

# THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, QUORN

England & Wales - Charity number 1134810

## Details

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**Other names** ST BARTHOLOMEW'S UCC, QUORN

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Previously excepted

**Registered** 2010-03-11

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

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## Activities

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

**Activities:** Provision of services of worship in both Anglican and Methodist traditions. Conduct of baptism, wedding and funeral services. Pastoral work within the parish. Social and fund raising events. Granting of donations to selected Christian charities.

## Classification

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

## Geography

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

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£121,533	£122,950	-	-
2023-12-31	£99,801	£108,516	-	-
2022-12-31	£91,215	£99,156	-	-
2021-12-31	£106,561	£97,806	-	-
2020-12-31	£93,451	£105,807	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anne Mary Treasure		2021-09-29
Charlotte Isabella Young		2023-05-09
DAVID FRANK BODICOAT		
DAVID JAMES BRISTOW		2025-05-13
DIANE ELIZABETH BIRD		
Dawn Eleanor Daly		2021-09-29
Dr Derek Charles Cooper		2022-11-15
HELEN DORISE AMANDA SHACKLOCK		
JULIE CROYSDALE		2018-04-18
John David Jonczyk		2024-06-10
Jonathan Hugh Cox		2020-04-16
KEITH FRANCIS CROYSDALE		
Leonard Alfred Mosley		2019-04-10
MICHAEL GEOFFREY BIRD		
MR TONY COATES		
Margaret Heulwen Llewellyn-Howells		2024-05-14
PAUL TURLINGTON		2014-04-22
Patricia Susan Jonczyk		2024-05-14
Rev Karen Anne Beecham		2023-08-01
Susan Turlington		2014-04-09

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# Accounts

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St Bartholomew's United Church Quorn  
Charity Number 1134810

## TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

For the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024



### SECTION A REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

#### Charity Name

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Bartholomew, Quorn

#### Other Names by which charity is known

None

#### Registered Charity Number

1134810

#### Charity's Principal Address

St Bartholomew's Church  
Church Lane  
Quorn  
LE12 8DP

#### Names of Trustees who Manage the Charity

Revd K A Beecham  
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Mrs J Croysdale  
Ms D E Daly  
Dr M Gilbert  
Mrs M H Llewellyn-Howells (joined 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024)  
Mr J D Jonczyk (joined 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024)  
Mrs P S Jonczyk (joined 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024)  
Mr L A Mosley  
Miss H D A Shacklock  
Miss A M Treasure  
Mr P Turlington  
Mrs S Turlington  
Mrs C I Young

#### Names of the Trustees for the Charity, if any (for example custodian trustees)

The Trustees for St Bartholomew's Church (custodian trustee)

## **SECTION B STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Type of Governing document**

Local Ecumenical Project Sharing Agreement between the Anglican and Methodist churches of Quorn: 10<sup>th</sup> May 1983

### **How the charity is constituted**

Act of Parliament

### **Trustee selection methods**

Ministers, together with people elected by the general meeting of all church members to specific posts. Plus, church representatives elected at the AGM for fixed terms.

## **SECTION C OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The focus of this review of church activities and achievements will be how St Bartholomew's United Church reflects our love and devotion to God and our commitment to church members and the wider community.

### **Ministry, Worship and Music**

#### **The Worship Committee**

During this Interregnum we have continued to maintain the variety of services that have long been a feature of this church. Regular Morning Worship (some with Baptism) and Family services have also been held, usually on the second and fourth Sundays. We continue to have a Book of Common Prayer sung Evensong service at 6.30 pm once a month, usually on the second Sunday and a midweek Book of Common Prayer Service of Holy Communion once a month on a Wednesday at 10 am. Methodist services are usually on the third Sunday. Rev Steve Delaforce usually officiates at our Common Worship Communion services on the first Sunday of the month.

Services are regularly reviewed and any feedback from members of the congregation is noted. This feedback informs our future planning. Future services are discussed up to six months in advance. I book the Officiants and prior to the service I also liaise with the Minister, Choir and Organist and those on our rotas (Readings and Intercessions) so that all are aware of what is planned for that particular service.

A few services have been led by members of our congregation. Keith Croysdale continues to lead the quarterly Taizé services to which members of the Baptist Church are also invited. Julie Croysdale led our service on Safeguarding. Paul Turlington, Tony Coates and Su Turlington lead different forms of Compline in Holy Week.

Special arrangements were made for the Service of Commemoration of the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day on 9<sup>th</sup> June and the Deputy Lieutenant attended. Dawn Daly gave a moving address. The Chair of Quorn Branch of the Royal British Legion, David Bowler, and the Deputy Chair of Quorn Parish Council, Bill Hollingworth, were present. The schools were represented and the Guides also were in attendance.

The Service of Commemoration of 80 years since the sinking of HMS Quorn on 4th August also required special arrangements and Loughborough Sea Cadets from TS Venomous, Leicester Sea Cadets from TS Tiger, the Quorn Branch RBL, the Leicester Senior Service Club, the Type 42 Destroyer Association, Members of the Parish Council and the Quorn Hunt joined the congregation. Rev Steve Delaforce officiated and Dennis Marchant gave a talk about the sinking of HMS Quorn.

