

**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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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

### 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: John 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	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Restricted Funds</b>				
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>
<b>Gross Income</b>				
<b>Resources expended</b>				
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>
<b>Net gains/(losses) on investments</b>		<u>(16,709)</u>		<u>13,642</u>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</b>		(6,552)		(27,443)
<b>Funds balance b/fwd</b>		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
	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>		
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
	<b>91,141</b>	<b>147,780</b>
<b>Gross Income</b>		
<b>Resources expended</b>		
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	-
	<b>93,750</b>	<b>90,453</b>
<b>Net gains/(losses) on investments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</b>	<b>(2,609)</b>	<b>57,327</b>
<b>Fund balance brought forward</b>	<b>73,660</b>	<b>16,333</b>
	<b>71,051</b>	<b>73,660</b>

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPROTBOUGH**

**BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022**

<b>Restricted</b>	<b>31.12.22</b>		<b>31.12.21</b>	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Investments</b>				
SDB Finance		194		245
Investments		-		-
		<u>194</u>		<u>245</u>
<b>Current assets</b>				
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>	
<b>Current liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year</b>				
Creditors	-		-	
	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>225,416</u>		<u>231,917</u>
		<u>225,610</u>		<u>232,162</u>
<b>Parish Funds</b>				
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	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Investments</b>				
SDB Finance		-		-
Investments		-		-
		-		-
<b>Current assets</b>				
Short term investments (CCLA)	-	-	-	-
Debtors (HMRC)	3,732		3,388	
Bank	68,919		71,487	
	<u>72,651</u>		<u>74,875</u>	
<b>Current liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year</b>				
Creditors	1,600		1,215	
	<u>1,600</u>		<u>1,215</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>71,051</u>		<u>73,660</u>
		<u>71,051</u>		<u>73,660</u>
<b>Parish Funds</b>				
Unrestricted		<u>71,051</u>		<u>73,660</u>
		<u>71,051</u>		<u>73,660</u>

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Date:- 28 April 2023

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPOTBROUGH

BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	31.12.22		31.12.21	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Investments</b>				
SDB Finance		194		245
Investments		-		-
		<u>194</u>		<u>245</u>
<b>Current assets</b>				
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>	
<b>Current liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year</b>				
Creditors	1,600		1,215	
	<u>1,600</u>		<u>1,215</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>296,467</u>		<u>305,577</u>
		<u>296,661</u>		<u>305,822</u>
<b>Parish Funds</b>				
Total funds		296,661		305,822
		<u>296,661</u>		<u>305,822</u>

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Date:- 28 April 2023

# St. MARY'S CHURCH SPROTBOUGH

## 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.