forward.

Also a huge thank you to Roger Offord and the SMITE (maintenance) team, who have worked tirelessly every Wednesday to smarten up the Churchyard. Removing years of ivy growth from the boundary wall, uncovering more of the grave markers and doing general maintenance in Church and the Hall and Stable. Thank you!

And finally, as you will be aware Andrea will be standing down at this APCM. I would like to thank Andrea for all she has done as Churchwarden in the last two years. For your support, your organisational skills, being a sounding board and being there when I needed you. Thank you.
Roland

Who will be the next Churchwarden? Who knows? Rest assured that if I am the only one then I will do my best to serve St Mary's to the best of my ability in my final year.

Roland Lumby. Andrea Offord.

6. Secretary's Report

It has been another challenging year as restrictions were gradually lifted and we adjusted to a new normal. As there are only 6 members of the Standing Committee meetings could be held in the Stable. In May, June and July Parochial Church Council meetings continued to be on Zoom. In August PCC meetings moved to the Chancel with social distancing, as the Church Hall was not available. This was not ideal as the acoustics were not good and members were wearing masks. Issues discussed apart from routine matters were the Re-development Project, lease of the Barn

to the Harpham Dance Company, application for a Centenary Project Worker, a Friends of St Mary's Group, a Parish Weekend Away and a curate. Attendance of 84% was lower this year due to illness and a member who could not attend Zoom meetings.

St Mary's is a registered charity of which PCC members are trustees. Details of PCC members have been updated and the Annual Report and Financial Statement have been submitted to the Charity Commission.

Data Protection also has been observed.

Anne Smith

7. Vision Committee

The Vision Committee met 4 times in 2021, two meetings via Zoom, the latter ones in person. The year has been an uncertain landscape where forging specific action has been difficult.

Much thinking has been informed by our church involvement with the Diocesan Lights for Christ learning Hub. It has been evident we need to move from Initiative-based activity, organizing one-off invitational events for the community, to a more relational and outward-looking partnership with the community. This is a change of culture, which will be longer-term and ongoing. One expression of this has been the Christmas Tree Festival, which relied on community engagement and drew on groups including The Harpham Company, local schools and other contacts.

Our Mission Action Plan 4 was discussed, and was submitted with PCC approval in March, and identified some key aims:

- 1) Growing Small group engagement for fellowship, to increase confidence in talking about faith.

Numbers involved in small groups have grown in 2021

- 2) Developing engagement with children and young families.

PCC have applied to the Diocese for a Centenary Project Worker, to help us grow links with families and establish patterns of discipleship.

- 3) Improving welcome.

We have made progress – fewer people offer welcome at the church door, and more are starting conversation after services.

Riverside Mission Area.

What in 2018, when established, was a locally grown Mission Partnership with St. Peter's Bentley, formalized by the Diocese, has become a Mission Area, a unit of mission with an allocation of 1.5 stipendiary posts. We are currently over-staffed by 0.5 posts, and whilst we anticipated this would remain the case until either parish became vacant, the situation is now more urgent as Diocesan budgets experience greater pressure following the impact of the pandemic. With the prospect of reduced clergy capacity, we are focused on growing a confident home-grown ministry team to share in delivering ministry across the area.

We were able to deliver 'Explore Christmas' across the Mission Area, though this involved only the sharing of resources rather than people. It was not possible to deliver 'Explore Easter' because of restrictions. A pulpit swap was trialed for the first time on 31st October. We as stipendiary clergy meet regularly to support one another, as well as helping one another to cover funeral ministry when necessary. It is hoped that the appointment of a Centenary Project Worker at Sprotbrough will encourage more collaborative patterns as they work alongside their equivalent number in Bentley.

Revd Amanda Barraclough

8. Pastoral Ministers

As last year, much of what we were able to do was by phone, email; zoom at times and at a distance, prayer and limited contact where possible. Our service provision at Richmond Hill Nursing Home is still on hold, we hope and pray that this ministry can soon resume as life returns

to a more settled phase. We are now able to meet in person as ministry team and this is very fruitful with signs of new growth and enthusiasm, as this 'sleeping giant' awakes from its slumber. Food bank donations continue to be gathered at the rectory, and many thanks for the generous donations for those on the margins in our community. At the moment we are planning for the Jubilee celebrations, but are becoming more outward looking, to see what a difference we can make in the community. Salt is no good left in the salt pot, or light under a bushel. We must endeavour to be involved with those in the community around us.

Derek Barraclough

Fellowship Report

Throughout 2021, I have continued to have a large involvement in the running of the Sunday t-Time services/sessions, in the planning, preparation and delivering of the sessions. These sessions have been via email & 'Zoom' during Covid restriction times. Then in June, we branched out and held the sessions in the church grounds so that we could meet up in person – in autumn we moved into the church building. Thankfully, we have been able to maintain our 'church family' support and connections with the families, as we have continued to encourage each other to grow and develop in our Christian faith together.

Although pastoral visiting has been very limited by Covid restrictions, the main part of the pastoral work/care that I've been involved in (alongside other members of the church family) has been carried out over the phone or by email – which has created some lovely opportunities for getting to know church family members in a much deeper way, as well as having the opportunity to offer help/support/encouragement and prayer.