On 11<sup>th</sup> August Claudia Domin, a Speaker from Intercare, spoke at our Morning Worship service. It marked the occasion when Kathleen Allwood stepped down from organising the monthly Intercare parcel after many years and Alison Cain took over.

In September a Celtic Morning Worship was led by Rev Steve Delaforce using some music from Celtic Daily Prayer, published by the Northumbria Community. Part of the service was accompanied by the Organ. The Hymns and music before and after the service were accompanied by the Folk Band (Mary Treasure, Keith Croysdale, Steve Delaforce and Helen Shacklock).

Bishop Saju, together with the Methodist Circuit Superintendent Rev Karen Beecham, officiated at our Confirmation service on 6<sup>th</sup> October. Four candidates were confirmed and given the Right Hand of Fellowship during the service. They were prepared for Confirmation by Dawn Daly and Heulwen Howells.

Dawn Daly, our Lay Minister, has had responsibility for Families and Life Events (Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals.) Over the past year she has continued to develop the Family service to include an expanding team of adults and an enthusiastic group of children who regularly take part. Heulwen Howells has assisted Dawn Daly with the Family services and has taken several services herself. We are very grateful to Dawn and the team for the hard work they have put into the planning of Family services, and to Dawn for planning and organising Morning Worship services, including those with Baptism.

Heulwen has now started her Associate Ministry training, having completed her first term from September to December 2024, during which she completed her first placement in the benefice of St. Botolph's, Shepshed with St James the Greater, Oaks in Charnwood. As part of her training, Heulwen led a daily prayer for Advent in St. Bartholomew's on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December, welcoming members of the Coffee and Chat group and others to participate as the congregation. Trainee Associate Minister Richard Hedley was placed here in St Bartholomew's from September to December. It is with great pride and pleasure that it can be announced that he found his placement a revelation, resulting in a glowing report about all that is being done here in Quorn.

The Crib service on Christmas Eve 2024 was very well attended by young families. Julie Croysdale, Diane Bird and the team put in a lot of hard work to ensure its success.

We have continued to develop our links with Quorn Baptist Church, supporting Joint Church events and services and in January 2024 we were invited to Quorn Baptist Church for a Unity service as part of the week of Christian Unity.

I am grateful to the members of the Committee for their support.

*Helen Shacklock (Chair, Worship Committee)*

### **St Bartholomew's Church Choir**

Choir Practice has been held on a Friday throughout the year and the choir has been present at services every Sunday. Anthems have been sung at special services at Epiphany, Candlemas, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Pentecost, the Commemoration of the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day, the Commemoration of the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the sinking of HMS Quorn, St Bartholomew's Day, Confirmation, the Memorial Service for the Bereaved, the Advent Candlelight Service and Nine Lessons and Carols. We have sung anthems at the monthly Book of Common Prayer Evensong services and have also begun to sing special settings of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis. Several additional people joined the choir for Advent and Nine Lessons and Carols. Members of the choir have also sung with the Circuit choir at festival Circuit services during the year.

Services have been accompanied on the organ by Angus McKechnie and Helen Shacklock. Angus has assisted at Choir Practice and shared the conducting at Evensong.

Tony Coates, Mary Treasure, Heulwen Howells, Charlotte Young and Steve Delaforce have played guitar, violin, alto saxophone and bass guitar at the monthly Family services. The orchestral group organised by Mary Treasure and Lindsey Holleworth, and assisted by Kathryn Barwell and members of Charnwood Orchestra, played at two services.

As ever, I am very grateful to the members of the choir, organists and musicians for their support, hard work and loyalty over the past year.

A Children's Choir, Children's Voices, trained by Anna Davies has performed at Family services during the year. Rachael Roberts has accompanied them on the piano or Keith Croysdale on guitar.

We are always keen to attract new choristers. Anyone who is willing to learn, enjoys singing and is enthusiastic, is invited to join us. Those with previous choral experience who can read music would be particularly welcome.

*Helen Shacklock (Director of Music)*

### **Bellringers**

The last Bell Maintenance Service was completed in December 2024, no issues were identified. Discussions are ongoing with the Property group regarding confined space access under the bells for clock maintenance.

Ringling during 2024 included practice nights most weeks and Sunday Service ringling, as well as ringling for wedding and other special events. We continue to monitor that there is adequate air circulation and have the window / door open and extractor fan on when ringling to maintain this. This has meant that during really cold weather we have cancelled practice due to the ringling room being very cold. In 2024 we also had a number of visiting ringers and trainee ringers.

There have been limited opportunities for social events during the year; we did enjoy an evening meal in January 2024.

*Faith Daykin (Tower Captain)*

### **Children and Families**

Monthly all-age services, mainly led by our voluntary Associate Minister Dawn Daly, have been held to offer families opportunities to worship and learn together and also to meet other families. Amanda Moxon, former Collective Worship lead at St Bartholomew's C of E Primary School until her retirement in July 2024, has also taken a role in some services, involving a number of children who have some connections with our church. We pass on to Amanda our grateful thanks for her enthusiastic support and we wish her a long and enjoyable retirement. Other members of the congregation and parents have also contributed, bringing their gifts of music, drama and creativity. Also involved has been the Children's Voices choir, led by Anna Davies.

