

# THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, BEESTON, NOTTINGHAM

England & Wales - Charity number 1134788

## Details

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**Other names** ST JOHN'S PCC, BEESTON, NOTTINGHAM

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Previously excepted

**Registered** 2010-03-10

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

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## Activities

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

**Activities:** Activities are those connected with a religious organisation. They include fund-raising, care of the disadvantaged, religious teachings and educational activities for adults and children.

## Classification

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

## Geography

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

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£99,202	£109,424	-	-
2024-12-31	£113,244	£115,973	-	-
2023-12-31	£124,431	£112,574	-	-
2022-12-31	£125,862	£134,021	-	-
2021-12-31	£85,760	£96,260	-	-
2020-12-31	£86,240	£101,532	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Bonnie Samantha Millar		2026-04-24
David Andrew Butler		2023-04-16
Dr Jeremy Charles Bloomfield		2019-04-07
Dr Richard Charles Whitaker		2023-04-16
Helen Spiby		2023-04-16
Jacqueline Ann Laats		2020-10-20
Julie Howson		2020-12-17
KAYE MARY FORD		
Katharine Lyons		2020-10-20
Laura Dorothy Macdonald		2023-04-16
Pamela Jane Holland		2019-04-07
Patricia Mary Atkins		2019-04-07
Rev Kirstine Dilys Buchan		2019-04-07
Rev Robert Carl Wesley Wiggins		2019-04-07
Rev WAYNE ROBERT PLIMMER		
Richard James Shaw		2026-04-24
Steve Lowe		2022-04-24
Valerie Anne Sellars		2023-04-16

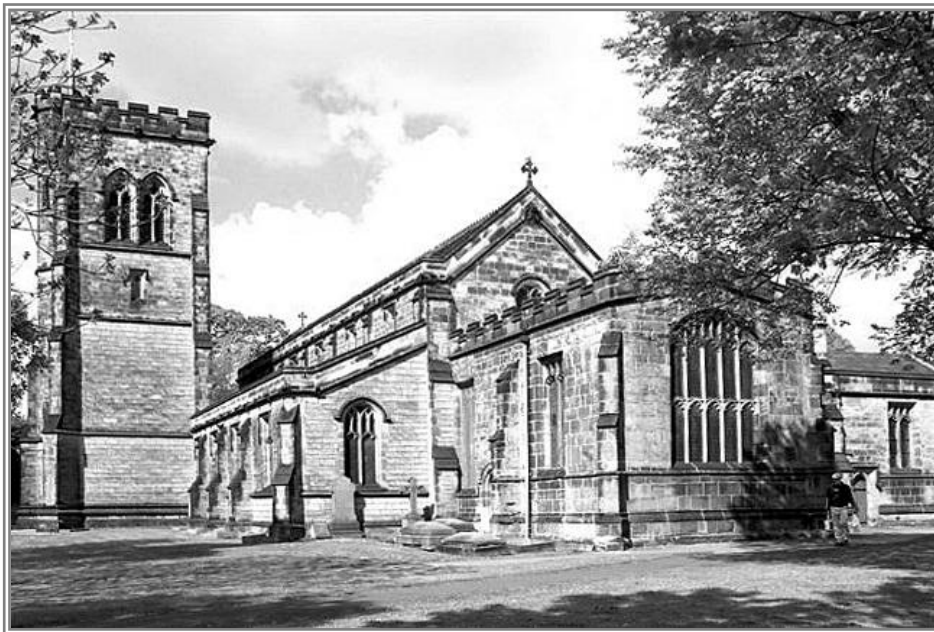
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# Accounts

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# The Parish Church of St John the Baptist Beeston

Serving Christ in our Community



Annual Report and Accounts  
of the Parochial Church Council for the  
Year Ended 31 December 2025

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# Annual Report for the Parochial Church Council for the Year Ending 31 December 2025

## **Administrative Information**

St John the Baptist is situated in Church Street, in the parish of Beeston and the Diocese of Southwell of Nottingham. The correspondence address is Beeston Vicarage, Middle Street, Beeston, Nottingham, NG9 1GA.

PCC members who have served from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 until the date of this report are:

Incumbent	Revd Wayne Plimmer	Chairman
	Revd Kirstine Buchan	Associate Priest
	Jem Bloomfield	Lay Reader
	Revd Rob Wiggins	Permission to Officiate
	Revd Dawn Glen	Permission to Officiate
	Revd Monika Doering	Permission to Officiate
	Revd Paul Knight	Permission to Officiate
	Revd Dr Anne Phillips	Permission to Officiate
Wardens	Pat Atkins	
	Jackie Laats	
	David Butler	
Deanery Synod Representatives	Christopher Gray	
	Julie Howson	Parish Safeguarding Officer
	Laura Macdonald	
Elected Members	Ian Buchan	
	David Butler	
	Kaye Ford	Treasurer
	Pam Holland	
	Jackie Laats	
	Steve Lowe	
	Kate Lyons	PCC Safeguarding Lead
	Val Sellars	
	Helen Spiby	
	Norman Vaughton	
	Richard Whitaker	
	Revd Rob Wiggins	

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Councils Powers Measure. The PCC is a registered charity with the Charity Commission and its registered number is 1134788.

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

## **Objectives and Activities**

The PCC's objectives and operations are framed in the context of Church as a fellowship of believers whose main objective is to serve Christ in our community. This is worked out through a wide range of activities including:

- Sunday Eucharists and Worship
- Weekday Prayer and mid-week Eucharist
- Occasional offices (baptisms, weddings and funerals)
- Pastoral work
- Social Activities
- Weekday and Evening groups
- Ecumenical links.

## **Achievements and Performance**

### **Church Attendance:**

There are currently 114 members on the Church Electoral Roll, some of whom reside outside of the parish. This figure is 6 more than last year.

Average attendance at the 10am Sunday Eucharist has increased to 110. At the Wednesday 10am Eucharist, 20 people, on average, attend.

## ***Safeguarding Review for the Year:***

***The House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy states that the Church 'will train and equip church officers to have the confidence and skills they need to care and support children, young people and vulnerable adults and to recognise and respond to abuse'.***

Since 2020 we have been using the Parish Dashboard to ensure we are following Church of England policy and procedure regarding Safeguarding.

All activity leaders agree to meet the safeguarding requirements as required by the Diocese and Church of England, that is, Enhanced or Basic DBS as required by each post and appropriate level of safeguarding training. In February all regulated church activity leaders presented a risk assessment and role descriptors to the PCC, which were all accepted. These are to be reviewed annually by the PCC.

Our PCC safeguarding lead is Kate Lyons who is a child protection manager in County Council's children's service.

Recently, the PCC agreed to purchasing a safeguarding programme designed for children to be built into the Sunday School programme. "Raise Your Roar with Roarry" created by Thirty One: Eight was purchased. It is a safeguarding resource designed to equip and empower primary-age children to speak up about their concerns.

In addition, the PCC agreed to purchase a notice board for the sole use of safeguarding material, including posters of relevant agencies, support groups with contact details. The safeguarding notice board is in situ at the back of the church, close to the carpet area which families and children use.

To supplement the notice board, we are listing relevant agencies at the back of the service sheet and have some relevant safeguarding posters in the church toilet cubicles.

Posters are inside and outside of the church with Safeguarding contact numbers. PSO contact number is also on the church service sheet. Safeguarding information is also on the Parish website and Southwell and Nottingham Diocese website.

The PCC have been discussing the National Safeguarding Standards with the aim to ensure safeguarding is embedded into our practice throughout church life and activities.

The Church of England National Safeguarding Standards and Quality Assurance Framework aims:

1. To make sure that people are being protected and responded to with compassion and humanity.
2. To be transparent and accountable to key stakeholders (for example, victims and survivors of abuse, trustees, the wider community and public).
3. To inform resource and strategic planning in respect of safeguarding."

For more information click on the link below

<https://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding/national-safeguarding-standards>  
or type Church of England National Safeguarding Standards into your search engine.

*Julie Howson, Parish Safeguarding Officer*

## ***PCC Review for the Year:***

Each PCC meeting receives reports from our Treasurer. Deanery Synod meetings are also reported to the PCC which updates us on wider issues. Regular reports are presented by representatives of other church organisations for discussion and annual reports from all these sources are presented for consideration at the Annual Parish Church Meeting (APCM). During 2025, the PCC met 7 times.

The Standing Committee normally meets prior to each PCC meeting to agree the draft minutes and agenda and to discuss matters and make decisions prior to full PCC approval. They take any significant recommendations for action to the PCC. In accordance with Church Representation Rules, the Standing Committee may also 'transact the PCC's business between meetings of the PCC'. During 2025 the Standing Committee met 7 times.

PCC meetings during 2025 remained quite varied.

The year began with the PCC attending a virtual workshop explaining the Church of England National Safeguarding Standards. The response to these was positive and it was agreed that we would adopt and work towards full compliance of the Standards. These have remained high on the agenda throughout the year, with the PCC completing worksheets, inviting group leaders to meetings and discussing how we can best support the Standards and keep safeguarding embedded within the wider church's culture.

The PCC reviewed and approved safeguarding plans of action, provisions, risk assessments and policies and well as reviewing all church activities. First aid boxes were also reviewed and updated.

It was agreed that the church would roll out the Parish Giving Scheme, in place of the current Standing Order method of giving. This scheme means Gift Aid can be claimed more frequently and it reduces the work of the Treasurer and Planned Giving Officer.

Several fundraising activities took place during the year, which all proved to be successful. They included a Bellringers' Quiz and the Christmas Tree Festival. The church also played host to a number of events by local groups which included concerts, dance lessons, Shakespearean plays and an art exhibition. Again, all were well received.

The main work carried out was work to the outside wall of the choir store, as well as the naive windows. Work to improve the lighting system was ongoing.

It was agreed that Helen Spiby would begin shadowing the two people currently appointed to the role of Church Warden.

*Kathryn Weller, Clerk to the Trustees*

### **Chairman's Review for 2025:**

2025 has been another positive year in the life of our Parish. With numbers overall gently rising.

As usual a really big thank you to everybody who has worked hard to ensure that we continue to be, for many, a place of welcome, acceptance and growth. Special thanks go to our Church Wardens, Pat Atkins and David Butler, our Treasurer, Kaye Ford and Kathryn Weller, our Parish Administrator.

We also welcomed Revd. Dr. Anne Phillips who has come on board in retirement with Permission to Officiate at St John's and we are confident that she will offer a rich ministry of wisdom and experience. We also welcomed Rebecca Gillie and Fenn Sutton as the new joint leaders of our Messy Church.

We sadly had to say goodbye to Phil Miles our Organist who has gone to be Organ Scholar at St Mary's, Lace Market. We thank him very much for his contribution to our life here.

Safeguarding remains an important aspect of church life and we have made good progress in working towards the Church of England National Safeguarding Standards in time for a 2027 deadline for compliance. Many thanks to Julie Howson, our Parish Safeguarding Officer, for helping to ensure this progress.

Financial challenges continue but as ever we are enormously grateful for those who give regularly to St John's and its mission and ministry: if you are able to give regularly, please consider doing so.

The PCC agreed some time ago to focus on a back-to-basics approach for 2026, where we focus on our use of the bible and promoting prayer in the life of our church and we continue to work on and develop that agenda.

Thank you so much for all your continued support.

God bless.

*Fr Wayne Plimmer (Vicar)*

## ***Churchwarden's Review and Fabric Report for the Year:***

Pope & Parr have repaired and replaced a leaded window above the dais which was damaged in high gales and a window opener which no longer worked was sealed shut helping to conserve heat loss.

Bonsors have done the usual twice-yearly check of the roof tiles and gutters.

The boiler has been a cause of concern on numerous occasions during the past year, but it is working satisfactorily now.

Bonsors have cleaned, repointed and replace damaged stonework to the external walls of the chair store. This was paid for by the MR&I grant

E-Bound have had to replace 2 roof alarm sensors which were damage by objects being thrown at them. Protective guards were looked at, but due to Faculty charges being £370 and £4 each for the covers the idea was withdrawn.

Alterations to the main church lighting has been made regarding the bulb wattages to enable more brighter light where it is most needed.

Simon Rostron has carried out a PAT test on all potable electrical appliances.

Our next PAT test will be in August 2027.

A Legionella test was carried out on the church's water, which was all-clear.

*David Butler and Pat Atkins, Churchwardens*

## ***Deanery Synod Review for the Year:***

This year we have welcomed Rev'd Matt Roberts and Rev'd Emma Rolls (St Michaels and All Angels Bramcote, and said goodbye to Rev'd Father Ian McCormack (St George in the Meadows), Rev'd Rob Brewis (St Mary's Wollaton Park), Rev'd Anna Clarke (Trinity), Rev'd Beth Resch (Trinity), Daniele Bochetti (Holy Trinity Lenton) and Tasha Genck (St Nics), Tracey Byrne (St John's Carrington)

The Deanery Leadership Team has continued to meet during the year to plan Synod and to discuss ways to support parishes in the Deanery – particularly those in vacancy. We have held three Synods: On 25<sup>th</sup> February we met at St Mary's in the Lace Market. We explored the theme of mission in our context. Father Lee Dunleavy, Rev'd Luke Meadows and Rev'd James Saunders all shared how they approach mission and ministry in their distinct contexts and traditions. Charlie Barber, Lay Chair shared a report from Diocesan Synod. We also said goodbye to Kirsty Cowley, Deanery Administrator.

On 9th July we met at St Cyprian's Sneinton. Rev'd Jo Tatum began by speaking about the Diocesan Vision. Tim Fox, Vicar of St Paul's, Boundary Road, and Area Dean of West Bingham spoke to us about Love, Joy, Peace. It's a resource that Tim has created for sharing faith generously. We also elected Father Lee Dunleavy to be a Diocesan Synod representative.

On 20th November we met at Holy Trinity Lenton. We explored the theme of growing disciples with courage. We watched several testimonies from the Diocesan Living Hope Series. Rev'd Jo Tatum encouraged us to think about how we share our faith with courage. We also held a Q&A with a panel of representatives from Diocesan synod.

The Deanery paid 89% of its giving for ministry in 2025. Every parish is thanked for their generosity.

*Katie Barlow (Deanery Administrator)*

## ***Financial Review***

Our finances for 2025 have, unfortunately, shown a downward trend over those of 2024. We ended the year with a deficit of just over £10,000, which was £3500 more than we anticipated in our budget. But we must also consider that we had budgeted to pay £50,000 towards our Parish Share and we only managed to pay £40,000. Our Diocesan request was actually £60,252 and for the next year is £62,061, against which we have budgeted to pay £50,000. This situation really must be high on our list of priorities for 2026.

We have received reduced amounts of PCC fees due to a decrease in the number of weddings and church funerals and our general donations have reduced, possibly as a result of the cost-of-living. We were, however, fortunate to receive a legacy from the estate of the late David Capstick. There are specific requirements to allocate this legacy to, so it initially enabled us to purchase the new

noticeboards fixed to the table at the back of church. Other expenditure has yet to be considered for the balance.

With regards to expenditure, our biggest payments were in respect of the choir store brickwork and the small top window repair. We were able to claim the window repair from our insurers so only ended up paying the excess of £250 on the claim. We were also very lucky with the choir store work – we received a substantial grant towards the work.

The amounts paid out for salaries has also increased due to government increases in NI and minimum wages. Despite these rises we still consider that we get very good value for money. It must also be mentioned that the work done on salaries/pensions etc. by Michael Gillie is very much appreciated.

It is hoped that next year we will be able to sort out getting onto online banking and also that more people will be willing to transfer their giving to the Parish Giving Scheme as this will make finances a lot easier to control. We have learnt some bad news recently regarding the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme. This is going to cease at the end of March 2026. It has been very helpful in that it has allowed us to remain VAT on repair work that we have had done. It is understood that another scheme is to be set up but this will operate to different criteria and may not be so relevant to us. No details have been released about this scheme yet and no indication given of when they will be made known – so it's a case of wait and see.

It is hoped to re-establish a Finance Group in the new year so anyone interested is asked to speak to myself or to Father Wayne.

Finally, I would like to thank all members of the congregation who continue to give generously to St John's and hope you will be able to do so well into the future.

*Kaye Ford - Treasurer to the PCC*

### **Planned Giving**

Gift Aid claimed for the calendar year 2024 was £20,976.50

**Gift Aid estimate for the calendar year 2025 should be approximately £10 - £12K**

Donations via Direct Debit has fallen to £39,54. This is due to some donors changing from donating via direct debit to the Parish Share Giving Scheme which was introduced in the summer of 2025. Details of this scheme are available at the welcome desk.

60 donors who are UK taxpayers, allowing us to claim Gift Aid, were registered January 2025, sadly two donors have died.

Out of the 60 donors, 7 have moved to the Parish Giving Scheme which claims gift aid monthly and automatically transfers the gift aid to the church's account.

One donor has moved to pledge giving as they no longer pay tax.

Therefore, in January 2026, 50 donors who pay by direct debit are recorded on the Gift Aid register.

We have 13 donors who donate by a monthly direct debit but who are not UK tax payers, sadly one donor has died. These donors combined have donated £3,450 (January to December 2025)

CAF has brought in an income £12,014.59 (January 2025 – December 2025)

The Good Box an income of £3503.46 (January 2025 – December 2025)

Parish Giving Scheme £13,053 (July 2025 to December 2025)

Yellow gift aid envelopes £179 (January 2025 to December 2025)

We have two parishioners who still like to use the brown envelopes for their pledge giving (non-Gift Aid donations)

The PCC and the clergy at St John the Baptist are extremely grateful for the generous giving of our parishioners.

I have resigned from the post of Planned Giving Officer, and we are seeking someone who can take over this important task until all donations come through the Parish Giving Scheme.

*Julie Howson, Planned Giving Officer*

Parochial Church Council of St John the Baptist, Beeston, Nottingham  
Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

<b>1</b>	<b>Accounting Policies</b>				
	See attached document – model set of accounting policies				
<b>2</b>	<b>Incoming Resources</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds 2025</b>	<b>Total Funds 2024</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>2a</b>	<b>Incoming Resources</b>				
	Planned Giving -				
	Covenants/Gift Aid	£66,303.69	£0.00	£66,303.69	£66,521.00
	Tax Returned on Convenants	£4,139.38	£0.00	£4,139.38	£10,711.00
	Unconvenanted	£3,570.00	£0.00	£3,570.00	£2,885.00
	Collections All Services	£2,587.49	£0.00	£2,587.49	£3,354.00
	Sundry Donations	£3,168.41	£0.00	£3,168.41	£2,661.00
		<b>£79,768.97</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£79,768.97</b>	<b>£86,132.00</b>
<b>2b</b>	<b>Other Voluntary Incoming Resources</b>				
	Donations, Appeals etc.	£0.00	£1,190.76	£1,190.76	£2,060.00
	Legacies	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	£0.00
	Fundraising Events	£1,937.31	£0.00	£1,937.31	£1,821.00
	Easy Fundraising	£183.43	£0.00	£183.43	£332.00
		<b>£3,120.74</b>	<b>£1,190.76</b>	<b>£4,311.50</b>	<b>£4,213.00</b>
<b>2c</b>	<b>Income from Charitable and Ancillary Trading</b>				
	Candle Sales	£115.05	£0.00	£115.05	£67.00
	PCC Fees/Extras	£2,546.00	£0.00	£2,546.00	£4,161.00
	Booklets/BRF etc.	£0.00	£95.00	£95.00	£120.00
		<b>£2,661.05</b>	<b>£95.00</b>	<b>£2,756.05</b>	<b>£4,348.00</b>
<b>2d</b>	<b>Other Ordinary Income Resources</b>				
	Coffee Fund	£2,009.32	£0.00	£2,009.32	£2,468.00
	Hire of Premises	£2,145.00	£0.00	£2,145.00	£1,831.00
	Gifts	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£265.00
	Misc. Income	£0.00	£767.00	£767.00	£219.00
	Sale of Sound System	£30.00	£0.00	£30.00	£450.00
	Eco Grant	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£250.00
	Grant re. Chair Store Work	£0.00	£4,034.61	£4,034.61	£0.00
	Insurance re. Window Repair	£0.00	£980.00	£980.00	£0.00
		<b>£4,184.32</b>	<b>£5,781.61</b>	<b>£9,965.93</b>	<b>£5,483.00</b>
<b>2e</b>	<b>Income from Investments</b>				
	Dividends/Interest	<b>£489.31</b>	<b>£599.46</b>	<b>£1,088.77</b>	<b>£1,130.00</b>
<b>2f</b>	<b>North Aisle Roof</b>				
	VAT refund	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,938.00
	Grants/Donations	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£8,000.00
	Tax on donations	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,000.00
		<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£11,938.00</b>
<b>2g</b>	<b>VAT reclaimed from LPWS</b>	<b>£1,310.28</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£1,310.28</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
	<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>£91,534.67</b>	<b>£7,666.83</b>	<b>£99,201.50</b>	<b>£113,244.00</b>

Parochial Church Council of St John the Baptist, Beeston, Nottingham  
Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

**3 Resources Used**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
<b>3a Grants</b>				
Relief and Development				
Agencies	£240.00	£0.00	£240.00	£240.00
Home Missions and other Church Societies	£0.00	£1,126.05	£1,126.05	£323.00
Clergy/Other Gifts	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00	£265.00
	<b>£290.00</b>	<b>£1,126.05</b>	<b>£1,416.05</b>	<b>£828.00</b>
<b>3b Activities Directly Relating to the Work of the Church</b>				
Ministry -				
Giving to Ministry	£40,000.00	£0.00	£40,000.00	£41,000.00
Clergy Development	£518.00	£0.00	£518.00	£645.00
Clergy Expenses	£234.20	£0.00	£234.20	£246.00
Church -				
Running Expenses	£20,308.74	£0.00	£20,308.74	£20,174.00
Repairs and Maintenance	£4,109.13	£0.00	£4,109.13	£2,844.00
Bell Tower Work	£177.30	£0.00	£177.30	£83.00
Cleaners Fees	£1,064.44	£0.00	£1,064.44	£2,447.00
Upkeep of Services	£1,747.88	£0.00	£1,747.88	£1,136.00
Religious Education inc. BRF	£405.74	£0.00	£405.74	£278.00
Salary of Organist/ Choir Leader	£6,606.04	£0.00	£6,606.04	£5,971.00
Choir Expenses	£210.74	£0.00	£210.74	£380.00
Roof Alarm	£1,408.80	£0.00	£1,408.80	£1,258.00
Bank Charges	£113.03	£0.00	£113.03	£177.00
Mission Opportunities & ARK	£147.84	£0.00	£147.84	£204.00
Messy Church	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£206.00
Noticeboard	£0.00	£90.72	£90.72	£0.00
Lighting Improvements	£559.00	£0.00	£559.00	£8,118.00
Chair Store Repairs	£1,942.69	£4,034.61	£5,977.30	£0.00
Window Repair	£250.00	£980.00	£1,230.00	£0.00
Bird Boxes	£0.00	£276.00	£276.00	£0.00
	<b>£79,803.57</b>	<b>£5,381.33</b>	<b>£85,184.90</b>	<b>£85,167.00</b>
<b>3c Fundraising and Publicity</b>				
Costs of Fundraising Events	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
<b>3d Church Management and Administration</b>				
Print, Statnry, Phones, Pstge	£3,679.03	£0.00	£3,679.03	£3,919.00
Parish Secretary	£15,895.87	£0.00	£15,895.87	£12,398.00
Misc. Expenses	£75.20	£111.20	£186.40	£132.00
Marketing and Publicity inc. Wifi & Licences	£1,293.27	£0.00	£1,293.27	£1,439.00
Audit Fee	£160.00	£0.00	£160.00	£160.00
	<b>£21,103.37</b>	<b>£111.20</b>	<b>£21,214.57</b>	<b>£18,048.00</b>
<b>3e North Aisle Roof Repairs</b>	<b>£1,608.91</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£1,608.91</b>	<b>£11,930.00</b>
<b>Total Resources Used</b>	<b>£102,805.85</b>	<b>£6,618.58</b>	<b>£109,424.43</b>	<b>£115,973.00</b>



Parochial Church Council of St John the Baptist, Beeston, Nottingham  
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Incoming Resources</b>					
Donations & Legacies	£4,168.41	£0.00	£0.00	£4,168.41	£4,721.00
Charitable Activities	£86,876.95	£2,052.76	£0.00	£88,929.71	£95,204.00
Investments	£489.31	£599.46	£0.00	£1,088.77	£1,130.00
North Aisle Roof Funds	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£10,000.00
VAT Refund on North Aisle Roof	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,939.00
Eco Grant	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£250.00
Grant re. Chair Store	£0.00	£4,034.61	£0.00	£4,034.61	£0.00
Insurance re. Windows	£0.00	£980.00	£0.00	£980.00	£0.00
	<b>£91,534.67</b>	<b>£7,666.83</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£99,201.50</b>	<b>£113,244.00</b>
<b>Resources Used</b>					
Charitable Activities	£99,004.25	£1,603.97	£0.00	£100,608.22	£104,043.00
North Aisle Roof Repairs	£1,608.91	£0.00	£0.00	£1,608.91	£11,930.00
Chair Store Repairs	£1,942.69	£4,034.61	£0.00	£5,977.30	£0.00
Window Repairs	£250.00	£980.00	£0.00	£1,230.00	£0.00
	<b>£102,805.85</b>	<b>£6,618.58</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£109,424.43</b>	<b>£115,973.00</b>
<b>Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources</b>	<b>-£11,271.18</b>	<b>£1,048.25</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>-£10,222.93</b>	<b>-£2,729.00</b>
<b>Balance b/fwd @ 1 Jan 2025</b>	<b>£126,486.19</b>	<b>-£43,385.19</b>	<b>£1,025.00</b>	<b>£84,126.00</b>	<b>£86,855.00</b>
<b>Balance c/fwd @ 31 Dec 2025</b>	<b>£115,215.01</b>	<b>-£42,336.94</b>	<b>£1,025.00</b>	<b>£73,903.07</b>	<b>£84,126.00</b>

Accounts prepared by:

Kaye Ford – FMAAT  
Treasurer to the P.C.C.

