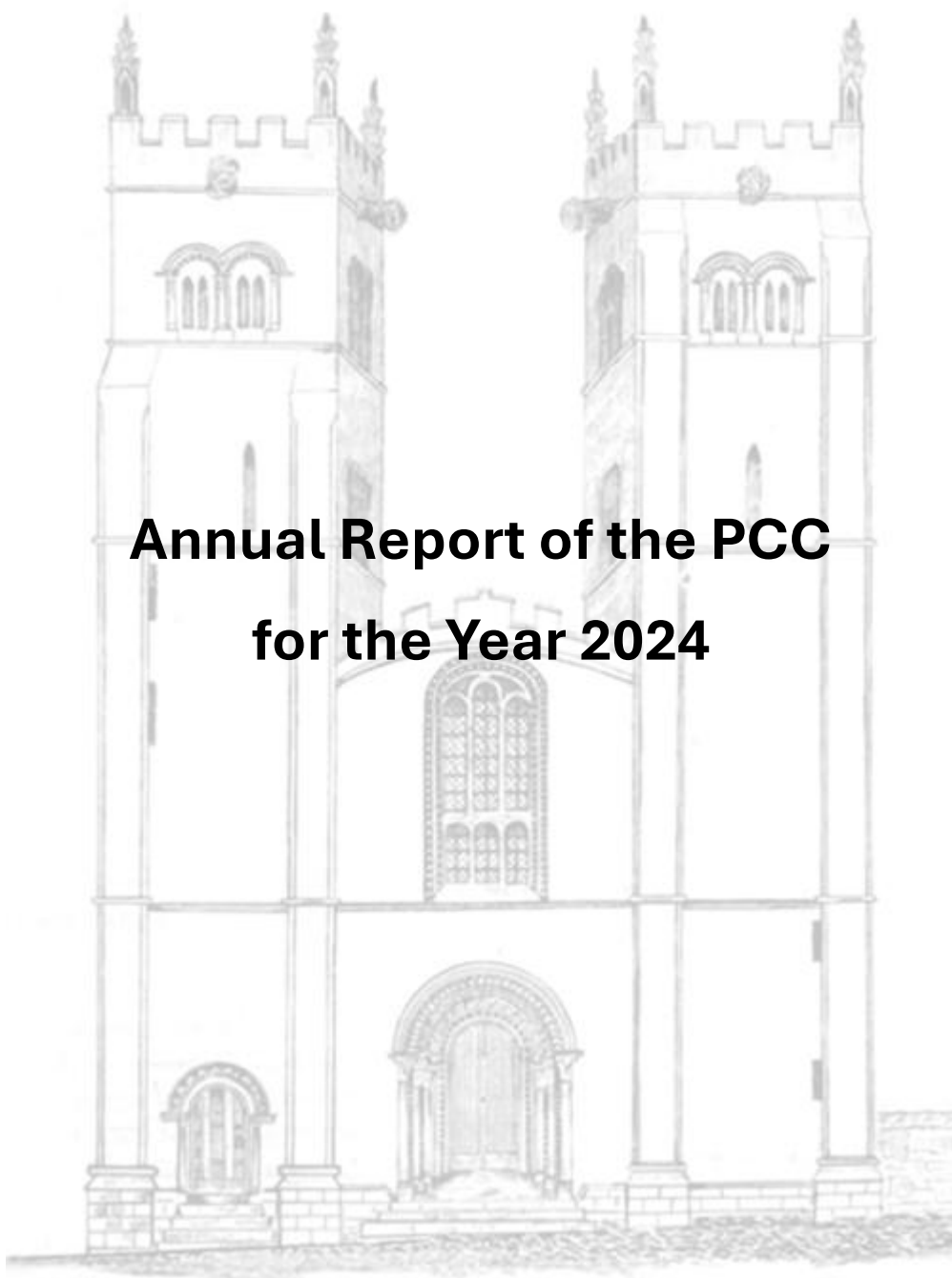


Workshop Priory

of Our Lady & St Cuthbert
With Clumber and Carburton



Annual Report of the PCC for the Year 2024



Organisational Structure

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is responsible for the overall management of church affairs within the parish. Its duty is to co-operate with the Vicar, Fr Nicolas Spicer, in promoting and encouraging, within the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral and evangelical, social and ecumenical. It is also responsible for the maintenance of the church building.

Bank: Virgin Money

Independent Examiner: Alistair Livesey

Membership of the PCC

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio (Churchwardens and Deanery Synod Representatives) or they are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the church representation rules.