Another part of my time has been involved in Fellowship Group work. As a group, we have generally met up twice a month (via 'Zoom' during the first few months of the year). Then from June time we have been meeting up in various gardens for prayer, a cuppa and Bible study – we have followed study material from 'Engage Worship', which has been refreshing and new, as many of the studies have been linked with the psalms, where the outdoor environment and a 'hands on' approach has enhanced our learning and growing. Numbers have steadily grown within the group, so we now meet in The Stable, where we have been studying, 'Biblical Women of Courage'. So far, we have been finding out about, Priscilla, Phoebe, Lydia and the Queen of Sheba, to name a few! But I think it's fair to say, that everyone within the group would agree that they have discovered and learnt a lot about these women of courage and how they lived out their everyday lives for the Lord, and were therefore instrumental in His work! (An encouragement & a challenge to us all).

Irene Heaton

9. Safeguarding

St Mary's Church takes safeguarding responsibilities seriously. To which we have appointed a Safeguarding Officer, whose role includes ensuring the training and checks required by the Diocese of Sheffield, and the Church are in place as per recommendations.

All roles have a job description, and where necessary the correct level of training for the role is identified, and the applicant trained as needed prior to starting their role.

At the same time should a role require regular contact with children or vulnerable adults a check is undertaken using the DBS service provided by Thirty One Eight. DBS certificates may be either basic or enhanced depending on the details of the post. This applies to both volunteers and employed people, and maybe either basic or enhanced dependant on the role. Even occasional helpers are required to undertake some basic safeguarding training and supply two references before they are involved. At this time all roles are filled and each person has undergone the required level of training and DBS check. Training, is renewed every 3 year, as is DBS certification. Within the Diocese of Sheffield DBS certification from other organisations is not accepted.

Janet Scott

10. Church Buildings and Grounds Committee

See Churchwarden's Report

11. Church Hall and Stable Committee

Another difficult start to the year with yet another lockdown. This meant the closure of the premises once more. We became members of Action with Communities in Rural England as they provided valuable advice on managing the premises during Covid times. Once we were allowed to open up again, bookings soon picked up. Thanks go to Rachel for being proactive in this matter. The lockdown gave us the opportunity to accomplish various tasks. The hall kitchen was improved by having new cupboard doors and worktops fitted. The hall and stable were redecorated, chairs cleaned, hall curtains cleaned and fireproofed.

The Scouts vacated the barn at the end of March. The Harpham Company signed a lease and moved in shortly afterwards. Their presence has been an asset to the building as they have invested time and money into improving the barn and making it suitable to their needs.

We decided to re-invent the Stable coffee morning which had occurred on Thursdays for many years. A regular booking in the hall on Tuesday mornings for young mums and their children led us to "Coffee, Cake and Chat". We hoped that we could attract people outside the church family and it has proved very successful.

Andrea Offord

12. Other Committees Groups and Representatives

12a Adwick- le-Street Deanery Synod Representative

Due to the ongoing Covid restrictions etc during 2021 into early 2022, there has been little Deanery synod activity. Dave Berry, Vicar of St Peter's Bentley continues as area Dean.

A meeting was held November 23rd, agenda items included elections, Living in Love and Faith, notices etc. The next meeting was held at St. Peter's Bentley, the speaker was Dr Cathy Rhodes the Diocesan Environment Officer (DEO) Cathy was passionately regarding the subject, and given a lot of information. David Franklin also spoke regarding his church St. Peter's Askern being presented with an Environmental Bronze Award for Sheffield Diocese. The talk was informative and very relevant in the present climate situation. It may be worth inviting Cathy to one of our P.C.C. meetings or a meeting open to all of the church and community, so that we can learn more of what we can do to be more environmentally friendly, aware how small changes can make a big difference.

Derek Barraclough.

12b Bellringer's Report

As with 2020, Covid has severely restricted ringing throughout the year, though most weeks we have been able to ring on Sunday, albeit with reduced numbers.

With easing of restrictions, Sunday Service ringing returned to near normal by the end of 2021, with all but two of regular ringers returning. However, whilst we have been able to make some progress with our young learners who had already established good bell control, it has not been possible recruit new ringers, due to the need for close contact whilst teaching bell handling. As a result we are fewer in number, with only 8 regular ringers and struggle to ring all 8 bells on Sunday, due to absences. The optimum number, to ensure availability of a full band is 2 x the number of bells. Accordingly, priority for 2022 will be to recruit and train new ringers. In the meantime we continue to collaborate across towers in the district, with some of our ringers attending other practices and ringing at more than one tower on Sundays.

Tim Wheeler, Tower Captain

12c Friends of the Children's Society

Friends of the Children's Society are a small group of volunteers raising funds for the Society.

In October 2021 we were able to host Barbara's Quiz, a very popular event which raised £463.35. Letters were sent out to our Children Society box holders, boxes collected and returned raising £716.86

Our grateful thanks to the children, parents and staff of Orchard and Copley schools for once again supporting the society by filling their Christingle collection candles with loose change. Your generosity really makes a difference.

A total of £1999.81 was sent to the society in 2021. Like all charities the Children's Society has struggled with loss of income, but they are still committed helping vulnerable children. A very big thanks you to all our supporters and if you would like to join our small team of volunteers you will be very welcome.

