

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, COSBY

England & Wales · Charity number 1133983

Details

Other names COSBY PCC

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2010-02-02

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

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

Activities: Religious activities, providing buildings/facilities/open space

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£54,542	£38,676	-	-
2024-12-31	£50,182	£54,495	-	-
2023-12-31	£53,136	£57,140	-	-
2022-12-31	£57,152	£48,557	-	-
2021-12-31	£41,103	£39,282	-	-
2020-12-31	£47,878	£54,549	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ASHLEY CHARLES WILKINSON		
BRIAN FRANK WOODCOCK		
CAROLINE SHEPHERD		2025-04-28
CHRISTINE ANN NEWTON		2017-04-14
HILARY COOPER		2010-04-13
JANICE WYLLIE		
JOY MARGARET FRANKLIN		
Jean GRAHAM		2016-09-01
LINDA STEVENSON		
MARTIN JOHN STEVENSON		
SUSAN MARGARET LEE		
WINIFRED FURBOROUGH		2017-04-14

Accounts

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH, COSBY

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

OF THE

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

(Accounts on separate document)

**Bank:
Santander
Bootle
Merseyside
L30 4GB**

**Building Society:
Coventry Building Society
Coventry
CV3 2TQ**

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Mrs Samantha Cox
11, The Paddocks
Littlethorpe
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LE9 5JP**

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING REPORT

BACKGROUND

St Michael and All Angels Parochial Church Council (PCC) have the responsibility to promote in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church - pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the church of St Michael and All Angels, Cosby and for the Bunning Memorial Hall, Main Street, Cosby. Cosby PCC is a charity and its members are trustees (charity number 1133983).

MEMBERSHIP

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. During the year, the following served as members of the PCC.

Incumbent:

Interregnum

Readers:

Mr Eric Leese *
Mr Martin Stevenson

Representative on the Deanery Synod:

Mrs Janice Wyllie

***Elected members:**

Mrs Susan Lee - Vice Chairman
Mrs Hilary Cooper – PCC Secretary
Mr Brian Woodcock – PCC Treasurer
Mrs Joy Franklin – Electoral Roll Officer
Mrs Winifred Furborough
Mrs Jean Graham
Mrs Linda Stevenson
Mrs Christine Newton
Mrs Caroline Shepherd

In accordance with the Resolution passed at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2008 Parochial Church Members are elected on a three year cycle.

*** Lay Reader, Mr Eric Leese, did not wish to serve on the PCC**

Standing Committee – Susan Lee, Brian Woodcock, Hilary Cooper, Joy Franklin, Christine Newton.

Finance and Property Committee - Susan Lee, Brian Woodcock, Hilary Cooper, Joy Franklin.

COMMITTEES

The **Parochial Church Council** operates through several committees which meet as required between full meetings of the PCC. All recommendations from such committees are decided by the PCC.

During 2025, the Parochial Church Council met in March, June, August and November and Standing Committee met a few weeks before each PCC to set the agenda and discuss matters for ratification at PCC.

Finance and Property Meeting was held in November 2025. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held in April 2025.

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 Council. It is a useful committee discussing items and shaping the agenda of the upcoming PCC meeting.

Finance and Property Committee:

The committee meets once a year to discuss fees and charitable giving and other financial matters. The PCC oversees the general financial dimension of the work of St. Michael and All Angels by monitoring income and expenditure, budgeting and regularly reviewing all matters relating to finance. It also oversees matters relating to the stewardship of plant, such as the Church and the Bunning Memorial Hall, and the fabric of both buildings.

Baptism, Wedding and Funeral Policies are reviewed annually, changes made as necessary and adopted by PCC.

Wedding and Funeral fees were reviewed in November 2025 and non-statutory charges revised.

Marriage registration requirements changed in May 2021 with Register offices now responsible for the registration of marriages and issuing of certificates.

Health and Safety Policy rewritten in 2024 is reviewed annually and changes made as necessary.

Safeguarding Policy is extremely important, covered at every PCC meeting and

reviewed annually in line with guidance from Leicester Diocese. Safeguarding comprises several policies.

Data Protection is covered at every PCC meeting and continually reviewed

ELECTORAL ROLL 2025

After a complete revision in 2025 as required every six years, there were 52 names on the Electoral Roll.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE 2025

Palm Sunday – 23, Good Friday – 24, Easter Sunday - 42, Harvest – 34, Remembrance – 90+, Advent Praise – 40, Nine Lessons & Carol – 100+, Christmas Eve carols – 88. Christmas Eve Eucharist – 11, Christmas Day – 16. Of the regular services during the rest of the year, average Sunday attendance was 26 attendees.

Wednesday morning services attracted an average of 8 attendees.

There were many funeral services in church, mostly conducted by Martin Stevenson, and two baptisms. No marriage services took place in church in 2025.

WORSHIP REPORT 2025

We have been extremely fortunate to be able to have a service every Sunday and to have communion regularly. We are very grateful to the Rev. David Faulks who, with his wife Ann, has made Whetstone and Cosby his places of worship on a Sunday morning. Chris Newton has arranged clergy to take services and, as well as David, we have also welcomed the Rev. Sue Frost, the Rev. David Jennings and the Rev. Carol Lacey to take our services when he was unavailable. We are also extremely fortunate to have Eric Leese who takes the All-age service once a month as well as the Remembrance Service and Martin Stevenson who takes the Wednesday morning service each week, Good Friday Hour at the Cross, and most of the funerals.

We enjoy having a variety of clergy/lay readers to give sermons and lead worship as all have different styles. But we do miss having an incumbent particularly to take on overall responsibility, to lead the church and parish community, and to give guidance.

We remain on very good terms with the other benefice churches of All Saints in Narborough and St. Peters in Whetstone and share details about services and events. Alongside our Team Services on the fifth Sunday, we try to support the various social fund-raising events that each church plans.

Musically, we are very thankful to have a choir led by Jon Scott, an organist, Martin Barstow and two pianists, Jan Wyllie and Liz Leese.

It has been very good to welcome the children from local schools to services during the year and we have had visits from Cosby School and Old Mill at Broughton

Astley. Cameron Wiltshire-Plant, assistant curate at Four Saints benefice led these services. The children seemed to enjoy it, were well-behaved and it was good to see many youngsters in the church.

Members of the congregation help as sidespersons, preparing the church before and after worship, reading lessons, praying intercessions and making drinks. The task of doing the rotas is carried out by Martin Stevenson. Jan Wylie produces the pew slips each week. Joy Franklin keeps the records for the Garden and Remembrance and has a knowledge going far back. Hilary Cooper carries out administrative tasks mainly relating to meetings.

We sometimes have services with the other churches in the village. Suzanne Thompson and Alison Norman are our reps on Cosby Churches Together.

The Minster Communities initiative to which churches in Leicester Diocese have been subjected, will impact us eventually. We are the last deanery to go through the process which may be to our advantage. Around seven of us from church have attended many meetings over the last couple of years and have had the chance to express our concerns and ask questions. Through no fault of the competent team who have conducted the process, we are unclear as to what the future holds, other than knowing that clergy will be few and we are unsure how much support we will get. The process has now reached the final stages so we should know more by the end of this year.

FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2025

Members of the Committee met on 13th October 2025 when the Fees, end-of-year donations and budget for 2026 were discussed. Their recommendations were considered by the PCC members in November and approved.

Table of Statutory Fees for 2026 came out at the end of 2025. The local fees for weddings and funerals for the vergers, organist, church bells, choir, and heating are discussed and added to the statutory fees. There is a table available in church detailing of the cost of a wedding in church, a funeral service in church, as well as a burial in a cemetery or cremation immediately preceding or following on from a service in church, and burial of ashes in the churchyard.

Charitable donations have been made to:- Children's Society, British Legion, Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust, Lutterworth and Villages Foodbank, Kimbilio, Water Aid and Salvation Army Toy Collection. Gifts of fruit and vegetables are given out at Harvest to those known to the church in the village who are having a difficult time.

FINANCIAL REPORT 2025

Brian Woodcock is the church treasurer, and we are very thankful for the work he

does to look after the church accounts.

In 2025 we reduced our parish contribution to Leicester Diocese to £12,000. This has helped our finances which are looking healthier.

A detailed, independently examined, breakdown of the church financial situation can be seen on the accompanying Financial Statement and Accounts.

We are very grateful to our congregation who give generously, and to those who support us through Friends of Cosby Church. There has been an appeal to boost the Garden of Remembrance fund and donations have come in steadily for this. There was a generous donation given to the Bunning Hall by the luncheon club, which folded in 2024. Bill and Elaine Stevens also kindly gave a donation to Bunning Hall funds from the quiz night they organised. Margaret Silk also raised much needed funds for church through the sale of quiz sheets.

BUILDINGS REPORT 2025

Upkeep of our ancient 13th century church building and Bunning Hall is and will always be a challenge. Susan Lee works very hard throughout the year to ensure that the building is kept well-maintained, as well as managing bookings for the Bunning Hall, and numerous other tasks. Alison Norman does a lovely job of keeping both buildings clean and visitors often comment on this. We have a gardener to keep the grounds up to scratch and the Garden of Remembrance has many visitors who just want to sit and absorb the peace and tranquillity. In the Summer the architect came to church to help us prioritise the work that needs to be done most urgently following the 2024 Quinquennial Inspection, as well as suggesting whom should be approached regarding work and what repairs could be grouped together to be done at the same time. Priority was an ongoing leak in the vestry roof – this was done but further work is needed.

The men's toilet in the Bunning Hall has been in a very poor state for some time. A grant from Blaby District Council to cover 50% of the cost of the work has been successfully obtained and the work will go ahead in Spring 2026.

Pruning work was carried out on the large tree at the end of the field behind the Bunning Hall.

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT 2025

Jan Wyllie attends Deanery Synod meetings and provides interesting reports to PCC.

Meeting in February 2025 was held at Dunton Bassett church. The venue was chosen because representatives wanted to see the nave which has been recently transformed. All the pews have been removed and replaced with modern wooden

chairs, The result makes an excellent and welcoming space.

Karen Rooms, Dean of Leicester Cathedral, who gave a very interesting question-and-answer session at this meeting on her role and that of the cathedral. The cathedral holds Junior Church and Messy Cathedral sessions and other outreach programmes to try to encourage more people to attend services.

There are around 30 people who have roles in the running of the cathedral and there are four paid clergy.

At the June 2025 meeting, as the speaker had failed to turn up, there was a discussion about the Minster Communities process, particularly a recent Discernment Day. There was much disquiet expressed by those who had attended.

At the October meeting, Gill Elliott from the Church Buildings Team gave a very interesting talk about Festival Churches. She explained that her role was to help parishes consider whether it was appropriate for them to become a Festival Church, and if so, to provide help to develop that. It would cover areas such as the care of the fabric of the building, making changes to the building, future sustainability and the care of churchyards. But the main points she made were that any church can become a Festival Church, and it does not mean that it leads to closure. It is also reversible, in that some churches find that they increase in such a way that they return to their original status. Peatling Magna is a local example of a Festival Church, where the whole community's become part of the development, which helped to make it a success.

SAFEGUARDING REPORT 2025

All relevant policies were reviewed and accepted by the PCC in November 2025, and displayed as required in the church, as was the information poster at the back of the church.

Janice Wyllie is the church Safeguarding Co-ordinator and does a great job ensuring all those who need to be are covered by safeguarding training.

Bellringers is a successful aspect of church life with many new ringers and is another area of safeguarding that has had to be considered. Jan has worked with the tower captain, Sarah Freer regarding this activity.

Hilary Cooper and Jan Wyllie undertook the Safeguarding Leadership Pathway (VSLT) in 2025. This was considered necessary by the Diocese because we have no incumbent. It is a lengthy course, consisting of an online workbook and two two-hour ZOOM meetings. The main content is to train people in the recognition and management of safeguarding in the church setting.

Basic, foundation and domestic abuse training will be required for all PCC members in 2026, as it will be three years since it was completed and must be renewed.

DATA PROTECTION REPORT 2025

Data Protection appears on the agenda at all PCC meetings during the year and

Hilary Cooper is the Data Protection officer. As new contacts come our way, they are given a copy of the Data Privacy Notice and a Data Collection Form as required by General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

PASTORAL REPORT 2025

Many members of the congregation do a wonderful job pastorally to ensure those in need are contacted by visits, phone calls and the taking round of gifts from the church when appropriate to do so. Linda Stevenson oversees Pastoral Care.

We continue to support Lutterworth and Villages Food Bank where people bring to church tins and packets throughout the year, with a special collection at Harvest.

Donations of money and food are always gratefully received by the charity.

At Christmas, Martin and Linda Stevenson collect toys for the children and gift sets for the teenagers for the Salvation Army Toy Collection. This enables children to have a toy or gift set who probably would not get a gift without our help. Salvation Army in Hinckley area was able to help 475 children, which represented 240

families. Each child was able to have 3-4 presents as well as stocking fillers to open on Christmas morning. The collection is well supported by the church and village.

During 2025, we sent out our usual Easter and Christmas cards, and at Harvest we sent out gifts to people who are housebound, ill, or bereaved.

Please let Linda or Martin know if you hear about people or families who need help in any way so we can possibly make a visit or send a card. We can offer transport to people who need a lift to church or appointments, and meals to those needing a bit of extra help after an operation for example.

CHOIR REPORT 2025

We are very fortunate to have a four-part church choir led by choirmaster, Jon Scott. There are very few church choirs left in the county of Leicestershire. The choir continues to rehearse every week and sings for the Communion services on the first Sunday of each month. We are also pleased to be able to sing for some of the special services, in particular Easter, Remembrance, Advent and Nine Lessons and Carols.

We have performed a wide range of music over those services, from the 13th to the 21st centuries, and not always in English.

There are only 11 of us singing regularly and, sopranos excepted, there are only two choristers in each of the other parts. We are grateful to Jon for his leadership and patience as we learn new pieces.

In October we put on an enjoyable and successful concert, 'Songs from the Shows' - a variety of choir pieces, solos and duets as well as enjoyable renditions from the recorder group. It was good to welcome a few members of Jon's choir to join us for this concert and at Nine Lessons and Carols. We were very grateful to Anne de Graeve who accompanied us on the piano.

The choir entered a tree into the Christmas Tree Festival on the theme of your favourite childhood book, and Diane Scott put this together.

Thanks are also due to Martin Barstow who plays the organ for our sung services working very hard to produce music to a high standard.

BELLRINGERS REPORT 2025

Bell Captain, Sarah Freer reports, "I'm delighted to say it has been a very successful year for the ringers.

We started 2025 with 4 learners who I was teaching at Cosby and Whetstone with the help of Sarah Catherall and our aim was to try and ring rounds for Easter Sunday. In March, we had another learner join us and yet another one in June. I'm pleased to say we rang for Easter Sunday and all 6 of our new learners have now achieved their Level 1 in ringing which means they can all now ring a bell independently. In November I was assessed and passed my Level 1 teaching qualification through the ART scheme and I attended the second course in January to enable me to help our learners progress from handling a bell to ringing more complicated things.

We rang for a couple of other services in the year including VE Day, remembrance Sunday and Christmas and most of our new ringers have also rung at other churches on their practice nights.

Enderby ringers have still been joining us on the first Monday of the month and have continued to be very supportive. There are also a couple of ringers who used to ring at Cosby who have come back to join us.

Since January we have committed to having a regular practice on Monday evenings from 6.30-8pm (slightly earlier than our old practice time due to having a young learner with us).

We are also aiming to ring for Sunday service as often as we can from 10.30-11am and have managed this most weeks since the middle of January.

With regards to the condition of the bells one of our new ringers, John, has become very interested in bell maintenance. We had a broken stay, which often happens with new ringers, which he replaced and fitted as well as fitting a new dingle box (which holds the wooden stay). He has inspected all the bells with me and noted a couple of things which we will undertake in the next few weeks, tightening bolts and possibly replacing another stay. He is already proving a great asset.

Here's to another good year!

SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING REPORT 2025

Thanks to the Social Committee, and particularly to Alison Norman, we had many social and fundraising events which were very successful. As well as a means of raising money, we see social events as a form of outreach as many villagers come along to events. Not only is it an opportunity to chat to people, but we also get to know if there are people in particular need of help or prayer.

Pre-loved sale in January did well. Book and Puzzle sale organised by Ros Clark, was very successful again with loads of books and plenty of customers. Spring Fayre goes well, helped greatly by Eric's plant stall, and later in the year the Christmas coffee morning was enhanced by lots of lovely gifts as well as an enticing array of cakes. There was also an enjoyable VE Day celebration tea and a Harvest Supper. The church was open over Harvest weekend with beautiful flower displays arranged by Linda Stevenson and the flower arrangers, as well as tours of the church building.

In December, Helen Stevenson again organised a Christmas Tree Festival which was also a great success with lots of visitors to the church and the involvement of many groups from the village including the schools. This has become an annual event. There are only six members on the committee and it is hard work organising events. Without help from family and friends it would be hard to do what they do, and the team desperately needs some new volunteers to join them.

Supper evenings continue to be a success as we meet at one another's homes about six times a year for very enjoyable evenings of shared food and chat. At each meeting we collect £1 contributions from those present and when we have £50 we give it to a nominated charity.

Finally, we would love to see more people join us at church both to worship God and to become part of the life of our church. Whilst in many respects we are fortunate, we notice now how much we struggle to do what we used to do in the day-to-day running of the church, the putting on of events and in outreach to the community. A few people in church go 'above and beyond', and it would be very helpful to have more volunteers willing to take on tasks, however small.

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Michael & All Angels' Church, Cosby, Leicester

This report on the accounts of Cosby PCC (Charity No. 1133983) for the year ended 31st December, 2025 which are set out on pages 2 to 4,

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,

to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and

to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or

the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or

the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have 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.

Mrs. Samantha J. Cox
11 The Paddocks
Littlethorpe
Leicester
LE19 5JP

Signed.....

Date.....