The 2024 composition of the PCC following the APCM on 25 February 2024 was as follows:

Vicar Fr Nicolas Spicer Ex Officio (Chair)

Churchwarden James Rubie

Deanery Synod Representatives: Peter Klonowski and James Rubie

Elected members – normally serving for 3 years

Robin Carrington-Wilde (Vice Chair)

Wendy Cottingham (from February 2024)

John Palmer (until June 2024)

Tina Thistlethwaite (from February 2024)

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It comprises the ex officio members, Churchwardens, Secretary, and Treasurer. Its duty is to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any directions given by the council. During 2024 it met 5 times.

Church Attendance

On 31 December 2024 there were 157 members on the Church Electoral Roll.

Child Protection

Government legislation requires that all statutory and voluntary organisations working with children address the issues of Child Protection. Although the Church of England and the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham have their own Child Protection systems each parish is required to adopt and implement their own policy and procedure. The PCC adopted their policy in 2008 and reviewed it in February.

Susan Bekisz is the PCC's nominated Safeguarding Person.

Everyone who is involved with children's work in the parish is required to provide references and 12 people in the Parish have satisfactorily completed this process. Everyone with a DBS for the parish updated their training.

E-Safety

The PCC reviewed and updated its E-safety policy in February.

Health and Safety

James Rubie is Health and Safety Officer.

The PCC reviewed and updated its Health and Safety Policy in February.

Insurance



Priory Church, 18 Cheapside and the Gatehouse are all insured on separate policies with Ecclesiastical Insurance.

Vicar's Report

Once again it is my privilege to recommend this report of the PCC's stewardship for the past year to you. Thank you to all who have contributed to it, and to those who have served on the PCC. On a personal note, thank you to James who bears the weight of not having a companion warden, but faithfully encourages and supports me.

The highlight of any church year is when Bishop Stephen is with us to Baptise, Confirm and Preside at Mass. In 2024 this happened at Petertide and it was a joy to welcome fully into the Church, Joe, Luca, Maria, Sasha-Antonia and Sophia. Please continue to hold them in your prayers; we all know how tough being a Christian can be, so they especially need your encouragement and assurance of prayer.

A low moment in the life of a congregation is when a brother or sister dies, though as Christians with the hope that it is of blessing for them. So, John Palmer's sudden death was of particular sadness and shock. John was a very faithful member of our congregation and served equally faithfully on the PCC and Gatehouse Trust; Jesu have mercy on his soul; Mary pray for him, and all who grieve his passing.

If we were to have a parish "strap line" (we always hold the Diocesan one of Making Disciples, wider, younger, deeper, before us) it would be to seek to be a centre of Excellence in our worship and service. So many of you work hard to towards this whether it be as a cleaner, or flower arranger, a singer or server, on the PCC or a welcomer, a bell ringer or provider of refreshments; thank you. A special thanks is needed to Rosemary, our Director of Music, for all she brings and does in Church and School.

In May we held a "Living Generously " Campaign writing to over 150 (which is our Worshipping Community i.e. if everyone turned up we'd be 150 on a Sunday morning) people asking them to make a financial commitment to our church life. Of the 150, 39 of you replied positively for which we are most grateful. At the end of this report Keith introduces the accounts which give more details. Please, whilst I know that some of you do give cash or use the card machine, it's clear that many of you don't. The Church of England encourages all her members to tithe, suggesting we give 5% of our income to our local church. At the Children's Crib service, I made a financial appeal to the 120 adults present, giving out donation forms; one person responded. That person, who doesn't attend Church but thinks we are important to the community, wrote to say as a pensioner she couldn't give much, but here was a standing order form for £5 a month. Praise God, truly the Widow's mite. Standing Order forms enable the PCC to budget and plan; please prayerfully consider what you give financially to church and respond generously.

In July Maria Mason retired from the role of Administrator. We were sorry that she did but very grateful for her past work - and all the extra hours she put in. Her work with our finances, policies and systems has left us in a very strong position for which we are to be



thankful. In light of Maria's workload, and the lack of volunteer hours, the PCC decided to invest in a Business Manager (this title helps with external funding) for 30 hours. We were blessed to be able to appoint Mrs Susan Bekisz who has brought a definite professionalism to the role and built on Maria's and Ivy's past work.