Helen Harwood

12d Christians Together in Sprotbrough

The Christians Together in Sprotbrough activities were severely restricted by the covid pandemic in 2021. Unfortunately the luncheon club at SMC (Sprotbrough Park Methodist Church) was unable to run at all and this was also true of the Forget me not Café.

The Open the Book Group met and recorded two stories for the schools to use, one of these was sent into school and used, however the Christmas story was not formatted in time for Christmas. A joint outside Carol service was held in the Ivanhoe car park on a cold wet night and was appreciated by those who attended and those who heard the service from their cars. A lot of lessons were learnt in the organisation.

Two litter picking mornings were organised and a vast quantity of litter collected from the village and the road around The Newton.

Heather Mears

St Mary's Christians Together Representative

12e Forget-me-not Cafe

Throughout the various covid 19 lock downs and restrictions Forget Me Cafe has not been open. We are at the present time working towards re-opening this facility in the church hall as we fulfil safeguarding, food hygiene regulations required of the team and any volunteers.

Hilary Downs

Team Leader

12f Funds in Fellowship

During the pandemic our fundraising has been severely curtailed but we were glad to hold the Christmas Tree Festival in November which tied in with the switching on of the village lights. Everyone enjoyed this event and over the weekend enjoyed entertainment, refreshments and voting for their favourite tree.

The Tuesday morning Drop- in for coffee is in full swing again and we are looking for more fund raising ideas for the future.

Barbara Perry

12g Jigsaw Library and Coffee Morning

After being closed for 18 months due to Covid 19 restrictions, we welcomed the chance to consider our options, decided to change date and time and re-open once again on the 2nd Wednesday of each month 1-3pm. Members were contacted by phone, letter, facebook and notice boards and we re-opened on 8th September 2021. During the period September to December (3 months) 102 jigsaws were hired out and surplus jigsaws donated to BHF, Children's Air Ambulance, and Dr Bernardo's which allowed them to claim Gift Aid. We also took part in the Christmas Tree displays in church.

We were happy to welcome Stewart Hardy to help prepare the tables for us and were sad that John Hardwick has been unable to continue. Since June and I started in September 2012 and our team of volunteers joined us, Elizabeth, Marcia and Liz, we keep welcoming new friends and are

happy to keep going but have to admit some of us are 10 years older and getting a few aches and pains these days, so keep supporting and helping to keep this much needed social activity going. Many thanks.

Carole Hall

12h Mothers' Union

At the beginning of 2021, unfortunately all our meetings had to be cancelled due to the pandemic; however we kept in touch with one another by telephone, emails and socially distanced visits. Each month a small gift was delivered to our members together with a prayer and was gratefully received.

It was with sadness our very dear friend and lifelong member, Mary Parkin, passed away. She will be remembered with joy and love in our hearts for her dedication to the Mother's Union.

Our meetings were able to restart in September and in December St Mary's hosted the Deanery Advent Service during which we enrolled two new members, Anne and Julia. It was an uplifting service enjoyed with our members throughout the Deanery

Our branch is always open to new members male and female. The only stipulation is that you have to be baptised, so come along to one of our meetings. You will be made very welcome.

Helen Harwood

Branch Co-Ordinator

12 i Sunday t-Time

As in 2020, we have had the privilege of being able to continue the running of Sunday t-Time throughout the whole of 2021, despite there being major Covid Lockdown restrictions in place for the first 5 months of the year! The pattern that we followed in these first 5 months, was to email out the session's resources on the 1st Sunday of the month and then we would hold a live 'Zoom' session on the 3rd Sunday of the month – encouraging the 't-Time family' to stay connected as we journeyed along in our Christian faith together. Whether by email or by 'Zoom', we would explore a Bible verse or a passage via a PowerPoint or a 'YouTube' link and then we would expand on these themes with games, songs, prayers and fun activities.

Then with great excitement in June (when restrictions were lifted slightly) we planned and held our very first t-Time session in the great outdoors! The session was about exploring prayer, so we made the most of having the space available to us out in the church grounds & set up lots of areas to help us explore some of the many different ways we can pray – which included planting, bubble blowing, drawing & creating collage with natural materials, etc.

We continued our t-Time sessions in the outdoors until October, during which time we enjoyed using the natural environment to support our learning and understanding of the Bible stories/texts that we were exploring – on one occasion one of the mums and her children brought along 2 of their pet hens, as we explored the passage about Jesus explaining His love & care for us, as like a mother hen with her family (Matt23:37). We received many positive comments from the t-Time families about these outdoor events, which I felt were refreshing and provided a new way of exploring our faith together.

From October to December, we held the sessions within the church, allowing us more space to work compared to The Stable. We were also able to use the computer technology available to share stories, illustrations and songs, which I feel have enriched our learning/worship together. Again, many favourable comments have been received from families about this approach to t-Time and the environment.

We have maintained good numbers at t-Time during these times and to keep the wider church family informed/connected with t-Time, we have shared t-Time news/information and photos in the weekly newsletter and within the morning services.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us in prayer. It is really exciting to see children connecting together with their mums, dads, grandparents, godparents, aunts, uncles and the wider church family, as they explore and journey along in their Christian faith together.