Accounts Approved by the P.C.C. On 26th March 2026

Revd. W. Plimmer  
Vicar and Chair of the P.C.C.

## **Independent examiner's report to the PCC of St John the Baptist, Beeston**

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 1 to is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 ("the Act").

### **Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner**

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on these financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

### **Basis of this Report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
  - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and Regulationshave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*D Whitaker*

Deborah Whitaker MAAT  
11 Old Road, Sutton-in-Ashfield

11<sup>th</sup> March 2026

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

For the year ended 31 December 2025

### **1. Accounting Policies**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2005 and SORP 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

### **Funds**

*Endowment funds* are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investments of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

*Restricted funds* represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

*Unrestricted funds* are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

### **Incoming Resources**

Planning giving, collections and donation are recognized when received. Tax refunds are recognized when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognized when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

### **Resources Expended**

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognized when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

### **Fixed Assets**

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Moveable church furnishing held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

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*Reports from Parish  
Groups*  
**2025**

## **ABC2**

This report covers the year January – December 2025

Since starting back in June 2023, the group has continued to have a steady group of children and parents/ carers attending with the addition of a few newcomers following a renewed advertising effort on social media. We have continued to meet on a Tuesday morning and offer the same activities and refreshments.

We sponsored a Christmas Tree on behalf of all the children's groups in Church as part of the Church Christmas Tree festival.

We donated £15 from group funds to Children In Need and £60 to Church funds.

We have continued with the tradition of doing something 'special' for the children at Christmas, Easter and the Summer break. This is usually a small party and small take home gift.

There are 5 members of the team that help run crafts, story time, singing and refreshments.

Thanks to all those who help run the group and also to those who attend.

*Pam Holland*

## **Ark Youth Group**

2025 was another action-packed year at Ark and marked the 3 year anniversary of the relaunch of a youth group at St John's. In September we welcomed some more new members moving up from Sunday School and it has been wonderful to see our young people's faith and fellowship continue to grow over the year.

Our monthly social sessions are a great space for games, crafts and activities and of course a meal together allowing time for our young people to catch up and chat about things going on in their lives.

We have enjoyed a wide variety of activities this year including an Epiphany party, pancake tossing relays, games in the churchyard and much more.

During 2025, we continued with our extended evening sessions which allowed us to weave the learning into the fun and games and have longer discussions than time affords on a Sunday morning.

On Sunday mornings we have continued exploring the Christian faith, getting more familiar with the Bible and discussing the readings of the church calendar. We also tie in the themes in the wider Church of England, supported by their resources and this year celebrated the 1,700 th anniversary of the Nicene Creed with a 4 week programme exploring the history and development of the creeds and the meaning behind them. As always, the learning is accompanied by drinks and snacks.

In 2026 our focus is to build on the solid foundations made since we started Ark in 2022 and to reach out to other young people in our community.

To enable us to continue our work, we are in need of more people to support our young people in their faith journey, whether that is as a regular leader or helper, or as a one off. If you feel you have something to offer, please do get in touch.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us this year by practical actions or through prayer.

And finally... just a reminder that any young people in Year 6 or above are welcome to come along and see what we get up to.

*Katy McBurnie, Ark Co-Ordinator*

## **Bellringers**

The band of ringers at St. John's continues to flourish and remains one of the strongest groups of bell ringers in the Southwell and Nottingham diocese. Since the last report we have welcomed two new recruits to the band, Sophie and Rachel, both complete beginners who are making good progress in learning this ancient art. From our younger teenage ringers, the band consisted of people from pretty much every decade up to those in their 90s! On average we have 12 ringers up the tower on a Sunday morning which allows all 10 bells to ring out most weeks. Wednesday practice nights are somewhat more hectic with an average attendance of 22. Having such a diverse and enthusiastic band encourages development every year in the art of change ringing and this is reflected in the team retaining the coveted Crawford Cup for producing the most rhythmically accurate ringing at the contest in May.

We held our AGM in March 2025, re-electing our principal officers many of whom over this next year will have completed 25 years in role. Tower Captain Bridget Eickhoff and Ringing Master Alistair Smith have decided that it is time to hand over the reins, so 2026 will be a year of transition.

In addition to ringing on Sunday mornings, for weddings and during our Wednesday evening practices, we rang 20 quarter peals on Sunday afternoons. These are used to not only develop the ringing skills of the band but to mark significant events. Over the year these have included the 80th anniversary of VE day, for which the Mayor of Broxtowe attended. We also celebrated our Tower Captain, Bridget, being made an MBE for services to the rail industry. Most recently we were greatly saddened by the loss of Brian Walton our former Tower Captain and longest standing member but celebrated his contribution to ringing at St. John's with a number of performances.

Apart from ringing, we enjoyed a number of social activities, including a long weekend together on the Welsh Borders to ring at various churches and to walk through some hills less trod. Pizzas were consumed at the Smith household, croquet played and fellowship made through a wine tasting evening and shared food at our Christmas Party.

Another highlight of the year was the Church Quiz which attracted a good number of the congregation. Thanks should be given to Tom for returning as our quiz master for a second time and to all those providing the ever-popular food.

We have also supported the church open mornings over the year by offering up tours of the tower and an introduction to ringing bells. These are always great fun and really appreciated by the visitors.

Finally, our younger ringers make up the majority of the team representing the diocese at national and regional contests. In July they competed at the National Youth contest in Birmingham and really challenged themselves. Looking forward to July this year where the contest is being held around Nottingham, we will have the opportunity to show the community around St. John's how popular ringing is with the next generation and how we aim to retain our voice around Beeston. Look out for more details ahead of 4th July.

*The Ringers*

## **Children's Society Box Collection**

Following a couple of requests for the return of boxes/ donations to the Children's Society, we managed to gather in 7 boxes and donations. This has now been banked and amounted to £ 155.82.

The collection from the Christingle service raised £280.92

I would like to extend thanks to those who donated.

*Pam Holland*

## Choir

In spite of falling numbers in the last few years, the Choir continues to lead the musical services in a good way, When there is no more than one singer per part, then there is a huge responsibility resting upon them That has been the case for many months now, Credit is due, particularly to our Bass and Tenor singers bearing sole responsibility for their line but also to the altos , most of whom have family to care for, so attendance can be intermittent. In this situation, we could easily feel defeated, but we struggle on, sometimes with as few as 5 or 6 singers available for rehearsal, and I believe that we perform well in sustaining the musical transition of our church. Thanks are due to Kenneth and Chris Prather, who joined us all too briefly from India, and who, after a couple of years have removed to the north. Lee, one of our Basses, having finished his degree course, has now moved away, but thanks are due to him for his musical contribution. The late 1970s, I believe, was when we were 'invaded ' by a family with four young children who have all played a most welcome part in our church lives. The father of this family, Roy Atkins, has been singing with our choir since then, also cooking, and consuming a fair number of pancakes in the days when we had a church hall in which to cook and celebrate Shrove Tuesday, among other events and concerts, etc. There was so much happening in those days. Now, with the march of time, we have lost and gained in more or less equal parts. Our other tenor, Ash, is taking a break, but is now responsible for the monthly Taize services, supported by some of the choir

We have dropped from 3 Tenors and 3 Basses since the end of the summer term. Anyone is welcome to come alongside and try us out for a while. Nowadays you do not necessarily have to be able to read music as Paul has put together a wonderful online resource for our music, so you can hear your own part on a device and learn your line that way. There is a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction to be had, and our choir is a very friendly group who will welcome you, so, how about joining with us? If you have been worshipping with us for a while, you will know that we do at least one big, joint service with the Beeston Methodist choir, which is always enjoyable, and also there are occasional evening services with more singing. PLEASE, if you, or anyone you know, could help us to combat the diminishing numbers, contact one of the choir to find out more. To sum up...in spite of low attendances, I feel that the choir are doing an excellent, essential job of leading our musical services and are to be congratulated on what is achieved.

*Chris Warren, Director of Music*

## Church Flowers

Thanks to everyone who has and continues to donate money to enable us to have the beautiful flowers in Church.

*Pam Holland*

## Coffee Stop

Coffee stop continues to support the churches mission by providing the community with a safe place where people can freely walk in and enjoy a hot drink, something to eat and a friendly chat with other like-minded people.

Attendance figures average around 20 regulars each week with occasional increases due to new faces and special event days.

On September 28th we held a Macmillan coffee morning and managed to raise £201.75. Thank you to all who supported and organised the event.

A weekly rotation of either Sausage & Bacon cobs, Toast, or home-made and bought cakes are freely offered to all who attend and it is from this that we receive donations which help to support and keep coffee stop going.

A very big Thank you goes to Kellimarie and her mum Jeanne who helped by running the coffee stop kitchen in serving up the food and drinks as well as baking cakes, along with Christina and Dave.

We also thank Ros for all she has done until her illness prevented her continuing.

Finally I would like to give my thanks to Dave who wrote this report and also stepped in to ensure the group kept operating in my enforced absence.

*Reverend Rob Wiggins*

## Eco Church

### **Eco Church - Sharing God's love through caring for Creation**

Eco Church encourages churches to measure themselves and their creation care progress across the five categories of its survey. In December 2024 St John's achieved its Bronze award. The Eco Church Group aims to help enable our whole congregation to become increasingly aware of the joys and responsibilities of caring for God's world and everything in it.

#### **Some actions in the year to February 2026**

- Work is ongoing to investigate grant funding for major works to reduce the church's carbon footprint. Dave Butler is leading on this.
- Fran Blackler and Val Sellars attended the Broxtowe Borough Council's Climate Change Forum in March 2025, discovered what is happening on the environmental front in our community and made some useful contacts.
- The church was open for Earth Day in April, and those who came were encouraged to think about their relationship with our planet whilst doing simple actions/activities. Although numbers were small, possibly due to its being Easter Tuesday, all were appreciative. Several people came from other churches, and we hope to publicise the 2026 repeat more widely in community sources.
- The Sunday School used the churchyard for a variety of activities during one half term, and also surveyed members of the congregation one Sunday on how they travelled to church.
- Our regular worship includes prayers, hymns and other aspects exploring creation care.
- We celebrated Creation Sunday in October when Val Sellars from the Eco Church Group was the preacher.
- Eco Church had a tree with natural decorations at the Christmas Tree Festival. The congregation were invited to add cards with their Christmas greetings to friends at church and make a donation. £30+ was donated to the National Trust's tree-planting campaign.
- Eco Corner appears most weeks in the Notices, and seeks to raise awareness of God's whole creation in a variety of ways. During Secondhand September we encouraged people to 'Shop in your Closet' rather than buying new.
- Our commitment to Eco Church appears on our website and on the public church noticeboards.

There is also an Eco Church noticeboard in church to the right of the door into the toilets.

The Eco Group members are always happy to hear your thoughts and ideas - our names are on the noticeboard. We are also keen to involve more people from the congregation, so if you can help in any way with time and/or talents do get in touch with us. Please don't wait to be asked! You can also contact us via Kathryn at the church office.

We are: Val Sellars, Ian Buchan, Fran Blackler, Jackie Laats, Helen Spiby, Favour Borokini and Revd. Dawn Glen. Buildings and Energy: David Butler.

*Val Sellars*

## 'Green Pastures' Dementia Friendly Service

The Green Pastures Service (on the first Tuesday of every month 2-3pm) continues to thrive and the numbers have been increasing year on year. The service is of short duration with well-known hymns, a reflection, usually relevant to the time of year in the liturgy, and prayers. Tea and coffee, often with cake, is served afterwards to allow everyone to socialise in a supportive environment.

Although the service is tailored to meet the needs of people with Dementia everyone is welcome and we have a very mixed congregation. Some people come from the regular congregation who enjoy singing hymns and the get together after the service. Some people have returned even though their partner with Dementia has died because they appreciate the ongoing support. Some people are brought from the local care homes; residents who may have had connections with St John's or were used to attending church before going into the care home.

The atmosphere is friendly, welcoming and sometimes slightly chaotic but the underlying ethos is one of love and spiritual support.

The service has a loyal and great team with Chris's musicality, Rev Paul's bonhomie and leadership, Paul Carpenter's doorman responsibilities, Julie Howson's joviality and Val Knight and I provide the cake!

*Rosemary Carpenter*

## **Julian Prayer Group**

The Julian meeting, named after Julian of Norwich, has been carrying on in the background at St John's for many years. Many Christian organisations hold these meetings though they may differ in how they are run. The aim is to practise and promote contemplative prayer.

We meet at St John's on the 3rd Thursday of the month from 4.30 to 5.00. We follow a very simple format. Each meeting is started with a short reading or prayer and then we sit in silence for half an hour finishing with a prayer. There is something very profound in a small group of people sitting together waiting on God in silence.

All are welcome to join us.

*Rosemary and Paul Carpenter*

## **Messy Church**

Messy Church resumed in July 2025 under the new leadership of Fenn Sutton and Rebecca Gillie. We have run 4 Messy Church sessions so far: in July, October, November, and February, with a further session in planning for the end of March. The themes were God's Love, Compassion for all, Advent, and the Prodigal Son; the session at the end of March will be on Holy Week and Easter. We have further sessions planned for June, October and December, with the possibility of an extra meeting in the summer holidays if we have enough helpers.

Our sessions continue to welcome a mix of regular faces and new families. We have a strong community of regular attendees and this year have usually had around 20-25 children at each session with their parents and carers.

Messy Church could not run without our team of about 10 regular helpers; those who come along and lead the activities and those who help set up beforehand and clear up afterwards, and we would like to extend our thanks to all our helpers for their willingness to come along on a Saturday afternoon and get messy! It has been lovely, too, to have a number of young people getting involved as young leaders at Messy Church; this is an area that would be great to develop in future. In all our sessions and volunteer recruitment we follow the Church's safeguarding guidelines and will be happy to submit relevant documents to the PCC as required.

We would like in particular to express our thanks to Naomi Groves, Julie Howson and Father Wayne for their leadership of Messy Church last year and for their invaluable ongoing involvement and support. Please continue to pray for the Messy Church team and the Messy Church community here at St John's as we take this work forward.

*Rebecca Gillie*

## **Stitch and Meditate**

The stitch and meditate group have met regularly for fellowship, craft and cake until Christmas. Unfortunately, due to a variety of reasons, Stitch and meditate has been suspended until a new leader for the group can be found. Thank you to everyone who has supported the group since it began and we hope to meet again in the future.

*Ash Shaw*

## **Sunday School**

Sunday school has continued to run each Sunday during term time this year. During the Spring term we followed the lectionary most weeks. During the Summer term we changed things a bit by holding some of Sunday sessions outside in the Church grounds. The aim was to link in with the Eco Church activities. We talked about the 'wind' for Pentecost, habitats outside, a transport tally, the Church building, the flowers and leaves – (where we scattered some wild flower seed bombs into the wild area) and Fairtrade.

During the Autumn term we learned about the people from the Jesse Tree, this topic took us all the way up to Christmas.

The format has remained the same where we meet downstairs on the carpet at the beginning of the Sunday Service, then all go upstairs together. Each session starts with a bible story which is accompanied with a craft or activity and then aim to finish with a prayer before re-joining the service downstairs for the Peace.

We have a lovely group of young people that attend with their families and have also welcomed a couple of new children during the year.

We are now a team of 6 people who are on a rota to lead and help each week.

Our thanks to all those who offer their time and help and those who come along.

*Pam Holland*

## **Taizé Services**

Taize services have been running regularly over the last 12 months with up to 20 members of the church joining us during this reflective time. We have enjoyed learning new chants and we are looking forward to continuing to worship in this time. Thank you to everyone who helps with running the services and those who contribute ideas.

*Ash Shaw*

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# Accounts

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# The Parish Church of St John the Baptist Beeston

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Annual Report and Accounts  
of the Parochial Church Council for the  
Year Ended 31 December 2024

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# Annual Report for the Parochial Church Council for the Year Ending 31 December 2024

## Administrative Information

St John the Baptist is situated in Church Street, in the parish of Beeston and the Diocese of Southwell of Nottingham. The correspondence address is Beeston Vicarage, Middle Street, Beeston, Nottingham, NG9 1GA.

PCC members who have served from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 until the date of this report are:

Incumbent	Revd Wayne Plimmer Revd Kirstine Buchan Jem Bloomfield Revd Rob Wiggins Revd Dawn Glen Revd Monika Doering Revd Paul Knight	Chairman Associate Priest Lay Reader Permission to Officiate Permission to Officiate Permission to Officiate Permission to Officiate
Wardens	Pat Atkins Jackie Laats	
Deanery Synod Representatives	Christopher Gray Julie Howson Laura Macdonald	Parish Safeguarding Officer
Elected Members	Ian Buchan David Butler Kaye Ford Pam Holland Steve Lowe Kate Lyons Val Sellars Helen Spiby Norman Vaughton Richard Whitaker Revd Rob Wiggins	Treasurer  PCC Safeguarding Lead

## Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Councils Powers Measure. The PCC is a registered charity with the Charity Commission and its registered number is 1134788.

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

## Objectives and Activities

The PCCs objectives and operations are framed in the context of Church as a fellowship of believers whose main objective is to serve Christ in our community. This is worked out through a wide range of activities including:

- Sunday Eucharists and Worship
- Weekday Prayer and mid-week Eucharist
- Occasional offices (baptisms, weddings and funerals)
- Pastoral work
- Social Activities
- Weekday and Evening groups
- Ecumenical links.

## Achievements and Performance

### **Church Attendance:**

There are currently 108 members on the Church Electoral Roll, some of whom reside outside of the parish. This figure is 25 less than last year. The drop in numbers may be attributed to the fact that a new roll has been compiled this year.

Average attendance at the 10am Sunday Eucharist has increased to 106. At the Wednesday 10am Eucharist, 17 people, on average, attend.

### **Safeguarding Review for the Year:**

***The House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy states that the Church 'will train and equip church officers to have the confidence and skills they need to care and support children, young people and vulnerable adults and to recognise and respond to abuse'.***

Since 2020 we have been using the Parish Dashboard to ensure we are following Church of England policy and procedure regarding Safeguarding.

Recently, the PCC have agreed a Photo and Video Policy and Social Media Policy which is to be rolled out to all church groups. We are committed to ensuring any personal data gathered, follows GDPR guidelines.

All activity leaders agree to meet the safeguarding requirements as required by the Diocese and Church of England, that is, Enhanced or Basic DBS as required by each post and appropriate level of safeguarding training.

Our PCC safeguarding lead is Kate Lyons who is a child protection manager in County Council's children's service.

Posters are inside and outside of the church with Safeguarding contact numbers. PSO contact number is also on the church service sheet. Safeguarding information is also on the Parish website and Southwell and Nottingham Diocese website.

### **The Church of England has published a National Safeguarding Standards and Quality Assurance Framework.**

#### **The aim of the Framework is to:**

- 1. To make sure that people are being protected and responded to with compassion and humanity.*
- 2. To be transparent and accountable to key stakeholders (for example, victims and survivors of abuse, trustees, the wider community and public).*
- 3. To inform resource and strategic planning in respect of safeguarding."*

For more information click on the link below

<https://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding/national-safeguarding-standards>

or type Church of England National Safeguarding Standards into your search engine.

*Julie Howson, Parish Safeguarding Officer*

### **PCC Review for the Year:**

Each PCC meeting receives reports from our Treasurer. Deanery Synod meetings are also reported to the PCC which updates us on wider issues. Regular reports are presented by representatives of other church organisations for discussion and annual reports from all these sources are presented for consideration at the Annual Parish Church Meeting (APCM). During 2024, the PCC met 8 times.

The Finance Group supports the PCC in managing the finances of the Parish Church. It normally meets quarterly, prior to PCC meetings, reporting back to the PCC with recommendations and requests for decisions and approval if necessary. During 2024 the Finance Group met 3 times.

The Standing Committee normally meets prior to each PCC meeting to agree the draft minutes and agenda and to discuss matters and make decisions prior to full PCC approval. They take any significant

recommendations for action to the PCC. In accordance with Church Representation Rules, the Standing Committee may also 'transact the PCC's business between meetings of the PCC'. During 2024 the Standing Committee met 5 times.

PCC meetings during 2024 remained quite varied.

Several fundraising activities took place during the year, which all proved to be successful. They included a Patronal Festival Fayre, Bellringers' Quiz, Carols and Wine and the Christmas Tree Festival. The church also played host to a number of events by local groups which included concerts, dance lessons, Shakespearean plays, social prescribing, dance lessons and an art exhibition. Again, all were well received.

The PCC reviewed and approved safeguarding plans of action, provisions, risk assessments and policies and well as reviewing all church activities.

The main work carried out was work to the North Aisle roof, as well as service and repair to the organ. Work to improve the lighting system was ongoing.