In our School in August we bade farewell to Mr Phil Abbot after 13 years as Head Teacher. Over the years Phil developed and managed the school well and built up the ties with the Church. It has been a joy to welcome, and get to know, his replacement Mr Kevin Houghton, who we poached from S John's Academy. His care for the welfare of the staff, pupils and their families has already been noted and appreciated. The Staff and Governors work incredibly hard to ensure that the school is a place where children and their families can grow, physically, mentally and spiritually. We have Church vacancies on the board of Governors; if you think this is something you would like to consider, please speak with me. Pilgrimages were made to the Shrine at Walsingham for the May Bank Holiday, a midweek break and the Youth Pilgrimage, providing much needed refreshment and blessing for all who took part.

In the autumn I was blessed that the Diocese, supported by the PCC, gave me some Sabbatical time for which I am most grateful. This would be the time to express my thanks to the retired Frs Jarret, Mason and Willett, without who I would not have been able to take the time away. All three of our "retireds" bring so much pastorally and spiritually to our life here, for which I am most grateful. The day to day life, ministry and witness of Priory, would be very different if I was seeking to do it on my own.

Sadly for us, but a blessing for S Augustine's Grimbsy, Fr Mason and so Maria too, moved in December for him to take on the role of House for Duty priest. A number of us were privileged to be able to be at his licensing and express there our gratitude.

Once more then a year of blessings here at Priory and Clumber for which I am most thankful. No doubt 2025 will be of blessings, along with some considerable challenges. One of the biggest challenges is how you respond to this Report and seek to deepen your relationship with God and your brothers and sisters. A sign that is happening is in Sunday

attendance. All of you will have noticed how attendance at Sunday Mass has dropped considerably. I often hear “its not what it used to be”- often from folk who themselves don’t worship every week and often not on Easter Day or at Christmass, let alone at weekday or Feast Day Masses.

Confident in God’s Spirit each of us is called to show how much Church attendance means to us, and how it improves our daily lives. So we want to share that with others and so ask them to join us. That’s not going to happen if others see that we don’t take seriously the call to Sunday Worship, don’t see that we read our Bibles, say our prayers, and respond generously to our local church and community with time and money.

If Sunday worship doesn’t make a difference in your daily life, if being a Christian isn’t something that you are proud of, then ask God why not? Ask one of the priests here to talk it through with you. It’s not something to be ashamed of- unless you are simply avoiding what God is asking of you, but even then, talking it out will help. Conversion is not something that happens once in a lifetime, it needs to happen at the beginning of every week, to all of us, myself included.

My prayer for 2025 is that more of you, maybe through reading this Report, be “converted “once more to live according to God’s will. May He bless us all in that.

Fr Spicer

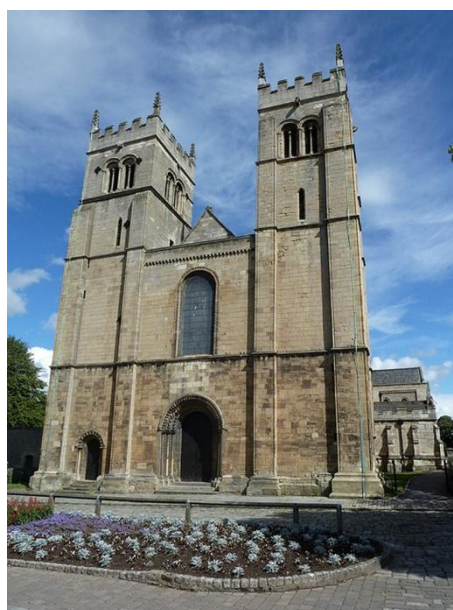
Church Warden’s Report

Introduction

This report summarises the activities and state of our church during the year 2024. It highlights our successes, acknowledges our challenges, and looks forward to the future with hope. Please note some sections contain personal reflections which will be expanded upon by others.

Liturgical Worship and Ministry

- **Worship Services:** We maintained a full schedule of services throughout the year, including Holy Mass, Matins, Evensong, and special services for festivals and holy days. Attendance at services remains steady, with notable increases during Christmas and Easter. The streaming facility to Facebook remains popular and a valued asset for parishioners unable to attend in person. We were also blessed this year to host a weekend dedicated to celebrate our patron St Cuthbert



including public talks, family activities and concluding with a Medieval Night Liturgy celebrating the Feast of St Cuthbert

- Music: Our choir led admirably by Rosemary continued to enhance our worship with their beautiful singing. We are grateful for their dedication and talent
- Pastoral Care: We provided pastoral care to those in need, including the sick, the bereaved, and the lonely. We continue our outreach care to the local community, providing support assistance to the homeless and the vulnerable with services such as food bank collections
- Education: We continue to offer Sunday school activities and study programmes at key periods during the year such as Lenten studies
- Social Events: The Christmas Tree festival and fair were well attended and remain popular with the local community. We were also fortunate to host a sold out concert performed by the renowned Black Dyke band and guests the Whitwell Brass band
- Giving: I would like to thank all those who have contributed to the Church's finances during this year especially during such challenging times. This includes those who give regularly, as one-off donations and those who have supported the fundraising and giving events

