

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Worksop  
Priory St Mary & St Cuthbert**  
(Registered charity, number 1134796)  
**Financial statements**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2021**

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**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Worksop  
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Trustees' annual report  
for the year ended 31 December 2021**

**Full name** The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Worksop  
Priory St Mary & St Cuthbert

**Other names by which the charity is known** Worksop Priory

**Registered charity number** 1134796

**Principal address**

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**Trustees**

J Rubie	K Walters
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Fr J Vyse	W Rogers (from 14/02/2021 – 30/09/2021)
T Thistlewaite	M Howe (until 24/04/2022)
P Lakeland	D Caseldine (until 31/08/2021)
Fr N Spicer	C Rushby (until 30/08/2021)
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**Governance and management**

We are governed in our operation and formulation by the Canons of the Church of  
England and Pastoral measures.

Trustees are elected at the Annual Parochial Church meeting.

**Objectives and activities**

The objective of the charity is to promote in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole  
mission of the church.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit**

We focus on the advancement of the mission of the church through provision of a  
place of worship as well as hosting activities and events in the community.

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## **Public benefit statement**

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

## **Summary of the main achievements during the period**

### **Vicar's Report**

It is a privilege to be able to recommend this report of the PCCs stewardship for 2021 to you this year. The beginning of the year saw us in Covid-19 restrictions the Daily Office, and Mass were offered each week and livestreamed on Facebook. Slowly members of the congregation were able to return at the end of the year, everyone had been seen at least once. Noticeably, though for whatever reason - and I do not think there is just one, or that people actually know why - attendance has dropped considerably. This is most noticeable at the weekday Mass which perversely during lockdown actually went up. During 2022 the PCC is going to have to consult with the congregation and make some tough decisions about our life of worship unless attendance improves.

Towards the end of the Lay Worker, Mr Matthew Burnell's time, Bishop Paul set up an external review to see what should happen next. Many of you spent time with the reviewer setting out your hopes for the Church. As a result of that Bishop Paul decided that a whole time Traditional Catholic Priest should be appointed to S Paul's as soon as possible. For a number of reasons this didn't happen until June when we were able to welcome Bishop Glyn and Archdeacon Tors to come and license Fr Joseph Cooper. Along with his wife and four boys it is very good to have a priest living in S Paul's Vicarage again - that itself a sign to the community that the C of E is committed to being here. I stayed on as Priest in Charge whilst legally Fr Cooper is an Assistant Curate to S Paul's and Priory Parishes.

Fr Cooper's other title is Transformational Change Priest which is a new role in the Church. Specifically, time limited to three years it comes with a number of outcomes, set by the diocese, agreed by the PCC and shared with you all. Our prayer is that the decision will be made at some point that the outcomes have significantly been achieved and Fr Cooper's post extended. Whilst Fr Cooper obviously takes the lead on these, they are outcomes for all of us who worship here at Priory; for that reason, you will find the ones relating most to our life here after this. Please do read them. Then having read them, prayerfully consider if there is something you can practically do and if so talk with Fr Cooper or myself. Nothing practical then? Then let one of us know that you are making one of the outcomes a daily prayer concern and look for the progress reports in the Evangelist in the coming year. This is a significant opportunity for Priory, probably one not to be repeated in a whole-time post again if the outcomes aren't significantly achieved. All of us need to be prepared to adapt and change, be transformed, under Fr Cooper's leadership in the power of the Holy Spirit in 2022.

Lent, Holy Week and Eastertide are always the most important time of year for our discipleship of the Lord. We were able to celebrate in a limited way but as always to the best that we can offer God and each other. I am very grateful to Fathers Vyse, Cooper, James, Jarrett, Mason and Willett for their priestly support and service. Also,

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to Gill our Reader and all who take on voluntary roles, not least Robin and James. In September Ivy Underwood retired as Parish Administrator after many - at least 18 years of service. Much of what goes on is unseen but important and Ivy has played a major role in this for which I am grateful.

In September Tristan Meares, an ordinand from St Stephen's House Oxford spent the month with us bringing a fresh and prayerful approach to his training and the ministries here. Along with Michael Dixon, a Mansfield lad, also at St Stephen's House who has been with us some weekends and holidays, Tristan will be ordained deacon in June 2022. It is very good to be able to support ordinand training and for me to be kept up to date!