Samantha Cox
18/3/2026

Martin J. Stevenson
(CAF number)

Hilary Cooper
(PCC Secretary)

St Michael & All Angels' Church, Cosby, Leicester
Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December 2025

General Fund - Receipts and Payments Account

Receipts	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources from Donors				
Stewardship envelopes, income under covenants & Gift Aid	22133		18662	
Bequests	0		0	
Church collections	1469		1939	
Income tax recovered (Gift Aid)	5405		5259	
Interest on Income tax recovered	46		36	
			29053	25896
Other Voluntary Incoming Resources				
Donations to Funds (see Note 3)	4498		2646	
Donations to Bunning Hall Upkeep	3655		270	
Donations for Good Causes	340		625	
Grants for Church Restoration	148		1121	
Grants for Bunning Hall	0		0	
			8641	4662
Activities for Generating Funds				
Book & Puzzle Sale	1763		1364	
Cook Books	115		0	
Ride or Stride	836		998	
Concerts/Hymnathon	457		106	
Coffee Mornings/Afternoon Tea	616		300	
Children's Society Box Opening/Christingle etc	0		321	
Christmas Coffee Morning	750		783	
Bills Quiz/Event Quiz/Christmas Quiz	501		580	
Christmas Tree event inc surprise presents	562		421	
Parish Breakfast/Soups & Puds etc	477		421	
Harvest Supper Quiz night	472		0	
Miscellaneous Fund raising	17		329	
Cards/Mugs/Church History etc (See Note 1)	22		44	
Spring Fayre	798		879	
Yarn Bomb event café	0		679	
			7384	7225
Income from Investments				
Building Society Interest	1128		1347	
Bank Deposit Account Interest	78		57	
Bunning Hall Fund Deposit Account Interest	14		13	
			1220	1416
Other ordinary Incoming Resources				
Printing	0		0	
Fees from Wedding and Funerals	1024		1499	
Insurance Claim	0		0	
			1024	1499
Church Hall				
Sundry Lettings	7220		9484	
			7220	9484
Total Receipts			54542	50182

St Michael and All Angels' Church, Cosby, Leicester - Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December 2025

General Fund - Receipts and Payments Account - Continued

Payments	2025	2024	
	£	£	£
Donations and Grants			
Donations to Missions and Relief Agencies & Other Charitable Organisations	1330	2268	
Other Charitable Giving (See Note 2)	235	35	
Grants			
		1565	2303
Activities Directly Relating to the Work of the Church			
Fund raising expenses	228	268	
Diocesan Parish Contribution	12000	16000	
Wedding and Funeral Expenses		0	
Ministry expenses - includes Travel, Telephone Charges & Internet Line	261	221	
Religious Education	103	45	
Out Reach	50	225	
Upkeep of Services	312	294	
Insurances including roof security	5073	5083	
Fabric Repairs and Maintenance inc Organ	2894	2240	
Church Grounds/Garden	894	888	
Electricity	5088	6214	
Fire/Quinquennial Inspection	1110	870	
		28013	32348
Church Management and Administration			
Books, printing and stationery	577	122	
Miscellaneous Expenses	1013	675	
Magazine Expenses	0	0	
Repographic Expenses	145	284	
New Printer	0	0	
		1734	1081
Church Hall			
Gas	1648	2158	
Electricity	794	1064	
Water Rates	0	208	
Insurances	1073	1081	
Furniture	0	0	
Repairs	527	1608	
Cleaning Expenses	1200	1200	
Miscellaneous Expenses	145	433	
Ground Maintenance	1568	800	
		6955	8551
Major Capital Expenditure			
Major repair costs to church building inc redecoration	408	6432	
Major repairs to church hall inc redecoration	0	3780	
		408	10212
Total Payments		38676	54495

St Michael & All Angels' Church, Cosby, Leicester - Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December 2025

	£	£
Excess of Receipts (Payments)	15866	-4312
Unaccounted funds		
Cash in Hand, Bank and Building Society accounts as at 1st January (see note 3)	49113	53426
Cash in Hand, Bank & Building Society accounts as at 31st December (see note 3)	64979	49113

Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31st December 2025

Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31st December 2025	2025	2024
	£	£
General Fund - Monetary Assets		
Floats/Cash in Hand	18 ✓	32
Santander Bank Accou :- Current Account	5757 ✓	2373
:- Business Deposit Account	9839 ✓	7771
:- Bunning Hall Fund	1308 ✓	758
	<u>48061 ✓</u>	<u>38181</u>
Coventry Building Society Investment Account	64982 :	49114

Debtors	0	0
Prepayments	0	0

Accruals - Liabilities		
Other Expenses	354	1233
Electricity	1041	878
Gas	48	195
	<u>1443</u>	<u>2306</u>

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025

Note1

Notes

Sales in church via donations in offertory box amounted to £43.90

Note 2

Donations paid is made up as follows:

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Restricted Giving		LDG Bell Ringers	80 ✓
Kimbilio	180 ✓	Halo	40 ✓
The Royal British Legion	164 ✓	Salvation Army	<u>115</u> ✓
Water Aid	50 ✓		235 ✓
Historic Churches	836 ✓		
Lutterworth Food Bank	<u>100</u> ✓		
	1330 ✓		

Note 3

The figures stated include amounts which the PCC has earmarked for the following purpose 31.12.2025

Note 3	As at 31.12.2025	As at 31.12.2024
The figures stated include amounts which the PCC has earmarked for the following purpose	£	£
Fabric Repairs Fund (Major items)	23147	17525
Clock Fund	6256	6246
Toilet Fund	5791	5631
Choir Fund	261	254
Organ Fund	3468	3751
Flower Fund	132	151
Church Garden fund	1569	29
Hall Stage Curtains	545	531
Hall Renovation	3250	0
Other	-74	0
Reprographic fund	3715	4029
	<u>48061</u>	<u>38148</u>

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Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or

the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or

the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have 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.

Mrs. Samantha J. Cox
11 The Paddocks
Littlethorpe
Leicester
LE19 5JP

Signed.....

Date.....

Samantha Cox
18/3/2026

Martin J. Stevenson
(CAF number)

Hilary Cooper
(PCC Secretary)

St Michael & All Angels' Church, Cosby, Leicester
Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December 2025

General Fund - Receipts and Payments Account

Receipts	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources from Donors				
Stewardship envelopes, income under covenants & Gift Aid	22133		18662	
Bequests	0		0	
Church collections	1469		1939	
Income tax recovered (Gift Aid)	5405		5259	
Interest on Income tax recovered	46		36	
			29053	25896
Other Voluntary Incoming Resources				
Donations to Funds (see Note 3)	4498		2646	
Donations to Bunning Hall Upkeep	3655		270	
Donations for Good Causes	340		625	
Grants for Church Restoration	148		1121	
Grants for Bunning Hall	0		0	
			8641	4662
Activities for Generating Funds				
Book & Puzzle Sale	1763		1364	
Cook Books	115		0	
Ride or Stride	836		998	
Concerts/Hymnathon	457		106	
Coffee Mornings/Afternoon Tea	616		300	
Children's Society Box Opening/Christingle etc	0		321	
Christmas Coffee Morning	750		783	
Bills Quiz/Event Quiz/Christmas Quiz	501		580	
Christmas Tree event inc surprise presents	562		421	
Parish Breakfast/Soups & Puds etc	477		421	
Harvest Supper Quiz night	472		0	
Miscellaneous Fund raising	17		329	
Cards/Mugs/Church History etc (See Note 1)	22		44	
Spring Fayre	798		879	
Yarn Bomb event café	0		679	
			7384	7225
Income from Investments				
Building Society Interest	1128		1347	
Bank Deposit Account Interest	78		57	
Bunning Hall Fund Deposit Account Interest	14		13	
			1220	1416
Other ordinary Incoming Resources				
Printing	0		0	
Fees from Wedding and Funerals	1024		1499	
Insurance Claim	0		0	
			1024	1499
Church Hall				
Sundry Lettings	7220		9484	
			7220	9484
Total Receipts			54542	50182

St Michael and All Angels' Church, Cosby, Leicester - Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December 2025

General Fund - Receipts and Payments Account - Continued

Payments	2025	2024	
	£	£	£
Donations and Grants			
Donations to Missions and Relief Agencies & Other Charitable Organisations	1330	2268	
Other Charitable Giving (See Note 2)	235	35	
Grants			
		1565	2303
Activities Directly Relating to the Work of the Church			
Fund raising expenses	228	268	
Diocesan Parish Contribution	12000	16000	
Wedding and Funeral Expenses		0	
Ministry expenses - includes Travel, Telephone Charges & Internet Line	261	221	
Religious Education	103	45	
Out Reach	50	225	
Upkeep of Services	312	294	
Insurances including roof security	5073	5083	
Fabric Repairs and Maintenance inc Organ	2894	2240	
Church Grounds/Garden	894	888	
Electricity	5088	6214	
Fire/Quinquennial Inspection	1110	870	
		28013	32348
Church Management and Administration			
Books, printing and stationery	577	122	
Miscellaneous Expenses	1013	675	
Magazine Expenses	0	0	
Repographic Expenses	145	284	
New Printer	0	0	
		1734	1081
Church Hall			
Gas	1648	2158	
Electricity	794	1064	
Water Rates	0	208	
Insurances	1073	1081	
Furniture	0	0	
Repairs	527	1608	
Cleaning Expenses	1200	1200	
Miscellaneous Expenses	145	433	
Ground Maintenance	1568	800	
		6955	8551
Major Capital Expenditure			
Major repair costs to church building inc redecoration	408	6432	
Major repairs to church hall inc redecoration	0	3780	
		408	10212
Total Payments		38676	54495

St Michael & All Angels' Church, Cosby, Leicester - Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December 2025

	£	£
Excess of Receipts (Payments)	15866	-4312
Unaccounted funds		
Cash in Hand, Bank and Building Society accounts as at 1st January (see note 3)	49113	53426
Cash in Hand, Bank & Building Society accounts as at 31st December (see note 3)	64979	49113

Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31st December 2025

Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31st December 2025	2025	2024
	£	£
General Fund - Monetary Assets		
Floats/Cash in Hand	18 ✓	32
Santander Bank Accou :- Current Account	5757 ✓	2373
:- Business Deposit Account	9839 ✓	7771
:- Bunning Hall Fund	1308 ✓	758
	<u>48061 ✓</u>	<u>38181</u>
Coventry Building Society Investment Account	64982 :	49114

Debtors	0	0
Prepayments	0	0

Accruals - Liabilities		1233
Other Expenses	354	878
Electricity	1041	195
Gas	48	2306
	<u>1443</u>	

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025

Note1

Notes

Sales in church via donations in offertory box amounted to £43.90

Note 2

Donations paid is made up as follows:

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Restricted Giving		Other	
Kimbilio	180 ✓	LDG Bell Ringers	80 ✓
The Royal British Legion	164 ✓	Halo	40 ✓
Water Aid	50 ✓	Salvation Army	<u>115</u> ✓
Historic Churches	836 ✓		235 ✓
Lutterworth Food Bank	<u>100</u> ✓		
	1330 ✓		

Note 3

The figures stated include amounts which the PCC has earmarked for the following purpose

Note 3	As at 31.12.2025	As at 31.12.2024
The figures stated include amounts which the PCC has earmarked for the following purpose	£	£
Fabric Repairs Fund (Major items)	23147	17525
Clock Fund	6256	6246
Toilet Fund	5791	5631
Choir Fund	261	254
Organ Fund	3468	3751
Flower Fund	132	151
Church Garden fund	1569	29
Hall Stage Curtains	545	531
Hall Renovation	3250	0
Other	-74	0
Reprographic fund	3715	4029
	<u>48061</u>	<u>38148</u>

Accounts

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH, COSBY

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

OF THE

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

(Accounts on separate document)

**Bank:
Santander
Bootle
Merseyside
L30 4GB**

**Building Society:
Coventry Building Society
Coventry
CV3 2TQ**

**Independent Examiner:
Mrs Samantha Cox
11, The Paddocks
Littlethorpe
Leicester
LE9 5JP**

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING REPORT

BACKGROUND

St Michael and All Angels P.C.C. has the responsibility to promote in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the church of St Michael and All Angels, Cosby and for the Bunning Memorial Hall, Main Street, Cosby.

MEMBERSHIP

Members of the P.C.C. are either ex-officio or elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. During the year, the following served as members of the P.C.C.

Incumbent: **Interregnum**

Readers: **Mr Eric Leese ***
Mr Martin Stevenson

Churchwardens: **Mrs Susan Lee**

Representative on the Deanery Synod:
Mrs Janice Wyllie

***Elected members:** **Mrs Hilary Cooper – P.C.C. Secretary**
Mr Brian Woodcock – P.C.C. Treasurer
Mrs Joy Franklin – Electoral Roll Officer
Mrs Winifred Furborough
Mrs Jean Graham
Mrs Linda Stevenson – Pastoral Care
Mrs Christine Newton**

In accordance with the Resolution passed at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2008 Parochial Church Members are elected on a three year cycle.

*** Lay Reader, Mr Eric Leese, did not wish to serve on the P.C.C.**

****Christine Newton served as a Churchwarden up the APCM 2024 but did not wish to continue.**

COMMITTEES

The P.C.C. operates through a number of committees which meet as required between full meetings of the P.C.C. All recommendations from such committees are decided by the P.C.C.

Standing Committee: This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the P.C.C. between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council.

Finance and Property Committee: This committee oversee the general financial dimension of the work of St. Michael and All Angels by monitoring income and expenditure, budgeting and regularly reviewing all matters relating to finance. It also oversees matters relating to the stewardship of plant, such as the Church and the Bunning Memorial Hall, and the fabric of both buildings, although much of this work is undertaken under the direction of the Churchwarden.

Pastoral Concerns: As evident from the report, many members of the congregation do a wonderful job pastorally to ensure those in need are contacted by visits, phone calls and the taking round of gifts from the church when appropriate to do so. Linda Stevenson oversees Pastoral Care.

Baptism, Wedding and Funeral Policies are reviewed annually, changes made as necessary and adopted by P.C.C.

Wedding and Funeral fees were reviewed and non-statutory charges revised.

Marriage registration requirements changed in May 2021 with Register offices now responsible for the registration of marriages and issuing of certificates. Our registers and certificate books were deposited – the registers have been closed, and we were able to keep one copy for research purposes.

Health and Safety Policy is reviewed annually and changes made as necessary. The policy was rewritten and adopted in 2024.

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Safeguarding Policy is covered at every P.C.C. meeting and reviewed and updated annually in line with guidance from Leicester Diocese. Janice Wyllie is the church Safeguarding Co-ordinator.

Data Protection is covered at every PCC meeting and continually reviewed. Hilary Cooper is the church Data Protection Officer.

Social and Fundraising Committee: Members of this committee arrange fundraising and social events, such as coffee mornings and supper group. Their hard

work catering and organising these events is much appreciated. Money raised is vital towards the costs of running the church. They also organise coffee mornings for charity.

ELECTORAL ROLL

There were 60 names on the Roll in January 2024. During the year there was one death - Gwilym Jacob, and the year ended with 59 on the Roll and 11 of these live outside the village.

Joy Franklin December 2024

CHURCH ATTENDANCE 2024

Palm Sunday – Benefice Service at Narborough, Good Friday – 30, Easter Sunday - 43, Harvest – 18, Remembrance – 100+, Advent Praise – 55, Christingle – 30, Nine Lessons & Carol – 100+, Crib Service – 24, Christmas Eve carols– not held in 2024. Christmas Day – 23. Of the regular services during the rest of the year, average Sunday attendance was 26 attendees. Wednesday morning Holy Communions attracted an average of 8 attendees.

There were many funeral services in church, mostly conducted by Martin Stevenson. There were several baptisms and a wedding.

Parochial Church Council

During 2024, Parochial Church Council met in March, June, September and November and Standing Committee meets a few weeks before each PCC to set the agenda and discuss matters for ratification at P.C.C. There was a Finance and Property Meeting in November 2024. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held in April 2024.

A detailed, independently examined, breakdown of the church financial situation can be seen on the accompanying Financial Statement and Accounts.

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT 2024

2024 was blown in by very high winds damaging property and uprooting trees that distributed their branches over gardens and roads. The church did not escape, although our damage was at a minimum in comparison to some properties. Ridge and roof tiles on both the porch and chancel roof needed attention. Steve Mills, roofer, refitted and replaced damaged tiles and cleaned the gutters for us.

One of the largest expenses of the year was the Five-Year Electrical check. New fuse boxes were fitted in the vestry and in the Bunning Hall. The new boxes appeared to be “slim lined” in comparison with the old, outdated ones but a 5p coin is still required to open the front door of each box as they don't have keys! All electrical equipment used in church underwent the annual PAT test.

The church porch was redecorated, paid for by a family, in memory of a loved one, and looks lovely.

All the other annual maintenance tests have been carried out and the Faraday Cage was tested by Thunderbolt. Various certificates can be viewed on the porch notice board.

Some of the old church records are still available in the metal safe in the small vestry. The majority are kept at the Record Offices in Wigston. It was fortuitous, therefore, that when I was contacted by the nephew of the late Dorothy Arnold - who once owned the haberdashery shop in the Nook - I was able to find the information that was requested!

The Remembrance Service was well attended not only by adults but by the uniformed organisations as well. Eric Leese liaised with Cosby Parish Council and the march round the village and church service followed the same pattern as in the previous year but without the rain. The sound system supplied by the Council allowed everyone to hear and participate in the outdoor part of the service and many continued inside the church for the rest of the morning.

The Fund-Raising campaign commenced in November when all the houses in Cosby received an invitation to become a Friend of Cosby Church. This will be an on-going fund-raiser with pamphlets being displayed at all future events. A "progress" card will be sent to all contributors near Eastertime together with thanks for their support.

The Quinquennial was undertaken in October, and we now await the results. It will cost over £1100. It is a very thorough and detailed report. I am very grateful that I didn't have to climb or crawl through some of the areas that the architect investigated!

We remain on very good terms with the other churches of All Saints in Narborough and St. Peters in Whetstone. Alongside our Team Services on the fifth Sunday, we try to support the various social fund-raising events that each church plans. The churchwardens meet frequently for coffee and a chat to discuss any special services or problems that have arisen. It's a good way of gauging how each church is coping in a very difficult time of change.

We have been extremely fortunate in continuing to have a Communion Service regularly. We are very grateful to the Rev. David Faulks who has made Whetstone and Cosby his places of worship on a Sunday morning. We have also welcomed the Rev. Sue Frost, the Rev. David Jennings and the Rev. Carol Lacey to take our services when he was unavailable. Thanks, must also go to Chris Newton and Susan Gutteridge, at Whetstone, who have "found" clergy when needed and have produced the rotas that have made life so much easier!

We have managed to come through a challenging year, where the future of St. Michael's church lacks clarity. However, I would like to thank you all for your support, loyalty and patience over the past months. I have greatly appreciated the help of our Lay Readers - with Eric's return in good health - and to Martin who is always so willing to contribute to the many aspects of our church life.

THANK YOU EVERYONE.

May the Lord be with you always.

Sue Lee

FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2024

Members of the Committee met on 28th October 2024 when the Fees, end-of-year donations and Budget for 2025 were discussed. Their recommendations were considered by the P.C.C. members on 11th November 2024 and approved.