The loft space was cleared and storage areas reorganised and reallocated where appropriate.

It was agreed that David Butler would act as Deputy Churchwarden, shadowing the two people currently appointed to the role.

*Kathryn Weller, Clerk to the Trustees*

#### **Chairman's Review for 2024:**

2024 has been another encouraging year and gentle growth has continued in lots of respects, as the after effects of the pandemic have subsided still further.

Particular congratulations to the Eco Group members of the congregation who have helped to ensure that we are now proud holders of the A Roche Bronze Award. For further details please see [A Rocha UK - Caring for creation](#)

I'd like to say thank you to everybody, both paid staff and volunteers, who have worked so hard throughout the year to ensure that St John's continues to be a place of welcome and acceptance. I'd like to offer special thanks to our Church Wardens, Pat Atkins and Jackie Laats, for their wisdom, experience and hard work.

We seek to be a place of inclusion and need to continue to work together to make that a reality in every respect. Part of this is to ensure a high standard of safeguarding and working together with our colleagues in the Diocese and National Church. We are making good progress but without being complacent about maintaining high standards. Particular thanks to Julie Howson, our Parish Safeguarding Officer. For further details see Julie's Safeguarding report above.

The financial challenges continue but we are making some good progress as we invite people to continue giving generously for the mission and ministry of the Parish Church. In particular there has been encouraging growth through electronic means of giving.

Thank you so much for your support.

God bless.

*Fr Wayne Plimmer (Vicar)*

### ***Churchwarden's Review and Fabric Report for the Year:***

There have been problems with the church lighting since the 2024 APCM and they are still not resolved. Our architect, Graeme Renton, Fr Rob Wiggins and Deputy Warden David Butler have been dealing with it.

Repairs have been carried out on the N aisle roof.

At present we are awaiting an estimate for repointing the lower part of the exterior. When it arrives we shall apply for a Minor Repairs and Improvements grant from the Diocese.

Regular maintenance work, and some repairs, have been carried out on the boiler and pump. The hot water boiler in the kitchen has been repaired and serviced.

The storage above the toilet block has been tidied and the inventory brought up to date.

Kneelers, hymn books, the old sound system and some garden party equipment have been disposed of. Surplus choir robes have been given to Inverness Cathedral where they were very gratefully received. Surplus candlesticks and servers' robes have been transferred to a new church in Sneinton.

The roof alarms and sensors have been serviced.

The fire extinguishers have been serviced and replacements made where necessary.

We have been given two new crib sets, a very small one suitable for a windowsill and a larger floor standing one. It may be possible to display the larger one outside church if suitable housing can be made.

*Pat Atkins and Jackie Laats, Churchwardens*

### ***Deanery Synod Review for the Year:***

This year we have said goodbye to Rev'd Christopher Harrison (Nottingham All Saint and St Peter), Rev'd John Blakeley (Sneinton St Stephen) and have welcomed Marsha Farmer (Sneinton St Christopher), Rev'd Lee Dunleavy (Sneinton, St Cyprian), Rev'd Sam Watkins-Smith (Trinity Church Nottingham) and Rev'd James Saunders (St Mary's in the Lace Market).

The Deanery Leadership Team has continued to meet during the year to plan Synod and to discuss ways to support parishes in the Deanery – particularly those in vacancy. We have held three Synods:

On 13 February we met at St Mary's in the Lace Market and we invited the Jericho Road Project, Transforming Notts Together, Refugee Roots and 100 Homes. We spent time praying for these organisations and also for the Deanery.

On 10 July we met at St Mary the Virgin's in Attenborough. We were joined by Rev'd Canon Richard Kellett who shared about the new Diocesan Vision of growing disciples with Compassion, Confidence and Courage and led a discussion around 'how can we as the body of Christ work across our parish boundaries to realise the Diocesan vision?'. We also received a report from General Synod.

On 21 November we met at Christ Church, Chilwell where Rev'd Canon Richard Kellett led us in prayer for the Middle East. Julian Hodgson, the Diocesan Safeguarding Lead, shared about the National Safeguarding Standards.

Our November meeting was also our AGM and a report was provided on the work of the Deanery Leadership Team during the past year.

Following the AGM the Deanery Leadership Team was made up of:

- Ex-officio Members: Rev'd Jo Tatum (Area Dean), Kirsty Cowley (Deanery Administrator)
- Lay Chair: Charlie Barber and Fola Sowunmi
- Deanery Secretary: Peter Horne
- Deanery Treasurer: Trevor Peel
- DLT Members: Kirstine Buchan, Fi Shouler

We also voted the following people on to Diocesan Synod:

- House of Clergy: Rev'd Jo Tatum, Rev'd Dr Mark Wreford, Rev'd Jonny Hughes and Rev'd Andy Tufnell
- House of Laity: Christopher Gray

The Deanery paid 94% of its giving for ministry in 2024. Every parish is thanked for their generosity.

*Kirsty Cowley (Deanery Administrator)*

## **Financial Review**

Our financial situation for 2024 has not changed significantly from last year. Although we have benefited from the improved utility costs we are still paying much more than we did three years ago and there is no obvious chance of this expense reducing in the near future. We have some very kind and generous members of our congregation who still make regular contributions to our heating costs and we are very grateful to them.

Our biggest expenses this year have been the work carried out on the lighting improvements and repairs to the North Aisle roof. We were fortunate to be able to reclaim the VAT on both of these projects from the Listed Places of Worship Scheme.

We could not pay our Parish Share in full, which would have required £57,939, but we did pay £41,000. It is most unlikely that we will be able to pay much more than this in the next year, when the Diocese are suggesting our Parish Share should be £60,253. We have budgeted to pay £50,000, optimistically.

The amounts we have received from general donations have reduced considerably and our fundraising income has also reduced – despite having a very successful Christmas Tree Festival and the usual Quiz Night and Beer & Hymns but we are now benefiting from the introduction of Easy Fundraising and this has raised £332 at no cost to those using the scheme.

Our Coffee Stop continues to provide a welcome source of income and is much appreciated by all who come along on a Thursday morning.

Although the general donations has reduced we have been very lucky to receive a specific donation towards the work on the North Aisle roof. This donation, together with the Gift Aid on it and the reclaiming of the VAT, has covered the whole cost of the work done. However this work only enabled us to complete one third of the work required thus this will be an ongoing project for future years.

It has been identified that work needs to be done on re-pointing of the exterior of the building and this is another project that is to be considered further next year – particularly as there is a possibility of a grant towards some of this work.

We plan to introduce a new Planned Giving Scheme early in 2025 and hope that this will lighten the load on both the Planned Giving Officer and the Treasurer. You will hear more about this in the New Year.

Thanks again to the Finance Group for their continued support and also to Michael Gillie for all the work he does on our payroll matters all of which is very much appreciated.

*Kaye Ford - Treasurer to the PCC*

## **Planned Giving**

Our main income comes through direct debits and standing orders.

The donations that have been gift aided from July 23 to December 24 are expected to accrue c.£18K which is to be claimed from HMRC March '25

In addition to the above we have CAF, Charities Aid Foundation, which was introduced in April 2021. This is an online method of donating to St John's, Gift Aid is added automatically. Throughout 2024 CAF donations totalled £13,800

Another method is the GOOD BOX, the electronic box that sits on the welcome table. This was introduced in August 2022 and raised £3125 throughout 2024.

We are currently looking at an online method called Parish Giving which will make the Parish Giving Officer's life a lot easier(!) as the Diocese will collect your contributions if you choose to sign up to the scheme.

If you do kindly donate to St John's and you are able to gift aid your donations then please ask Kaye Ford, Treasurer or Julie Howson, Planned Giving Officer for a Gift Aid form. For every £10 donated we can claim £2.50 from HMRC.

Your financial support helps with the maintenance and mission of St John's. The average cost of running the church is £269.27 per day.

Father Wayne and the PCC would like to thank everyone for their continued generosity.

*Julie Howson, Planned Giving Officer*

**Parochial Church Council of St John the Baptist, Beeston, Nottingham**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024**

**1 Accounting Policies**

See attached document – model set of accounting policies

<b>2</b>	<b>Incoming Resources</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds 2024</b>	<b>Total Funds 2023</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>2a</b>	<b>Incoming Resources</b>				
	Planned Giving -				
	Covenants/Gift Aid	£66,520.79	£0.00	£66,520.79	£65,256.00
	Tax Returned on Covenants	£10,710.75	£0.00	£10,710.75	£13,495.00
	Unconvenanted	£2,885.00	£0.00	£2,885.00	£3,843.00
	Collections All Services	£3,024.57	£329.69	£3,354.26	£3,510.00
	Sundry Donations	£2,661.42	£0.00	£2,661.42	£15,343.00
		<b>£85,802.53</b>	<b>£329.69</b>	<b>£86,132.22</b>	<b>£101,447.00</b>
<b>2b</b>	<b>Other Voluntary</b>				
	<b>Incoming Resources</b>				
	Donations, Appeals etc.	£0.00	£2,060.00	£2,060.00	£9,132.00
	Legacies	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,000.00
	Fundraising Events	£1,820.47	£0.00	£1,820.47	£2,809.00
	Easy Fundraising	£332.03	£0.00	£332.03	£0.00
		<b>£2,152.50</b>	<b>£2,060.00</b>	<b>£4,212.50</b>	<b>£13,941.00</b>
<b>2c</b>	<b>Income from Charitable and Ancillary Trading</b>				
	Candle Sales	£67.18	£0.00	£67.18	£109.00
	PCC Fees/Extras	£4,161.00	£0.00	£4,161.00	£4,018.00
	Booklets/BRF etc.	£0.00	£120.00	£120.00	£157.00
		<b>£4,228.18</b>	<b>£120.00</b>	<b>£4,348.18</b>	<b>£4,284.00</b>
<b>2d</b>	<b>Other Ordinary</b>				
	<b>Income Resources</b>				
	Coffee Fund	£2,467.91	£0.00	£2,467.91	£2,412.00
	Hire of Premises	£1,831.00	£0.00	£1,831.00	£1,327.00
	Gifts	£0.00	£265.20	£265.20	£0.00
	Misc. Income	£218.55	£0.00	£218.55	£125.00
	Sale of Sound System	£450.00	£0.00	£450.00	£0.00
	Eco Grant	£0.00	£250.00	£250.00	£0.00
		<b>£4,967.46</b>	<b>£515.20</b>	<b>£5,482.66</b>	<b>£3,864.00</b>
<b>2e</b>	<b>Income from Investments</b>				
	Dividends/Interest	£544.95	£585.44	£1,130.39	£895.00
<b>2f</b>	<b>North Aisle Roof</b>				
	VAT refund	£1,938.41	£0.00	£1,938.41	£0.00
	Grants/Donations	£0.00	£8,000.00	£8,000.00	£0.00
	Tax on donations	£0.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£0.00
		<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£11,938.41</b>	<b>£11,938.41</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
	<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>£99,634.03</b>	<b>£13,610.33</b>	<b>£113,244.36</b>	<b>£124,431.00</b>

Parochial Church Council of St John the Baptist, Beeston, Nottingham

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**3 Resources Used**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
<b>3a Grants</b>				
Relief and Development Agencies	£240.00	£0.00	£240.00	£240.00
Home Missions and other Church Societies	£100.00	£223.18	£323.18	£278.00
Clergy/Other Gifts	£0.00	£265.20	£265.20	£0.00
	<b>£340.00</b>	<b>£488.38</b>	<b>£828.38</b>	<b>£518.00</b>
<b>3b Activities Directly Relating to the Work of the Church</b>				
Ministry -				
Giving to Ministry	£41,000.00	£0.00	£41,000.00	£40,000.00
Clergy Development	£645.00	£0.00	£645.00	£510.00
Clergy Expenses	£245.60	£0.00	£245.60	£583.00
Church -				
Running Expenses	£18,113.42	£2,060.00	£20,173.42	£34,492.00
Repairs and Maintenance	£2,844.38	£0.00	£2,844.38	£2,270.00
Bell Tower Work	£83.17	£0.00	£83.17	£845.00
Cleaners Fees	£2,447.22	£0.00	£2,447.22	£2,096.00
Upkeep of Services	£1,135.62	£0.00	£1,135.62	£2,329.00
Religious Education inc. BRF	£158.47	£120.00	£278.47	£221.00
Salary of Organist/Choir Leader	£5,971.20	£0.00	£5,971.20	£5,320.00
Choir Expenses	£380.46	£0.00	£380.46	£190.00
Roof Alarm	£1,257.60	£0.00	£1,257.60	£499.00
Bank Charges	£177.16	£0.00	£177.16	£161.00
Mission Opportunities & ARK	£203.70	£0.00	£203.70	£139.00
Messy Church	£206.15	£0.00	£206.15	£419.00
Noticeboard	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,358.00
Lighting Improvements	£3,117.58	£5,000.00	£8,117.58	£1,074.00
	<b>£77,986.73</b>	<b>£7,180.00</b>	<b>£85,166.73</b>	<b>£93,506.00</b>
<b>3c Fundraising and Publicity</b>				
Costs of Fundraising Events	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£55.00
<b>3d Church Management and Administration</b>				
Print, Statnry, Phones, Pstge	£3,919.12	£0.00	£3,919.12	£3,877.00
Parish Secretary	£12,397.46	£0.00	£12,397.46	£11,340.00
Misc. Expenses	£132.41	£0.00	£132.41	£30.00
Marketing and Publicity inc. Wifi & Licences	£1,438.82	£0.00	£1,438.82	£1,673.00
Audit Fee	£160.00	£0.00	£160.00	£160.00
	<b>£18,047.81</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£18,047.81</b>	<b>£17,080.00</b>
<b>3e Chancel Roof Repairs</b>	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	<b>£675.00</b>
<b>3f North Aisle Roof Repairs</b>	<b>£3,930.48</b>	<b>£8,000.00</b>	<b>£11,930.48</b>	<b>£740.00</b>
<b>Total Resources Used</b>	<b>£100,305.02</b>	<b>£15,668.38</b>	<b>£115,973.40</b>	<b>£112,574.00</b>

**Parochial Church Council of St John the Baptist, Beeston, Nottingham**  
**Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024**

		2024	2023
		£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Investment Assets	Capital	£1,025.00	£1,025.00
	Interest	£2,825.89	£2,240.00
		<b>£3,850.89</b>	<b>£3,265.00</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
	Debtors/Paid in Advance	£31,887.75	£19,000.00
	Short Term Investments	£40,812.02	£40,267.00
	Cash at Bank	£10,607.60	£32,145.00
		<b>£83,307.37</b>	<b>£91,413.00</b>
	<b>Liabilities: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year</b>	<b>-£3,032.26</b>	<b>-£7,823.00</b>
	<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>£84,126.00</b>	<b>£86,855.00</b>
<b>Represented by Funds</b>			
	Unrestricted	£78,492.81	£77,576.00
	Restricted	£4,608.19	£8,254.00
	Endowment	£1,025.00	£1,025.00
		<b>£84,126.00</b>	<b>£86,855.00</b>

**Analysis of Net Assets by Fund**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	£0.00	£2,825.89	£1,025.00	£3,850.89
Current Assets	£81,204.07	£2,103.30	£0.00	£83,307.37
Current Liabilities	-£2,711.26	-£321.00	£0.00	-£3,032.26
	<b>£78,492.81</b>	<b>£4,608.19</b>	<b>£1,025.00</b>	<b>£84,126.00</b>

It should also be noted that the following balances were held by a Church group at 31.12.2024 :-

Bell Ringers                      £2,327.08

The market value of Endowments held at 31.12.2024 was as follows:-

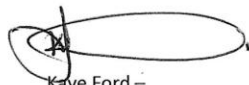
Beeston Chancel Fund              £21,573.48

The market value of the CCLA Investment Fund A/C at 31.12.2024 was £39,220.73 (£30,000 was invested in this fund and is included in the Short Term Investment figure).

Parochial Church Council of St John the Baptist, Beeston, Nottingham  
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>					
Donations & Legacies	£2,661.42	£2,060.00	£0.00	£4,721.42	£26,475.00
Charitable Activities	£94,489.25	£714.89	£0.00	£95,204.14	£97,061.00
Investments	£544.95	£585.44	£0.00	£1,130.39	£895.00
North Aisle Roof Funds	£0.00	£10,000.00	£0.00	£10,000.00	£0.00
VAT Refund on North Aisle Roof	£1,938.41	£0.00	£0.00	£1,938.41	£0.00
Eco Grant	£0.00	£250.00	£0.00	£250.00	£0.00
	<b>£99,634.03</b>	<b>£13,610.33</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£113,244.36</b>	<b>£124,431.00</b>
<b>Resources Used</b>					
Charitable Activities	£96,374.54	£7,668.38	£0.00	£104,042.92	£111,158.00
Chancel Roof Repairs	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£676.00
North Aisle Roof Repairs	£3,930.48	£8,000.00	£0.00	£11,930.48	£740.00
	<b>£100,305.02</b>	<b>£15,668.38</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£115,973.40</b>	<b>£112,574.00</b>
<b>Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources</b>	<b>-£670.99</b>	<b>-£2,058.05</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>-£2,729.04</b>	<b>£11,857.00</b>
<b>Balance b/fwd @ 1 Jan 2024</b>	<b>£127,157.18</b>	<b>-£41,327.14</b>	<b>£1,025.00</b>	<b>£86,855.04</b>	<b>£74,998.00</b>
<b>Balance c/fwd @ 31 Dec 2024</b>	<b>£126,486.19</b>	<b>-£43,385.19</b>	<b>£1,025.00</b>	<b>£84,126.00</b>	<b>£86,855.00</b>

Accounts prepared by:

  
 Kaye Ford –  
 FMAAT  
 Treasurer to the P.C.C.

Accounts Approved by the P.C.C. On 20th March 2025

  
 Revd. W.  
 Plimmer  
 Vicar and Chair of the P.C.C.

## **Independent examiner's report to the PCC of St John the Baptist, Beeston**

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 7 to 10 in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 ("the Act").

### **Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner**

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on these financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

### **Basis of this Report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
  - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and Regulationshave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*D Whitaker*

Deborah Whitaker MAAT  
11 Old Road, Sutton-in-Ashfield

9<sup>th</sup> March 2025

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

For the year ended 31 December 2024

### **1. Accounting Policies**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2005 and SORP 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

### **Funds**

*Endowment funds* are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investments of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

*Restricted funds* represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

*Unrestricted funds* are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

### **Incoming Resources**

Planning giving, collections and donation are recognized when received. Tax refunds are recognized when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognized when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

### **Resources Expended**

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognized when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

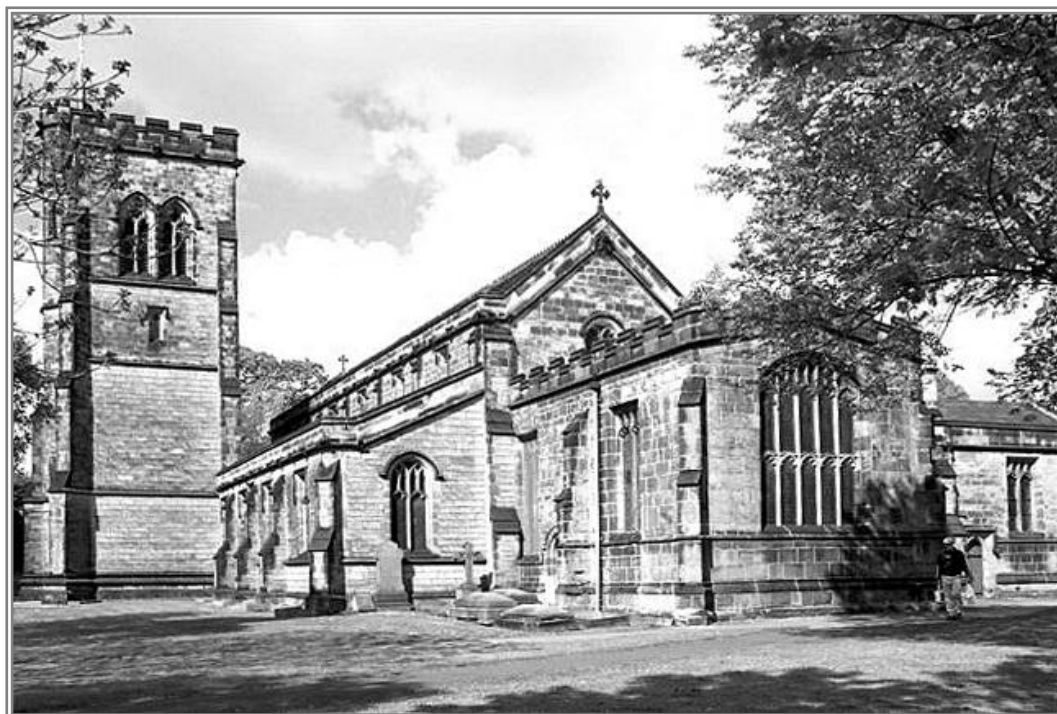
### **Fixed Assets**

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Moveable church furnishing held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

The Parish Church of  
St John the Baptist  
Beeston

Serving Christ in our Community



*Reports from Parish  
Groups*  
**2024**

## **ABC2**

This report covers the year January – December 2024

Since starting back in June 2023, the group has continued to have a steady group of children and parents/ carers attending with the addition of a few newcomers following a renewed advertising effort on social media. We have continued to meet on a Tuesday morning and offer the same activities and refreshments.

We sponsored a Christmas Tree on behalf of all the children's groups in Church as part of the Church Christmas Tree festival.

We donated £20 from group funds to Children In Need and £60 to Church funds.

We make a point of doing something 'special' for the children at Christmas, Easter and the Summer break. This is usually a small party and small take home gift.

There are 5 members of the team that help run crafts, story time, singing and refreshments.

Thanks to all those who help run the group and also to those who attend.

*Pam Holland*

## **Ark Youth Group**

2024 was another action-packed year at Ark. In September we welcomed some more new members and it has been wonderful to see our young people's faith and fellowship continue to grow over the year.

Our monthly social sessions are a great space for games, crafts and activities and of course a meal together allowing time for our young people to catch up and chat about things going on in their lives.

We have enjoyed a wide variety of activities this year including pancake tossing relays, persevering games and finding some of the lesser-known things in church (our leaders often learn a thing or two as well).

During 2024, following an increase in our young people taking a more active role within the wider church, we decided to increase the length of our monthly social events to allow for a longer teaching time. We've explored Paul's missions and the spread of the Christian faith thinking about what it would have been like for the early Christians (pretty scary!) before broadening our understanding of the Christian faith through the Start course, led by Mother Kirstine.

On Sunday mornings we have continued exploring the Christian faith, getting more familiar with the Bible and discussing the readings of the church calendar whilst always enjoying a drink and a snack. Bible Bingo remains a firm favourite and everyone is getting much quicker at finding the verses.

In 2025 our focus is to build on the solid foundations made since we started Ark in 2022 and to reach out to other young people in our community.

To enable us to continue our work, we are in need of more people to support our young people in their faith journey, whether that is as a regular leader or helper, or as a one off. If you feel you have something to offer, please do get in touch.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us this year by practical actions or through prayer.

And finally... just a reminder that any young people in Year 6 or above are welcome to come along and see what we get up to.

*Katy McBurnie, Ark Co-Ordinator*

## **Bellringers**

St. John's continues to maintain a very healthy band of bellringers, with the number of regular attendees well above average for churches in the diocese.