In November we were able to make the Parish Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our lady of Walsingham for the first time in several years. In 2022 the Shrine celebrates its centenary. Since its restoration Priory has had a connection through support and prayer with its life and seeing the stones from the ancient priory embedded into the walls of the Holy House is an outward sign of this.

It was with great sadness for us, but we pray God a joy for her, that we held a Requiem Mass for our sister Valda Edwards in December, truly Priory's matriarch. Jesus have mercy; Mary pray.

Conversion is a word we often simply use when someone becomes a Christian, but it has a deeper meaning too. Conversion of heart means when something clicks in the heart and mind and our discipleship becomes more than just habit, or a social thing, or attached to a building, it becomes everything and the blessings we experience enhance our understanding of God, ourselves, and others. Covid- 19 converted some people, others have still to find their place again as a disciple. May we be blessed, and so the people of this community be blessed, in this.

Fr Spicer

### **Transformational Change Priest's Report**

Whilst I spend most of my time at St. Paul's, I am also licensed as a 'Transformational Change Priest' at Worksop Priory too. My time is roughly split 70-30 between St. Paul's and Priory.

Here is a list of my duties based entirely at the Priory:

I preach and concelebrate at the Sunday Parish Mass once a month.

I preside at any of the mid-week Masses requiring cover.

I often preach and always concelebrate at the key Solemn Masses.

I am a member of the PCC and other leadership committees.

I take assemblies and lead worship at Priory school.

Recently, contact has been made with Sparken Hill and Worksop College (schools based within Priory parish), I am due to visit both schools on a regular basis to take assemblies and offer chaplaincy. I try to attend community events and celebrations [summer fayre, Christmas Tree Festival etc.] wherever possible and participated in the parish pilgrimage to Walsingham.

Some of my duties naturally overlap with St. Paul's as we do not duplicate our provision for children and young people across our parishes. These shared duties

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include: Captaincy of the 1st Worksop Boys' Brigade Company. We have at present 15 regular members in attendance.

Leadership of the 4pm Children's Services. Numbers have dipped slightly throughout autumn and winter, we have approximately 10 children who attend regularly throughout the month.

Leadership of the twice-monthly Youth Group. Again, numbers have dipped, but we have approximately 6 young people who attend with regularity. Our numbers will grow, I'm sure once we are visible again in the grounds at S. Paul's. These groups and services are based at S. Paul's for purely practical and logistical reasons, but children from Priory do attend them too.

In the coming months, I will be involved with the following new initiatives at Priory:

- Co-leadership of our Lent course;
- Leadership of a new 20-40's (we may be flexible with the upper age limit!) study/social group;
- A 'Youth Mass' to bridge the gap between 'Messy Mass' and the Parish Mass. To be based at Priory. I suspect I may be called upon to adopt additional duties at Priory once Fr Vyse departs (God-willing) for his new parish.

On my arrival in post, mid-June last year, I must confess I found the size, scale and grandeur of the Priory slightly intimidating; for I have never worshipped or served in such a place. These anxieties however were soon set aside, for I have been warmly welcomed by the people of the Priory and made to feel very much at home. It is a joy to be part of the community and to play my small part in the life of our church. I spend significant parts of the week rattling around S. Paul's alone; nothing fills me with greater joy to head over to Priory in an evening on a Solemnity, to concelebrate and share a glass of fizz after the Mass and be surrounded by people!

I'm very much looking forward to the months ahead.

Fr Cooper

S Giles Carburton

Processes to close churchyards and churches are separate so although the church itself is closed the churchyard remains open and is the responsibility of the PCC. The proposed sale of the church, to Welbeck, offers the potential to sell all, or part, of the churchyard and reduce the PCC's ongoing maintenance obligations. In such circumstances it is usual for covenants to be included to ensure further internments in existing graves and potentially new internments can take place. The PCC's preference is for the churchyard to be sold entirely with such covenants in place. Anyone wanting to reserve a space for burial now needs a Faculty- please speak with myself for more details.

Fr Spicer

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### Clumber Chapel

A big thank you is due to our clergy (mainly retired) and the National Trust without whom services at the chapel would have been impossible. Our congregation though small has been very faithful during the pandemic and the support through text messaging and phone calls during lockdown(s) has shown our small community at its best. We have seen everyone return though some only once or twice and I pray we can encourage and support them back into regular worship with us.