Irene Heaton

12j Websites/Social Media

Sprotbrough Venues

The site is quite static when it comes to content, however, risk assessment, terms & conditions of use and hire charges are kept up to date. In February 2022 a new page has been added to promote 'What's on' in the Hall & Stable.

Church Website

The front page is generally updated but due to Covid and such the other content has stayed static. Over the last few months Roland has provided the detail to Rachel on how to maintain and update the site. Substantial changes have now been made to the Community, t-time and MU pages. The front page now has a Notices area that is updated weekly.

Facebook

Facebook is a very active part of St Mary's reach into social media promoting information that reflects Church but also our links to local community. Our Facebook figures are encouraging. If we look at the dates 30th Jan – 26th Feb our post reach was 2531 up 62%, post engagement was 487 up 190%. Our most engaging posts were "Dates for your Diaries" (3rd Feb) reach 118, engagements 18; "Food bank" 10th Feb, reach 216, engagements 34; "If you are wondering What's On? 14th Feb reach 1,700, engagements 125, for us that last one went viral! They may seem small figures in the grand scheme of things but crucially we are reaching different people, which is what we need.

It is interesting to note that if the above figures are an average month then over a year our potential post reach would be in the region of 30,000 and our engagements 6,000.

Rachel Towers

Administrator

2021 Treasurer's Report for St Marys Church

Prepared by Raymond J Ekins, St Marys Church Treasurer for the April 2022 APCM

Overview

2021, another difficult year due to the continuing pandemic which affected all aspects of our church life and finances.

Restricted income was up due to rise in the value of our investments. During the year there was little chance for major fundraising or incurring major expense due to Covid. Overall its value decreased due to a "Recategorise Funds" process.

Unrestricted income was slightly up which included our receipt of Covid grants, increased fees and giving, however many income streams were down due to Covid. Overall its value increased due to a "Recategorise Funds" process.

Similar to 2020 I was able to find and secure more Government Covid Grants totalling over £16000 to help with the loss of Hall & Stable hire income. This resulted in an unplanned surplus and permitted an additional Parish Share contribution to the Diocese of £8000. This made for an increased total of £45000, against a budgeted sum of £37000 (ideally the Diocese would like £72000). Without these one-off grants, the position would have been totally different.

The PCC approved the transfer of £45209 from the Restricted Fund into the Unrestricted Fund, following a review of our Fund allocations and is described in the Financial Statement report as "Recategorise Funds".

Financially the church accounts now appear to have a healthy balance, following the receipt of £23000 in Covid grants during the pandemic, increased investment values and the "Recategorise Funds" switching. Conversely the PCC has major commitments to fund in the near & long-term;

- A new post to assist in the development of younger families
- alterations to the church to make it fit for the 21st century
- maintenance of three buildings and grounds including Cadeby Church grounds

- fund as much as reasonably practical, our Parish Share contribution to the Diocese

Restricted Fund

Total receipts were £18,318 of which £13,638.00 is from a new investment with the Church of England investment company + £1,683 from other deposits. (Please note the value of investments can fall as well as rise).

Total expenditure was £552 was spent principally spent on church maintenance.

£4,209 deemed to be "Recategorise Funds" and was transferred into Unrestricted Funds.

There has been no income as yet for the Stable Renovation Fund, via Harpham Dance Company, as the income in 2021 has covered the legal costs of setting up a new lease. From January 2022 income is being placed in this fund and in turn invested to facilitate future known repair requirements.

The net result was a reduction of £27,443 of the Fund, resulting in a fund balance of £232,162 inclusive of a HMRC debtor and no liabilities.

Unrestricted Fund

Total receipts were £14,7780, inclusive of £4,229 all voluntary donations and £8,849 Gift Aid. Hall and Stable hires were £17,698. Also included in Unrestricted income is a £1,750 deposit we hold from "The Harpham Company" for the lease of the hall and is returnable subject to lease conditions being met. Additionally £45,209 was received from the Restricted Fund. Without grants, deposits and "Recategorise Funds" receipts would have been £84,167.

Total expenditure of £90,453, which included diocesan parish share of £45,000 to financially assist the Diocese to provide the Christian ministry from St. Mary's church.

Delegated Unrestricted funds now form part of the Unrestricted fund and exist to identify funds which a PCC may wish to use for a particular project. During 2021 the PCC these were agreed and included the following; Harpham deposit monies £1750, Designated Fund Reserve £15,000 and Future Admin Costs £8,000.

The net result for the year was an excess of receipts over payments of £57,327 resulting in a Fund balance of £73,660 inclusive of approx. £3,400 of assets (2021 Gift Aid & GASDS) and £1,215 of outstanding debt (accountant fees). Without the transfer of Recategorise Funds, benefits of one-off grants and deposited monies the Fund balance would have been £10,604.

Regular donors continue with their sterling efforts, I offer them mine and the PCC's thanks for the financial support given. There has been a progressive switch from "Envelopes" to giving using the very easy operationally Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). In late June these will finish, if still required, they will be printed locally. Anyone seeking to transfer to the PGS scheme please speak to the new Treasurer.

The combination of restricted and unrestricted funds and allowing for all assets and creditors to be remedied in 2022, our total fund balance is £305,822. Its increase principally due to a successful investment and Covid grant monies received. The strong balance will help to mitigate the continued effects of Covid in 2022 and support some of the major commitments the PCC has set itself.

