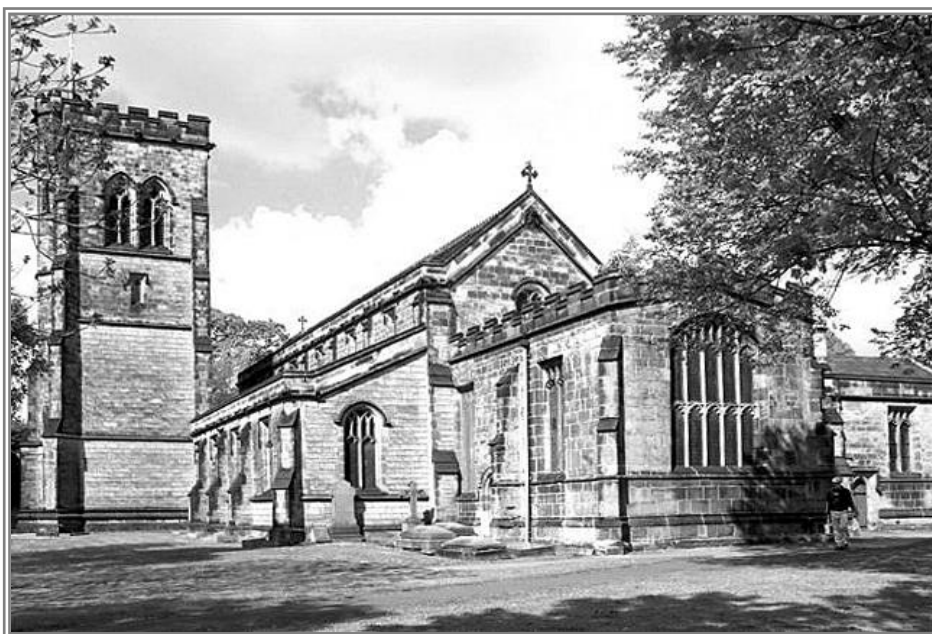


The Parish Church of St John the Baptist Beeston

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 1st 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 Lay Reader Permission to Officiate Permission to Officiate Permission to Officiate Permission to Officiate
Wardens	Mark Cooper Pat Atkins Jackie Laats	
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 50th 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, we 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

Planned Giving

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

2	Incoming Resources	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
		£	£	£	£
2a	Incoming Resources				
	Planned Giving -				
	Covenants/Gift Aid	£53,781.54	£0.00	£53,781.54	£56,388.00
	Tax Returned on Covenants	£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
		£83,901.19	£529.00	£84,430.19	£78,367.00
2b	Other Voluntary Incoming Resources				
	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
		£542.25	£5,238.61	£5,780.86	£1,539.00
2c	Income from Charitable and Ancillary Trading				
	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
		£3,957.91	£104.10	£4,062.01	£4,240.00
2d	Other Ordinary Income Resources				
	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
		£3,553.30	£727.00	£4,280.30	£939.00
2e	Income from Investments				
	Dividends/Interest	£184.15	£600.64	£784.79	£576.00
	CBF Investment Interest	£51.04	£0.00	£51.04	£99.00
		£235.19	£600.64	£835.83	£675.00
2f	Chancel Repairs				
	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
		£0.00	£26,472.97	£26,472.97	£0.00
	Total Incoming Resources	£92,189.84	£33,672.32	£125,862.16	£85,760.00

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
	£	£	£	£
3a Grants				
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
	£240.00	£1,840.95	£2,080.95	£1,325.00
3b Activities Directly Relating to the Work of the Church				
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
	£86,209.02	£4,151.85	£90,360.87	£81,436.00
3c Fundraising and Publicity				
Costs of Fundraising Events	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
3d Church Management and Administration				
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
	£14,752.63	£1,129.00	£15,881.63	£13,499.00
3e Chancel Roof Repairs	£0.00	£25,697.67	£25,697.67	£0.00
	£0.00	£25,697.67	£25,697.67	£0.00
Total Resources Used	£101,201.65	£32,819.47	£134,021.12	£96,260.00