We have two couples wanting to be married in the chapel and they have joined us in preparation for the Sacrament.

We managed the carol service in December and even though it coincided with the Omicron wave, the attendance was good and £120 was raised for the Bluebell wood charity.

God bless.

Robin

### Children and Families Report

2021 has been a very eventful year for children and families at Priory and St Pauls. Following all safeguarding rules, we resumed Junior Church teaching every Sunday, with a few families happy to resume. Messy Church continued at St Pauls church hall and Youth group. We held a Wednesday holiday group for juniors and the Walsingham youth pilgrimage was virtual. St Pauls church hall has become an important building for the joint church childrens' events too. A new group was formed on Wednesday mornings: 'Songs & Stories' with babies and toddlers meeting in the Lady chapel. This has now become a well-established group.

We have been blessed to welcome Fr Cooper and family to the 'Transformational post' for 3 years at St Pauls church. Children & family work and teaching is available every Sunday at Mass and every afternoon at 4pm- We have great fun and games, and the children learn valuable life skills as young Christians under Fr Cooper's and Fr Vyse's skilled direction.

Messy Church, Muddy Church, Active Church and Messy Mass is the monthly rota. The lights party with crafts and food was well attended by locals.

Big Sing BBQ and families were well received. You'll catch all the pictures on St Pauls and Priory Facebook page. We've planted a herb garden and bulbs for Mothering Sunday in Muddy Church afternoons. We had an interactive celebration of 'Nativity On The Go' travelling Manton streets in costumes, carol singing and then made an outside Nativity stable and decorated the tree.

We hope to engage more children from Manton as the better weather arrives. We're always looking for visual opportunities at the church.

The youth group has met twice monthly where we have activities, games, meaningful chat, teaching and hot dogs! We belong to the deanery group IGNITE who meet at different churches every month. St Pauls hosted the youth deanery in January which was well received by the youth and their church leaders.

Mary Howe

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## **Churchwardens Report**

Worksop Priory continues to face challenges as does the Church in general, but this is no different to any of the generations that have gone before us, we are the custodians of the faith in this place and of the building(s) we worship in.

It has been a great source of pride that services were maintained throughout 2021 and a big thank you has to go to our clergy, servers and those who have cleaned and prepared the church in between services. I was particularly moved to see our clergy serve themselves when help was not permitted, to watch them move around offering with their body the sacrifice of the altar was a glimpse into the life of a Priest and deeply spiritually moving. I am glad, and I am sure they are, that we do now have servers giving their gift of time and support to our clergy. While life has, is and continues to be difficult there have been so many who have in a small or large way blessed us and I would just like to say a big thank you to you all.

The open day in the summer promoting our heritage lottery bid was a great success and those who attended were impressed, and while the Christmas Fayre was smaller than usual it should be noted that while some churches have only just re opened and some may never re-open, we put many events for the church and wider community. The Christmas Tree festival is a particular favourite and a big thank you to Charlotte and her helpers in putting this on. Our donations to the food bank continue to be substantial and I am sure we all pray that one day soon food banks will be consigned to history!

Regarding fabric maintenance earlier in the year the soakaway was unblocked, guttering was cleared alongside some tiles being refitted on the North roof. During Spring and early Summer, the sound system was updated which was most beneficial for the live streaming that we continue to do, and annual Pat testing was carried out. In the East lower meeting room, the carpet was replaced, walls decorated, and a new gas meter installed. The Processional cross was also repaired and restored. In the summer the piano was tuned and repaired much to the relief and delight of Rosemary. We are very grateful to the dedicated volunteers who help us each time in terms of housekeeping and to the regular grass cutters who visit throughout the year to supplement the work of the local authority.

We were blessed as always with the wonderful uplifting flower displays provided throughout the year for regular and special services.

Robin is standing down as warden and would like to say it has been such a privilege to be your warden, the role has changed much over the years, and has stated 'that if I can do it anyone can'! Please speak to Father Spicer or James if anyone would like to discuss this further.