Care of Church Buildings and Grounds

- Maintenance: The fabric of the church building remains in good condition, thanks to the ongoing efforts of our maintenance agencies. This includes the clock, guttering and roofing. Maintaining the church grounds presents ongoing challenges due to its size and public access. Alongside the local council support we endeavour to keep the area as welcoming and safe as possible
- Improvements: Ongoing improvement to the fabric and grounds form part of the regular PCC discussions and are assessed based on merit and financial viability

Personnel

We are grateful for the dedicated service of Kate Walters, Andrew, Ian, John, and Pat who have provided invaluable support and guidance, particularly in the absence of a second Churchwarden.

Susan Bekisz has seamlessly settled into the role of church administration (taking over from Maria) and is already providing great value to the PCC and church in general in areas such as church finance, banking and numerous process improvements.

I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of those who have helped with church maintenance this year including regular cleaning, gardening (especially in the memorial garden area) and floral arrangements. We express our sincere gratitude to Val and Andrew Higgins for their many years of devoted service in maintaining the cleanliness and order of our church. As they conclude their ministry in this area, we thank them for their outstanding contributions.

Also we are grateful for the many others who regularly help with refreshments, sidesperson duties before, during and after mass. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Susan if you would like to volunteer or help in any way.

Looking Ahead

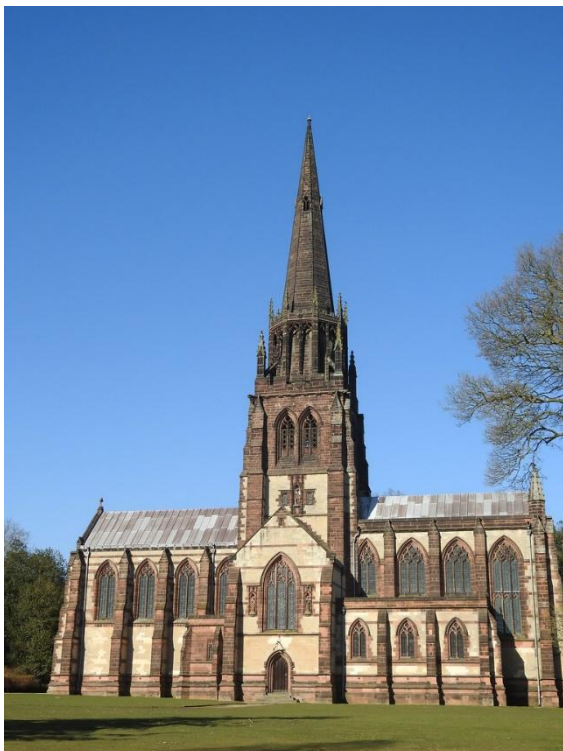
- Challenges: We face several challenges in the coming year, including the need to increase our income and attract new members. We recognise the importance of supporting the well-being of our clergy and lay staff, who provide dedicated service to our parish. We also need to continually address the needs of our local community ensuring that our church and its grounds remain a welcoming and inclusive place for all
- Opportunities: Despite these challenges, we are confident that the future of our church is bright. We have a strong and dedicated team of clergy, staff and volunteers. We are blessed with beautiful buildings and grounds and with the vision of groups such as the Gatehouse Trust led by Fran Walker, the future looks really encouraging

Conclusion

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your Churchwarden. It has been a privilege to work with such a dedicated and talented team of people over this past year. I am also grateful for the support of our parishioners, who make our church such a special place.

James Rubie

Report from Clumber



We continue to witness in our small way in Clumber Chapel. Though few in number we turn up in rain or shine to offer our worship in a beautiful building and often in view of the inquisitive public. It is only when the National Trust close the park that we are actually put off!