Sunday 10th March saw us hold our AGM, at which all principal officers were re-elected, with the exception of Steeple Keeper: Michael Garle, who had previously held the position, decided to step down and was succeeded by Chris Glenton. We are very grateful to Michael for all his hard work as Steeple Keeper over the years.

In addition to ringing on Sunday mornings, for weddings and during our Wednesday evening practices, we rang a total of 18 quarter peals, including one to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings on 6th June. Before ringing this piece, we were joined by the Mayor of Broxtowe, Sue Paterson, who stayed to observe the start of the performance from inside the ringing chamber. 2 full peals were also rung, one of which was to celebrate the life of Sheila Allton one year after her passing in 2023.

Our annual tower outing in June took us to a range of churches around Staffordshire, while our quarter peal day in November saw us ring at several towers around Grantham – scoring an impressive 8 quarter peals collectively, with many 'firsts' achieved by various members of the band.

We also competed in two ringing competitions in May – the W W Worthington 10-bell contest, held in Ranmoor, Sheffield; and the Crawford Cup 6-bell contest, held in Linby. Our band for the Crawford Cup emerged victorious, taking home the rather impressive-looking trophy which now sits proudly in the ringing chamber.

More competition success followed in July, when three of our young ringers – Lucy, Samuel and Ethan – took part in the annual Ringing World National Youth Contest in London. They were part of the Nottingham Young Ringers band, coming 1st in the 6-bell call change competition and receiving their medals in the iconic St Paul's Cathedral.

During the year, we held a number of open tower sessions as part of the welcome mornings lead by Fr. Paul. These, as always, were well-received, allowing visitors to experience a little-seen side of service to the church.

Social highlights have included delicious summer barbecues and homemade pizza afternoons, plus a very enjoyable croquet session and many, many trips to Beeston's various curry houses. Our annual Christmas party was once again a success: members of the band were tasked with cooking food using an ingredient they had not used before – with very tasty results!

We also hosted the ever-popular church quiz in September; thanks go to Tom Langton, who took over from Tim as quiz master, and to all members of the band who contributed food to the event.

Overall, it's been another great year of bellringing at St John's. With our younger ringers continuing to improve in leaps and bounds and the more experienced members remaining actively engaged in a wide range of church- and diocese-based events, we look forward to even more successes in 2025.

*The Ringers*

## **Children's Society Box Collection**

Following a couple of requests for the return of boxes/ donations to the Children's Society, we managed to gather in 6 boxes and donations. This has now been banked and amounted to £184.51.

I would like to extend thanks to those who donated.

*Pam Holland*

## Church Flowers

After many, many years of arranging the flowers in Church, Pauline Wheelhouse stepped down from this duty in June 2024. I would like to extend my personal thanks to her for her patience and dedication in helping me and teaching me the ways of arranging flowers in Church!

Thanks to everyone who has and continues to donate money to enable us to have the beautiful flowers in Church.

*Pam Holland*

## Coffee Stop

We continued into the new year as we left the last year providing a space for the community to pop in and out, have a hot drink, and cake and biscuits.

The numbers coming in has dropped slightly averaging 25 per week of 'regulars' but there has been many new faces calling in on an infrequent basis.

It was decided by those involved to do the sausage and bacon cobs just once a month, on the first Thursday of every month. This lightens the load and also means folks know when to expect the extras.

On September 26th we ran a Macmillan Coffee Morning event which was well attend with many new faces coming in. The total raised from the Thursday and Sunday 29th September after service drinks was £317.40. Many thanks again to all who supported this event on both days.

We also celebrated 'Pink Day' fundraising for Breast Cancer on October 17th as it was a cause close to team members. We raised £219.00 for this charity.

As Coffee Stop is part of the church's mission to the community, there is no fixed charge – people make a donation. Having taken money out for the supplies - tea, coffee, milk etc. we still manage to donate a sum of money to the church each month which is purely from these donations.

Finally, once again I must thank Ros, Christina and David through this report for keeping this outreach going despite some very difficult times.

*Reverend Rob Wiggins*

## Eco Church

### **Eco Church - Sharing God's love through caring for Creation**

Eco Church encourages churches to measure themselves and their creation care progress across the five categories of its survey. In December 2024 St John's achieved its Bronze award. Thanks are due to everyone who has helped in any way to reaching this level, and a very special thank you to Beeston Wildlife Group for their practical support.

The Eco Church Group aims to help enable our whole congregation to become increasingly aware of the joys and responsibilities of caring for God's world and everything in it.

Some actions in the year to February 2025

- Beeston Wildlife Group installed a number of bird and insect boxes in the churchyard in February ready for the new nesting season. Members of the congregation were invited to sponsor the cost of the boxes which they did with great generosity.
- We have set aside intentionally, and marked off, the 'rough' area behind the gravestones as an area for wildlife and a nature corridor, and created a log pile.
- We received a useful amount from the Caring for Creation Small Grants Fund which was used for some small improvements to the building.
- Work is ongoing to investigate grant funding for major works to reduce the church's carbon footprint.
- Our regular worship includes prayers, hymns and other aspects exploring creation care.

- One-offs have included an 'eco' focussed Harvest Festival; preaching from the Diocesan Environment Officer, Robert Cleave in May 2024; and a Godly Play session on Creation led by Revd. Monica.
- Eco Church had a tree with natural decorations at the Christmas Tree Festival. The congregation were invited to add cards with their Christmas greetings to friends at church and make a donation. £30+ was donated to the National Trust's tree-planting campaign.
- Eco Corner appears most weeks in the Notices, and seeks to raise awareness of God's whole creation in a variety of ways.
- Our commitment to Eco Church appears on our website and on the public church noticeboards. There is also an Eco Church noticeboard in church to the right of the door into the toilets.

The Eco Group members are always happy to hear your thoughts and ideas. We are also keen to include more people from the congregation, so if you can help in any way with time and/or talents please get in touch with us. Please don't wait to be asked! You can also contact us via Kathryn at the church office.

We are: Val Sellars, Ian Buchan, Fran Blackler, Jackie Laats, Helen Spiby, Favour Borokini and Revd. Dawn Glen. Buildings and Energy: David Butler.

*Val Sellars*

## **'Green Pastures' Dementia Friendly Service**

The Green Pastures Service, which is on the first Tuesday of every month 2-3pm, has been running since 2021. It continues to grow and attract new people as well as maintaining a core of regular worshippers. The service is Dementia friendly but everyone is welcome. We have people who attend other services at St John's as well as this one, residents from Landermeads Nursing Home and Goodman House, and people who live outside Beeston who come because the service caters for them and their partners.

The service is of short duration with well-known hymns, a reflection, usually relevant to the time of year in the liturgy, and prayers. Tea and coffee, often with cake, is served afterwards to allow everyone to socialise in a supportive environment.

Thanks as ever to Rev Paul who manages to combine an informal, easily accessible approach with deep spirituality and to Chris for supporting us musically.

*Rosemary Carpenter*

## **Messy Church**

During 2024 we ran 4 Messy Church sessions: in May, July, September and November. The themes were Noah's Ark, Walking on Water, All About Me and in November our (always popular) Advent Messy Church.

It has again been lovely to see many regular faces as well as welcoming some new families. We have a strong community of regular attendees and this year have usually had around 20 children with their parents and carers. This year we've also again seen a number of young people want to be involved as young leaders at Messy Church; this is an area that would be great to develop in future.

Messy Church continued to run in 2024 under the leadership of Naomi Groves, Julie Howson and Father Wayne with a strong team of helpers as well as occasional supporters from the congregation; we couldn't do it without this team and extend our thanks. This shared leadership, however, was only ever intended to be a short-term measure and, in the absence of anyone else able to step forward. we announced the last St John's Messy Church at the end of the year, with the continued hope that the time will come when we can resume under new leadership.

There is a strong Messy Church community and a desire within that community both to resume meeting and to meet more frequently. Please continue to pray for those who are considering taking this vital mission work forward at St John's. We hope and pray that 2025 will see a return of Messy Church at St John's.

*Naomi Groves*

## **Stitch and Meditate**

The stitch and meditate group have met regularly for fellowship, craft and cake. We've really enjoyed working towards our hat tree for the Christmas tree festival and are now looking towards donating these to hospitals and homeless charities over the coming weeks. We are also looking towards what we will do this year – or whether we focus on the coffee and cake. Thank you to everyone who supported us, and thank you to those who organise the sessions and meditations.

*Ash Shaw*

## **Sunday School**

Sunday school has continued to run each Sunday during term time this year. We have followed the lectionary most weeks, but have also covered topics on Fruits Of The Spirit and some of the Old Testament stories, such as Noah, Daniel, Jonah, David, Joshua and Jacob.

The format has remained the same where we meet downstairs on the carpet at the beginning of the Sunday Service, then all go upstairs together. Each session starts with a bible story which is accompanied with a craft or activity and then aim to finish with a prayer before re-joining the service downstairs for the Peace.

We have a lovely group of young people that attend with their families and have also welcomed a couple of new children during the year.

We are now a team of 6 people who are on a rota to lead and help each week.

Our thanks to all those who offer their time and help and those who come along.

*Pam Holland*

## **Taizé Services**

Taizé services have been running regularly over the last 12 months with around 15 members of the church joining us during this reflective time.

We have enjoyed learning new chants and we are looking forward to continuing to worship in this time. Thank you to everyone who helps with any aspect of running the services.

*Ash Shaw*

## **Welcome Mornings (for newbies and others)**

The welcome mornings take place about once a term-normally on a Saturday morning. They are intended to be a drop in/out session but we normally sense the time at which there is a core group. At this point a very brief welcome may be given.

The aim is to give people a longer time to be together than is generally possible after the services. There is an opportunity to explore areas of the church which are normally hidden-for example the bell tower, the altar [or in Fr Paul's words the so-called sharp end]and also the vestries and offices. There is plenty of cake on offer as well as every type of hot drink. The key is structured informality and of course children are more than welcome.

We normally have 20-30 people attending and lasting contacts and friendships are made. Several of our clergy come and also other long-standing church members. Questions are welcomed and there's normally somebody who can either answer or find out.

It's actually great to have a mix as then in the following weeks and months people will be able to extend their contacts.

It is a complete privilege to be part of this initiative and to help demonstrate the warm fellowship which is a key part of St John's.

*Chris Taylor*

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# Accounts

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# The Parish Church of St John the Baptist Beeston

Serving Christ in our Community



Annual Report and Accounts  
of the Parochial Church Council for the  
Year Ended 31 December 2023

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# Annual Report for the Parochial Church Council for the Year Ending 31 December 2023

## Administrative Information

St John the Baptist is situated in Church Street, in the parish of Beeston and the Diocese of Southwell of Nottingham. The correspondence address is Beeston Vicarage, Middle Street, Beeston, Nottingham, NG9 1GA.

PCC members who have served from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 until the date of this report are:

Incumbent	Revd Wayne Plimmer Revd Kirstine Buchan Jem Bloomfield Revd Rob Wiggins Revd Dawn Glen Revd Monika Doering Revd Paul Knight	Chairman Associate Priest Lay Reader Permission to Officiate Permission to Officiate Permission to Officiate Permission to Officiate
Wardens	Pat Atkins Jackie Laats	
Deanery Synod Representatives	Christopher Gray Julie Howson Laura Macdonald	Parish Safeguarding Officer
Elected Members	Ian Buchan David Butler Kaye Ford Pam Holland Steve Lowe Kate Lyons Val Sellars Helen Spiby Norman Vaughton Richard Whitaker Revd Rob Wiggins	Treasurer  PCC Safeguarding Lead

## Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Councils Powers Measure. The PCC is a registered charity with the Charity Commission and its registered number is 1134788.

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

## Objectives and Activities

The PCCs objectives and operations are framed in the context of Church as a fellowship of believers whose main objective is to serve Christ in our community. This is worked out through a wide range of activities including:

- Sunday Eucharists and Worship
- Weekday Prayer and mid-week Eucharist
- Occasional offices (baptisms, weddings and funerals)
- Pastoral work
- Social Activities
- Weekday and Evening groups
- Ecumenical links.

## Achievements and Performance

### **Church Attendance:**

There are currently 138 members on the Church Electoral Roll, some of whom reside outside of the parish. This figure is 3 more than last year. Average attendance at the 10am Sunday Eucharist is around 100. At the Wednesday 10am Eucharist, 17 people, on average, attend.

### **Safeguarding Review for the Year:**

***The House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy states that the Church "will train and equip church officers to have the confidence and skills they need to care and support children, young people and vulnerable adults and to recognise and respond to abuse".***

At St John's we use The Parish Safeguarding Dashboard online tool, which helps to keep track of safeguarding matters and keep up-to-date with local and national changes in safeguarding requirements.

*Safeguarding Dashboards is based on the requirements found in the Church of England's Parish Safeguarding Handbook*

At St John's we are operating at the highest level, level 3.

We have four groups specifically for children and youths. We have two activities which targets vulnerable adults and three activities which include children. All nine activities/groups adhere to the Church of England Safeguarding requirements and necessary documentation such as risk assessments, role descriptors are presented to the PCC annually.

*Julie Howson, Parish Safeguarding Officer*

### **PCC Review for the Year:**

Each PCC meeting receives reports from our Treasurer. Deanery Synod meetings are also reported to the PCC which updates us on wider issues. Regular reports are presented by representatives of other church organisations for discussion and annual reports from all these sources are presented for consideration at the Annual Parish Church Meeting (APCM). During 2023, the PCC met 8 times.

The Finance Group supports the PCC in managing the finances of the Parish Church. It normally meets quarterly, prior to PCC meetings, reporting back to the PCC with recommendations and requests for decisions and approval if necessary. During 2023 the Finance Group met 3 times.

The Standing Committee normally meets prior to each PCC meeting to agree the draft minutes and agenda and to discuss matters and make decisions prior to full PCC approval. They take any significant recommendations for action to the PCC. In accordance with Church Representation Rules, the Standing Committee may also 'transact the PCC's business between meetings of the PCC'. During 2023 the Standing Committee met 5 times.

PCC meetings during 2023 were, as usual, a mixed bag. Continual rising energy costs remained a constant feature and we were lucky to receive several generous donations from congregation members, as well as a £10,000 grant from Church Commissioners, which certainly eased some of the financial burden. Our Parish Share contribution was also reduced while we sought to keep a balanced budget.

Several fundraising activities took place during the year, which all proved to be successful. They included Coronation Beer and Hymns, and a 'Big Lunch' to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles. We also hosted a Michaelmas Market, Christmas Tree Festival and Carols and Wine. The church also played host to a number of concerts by local groups and, again, we all well received.

The PCC reviewed and approved safeguarding plans of action, provisions, risk assessments and policies and well as reviewing all church activities.

New Baptism Guidance was also approved and the policy on animals in church was discussed.

The main building work carried out was a new water heater in the toilets and electrical work in church and in the bell tower.

A new noticeboard for the church yard was installed, funded by a generous legacy from Dorothy Reus.

During April, we were joined by an intern from the University of Nottingham who was instrumental in the creation/development of a new website and welcome leaflet.

Thanks were given to Pauline Wheelhouse who, after serving on the PCC since the 1970s, stepped down from the position this year.

*Kathryn Weller, Clerk to the Trustees*

### **Chairman's Review for 2023:**

The Diocese is undertaking a Diocesan 'Vision Refresh' for 2023-30 and it is likely that this will also feed into our vision in 2024 and following years.

2023 has been a year of steady growth which has been encouraging in all sort of ways. Our many groups have re-established themselves post-pandemic and green shoots of growth are beginning to appear. We are particularly enjoying having our ARK group meeting on a regular basis on Sundays and I want to say a heartfelt thanks to Katy MacBurnie and the team who have helped to make this a reality. Following the death of Sheila Alton who gave so much to the life our parish, the future of our Mother's Union looks uncertain, but things will become clearer in 2024. I would like to say 'thank you' on behalf of all of you for their wonderful work over the years.

Thank you too to my colleagues, ordained and lay, not-to-mention our many volunteers and our paid staff who help to ensure that St John's continues to be a place of welcome, inspiration and encouragement for so many in our community.

We continue to be challenged financially and have been unable to pay our full 'Parish Share' (the amount we pay the Diocese for a Vicar, Vicarage etc) in 2023. This was due almost entirely to potentially crippling energy costs. Generosity from parishioners and from the Church Commissioners (via the Diocese) meant that we were 'saved' from a serious situation. Costs and Income however, continue to be a significant challenge. We ran a broadly balanced budget in 2023 but only because we decided not to pay the above share in full.

We are enormously grateful for the on-going generosity of members of our congregation to help us make ends meet, both with increased giving and one-off donations.

Thank you so much for your support.

*Fr Wayne Plimmer (Vicar)*

### **Churchwarden's Review and Fabric Report for the Year:**

Routine maintenance has been carried out as usual.

Over the past twelve months this has included:

Annual checks on roof alarms, emergency lighting and fire extinguishers.

Clearing gutters and checking roof tiles. (Bonsers is now checking twice a year again, after blocked gutters above the choir vestry)

Checking of portable electric appliances.

First Aid boxes, checks in hand at time of writing.

North aisle roof

Estimates have been accepted for the repair of the 3 easternmost bays.

Lighting

Flickering lights have been a problem all year,

The architect has recommended new control panels and estimates have been received.

The PCC will discuss this at an emergency meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

The notice board, provided from the bequest of Dorothy Reus, is now in place.

A new water heater has been installed above the toilet block.  
A new pump has been fitted to the central heating boiler.  
The water heater in the kitchen has been serviced.

Broxtowe has continued to maintain the churchyard and our eco group has undertaken to keep in touch with them over environmental issues.

As always, we are grateful for the help and advice of our architect Graeme Renton, particularly over the north aisle roof and the lighting, for the support of our Health and Safety officer, the Revd Rob Wiggins and for the support of the Finance Committee and the PCC. It has been a pleasure to work with all of them.

*Pat Atkins and Jackie Laats, Churchwardens*

### **Deanery Synod Review for the Year:**

This year we have said goodbye to Rev'd Tom Gillum (St Mary's in the Lace Market) and Rev'd Jamie Franklin (Nottingham, St George). We have welcomed Rev'd Fi Shouler (St Barnabas, Lenton Abbey), Rev'd Anna Clarke (Trinity – Pioneer Minister) and curates Amy Jones (Trinity), John Lees-Robinson (Nottingham, St Saviour), Daniel Tsoi (Nottingham, St Nic's).

Rev'd Jonny Hughes became priest-in-charge at Nottingham St Andrew's as it joined Trinity and Nottingham St Saviour. Rev'ds Jo and John Lees-Robinson moved to Nottingham St Saviour with a team from Trinity and it re-opened on 17 December.

The Deanery Leadership Team has continued to meet during the year to plan Synod and to discuss ways to support parishes in the Deanery – particularly those in vacancy. We have held three Synods:

On 15 February we met at St Peter's in Nottingham and the theme of our meeting was "Crossing Cultures with Christ). The aim of this meeting was to help us to continue to think about the diversity of our Deanery and how we can reflect this in our churches. Our speakers were Rev'd Clive Burrows, Rev'd Liam O'Boyle and Adan Baker (from Refugee Roots).

On 18 July we met at St Mary's, Wollaton Park. We were joined by Rev'd David McCoulough who shared with us about the varied role chaplains can fulfil. Synod then discussed the potential role for chaplains in their parishes. We also admitted churchwardens who had not been able to attend the visitation services at Southwell.

On 23 November we met at St Barnabas, Lenton Abbey. Rev'd Jo Tatum, Area Dean, updated Synod on the renewed vision and Trevor Peel, Deanery Treasurer, explained the process for the allocation of giving for ministry for 2024. Cpt Denis Tully and Rev'd Dr Ian Paul then gave a report to Synod about General Synod including the Prayers of Love and Faith.

Our November meeting was also our AGM and a report was provided on the work of the Deanery Leadership Team during the past year. Elaine Hinchliffe had given notice that she was stepping down as Lay Chair at the end of November 2023 and she was thanked for all she had done in this role.

Following the AGM the Deanery Leadership Team was made up of:

- Ex-officio Members: Rev'd Jo Tatum (Area Dean), Kirsty Cowley (Deanery Administrator)
- Lay Chair: Vacant
- Deanery Secretary: Peter Horne
- Deanery Treasurer: Trevor Peel
- DLT Members: Fola Sowunmi, two clergy vacancies, one lay vacancy

We also voted the following people on to Diocesan Synod:

- House of Clergy: Rev'd Jo Tatum, Rev'd Dr Mark Wreford, Rev'd Jonny Hughes and Rev'd Andy Tufnell
- House of Laity: Christopher Gray

The Deanery paid 86.6% of its giving for ministry in 2023. Every parish is thanked for their generosity.

*Kirsty Cowley (Deanery Administrator)*

## **Financial Review**

This financial year has been a particularly difficult one especially with the extortionately high costs of Gas and Electricity that we had no option but to accept. Our contracts did not finish until the end of November so we had to pay rates higher than we had ever paid. There was only one way could do this and that meant reducing the amount of the Parish Share that we pay. We have always prided ourselves in paying our Share in full but this just became impossible so the PCC agreed a much reduced figure. We budgeted to pay £40,000 out of the £54,492 requested by the Diocese. We were fortunate to receive a grant of £10,000 in the spring from the Church Commissioners via the Diocese towards utility costs. This enabled us to meet the large bills that we received. We were also very lucky that our congregation appreciated the seriousness of our financial situation and several very generous donations were received. These enabled us to return the £10,000 to the Diocese in the autumn thereby meeting our reduced promise of £40,000 for Parish Share.

By the end of November we had been able to negotiate revised utility costs. As a result we switched provider to E-On Next (better for price and better for the planet) with effect from 1st December 2023. Our new rates are significantly lower than the previous ones so we anticipate future bills will reflect this reduction. It will obviously take us a while to recover to a reasonable financial position so for the time being we are continuing to pay a reduced Parish Share amount. However, this situation will be regularly monitored by the Finance Group and the PCC.

During 2023 we lost a number of loved members of our congregation. One of these was Dorothy Reus (who was 103 years old). Dorothy kindly left us a £2000 legacy which enabled us to purchase a new notice-board for the Church. Hopefully, you will have spotted this new addition to our landscape.

We have paid for work on our lighting system but still have work to complete to remedy the annoying flickering problem that we have – we hope to get this sorted early next year. We also paid to update lighting and heating in the Bell Tower but can thank the Bell Ringers Fund for meeting half the cost of this work.

Fund-raising events have returned to our Church Activities – these included The Michaelmas Market, Carols and Wine, The Bell Ringers' Quiz, Ros's Christmas Quiz and the Christmas Tree Festival. These events were all very successful and resulted in welcome income for Church Funds. It should also be mentioned that the Thursday morning Coffee Stop has been well received and continues to contribute to Church Funds.

We are now preparing for our next major project and that is the essential work on the North Aisle Roof. This will be a costly project but needs to be done to maintain the fabric of the building for years to come. Funding will be sought where possible but again it is hoped that the congregation will continue to give their generous support so that we can ensure that our wonderful building is maintained and protected for future generations.

I would like to use this opportunity to thank the Finance Group for their ongoing support and also Michael Gillie for the excellent work he does on our payroll matters – this is very much appreciated. Thanks also to everyone who supports St John's either financially, physically or prayerfully we could do very little without you all – so many thanks.