Total Funds

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy fund has been created in 2021.

Volunteers

Thanks to the many people which support me with counting, fees and advice etc. etc.. At the end of the APCM I retire and I trust the new post holder will find it as interesting as I have.

Over the years one problem I have never had, are your regular voluntary contributions, so a "big thank you" again to everyone for continuing to be so financially generous.

Raymond J Ekins
Treasurer

April 2022

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPROTBROUGH

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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Date:- 18-Mar-22

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Fundraising		546		1,062
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Grants		2,142		-
Gross Income		<u>18,318</u>		<u>2,369</u>
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Other	167		312	
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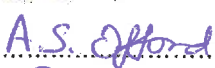
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Collections		2,804	1,746
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Collections - Funerals		1,151	375
Collections - Weddings		151	-
Money given under gift aid		28,529	27,180
Money given without gift aid		9,110	9,997
Gift Aid and GASDS recovered		8,849	9,998
Church activities		17,698	9,573
Other voluntary		1,215	3,904
Statutory fees retained by the PCC		8,103	3,027
Legacies		2,000	8,220
Grants		17,097	16,032
Fundraising		1,653	5,426
Other Receipts/Income not listed		2,384	4,415
Donations to Other Charities not SDBF		557	215
Recategorise Funds		45,209	
Gross Income		147,780	100,230
Resources expended			
Diocesan Parish share		45,000	49,000
Salaries, Wages & Honoria		4,880	5,024
Clergy and staff expenses		800	890
Mission & Evangelism costs		600	93
Church running expenses		16,880	19,980
Church utility bills		4,618	6,590
Charity donations		-	6,647
Church maintenance		1,846	-
Costs of Trading		14,972	3,003
Fundraising costs		300	-
Donations to Other Charities not SDBF		557	215
Other		-	5,178
		90,453	96,620
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		57,327	3,610
Fund balance brought forward		16,333	12,723
		73,660	16,333

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPROTROUGH

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021**

Restricted	31.12.21		31.12.20	
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Investments				
SDB Finance		245		259
Investments		-		-
		<u>245</u>		<u>259</u>
Current assets				
Short term investments (CCLA)	170,638		7,000	
Debtors (HMRC)	52		63	
Bank	61,227		252,283	
	<u>231,917</u>		<u>259,346</u>	
Current liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year				
Creditors	-		-	
	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
Net current assets		<u>231,917</u>		<u>259,346</u>
		<u>232,162</u>		<u>259,605</u>
Parish Funds				
Restricted		232,162		259,605
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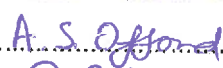
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	2021		2020	
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Investments		-		-
		<u>245</u>		<u>259</u>
Current assets				
Debtors (HMRC)	2,120		3,560	
Debtors (GASDS)	1,320		376	
Short term investments	-		7,000	
Bank	132,714		265,933	
	<u>136,154</u>		<u>276,869</u>	
Current liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year				
Creditors	1,215		1,190	
	<u>1,215</u>		<u>1,190</u>	
Net current assets		<u>134,939</u>		<u>275,679</u>
		<u>135,184</u>		<u>275,938</u>
Parish Funds				
Total funds		305,822		275,938
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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

Unrestricted	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
Investments				
SDB Finance		-		-
Investments		-		-
		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
Current assets				
Debtors (HMRC)	2,068		3,497	
Debtors (GASDS)	1,320		376	
Bank	71,487		13,650	
	<u>74,875</u>		<u>17,523</u>	
Current liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year				
Creditors	1,215		1,190	
	<u>1,215</u>		<u>1,190</u>	
Net current assets		<u>73,660</u>		<u>16,333</u>
		<u>73,660</u>		<u>16,333</u>
Parish Funds				
Unrestricted		<u>73,660</u>		<u>16,333</u>
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2005.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law.

The financial statements include all transactions and assets.

They do not include the accounts of Church groups that owe their affiliation to another nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

1.2 Funds structures

Restricted funds represent donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific project. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent for each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the PCC is free to use for ordinary purposes. Unrestricted funds include designated funds, where the donor has made known their non binding wishes or where the PCC, at their discretion have created a fund for a specific purpose.

1.3 Incoming resources

Collections and planned giving are recognised when received, tax recoverable on gift aid is recognised when the donation is received. All other incoming resources are sufficient reliability. All incoming resources are accounted for gross, recognised once the PCC has entitlement to them, it is virtually certain that they will be received and the monetary value can be measured with certainty.

1.4 Resources expended

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred and is accounted for gross.

1.5 Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

1.6 Fixed assets

Consecrated property and movable Church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the financial statements by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993. Movable Church furnishings held by the vicar and Church warden on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are accounted for as inalienable property unless they cost below £5,000 or are consecrated. They are listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected. For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £5,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred. All expenditure in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £5,000 or on the repair of movable Church furnishings acquired before January 2000 is written off.