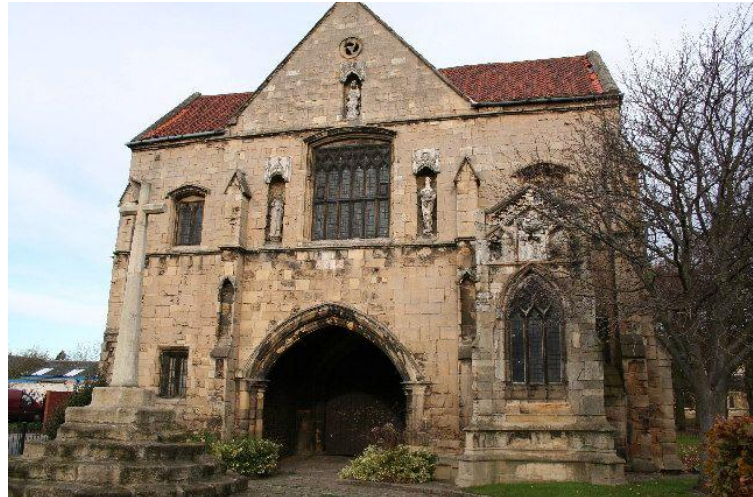
It was a shame that the Carol service was cancelled due to high winds (nothing to do with the brass band!), though the attendance on Christmas day was up on recent year's and due in part to a vigorous social media campaign. We were able to contribute over £1000 to Priory funds and are grateful for the ministry of our retired clergy who preside at most of the services. The National Trust continues to be supportive. God bless.

Robin Carrington-Wilde

Workshop Priory and Gatehouse Community Trust Report

I am pleased to report that there has been a great deal of progress in our efforts to restore our important historic building which is Grade 1 listed and one of the most significant buildings in Nottinghamshire, the only one to survive in the County and one of only a handful nationally.

Following the Quinquennial Inspection of March 2023, during 2024 all urgent recommendations were completed. The roof was repaired, broken windows were replaced and metal grilles were attached. Gates were installed, together with new doors in two of the rooms, and we now have temporary repairs to our electricity system. To date there



has been no evidence of the previous vandalism. All these works were made possible through funding from Historic England (HE), Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC), Bassetlaw District Council (BDC). Our sincere thanks to Jane Holt (HE), Jason Mordan (NCC) and Mike Tagg (BDC). Thankyou too, to Barrie Smith for establishing a new Facebook page. My personal thanks to Chris Scott, one of our Trustees, who has been invaluable in all construction matters and for organising the repairs to our electricity system. However, there is still a great deal of work required to make the Gatehouse useable, and an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund is in preparation.

An Opportunity

In December I had the privilege of meeting Dr. Charlotte Carrington-Farmer, originally from Ripley in Derbyshire, now living in Rhode Island USA. She is extremely knowledgeable about Mary Barnard the daughter of Richard Barnard one of the Vicars of the Priory in the early 17th Century. Mary went on to marry Roger Williams and together they went on to found Providence Rhode Island. Charlotte is a Professor of History at the Roger Williams University on Rhode Island and we have exchanged emails regarding partnership, and possible funding. There are a number of opportunities with her involvement to raise the profile of the Gatehouse both locally, regional, national and international.

Fran Walker
Chair Workshop Priory and Gatehouse Community Trust

Children and Families Report for Priory and St Paul's

Our children's work is valued at Priory church every Sunday, thanks to Helen, Tina & Lesley. Varying numbers attend weekly mass, a decline in numbers this year at S Paul's.

On Wednesday morning Helen & her team facilitate "Songs & Stories" at Priory church. A group for babies & pre-school children, themed songs & activities such as the story of 'Noah' recently. At Easter holiday time, older children too are invited to join with special activities.

Three teenagers joined the Walsingham youth pilgrimage in August, and we had a very enjoyable week joining Fr Parker, his team and young people from Royal Leamington Spa. The joint Lights party was well attended with activities & fireworks in St Paul's hall and grounds.



We held our usual Christingle service on Christmas eve and were blessed with a church full of families. The children's Christmas tree at the festival was full of Christingle pictures.

Thank you to everyone who has encouraged our younger members.

Mary Howe

Alter Servers Report



The team consists of four regular and experienced adults, occasionally joined by others when they are able. It is sometimes necessary to 'combine duties' if we are low on personnel, but the purpose is always to be as reverent as possible while maintaining the essential parts.

We are grateful to Fr. Spicer and other clergy, the choir and the congregation for their help and support in our tasks.

Speaking of being low on personnel, we are always in need of more people as servers, so if there is an urge to try serving, let me or one of the other servers know and we will give you more information.