Some special services are also geared to families and the Christmas Eve Crib service, now coordinated and organised by Julie Croysdale, Diane Bird and team, attracts sufficient families to fill the church. Children and their parents participate, and the nativity is portrayed visually with costumes, etc.

Uniformed youth organisations participated in the village Remembrance Service and in the service to commemorate the sinking of HMS Quorn. It has been noted by leaders that it is now more difficult than in the past to get members of these organisations to engage with church services.

Family-oriented activities are published on social media as well as by more conventional means.

During all services, families are welcome to use our 'children's area' at the front of the church, which has been reorganised by Children's Leader, Jasmine Austin, who ensures that it is resourced with activities that reflect the theme of the service.

A long-standing 'Open the Book' team, jointly run with Quorn Baptist Church, continues to offer a weekly assembly to the Primary School's Key Stage 1 students; it is much appreciated by both pupils and staff. Our voluntary Associate Minister, Dawn Daly, also leads Key Stage 2 assemblies two or three times a term, and Rev Sandra Marshall has done some too. Church members are involved with Christmas and Easter sessions for the Primary School at QBC and also with the Holiday Club in August.

The joint Holiday Club with Quorn Baptist Church was run as a single whole day activity in 2024. Bible-themed drama, crafts, music and games were presented to 11-year-olds. We are fortunate that Quorn Baptist Church take on the role of the main organisers and leaders, with St Bartholomew's contributing financially and to the planning, and supporting with leaders and safeguarding assistance on the day. Joint activities with QBC for children also take place at Easter.

Several families have brought their children to St Bartholomew's for baptism in 2024. The families are offered a preparation session in church and are supported through a home visit by Heulwen Howells.

In October 2024 we celebrated the confirmation of three of our younger members, Lyra, Eden and Amélie, together with Amélie's mother Marie. Bishop Saju certainly filled the church with his larger-than-life personality. It is wonderful to report that our confirmation candidates are actively continuing their spiritual growth through Bible study sessions using the Bibles presented to them by the church at their confirmation.

The basis for this report is the format initiated by Ruth Treseder in 2023 in her role as Youth Co-ordinator. We pass on our heartfelt thanks to Ruth for all she has done in St Bartholomew's for so many years.

*Jasmine Austin (Children's Leader)*  
*Heulwen Howells (Youth Leader)*

### **St Bartholomew's C of E Primary School**

Since the retirement of Amanda Moxon, responsibility for RE, Collective Worship and upholding the Christian ethos of the school has been ably continued jointly by the Headteacher, two Assistant Heads and Hannah Taylor. Leadership is enthusiastic, inspirational and supported by weekly input from the 'Open the Book' team of volunteers re-enacting Bible stories in costume for the three younger age groups.

Daily Collective Worship for the older classes takes a variety of forms held in the hall or classrooms. News items are discussed, inviting response from the children as to how this affects their lives. Termly themes recently have included Spirituality, the 'Big story of the Bible' and a series of important characters from the Old and New Testaments. These assemblies are led in turn by RE lead staff, Dawn Daly (C of E Lay Associate Minister), Rev Ian Smith (Baptist Minister), Keith Munro from SOAR (schools' outreach) and myself as Foundation Governor. A worship group of the oldest pupils set up the altar in the hall and do the final blessing. They also plan and deliver an assembly themselves several times each term showing great understanding and maturity.

RE is taught as a core subject with emphasis on Christianity and Christian values, but also an introduction is given to the other main world religions and their traditions. There is so much in common between the religions, and in a multicultural society children need to be aware of this rather than the divisions. Workshops are held to prepare for the major Christian festivals with craftwork and music. Children's work is often displayed in church and some take part in monthly family services.

Services for the whole school are held (in two consecutive sessions) in St Bartholomew's Church at the end of each term and many parents attend. Christmas productions by each age group are held at school and are also eagerly watched by proud family members.

Christian symbols and passages from scripture are evident around the school and quiet prayer spaces are available. The school pays great attention to the safety, well-being and spiritual development of the children and staff in preparing the pupils to be caring, thoughtful and responsible members of society.

As the school begins to prepare for SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) by the Diocese next academic year, I believe that good evidence of the upholding of Christianity, its values and ethos will be found and celebrated. The strong links and a happy working partnership between the school, Quorn United Church and Quorn Baptist Church give a very firm foundation, so I feel that St Bart's will show itself to be a very good example of a Church of England School.

*Alison Cooper (Retiring Foundation Governor)*

### **Rawlins Academy – a Church of England School**

Our church's link with Rawlins continues to strengthen. A vice-principal has been charged with the overall responsibility for RE and Collective Worship, with a senior member of staff leading Collective Worship and another for RE. The next SIAMS inspection is expected around September/October 2025. The monthly church magazine includes an article about Rawlins, written by staff, and it is good to have their good news shared with us.

The school has experienced difficulty in appointing and retaining suitably qualified and experienced RE teachers but there has been some improvement in this regard.