*Kaye Ford - Treasurer to the PCC*

## **Planned Giving**

Our main income comes through direct debits and standing orders.

The donations that are gift aided resulted in the receipt of £13,494.65 from HMRC (June 22 – June 23)

In addition to the above we have CAF, Charities Aid Foundation, which was introduced in April 2021. This is an online method of donating to St John's, Gift Aid is added automatically.

Another method is the GOOD BOX, the electronic box that sits on the welcome table. This was introduced in August 2022.

Throughout 2023 CAF and Good Box together have accrued just over £10,000.

If you do kindly donate to St John's and you are able to gift aid your donations then please ask Kaye Ford, Treasurer or Julie Howson, Planned Giving Officer for a Gift Aid form. For every £10 donated we can claim £2.50 from HMRC.

Father Wayne and the PCC would like to thank everyone for their continued generosity.

*Julie Howson, Planned Giving Secretary*

Parochial Church Council of St John the Baptist, Beeston, Nottingham

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

<b>1</b>	<b>Accounting Policies</b>				
	See attached document – model set of accounting policies				
<b>2</b>	<b>Incoming Resources</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds 2023</b>	<b>Total Funds 2022</b>
		£	£	£	£
<b>2a</b>	<b>Incoming Resources</b>				
	Planned Giving -				
	Covenants/Gift Aid	£65,255.79	£0.00	£65,255.79	£53,781.00
	Tax Returned on Convenants	£13,494.65	£0.00	£13,494.65	£21,145.00
	Unconvenanted	£3,843.60	£0.00	£3,843.60	£3,861.00
	Collections All Services	£3,510.18	£0.00	£3,510.18	£4,121.00
	Sundry Donations	£5,343.09	£10,000.00	£15,343.09	£1,522.00
		<b>£91,447.31</b>	<b>£10,000.00</b>	<b>£101,447.31</b>	<b>£84,430.00</b>
<b>2b</b>	<b>Other Voluntary</b>				
	<b>Incoming Resources</b>				
	Donations, Appeals etc.	£0.00	£9,131.66	£9,131.66	£3,815.00
	Tax returned on Memorial Fund	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£813.00
	Legacies	£0.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£0.00
	Fundraising Events	£2,808.87	£0.00	£2,808.87	£1,153.00
		<b>£2,808.87</b>	<b>£11,131.66</b>	<b>£13,940.53</b>	<b>£5,781.00</b>
<b>2c</b>	<b>Income from Charitable and Ancillary Trading</b>				
	Candle Sales	£108.50	£0.00	£108.50	£105.00
	PCC Fees/Extras	£4,018.00	£0.00	£4,018.00	£3,853.00
	Booklets/BRF etc.	£37.37	£119.70	£157.07	£104.00
		<b>£4,163.87</b>	<b>£119.70</b>	<b>£4,283.57</b>	<b>£4,062.00</b>
<b>2d</b>	<b>Other Ordinary</b>				
	<b>Income Resources</b>				
	Coffee Fund	£2,412.21	£0.00	£2,412.21	£1,416.00
	Hire of Premises	£1,327.00	£0.00	£1,327.00	£2,087.00
	Gifts	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£727.00
	Misc. Income	£124.72	£0.00	£124.72	£50.00
		<b>£3,863.93</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£3,863.93</b>	<b>£4,280.00</b>
<b>2e</b>	<b>Income from Investments</b>				
	Dividends/Interest	£318.83	£576.49	£895.32	£785.00
	CBF Investment Interest	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£51.00
		<b>£318.83</b>	<b>£576.49</b>	<b>£895.32</b>	<b>£836.00</b>
<b>2f</b>	<b>Chancel Repairs</b>				
	VAT refund	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£4,066.00
	Grants/Donations	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£21,007.00
	Tax on donations	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,400.00
		<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£26,473.00</b>
	<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>£102,602.81</b>	<b>£21,827.85</b>	<b>£124,430.66</b>	<b>£125,862.00</b>

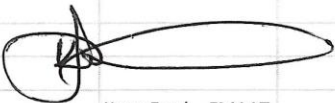
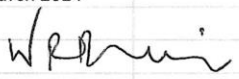
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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

3 Resources Used		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
		£	£	£	£
<b>3a</b>	<b>Grants</b>				
	Relief and Development				
	Agencies	£240.00	£0.00	£240.00	£851.00
	Home Missions and other Church Societies	£0.00	£278.25	£278.25	£423.00
	Clergy/Other Gifts	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£807.00
		<b>£240.00</b>	<b>£278.25</b>	<b>£518.25</b>	<b>£2,081.00</b>
<b>3b</b>	<b>Activities Directly Relating to the Work of the Church</b>				
	Ministry -				
	Giving to Ministry	£40,000.00	£0.00	£40,000.00	£53,856.00
	Clergy Development	£510.00	£0.00	£510.00	£0.00
	Clergy Expenses	£583.27	£0.00	£583.27	£1,393.00
	Church -				
	Running Expenses	£15,359.97	£19,131.66	£34,491.63	£16,528.00
	Repairs and Maintenance	£2,269.80	£0.00	£2,269.80	£4,567.00
	Bell Tower Work	£845.19	£0.00	£845.19	£0.00
	Cleaners Fees	£2,095.52	£0.00	£2,095.52	£1,981.00
	Upkeep of Services	£2,328.61	£0.00	£2,328.61	£1,101.00
	Religious Education inc. BRF	£87.50	£133.45	£220.95	£738.00
	Salary of Organist/Choir Leader	£5,320.00	£0.00	£5,320.00	£3,959.00
	Choir Expenses	£190.56	£0.00	£190.56	£236.00
	Roof Alarm	£498.60	£0.00	£498.60	£567.00
	Bank Charges	£161.48	£0.00	£161.48	£168.00
	Mission Opportunities & ARK	£139.01	£0.00	£139.01	£304.00
	Messy Church	£419.08	£0.00	£419.08	£0.00
	Noticeboard	£358.00	£2,000.00	£2,358.00	£0.00
	Lighting Improvements	£1,073.99	£0.00	£1,073.99	£4,963.00
		<b>£72,240.58</b>	<b>£21,265.11</b>	<b>£93,505.69</b>	<b>£90,361.00</b>
<b>3c</b>	<b>Fundraising and Publicity</b>				
	Costs of Fundraising Events	£54.59	£0.00	£54.59	£0.00
<b>3d</b>	<b>Church Management and Administration</b>				
	Print,Statnry,Phones,Pstge	£3,877.49	£0.00	£3,877.49	£4,071.00
	Parish Secretary	£11,339.84	£0.00	£11,339.84	£9,728.00
	Misc. Expenses	£29.71	£0.00	£29.71	£108.00
	Contracts of Employment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£600.00
	Marketing and Publicity inc. Wifi & Licences	£1,672.77	£0.00	£1,672.77	£1,215.00
	Audit Fee	£160.00	£0.00	£160.00	£160.00
		<b>£17,079.81</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£17,079.81</b>	<b>£15,882.00</b>
<b>3e</b>	<b>Chancel Roof Repairs</b>	£0.00	£675.46	£675.46	£25,697.00
<b>3f</b>	<b>North Aisle Repairs</b>	£740.00	£0.00	£740.00	£0.00
		<b>£740.00</b>	<b>£675.46</b>	<b>£1,415.46</b>	<b>£25,697.00</b>
	<b>Total Resources Used</b>	<b>£90,354.98</b>	<b>£22,218.82</b>	<b>£112,573.80</b>	<b>£134,021.00</b>

Parochial Church Council of St John the Baptist, Beeston, Nottingham					
<b>Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023</b>					
				<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
				<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Investment Assets	Capital			£1,025.00	£1,025.00
	Interest			£2,240.45	£1,664.00
				<b>£3,265.45</b>	<b>£2,689.00</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors/Paid in Advance				£19,000.00	£14,521.00
Short Term Investments				£40,267.07	£39,948.00
Cash at Bank				£32,145.38	£25,866.00
				<b>£91,412.45</b>	<b>£80,335.00</b>
<b>Liabilities: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year</b>				-£7,822.86	-£8,026.00
<b>Net Assets</b>				<b>£86,855.04</b>	<b>£74,998.00</b>
<b>Represented by Funds</b>					
Unrestricted				£77,575.54	£65,527.00
Restricted				£8,254.50	£8,446.00
Endowment				£1,025.00	£1,025.00
				<b>£86,855.04</b>	<b>£74,998.00</b>
<b>Analysis of Net Assets by Fund</b>					
		<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fixed Assets		£0.00	£2,240.45	£1,025.00	£3,265.45
Current Assets		£84,559.15	£6,853.30	£0.00	£91,412.45
Current Liabilities		-£6,983.61	-£839.25	£0.00	-£7,822.86
		<b>£77,575.54</b>	<b>£8,254.50</b>	<b>£1,025.00</b>	<b>£86,855.04</b>
It should also be noted that the following balances were held by a Church group at 31.12.2023 :-					
Bell Ringers	£1,934.15				
The market value of Endowments held at 31.12.2023 was as follows:-					
Beeston Chancel Fund	£21,090.74				
The market value of the CCLA Investment Fund A/C 2 at 31.12.2023 was £37,315.75 (£30,000 was invested in this fund and is included in the Short Term Investment figure).					

Parochial Church Council of St John the Baptist, Beeston, Nottingham  
**Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Incoming Resources</b>					
Donations & Legacies	£5,343.09	£21,131.66	£0.00	£26,474.75	£6,150.00
Charitable Activities	£96,940.89	£119.70	£0.00	£97,060.59	£92,403.00
Investments	£318.83	£576.49	£0.00	£895.32	£836.00
Chancel Roof Funds	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£22,407.00
VAT Refund on Chancel Roof	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£4,066.00
	<b>£102,602.81</b>	<b>£21,827.85</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£124,430.66</b>	<b>£125,862.00</b>
<b>Resources Used</b>					
Charitable Activities	£89,614.98	£21,543.36	£0.00	£111,158.34	£107,409.00
Chancel Roof Repairs	£0.00	£675.46	£0.00	£675.46	£25,698.00
North Aisle Repairs	£740.00	£0.00	£0.00	£740.00	£0.00
Other	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£914.00
	<b>£90,354.98</b>	<b>£22,218.82</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£112,573.80</b>	<b>£134,021.00</b>
<b>Transfer of Funds</b>					
Movement of Endowment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£-5,510.00
<b>Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources</b>	<b>£12,247.83</b>	<b>£-390.97</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£11,856.86</b>	<b>£-13,669.00</b>
<b>Balance b/fwd @ 1 Jan 2023</b>	<b>£114,909.35</b>	<b>£-40,936.17</b>	<b>£1,025.00</b>	<b>£74,998.18</b>	<b>£88,667.00</b>
<b>Balance c/fwd @ 31 Dec 2023</b>	<b>£127,157.18</b>	<b>£-41,327.14</b>	<b>£1,025.00</b>	<b>£86,855.04</b>	<b>£74,998.00</b>
Accounts prepared by:					
					
	Kaye Ford – FMAAT Treasurer to the P.C.C.				
Accounts Approved by the P.C.C. On 21st March 2024					
					
	Revd. W. Plimmer Vicar and Chair of the P.C.C.				

### **Independent examiner's report to the PCC of St John the Baptist, Beeston**

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 1 to 10, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 (the Regulations) and section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act)

### **Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner**

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on these financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

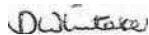
### **Scope of this Report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - + to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
  - e to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and Regulationshave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Deborah Whitaker M AAT  
11 Old Road, Sutton-in-Ashfield

15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

For the year ended 31 December 2023

### **1. Accounting Policies**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2005 and SORP 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

### **Funds**

*Endowment funds* are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investments of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

*Restricted funds* represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

*Unrestricted funds* are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

### **Incoming Resources**

Planning giving, collections and donation are recognized when received. Tax refunds are recognized when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognized when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

### **Resources Expended**

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognized when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

### **Fixed Assets**

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Moveable church furnishing held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

The Parish Church of  
St John the Baptist  
Beeston

Serving Christ in our Community



*Reports from Parish  
Groups*  
**2023**

## ABC2

This report covers the year January – December 2023

After a very prolonged break following the Covid 19 pandemic, ABC2 finally started again in June 2023. We have continued with meeting on Tuesday morning term time only. The numbers attending have very gradually built since starting up again and we now have a core of about 10 children with their parents/ carers come most weeks.

There are 5 members of the team that help run crafts, story time, singing and refreshments.

Thanks to all those who help run the group and also to those who attend.

*Pam Holland*

## Ark Youth Group

2023 was our first full year of Ark, and we have packed a lot in. We have welcomed some new members and it has been wonderful to see our young people's faith and fellowship grow over the year. At our monthly social events we enjoy games, crafts and activities followed by a meal together and a short reflection time at the end. In 2023 we had our first pancake party where the favourite topping was definitely strawberries and Biscoff spread! We have also learned about how we can be kinder to the planet with an Eco Church treasure hunt, made Remembrance wreaths and reflected on Jesus supporting us on our journey through the Footsteps in the Sand poem (accompanied with piggy back races around the churchyard!).

On Sunday mornings we have continued exploring the Christian faith, getting more familiar with the Bible and discussing the readings of the church calendar. In the term before Christmas we created our own Jesse Tree, learning about the key characters in the Old Testament and Jesus' lineage.

Throughout the year Ark members have supported the wider worship in the church supporting the family Easter service and the Christmas Eve Christingle service. Ark is also regularly on the readings and intercessions rota and our young people are gaining in confidence in both writing prayers and reading in church.

In July we said goodbye to Sam who was a fabulous asset to our team. We are always looking out for people to support our young people in their faith journey so if you feel you have something to offer please do get in touch. Thank you to everyone who has supported us this year.

Any young people in year 6 or above are welcome to come along and see what we get up to.

*Katy McBurnie, Ark Leader*

## Bellringers

The band of ringers at St. John's continues to flourish and remains one of the strongest groups of bell ringers in the Southwell and Nottingham diocese. Since the last report we have welcomed three new recruits to the band, one complete beginner and two who have learnt elsewhere but now work in the area. From our younger teenage ringers, the band consists of people from every decade up to those in their 80s!

We held our AGM on 10 th March, re-electing our principal officers who over this next year will have completed 23 years in role. Whilst this is a significant commitment, we recognise that a succession plan should start soon.

In addition to ringing on Sunday mornings, for weddings and during our Wednesday evening practices, we rang 15 quarter peals on Sunday afternoons. A number of these sadly were to celebrate the life of those recently departed. Sheila Alton and Gerald Norris amongst those who are no longer with us. But on a more positive note, Brian Walton marked 50 years of being a bell ringer at St. John's. What an achievement!

Apart from ringing, we enjoyed a number of social activities, involving a week's canal trip on the Stourport Ring calling in at various churches along the route to ring bells. Pizzas were consumed at the Smith household, croquet played and fellowship made through shared food at our Christmas Party.

Our tower outing in 2023 was to many of the churches around York, and the Quarter Peal day took place in and around Nuneaton.

Another highlight of the year was the Church Quiz which attracted record numbers. Thanks should be given to Tim, our quiz master of 10 events, who understandably is standing down. Despite this we look forward to contributing again to the church social calendar come the autumn.

We have also supported the church open mornings over the year by offering up tours of the tower and an introduction to ringing bells. These are always great fun and really appreciated by the visitors.

Finally our younger ringers make up the majority of the team representing the diocese at national and regional contests. In July they competed at the National Youth contest in York for the first time and put in a strong performance. To follow this up, this month they came a close second to Derbyshire at the inaugural Midlands Youth contest. This really shows that the next generation of bell ringers are on their way to retain our voice in the community at St. John's.

*The Ringers*

## **Children's Society Box Collection**

Following a couple of requests for the return of boxes/ donations to the Children's Society and a Coffee Morning held in October, we managed to gather in 12 boxes and donations. This has now been banked and amounted to £373.17 . ( this is £147.99 more than last year). The amount consisted of £319.27 from the boxes, £30.70 from the Coffee Morning and £23.20 from the sale of cakes after the service on the Sunday morning.

I would like to extend thanks to those who donated, came along to the coffee morning or bought cakes after the service. Also a thanks to Val Knight for bringing the knitted puppies to sell at the coffee morning with proceeds included in the total to the Children's Society .

Another coffee morning will be planned for October this year.

*Pam Holland*

## **Church Flowers**

Thank you to everyone who donated to the flowers in Church. The list is at the back of Church for anyone to choose a date. Also thank you to Pam for her help.

*Pauline Wheelhouse*

## **Coffee Stop**

We started the year on a positive note with both Ros and Christina working as a great team with occasional help from me.

The numbers coming in has remained consistent averaging 28 people per week, although we had a spell when we were seeing 30 plus coming in which gave the place a very lively buzz.

In March (Saturday 18th) we ran a Coffee morning in church organised by Ros and Kaye, which was reasonably attended.

On September 28th we ran a Macmillan Coffee Morning event which was well attend with many new faces coming in. The total raised from the Thursday and Sunday 1st October after service drinks was £316.30. Many thanks again to all who supported this event on both days.

After the success of this event Ros and Kaye asked about doing a fair and it was suggested by the vicar around Michaelmas, so the Coffee Stop regular were commandeered to produce their excellent cakes and the help needed to serve drinks. This took place on Saturday 11th November.

In December after meeting all the criteria required the Coffee Stop became a member of Places of Welcome network. Here is the introduction from the website:

*Places of Welcome is a national network of over 600 spaces offering an unconditional welcome to local people to connect and contribute for few hours each week. They are places where everyone can go for a friendly face, a cup of tea and a conversation if and when they need it. Places of Welcome take place in a variety of venues including churches, community centres, libraries, mosques, temples and other community group buildings across the UK.*

For more information go to <https://www.placesofwelcome.org.uk/>

As Coffee Stop is a gift to the community – no fixed charges – having taken money out for the supplies tea, coffee, milk etc we still manage to donate a sum of money to the church each month which is purely from donations.

Finally, once again I must thank both Ros and Christina through this report for keeping this outreach going and growing with new ideas e.g. bacon cobs and sausage cobs. But this is not the norm!!!

*Reverend Rob Wiggins*

## **Eco Church**

### **Eco Church - Sharing God's love through caring for Creation**

Eco Church encourages churches to measure themselves and their creation care progress across the five categories of its survey. Replies in each category result in Gold, Silver or Bronze or No Award, and churches must reach a particular level in all five categories to qualify for that award. Currently St John's has reached Gold level in Worship and Teaching, No Award in Land, and Bronze level in the Buildings, Lifestyle and Community and Global Engagement categories. Consequently at the moment we are still working towards our Bronze Award.

The Eco Church Group has six members including a church warden and a member of the clergy, but this has to grow to be a whole-church project if it is to fulfil its purpose of making us all more aware of the joys and responsibilities of caring for God's world and everything in it.

#### **Actions to date**

- Eco Corner appears most weeks in the Notices, and has recently shared ideas from the wider congregation.
- Contact has been made with Beeston Wildlife Group and Notts Wildlife Trust. A date has been made in April for a wildlife survey of the churchyard.
- Our regular worship includes prayers, hymns and other aspects exploring creation care.
- One-offs have included an 'eco' focussed Harvest Festival, café-style evening worship and a Celtic Eucharist.
- Our young people have had related focussed sessions
- Eco Church had a tree with natural decorations at the Christmas Tree Festival
- We had an Eco Christmas Greetings flipchart to encourage members of the congregation to economise on cards and donate the saved money to a tree-planting charity. We aim to repeat this with better promotion in 2024.
- A survey in February asked what transport people used to get to church. This will be repeated later in the year.
- As a church, we have reaffirmed our commitment to Fairtrade refreshments, and are promoting LOAF (Local, Organic, Animal-friendly, Fairtrade) food to the congregation during March.
- Our commitment to Eco Church appears on our website and on the public church noticeboard
- We continue to try to find ways to work with the Council on the management of our land
- We are working to find more environmentally-friendly cleaning materials for the church

The Eco Group members are always happy to hear your thoughts and ideas.

We are: Val Sellars, Rose Lucas, Ian Buchan, Fran Blackler, Jackie Laats and Revd. Dawn Glen. You can also contact us via Kathryn at the church office.

*Val Sellars*

## **'Green Pastures' Dementia Friendly Service**

The Green Pastures Service has become an established slot in the St John's calendar. Its monthly services (the first Tuesday of the month) are well attended by a group of regular congregants some coming from outside Beeston. We have attracted an ecumenical group of people too. The service continues to be Dementia friendly and is of short duration with well-known hymns, a reflection and prayers. Tea and coffee, often with cake, is served afterwards to allow everyone to socialise in a supportive environment.

Though numbers fluctuate we regularly have 18-20 people attending and in January when we met just after new year and the rain was of biblical proportions nearly everyone turned up!

We continue to receive positive comments about how valuable the service is and one couple commented that they 'wouldn't miss it for the world'.

Father Paul, who leads the worship, has been very sensitive to the range of needs and each service aims to follow the liturgical calendar. We are grateful too to Chris for boosting our singing on the organ.

*Rosemary Carpenter*

## **Messy Church**

This report covers the year January – December 2023. During this time we ran 5 Messy Church sessions, in March, May, July, September and November. The themes were the Last Supper (with activities including bread-making), God's Kingdom (timed to link with the Coronation), Following Jesus, the road to Emmaus and in November our Advent Messy Church.

It has been lovely to see many regular faces as well as welcoming some new families this year. We have a strong community of regular attendees and usually have between 20-30 children with their parents and carers. This year we've also seen a number of young people want to be involved as young leaders at Messy Church, this is an area that Julie Howson is taking a lead on supporting. It's really good to see the Messy Church ministry grow in this way.

Pam Holland stepped down from overall leadership of Messy Church at the end of 2022, and we have continued through 2023 with Naomi Groves, Julie Howson and Father Wayne Plimmer standing in as overall leaders together. They are very well supported by a team of regular helpers and this year it's been a particular pleasure to see a number of members of the Sunday congregation come forward to offer occasional help when needed. We're very thankful for all those who offer their time to Messy Church.

We continue to pray that someone will come forward with a vocation to lead Messy Church. There is a strong community and a desire to meet more frequently but at present we don't have anyone able to take on overall leadership. As a team we remain committed to keeping Messy Church going at St John's and see the value in this important ministry and will do so whilst we pray for the right person to come forward to lead this ministry forward.

*Naomi Groves*

## **Mothers' Union**

There are now 18 full members in the Branch, with 5 Honorary Life Members.

It is with great sadness that we record the death of Sheila Allton. She was a good friend to us all and there are many stories of her kindness. She made a great contribution to the life of this branch and to MU in the diocese and further afield. She will be much missed, by us and many others. May she rest in peace.

We also record with sadness the deaths of Gerald Norris and Jo Young, who had joined the branch fairly recently, and Gillian Wright, who had been a member for many years. We are grateful for their contributions to the life of the branch, they will all be missed.

2023 started in the traditional way. The New Year lunch was enjoyed by all and the AGM followed in February.

As always prayer and worship were at the heart of branch activities. The Revd Paul Knight led a Lenten Meditation in March, in September we played our part in the Wave of Prayer and the Revd Rob Wiggins led the service to mark the start of the autumn season. The Easter meeting saw another reading from *the Man Born to the King*, by Dorothy L Sayers .

There was one meeting on MU work, Tessa Rolph talked on the Contact Centre in Retford, which is run by MU volunteers.