On a final note from Robin, he would like to set you all a challenge; while there is little we shall miss about the restrictions over the past few years (the upside of wearing a mask is that it did allow a yawn to be stifled during an over long sermon, though obviously this only happened when visiting another parish!) I do miss other people at the weekday evening masses, at evensong and on a Sunday morning. For the sake of our souls and the souls of our fellow pilgrims we need to see more people in church whether they have not returned after the pandemic and need a help back or through our whiteness new people raised to faith. This is and always has been the greatest challenge to any generation and it is one we should embrace. I

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can say from experience that there are few people left who I first met when I came to faith in the parish in 1988 and it just shows how many have followed on behind and this is a great strength to us all. So I would urge us all to pray for the renewal and revival of the faith and be prepared to welcome whoever comes through the door.

Robin Carrington-Wilde and James Rubie  
Churchwardens

### **Flower Report**

Thank you to everyone who donated in 2021 to the flowers. Thank you too to the arrangers. Covid has had 2 repercussions: firstly, we now have fewer arrangers - please speak with me if you would like to help out - novices welcome. Secondly the price of flowers has greatly increased with fewer places selling flowers. Accordingly, we have reduced the number of arrangements in Ordinary Time. Hopefully this is a temporary thing and we can soon get back to normal.

Wendy Caseldine

### **Report from the Organist**

#### **Liturgy and music overview**

Evensong has been recalibrated to increase the proportion of congregational singing; an additional Mass setting has been introduced for Advent/Lent, following the return of congregational singing. The cantor role is deployed to help lead any new music. Notes in the magazine offer insights into listening to organ voluntaries. At most services, an ingoing voluntary has been added.

#### **Choir: people, library, activities**

The steady 9.30 nucleus (between 6 and 9 people) is extended by a further 8 – 10 who are free to attend Evensong and some Holy Days. Losing a soprano and an alto (temporarily) in April, we have gained a versatile sop/alto, and a soprano-in-training, since. The invitation is reiterated periodically – come and be trained. The morning choir now rehearses after Mass as well as before, to get ahead and improve. Covid precautions have made most things a challenge to bring off, but people have risen to that. Homework happens through recordings and targeted preparation, circulated by email. Occasional, longer rehearsals happen, sometimes with tea! Advent Carols highlight the start of the Incarnation season.

Children: a choral project at the Primary school started in September, funded separately and with a brief wider than and distinct from liturgical singing. There will be church some spin-off from this. Library: Grateful to Robin Towle and Fr Willett for help maintaining this. They spent many hours threshing in the summer of 2021. Worn-out copies are replaced thriftily from second-hand sources, if in good condition. Much is downloaded from CPDL, the cost being in legal photocopying, not purchase. New items are often necessitated by gaps in the voice-parts, for good reasons (e.g. family care/saying Mass elsewhere). There were some in-kind donations to the library from choir members, and some loans made by other choir-trainers.



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### **Instruments and fund-raising**

A fund-raising organ concert took place at the end of June, dubbed the “welcome back” concert and yielded around £1500 towards the restoration of the grand piano in church, the rehearsal piano in the choir room, and some quick-fix work on the organ action. This was supported by a wide circle of well-wishers. Tea and Evensong followed. At the September PCC it was raised that the perennial acoustical and maintenance problems experienced with this organ, sited where it is, need to be either addressed or shelved in our generation. The specific problems were outlined for future thinking and decision-making. Robert Balfour-Rowley of Geotze & Gwynne (Welbeck) advised, gratis. G+G tune the organ at present. Geoff Tinniswood (also Welbeck) restored and tunes the pianos.

The Nottingham and District Organists’ Association visited the organ in November: Fr Vyse kindly did “meet and greet”. Coffee was served and very generous donations were made, as we didn’t charge. The NDOA has expressed a general interest in helping to support a student here if we had one.

### **Concerts and outreach generally**

The autumn Midday Music series on Thursdays directly after the Angelus, for 30 mins was intended to be “open church” for the town. It ended up being an intimate gathering of between 4 and a dozen regulars (and 2 newbies) who were not ‘visitors’ but did discuss the music! They were free of charge.

Publicity was generated by me but apart from FB, mailing people, and making flyers for church and the few places in town which still take them, I have entirely failed to get it ‘out there’. The final Midday Music concert was given by Martha Hayward (soprano) and Matthew Lazenby (piano) who were relaunched post-pandemic, and generously performed for us as a gift. This was a wonderful end to the series, with a larger audience deliberately invited by the smaller audience. Thank you!