RE is now taught throughout the school, including Post 16, as a separate subject to PSHE. RE GCSE is compulsory, rather than an option, and the first Year 11 cohort sat the RE GCSE exam in June 2024. I am delighted to report that there were a number of A\* grades awarded.

Rawlins' students attend a service in church at least once a term, with over 1000 students attending at Christmas 2024 and the same number expected at Easter. The number will increase each year and it is anticipated that by 2027 all year groups will be included in the end of term services, which have been led by Rev Steve Delaforce. A welcome service in church at the start of Year 7 was introduced in September to maintain the links that most new students have with a church, as the majority of our feeder primary schools are church schools.

A lunchtime club for Year 7, based on worship, is run by Heulwen, and although numbers are small, the students are most enthusiastic. From October to Christmas, they looked up the symbols of Christmas and enthusiastically built and painted small lanterns, which they were presented with to take home after the church Christmas service. They produced pinecone angels for a display for the church Nativity Festival and were accompanied to church by the principal, Bob White, to set up their display. Students from the Art Club, run by teacher Hayley Fern, produced some beautiful drawings of angels to complement the display. The worship group, named Rawlins Reflections, is very keen to continue in 2025 and will look at topics such as Epiphany, saints, Lent, etc.

Year 8 students have a Friday lunchtime session with a Youth Worker from Mountsorrel Christchurch and St Peter's. Before Christmas our joint groups completed a project on Poverty, an initiative of the Bishop's Children and Youth Council. Listening to the views of young people in the Diocese is a priority for Bishop Martyn and it is good that Rawlins is firmly on board to participate.

*Heulwen Howells  
Foundation Governor (Ex-officio), Rawlins Academy  
Youth Leader, St. Bartholomew's Church, Quorn*

## **Safeguarding**

We continue to be busy as we embed safeguarding to ensure it is core to our mission as a church and helping us to build a safer community.

In accordance with the request from the Diocese, the church continues to operate the "Promoting a Safer Church Policy"; a copy of which is held at the back of the church in the policy folder and is available online for everyone to view [Diocese of Leicester | Resources for Church Settings \(anglican.org\)](https://www.anglican.org/diocese-of-leicester/resources-for-church-settings). In addition to the online resources and training, the Diocesan Safeguarding Team have offered advice and supported the church officers directly this year to help us ensure we are creating a safe environment for all our parishioners.

I am pleased to report that the church is continuing to actively use the Parish Dashboard as a means of keeping up to date with recording and reporting safeguarding activity, which covers a number of areas of compliance around training, policies and reporting, and church activities. The dashboard is an excellent tool which is RAG rated and therefore is a simple way to keep on top of any outstanding actions. A report is created for each UCC meeting and circulated as part of the minutes so the committee members can see any actions which are required.

We have continued to use the Parish Facebook page to promote services and it has been a great asset to ensure the villagers are aware of the portfolio of services on offer throughout the week; it was a particular help at Christmas as part of the wider communication strategy. The church members administering our social media pages are fully compliant with the Diocesan Social Media Policy.

The focus this year has been to make a start with reviewing the National Safeguarding Standards and making recommendations to the UCC on improvements we need to make to enhance our assurance; we have started with prevention. Our aim with review and offering assurance around these standards is to implement sustainable change that will make a difference to our church community.

We will hold our third safeguarding service in March 2025.

*Julie Croysdale (UCC Safeguarding Lead)*

## **Property**

During the year, the electrical lighting in the Chancel was replaced with new LED units, and the church electrical earth was connected to the existing lightning conductor as per IEE regulations. Some wiring in the tower was replaced and a new 3 phase circuit breaker box fitted. The five-yearly electric safety audit was carried out, and some corrective work undertaken. We were advised that the church passed this time, but major rewiring will be required at the next inspection.

Heating problems led to the installation of a new heat exchanger unit, water pressurisation unit and boiler timer control unit. One radiator at the rear of the North Aisle was replaced. A new water heater was fitted under the sink in the kitchen.

Work started on the provision of a new Memorial Garden for the internment of ashes as the Garden of Remembrance is almost full.

All annual maintenance tasks were successfully carried out.

*Susan Turlington (Chair, Property Group)*

## **Church Rooms**

2024 proved to be a year of mixed fortunes for the Church Rooms. Financially it is good to be able to report a surplus of over £1700 after returning £2000 to the Church Council in respect of the financial assistance provided in the previous year towards the cost of the roof repairs. Fortunately

there were no such major problems arising in 2024. The expenditure has stabilised as a result of favourable fuel tariffs, by current standards, which will remain fixed for two more years.

Still on financial matters, there was a perceptible reduction in lettings income in 2024 by comparison with the previous year, as some regular hirers either ceased to meet altogether during the year or chose to take their custom elsewhere. One frequent cause of complaint by hirers is that of car parking difficulties. Whilst this is valid, there are similar difficulties in other halls in Quorn – for example, the Old School has no parking at all. Notwithstanding such issues, there are still frequent 'spot' bookings and, of course, the Pre-School, which is the principal user during school terms, is a substantial and welcome community facility in the village.