Fixed asset investments

Investments are stated at market value. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

SDB Finance Monies held on behalf of the Parish

(i) Lease of land to surgery

Resulting from the lease of part of the land of St. Mary's Church Hall to the Scott Practice, Sheffield Diocesan Board of Finance is holding funds with accruing interest on behalf of the PCC. The money is to be spent at the discretion of the PCC on the Church Hall only. As at 31 December 2021 the value of this investment was £245.

(ii) Black Rock investment (Sprotbrough) Lands

The source has not been identified due to the sad loss of previous Treasurers. The process of updating the account details in 2017 has occurred and the monies transferred to the Restricted Fund. The money is to be spent at the discretion of the PCC.

(iii) Hickling Legacy

Resulting from the legacy of Rev Hickling, Sheffield Diocesan Board of Finance is holding funds with accruing interest on behalf of the PCC. The money is to be spent at the discretion of the PCC. As at 31 December 2021 the value of this investment was nil. This fund has been transferred from the Unrestricted Fund to the Restricted Fund.

1.7 Stocks

Stocks of saleable items for fund raising are valued at cost and represent the amounts held on 31 December. No items were held on 31 December 2021.

1.8 Realised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and opening market value (purchase date if later). Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between market value at 5 October, mid year review and opening market value (or purchase date if later).

1.9 Recategorisation of funds

A transfer of £45,209 from the restricted funds to unrestricted funds was authorised during the year. These monies represent legacies and other resources where the donor has not indicated a specific use, and therefore should not have been allocated to restricted funds on receipt.

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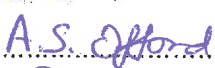
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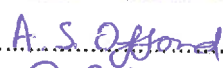
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ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPROTBROUGH

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

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Annual Report and Financial Statement

**of the Parish of Sprotbrough
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1. Membership

The method of appointment of members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All eligible church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC.

The following shows the membership of the PCC as 31st December 2020.

Ex officio members

Rector	Revd Amanda Barraclough	2015
Assistant Curate	Revd Robert Heaton	2011
Churchwardens	Andrea Offord	2019
	Roland Lumby	2017

Deanery Synod Representative Derek Barraclough 2017/20 2020/23

Reader Emerita Betty Brockman

Elected members

Hilary Downs	2016 / 2019	2019/ 2022	
Ray Ekins (Treasurer)	2012 / 2015	2015 /2018	2018/2021 Co-opted 2021/22
Lyn Hopson	2021/24		
Angela Hudson	2021/24		
James Inglis	2021/24		
Alison Lumby	2017/2020	2020/23	
Heather Mears	2019/ 2022		
Therese Paskell	2021/2024		
Barbara Perry	2017 / 2020	2020/23	
Janet Scott	2018/ 2021	2021/24	
Anne Smith (Secretary)	2015 / 2018	2018 / 2021	Co-opted 2021/2022

2. Aims and Organisation

The mission statement of St Mary's Church states that our purpose is to Worship God and Welcome All. The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline measures 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

The PCC operates through the following committees, which meet between full meetings of the PCC.

Standing Committee

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

Vision Committee

This deals with matters relating to the ministry of the local church to the community and the world, including ecumenical links, evangelism and the support of mission and relief agencies.

Church Building and Grounds Committee

This assists the churchwardens in executing their responsibility for the maintenance of the fabric and plant of St Mary's Church, and also for the maintenance of both St Mary's and Cadeby churchyards.

Church Hall and Stable Committee

This has responsibility for the maintenance of the fabric and plant of the Hall and the Stable.

3. Rector's Report for 2021

4. Electoral Roll Officer

The number of people on the Electoral Roll at 3rd March 2021 was 124.

Chris Davis
Electoral Roll Officer

5. Churchwardens' Report

Andrea Offord. Roland Lumby

6. Secretary's Report

It has been another challenging year, adjusting to a different way of organising meetings, re-adjusting as we gradually came out of restrictions and adapting to a new normal. Monthly Standing Committee meetings could be held in the Stable with 6 of us socially distanced but PCC meetings were held on Zoom in May, June and July then the following months in the Chancel as the Church Hall was not available. The acoustics in the Chancel were difficult especially when members were wearing masks.

As well as the usual agenda items many other issues were discussed, Re-development of the church; lease of the Barn to the Harpham Dance Company; application for a Centenary Project Worker; a Friends of St Mary's Group; a Parish Away Weekend and a curate.

A total of 12 PPC meetings were held, there were more than usual absences due to illness and 1 member not attending Zoom meetings. Average attendance for the year was 84%.

St Mary's is a registered charity of which PCC members are trustees. Details of PCC members have been updated and the Annual Report and Financial Statement have been submitted to the Charity Commission.

Data Protection also has been observed.

Anne Smith

7. Vision Committee

Riverside Mission Partnership.

Our links with St. Peter's Bentley remain. With the advent of the Diocesan Strategy we are now a Mission Area (rather than Partnership), and will need to develop closer ways of doing mission together. The Diocesan allocation of 1.5 stipendiary posts in the Mission Area means that there will be an impact when either post becomes vacant, and we will need to journey forward aware of that in our future planning.

Whilst 'Explore Easter' was a casualty of lockdown, we were able to deliver a pre-recorded version of 'Explore Christmas' which was free of the constraints of limited numbers and so could be provided to more schools than we have engaged with in the past. The feedback was very positive and deeply appreciated.