On some Sunday afternoons there was an informal time of organ music at 4pm, followed by tea and Evensong; the organ music was not confined to the sacred repertoire for these 4 o’clock slots – just music for interest/fun.

On Thursday December 16th there was a semi-devotional time of Advent organ music - which we don’t use liturgically – to explore those insights. This was requested by the Midday Music regulars. With that exception, all this is in hibernation from November to Easter.

And finally....

My sincere thanks go to everyone for such a kind welcome, to the music team for working so hard and to the clergy for their solid support.

Rosemary Field

### **Assistant Curate’s Report**

2021 has been another unique year; a second year in which I have still not attended, as a Priest, either a Christmas Mass or the Walsingham National Pilgrimage. Nevertheless, it has been a year in which many young people have become new Christians, especially as we spent the second half of 2021 working through a backlog

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of Baptisms for those who were planned to be baptised in 2020. This backlog ran through to end of 2021 and into early 2022; and we have changed our baptism slots from having just one [at 11:30] for 3 or 4 families, to having two or even three slots, each for just one family, in order to keep overall numbers down. And we have continued Confirmations, with Bishop Glyn coming in the early months of 2021 to confirm two Year 6 children.

The middle of 2021 saw the arrival of Fr Cooper at S. Paul's, and it has been a pleasure to work with him; we have both been keen to learn from each other and to support each others' ministries. His leadership of the new Boys' Brigade, and of worship expressions such as Muddy Church and Active Church, have been a true inspiration to me, as I myself take on the role of leading the monthly Messy Church. This is seeing familiar faces return to Church activities; finding volunteers is, however, a challenge faced across society at the moment, and we are no exception. Other highlights have been witnessing a new community garden in Manton; seeing the huge achievement of the Bassetlaw Foodbank, for whom I volunteer each week, in both the warehouse and delivering food parcels to those who need them; a very busy and rich Holy Week; assemblies in both Priory and St. Augustine's schools; being with our youngest and their parents, grandparents and guardians at our revitalised 'Songs & Stories'; seeing Priory achieve an EcoChurch Bronze award; and, above all, seeing the resilience of Priory people during these difficult times. One consequence of decreasing mobility amongst a few faithful worshippers is that some become Home Communicants: this is a very rewarding part of ministry which is overlooked; the frequency of such visits, do need, however, to be determined by how many demands can truthfully be made on a Priest's time. At the same time, the end of Lockdown meant that the nursing homes and care homes opened up to visitors; and a regular Mass at Victoria Care Home resumed, even becoming fortnightly rather than monthly; regular worshippers at Priory continue to take part in this. 2022 is the final year of my licence at Priory, and one in which I must therefore look for pastures new to minister in. I thank Fr Spicer and all of you for all the support, encouragement, prayers, kindnesses and invaluable pastoral insights you have given me since I have been here.

Fr Vyse

The Society of Mary and the Society of Our Lady of Walsingham

We continue to meet on the last Thursday of each month, at 6pm, to pray the Rosary; at the 6.30pm Mass which follows prayers are offered for the departed members of the Society of Mary. Anyone can come along to the Rosary; help will always be offered if you ask. Whilst the Society of Mary is a more contemplative charism, the Society of Our Lady of Walsingham prays, in particular, for the life, work and witness of the Shrine. Members pray either part of the rosary, or the Angelus, each day.

For the second year running, teenagers attended an online version of the Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage; but after the restrictions of Covid, we were able to resume the Priory's annual pilgrimage to Walsingham in November 2021. Some of

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us also attended various other pilgrimages and study weekends individually. We hope, in 2022, to be able to attend the National Pilgrimage in person.

Past editions of the Walsingham Review and 'Ave' [the magazine of the Society of Mary] can be found on the table in the south transept, and new members of these two societies are always welcome.

### **100 Club Report**

This fundraiser has been running now for several years at the Priory: each year we have two £10 winners and one £500 winner. And money remaining is used to buy much-needed items which Church funds would not be able to pay for; so, by being a member of the 100 Club [which costs £1 a week and has lots of numbers available now], you will be helping to buy items for the Church. Over the past few years these have included carpets for the lower sacristy, meeting room, Lady Chapel, and choir stalls, as well as doors in the lower sacristy and café room, and furniture in the Cloister Room. If you feel able to take part in our fundraiser, please see Ivy Underwood who will be happy to help you.