As regards the membership of the Committee, Michelle Pullen, our splendid Bookings Secretary for the past three years, left Quorn to live in Spain in September and Charlotte Young assumed the role, introducing more interactive arrangements for booking the Church Rooms, with an almost seamless transfer. This has worked very well. The whole matter of the Church Rooms Committee's functionality will need to be given attention in the near future.

*David Bodicoat (Treasurer, Church Rooms Committee)*

### **Acknowledgements**

2024 was another busy year for the church, as can be seen from the above reports.

St Bartholomew's was placed in a Minster Community grouping comprising 13 churches to start Phase 2 of the formation process. Eight Working Groups, made up of members of these churches, have met to discuss the following aspects: Buildings; Growing faith & schools; Discipleship, mission & pioneering; Engagement, governance and safeguarding; People & ministry; Worship, liturgy & music; Geography, context & resources; Finance & generosity. Their findings have been submitted to the Co-ordinating Group which will produce a Minster Community proposal for church councils to consider in the Spring. We are grateful to all who have given much time and thought to this on-going process.

The church was open on the first Sunday in September, providing tea, coffee and biscuits for visitors to the Quorn Food and Craft Fair. The following week we were part of the Historic Churches Ride and Stride route.

Coffee and Chat takes place every Saturday morning, sessions which are enjoyed by the 'regulars' as well as those just popping in. Many thanks to the volunteers providing service on the day.

The very popular Parish Lunch, usually held after the service on the third Sunday of the month, continued through the year. Our thanks go to all those providing soup, sandwiches and desserts, and those attending. From 2025 it will move to the second Sunday of the month.

In addition, we are very grateful to the cleaners, brass cleaners and flower arrangers who keep the church looking so nice throughout the year, to those who provide refreshments after services, to those who play any part before and during services, and to those who organise the rotas.

We are also grateful for the immense amount of work done by our Worship Committee, providing a continuity of services throughout the year, and also the Property Committee for ensuring that the church structure remains in good condition.

We are thankful for all those, lay and ordained, who continue to be available to take our services through the interregnum. Without them we could not keep the level of ministry at its present level.

Finally, we would thank all our congregation for their love, support and prayers.

*Paul Turlington (Transition Churchwarden)*

## **SECTION D FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Our financial position has deteriorated year on year since 2020. In 2023 we made a loss of some £8000. Consequently, at the start of 2024 we embarked on a fundraising campaign. Many generous people increased their giving while we also lost some donors. We set up the Heritage Fund to support the fabric of the building which has attracted additional donors but also diverted donations from the church towards specifically supporting the building. This should raise close to £5K in a full year. By the end of 2024 our income from donations, collections and planned giving had increased by just over 30%, £16K, although some of those were one-offs to pay towards major boiler repairs. We also had several generous bequests which helped the financial situation.

Having taken steps to increase income we have also reviewed our expenditure. Our major expenditure has always been our Parish Gift to the Diocese. In 2023 it was £45K. In 2024 we took on an administrator who was funded by reducing the gift pro-rata. It has now been decided to fund the administrator ourselves and reduce the payment to the Diocese to £32K. As a result of our actions we only lost £1.5K in 2024.

Despite the increase in income, 2024 was financially challenging. Work to improve the lighting ended up costing 2½ times more than expected because of unexpected electrical problems, and the boiler failure has cost over £20K with some payments still due and some ongoing issues. Particular thanks are due to those individuals who generously donated specifically for that project.

Our current financial position is now on a firmer footing and barring further unexpected problems, we might be able to start replenishing reserves lost over the last few years.

*Jon Cox (Treasurer)*

## **SECTION E BRIEF STATEMENT OF THE CHARITY'S POLICY ON RESERVES**

The Church policy is to follow the 2015 Leicester Diocese recommendation suggesting that ideally, overall reserves should be maintained between 25% and 50% of the previous year's expenditure. Reserves at the end of 2024 were £34K (including Church rooms accounts). This is 29% of expenditure, down from 35% the previous year and low for a Grade I listed building. We have just found out how expensive repairs can be. A review of the policy will be made shortly.

*Jon Cox (Treasurer)*

## **SECTION F DETAILS OF ANY FUNDS MATERIALLY IN DEFICIT**

None

## Deanery Synod Report for Akeley East Deanery 2024

Three Deanery Synod meetings were held during the year. Our representatives at these meetings were Paul Turlington and Keith Croysdale, joined by Julie Croysdale following her election at the APCM in May.

At the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> February, Simon Wilson, Director of Finance for the Diocese, gave a short presentation on the current financial situation. Expenditure has exceeded income year on year since around 2014. The Diocese has been selling assets to try to balance the books but needs a different strategy as this is unsustainable. Even though expenditure has been streamlined and cuts made, inflation compounded by the drop in parish contributions mean that our costs continue to rise. It was noted that National Church funding is now no longer given for general ministry but targeted at specific strategic projects, making us even more dependent on parish contributions to form the main source of income for day-to-day running costs. The costs of maintaining ministry form the bulk of our expenditure at around £6.5m, with Diocese and support staff costing £2.3m, central operating overheads £1.6m, and a smaller amount for Chaplaincy. We now consistently have an annual deficit of over £2m.