Looking more widely, we had a talk from a representative of the Childrens Society and two discussions: one on the borough of Broxtowe, led by Janet Patrick and one the parish strapline, *Serving Christ in our Community*. For our Christmas meeting Ernie Hodge Carty, a MU member from Anguilla at present in Nottingham, told us about Christmas in her own country.

We were also able to make the usual donations to Midlands Women's Aid, including a cheque at Easter to provide Easter eggs for the children at the refuge. Members also contributed individually to the diocesan Lent *Count your Blessings* and the MU Make a Mother's Day collection. We held the traditional Strawberry Tea in July, as always it was much enjoyed and profits were sent to MU overseas projects.

Sheila Allton kept the accounts and did much of the branch business until October, for which we are all most grateful and we thank all committee members for their support during the year. We should also all like to thank the Vicar for chairing the AGM and for many years of support and encouragement.

At the MU AGM in February it was decided to close the branch: the remaining officers were unable to continue and there was no one willing to replace them. Some members plan to become diocesan members, all decided to continue to meet on the usual 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday for prayer and fellowship and it was hoped some MU projects could still be supported.

*Pat Atkins*

## **Sunday School**

Sunday school has continued to run each Sunday during term time this year. We have followed the lectionary most weeks, but have also covered parables and some of the characters of the Bible as well as the key people of the Nativity story.

The format has remained the same where we meet downstairs on the carpet at the beginning of the Sunday Service, then all go upstairs together. Each session starts with a bible story which is accompanied with a craft or activity and then aim to finish with a prayer before re-joining the service downstairs for the Peace.

We have a lovely group of young people that attend with their families and have also welcomed a couple of new children during the year.

We are now a team of 6 people who are on a rota to lead and help each week.

Our thanks to all those who offer their time and help and those who come along.

*Pam Holland*

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# Accounts

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# The Parish Church of St John the Baptist Beeston

Serving Christ in our Community



Annual Report and Accounts  
of the Parochial Church Council for the  
Year Ended 31 December 2022

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# Annual Report for the Parochial Church Council for the Year Ending 31 December 2022

## Administrative Information

St John the Baptist is situated in Church Street, in the parish of Beeston and the Diocese of Southwell of Nottingham. The correspondence address is Beeston Vicarage, Middle Street, Beeston, Nottingham, NG9 1GA.

PCC members who have served from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 until the date of this report are:

Incumbent	Revd Wayne Plimmer Revd Kirstine Buchan Revd Tracey Byrne Jem Bloomfield Revd Rob Wiggins Revd Dawn Glen Revd James Pacey Revd Monika Doering Revd Paul Knight	Chairman Associate Priest
Wardens	Mark Cooper Pat Atkins Jackie Laats	Lay Reader Permission to Officiate Permission to Officiate Permission to Officiate Permission to Officiate
Deanery Synod Representatives	Philip Hopkinson Christopher Gray Julie Howson	Vice Chair Parish Safeguarding Officer
Elected Members	Bekkie Alexander Andrew Brazener Ian Buchan Kaye Ford Pam Holland Steve Lowe Kate Lyons Norman Vaughton Pauline Wheelhouse	Treasurer  PCC Safeguarding Lead

## Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Councils Powers Measure. The PCC is a registered charity with the Charity Commission and its registered number is 1134788.

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

## Objectives and Activities

The PCCs objectives and operations are framed in the context of Church as a fellowship of believers whose main objective is to serve Christ in our community. This is worked out through a wide range of activities including:

- Sunday Eucharists and Worship

- Weekday Prayer and two mid-week Eucharists
- Occasional offices (baptisms, weddings and funerals)
- Pastoral work
- Social Activities
- Weekday and Evening groups
- Ecumenical links.

## Achievements and Performance

### **Church Attendance:**

There are currently 135 members on the Church Electoral Roll, some of whom reside outside of the parish. This figure is 4 more than last year.

As the year progressed and Covid restrictions eased, average attendance at the 10am Sunday Eucharist grew from 80 in the first part of the year, rising to 90+ towards the end of the year. By the end of the year, attendances were about 90% of what we might have expected, pre-pandemic.

### **Safeguarding Review for the Year:**

***The House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy states that the Church "will train and equip church officers to have the confidence and skills they need to care and support children, young people and vulnerable adults and to recognise and respond to abuse".***

November 2020 our Parish Dashboard was activated. The Parish Dashboard is a means of ensuring we are following Church of England policy and procedure regarding Safeguarding.

Parish Dashboard is 87% complete at Level 3

The outstanding 13% comprises :

- review of risk assessments for activities which involve children, youths, and vulnerable adults, which are being addressed by activity leaders as they come up for renewal.
- The PCC acknowledging, we comply with data protection legislation and CofE data retention guidance
- Use of social media

Kate Lyons, PCC Safeguarding lead, Kathryn Weller and I have access to the Dashboard. No personal data is added to the Dashboard.

All groups which include children and vulnerable adults are now up and running except for ABC2.

Young servers have now resumed, and it is lovely to see them back on the altar. The dementia friendly service has been renamed Green Pastures which is growing steadily in numbers.

Ark, Youth Group was set up last year, there are three lead persons who have all complied with safeguarding and safer recruitment requirements as have all assistants.

Many thanks to all activity leaders for ensuring we meet safeguarding requirements as required by the Diocese and Church of England.

Posters are inside and outside of the church with Safeguarding contact numbers. PSO contact number is also on the church service sheet. We have a designated mobile phone for this purpose.

Safeguarding policy notice is displayed in church. Safeguarding information is also on the Parish website.

GDPR, we have a designated filing cabinet for any safeguarding matters. Only the PSO and Vicar hold a key.

Basic Awareness Safeguarding training, C0 is now required for all PCC members, (prior to July 2019 it was simply recommended). In addition, Southwell and Nottingham Diocese ask that C1 is also completed by all PCC members.

We can now offer C0, basic awareness safeguarding training in house. PSO is qualified to do so.

*Julie Howson, Parish Safeguarding Officer*

### **PCC Review for the Year:**

Each PCC meeting receives reports from our Treasurer. Deanery Synod meetings are also reported to the PCC which updates us on wider issues. Regular reports are presented by representatives of other church organisations for discussion and annual reports from all these sources are presented for consideration at the Annual Parish Church Meeting (APCM). During 2022, the PCC met 8 times.

The Finance Group supports the PCC in managing the finances of the Parish Church. It normally meets quarterly, prior to PCC meetings, reporting back to the PCC with recommendations and requests for decisions and approval if necessary. During 2022 the Finance Group met 4 times.

The Standing Committee normally meets prior to each PCC meeting to agree the draft minutes and agenda and to discuss matters and make decisions prior to full PCC approval. They take any significant recommendations for action to the PCC. In accordance with Church Representation Rules, the Standing Committee may also 'transact the PCC's business between meetings of the PCC'. During 2022 the Standing Committee met 7 times.

PCC meetings during 2022 focused quite heavily on the rising energy costs and what could be done to alleviate the impact this would have. This was one of the issues discussed at the PCC Vision Day and an Eco sub-group was formed as a result of this. They met throughout the year to discuss ways to reduce energy consumption in church.

A Strategy sub-group has also formed and have taken steps to increase funds by encouraging fundraising events such as music recitals, quiz nights and the ever popular Wine and Carols!

A new contactless giving machine was approved on a trial basis. This was well received and is being used consistently by congregation members and visitors.

The PCC approved safeguarding plans of action, provisions, risk assessments and policies and well as reviewing all church activities. Approval was given to form a new youth group and this has proved a great success.

The Health and Safety Policy was reviewed and a Fire/Emergency Plan was approved. First Aid Kits were checked and updated/replenished as necessary. We also hosted some First Aid Training, which was attended by many PCC members.

The main building work carried out was to repair the Chancel Roof. This work was funded by generous donations following an appeal, as well as a grant from Notts Historic Churches Trust.

A new noticeboard for the church yard is planned.

Work began to replace all lightbulbs with more energy efficient LED bulbs. This work was kindly funded by Kaye Ford, in memory of Tony.

*Kathryn Weller, Clerk to the Trustees*

### **Chairman's Review for 2022:**

Dear Friends

2022 has seen the gradual withdrawal of Covid restrictions but we are, in many different ways, still living with the consequences of the pandemic. Anecdotally people seem genuinely more fragile and less resilient, especially in the face of cost of living challenges.

2022 saw the departure of our full time Curate Reverend Tracey Byrne, after a fruitful curacy. We are indebted to her creative and clear thinking and to the significant and varied contribution she made to our parish life together. We wish her well in the future as she has now been appointed as Priest in Charge of St John's, Carrington in the City. Best wishes as well to Sandy, her partner, for their life together at Carrington.

We welcomed Philip Miles as Organist in the Autumn and have enjoyed having him as part of our team here at St John's. I would like to take this opportunity, mindful of the dangers of singling people out, to thank Pam Holland for approximately 10 years of ministry in helping to lead our Messy Church. We are hoping that Messy Church will go from strength to strength in the future, now we are able to meet again, but heartfelt thanks to Pam for her invaluable contribution as she hands the leadership over to others.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has made our recovery from the pandemic that much easier and positive. My clergy colleagues and Jem, our reader, in particular, who have been

enormously supportive and helpful to me as Vicar. My thanks go to the PCC, our Churchwardens, Kathryn, our Clerk to the Trustees and Parish Administrator, and all our group leaders, who have given so much.

Although we continue to face many challenges, not least financially, these challenges have been met with extraordinary faith, hope and generosity. In particular, the response which people made to the necessary restoration of the chancel roof was outstanding, enabling us to secure the roof for into the long term future.

The PCC continue to make progress in establishing a vision for the future but our vision for the present is to continue to be a place of welcome, worship, inclusivity, community and financial stability.

One of the most positive things that has happened in 2022 is that the church door is now open again most weekdays, as well as on Sundays. Thank you to all those who volunteer to greet visitors or care for our building while the door is open.

Once again every blessing as we move forward together to grow the kingdom of God in this place.

*Fr Wayne Plimmer (Vicar)*

### **Churchwarden's Review and Fabric Report for the Year:**

Routine maintenance has been carried out as usual.

Over the past twelve months this has included:

Annual checks on roof alarms, emergency lighting and fire extinguishers.

Clearing gutters and checking roof tiles.

Replacing the controls for the screen in the chancel arch.

Replacing the element in the water boiler.

Checking of portable electric appliances is still incomplete, but is in hand

Instructions in case of fire are now displayed at strategic points in the church.

First Aid boxes have been checked and all contents are now in date.

New LED lighting, with transformers, has been installed throughout the church, the gift of Mrs K Ford in memory of her husband, Tony.

In the churchyard the paving stones at the west end have been fixed and Broxtowe Borough Council has been asked to attend to the damaged yew tree.

Plans are in hand for a new notice board, made possible by a bequest from Dorothy Reus.

The most significant work over the last year has been replacing the chancel roof with stainless steel, thus making it less attractive to lead thieves and more waterproof. Drainage from roof to ground has also been improved.

As always we are grateful for the help and advice of our architect Graeme Renton, particularly over the chancel roof, for the support of our Health and Safety officer, the Revd Rob Wiggins and for the support of the Finance Committee and the PCC. It has been a pleasure to work with all of them.

*Pat Atkins and Jackie Laats, Churchwardens*

### **Deanery Synod Review for the Year:**

This year we have said goodbye to Rev'd Paul Reynolds (Bramcote St Michael and All Angels) and Rev'd Colin Bourne who stepped down as Area Dean. We have welcomed Rev'd Jess Savill (Toton St Peter) and curates Rev'd Claire Tufnell and Rev'd Ryan Mellor (Christ Church, Chilwell) Rev'd Angelika and Daniele Bocchetti (Lenton Holy Trinity and The Priory), Rev'd Tasha Genk (St Nic's) and Rev'd Bethan Resch (Trinity) to our Deanery. We were also pleased to congratulate Rev'd Jo Tatum who was appointed as Area Dean, Rev'd Tracey Byrne and Garreth Frank who were appointed as Priests-in-

Charge at St John's Carrington and Lenton Holy Trinity and The Priory respectively, and Grant Walton who was appointed Co-ordinating Chaplain at the University of Nottingham.

The Deanery Leadership Team has continued to meet during the year to plan Synod and to discuss ways to support parishes in the Deanery – particularly those in vacancy. We have held three Synods:

On 23 March we met at St Nic's in Nottingham and the theme of our meeting was "Is there a place for me in your church?". The aim of this meeting was to recognise that racial justice and integration are vital issues for the church and to challenge churches to address this issue. Speakers shared their lived experience and the scriptural basis for addressing this. We then spent some time discussing the challenge and praying for each other.

On 13 July we met at St Barnabas, Lenton Abbey and our theme was mental health and wellbeing. Again we had speakers share their lived experience on the impact of the pandemic and the role churches can play in supporting those with mental health issues. We also heard about the work of Renew Wellbeing and running wellbeing cafés in our buildings.

On 24 November we met at St Michael's, Bramcote and our theme was Disability Awareness in our churches. Our speakers shared their lived experiences and we were challenged to consider ways we could make our churches accessible. We were also challenged to think how our churches could act as a link for disabled people and our communities.

Our November meeting was also our AGM and a report was provided on the work of the Deanery Leadership Team during the past year. Colin Bourne stepped down as Area Dean, Gary Stephenson stepped down as Deanery Treasurer and Clive Burrows also stepped down from the Deanery Leadership Team. We thanked them for all they had done in these roles and also welcomed Jo Tatum as Area Dean.

Following the AGM the Deanery Leadership Team was made up of:

- Ex-officio Members: Rev'd Jo Tatum (Area Dean), Kirsty Cowley (Deanery Administrator)
- Lay Chair: Elaine Hinchliffe
- Deanery Secretary: Peter Horne
- Deanery Treasurer: Trevor Peel
- DLT Members: Rev'd Tom Gillum Gary Stephenson, Fola Sowunmi (co-opted)

The Deanery paid managed to exceed the percentage of giving for ministry paid in 2021 (96% as opposed to 94.9%). Every parish is thanked for their generosity in these difficult times.

*Elaine Hinchliffe (Lay Chair)*

## **Financial Review**

Well, here goes with my 50<sup>th</sup> Financial Report!

It is great that Covid restrictions ceased to apply during 2022 and we were able to get back to some form of 'normal' once again. We were certainly extremely grateful to our loyal supporters for continuing their regular giving through the difficult times.

Our lack of fund-raising events has had a significant impact on our finances but we were happy to welcome back the Bellringers' Quiz Night in October which started the church social activities to raise funds again.

We had previously held a Ceilidh evening which raised over £600 for the Hope Food Bank. In December, Phil our Organist, gave an organ recital which raised over £80. This was followed by Wine and Hymns organised by the Choir which was very successful and also benefited by the sale of quiz sheets (organised by Ros) which resulted in nearly £200 of income. It's obvious church members and their friends enjoy quizzes! It is hoped to extend our range of social events in 2023 as it becomes even more important to increase our income levels.

During 2022 we had a number of costly projects. These included replacing all our light bulbs with LED ones and the necessary electrical equipment to enable these to function correctly. The cost of this procedure was just over £4000 but luckily Kaye Ford covered this payment as a memorial to Tony. We

also had to have the main pump to the heating system replaced in December which costs us £2398.80 – this was a very unexpected expense!

Our main project during 2022 was the repair/replacement of the Chancel Roof. This has been a problem for some time and needed urgent attention. Father Wayne launched an appeal to the congregation and Finance Group/PCC requested grants from outside bodies. As usual, St John's congregation responded very generously and together with a grant from Notts Historic Churches Trust and the Gift Aid we recovered from HMRC the whole cost of the project was covered. Hopefully, we will not have anymore problem from that area.

Sadly, the year ended on a very worrying note as our contracts for Gas and Electricity ended on 30th November 2022. As many of you will have experienced with your domestic bills, the new rates now being charged are astronomically high. Our Electric has increased from 2.898p per KWH to 69.728p per KWH (against which, until 31/03/23, re receive Government support of 31.94p per KWH) and our Gas has increased from 3.162p per KWH to 16.113p per KWH.

As you may have seen on the back of the pew sheets recently this increase in cost has pushed our daily energy costs from around £22 per day last October to a daily cost of just over £130. Not a situation we can maintain in the long term. PCC decided that we would use some of our 2022 Gift Aid payment to enable us to pay our Parish Share in full for 2022 but for 2023 we have reduced our regular monthly contribution to half what we were paying to enable us to meet our day to day expenses. I should add that we have received some very generous contributions from congregation members to help with our heating and lighting costs and these will certainly cover the two current bills that we have received.

Let's hope, for all our sakes, that charges show a significant reduction by the time we need to renew our contract again in November 2023.

Many thanks for your continued generosity and support. It is very much appreciated.

*Kaye Ford - Treasurer to the PCC*

<b>Planned Giving</b>
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Jan - Dec 2021	Gift Aid	£50294	66 donors
Jan - Dec 2022	Gift Aid	£50418	66 donors
January 2023	Gift Aid	£4227	60 donors
If this monthly income is sustained throughout the year, we'll receive £50730 Jan - Dec 2023			
Jan - Dec 2021	Planned Giving	£4416	18 donors
Two donors have since moved to Gift Aid, one to CAF and one to envelope giving)			
Jan - Dec 2022	Planned Giving	£3443	10 donors
January 2023	Planned Giving	£320	10 donors
If this monthly income is sustained throughout the year, we'll receive £3840 Jan - Dec 2023			
April - Dec 2021	CAF	£2316	
Jan - Dec 2022	CAF	£4256	
January 2023	CAF January 2023	£87.62	£168.56 heating donation through CAF
Aug - Dec 2022	Good Box	£1158	
January 2023	Good Box	£177	

I thought it would be helpful to show the Planned Giving for 2022 in comparison to the previous year and included a couple of optimistic predications based on donations given January 2023. In broad terms, our income is static. However, considering the extreme increase in the church's fuel bill our income falls short.

*Julie Howson, Parish Funding Secretary*

Parochial Church Council of St John the Baptist, Beeston, Nottingham  
Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

**1 Accounting Policies**

See attached document – model set of accounting policies

<b>2 Incoming Resources</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds 2022</b>	<b>Total Funds 2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>2a Incoming Resources</b>				
Planned Giving -				
Covenants/Gift Aid	£53,781.54	£0.00	£53,781.54	£56,388.00
Tax Returned on Convenants	£21,145.60	£0.00	£21,145.60	£13,642.00
Unconvenanted	£3,861.00	£0.00	£3,861.00	£4,021.00
Collections All Services	£4,120.16	£0.00	£4,120.16	£2,936.00
Sundry Donations	£992.89	£529.00	£1,521.89	£1,380.00
	<b>£83,901.19</b>	<b>£529.00</b>	<b>£84,430.19</b>	<b>£78,367.00</b>
<b>2b Other Voluntary Incoming Resources</b>				
Donations, Appeals etc.	£0.00	£3,815.40	£3,815.40	£425.00
Tax returned on Memorial Fund	£0.00	£812.50	£812.50	£0.00
Legacies	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00
Fundraising Events	£542.25	£610.71	£1,152.96	£114.00
	<b>£542.25</b>	<b>£5,238.61</b>	<b>£5,780.86</b>	<b>£1,539.00</b>
<b>2c Income from Charitable and Ancillary Trading</b>				
Candle Sales	£104.91	£0.00	£104.91	£9.00
PCC Fees/Extras	£3,853.00	£0.00	£3,853.00	£4,076.00
Booklets/BRF etc.	£0.00	£104.10	£104.10	£155.00
	<b>£3,957.91</b>	<b>£104.10</b>	<b>£4,062.01</b>	<b>£4,240.00</b>
<b>2d Other Ordinary Income Resources</b>				
Coffee Fund	£1,415.70	£0.00	£1,415.70	£182.00
Hire of Premises	£2,087.60	£0.00	£2,087.60	£442.00
Gifts	£0.00	£727.00	£727.00	£305.00
Misc. Income	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00	£10.00
	<b>£3,553.30</b>	<b>£727.00</b>	<b>£4,280.30</b>	<b>£939.00</b>
<b>2e Income from Investments</b>				
Dividends/Interest	£184.15	£600.64	£784.79	£576.00
CBF Investment Interest	£51.04	£0.00	£51.04	£99.00
	<b>£235.19</b>	<b>£600.64</b>	<b>£835.83</b>	<b>£675.00</b>
<b>2f Chancel Repairs</b>				
VAT refund	£0.00	£4,065.58	£4,065.58	£0.00
Grants/Donations	£0.00	£21,007.39	£21,007.39	£0.00
Tax on donations	£0.00	£1,400.00	£1,400.00	£0.00
	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£26,472.97</b>	<b>£26,472.97</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>£92,189.84</b>	<b>£33,672.32</b>	<b>£125,862.16</b>	<b>£85,760.00</b>

Parochial Church Council of St John the Baptist, Beeston, Nottingham  
Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

**3 Resources Used**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
<b>3a Grants</b>				
Relief and Development	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Agencies	£240.00	£610.71	£850.71	£740.00
Home Missions and other Church Societies	£0.00	£423.24	£423.24	£280.00
Clergy/Other Gifts	£0.00	£807.00	£807.00	£305.00
	<b>£240.00</b>	<b>£1,840.95</b>	<b>£2,080.95</b>	<b>£1,325.00</b>
<b>3b Activities Directly Relating to the Work of the Church</b>				
Ministry -				
Giving to Ministry	£53,856.00	£0.00	£53,856.00	£54,540.00
Clergy Expenses	£1,392.98	£0.00	£1,392.98	£1,121.00
Church -				
Running Expenses	£16,527.93	£0.00	£16,527.93	£11,281.00
Repairs and Maintenance	£4,567.09	£0.00	£4,567.09	£3,273.00
Cleaning Fees	£1,981.44	£0.00	£1,981.44	£1,482.00
Upkeep of Services	£1,101.31	£0.00	£1,101.31	£785.00
Religious Education inc. BRF	£636.22	£101.85	£738.07	£175.00
Salary of Organist/ Choir Director	£3,958.92	£0.00	£3,958.92	£3,140.00
Choir Expenses	£236.05	£0.00	£236.05	£198.00
Roof Alarm	£566.74	£0.00	£566.74	£747.00
Bank Charges	£167.90	£0.00	£167.90	£0.00
Mission Opportunities/Chaplaincy Work	£303.94	£0.00	£303.94	£649.00
Sound/Projection/Video	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£350.00
Lighting Improvements	£912.50	£4,050.00	£4,962.50	£2,072.00
Architect/Quinquennial	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,623.00
	<b>£86,209.02</b>	<b>£4,151.85</b>	<b>£90,360.87</b>	<b>£81,436.00</b>
<b>3c Fundraising and Publicity</b>				
Costs of Fundraising Events	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>3d Church Management and Administration</b>				
Print, Statnry, Phones, Pstge	£3,542.34	£529.00	£4,071.34	£3,573.00
Parish Secretary	£9,728.28	£0.00	£9,728.28	£8,587.00
Misc. Expenses	£107.56	£0.00	£107.56	£82.00
Contracts of Employment	£0.00	£600.00	£600.00	£0.00
Marketing and Publicity inc. Wifi & Licences	£1,214.45	£0.00	£1,214.45	£1,097.00
Audit Fee	£160.00	£0.00	£160.00	£160.00
	<b>£14,752.63</b>	<b>£1,129.00</b>	<b>£15,881.63</b>	<b>£13,499.00</b>
<b>3e Chancel Roof Repairs</b>	£0.00	£25,697.67	£25,697.67	£0.00
	£0.00	<b>£25,697.67</b>	<b>£25,697.67</b>	£0.00
<b>Total Resources Used</b>	<b>£101,201.65</b>	<b>£32,819.47</b>	<b>£134,021.12</b>	<b>£96,260.00</b>

**Parochial Church Council of St John the Baptist, Beeston, Nottingham**  
**Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2022**

		<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Investment Assets	Capital	£1,025.00	£1,535.00
	Interest	£1,663.96	£6,063.00
		<b>£2,688.96</b>	<b>£7,598.00</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors/Paid in Advance		£14,520.76	£14,690.00
Short Term Investments		£39,948.24	£60,764.00
Cash at Bank		£25,866.58	£7,746.00
		<b>£80,335.58</b>	<b>£83,200.00</b>
<b>Liabilities: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year</b>		-£8,026.36	-£2,131.00
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>£74,998.18</b>	<b>£88,667.00</b>
<b>Represented by Funds</b>			
Unrestricted		£65,526.77	£74,724.00
Restricted		£8,446.41	£12,408.00
Endowment		£1,025.00	£1,535.00
		<b>£74,998.18</b>	<b>£88,667.00</b>

**Analysis of Net Assets by Fund**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fixed Assets	£0.00	£1,663.96	£1,025.00	£2,688.96
Current Assets	£73,393.13	£6,942.45	£0.00	£80,335.58
Current Liabilities	-£7,866.36	-£160.00	£0.00	-£8,026.36
	<b>£65,526.77</b>	<b>£8,446.41</b>	<b>£1,025.00</b>	<b>£74,998.18</b>

It should also be noted that the following balances were held by a Church group at 31.12.2022 :-

Bell Ringers                      £2,558.81

The market value of Endowments held at 31.12.2022 was as follows:-

Beeston Warmen - closed during the year (£2027.72 received)

Beeston Percy Fund - closed during the year (£1499.67 received)

Beeston Chancel Fund            £19,262.62

The market value of the CCLA Investment Fund A/C 2 at 31.12.2022 was £33,125.35 (£30,000 was invested in this fund and is included in the Short Term Investment figure).