We had hoped to deliver, in partnership with Morrisons, a Drive In Carol Service, but the November lockdown and the uncertainty about when restrictions could be lifted meant this had to be abandoned – but may be worth progressing in future.

Revd Amanda Barraclough

8. Pastoral Ministers

Irene Heaton

Derek Barraclough

9. Safeguarding

Janet Scott. Andrea Offord

10. Church Buildings and Grounds Committee

See Churchwarden's Report

11. Church Hall and Stable Committee

12. Other Committees Groups and Representatives

12a Adwick- le-Street Deanery Synod

Derek Barraclough
Deanery Synod Representative

12b Bellringers

12c Children's Society Support Group

Helen Harwood
Friend of the Children's Society

12d Christians Together in Sprotbrough

Heather Mears
St Mary's Christians Together Representatives

12e Forget-me-not Cafe

12f Funds in Fellowship

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Barbara Perry

12g Jigsaw Library and Coffee Morning

Carole Hall

12 h Mothers' Union

Helen Harwood
Branch co-ordinator

Carole Hall

12 i Sunday t-Time

Irene Heaton

12 j Websites/Social Media

www.stmarys-sprotbrough.co.uk
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Roland Lumby
Webmaster

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPROTBROUGH

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Signed: D. J. [Signature] } (Trustees)
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	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds				
Other voluntary		247		28
Fundraising		546		1,062
Investment		15,321		1,279
Gift Aid & GASDS recovered		62		-
Grants		2,142		-
Gross Income		<u>18,318</u>		<u>2,369</u>
Resources expended				
Church maintenance	385		13,694	
Other	167		312	
Recategorise Funds	45,209			
		<u>45,761</u>		<u>14,006</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	-	<u>27,443</u>	-	<u>11,637</u>
Funds balance b/fwd		259,605		271,242
		<u><u>232,162</u></u>		<u><u>259,605</u></u>

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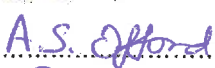
UNRESTRICTED	notes	31.12.21 £	31.12.20 £
Unrestricted Funds			
Collections		2,804	1,746
Collections - Baptism		1,270	122
Collections - Funerals		1,151	375
Collections - Weddings		151	-
Money given under gift aid		28,529	27,180
Money given without gift aid		9,110	9,997
Gift Aid and GASDS recovered		8,849	9,998
Church activities		17,698	9,573
Other voluntary		1,215	3,904
Statutory fees retained by the PCC		8,103	3,027
Legacies		2,000	8,220
Grants		17,097	16,032
Fundraising		1,653	5,426
Other Receipts/Income not listed		2,384	4,415
Donations to Other Charities not SDBF		557	215
Recategorise Funds		45,209	
Gross Income		147,780	100,230
Resources expended			
Diocesan Parish share		45,000	49,000
Salaries, Wages & Honoria		4,880	5,024
Clergy and staff expenses		800	890
Mission & Evangelism costs		600	93
Church running expenses		16,880	19,980
Church utility bills		4,618	6,590
Charity donations		-	6,647
Church maintenance		1,846	-
Costs of Trading		14,972	3,003
Fundraising costs		300	-
Donations to Other Charities not SDBF		557	215
Other		-	5,178
		90,453	96,620
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		57,327	3,610
Fund balance brought forward		16,333	12,723
		73,660	16,333

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

Restricted	31.12.21		31.12.20	
	£	£	£	£
Investments				
SDB Finance		245		259
Investments		-		-
		<u>245</u>		<u>259</u>
Current assets				
Short term investments (CCLA)	170,638		7,000	
Debtors (HMRC)	52		63	
Bank	61,227		252,283	
	<u>231,917</u>		<u>259,346</u>	
Current liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year				
Creditors	-		-	
	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
Net current assets		<u>231,917</u>		<u>259,346</u>
		<u>232,162</u>		<u>259,605</u>
Parish Funds				
Restricted		232,162		259,605
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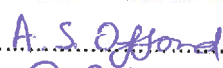
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	<u>136,154</u>		<u>276,869</u>	
Current liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year				
Creditors	1,215		1,190	
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Net current assets		<u>134,939</u>		<u>275,679</u>
		<u>135,184</u>		<u>275,938</u>
Parish Funds				
Total funds		305,822		275,938
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INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

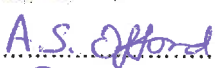
UNRESTRICTED	notes	31.12.21 £	31.12.20 £
Unrestricted Funds			
Collections		2,804	1,746
Collections - Baptism		1,270	122
Collections - Funerals		1,151	375
Collections - Weddings		151	-
Money given under gift aid		28,529	27,180
Money given without gift aid		9,110	9,997
Gift Aid and GASDS recovered		8,849	9,998
Church activities		17,698	9,573
Other voluntary		1,215	3,904
Statutory fees retained by the PCC		8,103	3,027
Legacies		2,000	8,220
Grants		17,097	16,032
Fundraising		1,653	5,426
Other Receipts/Income not listed		2,384	4,415
Donations to Other Charities not SDBF		557	215
Recategorise Funds		45,209	
Gross Income		147,780	100,230
Resources expended			
Diocesan Parish share		45,000	49,000
Salaries, Wages & Honoria		4,880	5,024
Clergy and staff expenses		800	890
Mission & Evangelism costs		600	93
Church running expenses		16,880	19,980
Church utility bills		4,618	6,590
Charity donations		-	6,647
Church maintenance		1,846	-
Costs of Trading		14,972	3,003
Fundraising costs		300	-
Donations to Other Charities not SDBF		557	215
Other		-	5,178
		90,453	96,620
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		57,327	3,610
Fund balance brought forward		16,333	12,723
		73,660	16,333