### **Bell Ringers' Report**

Sadly to say we do not have hardly any ringers to make up a team, due to deaths, university and the Pro 16 working at night and weekends; we have a few learners who were sent to Anston to learn with Trevor, but are only just starting up again as they now feel safe to go back as someone had Covid and had to stop ringing, which put some of them off.

Dave Baron, who sadly died, left us some stays for the bells which if, we would have bought, would have become expensive; even though we have not broken any for a long time they are very handy to have – even with wear and tear – as the wood is very expensive. Lots of towers have lost a lot of bell ringers and are very short of ringers: some due to deaths, and others because a lot feel that due to Covid they stop ringing as some of the towers are too small and ropes are too close together. A lot of the ringers we find are elderly and vulnerable. You never know, people might take an interest in bell ringing, and it begins to be popular with young people; we did have a few but they grew up and have moved on, which is understandable.

The bells appear to be in good working order; we will wait for Edward to get back so we can check and oil them. This cannot be done by one person as it's too dangerous, and two people have to be in the tower at all times to make sure that nothing happens, and to get help if needed. Let's hope we can get people who are interested in ringing again.

### **Bev Challoner**

### **Eco Church Report**

In July 2021 we achieved an EcoChurch Bronze Award for Worksop Priory, demonstrating our commitment to living and working in harmony with God's Creation.

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Just about every aspect of our Church life is considered when assessing our application: how we look after our churchyards; the energy efficiency of our appliances and buildings; our teaching and our prayer intentions. The next stage is a Silver Award: this will require an in-depth assessment of many more aspects of what we do: from rain collection water butts to cleaning products to the ingredients of our parish lunches and offsetting our carbon footprint.

Fr Vyse

### **Altar Servers Report**

We are privileged at Worksop Priory to have a Serving Team to assist the clergy at the various liturgies through the year. The team comprises four adults, together with four youngsters from the same family. Generally, we were able to carry out our duties in accordance with our experience, and that goes for the youngsters as well as the adults. All our servers are enthusiastic and committed.

That was at the early part of 2020. Then Covid struck and services stopped. When services restarted, servers were not required at the altar, for example, altar bells were rung by a server from the congregation seats, and then there were the necessary masks and gloves!

There was a full rethink led by Fr. Spicer plus external rules/guidance, for what we could actually still do. A range of changes were put in place, for example, Holy Week liturgies were very different from what we had done in previous years, although the main elements were obviously still present. As with all the liturgies, the main elements were still recognisable.

As we have progressed through 'gradual easing' and 'new changes' all the serving team have embraced the way forward. The youngsters usually serve just for Sunday Mass. They are also very helpful in preparations for any following service, e.g. Evensong & Benediction.

Peter Klonowski

### **Deanery Synod Report**

The first meeting, in March, online, we had a talk by Rt. Revd. Andy Emerton – Bishop of Sherwood, on the early stages of his role, and for the way ahead.

Good News Slot: At North Wheatley, a monthly takeaway meal contributing to finances and community, and tackles loneliness. At All Hallows Ordsall, 'thinking outside the box'. At Bothamsall during lockdown, there have been open-air services from a front garden, with the majority of people not being church members; and litter-picking as well.

Share Update. Message from Diocesan Chief Executive: Thanks for the sacrificial giving during pandemic. Receipts are down as expected. We are working towards financial sustainability. First, look to the Lord as we enact the diocesan vision that we believe he has given us. The Deanery raised 78% of 2020 share (Deanery average in diocese 85%). There was prayer for Deanery Vacancies.

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The meeting in June was held online, and began with worship, led by Fr. Spicer. The initial item was Living in Love and Faith. A video was introduced, with the intention of having a broader and wider discussion than in the past, connecting with a range of experts, considering what the Bible and science say and engaging with real life stories. We are being asked to look at this individually, in parishes and as a diocese, and to involve lay and ordained, those who are new to church and longstanding members of our congregations, and also different denominations. It was emphasised that there was no pre-agreed agenda.

Good news slot:

- The visit to the Deanery by Bishops Paul and Andy for a day of prayer.
- At All Saints, Harworth, starting a new children's club.
- Fr. Spicer shared that Archdeacon Phil and Bishop Glyn licensed Fr. Joseph Cooper to St. Paul's, Manton. This is a transitional change appointment which will focus on engaging with people in their 20s and 30s.
- Revd Peter Stanley would be ordained as priest in July.
- It was agreed that the best news was that people are out and about again and that churches are still there for them.