**Parochial Church Council of St John the Baptist, Beeston, Nottingham**  
**Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2022**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>					
Donations & Legacies	£992.89	£5,156.90	£0.00	£6,149.79	£2,804.00
Charitable Activities	£90,961.76	£1,441.81	£0.00	£92,403.57	£82,281.00
Investments	£235.19	£600.64	£0.00	£835.83	£675.00
Chancel Roof Funds	£0.00	£18,880.00	£3,527.39	£22,407.39	£0.00
VAT Refund on Chancel Roof	£0.00	£4,065.58	£0.00	£4,065.58	£0.00
	<b>£92,189.84</b>	<b>£30,144.93</b>	<b>£3,527.39</b>	<b>£125,862.16</b>	<b>£85,760.00</b>
<b>Resources Used</b>					
Charitable Activities	£101,094.09	£6,314.80	£0.00	£107,408.89	£95,873.00
Chancel Roof Repairs	£0.00	£22,170.28	£3,527.39	£25,697.67	£0.00
Other	£107.56	£807.00	£0.00	£914.56	£387.00
	<b>£101,201.65</b>	<b>£29,292.08</b>	<b>£3,527.39</b>	<b>£134,021.12</b>	<b>£96,260.00</b>
<b>Transfer of Funds</b>					
Chancel Roof	£0.00	-£5,000.00	-£510.00	-£5,510.00	£0.00
	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>-£5,000.00</b>	<b>-£510.00</b>	<b>-£5,510.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
<b>Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources</b>					
	<b>-£9,011.81</b>	<b>-£4,147.15</b>	<b>-£510.00</b>	<b>-£13,668.96</b>	<b>£10,500.00</b>
<b>Balance b/fwd @ 1 Jan 2022</b>	<b>£123,921.16</b>	<b>-£36,789.02</b>	<b>£1,535.00</b>	<b>£88,667.14</b>	<b>£99,167.00</b>
<b>Balance c/fwd @ 31 Dec 2022</b>	<b>£114,909.35</b>	<b>-£40,936.17</b>	<b>£1,025.00</b>	<b>£74,998.18</b>	<b>£88,667.00</b>

Accounts prepared by:

Kaye Ford –  
FMAAT  
Treasurer to the P.C.C.

Accounts Approved by the P.C.C. On 30th March 2023

Revd. W. Plimmer  
Vicar and Chair of the P.C.C.

### **Independent examiner's report to the PCC of St John the Baptist, Beeston**

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 1 to is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 ("the Act").

#### **Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner**

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on these financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

#### **Basis of this Report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
  - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and Regulationshave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*DWhitaker*

Deborah Whitaker MAAT  
11 Old Road, Sutton-in-Ashfield

14<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

For the year ended 31 December 2022

### 1. Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2005 and SORP 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

### **Funds**

*Endowment funds* are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investments of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

*Restricted funds* represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

*Unrestricted funds* are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

### **Incoming Resources**

Planning giving, collections and donation are recognized when received. Tax refunds are recognized when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognized when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

### **Resources Expended**

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognized when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

### **Fixed Assets**

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Moveable church furnishing held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

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*Reports from Parish  
Groups*  
**2022**

## **Ark Youth Group**

In June 2022 we relaunched our youth group for young people in school year 6 and above (age 10). We started with two trial social sessions in June and July which were well attended and very positive feedback was received.

After a frantic recruitment drive for leaders, in the Autumn we settled into a pattern of having a monthly social meeting on a Sunday evening and teaching during the 10am service twice a month.

We had fun choosing a name for our new youth group. The name Ark was chosen by our young people, who also contributed designs which were made into a single logo by one of our young people.

At social meetings we enjoy games, crafts and activities followed by food and then a short reflection time at the end. In 2022 we thought about a wide variety of things including new beginnings, Remembrance and of course finished the year with Christmas party.

On Sunday mornings we learn about the Christian faith, getting more familiar with the Bible and discussing the readings of the church calendar.

Any young people in year 6 or above are welcome to come along and see what we get up to – please do get in touch.

*Katy McBurnie, Ark Leader*

## **Bellringers**

The year 2022 saw ringing return more to normal after the interruption caused by Covid-19, though we all had to get back into the swing of it.

The major ringing event of the year was long planned for, but still unexpected: the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II on 8<sup>th</sup> September and the resulting accession of King Charles III. The death was announced after 4pm, so the protocol required a single bell to be tolled 96 times at noon the following day. Over the next few days, the bells had to be repeatedly lowered to fit and remove muffles, according to whether we were marking the death or celebrating the proclamation, and then raised again for ringing. Quite exhausting! We had 16 leather muffles available, which needed to be supplemented by carpet on three of the clappers, as 9 of the 10 bells needed to be fully muffled and the tenor with just the backstroke open. Before the funeral, we rang a fully muffled quarter peal of Stedman Caters.

Earlier in the year, we had celebrated the Jubilee with a Peal of 4-spliced Royal, consisting of 125 leads of methods (patterns) known as Cambridge, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Bristol, each consisting of 40 changes, so each bell rang 5000 times, taking 3 hours.

We held our AGM on 6<sup>th</sup> February, re-electing our principal officers, ensuring that our Safeguarding training had been completed and resolving to move our bank account to a more accessible one.

In addition to ringing on Sunday mornings, for weddings and during our Wednesday evening practices, we rang 14 quarter peals on Sunday afternoons. Apart from ringing, we enjoyed a number of social activities, involving barbecues, pizzas, croquet and our Christmas Party.

Our tower outing was to Beverley and Hull, and the Quarter Peal day took place in Derbyshire. We retained possession of the Crawford Cup, the Diocesan Striking Competition.

The other exceptional event was the (postponed, due to Covid-19) annual meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, which was held on the Clifton Campus of Nottingham Trent University over the first weekend of September. In partnership with ringers from Attenborough, a ceilidh was held on the Saturday evening to entertain the delegates, which raised several hundred pounds. The, by now annual, church quiz was also a good fundraiser and jolly good fun.

Sadly, the bells of one of the main city centre churches, St. Mary's in the Lacemarket, became unringable during the year, when it was found that the stonework at the end of one transept had become disconnected from the roof. Its band became peripatetic, so we are helping them out by enabling practicing to continue, using our simulator, on a monthly basis.

More positively, we have a healthy group of younger learners, who made excellent progress, with several first performances during the year, helped by the experienced members of our established band. We have high hopes for the years ahead.

*The Ringers*

## **Children's Society Box Collection**

Following a couple of requests for the return of boxes/ donations to the Children's Society, we managed to gather in 8 boxes and donations that have now been banked - amounting to £225.18.

Our Church's collection month is September and so with this in mind I hope to plan in an event for this year in the Autumn where people will be invited to bring in their boxes and have them counted and returned and maybe have a coffee morning and raffle to raise further funds. Date to be confirmed.

Thanks to all for the donations.

*Pam Holland*

## **Church Flowers**

Thank you to everyone who donated to the flowers in Church. The list is at the back of Church for anyone to choose a date. Also thank you to Pam for her help.

*Pauline Wheelhouse*

## **Coffee Stop**

We did not start again until 20th January 2022 because of Covid, Emily was getting over it and I was still positive on 11th January.

Emily has taken over the day to day running with Brenda Smith helping when she is able. By the summer Brenda withdrew from helping behind the counter because her mobility was becoming a problem, but she continues to come for the social interaction.

The numbers coming in has remained consistent averaging 20 people per week, although we had a spell when we were seeing 30 plus coming in which gave the place a very lively buzz.

On September 29th we ran a Macmillan Coffee Morning event which was well attend with many new faces coming in. The total raised from the Thursday and Sunday 2nd October after service drinks was £243.75. Many thanks again to all who supported this event.

In October Emily informed us that her family was uprooting and moving to Cumbria so we would need to find someone else to take up the running of the morning. At the same time due to my medical condition, I was not able to be there so there was a chance it may not continue.

We said goodbye to Emily on 8 th December but thankfully Emily managed to persuade Ros and Christina it was easy and good fun !!!!! So it's business as usual.

I must thank both Ros and Christina through this report for stepping up and helping keep this outreach going and growing with new ideas.

As I write this they are already putting a Coffee Morning in place for Saturday 18th March with some stalls.

*Reverend Rob Wiggins*

## **'Green Pastures' Dementia Friendly Service**

The original service for People with Dementia and their Carers changed its name to Green Pastures in 2022 to encourage a wider range of people to attend. The service continues to be Dementia friendly and is of short duration with well-known hymns, a reflection and prayers. Tea and coffee is served afterwards to allow the congregants to socialise in a supportive environment.

The service has gradually increased in numbers; the December service attracted 19 people including helpers. There is a small group of regular attendees and when resources allow some residents from Landermeads Nursing Home are brought. Inevitably numbers fluctuate by the nature of the conditions that some of the congregants have.

Several positive comments have been made to the helpers over the year:

'I'm so grateful that you introduced us to this service. I really appreciate it'

'I love singing and enjoy the hymns'

'This is perfect for my wife'

Many thanks to the clergy, particularly Father Paul, for their support and to Chris for playing the organ.

*Rosemary Carpenter*

## **Messy Church**

We ran 5 Messy Church sessions during 2022. This worked out at 1 per half term with the exception of the February one.

It has been lovely to see many regular faces as well as welcoming some new families this year.

We have regularly had between 30 and 50 people (adults and children) attend each session. It was especially nice to celebrate another Messy Baptism in June this year where the theme was 'ALL are welcome in God's family!'. This session was based upon the Bible passage Galatians 3:26-29 where Paul tells us who is welcomed into God's kingdom and that All followers of Jesus are equal in God's eyes.

Our Advent Messy Church was very well attended, as usual and during this session Pam Holland was presented with flowers as she is stepping down as coordinator of Messy Church after more than 10 years.

We give thanks to all those who help and make each session possible and also to all those people who attend.

*Pam Holland*

## **Mothers' Union**

There are now 21 full members in the Branch, with 2 IMPC members and 5 Honorary Life Members. We record with affection and sadness the death of Dorothy Reus, but with gratitude, too, for her contribution to the life of the Branch and of the parish church over so many years. (We were sorry that Ann Pettit was not with us long enough for us to really get to know her before her sad death also in December)

2022 saw normal branch life resuming. The New Year lunch was enjoyed by all; the AGM followed in February and there were no monthly mailings.

As always prayer and worship were at the heart of branch activities. The Revd. James Pacey led a Lenten Meditation in March; we played our part in the Wave of Prayer in September and we held a service to mark the start of the autumn season in September.

There were two meetings on the work of MU. In May Shelagh Baird -Smith told us about her recent visit to Sebei, our link diocese in Uganda, and in October Helen Catchpole brought us up to date on AFIA holidays, which continue to be much needed and much appreciated. We also held a discussion on the Six Principles of Living Well Together, using material from Living in Love and Faith.

A new departure in 2022 was two play readings, each from Dorothy L Sayers's The Man born to be King. The April meeting fell on Maundy Thursday and we read the scenes of the Last Supper and in December we read the opening scenes – Kings in Judea. The October meeting was a talk by Pat Atkins on the Pilgrim Fathers, held over from the 400th anniversary in 2020.

We were also able to make the usual donations to Midlands Women's Aid, including a cheque at Easter to provide Easter eggs for the children at the refuge. Members also contributed individually to the diocesan Lent Count your Blessings and the MU Make a Mother's Day collection. We also held the traditional Strawberry Tea in July, again it was much enjoyed and profits were sent to MU overseas projects.

Thanks are due to Sheila Allton who has kept the accounts, and is masterminding another change of bank account, not only to a different bank but also to on-line banking and to the Committee who have helped keep members in touch with each other and the branch. We should also all like to thank the Vicar for chairing the AGM and for his support and encouragement during the past year.

We have planned a programme for 2023 and look forward to another year together.

*Pat Atkins*

## **Sunday School**

Sunday school has continued to run each Sunday during term time this year. We have mainly followed the lectionary each week where The format has been to start with a bible story which is accompanied with a craft or activity and then aim to finish with a prayer before re-joining the service downstairs for the Peace.

We have a lovely group of young people that attend with their families and have also welcomed a couple of new children during the year.

We are now a team of 5 people who are on a rota to lead and help each week.

Our thanks to all those who offer their time and help and those who come along.

*Pam Holland*

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# Accounts

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# The Parish Church of St John the Baptist Beeston

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Annual Report and Accounts  
of the Parochial Church Council for the  
Year Ended 31 December 2021

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## Annual Report for the Parochial Church Council for the Year Ending 31 December 2021

### Administrative Information

St John the Baptist is situated in Church Street, in the parish of Beeston and the Diocese of Southwell of Nottingham. The correspondence address is Beeston Vicarage, Middle Street, Beeston, Nottingham, NG9 1GA.

PCC members who have served from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 until the date of this report are:

Incumbent	Revd Wayne Plimmer Revd Rob Wiggins Revd Kirstine Buchan Revd Tracey Byrne Jem Bloomfield	Chairman    Lay Reader
Wardens	Mark Cooper Pat Atkins	
Deanery Synod Representatives	Philip Hopkinson Christopher Gray Julie Howson	Parish Safeguarding Officer
Elected Members	Bekkie Alexander Andrew Brazener Ian Buchan Kaye Ford (Treasurer) Pam Holland Jackie Laats Kate Lyons Kieran Phelan Norman Vaughton Pauline Wheelhouse	PCC Safeguarding Lead Vice Chair

### Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Councils Powers Measure. The PCC is a registered charity with the Charity Commission and its registered number is 1134788.

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

### Objectives and Activities

The PCCs objectives and operations are framed in the context of Church as a fellowship of believers whose main objective is to serve Christ in our community. This is worked out through a wide range of activities including:

- Sunday Eucharists and Worship
- Weekday Prayer and two mid-week Eucharists
- Occasional offices (baptisms, weddings and funerals)

- Pastoral work
- Social Activities
- Weekday and Evening groups
- Ecumenical links.

## Achievements and Performance

### **Church Attendance:**

There are currently 131 members on the Church Electoral Roll, some of whom reside outside of the parish. This figure is 3 less than last year.

Average attendance at the 10am Sunday Eucharist from April until July, once Covid 19 restrictions were eased, was approximately 45. From the summer, attendance began to rise to average 65. By the end of the year, attendances had begun to recover significantly. In December, the average was approximately 80.

### **Safeguarding Review for the Year:**

***The House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy states that the Church 'will train and equip church officers to have the confidence and skills they need to care and support children, young people and vulnerable adults and to recognise and respond to abuse'.***

Parish Safeguarding Officer has now been in post for 16 months.

The Parish Dashboard is a means of ensuring we are following Church of England policy and procedure regarding Safeguarding.

Kate Lyons, PCC Safeguarding lead, Kathryn Weller and I have access to the Dashboard. No personal data is added to the Dashboard. Level 1 was completed January 2021. We are currently working on level 3 which is the last level. We just have one major item to complete relating to our use of social media. Once Level 3 is completed, then it will be a matter of reviewing and updating policies.

All groups which include children and vulnerable adults are now up and running except for ABC2.

Young servers will resume in 2022. The weekly Coffee Stop has resumed, and the new dementia friendly service has commenced. Many thanks to all activity leaders for ensuring we meet safeguarding requirements as required by the Diocese and Church of England.

Posters are inside and outside of the church with Safeguarding contact numbers. PSO contact number is also on the church service sheet. We have a designated mobile phone for this purpose.

Safeguarding policy notice is displayed in church. Safeguarding information is also on the Parish website.

GDPR, we have a designated filing cabinet for any safeguarding matters. Only the PSO and Vicar hold a key.

Basic Awareness Safeguarding training, C0 is now required for all PCC members, (prior to July 2019 it was simply recommended). In addition, Southwell and Nottingham Diocese ask that C1 is also completed by all PCC members.

We can now offer C0, basic awareness safeguarding training in house. PSO is qualified to do so.

*Julie Howson, Parish Safeguarding Officer*

### **PCC Review for the Year:**

Each PCC meeting receives reports from our Treasurer. Deanery Synod meetings are also reported to the PCC which updates us on wider issues. Regular reports are presented by representatives of other church organisations for discussion and annual reports from all these sources are presented for consideration at the Annual Parish Church Meeting (APCM). During 2021, the PCC met 12 times, mostly in person but, due to Covid restrictions, some meetings took place online.

The Finance Group supports the PCC in managing the finances of the Parish Church. It normally meets quarterly, prior to PCC meetings, reporting back to the PCC with recommendations and requests for decisions and approval if necessary. During 2021 the Finance Group met 6 times.

The Standing Committee normally meets prior to each PCC meeting to agree the draft minutes and agenda and to discuss matters and make decisions prior to full PCC approval.

They take any significant recommendations for action to the PCC. In accordance with Church Representation Rules, the Standing Committee may also 'transact the PCC's business between meetings of the PCC'. During 2021 the Standing Committee met 6 times.

Church meetings still looked quite different during 2021, with Covid restrictions in place for much of the year. Some took place virtually, via email and phone, but most were able to take place in a socially distanced manner in church.

At PCC meetings, the safety of both congregation and clergy were always at the forefront of minds and agendas. In consultation with guidance from the Government and the Diocese, the PCC made decisions on how to offer safe worship for everyone. The year began with worship being broadcast online and then, when it was deemed safer, limited places were made available for in person worship. The Covid restrictions were lifted by the Government in the summer and the PCC cautiously opened church further, whilst keeping many safety measures in place, which was very well met.

The PCC approved safeguarding plans of action and policies. Kate Lyons was appointed as the PCC Safeguarding Lead.

A new Church Architect, Graeme Renton, was appointed and he swiftly carried out the Quinquennial inspection. The most pressing matter to come out of this was the need to replace the cooper roof on the Chancel.

Continuous work and repairs were carried out to the lighting system in church as well as the boiler. Work was also done to the alcove housing the St John the Baptist statue, namely removing the dark wood to enable a lighter background to highlight the statue further.

The PCC approved a new monthly Dementia Friendly service in church. This began in August and has been well received.

First steps were taken to update employee contracts for the Administrator, Cleaner and Musicians.

Collection monies were gifted to Haiti, after the devastating earthquake in the summer. The PCC made up the collection with church funds to £500. £200 was also gifted to the Student Christian Movement.

Permission to Officiate was granted by the PCC to enable Reverend James Pacey and Reverend Monika Doering to preach at church services.

*Kathryn Weller, Clerk to the Trustees*

### **Chairman's Review for 2021:**

Dear Friends

2021 has been another challenging year which has seen us working alongside changing Covid guidelines and versions of lockdown. It has been a year in which many people have continued to lose loved ones to the virus or lost their jobs to the resulting economic downturn. The toll on the mental health of many as the pandemic has dragged on has been enormous. However, with or without Covid, I offer heartfelt personal thanks to my ordained and lay colleagues, Kathryn our Clerk to the Trustees, our Churchwardens, Group Leaders and PCC who have contributed so much to our common life over the past year and enabled us to go on worshipping and witnessing in extraordinary times. Among the many signs of hope for the future, it has been heartening to see so many people who have felt nervous about meeting for public worship now returning to Church alongside a significant number of new faces. I hope we can continue to strive to be a place of welcome, mission, and inclusion moving forward.

2021 saw the 'retirement' of Fr Rob Wiggins our Associate Priest but the plan is for him to return to ministry with Permission to Officiate from Jan 2022. Although the distinction will be lost on many of us, it basically means Rob can decide – in consultation with me – what he feels able to commit to rather than offering an agreed number of 'sessions.' I am sure you would want to join me in thanking him for his ministry thus far and rejoice with me that he and Cynthia will continue to be part of our family at St John's.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who have continued to give so generously to St John's both with one-off gifts or with your Planned (regular) Giving throughout 2021 - even when we have not been able to meet properly for worship. Along with many other parishes in the Diocese we have been running deficits of expenditure over income in recent years and your generosity has helped to soften the blow particularly in 2021. Nevertheless, we face further significant financial challenges in 2022 and beyond and by their nature deficits are not sustainable for ever!

Although I hesitate to single folk out for the valuable work they do, I would like to say thank you to Julie Howson who has done a great job in 2021 in getting us up-to-date with our safeguarding policies and protocols as our Parish Safeguarding Officer. We have begun to make some real progress in embedding a culture of safeguarding in our Parish. I would also like to say a special thank you to Phil Sherratt our Organist who has gone 'above and beyond' in 2021 in helping to resource our worship.

The PCC have also made some progress in beginning to establish a clearer set of priorities for the future and formulating a clearer vision. However, as 2021 ends there is considerable further work to do. Our hope is that we reach a point where our decision making about a whole range of things is better informed by our values and priorities.

Finally, we are blessed in so many ways by our lovely Parish Church Building and we can now begin to capitalise on it again as an asset as we begin to meet together more often for worship and hospitality. Nevertheless, there is still important work to do to it. Although the building is in good condition overall, with the help of our Architect Graeme Renton, we are looking to replace the roof covering to the Chancel. We think it is approximately 100 years old and is nearing the end of its life. We hope that this work can be undertaken in 2022.

Every blessing as we seek to build the Kingdom of God

*Fr Wayne Plimmer (Vicar)*

### **Churchwarden's Review and Fabric Report for the Year:**

At the time of the 2021 APCM Covid restrictions were still in force. During the past year they have been gradually relaxed and the usual services are being reintroduced as are social events like Coffee Stop.