Peter Klonowski

Music Report

Choir recruitment

2 girl choristers were surprised in 2024 autumn, following a period of probation which began with tuition in the Primary school the previous term. An adult soprano expressed interest in September and has now become a member of the choir. The wider choir, which is only available for evening services, has benefited from the attendance of three capable singers (Alto, Tenor, Baritone) greatly expanding our range. We were sad to lose Fr Adrian Mason from his versatile role as tenor or bass, or organist, but needs must in Grimsby. Chorister Ola sang the Mezzo solo, Pie Jesu, in the Duruflé Requiem at a concert performance in Leicester in October, and again in the Priory at the All Souls' service, for which we were joined by cellist Ruth Provost, from Southwell. This was Ola's last year as a treble, so just in time! The choristers were taken to Lux Muralis's presentation "Space" (light show) at Leicester Cathedral in November as their annual treat, with Churchwarden James, and Rosemary. Now that an afternoon rehearsal for the younger ones has been established, we have additional adults DBS-cleared to help with the supervision, also facilitating more flexibility in the system when deputies are engaged who cannot be burdened with that responsibility. Susan has helped considerably with the necessary setting-up of all this, and with record-keeping about training/personnel etc. The last month of 2024 saw the introduction of a new translation of Scripture texts of the Mass – impacting the music at the Psalm. RF attended a preview evening in Hull to consider available options, sharing findings with others in the music team, and settled on settings by Daniel Justin. These are not yet published in book form (due to the lengthy process of official approval from the RC church). We have a generous offer to fund the purchase of a set, once bookbound. The seasonal Procession services (Advent, Epiphany, Candlemas) continue to be offered within the series of monthly Evensongs, and the choir enjoys putting them together. Processions offer the chance to delve deeply into aspects of a season, and to utilise more, and wider-ranging music than would fit suitably into the Communion anthem-slot.



Concerts

Midday Music on Thursdays in the warmer months has expanded its audience somewhat this year to a range of 13 – 35, averaging around 25. The programme is varied and we have enjoyed the visits of many capable and engaging performers. Financially, introducing a collection (since people asked to contribute for the refreshments) has funded a piano-technician visit at the start of the series, a light lunch for visiting performers, reimbursement for some supplies, and a £50 per person expenses provision for



those travelling the furthest. Wendy and Peter Klonowski, and Robin Towle, have been stalwarts of the stewarding and catering, and the series would not run smoothly without their support. The music has ranged from folk pipes and home-made instruments to art-songs, via solo recitals and ensemble performances, including two of our local schools and the Priory choir. The Worksof Guardian/Life have been publicising the series.

The organ was 50 this year. Diocesan Organ Adviser Paul Hale spent time inspecting it (and heard it played at a MM, when it malfunctioned right on cue) and has recommended a thorough inspection and report from Cleveland Organs. This was carried out in the autumn but the report, delayed by a family bereavement for the writer, is expected by the end of January 2025. The content of this should form the basis of a separate item for the PCC to consider.

Outreach teaching of the organ, from single-line beginner child to fluent player polishing skills, had its first anniversary in November. There are 10 people learning, some already playing for services; 3 are aged under 16. The adults progress erratically, due to pastoral matters and ill-health. Tuition is free, but £4 per adult (£2 per child) is charged for the host church's costs (including heating) per class. It's offered ecumenically and hosted here, at St Mary's, & St Anne's.

Rosemary Field, Director of Music

Deanery Synod Report

17 April - St Anne's Church

Items discussed were

- Statistics for Mission, Diocesan Synod elections, appreciation for the work of Joan Beck who died around this time.
There was information on the work of Christian Aid and Challenge in Justice.
- Vision 2030 speaker shared the Vision for 2024 and the 'Living Hope' video.
- The Good News slot and Deanery items of prayer.
- An update on General Synod (Feb 2024), Deanery Vacancies, and allocation of 2025 Parish Share.
- Safeguarding.
- Eco Church.



7 November - St Anne's Church.

- Praying for the Israel/Palestine Conflict. Various headings: Peace, Safety, Strength, Hope, Healing.
- The Good News slot and Deanery Prayer Requests.

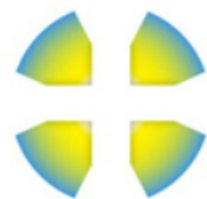
- Area Dean's Report: An advert for Mission Associates in Church times. Thanks to the leaders and churchwardens of churches in vacancy, many for a number of years.
- Safeguarding.
- Eco Church.

This is only a brief outline from meetings during the year.

Peter Klonowski, Deanery Synod Representative

Report from Forward in Faith National Assembly

May 2024. Train from Retford to London Kings Cross, then walk along Grays Inn Road to St. Alban the Martyr, Holborn.



Solemn Mass with Bishops, Priests, Deacons and altar servers. Congregation was a good number, but past assemblies have seen more people there. After Mass, a cold buffet, followed by the Annual Meeting of Forward in Faith.