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPROTROUGH

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021**

Restricted	31.12.21		31.12.20	
	£	£	£	£
Investments				
SDB Finance		245		259
Investments		-		-
		<u>245</u>		<u>259</u>
Current assets				
Short term investments (CCLA)	170,638		7,000	
Debtors (HMRC)	52		63	
Bank	61,227		252,283	
	<u>231,917</u>		<u>259,346</u>	
Current liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year				
Creditors	-		-	
	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
Net current assets		<u>231,917</u>		<u>259,346</u>
		<u>232,162</u>		<u>259,605</u>
Parish Funds				
Restricted		232,162		259,605
		<u>232,162</u>		<u>259,605</u>

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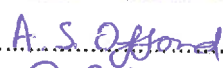
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ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPROTBOUGH

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
Investments				
SDB Finance		245		259
Investments		-		-
		<u>245</u>		<u>259</u>
Current assets				
Debtors (HMRC)	2,120		3,560	
Debtors (GASDS)	1,320		376	
Short term investments	-		7,000	
Bank	132,714		265,933	
	<u>136,154</u>		<u>276,869</u>	
Current liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year				
Creditors	1,215		1,190	
	<u>1,215</u>		<u>1,190</u>	
Net current assets		<u>134,939</u>		<u>275,679</u>
		<u>135,184</u>		<u>275,938</u>
Parish Funds				
Total funds		305,822		275,938
		<u>305,822</u>		<u>275,938</u>

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPROTBROUGH

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

Unrestricted	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
Investments				
SDB Finance		-		-
Investments		-		-
		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
Current assets				
Debtors (HMRC)	2,068		3,497	
Debtors (GASDS)	1,320		376	
Bank	71,487		13,650	
	<u>74,875</u>		<u>17,523</u>	
Current liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year				
Creditors	1,215		1,190	
	<u>1,215</u>		<u>1,190</u>	
Net current assets		<u>73,660</u>		<u>16,333</u>
		<u>73,660</u>		<u>16,333</u>
Parish Funds				
Unrestricted		73,660		16,333
		<u>73,660</u>		<u>16,333</u>

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St. MARY'S CHURCH SPROTBROUGH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2005.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law.

The financial statements include all transactions and assets.

They do not include the accounts of Church groups that owe their affiliation to another nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

1.2 Funds structures

Restricted funds represent donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific project. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent for each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the PCC is free to use for ordinary purposes. Unrestricted funds include designated funds, where the donor has made known their non binding wishes or where the PCC, at their discretion have created a fund for a specific purpose.

1.3 Incoming resources

Collections and planned giving are recognised when received, tax recoverable on gift aid is recognised when the donation is received. All other incoming resources are sufficient reliability. All incoming resources are accounted for gross, recognised once the PCC has entitlement to them, it is virtually certain that they will be received and the monetary value can be measured with certainty.

1.4 Resources expended

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred and is accounted for gross.

1.5 Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

1.6 Fixed assets

Consecrated property and movable Church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the financial statements by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993. Movable Church furnishings held by the vicar and Church warden on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are accounted for as inalienable property unless they cost below £5,000 or are consecrated. They are listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected. For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £5,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred. All expenditure in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £5,000 or on the repair of movable Church furnishings acquired before January 2000 is written off.

Fixed asset investments

Investments are stated at market value. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

SDB Finance Monies held on behalf of the Parish

(i) Lease of land to surgery

Resulting from the lease of part of the land of St. Mary's Church Hall to the Scott Practice, Sheffield Diocesan Board of Finance is holding funds with accruing interest on behalf of the PCC. The money is to be spent at the discretion of the PCC on the Church Hall only. As at 31 December 2021 the value of this investment was £245.

(ii) Black Rock investment (Sprotbrough) Lands

The source has not been identified due to the sad loss of previous Treasurers. The process of updating the account details in 2017 has occurred and the monies transferred to the Restricted Fund. The money is to be spent at the discretion of the PCC.

(iii) Hickling Legacy

Resulting from the legacy of Rev Hickling, Sheffield Diocesan Board of Finance is holding funds with accruing interest on behalf of the PCC. The money is to be spent at the discretion of the PCC. As at 31 December 2021 the value of this investment was nil. This fund has been transferred from the Unrestricted Fund to the Restricted Fund.

1.7 Stocks

Stocks of saleable items for fund raising are valued at cost and represent the amounts held on 31 December. No items were held on 31 December 2021.

1.8 Realised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and opening market value (purchase date if later). Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between market value at 5 October, mid year review and opening market value (or purchase date if later).

1.9 Recategorisation of funds

A transfer of £45,209 from the restricted funds to unrestricted funds was authorised during the year. These monies represent legacies and other resources where the donor has not indicated a specific use, and therefore should not have been allocated to restricted funds on receipt.