At the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> June, Elizabeth York, Lead Chaplain at Loughborough University, gave a short presentation on the ways in which the multi-faith chaplaincy team supports a community of 20,000 students, 3,500 of which are international students from 135 different countries, and 4,000 staff. The team supports the University in promoting an inclusive community and works to build partnerships between “town and gown”. Chaplains make it a point to be out and about on campus, providing unconditional, non-judgmental support to everyone, whether they are of any faith or none. Activities include bereavement cafés, workshops to support mental and spiritual wellbeing, and events such as Holocaust Memorial Day collaborating with Loughborough Council of Faith. Regular services include Holy Communion and Morning Prayer, as well as Catholic Mass, and seasonal worship around Christmas and Easter. The team also works to build supportive relationships with 13 different student faith groups and societies, 7 of which are Christian. The four Minster Community groupings are now moving into Phase 2, where work will focus on developing a strategy for how each might come together to set up a Minster Community and function together. Part of this process involves recalibrating spiritual leadership as we provide greater opportunities for lay leadership and ministry. The importance of encouraging each other and maintaining active PCCs was highlighted.

The final meeting of the year was held on 8<sup>th</sup> October. Matt Long, Youth Engagement & Intergenerational Communities Enabler, gave a short presentation on the work of the Bishop's Children & Youth Council (BCYC) to engage and listen to younger people across our Diocese and to develop intergenerational worshipping communities. The most important thing is to listen well, especially to young people, children, and families. This isn't always as straightforward as it sounds as each generation almost has its own language. Listening well helps us to understand what matters to them and how it builds worth, confidence and self-esteem. Such listening is vital in building meaningful relationships of trust and creating a culture of 'being heard.' The BCYC is now a Diocese-wide network of 227 under-18s. Everyone involved works in listening groups to gather feedback from children and young people in their own areas, which is reflected on and reported to the Bishop who then responds. Recent listening reports and responses are available at: <https://www.leicester.anglican.org/info-for-parishes/children-families-and-young-people/bishops-children-and-youth-council-bcyc/>, along with further information on how to get involved. Probably the least developed area of ministry for children and young people is how to engage with the missing generation of their parents. By thinking about intergenerational rather than multigenerational communities, the hope is to shift the focus onto how we get people worshipping and doing things together. The importance of relationships with grandparents was also highlighted, with many valuing the contribution that relationships with “surrogate” grandparents at church had made to their own faith journeys. Christ Church will be inviting godparents of children baptised in the church to a special “Godparents Day” to reconnect and hopefully build some relationships with those who have expressed an interest in faith and church in the past.

## **Report on the Proceedings of the UCC 2024**

The UCC held six meetings during 2024 plus two additional meetings. The average attendance was 15 members. Each meeting commenced with an opening prayer. The summary of proceedings is as follows:

16<sup>th</sup> January

Due to our current financial situation, payments to the Diocese will be suspended for two months to allow reserves to be replenished. Costs are rising year on year and our income is not going to go back up to what it was pre-pandemic. A fundraising campaign is required. A heritage fund will also be set up specifically for donations towards the upkeep of the church. UCC supports the introduction of the Prayers of Love and Faith (same-sex blessings). A votive candle stand will be gifted to the church in memory of the Orton family.

12<sup>th</sup> February

Minster Community process: preparatory meeting for the Discernment Day on 24<sup>th</sup> February, when discussions will take place with other churches in our proposed Minster Community grouping.

20<sup>th</sup> March

The church fundraising campaign has commenced. An annual budget will need to be set in order to determine how much we can afford to pay the Diocese in future. It was agreed to proceed with the appointment of a church administrator. An independent safeguarding structure has been proposed for the C of E. It was agreed that another Christmas festival will be held this year.

25<sup>th</sup> March

Minster Community process: meeting to complete the proposed grouping response for Group D membership.

14<sup>th</sup> May Annual Parochial Church Meeting

12<sup>th</sup> June

Giving still needs to increase; QR codes will be introduced in order to encourage donations. There is a pressing need for new members for the Church Rooms committee, also for a new Bookings Secretary. The new Church Administrator is now in post. A Churchwarden and Church Steward rota will be set up. Minster Community Phase 2: working groups will now start to meet. The Chancel lighting and earthing work will finally commence on 15<sup>th</sup> July.

10<sup>th</sup> September

We are still not raising enough money to cover our running costs. It has been decided to proceed with much-needed repairs to the heating system, at a cost of £11k. Funding applications will be made to the National Lottery and the Diocese which should cover a large part of the cost. Repair work required on the Tower buttresses, recommended at the last Quinquennial, is not considered urgent and can be delayed until the heating has been addressed. An online booking system for the Church Rooms has been put in place. The new National Safeguarding Standards have been introduced. Rev Karen Beecham is now Superintendent of the Melton Circuit as well as the Loughborough Circuit and discussions are ongoing merge the two Circuits from September 2025. Rev Sandra Marshall will be retiring in the summer of 2025.

13<sup>th</sup> November

Thanks to grants obtained, the VAT refund and an additional £5k funding, the costs of the heating repair have been covered and work is currently underway. The water heater in the kitchen needs to be replaced. A better way of accessing the clock mechanism for maintenance is being considered. A large number of church records have now been archived in the County Records Office. A small group has commenced working through the new safeguarding standards; it is a three-year rolling programme of sustainable change.