On the recommendation of our recently appointed architect Mr Graeme Renton, we decided to renew the chancel roof. The preparatory work is in hand and it is hoped that work can start in the early summer.

Routine maintenance has been carried out as usual. This year it has included repairs to the sensors on the roof, a replacement tile on the roof above the kitchen and a new tap in the boiler room. In addition Mark Cooper and Andrew Brazener have replaced light bulbs as necessary and done some maintenance work on the north aisle wall, for which we are all very grateful.

As always, it has been a pleasure to work with many members of the congregation. We are especially grateful for the help received from the Finance Group and for the support of the Vicar and PCC.

*Pat Atkins, Churchwarden*

## **Deanery Synod Review for the Year:**

This year we have said goodbye to Rev'd Henry Curran (Wollaton Park), Rev'd Mike Forsyth (Chilwell), Rev'd Hannah Hall (St Saviour's), Rev'd Naomi Hill (Sneinton St Christopher), Rev'd James Pacey (Carrington), Rev'd Dr Megan Smith (Lenton) and Rev'd George White (Trinity). We have welcomed Rev'd Toby Artis (Attenborough) and curates Rev'd Beau Brumley (Trinity), Rev'd Lynda Blakeley (Sneinton St Stephen) and Rev'd Amy Hughes (Trinity) to our Deanery. We were also pleased to congratulate Rev'd John Blakeley and Rev'd Naeem Bahadur on their appointments as Priests in Charge in Sneinton St Stephen with St Matthias and Radford All Souls and St Peter respectively. Rev'd Colin Bourne also retired as Vicar of Toton, but remains as Area Dean.

The Deanery Leadership Team has continued to meet during the year to plan Synod and to discuss ways to support parishes in the Deanery – particularly those in vacancy.

Due to the COVID restrictions two of our Deanery Synod meetings were held online and one in person. On 9 February we met remotely with the aim of encouraging one another to look outwards in mission. We exchanged ideas and experiences, looking honestly at things that encouraged and discouraged us and then prayed together.

On 14 July we again met remotely for our Synod. We were joined by Rev'd Peter Huxtable who shared about his role as Bishop's Advisor Urban for Estates Mission and how he could work with our parishes. Rev'd Dr Megan Smith and Rev'd Dr Richard Davey then shared about their work as University Chaplains.

On 18 November we met at Christ Church, Chilwell and were joined by Rev'd James Halstead who, as Diocesan Lead for the Church of England's Living in Love and Faith initiative, explained the best ways of engaging with the range of resources which are available to parishes and facilitated discussions around experience of using these.

At this meeting we also confirmed the re-appointment of the following members of the DLT:

- Ex-officio Members:  
Rev'd Colin Bourne (Area Dean), Kirsty Cowley (Deanery Administrator)
- Lay Chair: Elaine Hinchliffe
- Deanery Secretary: Peter Horne
- Deanery Treasurer: Gary Stephenson
- DLT Members: Rev'd Clive Burrows and Rev'd Tom Gillum.

This leaves two lay vacancies on DLT. In accordance with our local Rules, Synod also voted to allow DLT to co-opt two further lay and two further ordained members.

The Deanery has again paid a large percentage of its giving for ministry allocation (94.9% in 2021, compared to 87.9% in 2020). Every parish is to be thanked for their faithfulness in paying for the ministry received in this deanery, particularly in these difficult times.

We are looking forward to 2022 and hope to continue to meet in person!

*Rev'd Colin Bourne (Area Dean) and Elaine Hinchliffe (Lay Chair)*

### **Financial Review**

A large part of 2021 has been spent struggling to recover from lockdowns and other Covid restrictions but, we have been very fortunate that our "planned givers" have remained loyal and continued to support St John's. Although we lost a few of our givers during the year we fortunately added some new ones to our numbers.

We were also very grateful to receive a generous legacy from Teresa Downing.

Sadly, one of the consequences of Covid has been the lack of opportunities for fund-raising. The only event we were able to stage was the Bell Ringers' Quiz night. This was a very successful and enjoyable evening and resulted in a welcome £114 donation being made to Church funds.

We continued to miss out on the income from Sunday morning coffee as we were not able to re-introduce this until 2022. Similarly, the absence of Concerts and other events that hired our Church premises pre-Covid was reflected in the reduction in income.

With regard to Expenditure, we had our Quinquennial inspection which made a number of recommendations which the PCC will be addressing in the near future. The most major of these being the state of the Chancel Roof. This matter will be a significant project to be undertaken in 2022 and for which appeals will be made to help with funding.

We made some improvements to Church lighting with the move to LED lights and this project will also continue into next year.

The PCC decided to review the way in which we dealt with our donations to other charities with the result that no allocations were made at the end of 2021 and a revised format will be decided on for future years. This will hopefully lead to greater direct involvement with selected charities during the year.

We did manage to pay our Giving to Ministry share in full which was much appreciated by the Deanery and the Diocese.

Our financial position at the year end was better than we anticipated when we put together the Budget for 2021. Our year end deficit was just over £10,000 rather than the £17,000 we had predicted. While this was encouraging it is not a situation that can be continued for the long term.

Income generation must remain our prime objective as we have very little scope to reduce our expenditure – especially with the warnings of substantial increases in fuel costs. Finance Group and the PCC are acutely aware of our decreasing balances and plan that 2022 will hopefully see us able to reintroduce some of our popular fund-raising events as well as the consideration of a Promise Programme sometime in the spring/summertime.

In the meantime, thanks must go again to all those who continue to support St John's with their regular giving and I want to personally thank the Finance Group for their support and Michael Gillie for his invaluable assistance with the payroll and HMRC.

*Kaye Ford - Hon. Treasurer to the PCC*

**Planned Giving**

<b>January – December 2021</b>		
Visitors (open plate)		604.55
Gift Aid (to claim)		<b>150.00</b>
Pledge		4516.00
CAF (includes Gift Aid) From April '21		2315.82
Loss of 4 donors	2776.00	
3 new donors (over next 12 months)		600.00

Giving with Gift Aid (Direct Debit)		50294.00
Gift Aid (to claim)		<b>12500.00</b>

Open plate is down from before the pandemic.

In 2020 we received £900

In 2019 we received £2300

We have lost 4 donors which is a loss of £2776.00

Church is now fully open, but we are not circulating the open plate.

There is a plan to trial an electronic "giving devise"


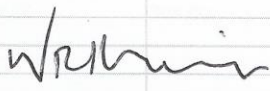
CAF has been introduced and its income helps to balance the loss from the 4 donors

*Julie Howson, Parish Funding Secretary*

Parochial Church Council of St John the Baptist, Beeston, Nottingham					
<u>Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021</u>					
<b>1</b>	<b>Accounting Policies</b>				
	See attached document – model set of accounting policies				
<b>2</b>	<b>Incoming Resources</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds 2021</b>	<b>Total Funds 2020</b>
		£	£	£	£
<b>2a</b>	<b>Incoming Resources</b>				
	Planned Giving				
	Covenants/Gift Aid	56387.61		56387.61	50858
	Tax Returned on Covenants	13641.99		13641.99	16581
	Unconvenanted	4021.00		4021.00	4281
	Collections All Services	2936.40		2936.40	2775
	Sundry Donations	1379.66		1379.66	494
		<b>78366.66</b>		<b>78366.66</b>	<b>74989</b>
<b>2b</b>	<b>Other Voluntary Incoming Resources</b>				
	Donations, Appeals etc.	0.00	424.76	424.76	1212
	Legacies	1000.00		1000.00	0
	Fundraising Events	114.00		114.00	47
		<b>1114.00</b>	<b>424.76</b>	<b>1538.76</b>	<b>1259</b>
<b>2c</b>	<b>Income from Charitable and Ancillary Trading</b>				
	Candle Sales	9.10		9.10	50
	PCC Fees	4076.00		4076.00	1359
	Booklets/BRF etc.	55.00	100.25	155.25	151
		<b>4140.10</b>	<b>100.25</b>	<b>4240.35</b>	<b>1560</b>
<b>2d</b>	<b>Other Ordinary Income Resources</b>				
	Coffee Fund	181.76		181.76	250
	Use of Premises	442.60		442.60	393
	Gifts	0.00	305.00.	305.00	0
	Misc. Income	10.00		10.00	0
		<b>634.36</b>	<b>305.00.</b>	<b>939.36</b>	<b>643</b>
<b>2e</b>	<b>Income from Investments</b>				
	Dividends/Interest	18.62	557.44	576.06	793
	CBF Investment Interest	99.24	0.00	99.24	96
		<b>117.86</b>	<b>557.44</b>	<b>675.30</b>	<b>889</b>
<b>2f</b>	<b>Insurance Repayment</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>6399</b>
<b>2g</b>	<b>Vicar's Discretionary Fund</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>501</b>
	<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>84372.98</b>	<b>1387.45</b>	<b>85760.43</b>	<b>86240</b>

Parochial Church Council of St John the Baptist, Beeston, Nottingham					
<u>Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021</u>					
<b>3</b>	<b>Resources Used</b>				
		<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds 2021</b>	<b>Total Funds 2020</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>3a</b>	<b>Grants</b>				
	Relief and Development Agencies	240.00	500.00	740.00	740
	Home Missions and other Church Societies	200.00	80.00	280.00	1532
	Clergy/Other Gifts	0.00	305.00	305.00	206
		<b>440.00</b>	<b>885.00</b>	<b>1325.00</b>	<b>2478</b>
<b>3b</b>	<b>Activities Directly Relating to the Work of the Church</b>				
	Ministry -				
	Giving to Ministry	54540.00		54540.00	54540
	Clergy Expenses	1120.87		1120.87	1351
	Church -				
	Running Expenses	11281.14		11281.14	13119
	Repairs and Maintenance	3272.64		3272.64	2113
	Cleaning Fees	1482.20		1482.20	1501
	Upkeep of Services	785.07		785.07	1128
	Religious Education inc. BRF	46.78	128.25	175.03	982
	Salary of Organist(s)/				
	Choir Leader	3140.28		3140.28	2791
	Choir Expenses	197.65		197.65	246
	Chancel Carpet	0.00		0.00	6574
	Lighting Improvements	2072.04		2072.04	0
	Roof Alarm	746.76		746.76	573
	Sound/Projection/Video	349.97		349.97	200
	Chaplaincy Work	195.00		195.00	195
	Mission Opportunities	454.51		454.51	0
	Architect/Quinquennial	1622.59		1622.59	0
		<b>81307.50</b>	<b>128.25</b>	<b>81435.75</b>	<b>85313</b>
<b>3c</b>	<b>Fundraising and Publicity</b>				
	Costs of Fundraising Events	0.00		0.00	0
<b>3d</b>	<b>Church Management and Administration</b>				
	Print,Statnry,Phones,Pstgs	3572.84		3572.84	4031
	Parish Secretary	8587.76		8587.76	7839
	Misc. Expenses	81.85		81.85	47
	Marketing and Publicity	1097.22		1097.22	1674
	Audit Fee	160.00		160.00	150
		<b>13499.67</b>		<b>13499.67</b>	<b>13741</b>
		<b>95247.17</b>	<b>1013.25</b>	<b>96260.42</b>	<b>101532</b>

<b>Parochial Church Council of St John the Baptist, Beeston, Nottingham</b>					
<b>Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2021</b>					
				<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
				<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Investment Assets	Capital			1535.00	1535
	Interest			6063.32	5506
				<b>7598.32</b>	<b>7041</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors/Paid in Advance				14690.00	14292
Short Term Investments				60764.09	60745
Cash at Bank				7746.04	18981
				<b>83200.13</b>	<b>94018</b>
<b>Liabilities: Amounts Fall Due Within One Year</b>				-2131.31	-1892
<b>Net Assets</b>				<b>88667.14</b>	<b>99167</b>
<b>Represented by Funds</b>					
Unrestricted				74724.52	85023
Restricted				12407.62	12609
Endowment				1535.00	1535
				<b>88667.14</b>	<b>99167</b>
<b>Analysis of Net Assets by Fund</b>					
		<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fixed Assets		0.00	6063.32	1535.00	7598.32
Current Assets		76096.83	7103.30	0.00	83200.13
Current Liabilities		-1372.31	-759.00	0.00	-2131.31
		<b>74724.52</b>	<b>12407.62</b>	<b>1535.00</b>	<b>88667.14</b>
It should also be noted that the following balances were held by Church groups at 31.12.2020 :-					
ABC2	TBA				
Bell Ringers	£2,045.55				
The market value of Endowments held at 31.12.2021 was as follows:-					
Beeston Warmen	£2,248.14				
Beeston Percy Fund	£1,662.69				
Beeston Chancel Fund	£21,849.09				
The market value of the CCLA Investment Fund A/C 2 at 31.12.2021 was £31,075.24 (£25,000 was invested in this fund and is included in the Short Term Investment figure).					

Parochial Church Council of St John the Baptist, Beeston, Nottingham					
<u>Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2021</u>					
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Incoming Resources</b>					
Donations & Legacies	2379.66	424.76		2804.42	1212
Charitable Activities	81875.46	405.25		82280.71	77239
Investments	117.86	557.44		675.30	889
Insurance Repayment	0.00	0.00		0.00	6399
Other Income	0.00	0.00		0.00	501
	<b>84372.98</b>	<b>1387.45</b>	0.00	<b>85760.43</b>	<b>86240</b>
<b>Resources Used</b>					
Raising Funds	0.00			0.00	0
Charitable Activities	95165.32	708.25		95873.57	101279
Other	81.85	305.00		386.85	253
	<b>95247.17</b>	<b>1013.25</b>	0.00	<b>96260.42</b>	<b>101532</b>
<b>Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources</b>	<b>-10874.19</b>	<b>374.20</b>	0.00	<b>-10499.99</b>	<b>-15292</b>
<b>Balance b/fwd @ 1 Jan 2021</b>	<b>134795.35</b>	<b>-37163.22</b>	<b>1535.00</b>	<b>99167.13</b>	<b>114459</b>
<b>Balance c/fwd @ 31 Dec 2021</b>	<b>123921.16</b>	<b>-36789.02</b>	<b>1535.00</b>	<b>88667.14</b>	<b>99167</b>
Accounts prepared by:					
	Kaye Ford – FMAAT Treasurer to the P.C.C.				
Accounts Approved by the P.C.C. On 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2022					
	Revd. W. Plimmer Vicar and Chair of the P.C.C.				

## **Independent examiner's report to the PCC of St John the Baptist, Beeston**

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 1 to is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 ("the Act").

### **Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner**

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on these financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

### **Basis of this Report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
  - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and Regulationshave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Deborah Whitaker MAAT  
11 Old Road, Sutton-in-Ashfield

8<sup>th</sup> March 2022

For the year ended 31 December 2021

## 1. Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2005 and SORP 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

### **Funds**

*Endowment funds* are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investments of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

*Restricted funds* represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

*Unrestricted funds* are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

### **Incoming Resources**

Planning giving, collections and donation are recognized when received. Tax refunds are recognized when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognized when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

### **Resources Expended**

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognized when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

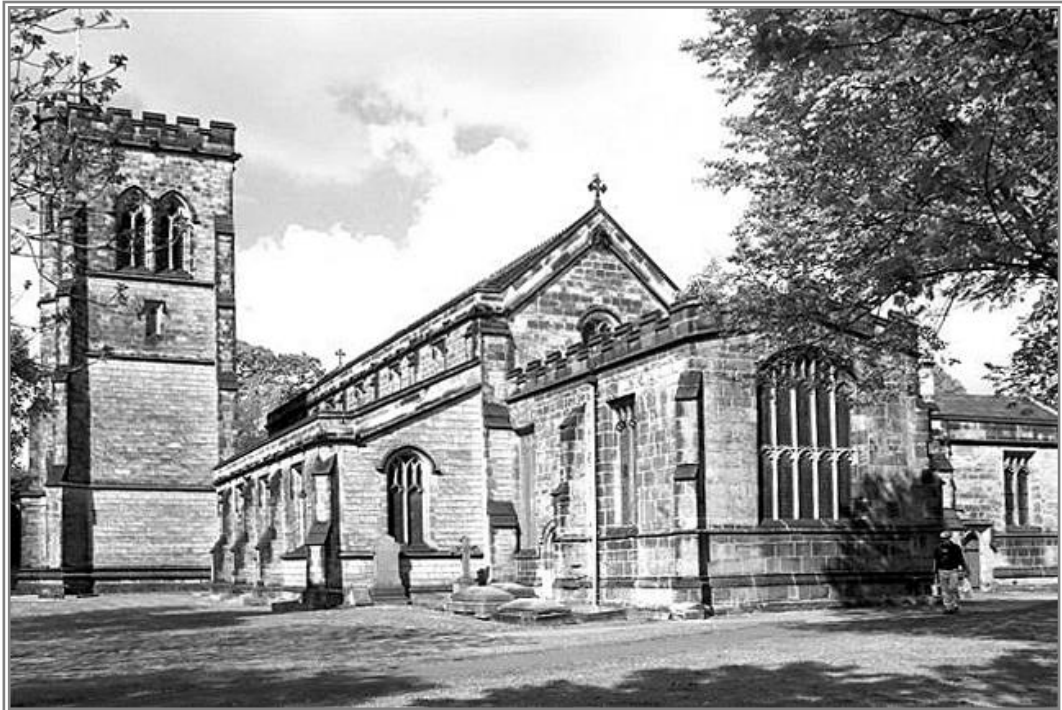
### **Fixed Assets**

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Moveable church furnishing held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

The Parish Church of  
St John the Baptist  
Beeston

Serving Christ in our Community



*Reports from Parish  
Groups*  
**2021**

## **Bellringers**

As you'll probably have heard on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings, things are almost back to normal in the bell tower. We started 2021 ringing a limited number of bells for the Sunday morning service, restricting bands to members of the same household or family where possible to reduce the risk of COVID transmission. Restrictions eased as we progressed into late spring, allowing us to recommence normal ringing and practice nights from mid-May onwards.

We've been slowly expanding the repertoire of methods rung, aiming to get back to the same range of complexity and interest as before lockdown. We're almost there, but it's definitely been a challenge to try to remember things we used to know well. The youngsters, who have increased in numbers, are making good progress which is great to see. The first half of our practice night is largely focused on allowing the youngsters and others to learn simple methods, before moving on to more complex things as the evening goes on.

In April, along with most towers around the UK, Beeston tolled the tenor bell to mark the death of the Duke of Edinburgh, and again a week or so later on the day of his funeral. We also marked Rob Wiggins' retirement with a quarter peal at Beeston, our first since March 2020.

In September, we had our first outing of the year visiting towers in South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire, with some of the more energetic members of the band cycling from Beeston to the towers and back. We followed this up with a quarter peal day in November, ringing at towers in the Burton-upon-Trent area. This included a first quarter peal for Harry and Lucy, two of the youngsters in our band and another quarter for Ethan.

The social side of ringing has also sprung back to life. As well as our Wednesday evening après ringing visits to The Crown, we've enjoyed pizza evenings and barbecues, as well as our Christmas party which this year had food loosely linked to Greek letters in honour of the looming Omicron variant. It was a pleasure once again to be able to organise the church quiz, and it was great to see the church full with people enjoying the evening.

We're always happy to see welcome visitors to the tower, whether that is to simply see what we do or to try your hand at ringing. Please contact Bridget Eickhoff, Brian Walton or Alistair Smith if you'd like to come along.

*The Ringers*

## **Church Flowers**

Thank you to everyone who has given donations for flowers. Flowers give a lot of pleasure to the congregation. Thank you again.

*Pauline Wheelhouse*

## **Coffee Stop**

The Coffee Stop was re-started on October 21<sup>st</sup> 2021 with Emily Bennett and Fr Rob running it. All the necessary Safeguarding items have been complied with, by both.

The first couple of weeks were slow but the numbers picked up and now the average is about 20 people visiting. One or two stay for the duration of the time just enjoying the interaction and chance to chat. There are those that just 'pop' in for a drink but nearly always get involved in a conversation and stay a little longer.

Sadly, Falcon House is not able to return due to internal problems, but Sue has been in to explain the situation.

During our opening hours there has been people coming in and asking if they can light a candle and say a prayer.

With me being there I am also able to meet people wanting to look around prior to booking the church for concerts. Because Kathryn knows we will be there she tells them to come in during Coffee Stop times and ask for me.

We took a break over the Christmas period and, because of Covid, Emily was getting over it and I was still positive, did not start again until mid-January 2022.

All-in All it proved a positive return and people have said they missed it.

*Father Rob Wiggins*

## **Messy Church**

This report covers the year January – December 2021

Due to the pandemic, Messy Church was unable to run for most of the year.

The first one held was in October when we celebrated by having our first Messy Baptism. All of the activities were centred on water and the celebration part was the baptism itself. All the guests were treated to a lovely afternoon tea provided by the family. It was a truly joyous occasion and enjoyed by all.

We were also able to hold an Advent and Christmas Messy Church which was well received and well attended.

Although we only managed to run 2 Messy Church sessions in 2021, it was lovely to see so many returning families and some new ones too.

We give thanks to all those who help and make each session possible and also to all those people who attend.

*Pam Holland*

## **Mothers' Union**

There are now 23 full members in the Branch, with 2 IMPC members and 3 Honorary Life Members. We record with sadness the death of Carolyn Hobson after a long illness, but with gratitude for her contribution to the life of the Branch.

2021 was another strange year. We began in lockdown, so no New Year lunch, no AGM and no meetings until August. Instead there was a monthly mailing to each member and the March one included a Lenten meditation from the Rev Tracey Byrne.

In August and September we were able to worship together again, keeping Mary Sumner Day in August and holding the traditional service in September. For this occasion we used material supplied by Mary Sumner House for the centenary of Mary Sumner's death. The Wave of Prayer was observed by members in their homes because of difficulty in getting to church at our allotted time.

The October and November meetings were held as planned with talks on adoption and fostering by the Revd. Wendy Murphy, and Father Rob Wiggins talking about his Franciscan vocation and how it has enhanced his ministry. At the December meeting we finished the year with Christmas carols and readings chosen by members.

We were also able to make the usual donations to Midlands Women's Aid, including a cheque at Easter to provide Easter eggs for the children at the refuge. Members also contributed individually to the diocesan Lent *Count your Blessings*.

Thanks are due to Sheila Allton who has kept the accounts, organised the mailings and masterminded the transfer of our bank account from HSBC to NatWest; and to the Committee who have helped keep members in touch with each other and the branch. We should also all like to thank the Vicar for chairing the AGM and for his support and encouragement during the past year.

We have planned a programme for 2022 and I hope that this time we won't have to cancel anything!

*Pat Atkins*

## **Sunday School**

Sunday school was 'closed' for the first part of the year due to the pandemic but we were able to keep in contact with families and ran a few socially distanced family services on Sunday afternoons during the year. This started with some of the families making voice recordings of key Bible passages for Holy Week that was included in a YouTube presentation of Easter reflections and readings. This was followed in May, June and September with the Sunday afternoon services where we had activities and reflections on Pentecost, The Church and Harvest.

The Sunday School was started up again in October with 1 leader and 4 'helpers'. The room was slightly re-arranged to ensure social distancing between families. We have seen most of our families return to Sunday School since and hope that this continues. Our thanks to all those who offer their time and help and those who come along.

*Pam Holland*