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

		2022	2021
		£	£
Fixed Assets			
Investment Assets	Capital	£1,025.00	£1,535.00
	Interest	£1,663.96	£6,063.00
		£2,688.96	£7,598.00
Current Assets			
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
		£80,335.58	£83,200.00
Liabilities: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year		-£8,026.36	-£2,131.00
Net Assets		£74,998.18	£88,667.00
Represented by Funds			
Unrestricted		£65,526.77	£74,724.00
Restricted		£8,446.41	£12,408.00
Endowment		£1,025.00	£1,535.00
		£74,998.18	£88,667.00

Analysis of Net Assets by Fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
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
	£65,526.77	£8,446.41	£1,025.00	£74,998.18

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 £
Incoming Resources					
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
	£92,189.84	£30,144.93	£3,527.39	£125,862.16	£85,760.00
Resources Used					
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
	£101,201.65	£29,292.08	£3,527.39	£134,021.12	£96,260.00
Transfer of Funds					
Chancel Roof	£0.00	-£5,000.00	-£510.00	-£5,510.00	£0.00
	£0.00	-£5,000.00	-£510.00	-£5,510.00	£0.00
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources	-£9,011.81	-£4,147.15	-£510.00	-£13,668.96	£10,500.00
Balance b/fwd @ 1 Jan 2022	£123,921.16	-£36,789.02	£1,535.00	£88,667.14	£99,167.00
Balance c/fwd @ 31 Dec 2022	£114,909.35	-£40,936.17	£1,025.00	£74,998.18	£88,667.00

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.

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

14th 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.

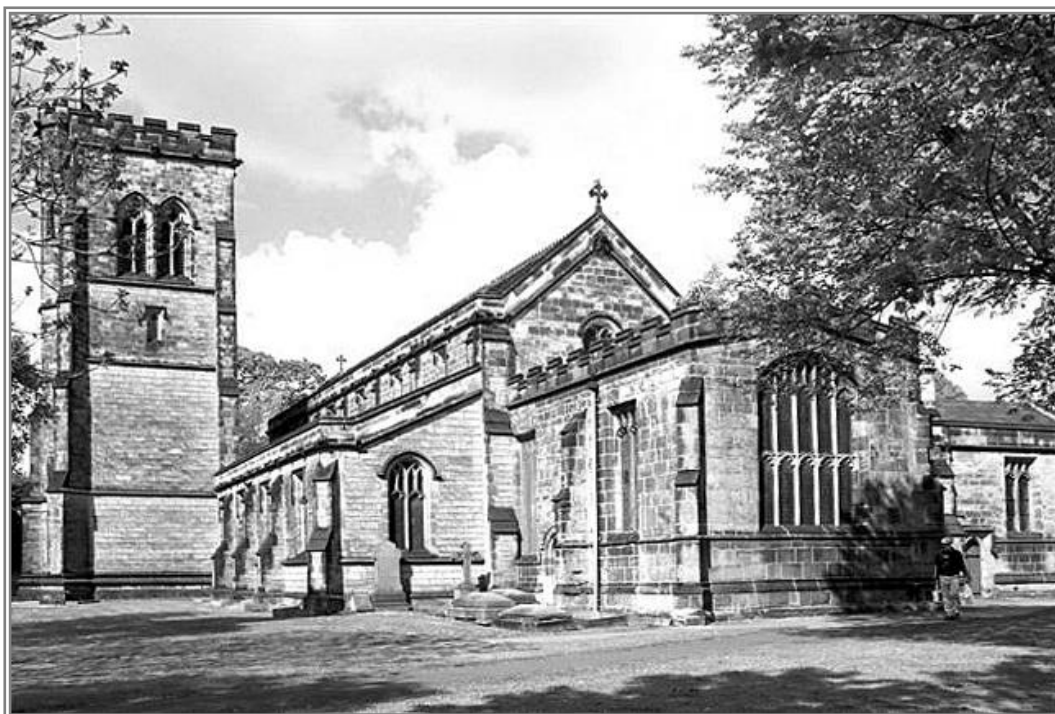
Fixed Assets

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.

The Parish Church of St John the Baptist Beeston

Serving Christ in our Community



*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 th 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 6th 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