Table of Statutory Fees for 2025 came out at the end of 2024. The total fee for a **Wedding in Church** would be £936 but there could be various reductions if certain services were not required. The total fee for a **Funeral Service in Church** would be £439 with deductions if the heating and organ were not required. **Burial in a cemetery or cremation immediately preceding or following on from a service in church** would be £35. **Burial of Ashes** in the churchyard at another time would attract a fee of £198. For a **Service only at the crematorium** the fees totalled £234 (but if a crematorium had fixed different charges those would apply). **Burial Certificate issued at time of burial** £19. Fee for a **Memorial Service** would be £284.

Local Fees for Weddings and Funerals

Organist – no increase, remains at **£75**

Verger – increase from £45 to **£50**

Heating (October to Easter) – increase from £70 to **£80**

Bells – no increase, remains at **£150** (£25 to each of six ringers)

Choir – on application.

Donations have been made to:- This year, plate collections/donations to **Children's Society** (Christingle and Coffee morning, **British Legion** (Remembrance) - £176.02. **Save the Children** - £67 (Cosby Churches Together service at St Michaels'); **Historic Churches Trust** (Ride and Stride - £578.75 was received back, **Lutterworth and Villages Foodbank** £170 (Harvest). **Kimbilio** - £300 approx. **Scleroderma Society** - £50.

Gifts of fruit and vegetables are given out at Harvest to those known to the church in the village who are having a difficult time.

Salvation Army Toy Collection – this is organised by Linda and Martin Stevenson each year and is very well supported.

The Church Treasurer, Brian Woodcock, reported towards the end of 2024 that we were £10,000 short and needed to raise approximately £1000 per month. Total receipts in 2024 - £50,182. Payments out - £54,495.

The Quinquennial Inspection took place in October, and although it was largely positive, there is work to be done on the church building.

The 5-yearly electrical inspection in 2024 cost around £5000.

The annual Book and Puzzle Sale has provided very useful funds. At Christmas a Christmas Tree Festival in December 2024 organised by Helen Stevenson was very enjoyable and successful. As well as being very good fundraising events, it was great to see so many people from the village and further afield coming along to both.

A letter was sent out to all regular givers to thank them for supporting the church so faithfully and generously at a financially challenging time.

A Generous Giving Campaign in the form of Friends of Cosby Church was launched in 2024 as an ongoing project. A leaflet put together by a small team was distributed to every household in the village in October.

We paid £16,000 to the Diocese for our Parish Contribution in 2024 which was £7,000 short of our pledge of £23,000.

For 2025 our Parish Contribution pledge is £12,000.

Accounts are independently examined by accountant Samantha Cox.

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT 2024

It seems possible that there will only be two meetings a year going forward.

At the meeting of 21st February 2024 the main topic was, 'Growing Vocations', a title which could have several meanings either in the sense of vocations which were growing, or more like in this case, parishes being proactive in the organisation of their ministry. The speaker explained it as the calling of all God's People to possible lay ministry, which is being encouraged in the diocese to alleviate the lack of ordained ministers, and to provide leaders for the new Minister groups.

At the September meeting, the speaker was Philip Leach, at late notice.

There was a slight increase in giving in 2023, but less in 2024, but none of this has kept up with the effects of inflation.

The Diocese has reduced expenditure by stopping any recruitment of staff and the book shop has closed. St. Martin's House is now closed to the public and rooms let to generate revenue. Philip Leach felt:

- Parishes were too linked to their buildings - church could take place anywhere, which doesn't cover the difficulties of preserving historical churches.
- Reserves should be spent - some parishes have large reserves.

This raised various points:

- If ministry is to be put at the top of the priority list and buildings secondary, is it suggested that the buildings should close? Is that what will happen?
- The point was made that cutting clergy numbers was not the best idea, as in parishes where there was an incumbent, giving was higher.
- How financially successful did it seem the first Minster community seem to be? Some improvement in total giving but still not covering the expenses.
- Many parishes were struggling to raise the money to pay the Parish Contribution.

Jan Wyllie

SAFEGUARDING REPORT 2024

All relevant policies were reviewed and accepted by the PCC in November 2024, and displayed as required in the church, as was the information poster at the back of the church.

DBS checks were renewed when needed.

Hilary Cooper and Jan Wyllie took part in the Safeguarding Leadership Pathway (VSLT) which was considered necessary by the Diocese because we have no incumbent. It is a lengthy course, consisting of an online workbook and two two-hour ZOOM meetings. The main content is to train people in the recognition and management of safeguarding in the church setting.

Basic, foundation and domestic abuse training will be required for all PCC members in 2026, as it will be three years since it was completed and must be renewed every three years.

Now that the bell-ringers have started meeting again on a regular basis, I approached Sarah Freer in her role as Bell-tower Captain to check the main points of safeguarding cover in this activity. There is a minor attending training, but she is always accompanied by a parent.

I followed the visit with a letter outlining the main points and asked for confirmation that these were in place. To date I have not had a reply.

It came to my attention recently that formal P.C.C. agreement for activities is very important for insurance purposes. This came to light during 2024 with a request from the Methodist Church to use the Bunning Hall for children's activity meetings. I did approach the diocesan safeguarding team for clarification, but it became unnecessary to pursue this further as the MC decided not to continue with their plans.

DATA PROTECTION REPORT 2024

Data Protection appears on the agenda at all PCC meetings during the year. As new contacts come our way, they are given a copy of the Data Privacy Notice and a Data Collection Form as required by General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Those who send out emails to many contacts, some of whom may not be members of the church, have been asked to use the BCC (Blind Carbon Copy) feature to ensure email addresses are kept private.

Data Protection is less onerous a task for us than it is for a larger church which may hold many contact details on a database. But we still need to take care that we are keeping records for legitimate purposes and dispensing with them when they are no longer needed or when it is requested that we do so.

Hilary Cooper

PASTORAL REPORT 2024

We have again been supporting Lutterworth Food Bank where people bring to church tins and packets all through the year, but at Harvest we had a special Harvest collection to help with the rent on the building they use and raised £170. The packets and tins we received went to Lutterworth Food Bank. We are told they are desperate for food etc. now.

At Christmas, we continued with the toy collection for the children and gift sets for the teenagers for the Salvation Army Toy Collection. This enables children to have a toy or gift set who probably would not get a gift without our help. Apparently, the Salvation Army in Hinckley area was able to help 475 children, which represented 240 families. Each child was able to have 3-4 presents as well as stocking fillers to open on Christmas morning. Also, during the year, we helped out with clothes for the homeless.

During 2024, we sent out our usual Easter and Christmas cards, and at Harvest we sent out 7 gifts to people who are housebound, ill, or bereaved.

We would still like to hear about people or families who need help in any way so we can possibly make a visit or send a card. If you hear of anyone, please let someone know.

We are still able to offer a lift to people who needed a lift to church or appointments, and we were also able to offer people meals who needed a bit of extra help.

Thank you to all people in 2024 who went on one or more of the many rotas.

Linda Stevenson

CHOIR REPORT 2024

2024 saw the Choir continuing to rehearse every week and sing for the Communion services on the first Sunday of each month. We were also pleased to be able to sing for some of the special services, in particular Remembrance, Advent and the Nine Lessons. As always, I ensured that we performed a range of music over those services, from the 13th to the 21st centuries.

It was very good to again see an increase in the congregation for The Nine Lessons and Carols this year – gradually getting back towards the sorts of numbers we used to see before the Pandemic with the Church almost full. Unfortunately, we were unable to sing at Christmas Eve due to timing and the absence of some members of the Choir.

We again put on a successful summer concert, 'Fun and Games' which coincided with the theme of the Yarn Bomb. We were very grateful to Anne de Graeve who accompanied us on the piano, and Martin Stevenson and the team who helped with the refreshments and logistics. We are hoping to put on another concert this year.

As always, the members of the Choir have been working very hard, often rehearsing the music at home in order to make sure that they get it right and they have, I believe, performed really well. Thanks are also due to Martin Barstow who plays the organ for our sung services and, likewise, works very hard to produce music of a high standard.

As noted for the last few years, I am sorry to say that the future looks increasingly challenging. St Michael's is very rare in having a choir that can regularly perform 4-part, unaccompanied music: aside from the Cathedral and St James in the City, there are now almost none across the whole of the County. We have to be very aware, though, that the Choir is getting older and we are gradually losing members: we are now reduced to eleven. Also, several of us have children/grandchildren who live away from Cosby and so there are quite often weekends when some of us are away catching up with our families which means we cannot sing the range of music that we used to. We will do our best to continue to support the services and produce good music over the coming year but I must admit that, without new members who can sing, the long-term future does not look very bright.

Jon Scott March 2025

BELL RINGERS' REPORT 2023

After a relatively quiet start to the year things are beginning to improve for the Cosby band of ringers.

At the start of the year (2024) we were not having any regular practice nights due to lack of numbers and I was joining the Enderby band on a Monday for their

practice night. For the last few months of the year though they have been coming to ring at Cosby on the first Monday of the month. A few of our other Cosby ringers have also been able to join us on occasion. One of the Enderby ringers, Phil Staples, has also been kind enough to make us a “rope warmer” – a tall wooden box which the ropes go into, making them much more supple to ring in the cold weather. It is a joy to ring our new ropes when they are suitably supple.

In October, I started working with Sarah Catherall from Whetstone to teach some new ringers for Cosby. Whilst this is a huge learning curve for me, Sarah has been very supportive and we now have 4 learners making good progress. Most of the learning is taking place at Whetstone as the bells are easier to handle, and can also be easily silenced so that the village doesn't hear them. The learners have had some sessions at Cosby too and the aim is for at least some of them to be ringing rounds at Cosby for Easter 2025.

We have not managed to ring for services in 2024 but have rung for the one wedding and have also had a visiting band of ringers.

As far as I am aware the bells and frame are in good condition.

Here's to 2025 and our new ringers to boost the Cosby band.

Sarah Freer Tower Captain Feb 2025

MESSY CHURCH REPORT 2024

Messy Church resumed in February with a session entitled “Bee-attitudes”. The difficult to explain theme of the Beatitudes was capably handled by Hazel Tingle. Thankfully, the bee-themed crafts were easier to arrange.

In March it was Messy Easter which was well-attended. We read some of the Easter story and showed some on DVD. Crafts included an Easter flower arrangement, a Holy Week cross and an Easter Garden of Gethsemane.

In April we had the Story of the Feeding of the 5000 and, in May, the Parable of the Good Samaritan. The latter was a rather chaotic session where many present did not engage with the story or the craft activities.

In June we had a very enjoyable session which included a tour of the church based on a very successful quiz devised by Di Scott. The weather was reasonable after a wet start, so we had a picnic behind the Bunning Hall.

This concluded Messy Church after about 12 years. During the Summer we decided not to carry on. It was a difficult decision in some ways but not in others. None of us is getting any younger and some are very busy with other commitments, especially as we do not have an incumbent. We have had some very faithful attendees but, since the pandemic, we seem to have lost momentum regarding attendance, and very few parents and children from Cosby come along. But overall, it has been a great journey over the years, and I cannot adequately express my thanks to all the helpers, many of whom have been with us since the start. It was hoped to carry on with Easter and Christmas Messy Churches during the

holidays, although Christmas is often difficult with the schools breaking up late. This hasn't been ruled out for the future.

Family Fun Day - We held our ever-popular annual Fun Day again in September and it was well attended by over 100 parents and children. Thankfully it wasn't as hot as in 2023 and we were able to have activities outside as well as indoors.

As well as the bouncy castle we had a sandpit and also Kwik cricket organised by Tony Cooper. We welcomed back Richard the Juggler and yet again children and adults enjoyed doing new tricks.

Indoors, the craft tables were kept very busy with the very popular "Design Your Own T-Shirt" and many other activities. With all that was going on, there was still time for adults to enjoy tea and cake and the children, pop and ice-lollies.

Hilary Cooper

SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING REPORT 2024

In 2024 we did some of the usual events and a couple of new things. The pre-owned/loved sale in January did well. Bill and Elaine did a quiz one evening in April to raise funds for church. The Book and Puzzle sale again went really well with loads of books and plenty of customers. Whilst the Yarn Bomb was on we held a community café with some stalls which was very successful. Then in December, Helen Stevenson organised a Christmas Tree Festival which was also a great success with lots of visitors to the church. During the year we raised around £5,130 from these events.

As there are only six of us on the committee, it is nice when someone offers to do something for us. Without help from family and friends it would be hard to do what we do manage to do. We really could do with some new people to help us so if you fancy joining us please get in touch. We need you!

Many thanks to all who do help, all on the committee, Ros Clark for the book sale, Bill and Elaine for the quiz, The Yarn Bomb, Helen Stevenson, Linda and Martin for the Christmas Tree festival.

Alison Norman

SUPPER EVENING 2024

We meet up to six times a year for an enjoyable evening for a very enjoyable evening of shared food and chat. Numbers have dropped a little but we all enjoy these evenings so are carrying on for the time being. We meet at a different home each time. In August David and I host a BBQ, then in December we went to Jan and Philip's home. We had some money left over from the BBQ so managed to get a small gift for each of us. We also do a charity draw, each paying £1 and when we have £50 in the pot we draw a charity out of the box. We would like to welcome anyone who would like to come along. Have a word with Alison Norman.

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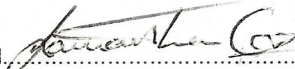
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Signed



Date

16/2/2025



28 April 2025

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Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December 2024

General Fund - Receipts and Payments Account

Receipts	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources from Donors				
Stewardship envelopes, income under covenants & Gift Aid	18662		18182	
Bequests	0		3000	
Church collections	1939		1474	
Income tax recovered (Gift Aid)	5259		5382	
Interest on Income tax recovered	36		40	
		25896		28078
Other Voluntary Incoming Resources				
Donations to Funds (see Note 3)	2646		4072	
Donations to Bunning Hall Upkeep	270		128	
Donations for Good Causes	625		921	
Grants for Church Restoration	1121		470	
Grants for Bunning Hall	0		0	
		4662		5590
Activities for Generating Funds				
Book & Puzzle Sale	1364		1107	
Flower Festival	0		135	
Ride or Stride	998		737	
Concerts (Style Concert/Sing Christmas)	106		120	
Coffee Mornings/Afternoon Tea	300		230	
Children's Society Box Opening/Christingle etc	321		396	
Christmas Coffee Morning	783		781	
Bills Quiz/Event Quiz/Christmas Quiz	580		1	
Christmas Tree event inc surprise presents	421		0	
Parish Breakfast/Soups & Puds etc	421		176	
Miscellaneous Fund raising	329		58	
Cards/Mugs/Church History etc (See Note 2)	44		40	
Spring Fayre	879		675	
Yarn Bomb event café	679		0	
		7225		4455
Income from Investments				
Building Society Interest	1347		471	
Bank Deposit Account Interest	57		48	
Bunning Hall Fund Deposit Account Interest	13		5	
		1416		525
Other ordinary Incoming Resources				
Sale of Magazine - Discontinued	0		16	
Printing	0		3	
Fees from Wedding and Funerals	1499		2891	
Insurance Claim	0		0	
		1499		2910
Church Hall				
Sundry Lettings	9484		11578	
		9484		11578
Total Receipts		50182		53136

St Michael and All Angels' Church, Cosby, Leicester - Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December 2024

General Fund - Receipts and Payments Account - Continued

Payments

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Donations and Grants				
Donations to Missions and Relief Agencies & Other Charitable Organisations	2268		2036	
Other Charitable Giving (See Note 3)	35		35	
Grants				
		2303		2071
Activities Directly Relating to the Work of the Church				
Fund raising expenses	268		26	
Diocesan Parish Contribution	16000		22032	
Wedding and Funeral Expenses	0		590	
Ministry expenses - includes Travel, Telephone Charges & Internet Line	221		500	
Religious Education	45		173	
Out Reach	225		347	
Upkeep of Services	294		536	
Insurances including roof security	5083		3487	
Fabric Repairs and Maintenance inc Organ	2240		5747	
Church Grounds/Garden	888		983	
Electricity	6214		7351	
Fire/Quinquennial Inspection	870		0	
		32348		41772
Church Management and Administration				
Books, printing and stationery	122		74	
Miscellaneous Expenses	675		902	
Magazine Expenses	0		0	
Risograph Expenses	284		671	
New Printer	0		0	
		1081		1647
Church Hall				
Gas	2158		3633	
Electricity	1064		1351	
Water Rates	208		181	
Insurances	1081		1043	
Furniture	0		0	
Repairs	1608		1497	
Cleaning Expenses	1200		1307	
Miscellaneous Expenses	433		390	
Ground Maintenance	800		900	
		8551		10300
Major Capital Expenditure				
Major repair costs to church building inc redecoration	6432		1350	
Major repairs to church hall inc redecoration	3780		0	
		10212		1350
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Unaccounted funds		
Cash in Hand, Bank and Building Society accounts as at 1st January (see note 4)	53426	57430
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		£	£
General Fund - Monetary Assets			
Floats/Cash in Hand		32	37
A&L Bank Accounts	:- Current Account	2373	807
	:- Business Deposit Account	7771	4041
	:- Bunning Hall Fund	758	877
Coventry Building Society Investment Account		38181	47664
	1	<u>49114</u>	<u>53426</u>
Debtors			
Prepayments		0	120
		<u>0</u>	<u>120</u>
Accruals - Liabilities			
Other Expenses		1233	161
Electricity		878	2147
Gas		195	277
		<u>2306</u>	<u>2586</u>

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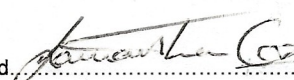
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ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS, COSBY

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 2024



ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH, COSBY

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

OF THE

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

(ON SEPARATE DOCUMENT)

Bank:

Santander

Bootle

Merseyside

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Building Society:

Coventry Building Society

Coventry

CV3 2TQ

Independent Examiner:

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ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING REPORT

BACKGROUND

St Michael and All Angels P.C.C. has the responsibility in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the church of St Michael and All Angels, Cosby and for the Bunning Memorial Hall, Main Street, Cosby.

MEMBERSHIP

Members of the P.C.C. are either ex-officio or elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. During the year, the following served as members of the P.C.C.

Incumbent: **Reverend Stewart Betts (to August 2023)**

Readers: **Mr Eric Leese ***
Mr Martin Stevenson

Churchwardens: **Mrs Susan Lee**
Mrs Christine Newton

Representative on the Deanery Synod:
Mrs Janice Wyllie

***Elected members:** **Mrs Hilary Cooper – P.C.C. Secretary**
Mr Brian Woodcock – P.C.C. Treasurer
Mrs Joy Franklin
Mrs Winifred Furborough
Mrs Jean Graham
Mrs Linda Stevenson – Pastoral Care

*** In accordance with the Resolution passed at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2008 Parochial Church Members are elected on a three year cycle.**

*** Lay Reader, Mr Eric Leese, did not wish to serve on the P.C.C.**

COMMITTEES

The P.C.C. operates through a number of committees and teams which meet as required between full meetings of the P.C.C. All recommendations from such committees are decided by the P.C.C.