**SECTION G DECLARATION**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.  
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature ..... *A. M. Treasure* .....

Full name ..... *ANNE MARY TREASURE* .....

Position (eg Secretary, Chair) ..... *SECRETARY* .....

Date ..... *19.04.25* .....



## St Bartholomew's United Church, Quorn

Registered Charity Number 1134810

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending  
31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

Charity no. 1134810

St Bartholomew's United Church Quorn

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	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year funds
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	82,349	0	0	82,349	59,901
Charitable activities	13,576	0	0	13,576	15,287
Other trading activities	22,238	0	0	22,238	22,440
Investments	835	0	0	835	884
Separate material item of income	0	0	0	0	0
Other	2,496	0	0	2,496	1,289
<b>Total</b>	<b>121,493</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>121,493</b>	<b>99,802</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	0	0	0	0	0
Charitable activities	117,514	0	0	117,514	103,531
Separate material item of expense	0	0	0	0	0
Other	5,436	0	0	5,436	4,985
<b>Total</b>	<b>122,949</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>122,949</b>	<b>108,516</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)</b>	<b>-1,456</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-1,456</b>	<b>-8,713</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<b>-1,456</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-1,456</b>	<b>-8,713</b>
Extraordinary items	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>	<b>-1,456</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-1,456</b>	<b>-8,713</b>
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward	750,620	0	0	750,620	
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>749,164</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>749,164</b>	

# **St Bartholomew's United Church, Quorn**

## **Notes to the financial statements for the year ending 31st December 2024**

### **Accounting Policies**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP (FRS102) 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the United Church Council 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**

Unrestricted funds are general funds which may be used for United Church Council ordinary purposes. All Church funds are within this category.

### **Incoming resources**

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax funds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the United Church Council is legally entitled to the amounts due. Interest is accrued. All other income is recognised 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 United Church Council. The Diocesan Parish Share and Methodist Circuit Assessment are accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

### **Related Party Transactions**

During the year £1116 was paid to one trustee as assistant organist. There were no other related party transactions in the year.

### **Fixed Assets**

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

The Church Rooms buildings are included in the financial statements at a deemed valuation being the insured value. The United Church Council considers it inappropriate to make any depreciation charge.

As there is also insufficient cost information available for any further assets they are not valued in these financial statements. In recent years no individual item has cost more than £1000, so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

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December 2024

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Year Total</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
S01 Donations and legacies					
Donations received	13,390	0	0	13,390	3,213
Planned giving	41,337	0	0	41,337	37,965
Collections	7,073	0	0	7,073	4,648
Gift aid tax income	10,548	0	0	10,548	11,075
Grants received	5,000	0	0	5,000	0
Bequests and legacies	5,000	0	0	5,000	3,000
	82,349	0	0	82,348	59,901
S02 Charitable activities (inc.)					
Sales	98	0	0	98	13
Parochial fees	13,478	0	0	13,478	15,275
	13,576	0	0	13,576	15,288
S03 Other trading activities					
Fundraising income	1,934	0	0	1,934	1,621
Quorn News	1,037	0	0	1,037	789
Letting/hire income	0	0	0	0	25
Lettings (Previous year)	240	0	0	240	168
Lettings	7,807	0	0	7,807	9,165
Quorn Pre-School lettings	11,221	0	0	11,221	10,673
	22,239	0	0	22,239	22,441
S04 Investments					
Interest received	835	0	0	835	884
	834	0	0	835	884
S05 Separate material item of income					
	0	0	0	0	0
S06 Other (inc.)					
Other income	1,185	0	0	1,185	605
Reimbursements	792	0	0	792	684
VAT refunds	520	0	0	520	0
	2,498	0	0	2,497	1,289
S08 Raising funds					
	0	0	0	0	0
S09 Charitable activities					
Charitable donations	1,449	0	0	1,449	824

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	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Year Total</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Vicars expenses	7,551	0	0	7,551	1,933
Parish magazine costs	1,437	0	0	1,437	1,075
Service expenses	953	0	0	953	354
Music	844	0	0	844	331
Youthwork, outreach, pastoral	631	0	0	631	481
Parish Gift	38,246	0	0	38,246	45,000
Circuit assessment	9,767	0	0	9,767	9,462
Volunteer expenses	569	0	0	569	1,134
Utilities	352	0	0	352	212
Electricity	3,848	0	0	3,848	5,472
Gas	5,498	0	0	5,498	10,373
Water charges	415	0	0	415	361
Refuse collection	1,107	0	0	1,107	1,178
Insurances	5,030	0	0	5,030	4,572
Carctaking	4,071	0	0	4,071	3,997
Repairs & maintenance	24,120	0	0	24,120	14,352
Maintenance - consumables	426	0	0	426	609
Significant building works	5,588	0	0	5,588	0
Clock	316	0	0	316	287
Heating	420	0	0	420	0
Professional fees	481	0	0	481	0
Printing/photocopying	361	0	0	361	133
Postage,stationery,etc	65	0	0	65	31
Publicity costs	576	0	0	576	260
Subscriptions	285	0	0	285	155
IT costs	954	0	0	954	642
Equipment purchases	1,119	0	0	1,119	0
Other costs	1,035	0	0	1,035	304
	117,516	0	0	117,514	103,532
S10 Separate material item of expense					
	0	0	0	0	0
S11 Other (exp.)					
Parochial fees DBF	1,882	0	0	1,882	1,710
Other fees	3,554	0	0	3,554	3,275
	5,436	0	0	5,436	4,985
S14 Net gains/(losses) on investments					
	0	0	0	0	0
S16 Extraordinary items					
	0	0	0	0	0
S17 Transfers between funds					
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0