Deanery vacancies. Other than at St. Paul's, and despite interviews taking place, the other vacancies had not been filled. We were asked to pray for parishes in vacancy. Prayer is needed for continued Christian input for schools in the vacant parishes. Parishes were reminded of the safeguarding requirements for PCCs and churchwardens.

Share Update. It was confirmed that the Deanery is falling behind with its share payment. Parishes were thanked for their payments in these difficult times.

The meeting in November was held at St. Anne's Church Hall.

The main item was a talk referring to the findings of a Church of England survey of clergy and ordinands, and not only them, but also all those who lead in our parishes, PCCs as an example.

Safeguarding. PCCs need to keep up to date, and new regulations were to be introduced in January 2022.

Parish share update. Lengthy discussion with the last sentence 'We are all in this together'.

Updates were given from Diocesan Synod and General Synod.

On a personal note, the last few meetings have been 'different' to say the least, with some held online, and some in person, both having advantages. It may be noted from the above notes that the scope of Deanery Synod meetings is different to that of PCCs.

Peter Klonowski, Deanery Synod Representative

### **Treasurer's Report**

The church has to meet many expenses and financial obligations throughout the year. Payment of these is challenging in an average year, but during the pandemic it

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has been even more so. In 2021, even though we were allowed back into church, we were still experiencing a reduction in opportunities to raise funds.

Income was a little higher, which was mainly as a result of some large donations. However, planned giving was lower which gives cause for concern - planned giving is also the main source of gift aid returns so a reduction in it affects us twice.

We were able to start fundraising again to some extent, and thanks go to everyone who organised and contributed to fundraising events.

Compared to 2020 expenditure was substantially reduced. As reported last year, the PCC had to make some difficult decisions in terms of reducing payments, and these have borne fruit by reducing expenditure by over £25,000. We also changed energy supplier in a scheme organised by the Church of England. This has secured our energy price for most of 2022, but when it is reviewed in September 2022 we are likely going to be in for a shock like the rest of the community.

The main knock-on effect of this was that we were able to pay £46,500 of Parish Share against the requested amount of £56,124. This was more than £10,000 more than in 2020 (but still £8,000 less than in 2019). It is important that we are able to pay as much Parish Share as possible as this covers a lot of our clergy costs and enables us to apply for grants from the diocese.

Thanks go to Kate Walters, James and Heather Rubie and David Caseldine for their support of the finance processes throughout 2021.

Ian Pinder-Packard

### **The charity's policy on reserves**

The plan is to maintain a level of austerity and thus grow reserves. At the minimum we aim to keep £4,500 in the general fund at all times for operational reasons. But the reserves for building work and other emergencies has been emptied, so that needs to be built back up.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Rev Canon Nicolas Spicer, Trustee

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of  
The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Worksop  
Priory St Mary & St Cuthbert  
for the year ended 31 December 2021**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Worksop Priory St Mary & St Cuthbert (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE  
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Workop**  
**Priory St Mary & St Cuthbert**  
**Receipts & payments account**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2021**

2020				2021
Total		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Funds		Funds	Funds	Funds
£	Note	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>				
71601	Grants & donations	2 67448	7889	75337
13971	Fees	9062	-	9062
638	Insurance claim	2879	-	2879
2760	Fundraising	5543	-	5543
3789	Cheapside Rent	2879	-	2879
1044	Other	447	-	447
208	Investment income	213	-	213
<u>94011</u>	<b>Total receipts</b>	<u>88471</u>	<u>7889</u>	<u>96360</u>
<b>Payments</b>				
5696	Utilities	3614	-	3614
9153	Insurance	9035	-	9035
10427	Wages & NI	4363	-	4363
1085	Sundry expenditure	-	-	-
626	Expenses	1091	-	1091
45131	Diocese	40998	-	40998
3047	Office and general administration	1425	-	1425
2539	Supplies	1162	298	1460
481	Cleaning	45	-	45
700	Attendants	460	-	460
1040	Organist – Occasional	660	-	660
14328	Church – Maintenance	-	-	-
1695	P/T Priests Fees	666	-	666
1440	Professional fees	-	-	-
108	Licences	625	-	625
636	Donations made	60	901	961
11979	Equipment	-	-	-
339	Charges	514	-	514
-	Fundraising costs	965	-	965
-	Telephone & internet	1153	-	1153
-	Repairs & maintenance	13446	-	13446
-	Travel	-	1356	1356
<u>110450</u>	<b>Total payments</b>	<u>80282</u>	<u>2555</u>	<u>82837</u>
(16439)	<b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>	8189	5334	13523
30783	Cash funds at start of this period	13884	460	14344
-	Transfers between funds	(421)	421	-
<u>14344</u>	<b>Cash funds at end of this period</b>	<u>21652</u>	<u>6215</u>	<u>27867</u>