Standing Committee: This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the P.C.C. between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council.

Finance and Property Committee: This committee oversees the general financial dimension of the work of St. Michael and All Angels by monitoring income and expenditure, budgeting and regularly reviewing all matters relating to finance. It also oversees matters relating to the stewardship of plant, such as the Church and the Bunning Memorial Hall, and the fabric of both buildings, although much of this work is undertaken under the direction of the Churchwardens.

Pastoral Concerns: As evident from the report, many members of the congregation do a wonderful job pastorally to ensure those in need are contacted by visits, phone calls and the taking round of gifts from the church when appropriate to do so. Linda Stevenson oversees Pastoral Care.

Baptism, Wedding and Funeral Policies are reviewed annually, changes made as necessary and adopted by P.C.C.

Wedding and Funeral fees were reviewed and non-statutory charges revised. Marriage registration requirements changed in May 2021 with Register offices now responsible for the registration of marriages and issuing of certificates. Our registers and certificate books were deposited – the registers have been closed and we were able to keep one copy for research purposes.

Health and Safety Policy is reviewed annually and changes made as necessary. No changes were made to the policy in 2023. We review arrangements post-Covid at each PCC meeting.

Safeguarding Policy is covered at every PCC meeting and reviewed and updated annually in line with guidance from Leicester Diocese. Janice Wyllie is the church Safeguarding Officer.

Data Protection is covered at every PCC meeting and continually reviewed. Hilary Cooper is the church Data Protection Officer.

Social and Fundraising Committee: Members of this committee arrange fundraising and social events, such as coffee mornings and supper group. Their hard work catering and organising these events is much appreciated. Money raised is vital towards the costs of running the church. They also organise coffee mornings for charity.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Electoral Roll Report 2023

There were 63 names on the Roll in January 2023. During the year there were three deaths - Harold Anthony (Tony) Durance, Joy Crabbe and Raymond Allen Franklin. The year ended with 60 persons on the Roll and 11 of these live outside the village.

Joy Franklin December 2023

Attendance at Services 2023

Palm Sunday – 39, Good Friday – 44, Easter Sunday - 36, Harvest – 25, Remembrance – 100+, Advent Praise – 46, Christingle – 19, Nine Lessons & Carol – 100+, Crib Service – 42, Christmas Eve carols– 78. Christmas Day – 23. Of the regular services during the rest of the year, average Sunday attendance was 26 attendees. Wednesday morning Holy Communions attracted an average of 10 attendees.

Funeral Services numbered 10 included those held for Tony Durance and Burton Graham. There were several baptisms and weddings.

Parochial Church Council

During 2023, Parochial Church Council met in March, June, September and November and Standing Committee meets a few weeks before each PCC to set the agenda and discuss matters for ratification at PCC. There was a Finance and Property Meeting in November 2023. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held in April 2023.

A detailed, independently examined, breakdown of the church financial situation can be seen on the accompanying Financial Statement and Accounts.

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT 2023

A considerable amount of work has to be done yearly in the Bunning Hall to maintain the high levels of safety for the hall users.

P.A.T testing of all the electrical equipment, the checking of fire extinguishers, central heating, dishwasher and the gas cooker and extractor fan are checked, and the appropriate certificates are displayed on the Notice Board. All electrical equipment in the Church was also checked as well as Fire Extinguishers. Guttering around the church was cleaned by Steve Mills from Croft in March. It was during the inspection of the lightning conductor- by Thunderbolt- that a fault was found in the area on the chimney of the vestry. Remedial work had to be undertaken. Whilst this was in progress the workman capped both chimneys thus preventing debris or birds falling down the cavities.

E-Bound Security tested the roof alarm in September, and up-dated the modem at no cost to the Church.

The shock announcement by Rev Stewart Betts in June that he would leaving the Benefice in August left us all slightly unsure of the future. However, thanks to the very hard work of the Church Wardens and Lay Readers of all three churches we have been able to continue with a range of Sunday Services. We have been very grateful to the retired clergy who have visited us so enabling Communion Services to take place.

Permission was granted in April 2023 to extend The Garden of Remembrance allowing fifty more plots to be available for the interment of ashes.

The Remembrance Service in November went ahead as planned after a meeting between the Church and Parish Council. A plan was devised but unfortunately the actual morning was very wet and not all the plans could be achieved. However, most people decided to come into Church and remained dry. The Service was well received, and it was heartening to see members of the young Uniformed Clubs, bringing their standards and attending with their Leaders.

2023 has not been an easy year, but we have all pulled together and tried to make the Church a place of welcome for all who enter, and we thank-you so much for all the help and support you have given us during this year of change.

Susan Lee and Chris Newton

FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2023

Members of the Committee met on 6th November 2023 when the Fees, end-of-year Donations and Budget for 2024 were discussed. Their recommendations were considered by the P.C.C. members on 20th November 2023 and approved.

Table of Statutory Fees for 2024 came out at the end of 2023 with fees increasing by 5%. The total fee for a **Wedding in Church** would be £912 but there could be various reductions if certain services were not required. The total fee for a **Funeral Service in Church** would be £423 with deductions if the heating and organ were not required. **Burial in a cemetery or cremation immediately preceding or following on from a service in church** would be £34. **Burial of Ashes** in the churchyard at another time would attract a fee of £192. For a **Service only at the crematorium** the fees totalled £228 (but if a crematorium had fixed different charges those would apply). **Burial Certificate issued at time of burial** £18. **Funeral Service in Premises belonging to Funeral Director** £228. **Cremation preceding or following Funeral Service in Premises of Funeral Director** £34.

Fee for a **Memorial Service** would be £278 – largely as laid down by the Archbishop's Council – plus any optional fees.

Local Fees for Weddings and Funerals

Organist – no increase, remains at **£75**

Verger – increase from £45 to **£50**

Heating (October to Easter) – increase from £60 to **£70**

Bells – no increase, remains at **£150** (£25 to each of six ringers)

Choir – on application.

Donations have been made to:- Royal British Legion, Kimbilio, Children's Society, Leicestershire Historic Churches, Lutterworth and Villages Foodbank, Loros, Sightsavers and Medecins Sans Frontiers Earthquake Appeal in Turkey/Syria.

There was an in-depth discussion about our financial position. The Church Treasurer, Brian Woodcock, said that in 2023 we were £6000 short and in 2024 this is likely to increase to £8,500. We need to increase our regular giving having lost givers over the years and gained few. We will invite Philip

Leech from Leicester Diocese to a meeting in February 2024 to which the congregation will be invited to discuss a Generous Giving Campaign.

The **Budget** for 2024 was prepared by Brian Woodcock. We paid £22,032 to the Diocese for our Parish Contribution in 2023 which was the amount agreed upon in 2022.

The financial situation in Leicester Diocese is serious with a significant shortfall meaning fewer stipendiary clergy. We try to give generously with our Parish Contribution mindful of our own financial situation.

We received a donation and a legacy from the estates of Peter Wakely and Joy Sellers the latter which went towards the upkeep the Garden of Remembrance, a peaceful place appreciated by church and community.

Hilary Cooper

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT 2023

Jane Micklethwaite is Area Dean and Nigel Byard, Deputy Area Dean. The main discussion topic in 2023 was the state of Diocesan Finance:

- The diocese has been in persistent deficit for at least five years worsened by Covid.
- A general drop in numbers leading to a lower level of income to parishes.
- Costs are rising.
- The assets are largely in building such as vicarages and other buildings.
- There is only £20m available to fund the deficit. Other assets are income only.
- An increase in income is necessary due to Parish Contributions are sinking rapidly, and inflation.
- There is a funding gap of £2.2m.

The Diocese produced an interesting document from the questions and answer sessions held by the deaneries. Here are a couple of questions from discussions at Guthlaxton Deanery Synod:

Q Multi-parish benefices in long-term vacancy need leadership to co-ordinate and motivate giving. Telling such groups to WAIT only breeds despondency. What leadership is being offered in the short to medium term?

A All benefices in vacancy receive support through the Archdeacons and Area Deans. In the vast majority of cases there are other ministers who contribute to the ongoing leadership in ministry and mission while an incumbent post is

vacant. This includes self-supporting clergy and licensed lay ministers working alongside church officers.

Q What is the expectation for parishes who have no incumbent? Parishes may be happy to pay much more -which comes first? Pay for a priest and get one – or get a priest and then pay? Rather like chicken and egg.

A We work on the principle that Parish Contributions should cover the cost of ministry. Even if there is not a stipendiary incumbent in post, there is still a cost to the other ministry within the benefice and for the specific support provided during vacancy. This is alongside the important principle that Parish Contribution payments are to the “common purse”, as an outworking of our belonging together to the diocesan family – it is not a transactional system. It is important that parishes continue to pay Parish Contributions during periods of incumbent vacancy.

The treasurer of Guthlaxton Deanery reported a healthy balance in both accounts and encouraged parishes to apply for funding for events or resources. At Cosby we received a helpful grant towards Family Fun Day 2023.

Janice Wyllie

SAFEGUARDING REPORT 2023

All relevant policies have been updated and accepted. They are displayed and stored in the usual places in church, and copies sent to the Safeguarding Team, as requested.

- One point on the safeguarding questionnaire needs attention: that ‘the hire agreements for church premises contain the appropriate provisions and arrangements made by hirers are verified by obtaining a copy of relevant documents’. I would like to suggest that when an organisation wants to hire the hall we should ask them for a copy of their Safeguarding Policy
- Training for all PCC members is 99% complete. Leadership Training is required for Church Wardens, the Messy Church leader and the Safeguarding Co-ordinator. No suitable dates were available but new dates for 2024 will be available.
- The DBS’s which were outstanding were renewed 2023.
- Carolyn Joseph agreed to be the Lead Recruiter for Cosby and Whetstone. Carolyn and I will liaise when necessary.

- The action plan reflects these points
- I attended the Safeguarding Co-ordinators Conference on November 4th on ZOOM. The guest speaker spoke about what we can do to empower children to feel safe in church, which mainly involved making sure that notices with relevant information are displayed in places suitable for children.
- Although much of the input was not relevant in our church setting, it highlighted the need for appropriate safeguarding advice for the demographic we have, but also the availability of Domestic Abuse literature in the Bunning Hall as well as the church itself.

Jan Wyllie

DATA PROTECTION REPORT 2023

Data Protection appears on the agenda at all PCC meetings during the year. As new contacts come our way, they are given a copy of the Data Privacy Notice and a Data Collection Form as required by General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Those who send out emails to a large number of people, some of whom may not be members of the church, have been asked to use the BCC (Blind Carbon Copy) feature to ensure email addresses are kept private.

Hilary Cooper

PASTORAL REPORT 2023

During 2023 we sent out our usual Easter and Christmas cards and at Harvest we sent out 9, gifts to people who are housebound, ill or who have been bereaved. The packets and tins we received went to the Lutterworth Food Bank who are desperate for food etc. at the moment.

At Christmas we continued with the toy collection for the children and gift sets for the teenagers, for the Salvation Army Toy Collection. This enables children to have a toy or gift set who probably would not have got a gift without our help. Apparently, the Salvation Army in Hinckley area where we send our gifts are helping about 165 families. Also this year we have provided woolly hats, scarves and gloves for the benefit of the homeless in Hinckley. We would still like to hear about people or families who need help in any way, so we can possibly make a visit or send a card. If you hear of anyone please let someone know.

We were still able to offer a lift to people who needed a lift to church or

appointments and we were also able to offer people meals who needed a bit of extra help.

Thank you to all the people in 2023 who went on one or more of the many rotas.

Linda Stevenson

BIBLE STUDY GROUP 2023

The joint Cosby Whetstone discussion group met through the autumn months. The theme was 'What kind of book is the bible?' Should we place the bible on our nature shelf, alongside our history books, with our volumes on the law, or with our poetry collections? Twelve members joined the group and we discussed the issues and prayed. Thanks to all who took part.

Eric Leese

CHOIR REPORT 2023

2023 saw the Choir continuing to rehearse every week and sing for the Communion services on the first Sunday of each month. We were also pleased to be able to sing for some of the special services, in particular Remembrance, Advent, Nine Lessons and Carols and the Christmas Eve service. As always, I ensured that we performed a range of music over those services, from the 13th to the 21st centuries.

It was very good to see the increased congregation for The Nine Lessons and Carols this year – gradually getting back towards the sorts of numbers we used to see before the Pandemic. Thanks go to Ros Clark for promoting the Carol Service in place of the cancelled 'Sing Christmas'. We were unable to hold a Christmas Eve Communion service at Cosby this year but did not want there to be nothing to mark the evening. As an experiment we ran 'Carols for Cosby', which was an informal hour of carol singing with a mix of the traditional congregational carols and choir carols. The event was publicised on some of the local media and it was amazing to see the large number of people who came along. We will plan to organise a similar event for next Christmas.

Two other special events for the Choir were singing for the christening of my Grandson, Walter, and the summer concert, 'You'll Never Walk Alone' which was on the theme of songs of travel. As always we are very grateful to Anne de Graeve who accompanied us on the piano, and Martin and the team who

helped with the refreshments and logistics. We are currently planning for another concert this summer, which will coincide with the Cosby Yarn Bomb and have the same theme – ‘Fun & Games!’. The possible date is Saturday July 20th but we will organise more publicity once that is confirmed – do bring your friends!

As always, the members of the Choir have been working very hard, often rehearsing the music at home in order to make sure that they get it right and they have, I believe, performed really well. Thanks are also due to Martin Barstow who plays the organ for our sung services and, likewise, works very hard to produce music of a high standard.

As noted for the last two years, I am sorry to say that the future look is challenging. St Michael's is very rare in having a choir that can regularly perform 4-part, unaccompanied music: aside from the major Churches in the City such as the Cathedral and St James, there are now almost none across the County. We have to be very aware, though, that the Choir is getting older and we are gradually losing members. Also, several of us have children/grandchildren who live away from Cosby and so there are quite often weekends when several of us are away catching up with our families. We will do our best to continue to support the services and produce good music over the coming year but I must admit that, without new members who can sing, the long-term future does not look very bright.

Jon Scott March 2024

BELL RINGERS' REPORT 2023

It's been another quiet year for us.

Unfortunately, we have still not had many practices due to the lack of ringers- we have an ageing band with various other commitments now.

We have still managed to ring for any weddings, only two this year, and there have been a couple of visiting bands.

We finally got some new bell ropes in August. (I was originally promised them by Easter) The cost was just under £1,500.00 which included fitting them. £500 was paid out of the bell ringing fund and the rest by the church, I believe aided by a donation from the late Mary Freer for which we are very grateful. Let's hope that 2024 will be a more successful year.

Sarah Freer (Tower Captain) Feb 2024

MESSY CHURCH REPORT 2023

Thankfully, we were able to return to normal this year after the Covid restrictions, although we did cancel the March session due to snow. The themes for the first half of the year were: "Mary and Martha", "Looking after God's World" and, "I will make you Fishers of Men".

At Easter we had a special session one morning during Holy Week and this was especially successful with 24 children and lots of parents attending. We used the Rhyming Bible to tell the story. As well as lots of crafts and a cookery activity, there were props on each craft table, such as bread and 'wine' to illustrate the Last Supper.

In the Autumn, the October session theme was, "Only a Boy named David", where we played a "Knock over Goliath" game and in November the story was, "Man up a Tree – story of Zacchaeus", ably told by Hazel Tingle.

December 2023 was our Messy Christmas where we had Gingerbread nativity Story with themed activities followed by a buffet.

Attendance through the year has been somewhat patchy with an average of around 11 children for each session. We struggle to involve more children from Cosby than we used to. But we have children and their parents/carers from local villages other than Cosby and are pleased to encourage this especially as we are a three-church benefice and we just want children to come along, wherever they are from. It is good to see lots of parents and carers and the atmosphere is good. The children have generally been receptive and keen to take part in the crafts and activities.

As always, I would like to give thanks to God for all the Messy Church helpers – they are very encouraging and supportive as they assist with storytelling, doing the craft activities and producing a lovely meal for all to share each time. We are very pleased that one of the Messy Church regulars, Eden, is now old enough to help on a craft table each session.

Hilary Cooper

FAMILY FUN DAY REPORT 2023

We had our very popular annual Fun Day again in September and it was well attended even though it was 30 degrees, which kept the numbers down on previous Fun Days. But, yet again, it was a very successful afternoon meeting new families and welcoming back familiar faces. We welcomed back Richard the Juggler and yet again children and adults enjoyed doing new tricks. As always, the craft tables were kept very busy with the ever-popular "Design Your Own T-Shirt". With all that was going on, there was still time for adults to enjoy tea and cake and the children, pop and ice-lollies. Then for the children to get rid of some energy we had the bouncy castle. We gave to adults a leaflet informing them of Messy Church dates for the year. Lastly, we shall be doing Family Fun Day again in 2024.

Martin Stevenson

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SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING REPORT 2023

We planned the usual events, but unfortunately had to cancel three due to lack of helpers and illness.

We raised around £1,900 through the year.

The biggest fundraiser is the Book and Puzzle Sale, so a big "thank-you" to Ros and her team of helpers.

The afternoon tea when the Yarn Bomb was on, did not do so well this year. Maybe too many people/churches are doing them now?

On a positive note, we do see new faces coming into events to support us, which is good.

I would like to say a big "thank-you" to all the committee and friends who help us out at events.

SUPPER EVENING 2023

First Friday of every second month, we meet up for supper and a chat, visiting different homes each time. There is always a great variety of food.

We have a BBQ in August and a Christmas get-together, too. All are welcome.