The Agenda Items (copied from the booklet):

1. The Rt. Rev. Paul Thomas, Chairman of Forward in Faith, focussing on the campaigning work of Forward in Faith, including how we should respond to calls from some Quarters for an end to the 2014 settlement.
 2. Living in Love and Faith. An update will be provided on the Church of England's Living in Love and Faith process.
 3. The Seal of the Sacrament of Confession. The Rt. Rev. Jonathan Baker, Chairman of The Society's Council of Bishops, will provide an update on the Seal of the Sacrament of Confession in the context of the proposals for the mandatory reporting of child sexual abuse.
 4. Address from Tom Middleton, Chairman of Forward in Faith, focussing on financial matters.
 5. The Society's Year of Faith. The Rt Revd Jonathan Baker will outline plans for The Society's Year of Faith in 2025 to mark the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicea.
- The Event concluded with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.
Then a train ride home!

Peter Klonowski, Forward in Faith representative

Flower Arranger's Report



A very big thank you to everyone who has donated to our funds this year.....it's been a massive help.

To the Ladies who helped in the arranging....bless you!

You may like to join others in remembering lost loved ones by sponsoring a floral tribute to them on their anniversaries. Do contact us in advance.....thanks!

Please contact us if you'd like to be on the Flower Rota.

Thank you.

Wendy Caseldine

Bell Ringers' Report

Sadly, due to her health, Bev had to retire as Tower Captain and we have not been able to replace her. With Bev finishing, so did her project with S Anne's training new ringers, a number of teenagers amongst them. It is a shame that the bells no longer ring so if you would be interested - even if it's simply learning how to "chime" then please speak with me.



We are still offering to ring for weddings with the hope of getting "outsiders" to come for us. The bells are in good working order but as with everything they will need checking for any wear and tear in structure and will need new bolts, oiling and other regular maintenance procedures.

James Rubie

100 Club Report

2024 has seen a larger decrease in the 100 Club membership, leading to even more spare numbers than last year, which has resulted in very little profit this year.



Hopefully if we can increase the membership we will once again be in a position to purchase items needed in Church. The commitment to being a member is to buy a number at the cost of £1 per week and this can be paid in any way you choose, annually, monthly, or even weekly. If you

feel able to take part in this fundraiser please see Ivy Underwood who will be happy to help you.

The prizes are as follows:

- £500 annually
- £100 twice annually
- £20 weekly
- £10 weekly
- £5 x 2 weekly

Unfortunately, if the membership doesn't increase significantly this long running fund raiser will have to end.

Thank you to all those members who have supported the 100 Club during 2024

Ivy Underwood

Administrator's Report

Having only joined the Priory six months ago (and those months have literally flown by!) this is my first annual report. Firstly, I must thank my predecessor Maria for leaving everything so well organised to handover and for the support that she continues to offer from afar.



In the absence of Fr Spicer through September, October and November, both Maria and Fr Mason helped me navigate my way through all the activities, services and events that feature in Priory's busy calendar. They also assisted with introducing me to the wonderful group of parishioners who dedicate so much time to ensuring the Priory runs like clockwork, it is an honour and a pleasure to be part of this established and faithful team.

As well as being the Parish Administrator, I have also undertaken the role of Parish Safeguarding Officer and have completed all the training required by the Church of England. Much of the training has been face to face and this has given me the opportunity to meet members of other parishes which has been both insightful and helpful.

As I continue to find my feet during this first year, I still have a lot to learn and my regular meetings with Fr Spicer are full of questions, as are most of my encounters with many of you! The recent appointment of Keith as Treasurer to the PCC has been very welcome news and I look forward to working with him in trying to keep the Priory operating as efficiently as possible.

If our paths have not crossed yet, I am available during the public hour each Friday morning between 10.30am and 11.30am if you'd like to speak to me in person, otherwise I am contactable by telephone or email.

Thank you to everyone for making me feel so welcome.

Susan Bekisz

Treasurer Report

In the tables of Financial Activities and Categorised Income & Expenditure (below) I have attempted to use the same categorisations as were used in last year's (2023) report so that comparisons can be made.

The Statement of Financial Activities give a simple summary for the year and the Categorised Income & Expenditure gives a more detailed breakdown. The tables show that our total income for 2024 was £124,505 (up £35,571 on 2023) and that our Total Expenditure was £110,001 (down £2,850 on 2023) giving an overall profit of £14,503 for 2024 (compared with an overall loss of £23,918 in 2023). Whilst these figures initially look encouraging there are a couple of points that should be emphasised to put our finances into perspective: -

1. During 2024 we received two very generous legacies totalling £26,500 which their donors requested be used solely for the upkeep or improvement of Worksof Priory and/or Clumber Chapel. These were one-off payments and will not be repeated in subsequent years. Without these legacies we would have seen a loss of almost £12,000 in 2024
2. During 2024 we paid only £16,000 towards the "Parish Share" which was £13,000 less than in 2023 and was less than 25% of what had been set by the Diocese. Even at this much reduced level of contribution the Priory is struggling to break even.