**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Worksope  
Priory St Mary & St Cuthbert  
Statement of assets and liabilities  
at 31 December 2021**

<i>2020</i>		<i>2021</i>
£		£
14344	<b>Cash assets</b>	27851
-	Bank accounts	16
<u>14344</u>	Cash in hand	<u>27867</u>
	<b>Other monetary assets</b>	
253	Prepayments - Insurance	303
45807	Investments	46543
<u>46060</u>		<u>46846</u>
	<b>Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	
	General equipment.	
	Sound System - Jan 2020 - £11,911.28	
	Signage - Dec 2020 - £1,200	
	<b>Liabilities</b>	
<u>(720)</u>	Creditors - Independent examination fee	<u>(438)</u>
<u>(720)</u>		<u>(438)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_  
Ian Pinder-Packard, Trustee

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Worksop  
Priory St Mary & St Cuthbert  
Notes to the accounts  
for the year ended 31 December 2021**

**1. Receipts & payments accounts**

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

**2. Grants & donations**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Holy House Shrine	-	50	50
Additional Curates Society	1500	-	1500
Society of the Holy Cross	1320	-	1320
DCMS Scheme	786	-	786
Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust	706	-	706
Gift Aid	8726	-	8726
Planned giving	35415	-	35415
Sundry grants & donations	18995	7839	26834
	<u><b>67448</b></u>	<u><b>7889</b></u>	<u><b>75337</b></u>

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### 3. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts (Payments) £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
ACS	5	704	-	709
Childrens' Society	8	137	(55)	90
Flowers	326	88	(298)	116
Christian Aid	101	527	(744)	-
Church Urban Fund	20	82	(102)	-
Emergency Maintenance	-	5300	-	5300
Travel	-	1051	(1356)	-
	<b>460</b>	<b>7889</b>	<b>(2555)</b>	<b>6215</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General	7306	85585	(77535)	14920
Kitchen	235	-	-	235
Servers	418	-	(53)	365
Youth	39	-	(54)	-
100 Club	2927	2086	(1400)	3613
Clock	132	100	-	232
Organ	2075	700	(1240)	1535
Bell Fund	477	-	-	477
Choir	275	-	-	275
	<b>13884</b>	<b>88471</b>	<b>(80282)</b>	<b>21652</b>

The transfer from the General fund to the Christian Aid, Travel and Youth funds are to cover the deficits on these activities.

ACS – A fund to pay for donations specifically given for the ACS.

Childrens' Society – A fund to pay for donations specifically given for the Childrens' Society.

Flowers – A fund to pay for flowers.

Christian Aid – A fund to pay for donations specifically given for Christian Aid.

Church Urban Fund – A fund to pay for donations specifically given for the Church Urban Fund.

Emergency Maintenance – funds specifically held for emergency maintenance to the church building.

Travel – funds held to pay for parish pilgrimages, coaches and other outings.

Kitchen – Monies received from a Sunday coffee morning run by a certain person.

Servers – A fund to pay for server equipment, usually cassocks, cottas etc.

Youth – A fund to pay for youth group equipment.

100 Club – A fund to hold monies from a fundraising initiative.

Clock – A fund to pay for clock repairs.

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Organ – A fund to pay for organ repairs.

Bell Fund – A fund to pay for repairs to the bells.

Choir – A fund to pay for choir materials, such as music and books.

### **4. Trustees' remuneration**

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

### **5. Glossary of terms**

**Creditors:** These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

**Prepayments:** These are services that the charity has paid for in advance, but not used during the accounting period.

**Restricted funds:** These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.