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Signed

Date

22/2/2024

St Michael Church Warden

SAH (Churchwarden)

St Michael & All Angels' Church, Cosby, Leicester
Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December 2023

General Fund - Receipts and Payments Account

Receipts	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources from Donors				
Stewardship envelopes, income under covenants & Gift Aid	18182		17984	
Legacies	3000		1500	
Church collections	1474		1575	
Income tax recovered	5382		4551	
Interest on Income tax recovered	40		1	
		28078		25611
Other Voluntary Incoming Resources				
Donations to Funds (see Note 3)	4072		7014	
Donations to Bunning Hall Upkeep	128		216	
Donations for Good Causes	921		640	
Grants for Church Restoration	470		675	
Grants for Bunning Hall	0		150	
Grants for Energy costs	0		1087	
		5590		9782
Activities for Generating Funds				
Book & Puzzle Sale	1107		1000	
Flower Festival	135		0	
Ride or Stride	737		669	
Concerts (Style Concert/Sing Christmas)	120		350	
Coffee Mornings/Afternoon Tea	230		529	
Children's Society Box Opening/Christingle etc	396		579	
Christmas Coffee Morning	781		639	
Christmas Quiz	1		70	
Plant / Cake Sales	0		0	
Parish Breakfast/Soups & Puds etc	176		0	
Miscellaneous Fund raising	58		73	
Cards/Mugs/Church History etc (See Note 2)	40		0	
Spring Fayre	675		549	
Yarn Bomb Social event	0		0	
		4455		4457
Income from Investments				
Building Society Interest	471		40	
Bank Deposit Account Interest	48		10	
Bunning Hall Fund Deposit Account Interest	5		2	
		525		52
Other ordinary Incoming Resources				
Sale of Magazine (See Note 1)	16		987	
Printing	3		0	
Fees from Wedding and Funerals	2891		4498	
Insurance Claim	0		0	
		2910		5485
Church Hall				
Sundry Lettings	11578		11766	
		11578		11766
Total Receipts		53136		57152

St Michael and All Angels' Church, Cosby, Leicester - Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December 2023

General Fund - Receipts and Payments Account - Continued

Payments	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
Donations and Grants				
Donations to Missions and Relief Agencies & Other Charitable Organisations	2036		2230	
Other Charitable Giving (See Note 3)	35		970	
Grants				
			2071	3200
Activities Directly Relating to the Work of the Church				
Fund raising expenses	26		44	
Diocesan Parish Share	22032		20400	
Wedding and Funeral Expenses, incorporating	590		936	
Ministry expenses - includes Travel, Telephone Charges & Internet Line	500		293	
Religious Education	173		40	
Out Reach	347		470	
Youth Fund	0		0	
Upkeep of Services	536		563	
Insurances	3487		3270	
Fabric Repairs and Maintenance inc Organ	5747		5291	
Church Grounds/Garden	983		883	
Electricity	7351		3583	
Quinquennial Inspection	0		0	
			41772	35774
Church Management and Administration				
Books, printing and stationery	74		627	
Miscellaneous Expenses	902		732	
Magazine Expenses	0		939	
Risograph Expenses	671		168	
New Printer	0		0	
			1647	2466
Church Hall				
Gas	3633		1422	
Electricity	1351		669	
Water Rates	181		122	
Insurances	1043		978	
Furniture			150	
Repairs	1497		1609	
Cleaning Expenses	1307		1396	
Miscellaneous Expenses	390		12	
Ground Maintenance	900		760	
			10300	7117
Major Capital Expenditure				
Major repair costs to church building inc redecoration	1350		0	
Major repairs to church hall inc redecoration	0		0	
			1350	0
Total Payments			57140	48557

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	£	£
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Unaccounted funds		
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Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31st December 2023

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General Fund - Monetary Assets				
Floats/Cash in Hand		37		148
A&L Bank Accounts :- Current Account		807		2503
:- Business Deposit Account		4041		8517
:- Bunning Hall Fund		877		495
		<u>47664</u>		<u>45767</u>
Coventry Building Society Investment Account				
	0	53426		57430

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Debtors		
Prepayments	120	230
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Accruals - Liabilities		0
Other Expenses	161	2147
Electricity	2147	609
Gas	277	
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Note 2

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Note 3

Donations paid made up as follows:

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Restricted Giving		LDG Bell Ringers	35
Kimbilio	140		
The Royal British Legion	223		
Childrens Society	405		
Historic Churches	737		
Loros	50		
MSF Earth Quake Emergency Appeal	110		
Sight Savers	96		
Lutterworth Food Bank	275		
	<u>2036</u>		

Note 4

Note 4

The figures stated include amounts which the PCC has earmarked for the following

As at 31.12.2023

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	£	£
Fabric Repairs Fund (Major items)	26435	24108
Clock Fund	6234	6168
Toilet Fund	6161	6096
Bell Repairs Fund	21	992
Choir Fund	247	244
Organ Fund	3386	3113
Flower Fund	164	291
Church Garden fund	816	420
Hall Stage Curtains	516	510
Other	62	0
Reprographic fund	3624	3824
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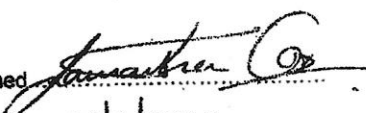
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Restricted Giving		LDG Bell Ringers	35
Kimbilio	140		
The Royal British Legion	223		
Childrens Society	405		
Historic Churches	737		
Loros	50		
MSF Earth Quake Emergency Appeal	110		
Sight Savers	96		
Lutterworth Food Bank	275		
	<u>2036</u>		

Note 4

Note 4

The figures stated include amounts which the PCC has earmarked for the following

As at 31.12.2023

Note 4	As at	As at
The figures stated include amounts which the PCC has earmarked for the following	31.12.2023	31.12.2022
	£	£
Fabric Repairs Fund (Major items)	26435	24108
Clock Fund	6234	6168
Toilet Fund	6161	6096
Bell Repairs Fund	21	992
Choir Fund	247	244
Organ Fund	3386	3113
Flower Fund	164	291
Church Garden fund	816	420
Hall Stage Curtains	516	510
Other	62	0
Reprographic fund	3624	3824
	<u>47664</u>	<u>45767</u>

Accounts

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS, COSBY

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 2023



ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH, COSBY

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

OF THE

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

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ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING REPORT

BACKGROUND

St Michael and All Angels P.C.C. has the responsibility in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the church of St Michael and All Angels, Cosby and for the Bunning Memorial Hall, Main Street, Cosby.

MEMBERSHIP

Members of the P.C.C. are either ex-officio or elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. During the year, the following served as members of the P.C.C.

Incumbent: **Reverend Stewart Betts**

Readers: **Mr Eric Leese ***
Mr Martin Stevenson

Churchwardens: **Mrs Susan Lee**
Mrs Christine Newton

Representative on the Deanery Synod:
Mrs Janice Wyllie

***Elected members:** **Mrs Hilary Cooper – P.C.C. Secretary**
Mr Brian Woodcock – P.C.C. Treasurer
Mrs Joy Franklin
Mrs Winifred Furborough
Mrs Jean Graham
Mrs Linda Stevenson

*** In accordance with the Resolution passed at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2008 Parochial Church Members are elected on a three year cycle.**

*** Lay Reader, Mr Eric Leese, did not wish to serve on the P.C.C.**

COMMITTEES

The P.C.C. operates through a number of committees and teams which meet as required between full meetings of the P.C.C. All recommendations from such committees are decided by the P.C.C.

Standing Committee: This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the P.C.C. between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council.

Finance and Property Committee: This committee oversees the general financial dimension of the work of St. Michael and All Angels by monitoring income and expenditure, budgeting and regularly reviewing all matters relating to finance. It also oversees matters relating to the stewardship of plant, such as the Church and the Bunning Memorial Hall, and the fabric of both buildings, although much of this work is undertaken under the direction of the Churchwardens.

Pastoral Concerns: As evident from the report, many members of the congregation do a wonderful job pastorally to ensure those in need are contacted by visits, phone calls and the taking round of gifts from the church when appropriate to do so.

Baptism, Wedding and Funeral Policies are reviewed annually, changes made as necessary and adopted by P.C.C.

Wedding and Funeral fees were reviewed and non-statutory charges revised. Marriage registration requirements changed in May 2021 with Register offices now responsible for the registration of marriages and issuing of certificates. Our registers and certificate books were deposited – the registers have been closed and we were able to keep one copy for research purposes.

Health and Safety Policy is reviewed annually and changes made as necessary. No changes were made to the policy in 2022.

Safeguarding Policy is covered at every PCC meeting and reviewed and updated annually in line with guidance from Leicester Diocese. Janice Wyllie is the church Safeguarding Officer. See separate report.

Data Protection is covered at every PCC meeting and continually reviewed. See separate report.

Social and Fundraising Committee: Members of this committee arrange fundraising and social events, such as coffee mornings and supper group. Their hard work catering and organising these events is much appreciated. Money raised is vital towards the costs of running the church. They also organise coffee mornings for charity.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Electoral Roll Report 2022

There were 63 names on the Church Electoral Roll in January 2022. During the year no member on the Roll died and there were no additions. Therefore, the year ended with 63 names on the Roll. 11 of these persons were not resident within the parish.

Joy Franklin

Attendance at Services 2022

Easter Sunday - 43, Harvest – 21, Remembrance – 43, Advent Praise – 50, Christingle – 34, Nine Lessons & Carol – 58, Crib Service – 43, Christmas Eve – 35. Christmas Day – 21. Of the regular services during the rest of the year, average Sunday attendance was 24 attendees. Wednesday morning Holy Communion attracted an average of 10 attendees.

Funeral Services included those held for Mary Freer, Margaret Ward, Pam Hutchinson, Arthur White, Margaret McKenzie. There were several baptisms and weddings.

During 2022, Parochial Church Council met in February (Extraordinary meeting), March, June, September and November and Standing Committee meets a few weeks before each PCC to set the agenda and discuss matters for ratification at PCC. There was a Finance and Property Meeting in November 2022. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held in April 2022.

Extraordinary meeting took place following the ongoing process of forming Minster Communities as part of Shaped by God Together. We were asked to commit to the process recognising that anyone appointed to the Benefice of Cosby and Whetstone would see their role change as the process takes shape.

A detailed, independently examined, breakdown of the church financial situation can be seen on the accompanying Financial Statement and Accounts.

VICAR'S REPORT

It seems odd to think that I was only licensed into the new multi - parish set up in September. I had previously been 'Interim Minister' of Cosby and Whetstone from Nov 2020 - Feb - 2021 and then from May 2021 - September 2022. In some ways it was a relief to have had a position officially endorsed. However, the addition of a third parish was going to be a new adaptation for all of us. Between Narborough and Littlethorpe this almost doubled the number of souls in the wider benefice. My family and I are extremely grateful to you for your welcome to us all as we have taken residence within the benefice. I want to acknowledge and thank you all for all you do for this church. Our teams are getting smaller and inevitably older. Thanks are due to the office holders who work tirelessly on keeping things on track and those who have worked hard on the fundraising. I am also grateful to the readers for their support and although we have some issues with the new criteria for license we are working with the diocese to get these renewed.

Family / Children's ministry

We have 5 schools in our area now, I frequently attend St Peter's and Cosby Schools, and have links with Greystoke (Narborough). We have a charge from the Bishop to develop and grow intergenerational communities, this remains a huge challenge as we ponder how to engage with families in our areas. We also have the excellent Church Lads and Church Girls Brigade at Whetstone. Who are extending their links with the church. The band played at the Remembrance Parade and Christingle. Work has begun on a Summer Concert and with agreement of Sarah (Bell Ringer) the Brigade will be visiting the church to have a look at the 'nooks and crannies' etc. Cosby hosts a Messy Church that meets on Fridays monthly and we are grateful for the important work that is done to keep this challenging ministry going and growing. This a brilliant asset to Cosby and the wider team.

So what has happened structurally since we all joined together?

Well, the wardens meet as a team, we discuss and invite feedback from the past events and look forward together. We look at common ground and how to put practices in place that simplify the practicalities of working as a team. We have especially tried to pull together communication and learn to work as a team. We have had some routine and 'one off' team services and want to thank all who have supported the ministry in this church and in the sister churches. We have also had Advent and Lent groups, which have been well

supported. We also had Lent studies for home reflection and 'Holy Week at Home' for those who can't be with us. Christmas was unsustainably demanding and work will be required to reduce the total number of services during this period. The M.A.P was launched and although it is not supposed to replace the magazine it has been appreciated. This and the pulling together of the events team and creation of the combined 'events diary' has further enhanced our communication as a wider benefice. We have a wide range of Easter services and events planned which will hopefully form a spiritually rich period for all who are able to engage.

Wider ministry

Mr Martin Stevenson has inadvertently adapted his ministry as a licensed funeral lay minister. Martin takes services where he has been officially requested and to help out as an option on days when I am not available. Martin has also recently agreed to make himself available for a short Wednesday alternative service on the days when I am on holiday, so we no longer need to cancel services. Mr Eric Leese, has led the afore mentioned Advent and Lent groups. Whilst also maintaining his regular 'All-Age Worship' slot at Cosby and Preaching at Whetstone. The early signs are that the parishes are talking and working together and that needs to be celebrated and built upon. The wider picture of our diocese is a challenge, financially the diocese has been struggling for years and the failure to recover to pre-covid figures, despite redundancies in St Martin's house is a huge issue. Then we continue on the Shaped By God Together pathway, this is going to bring further changes and prayer is required for wisdom in the formation of the 'Minster Communities'. It has been great to welcome a 'Local Pastoral Assistant' to Whetstone and we thank Janet for all she has done. We are also going through the process at Cosby too. I am reminded so often that the 'harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.'

Summary

These are going to an interesting couple of years ahead as we seek to continue to grow in our discipleship and commitment to growing God's Kingdom. We can only achieve this by uniting under the banner of Christ, supporting, working with and encouraging one another. I urge you please to hold all these things in prayer and engage with God. We see that there are successes to rejoice in and challenges to bring before the Lord in prayer as we continue to commit ourselves to see God's Kingdom come.

Reverend Stewart Betts – March 2023

CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT FOR 2022

A considerable amount of work needs to be done each year to ensure the smooth running of the church and the Bunning Hall.

Some of this is routine testing such as PAT testing of electrical equipment, checking fire extinguishers, central heating, dishwasher and gas cooker servicing, church roof alarm and lightning conductor. There are often issues in the Bunning Hall with the kitchen and the year was no exception with the gas cooker and extractor fan causing problems.

It came to light that the bellow of the organ needed attention and a quote revealed that this work would cost about £2,500. Donations were kindly given as well as a grant from Blaby District Council. It was necessary to apply for a faculty as any work to do with the organ requires permission. The bellows were repaired and returned at Easter.

Work has also taken place to repair the front door of the church where wood rot had set in.

There was a 2-fold invitation to the architect, Richards Brook. The first part was to advise on the way forward with fulfilling the Quinquennial requirements, as the work appeared to be spread over different parts of the church.

The second reason for the visit was to seek his thoughts about the installation of a toilet as it was time for a rethink about having our own toilet facilities. Thoughts of an external construction ended abruptly when it was indicated that the cost would be around £90/95 000+ whereas an inside toilet could cost £30/35000. The PCC agreed that the preliminary investigations regarding location and costs should begin.

It was decided that the professional gravedigger did such a good job that we would ask him in future. David Norman and Alan Jones have done a superb job in the past but the ground in the summer months is very difficult to manage. It was agreed that it would be necessary to extend the Garden of Remembrance and a faculty was applied for.

The final edition of the church magazine came out in December 2022. We are grateful to Win Furborough and Ros Clark for their hard work.

Jan Wyllie kindly revised the church history and produced new booklets.

Mothers Union, Cosby Branch sadly closed on May 12th and a final service was held in the Bunning Hall.

August saw the return of the Yarn Bomb to Cosby village and the Church once again participated in the event.

A verse from Matthews Gospel 13 v 47 brought forth fish of every kind to the

display at the front of Church.

The "congregation knitters" worked extremely hard to produce flat fish and fat/thin fish, octopus, mermaids and so on!

Grateful thanks to everyone involved in adding a lot of comment and humour to the display.

We welcomed Rev. Stewart and his family at his licensing by Bishop Martyn on September 6th and the wheels of change have already been put into motion. Since Stewart has been with us, we now have a full liturgical year of service booklets and special orders of service for non-eucharistic services, baptism and communion and wedding blessing.

Stewart has emphasised that mission should be a central priority for all aspects of church life.

A new service plan was drawn up for the three churches with a fifth Sunday service for the three churches together.

Change within the Church is happening and with Rev Stewart's help and guidance the challenges facing St Michaels can be met with hope and positivity.

We would like to thank everyone for their support over the past year. Like any large family there are many jobs that require doing and this is the same in church. We are a family dedicated to serving the Lord in any possible way- big or small. Thank you to all dedicated helpers.

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Susan Lee and Chris Newton

FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2022

Members of the Committee met on 14th November 2022 when the Fees, end-of-year Donations and Budget for 2023 were discussed. Their recommendations were considered by the P.C.C. members on 28th November and approved.

Table of Statutory Fees for 2023 came out at the end of 2022. However, it must be noted that these did not stand for long as a revised Table of Fees came out early in 2023 to be used from March 2023 and the figures given below are from this revised table. The total fee for a **Wedding in Church** would be £869 but there could be various reductions if certain services were not required. The

total fee for a **Funeral Service in Church** would be £397 with deductions if the heating and organ were not required. **Burial in a cemetery or cremation immediately preceding or following on from a service in church** would be £32 (an increase of £2 from 2022). **Burial of Ashes** in the churchyard at another time would attract a fee of £182 (an increase of £10 from 2022). For a **Service only at the crematorium** the fees totalled £217 (an increase of £11 but if a crematorium had fixed different charges those would apply). **Burial Certificate issued at time of burial** £17 (an increase of £1 from 2022). **Funeral Service in Premises belonging to Funeral Director** £217 (an increase of £11 from 2022). **Cremation preceding or following Funeral Service in Premises of Funeral Director** £32 (an increase of £2 from 2022).

Fee for a **Memorial Service** would be £262 – largely as laid down by the Archbishop's Council – plus any optional fees.

Local Fees for Weddings and Funerals

As we charge less than most parishes and it was agreed that, given the increase in the cost of living, these should be raised bringing the three churches in line.

Organist – increase from £60 to **£75**

Verge – increase from £40 to **£45**

Heating and lighting – increase from £48 to **£60**

Bells – increase from £78 to **£150** (£25 to each of six ringers)

Choir – on application.

New charges for the hire of the **Bunning Hall** were agreed upon.

Donations have been made to:- Royal British Legion, Kimbilio, Children's Society, Leicestershire Historic Churches, Messy Senses, Lutterworth and Villages Foodbank and Anglican International Development.

A £40 gift card was given to Paul Hing who has played the bugle on Remembrance Sunday for 40 years.

The **Budget** for 2023 was prepared by Brian Woodcock. We paid £20,400 to the Diocese for our Parish Contribution in 2022 which was the amount agreed upon in 2021.

The financial situation in Leicester Diocese is serious with a significant shortfall meaning fewer stipendiary clergy. We try to give generously with our Parish Contribution, thankful that we have a full-time minister, but mindful of our own finances.

We received a legacy from the estate of Mrs Mary Freer and this was divided

between the Garden of Remembrance, church bells and Family Fun Day – three causes close to Mary's heart.

Hilary Cooper

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT 2022

The main theme of the meetings in 2022 was finance because of the vast difference between income and expenditure in the Diocese which was made worse by the pandemic and a large drop in giving. This was linked in many ways to Shaped by God Together which is the ultimate outcome of a fundamental lack of funds, and people, in the church setting. The meeting in March 2023 will return to this urgent problem.