The Priory receives donations by cash, standing order and bank card. Whilst income from cash and standing orders saw increases over the 2023 level the amount received from bank card donations actually decreased. During April 2024 we were given a new card-donation terminal which was more eye-catching than the previous device. However, after eight months of use it was found that the rental cost of the new device equated to more than 20% of the donations received through it. The PCC has decided to revert back to the older-style device to reduce the overhead cost of receiving bank card donations.

During 2024 we ran a giving campaign with the aim of increasing our income from standing order donations. This campaign resulted in an additional £1,020 of income and (by the end of the year) an additional five regular standing order donors.

During the summer of 2024 we engaged a new Priory Administrator (Susan Bekisz) who took over when Maria Mason stepped down. Susan's role includes managing the day-to-day finances and banking for the Priory and she provides the financial data for the PCC (for which I am eternally grateful).

Keith Wake

Workshop Priory

CATEGORISED INCOME & EXPENDITURE (2024)

Categorised Income	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	Categorised Expenditure	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Charity Collections	534.72		Bank	555.65	541.32
Donations *	31,977.93	1,500.00	Charity	310.00	110.00
Fundraising	6,181.62	5,445.28	Church Supplies	3,063.73	1,243.89
Gift Aid	7,075.18	12,569.71	Copyright	686.00	658.00
Giving	49,249.52	52,628.21	Diocesan Fees	2,807.00	2,249.00
Grant	688.00	3,860.00	Expenses	697.15	812.29
Investment	220.87	217.51	Fundraising Expenses	125.68	1,162.67
Other Income	13,252.39	2,052.16	Insurance	11,285.28	10,658.27
Pilgrimages	2,028.00	60.00	Maintenance	19,906.47	8,234.86
St Cuthbert Festival	1,042.90		Miscellaneous	920.81	172.00
Statutory Fees	11,363.00	10,500.00	Music	166.00	71.90
Travel	890.00	100.00	Office	3,463.87	3,537.10
			Organ and Piano Maintenance	120.00	330.00
Total Income	<u>124,504.13</u>	<u>88,932.87</u>	Other Expenditure	4,341.60	15,667.54
			Parish Share	16,000.00	29,000.00
			Rental Expenses	2,468.21	1,365.93
			Salaries	27,443.38	19,341.16
			St Cuthberts Festival	382.50	
			Utilities	11,786.19	15,897.07
			Walsingham	2,476.85	1,798.34
			Walsingham 2024	530.00	
			York 2024	465.00	
			Total Expenses	<u>110,001.37</u>	<u>112,851.34</u>
			Total Income - Total Expenses	<u>14,502.76</u>	<u>(23,918.47)</u>

*Includes Legacy income of £26,500 which is restricted to upkeep/improvements to Priory & Clumber

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Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31/12/2024

	2024	2023
<u>Income and Endowments</u>		
Voluntary Income	88,302.63	66,697.92
Activities for generating funds	6,716.34	9,305.28
Income from investments	220.87	217.51
Church activities	29,264.29	12,712.16
Total Income	124,504.13	88,932.87
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Church Activities	109,875.69	111,688.67
Raising Funds	125.68	1,162.67
Total Expenditure	110,001.37	112,851.34
Net Income / Expenditure	14,502.76	-23,918.47

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Balance Sheet

For the year ended 31/12/2024

	2024	2023
<u>Fixed Assets</u>		
Tangible	84,000.00	84,000.00
Investments	27,096.13	23,080.52
	111,096.13	107,080.52
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Cash at bank and in hand	27,033.08	12,726.20
	27,033.08	12,726.20
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Current Liabilities	0.00	0.00
Long term Liabilities	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00
Net Assets	138,129.21	119,806.72
<u>Parish Funds</u>		
Unrestricted	27,033.08	12,726.20
Restricted	111,096.13	107,080.52
	138,129.21	119,806.72

I report on the accounts of the Worksop Priory church for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on below.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since the gross income for the year exceeds the amount provided in section 145(3) of the Act, I confirm that I am qualified to act as Independent Examiner under the provisions of that section of the Act and that my qualification is as shown below.

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 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have 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.

Date of Independent Examination – 14/02/2025

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