The development of Minster Churches was reported upon because there have been several trials in various settings in the diocese during the past two years covering rural and urban areas.

The meetings had been virtual for two and a half years but in June 2022 began in person again at St. Mary's, Lutterworth.

Janice Wyllie

SAFEGUARDING REPORT 2022

The annual safeguarding report was made at the meeting of the PCC in November, including a short action plan, the main part of which was to renew the DBS certificates which were overdue because of various factors. The parish is now responsible for the DBS checks for the lay readers, a task which until recently had been undertaken by the Diocese.

All PCC members, and certain other categories of official, must attend training every three years and this is therefore necessary in 2023. At the time of writing, an application has been sent to the safeguarding team for face-to-face sessions, otherwise individuals would have to use the online service.

Janice Wyllie

DATA PROTECTION REPORT 2022

Data Protection appears on the agenda at all PCC meetings during the year. As new contacts come our way, they are given a copy of the Data Privacy Notice and a Data Collection Form as required by General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Stewart reported that he gives wedding couples, and funeral families forms and asks if we can keep their details. Alan Jones keeps details of one-off Bunning Hall bookings only as long as necessary. I keep

personal details of parents attending Messy Church until they stop attending or unless they request me to do so.

Hilary Cooper

PASTORAL REPORT 2022

During 2022 we sent out our usual Easter and Christmas cards and at Harvest we sent out 9 gifts to people who are housebound, ill or who have been bereaved. The packets and tins we received went to the Lutterworth Food Bank who are desperate for food etc. at the moment.

At Christmas we continued with the toy collection for the children and gift sets for the teenagers, for the Salvation Army Toy Collection. This enables children to have a toy or gift set who probably would not have got a gift without our help. Apparently, the Salvation Army in Hinckley area where we send our gifts are helping about 165 families.

We would still like to hear about people or families who need help in any way, so we can possibly make a visit or send a card. If you hear of anyone please let someone know.

We still were able to offer a lift to people who needed a lift to church or appointments and we were also able to offer people meals who needed a bit of extra help.

Thank you to all the people in 2022 who went on one or more of the many rotas.

Linda Stevenson

BIBLE STUDY GROUP REPORT 2022

After lockdown we needed to reinstate a discussion group around bible themes.

And with the merging of Narborough with Whetstone and Cosby in a united benefice there was a need to build up joint activities.

So in the autumn we met fortnightly every two weeks on Wednesday evenings alternating between Cosby and Whetstone.

Our theme was 'Belonging, Believing and Being out there'.

During Lent we are meeting in Whetstone Church each Wednesday to look at the 'I am' sayings in John's gospel

17 people have taken part. The majority are from Whetstone and the remainder from Cosby.

We are grateful for hospitality and the chance to learn from the bible and from one another.

Eric Leese

CHURCH CHOIR REPORT 2022

2022 saw the Choir's activities returning to the new normal. We are back to rehearsing every week and sing for the Communion services on the first Sunday of each month. We were also pleased to be able to sing for some of the special services, in particular Remembrance, Advent, Nine Lessons and Carols and the Christmas Eve service. As always, I ensured that we performed a range of music over those services, from the 13th to the 21st centuries.

The Nine Lessons and Carols had the theme of 'carols from around the world' with each carol coming from a different country – where possible we also sang the carols in the native language, though some such as Ukrainian proved a bit too challenging! The booklet that Stewart produced providing the background to each of the carols was a great addition. Although the congregations for the Carol Services were still smaller than we had prior to the pandemic it was pleasing that there were more attendees for these services than last year.

For the Communion services we have settled on the Mountjoy setting, which is a very effective arrangement of the words and, hopefully, is becoming more familiar to the Congregation.

Two other special events for the Choir were singing for the christening of my Grandson, Teddy, and the summer concert, which was on the theme of 'Music for a Summer Evening'. We are currently planning for another concert this summer, on the theme of 'Songs of Travel' to be held on Saturday June 11th, so do come along and bring your friends!

As always, the members of the Choir have been working very hard, often rehearsing the music at home in order to make sure that they get it right and they have, I believe, performed really well. Thanks are also due to Martin Barstow who plays the organ for our sung services and, likewise, works very hard to produce music of a high standard.

I noted, last year that the future look is challenging. St Michael's is very rare in having a choir that can regularly perform 4-part, unaccompanied music: aside from the major Churches in the City such as the Cathedral and St James, there are now almost none across the County. We have to be very aware, though, that the Choir is getting older and we are gradually losing members. Also,

several of us have children/grandchildren who live away from Cosby and so there are quite often weekends when several of us are away catching up with our families. I hope we can continue to support the services and produce good music over the coming year, but I must admit that, without new members who can sing, the long-term future does not look bright. Jon Scott - March 2023

BELL RINGERS' REPORT 2022

It's been another quiet year for us.

Since Covid began we have not really got back to practice nights on a Monday due to our lack of ringers. This also means we are not ringing for services on a Sunday as a rule with the odd exception for special services when we try and recruit other ringers.

We have managed to ring for any weddings and there have been a few visiting bands.

Looking forward however, we are in the process of getting some new ropes – hopefully they will be in place by Easter, which may spur us on to new things. I am also looking at liaising with Whetstone a bit more to maybe combine our ringers and ring alternately between the churches.

Sarah Freer (tower captain) Feb 2023

MESSY CHURCH REPORT 2022

As the beginning of the year came with new Covid restrictions we decided not to hold Messy Church in the Bunning Hall, but to do a Messy Church at Home where we distributed packs to those families who wished to take part. The theme was Every Drop of Water Counts. It was the story of Jesus choosing his first fishermen disciples. Ecology based it included links to a video from the Blue Planet series. Crafts resources were included to make a large sea picture, an origami fish and a Christian Ichthys fish symbol. Ten children received packs and the feedback was positive with parents sending photos of crafts. Thankfully, we were able to holding sessions in the Hall for the next five months with themes: Feeding of the 5000, Story of the Two Housebuilders, Parable of the Lost Sheep and the Baptism of Jesus. At Easter we had a special session one morning during Holy Week and this was especially successful with 23 children and lots of parents attending. We used short videos to tell the story and there were crafts including Easter gardens.

Fast forward to Autumn, October session, Celebrating Who We Are, was poorly attended due to half term. However, I must mention that Eric's moths

were in attendance! He has kindly brought these beautiful insects along on many occasions and it has generated much interest.

Theme for November was Jesus Light of the World and crafts included lighthouses and stained-glass windows.

December 2022 saw our first Messy Christingle. Children made each part of a Christingle and had the meaning explained by a helper. We sang Christingle songs which Jan Wyllie kindly accompanied on piano. It was very successful, but we will probably do a Messy Christmas session in 2023 so as not to confuse with the Christingle Service in church.

I would like to thank all the Messy Church helpers – they are a lovely bunch who are very supportive. We are extremely fortunate to have great storytellers – Hazel and Caroline who bring the stories alive for the children. Craft/cookery team of Jean, Norma, Martin, Eric and Sharon get stuck in to helping children with the crafts of the day and the kitchen team of Linda and Chris who produce a lovely meal each time. We have had children and their parents/carers from many local villages and are pleased to encourage this especially now we are a three-church benefice.

Hilary Cooper

REPORT ON FAMILY FUN DAY 2022

We had our very popular annual Fun Day again in September and the weather brought the families out to this very popular event and again it was a very successful afternoon. Meeting new families and welcoming back regulars. but also connecting with people in the village and each year we see new families which is wonderful . Yes, yet again we were very lucky to have Richard the Juggler back with us and how not only the children but adults as well enjoyed learning new skills. The craft tables were kept very busy, with the ever popular design a T shirt being made all afternoon with some fantastic designs. Maybe we shall have to have a competition for the best designed T shirt! in the future. The face painting had a steady flow of children with some wonderful animal faces. With all that was going on there was still time for adults to have tea and cake and the children juice and a biscuit The juice being provided by Yester Ware Ltd a new business in Cosby that has just celebrated its second year in business who also ran the sweet stall. Then for the children to use a bit more energy up we had a bouncy castle. Eric bought some moths in a cage which all enjoyed or perhaps I ought to say most enjoyed. During the afternoon leaflets were handed out telling the adults when Messy church would start again and the dates for the coming year Yes this Fun Day will run again in 2023.

SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING REPORT 2022

In 2022 we were getting back to normal after Covid but still a bit worried about another lockdown. So we took it slowly and I think it was fair to say but I think it was fair to say that we had lost a bit of our 'get up and go'!

We started with our Book and Puzzle sale which went well. Then there was the Palm Sunday breakfast, Summer Fayre, Strawberry Teas, Afternoon Tea during the Yarn Bomb and the Christmas Fayre with Santa. We didn't go ahead with the Murder Mystery Evening as insufficient tickets were sold.

Overall we raised about £2,500.

I would like to thank those on the committee for their help and support and all the people who help at events, some of whom do not come to church or live in the village. We could not do the events and raise this money without them.

A big thank-you,

Supper Evenings – we started these up again in 2022, meeting and sharing food together on a Friday evening every couple of months. Always a nice evening. We had a BBQ in the Summer. Skittles/Chinese at Christmas was cancelled. We donate a £1 and when we have collected £50 we draw out a charity and send the money to them.

Everyone is welcome to join us. Dates appear in the pew slips.

Alison Norman

This report on the accounts of Cosby PCC (Charity No. 1133983) for the year ended 31st December, 2022 which are set out on pages 2 to 4,

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,

to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and

to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or

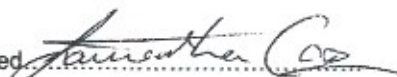
the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or

the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have 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.

Mrs. Samantha J. Cox
11 The Paddocks
Littlethorpe
Leicester
LE19 5JP

Signed



Date

28/2/2023

 13/3/23

St Michael & All Angels' Church, Cosby, Leicester
Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December 2022

General Fund - Receipts and Payments Account

Receipts	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources from Donors				
Stewardship envelopes, income under covenants & Gift Aid	17984		20103	
Legacies	1500		1000	
Church collections	1575		923	
Income tax recovered	4551		4944	
Interest on Income tax recovered	1		8	
	<u>1</u>		<u>8</u>	
		25611		26979
Other Voluntary Incoming Resources				
Donations to Funds (see Note 3)	7014		1485	
Donations to Bunning Hall Upkeep	216		1308	
Donations for Good Causes	640		845	
Grants for Church Restoration	675		0	
Grants for Bunning Hall	150		0	
Grants for Energy costs	1087		0	
	<u>1087</u>		<u>0</u>	
		9782		3638
Activities for Generating Funds				
Book & Puzzle Sale	1000		393	
Beetle Drive	0		0	
Ride or Stride	669		577	
Concerts (Style Concert/Sing Christmas)	350		0	
Coffee Mornings/Afternoon Tea	529		30	
Children's Society Box Opening/Christingle etc	579		576	
Christmas Coffee Morning	639		0	
Christmas Quiz	70		0	
Plant / Cake Sales	0		420	
Curry Evening/Poems & Puds/Fish & Chips Supper etc	0		0	
Miscellaneous Fund raising	73		512	
Cards/Mugs/Church History etc	0		0	
Spring Fayre	549		0	
Yarn Bomb Social event	0		500	
	<u>0</u>		<u>500</u>	
		4457		3008
Income from Investments				
Building Society Interest	40		52	
Bank Deposit Account Interest	10		1	
Bunning Hall Fund Deposit Account Interest	2		0	
	<u>2</u>		<u>0</u>	
		52		52
Other ordinary Incoming Resources				
Sale of Magazine including advertising (See Note 1)	987		1340	
Risograph Replacement	0		540	
Fees from Wedding and Funerals	4498		2153	
Insurance Claim	0		0	
	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	
		5485		4033
Church Hall				
Sundry Lettings	11766		3392	
	<u>11766</u>		<u>3392</u>	
		11766		3392
Total Receipts		<u>57152</u>		<u>41103</u>

General Fund - Receipts and Payments Account - Continued

Payments	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
Donations and Grants				
Donations to Missions and Relief Agencies & Other Charitable Organisations	2230		1899	
Other Charitable Giving (See Note 2)	970		520	
Grants				
			3200	2419
Activities Directly Relating to the Work of the Church				
Fund raising expenses	44		0	
Diocesan Parish Share	20400		20000	
Wedding and Funeral Expenses, incorporating Verger, Organist, Bell ringers and Choir	936		225	
Ministry expenses - includes Travel, Telephone Charges & Internet Line	293		4	
Religious Education	40		41	
Out Reach	470		285	
Youth Fund	0		0	
Upkeep of Services	563		562	
Insurances	3270		3079	
Fabric Repairs and Maintenance inc Organ	5291		2069	
Church Grounds/Garden	883		1016	
Electricity	3583		3207	
Quinquennial Inspection	0		0	
		35774		30488
Church Management and Administration				
Books, printing and stationery	627		337	
Miscellaneous Expenses	732		419	
Magazine Expenses	939		1206	
Risograph Expenses	168		0	
New Printer	0		0	
		2466		1962
Church Hall				
Gas	1422		775	
Electricity	669		364	
Water Rates	122		107	
Insurances	978		921	
Furniture	150		325	
Repairs	1609		125	
Cleaning Expenses	1396		700	
Miscellaneous Expenses	12		418	
Ground Maintenance	760		680	
		7117		4414
Major Capital Expenditure				
Major repairs to church building inc redecoration	0		0	
Major repairs to church hall inc redecoration	0		0	
		0		0
Total Payments		48557		39282

St Michael & All Angels' Church, Cosby, Leicester - Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December 2022

	£	£
Excess of Receipts (Payments)	8595	1821
Unaccounted funds		
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Cash in Hand, Bank & Building Society accounts as at 31st December 2022 (see note 3)	57430	48835

Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31st December 2022

Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31st December 2022		2022	2021
	£		£
General Fund - Monetary Assets			
Floats/Cash in Hand		148	135
A&L Bank Accounts :- Current Account		2503	2030
:- Business Deposit Account		8517	7557
:- Bunning Hall Fund		495	404
Coventry Building Society Investment Account		45767	38709
	0	<u>57430</u>	<u>48835</u>

Debtors		
Prepayments	0	230
	<u>0</u>	<u>230</u>

Accruals - Liabilities		
Other Expenses	0	100
Electricity	2147	663
Gas	609	144
	<u>2757</u>	<u>907</u>

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This report on the accounts of Cosby PCC (Charity No. 1133983) for the year ended 31st December, 2022 which are set out on pages 2 to 4,

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,

to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and

to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or

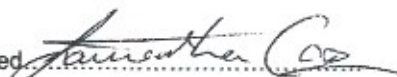
the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or

the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have 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.

Mrs. Samantha J. Cox
11 The Paddocks
Littlethorpe
Leicester
LE19 5JP

Signed



Date

23/2/2023

 13/3/23

St Michael & All Angels' Church, Cosby, Leicester
Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December 2022

General Fund - Receipts and Payments Account

Receipts	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources from Donors				
Stewardship envelopes, income under covenants & Gift Aid	17984		20103	
Legacies	1500		1000	
Church collections	1575		923	
Income tax recovered	4551		4944	
Interest on Income tax recovered	1		8	
		25611		26979
Other Voluntary Incoming Resources				
Donations to Funds (see Note 3)	7014		1485	
Donations to Bunning Hall Upkeep	216		1308	
Donations for Good Causes	640		845	
Grants for Church Restoration	675		0	
Grants for Bunning Hall	150		0	
Grants for Energy costs	1087		0	
		9782		3638
Activities for Generating Funds				
Book & Puzzle Sale	1000		393	
Beetle Drive	0		0	
Ride or Stride	669		577	
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ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS, COSBY

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 2022



ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH, COSBY

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

OF THE

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

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ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING REPORT

BACKGROUND

St Michael and All Angels P.C.C. has the responsibility in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the church of St Michael and All Angels, Cosby and for the Bunning Memorial Hall, Main Street, Cosby.

MEMBERSHIP

Members of the P.C.C. are either ex-officio or elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. During the year, the following served as members of the P.C.C.

Readers: **Mr Eric Leese ***
Mr Martin Stevenson

Churchwardens: **Mrs Susan Lee**
Mrs Linda Stevenson

Deputy Churchwarden: Mrs Christine Newton

Representative on the Deanery Synod:
Mrs Janice Wyllie

***Elected members:**

Mrs Hilary Cooper – P.C.C. Secretary
Mr Brian Woodcock – P.C.C. Treasurer
Mrs Joy Franklin
Mrs Winifred Furborough
Mrs Jean Graham

*** In accordance with the Resolution passed at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2008 Parochial Church Members are elected on a three year cycle.**

*** Lay Reader, Mr Eric Leese, did not wish to serve on the P.C.C.**

COMMITTEES

The P.C.C. operates through a number of committees and teams which meet as required between full meetings of the P.C.C. All recommendations from such committees are decided by the P.C.C.

Standing Committee: This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the P.C.C. between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council.

Finance and Property Committee: This committee oversee the general financial dimension of the work of St. Michael and All Angels by monitoring income and expenditure, budgeting and regularly reviewing all matters relating to finance. It also oversees matters relating to the stewardship of plant, such as the Church and the Bunning Memorial Hall, and the fabric of both buildings, although much of this work is undertaken under the direction of the Churchwardens.

Pastoral Concerns: As evident from the report, many members of the congregation did a wonderful job pastorally to ensure those in need were contacted during the pandemic by phone calls and the taking round of gifts from the church when it was appropriate to do so.

Baptism, Wedding and Funeral Policies were reviewed and adopted by P.C.C.. Changes were made to the Marriage and Funeral policies to cover streaming and recording of the services.

Wedding and Funeral fees were reviewed and non-statutory charges revised. Marriage registration requirements changed in May 2021 with Register offices now responsible for the registration of marriages and issuing of certificates. Our registers and certificate books were deposited – the registers have been closed and we were able to keep one copy for research purposes.

Health and Safety Policy was updated in November to amend or include safeguarding, manual handling and location of defibrillators.

Safeguarding Policy is covered at every PCC meeting and reviewed and updated annually in line with guidance from Leicester Diocese. See separate report.

Data Protection is covered at every PCC meeting and continually reviewed. See separate report.

Mission Team: this team attends to matters relating to ministry of the church, to the community and to the world, such as ecumenical links, evangelism and the support of mission and relief agencies. These issues, which should be a central priority for all our church, are owned by the whole membership and are regularly considered by the full P.C.C.

Social and Fundraising Committee: Members of this committee arrange fundraising and social events, such as coffee mornings and supper group. Their hard work catering and organising these events is much appreciated. Money raised is vital towards the costs of running the church. They also organise coffee mornings for charity.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

There were 67 names on the Church Electoral Roll in January 2021. During the year four members on the Roll died – Sylvia Boulter, Elaine Hutton, Brian Symonds and Eileen Winfield. There were no additions and the year ended with 63 names on the Roll. 11 of these persons were not resident within the parish.

2021 was easier church-wise than the previous year.

After the third lockdown, the church re-opened on 28th March. Attendance Easter - 32, Harvest – 26, Remembrance – 56, Nine Lessons & Carol – 40, Crib Service – 50, Christmas Eve – 38. Of the regular services during the rest of the year, average Sunday attendance was 23 attendees. Wednesday morning Holy Communions attracted an average of 10 attendees.

Towards the end of the year Memorial Services were held for Eileen Winfield and Mary Hood. A funeral service was held for Revd. Peter Brown.

P.C.C. SECRETARY'S REPORT

2021 started in the same vein as much of 2020, dominated by the Coronavirus and this was the case for much of the year, although the vaccine programme has had a huge impact averting deaths and allowing life to gradual return to normal. The church remained closed until Palm Sunday and was open for the rest of the year for services. Thanks to those who so diligently adhered to all the government and Church of England guidelines to ensure that our church was as safe as possible.

It was a great joy that Reverend Stewart Betts was again seconded to us in June (for an indeterminate length of time), travelling from Ashby de la Zouch many times a week to take services, attend meetings and fundraising events at Cosby and Whetstone. He has produced new service booklets for each season of the year. His kindness, care and good humour has helped lift our spirits.

Shaped by God Together dominated our thoughts and prayers as we were asked to look at various framework options for the Diocese which would impact us all. We talked about it at the 2021 APCM and fed the results of our discussions and questions back to the Diocese. The outcome will become evident in the years to come.

It has been pleasing that services and fundraising events during the second half of the year went well and, although the new Covid variant brought concerns, Christmas services went ahead as planned.

We are thankful that the churchwardens do such a great job maintaining so many aspects of church life. We are grateful that a member of the congregation keeps the church and Bunning Hall very clean and the flower arrangers produce beautiful displays.

We are pleased to have a Church Magazine (jointly with Whetstone) produced monthly and weekly pew sheets.

Parochial Church Council met in March, June, September and November 2021 and Standing Committees preceded all but the March PCC. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting took place in May 2021.

Financial - New charges for hire of the Bunning Hall were agreed upon. We paid £20,000 to the Diocese for our Parish Contribution which, considering the pandemic, was a good achievement.

A detailed breakdown of the church financial situation can be seen on the accompanying financial statement and accounts.

FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2021

Members of the Committee met on 15th November when the Fees, end-of-year Donations and Budget for 2022 were discussed. Their recommendations were considered by the P.C.C. members on 29th November and approved.

The total fee for a **Wedding in Church** would be £838 but there could be various reductions if certain services were not required. The total fee for a **Funeral Service in Church** would be £354 with deductions if the heating and

organ were not required. It should be noted that although there were some annual increases in the figures for weddings and funerals we had been notified that it was not in order to charge £100 for the USE of the organ (for electricity – which must be on at all times – wear and tear and servicing) only the organist, which has resulted in lower total fees for both weddings and funerals in 2022.

Burial in a cemetery or cremation immediately preceding or following on from a service in church would be £30 (an increase of £1 from 2021).

Burial of Ashes in the churchyard at another time would attract a fee of £172 (an increase of £6 from 2021). For a **Service only at the crematorium** the fees totalled £206 (an increase of £7 but if a crematorium had fixed different charges those would apply. **Burial Certificate issued at time of burial** £16 (an increase of £1 from 2021). **Funeral Service in Premises belonging to Funeral Director** £206 (an increase of £7 from 2021). **Cremation preceding or following Funeral Service in Premises of Funeral Director** £30 (an increase of £1 from 2021).

A new introduction is the fee for a **Memorial Service** and this would be £246 – largely as laid down by the Archbishop's Council – plus any optional fees.

Donations have been made to:- Church Missionary Society, Winston's Wish, Royal British Legion, Kimbilio, Children's Society, Historic Churches and Rainbows.

The **Budget** for 2022 was prepared by Brian Woodcock. We paid £20,000 to the Diocese for our Parish Contribution (formerly Parish Share) which, considering the pandemic, we felt was well achieved.

The legacy received from Elaine Hutton was put into the **Garden of Remembrance** fund which we felt was appropriate in view of Elaine's love of flowers and gardens.

We are grateful to Alan Green for his care of the Church Garden and the Garden of Remembrance.

Joy Franklin - Chairman

CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2021

The Church was in lockdown from January 2021 and remained so until Easter time. However, it didn't stop the usual Safety Checks being carried out and bills being paid! Everything in both the Bunning Hall and the Church were given

the various certificates of safety. The roof alarm was tested and was in good order.

The church clock developed a problem early on in the year and Time Assured repaired a “broken hammer”. Meanwhile, in the Bunning Hall the dishwasher had a “flooding problem” and the fridge died! The problems have been fixed and a new fridge installed. This was purchased by donations from Hall users.

Classes and Groups gradually returned but some participants remained wary of group meetings. In both Church and Hall large sanitising units were installed and mask wearing / social spacing signage placed in noticeable areas. A register has also been maintained. Risk assessments have been kept in order. Towards the end of the year bookings for children’s parties in the Hall increased.

Church Services were carried out on-line and Booklets for the period of Lent were distributed in both Whetstone and Cosby. Grateful thanks must go to Eric Leese for instigating this. The booklets were very well received. Mothering Sunday was celebrated with four members of the congregation walking around Cosby and distributing over 60 bunches of daffodils to the various church members and local people.

In June we received notification that the Rev. Stewart Betts would be returning to the Cosby and Whetstone churches for the foreseeable future. We were all very pleased about this and on June 21 various restrictions were lifted and Church reopened. Singing was not allowed in the services.

St. Michael’s Church took part in the Cosby Yarn Bomb and retold the story of Jacobs Ladder. Over 140 story and activity sheets were printed out and removed from the front of church by families and visitors. Ride and Stride took place with our very fit and enthusiastic walkers participating in raising funds for the church and Fun Day was enjoyed by all. Many compliments were received and appreciation that it was a “free” event. Donations were eagerly given! Christmas service of Lessons and Carols was held in darkness with candle-light in the aisles and the choir singing. Christmas Eve Communion was celebrated at the earlier time of 7.30pm. It was felt that a degree of normality was returning.

On behalf of the churchwardens, I would like to thank the Rev. Stewart Betts for his enthusiasm and diligence in participating in the life of our Church. Thanks also must go to everyone who has supported St. Michaels during the interregnum and to those who enable the church run as smoothly as it does.

Sue Lee, Linda Stevenson, Chris Newton

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT 2021.

These have continued to take place online, although the last one was in October 2021. The two main subjects given by the speakers were an introduction to 'Shaped by God' last March and a talk about 'The Tree of Life' in October. The meetings have been short but informative, although the use of online facilities did not deliver in quite the usual way, sometimes due to technical hitches but face-to-face interaction would have been preferable. No date has yet been set for the first meeting of 2022. J

Janice Wyllie

SAFEGUARDING REPORT 2021

The policies were updated in November and a short action plan has been drawn up. The main points on this are to:

- Renew any DBS as necessary, the new rules stating that this should be done every three years.
- Distribute the updated policies to hirers of the church premises if necessary
- Display the policy statement in the church and have a hard copy of the latest Safeguarding Policy available (in the green folder)

The Safeguarding Co-ordinator attended an on-line conference last year, the main item on the agenda being an introduction to predatory marriage, with reference to Vulnerable Adults. None of the DBS checks can be done until the parish has a new Lead Recruiter. This may not be possible until the interregnum ends.

Jan Wyllie

DATA PROTECTION REPORT 2021

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) has now replaced the previous law on data protection and gives individuals more rights and protection in how their personal data is used.. Churches must comply with its requirements. Cosby Church has a Data Privacy Notice and a Data Collection Form. As new contacts come our way, they are given a copy of the documents and are able indicate whether they wish to grant consent to their personal data being held, and if they are willing for us to hold their details and how they would like to be contacted.

Hilary Cooper

MISSION AND EVANGELISM REPORT 2021

After a break because of the Covid situation, we were pleased to be able to run the Family Funday once more in September and yet again it was another successful afternoon. The sunshine helped. We again were very fortunate to have Richard the Juggler and he encouraged both children and adults to learn his skills which were enjoyed by all. The craft tables were kept busy all afternoon with jewellery making, making lighthouses that when lit up showed Jesus as Light of the World, the ever-popular decorating biscuits, Eric brought some moths so that they could be seen close up and also learn more about them. Of course, a Funday could not be held without the printing of the tee-shirts of which 60 were printed. It was interesting to hear some of the teenagers who came, can remember doing them when they were a lot younger. During the afternoon leaflets were handed out telling the parents about the upcoming important services in Church and also a card was handed out giving the dates when Messy Church would be held. The afternoon was also enjoyed with some refreshments, but, of course in the field the ever popular bouncy castle which was enjoyed by all ages. This event is always a happy time when we meet not only the regular people but also new families some only just having moved into the village. This event helps to connect new families just like we have made new connections with families who come to Messy Church.

MOTHERS' UNION REPORT 2021

Cosby Mothers' Union started again in September 2021 and our first speaker was Shirley Kendall who spoke about friendship. October Martin Stevenson gave us a look back at holidays in the past. We had a musical afternoon in November a variety of music was heard from Andrea Bocelli to Bob Dylan. We decided to hold our Christmas Carol Service in The Bunning Hall rather than in church, Martin led the service and visitors from Countesthorpe came and our Diocese leader Beth Rogers attended. £25 was raised and it was agreed to donate the money to Mothers' Union Away from It All Holidays, a Mothers' Union project that allows families to have a holiday who otherwise would not be able to have one. Our AGM in February was followed by Shirley Kendall giving us another one of her many interesting talks. Bearing in mind that Covid restrictions may be re-instated at any time we are not booking speakers more than a month at a time. Sadly, during the last two years we have lost some lovely members and there are not as many members that are able to attend the meetings, but we continue to get together and give support to one another.

PASTORAL REPORT 2021

During 2021 we sent out our usual Easter and Christmas cards and at Harvest time we gave gifts to people who are housebound, ill or who have been bereaved. The packets and tins we received went to the Lutterworth Food Bank.

At Christmas we continued to collect toys for children and gift sets for teenagers, for the Salvation Army toy collection with the help of the Dixie Grammar School. This enables children in Leicester to have a toy or gift set who would not get a gift without our help. Apparently, the Salvation Army are helping over 200 families.

We had our first Baptisms since lockdown and it was nice to welcome families back into church to have their children baptised. We continued to give out a Bible to all children who get baptised.

We would like to hear about people or families who need help in any way, so we can possibly make a visit or send a card. If you do hear of anyone please let someone know.

We were able to offer a lift to people who needed a lift to church or appointments and we also were able to offer people meals who needed a bit of extra help.

Thank you to all people who through 2021 went on one or more of the many rotas.

Linda Stevenson

MESSY CHURCH REPORT 2021

Messy Church resumed in October 2021 after a gap of 18 months and, of course, two school years had elapsed so there were new children and their parents to meet. This session we told the story of Jacob's Ladder. The children had seen the brilliant, knitted scenes outside the churches at the Yarn Bomb and the Jacob's Ladder displayed outside Cosby Church was there. In November, Hazel Tingle told the Parable of the Lost Coin.

There were crafts and cookery at each session with a hot meal for all to share. We hope that the children and their parents find the sessions relaxing and enjoyable and know that God loves us all.

Sharon Dilley from Cosby Methodist Church joined us as a helper and we are very pleased to have so many willing volunteers representing Cosby Churches Together.

As well as advertising Messy Church in Cosby News and on Spotted Cosby, we have improved our communication with parents by emailing them details of each session.

Hilary Cooper

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT 2021

It was with much caution before we did any fundraising in 2021. But what we did do we were very pleased with the support we had.

In May, we had two Saturday mornings with stalls outside the Church. We had plants, cakes and a raffle at the first one. Then we had books, puzzles and Jean's treasures and a raffle at the second one. We were blessed that the sun shone both weeks. We had a covid-safe one-way system which worked fairly well.

Then, in August, we joined in with the Yarn Bomb with each church fundraising one week-end each and then a joint week-end where we did Ploughman's lunches. For our week-end we did a BBQ outside the Bunning Hall over lunch time, with tea and coffee. Then in the afternoon at church we did tea/coffee, a cake stall, Jean's treasures and a raffle.

In November, we had our Christmas Fayre with stalls, games and a raffle. We served refreshments and bacon cobs. There was also a craft table for children. It was the Saturday when it snowed and we were surprised that so many people popped in.

We may not have done as much as usual but we raised about £1,700 which we were "over the moon" with.

There are plans afoot for 2022. Alison would like to thank all the committee for their support and help. Also, a mention to Norma Corby and Angie Davis who help in the kitchen.

Of course, we would not raise any money if the people in church and in the village didn't come along and support us, so, many thanks to them too.

Alison Norman

BELLRINGERS' REPORT 2021

There is very little to report, unfortunately.

Since the first Covid lockdown in 2020 we have not been having practice nights, obviously to start with because of lockdown and now we do not have enough ringers. Several of our ringers circumstances have changed over the last couple of years leaving us short of ringers and at the moment we are not in a position to welcome new recruits.

We have managed to ring for a couple of weddings and will continue to do so, and also for special services where possible.

Hopefully, as things start returning to normal we will be able to resume ringing again before too long, if we can encourage some more old or new ringers to return.

Sarah Freer Tower Captain

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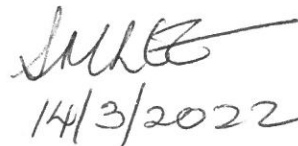
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Payments

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	£	£	£
Donations and Grants			
Donations to Missions and Relief Agencies & Other Charitable Organisations	1899	1696	
Other Charitable Giving (See Note 2)	520	685	
Grants		0	
		2419	2381
Activities Directly Relating to the Work of the Church			
Fund raising expenses	0	12	
Diocesan Parish Share	20000	21050	
Wedding and Funeral Expenses, incorporating Verger, Organist, Bell ringers and Choir	225	590	
Ministry expenses - includes Travel, Telephone Charges & Internet Line	4	326	
Religious Education	41	58	
Out Reach	285	22	
Youth Fund	0	0	
Upkeep of Services	562	238	
Insurances	3079	3241	
Fabric Repairs and Maintenance	2069	3257	
Church Grounds/Garden	1016	1232	
Electricity	3207	3513	
Quinquennial Inspection	0	600	
		30488	34140
Church Management and Administration			
Books, printing and stationery	337	459	
Miscellaneous Expenses	419	742	
Magazine Expenses	1206	830	
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New Printer	0	201	
		1962	2316
Church Hall			
Gas	775	856	
Electricity	364	423	
Water Rates	107	100	
Insurances	921	969	
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Repairs	125	787	
Cleaning Expenses	700	1114	
Miscellaneous Expenses	418	449	
Ground Maintenance	680	816	
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Major Capital Expenditure			
Major repairs to church building inc redecoration	0	0	
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Legacies	1000		5000	
Church collections	923		562	
Income tax recovered	4944		5653	
Interest on Income tax recovered	8		8	
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Other Voluntary Incoming Resources				
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Donations to Bunning Hall Upkeep	1014		415	
Grants for Church Restoration	0		257	
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Concerts (Style Concert/Sing Christmas)	0		0	
Coffee Mornings	30		0	
Children's Society Box Opening/Christingle etc	576		498	
Christmas Coffee Morning	0		0	
Christmas Events (2019)	0		291	
Plant / Cake Sales	420		0	
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Miscellaneous Fund raising	512		64	
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Income from Investments				
Building Society Interest	52		223	
Bank Deposit Account Interest	1		20	
Bunning Hall Renovation Fund Deposit Account Interest	0		15	
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Copier Income	0		0	
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Church Hall				
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Debtors		
Prepayments	230	75
	0	75

Accruals - Liabilities		
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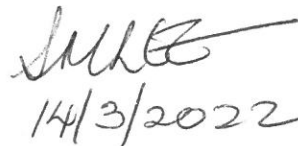
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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

OF THE

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 2020.

Vicar (until October 2020):

The Rev'd Christopher Allen

The Vicarage

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Bank:

Santander

Bootle

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Independent Examiner:

Mrs Samantha Cox,

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BACKGROUND

MEMBERSHIP

* Lay Reader Mr Eric Leese did not wish to serve on the P.C.C.

COMMITTEES

The P.C.C. operates through a number of committees and teams which meet as required between full meetings of the P.C.C.. All recommendations from such committees are decided by the P.C.C.

Standing Committee: This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the P.C.C. between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council.

Finance and Property Committee: This committee oversees the general financial dimension of the work of St. Michael and All Angels by monitoring income and expenditure, budgeting and regularly reviewing all matters relating to finance. It also oversees matters relating to the stewardship of plant, such as the Church and the Bunning Memorial Hall, and the fabric of both buildings, although much of this work is undertaken under the direction of the Churchwardens.

Pastoral Concerns: Each member of the *Pastoral Links Scheme* has pastoral responsibility for a number of church members under the aegis of the vicar. During the year, members of the *Pastoral Links Scheme* have embraced rotas for helping people temporarily incapacitated at home, visiting those in residential homes and hospitals and enabling the disabled to attend church. On request, members of the *Baptism Team* visit the families who wish a child to be baptised. Members of the *Bereavement Team* are trained to befriend the recently bereaved although their services are rarely used these days.

The *Baptism, Wedding and Funeral* policies are reviewed annually and updated when necessary. Regarding the *Policy on the Safeguarding of Children and the Policy for the Protection of Vulnerable Adults*, these are now amalgamated into one document following current Diocesan guidelines. *The Health and Safety Policy* has been reviewed and updated as necessary and will be used in conjunction with the *Safeguarding Policy*.

The Mission Team: This team attends to matters relating to ministry of the Church, to the community and the world, such as ecumenical links, evangelism and the support of mission and relief agencies. These issues, which should be a central priority for all our church, are owned by the whole membership and are regularly considered by the full P.C.C.

Social and Fundraising Committee: Members of this committee are kept very busy arranging social events and managing catering needs as required and their services are much appreciated.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

There were 70 names on the Church Electoral Roll in January 2020. During the year we had 5 deaths of members on the Electoral Roll – John Lambert, Peter Dawson, Nina Dunlop, Kristin Symonds and Eileen Winfield. They are greatly missed.

We were pleased to welcome Jeremy Taylor to the Electoral Roll.

The year ended with 66 on the Roll. 14 of those persons were not resident within the parish.

Due to the Coronavirus (Covid-19), 2020 was an extraordinary and very difficult year which saw the country enter three periods of lockdown. During the first lockdown, churches were forced to remain closed. In the subsequent lockdowns, churches could remain open but followed the advice of the Bishop of Leicester.

Cosby Church closed on March 17th and re-opened on 5th July. The second lockdown in England started on 5th November and lasted a month. The church re-opened for worship on 6th December and closed again at the third lockdown on 2nd January 2021. See Churchwardens' Report for further details.

On those Sundays that the church was open, average attendance was 23. At Harvest attendance was 28, on Christmas Eve attendance was 37 and on Christmas Day, 18 attended (and 2 children). Wednesday morning Holy Communion services attracted an average of 10 attendees. Funerals were held with restricted numbers. No weddings took place.

P.C.C. SECRETARY'S REPORT

A Parochial Church Council meeting took place on 17th August 2020. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting and the Parochial Church Council Meeting that followed the APCM, took place in Church on 28th September 2020. Standing Committee met in February and in November but most of the other committees were unable to meet.

Other matters during the year:

Reverend Christopher Allen left Cosby and Whetstone when he reached 70 years in October 2020, after nine years in the Benefice. We are very thankful for his dedicated service.

Reverend Andrew Micklethwaite had been attached to the two churches until Autumn 2020 when he took up a new post in the Diocese. We are grateful for his help and support.

In November Reverend Stewart Betts, curate at St Helen's, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, came to join us for a 3-month placement working with both Cosby and Whetstone. Because of the pandemic he was restricted in what he could do but he carried out the services that we had planned and introduced an on-line mid-week letter and a

Compline service.

Bill Stevens resigned from P.C.C. at the Annual Meeting. He was thanked for his contribution over many years.

Financial – expenditure exceeded income by £5,671. In 2020, responding to a special request, we were able to pay £21,050 Parish Contribution. Leicester Diocese asked churches to offer and pay in 2021 the same amount they offered for 2020. It was agreed that we offer £20,000 as our contribution for 2021.

A considerable amount of planning and preparation work went into ensuring that the Church and Bunning Hall were Covid-safe to open when allowed to do so during the year. This included keeping up-to-date with the government advice as well as carrying out full risk assessments for both buildings.

FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2020

Due to the pandemic the Committee did not meet during 2020 but communicated by telephone and e-mail. The Fees, end-of-year Donations and Budget for 2021, have been approved in principle by the Parochial Church Council.

The total fee for a **Wedding in Church** would be £916 (an increase of £1 from 2020) but there could be various reductions if certain services were not required. The total fee for a **Funeral Service in Church** would be £434 (as in 2020) with deductions if the organ and heating are not required. **Burial in a cemetery or cremation immediately preceding or following on from a service in church** would be £29 (an increase of £1 from 2020) **Burial of Ashes** in the churchyard at another time would attract a fee of £166 (an increase of £1 from 2020). For a **service only at the crematorium** the fees totalled £199 (no increase) but if a crematorium had fixed different charges those would apply. **Burial Certificate issued at time of burial** £15 (an increase of £1 from 2020).

Two new charges have been introduced:-

Funeral Service in Premises belonging to Funeral Director £199.

Cremation preceding or following Funeral Service in Premises of Funeral Director £29.

A large proportion of these Archbishop's Council recommended fees are paid to the Leicester Diocesan Board of Finance.

Donations have been made to:- Church Missionary Society; Leicestershire Diocesan Guild of Bellringers; One Roof; Lutterworth Food Bank. Specific funds were raised for Kimbilio; LOROS; Children's Society; Historic Churches and Womens World Day of Prayer.

The **Budget** for 2021 was prepared by Brian Woodcock. We paid for our commitment to a Parish Share of £21,050 for 2020 but we need to carefully consider our offer for 2021 when requested.

The **Quinquennial Inspection Report** highlighted some work which needed to be done and the jobs have been listed in accordance with their urgency.

End-of-year funds in the **Garden of Remembrance** account do not appear sufficient to last for 2021 and this situation will have to be addressed in due course.

Joy Franklin - Chairman December 2020

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2020

The year started well with all the usual testing and checks of equipment, both in the Church and at the Bunning Hall, taking place in January and February. In March however, we were forced to close the Hall to all groups and all acts of worship were suspended in Church. The COVID-19 pandemic was sweeping through the region and guidelines from the Church of England advised closure of all public buildings. On March 17th all services were cancelled. The third and last of the Lent Meetings and Mothering Sunday service could not take place. The same restrictions applied to the Easter festival with Cosby Churches Together unable to hold an outdoor service on Good Friday. Several weddings were cancelled or postponed and no fund-raising events could take place. A service of Communion was held on-line on Sunday mornings. Rev Chris Allen, with the help of Rev. Andrew Micklethwaite celebrated the Communion until services could resume in Church.

On July 5th the Church reopened with certain restrictions and a service of Holy Communion was held. All the rules and regulations were adhered to and sanitisers were readily available on entering Church and in the pews. Everyone attending signed the register and sat in specific pews. A one-way system was marked out. There was no choir or singing and people were asked not to congregate and talk before or after the service. Masks were worn by all attendees.

Some groups tried to make a come-back to the Bunning Hall but many didn't feel that they wanted to take the risk of mixing in large groups. Eventually, as numbers of COVID cases rose, the groups decided to close again. Much revenue has been lost for the Hall.

In July Reverend Andrew celebrated 25 years of priesthood and also took up a new post in the Diocese. Rev Chris Allen celebrated his last service in Cosby on 4th October after being with us for nearly 9 years. After the service Chris and his wife, Liz, were presented with a cheque to cover the cost of a visit to see their grandchildren in Australia, when normality returns. This was a joint gift from Whetstone and Cosby.

A baptism, Ride and Stride and the Harvest Festival were held during the autumn, and the Children's Society boxes were collected. Unfortunately, the Remembrance Service in November could not go ahead because of the fear of large crowds gathering in and around the War Memorial.

In November Rev. Stewart Betts came to join us for a 3-month placement working with both Cosby and Whetstone. Because of the pandemic he was restricted in what he could do but he was eager to carry on the services that we had planned and introduced an on-line mid-week letter and a Compline service. For Sundays he celebrated Morning Prayer- once again on-line. The Christmas services included a morning service of Readings and Carols at 11 am and a Christmas Eve Communion at 7.30pm. The choir sang at both services although the congregation remained silent.

Only limited numbers could attend because of social distancing. Christmas Day Morning was celebrated but after Boxing Day lock-down was again introduced.

We have lost several members of our community this year. Sybil Sivewright, Johnnie Lambert, Malcolm Merry, Mary Hood, Peter Dawson, Joan Lamyman, Kristin Symonds, Nina Dunlop, Eileen Winfield, Peter Wakeley, Charles Henry, Glenys Beck just to mention a few.

The Bunning Hall and Church have been checked and cleaned on a regular basis, before and throughout lock-down, by Alison Norman. We are very grateful to her for doing this as it has made the Church a much safer environment for us to worship together. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Linda and Martin Stevenson and Chris Newton for their whole-hearted support in helping to maintain the various Services and the outreach to those who cannot get to Church, as well as in helping with the opening and closure of Church during these most difficult of times.
Susan Lee – February 2021

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT 2020

Deanery Synod, attended by Jan Wyllie, met on Zoom after lockdown 1.0.

The Diocesan Generous Giving Scheme gave an in-depth presentation at the February meeting. They explained in some detail the finances of the Diocese and where the money comes from and how it is spent. The Parish Contribution was also explained.

The Generous Giving Team wished to work with churches. Every church was different and they wanted to visit a parish and learn what it was like. They wished to encourage parishes to think about their vision.

The new booklet, "Growing Generous Church" helped churches to work through five key things:

Discipleship, Engaging and Valuing our Givers, Enabling everyone to give in different ways (cash is declining: direct debit, cashless facility), Giving embedded in who we are, and, Creative and always growing.

The role of Deanery Synods was discussed at the November meeting.

Eva Morris stood down as Deanery Synod Secretary after 20 years' service. Reverend Charlie Styles is now the Assistant to Sharon Constable.

Jan Wyllie

ANNUAL REPORTS OF GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES 2020

Cosby Branch of Mothers' Union in 2020

Cosby Mothers' Union met only twice in 2020. Our first meeting was February when 10 members attended.

Our AGM was in March and was well attended and June Mullis was thanked for her hard work as treasurer. June had said she would still be a committee member. Win Furborough has taken over as Treasurer.

We, of course, were locked down in the middle of March and have been unable to meet since; we have all kept in touch with each other and have given support and help when needed.

On a sad note, we have lost three very long standing and very loyal members of Mothers' Union; Mary Hood, Nina Dunlop, and Kristin Symonds will be missed by us.

Church Choir. Regulations allowed choirs to resume under strict rules in October /November and the church choir met each week to practise. At Christmas we were very pleased to be able to sing at the Lessons and Carols, held in the morning of the Sunday before Christmas and at the Evening Service on Christmas Eve.

Cosby Churches Together- there were meetings early in 2020 and again on 7th September 2020.

The last of the Lent meetings could not take place.

Cream Teas held on Saturday, 22nd February, were very successful and resulted in the sum of £175 for Christian Aid.

August United Service in the Methodist Church, raised £60, which was donated to Bloodwise.

Update from Each Church:

Methodist Church – First service since lockdown took place on Sunday, 20th September, with a communion service planned for the following week. The church organised a Zoom meeting every Thursday, but not everyone was able to take part.

St. Michael & All Angels Church – The church was open for quiet reflection for some time on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from last Summer. Sunday and Wednesday services resumed when it was possible to do so. The church had lost a few members through death and some members had been shielding. During lockdowns, the pastoral team had been busy keeping in contact with people by phone and picking up shopping. Churchwardens had been busy keeping the church Covid-safe. The Bunning Hall had reopened for some groups in September.

Cosby Community Church – The first service was conducted on Sunday, 6th September, at 6.00 p.m. They had previously been having meetings on Sunday mornings for reflection. There had been no singing, but music had been played on a screen and they had communion.

St. Pius X & Lutterworth – The churches had been open for four Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays for services at 10.00 a.m., and were hoping to open for prayer during the week. They had been averaging over 70 parishioners each week, with a maximum of 40 per service, sitting on every other bench.

Hangout - led by Carolyn Joseph continued to meet until mid-March. Between 18 and 35 young people attended regularly supported by seven regular volunteers. The group offered a variety of games and activities, a tuckshop and refreshments. It will be necessary to recruit more volunteers when the group starts up again.

Messy Church –met early in 2020 - Where I belong (Luke 2: 41-52) Feb 14th – Self- confidence (Judges 6: 11-16) Mar 13th Forgiveness (John 8: 1-11). We were unable to meet during the rest of 2020. In the Autumn, Rev Chris Allen and Rev Andrew Micklethwaite left. Both led the story session at Messy Church and we will have to look at how to do this effectively when we can eventually re-open. Although the situation improved temporarily in the Summer, it was decided not to hold **Family Fun Day** as similar events were not running.

Pastoral Report - Harvest gifts were given out and cakes at Christmas made by Alison Norman. Members of the church supported those in the parish that were on their own during the year with phone calls, shopping and moral support.

Home Group run by Eric Leese and John Hemes met until lockdown 1.0 but were unable to meet thereafter.

Bellringers led by Sarah Freer met until lockdown 1.0 but were unable to meet thereafter.

Safeguarding – reviews were sent to P.C.C. members at the end of 2020 for approval in the absence of a P.C.C Meeting in November. Jan Wyllie is the Safeguarding Co-ordinator.

Social and Fundraising – it was possible to hold the Book Sale in February but no events thereafter. Greetings card were sold in aid of church funds made by Sylvia Kenney and Ruby, grand-daughter of Chris Newton. There was a supper group at Jan and Phillip Wyllie's house in February 2020.

Church Magazine – the magazine covers the Benefice of Cosby and Whetstone and is edited and produced monthly by Win Furborough and Ros Clark. It is available via email and as a printed version. It has been a struggle finding enough content in 2020 as so much was cancelled. Some of the revenue comes from advertising.

Pew sheets for Cosby Church are available weekly and give details of upcoming services and events, names of those requesting prayer as well as the bible reading for the day. We are thankful for both publications.

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Receipts	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources from Donors				
Stewardship envelopes, income under covenants & Gift Aid	20453		22609	
Legacies	5000		1000	
Church collections	562		2494	
Income tax recovered	5653		7260	
Interest on Income tax recovered	8		11	
	<u>8</u>		<u>11</u>	
		31675		33374
Other Voluntary Incoming Resources				
Donations to Funds (see Note 3)	1873		1437	
Donations to Bunning Hall Upkeep	415		2231	
Grants for Church Restoration	257		2878	
Grants for Bunning Hall	3286		0	
Donations for Church Garden	0		120	
Donations for Good Causes	440		727	
	<u>440</u>		<u>727</u>	
		6272		7394
Activities for Generating Funds				
Book & Puzzle Sale	518		407	
Beetle Drive	29		8	
Ride or Stride	578		537	
Concerts (Style Concert/Sing Christmas)	0		523	
Coffee Mornings	0		642	
Children's Society Box Opening/Christingle etc	498		1009	
Christmas Coffee Morning	0		1000	
Christmas Events (2019)	291		415	
Kimbilio Fundraising	0		200	
Afternoon Tea/Strawberry Teas	0		459	
Murder Mystery evening	0		0	
Fun Day	0		37	
Summer Event	0		1023	
Outreach Events eg. Cream Teas/Remembrance day Refreshments	0		0	
Palm Sunday/Parish Breakfast	0		77	
Curry Evening/Poems & Puds/Fish & Chips Supper etc	195		247	
Miscellaneous Fund raising	64		0	
Cards/Mugs/Church History etc	150		0	
Quiz			561	
	<u></u>		<u>561</u>	
		2322		7145
Income from Investments				
Building Society Interest	223		209	
Bank Deposit Account Interest	20		27	
Bunning Hall Renovation Fund Deposit Account Interest	15		29	
	<u>15</u>		<u>29</u>	
		259		265
Other ordinary Incoming Resources				
Copier Income	0		0	
Sale of Magazine including advertising (See Note 1)	1264		1250	
Risograph Replacement	540		540	
Fees from Wedding and Funerals	2721		6464	
Insurance Claim	0		0	
	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	
		4524		8254
Church Hall				
Sundry Lettings	2826		11597	
	<u>2826</u>		<u>11597</u>	
		2826		11597
Total Receipts		<u>47878</u>		<u>68030</u>

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General Fund - Receipts and Payments Account - Continued

Payments

	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
Donations and Grants				
Donations to Missions and Relief Agencies & Other Charitable Organisations	1696		3255	
Other Charitable Giving (See Note 2)	685		1340	
Grants	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	
		2381		4595
Activities Directly Relating to the Work of the Church				
Fund raising expenses	12		183	
Diocesan Parish Share	21050		20000	
Wedding and Funeral Expenses, incorporating Verger, Organist, Bell ringers and Choir	590		1353	
Ministry expenses - includes Travel, Telephone Charges & Internet Line	326		395	
Religious Education	58		80	
Out Reach	22		261	
Youth Fund	0		1075	
Upkeep of Services	238		935	
Insurances	3241		3198	
Fabric Repairs and Maintenance	3257		3683	
Church Grounds/Garden	1232		1390	
Electricity	3513		3688	
Quinquennial Inspection	<u>600</u>		<u>0</u>	
		34140		36241
Church Management and Administration				
Books, printing and stationery	459		533	
Miscellaneous Expenses	742		824	
Magazine Expenses	830		1335	
Risograph Expenses	84		35	
New Printer	<u>201</u>		<u>0</u>	
		2316		2726
Church Hall				
Gas	856		1098	
Electricity	423		676	
Water Rates	100		64	
Insurances	969		957	
Furniture	120		120	
Repairs	1287		4726	
Cleaning Expenses	1114		1200	
Miscellaneous Expenses	449		527	
Ground Maintenance	<u>816</u>		<u>0</u>	
		6135		9367
Major Capital Expenditure				
Major repairs to church building inc redecoration	0		10232	
Major repairs to church hall inc redecoration	<u>9577</u>		<u>0</u>	
		9577		10232
Total Payments		<u>54549</u>		<u>63162</u>

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	£	£
Excess of Receipts (Payments)		
Unaccounted funds	-6671	4868
Cash in Hand, Bank and Building Society accounts as at 1st January 2020 (see note 3)		-1
Cash in Hand, Bank & Building Society accounts as at 31st December 2020 (see note 3)	53685	48818
	47014	53685

Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31st December 2020

	£	£
General Fund - Monetary Assets		
Floats/Cash in Hand	119	158
A&L Bank Accounts :- Current Account	1936	3352
:- Business Deposit Account	10056	11086
:- Bunning Hall Fund	309	8369
Coventry Building Society Investment Account	<u>34594</u>	<u>30722</u>
0	<u>47014</u>	<u>53685</u>
Debtors		
	75	0
	<u>75</u>	<u>0</u>
Accruals - Liabilities		
Other Expenses		
Electricity	0	0
Gas	567	706
	<u>125</u>	<u>138</u>
	<u>692</u>	<u>844</u>

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Toilet Fund	6080	5986
Bell Repairs Fund (excluding routine maintenance)	205	203
Choir Fund	243	242
Flower Fund	708	717
Church Garden fund	528	1205
Hall Stage Curtains	509	505
Risograph/Printer	2905	2674
	<u>34594</u>	<u>30722</u>

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Michael & All Angels' Church, Cosby, Leicester

This report on the accounts of Cosby PCC (Charity No. 1133983) for the year ended 31st December, 2020 which are set out on pages 2 to 4,

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or

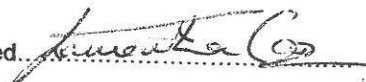
the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or

the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have 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.

Mrs. Samantha J. Cox
11 The Paddocks
Littlethorpe
Leicester
LE19 5JP

Signed...



Date...

6 MARCH 2021

PLATE (churchwarden)
J Stevenson (church warden)

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Church Garden fund	528	1205
Hall Stage Curtains	509	505
Risograph/Printer	2905	2674
	<u>34594</u>	<u>30722</u>

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Michael & All Angels' Church, Cosby, Leicester

This report on the accounts of Cosby PCC (Charity No. 1133983) for the year ended 31st December, 2020 which are set out on pages 2 to 4,

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or

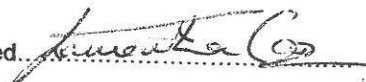
the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or

the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have 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.

Mrs. Samantha J. Cox
11 The Paddocks
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LE19 5JP

Signed...



Date...

6 MARCH 2021

 (churchwarden)
J Stevenson (church warden)