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	0	0	0	0	0
S18 Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets					
	0	0	0	0	0
S19 Other gains/(losses)					
	0	0	0	0	0

	Total funds	Prior year funds
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Intangible assets	0	0
Tangible assets	715,000	715,000
Heritage assets	0	0
Investments	0	0
<i>Total fixed assets</i>	<b>715,000</b>	<b>715,000</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Stocks	0	0
Debtors	0	0
Investments	0	0
Cash at bank and in hand	34,164	35,620
<i>Total current assets</i>	<b>34,164</b>	<b>35,620</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	0	0
<i>Net current assets/(liabilities)</i>	34,164	35,620
<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>	<b>749,164</b>	<b>750,620</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	0	0
Provisions for liabilities	0	0
<b>Total net assets or liabilities</b>	<b>749,164</b>	<b>750,620</b>
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>		
Endowment funds	0	0
Restricted income funds	0	0
Unrestricted funds	749,164	750,620
Revaluation reserve	0	0
<b>Total charity funds</b>	<b>749,164</b>	<b>750,620</b>

Signed by one or two trustees  
on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy
<i>Susan Torlingston</i>	SUSAN TORLINGSTON	14.03.2025

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That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the UCC 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 any 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**

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  - To prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations 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.

Michael Buckley  
Independent Examiner  
14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

*M Buckley*



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Year to December 2024

All fund codes consolidated

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TOTAL SURPLUS/DEFICIT	(1,455)	(8,714)
BS FIGURES START OF YEAR		
Money	35,620	44,334
Creditors	0	0
Other Net Assets/Liabilities	715,000	715,000
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	750,620	759,334
BS FIGURES END OF PERIOD		
Money	34,164	35,620
Creditors	0	0
Other Net Assets/Liabilities	715,000	715,000
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Michael Buckley  
Independent Examiner  
14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

*M Buckley*



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# Accounts

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St Bartholomew's United Church Quorn  
Charity Number 1134810



## TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

For the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

### SECTION A REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

**Charity Name**

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Bartholomew, Quorn

**Other Names by which charity is known**

None

**Registered Charity Number**

1134810

**Charity's Principal Address**

St Bartholomew's Church  
Church Lane  
Quorn  
LE12 8DP

**Names of Trustees who Manage the Charity**

Revd K A Beecham (joined 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023)

Revd S K Marshall

Mrs D E Bird

Mr M G Bird

Mr D F Bodicoat

Mr A G Coates

Mr D C Cooper

Mr J H Cox

Mr K F Croysdale

Mrs J Croysdale

Ms D E Daly

Dr M Gilbert

Mr A Mosley

Miss H D A Shacklock

Miss A M Treasure

Mr P Turlington

Mrs S Turlington

Mrs C I Young (joined 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023)

Mr J G Maltby (left 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023)

Miss S Newton (left 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023)

Revd M A Lomax (left 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023)

Mrs C Thornborow (left 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023)

**Names of the Trustees for the Charity, if any (for example custodian trustees)**

The Trustees for St Bartholomew's Church (custodian trustee)

## **SECTION B STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Type of Governing document**

Local Ecumenical Project Sharing Agreement between the Anglican and Methodist churches of Quorn: 10<sup>th</sup> May 1983

### **How the charity is constituted**

Act of Parliament

### **Trustee selection methods**

Ministers, together with people elected by the general meeting of all church members to specific posts. Plus, church representatives elected at the AGM for fixed terms.

## **SECTION C OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The focus of this review of church activities and achievements will be how St Bartholomew's United Church reflects our love and devotion to God and our commitment to church members and the wider community.

### **Ministry, Worship and Music**

#### **The Worship Committee**

During this Interregnum we have continued to maintain the variety of services that have long been a feature of this church. Regular Morning Worship (some with Baptism) and Family Services have also been held, usually on the second and fourth Sundays. We continue to have a Book of Common Prayer sung Evensong service at 6.30pm once a month, usually on the second Sunday, and a midweek Book of Common Prayer Service of Holy Communion once a month on a Wednesday at 10am. Methodist services are usually on the third Sunday. Rev Steve Delaforce usually takes our Common Worship Communion services on the first Sunday of the month.

Services are regularly reviewed and any feedback from members of the congregation is noted. This feedback informs our future planning.

Future services are discussed up to six months in advance. I book the Officiants and prior to the service I also liaise with the Minister, Choir and Organist and those on our rotas (Readings, Intercessions and Servers) so that all are aware of what is planned for that particular service. Ray Rue writes the rota for Sidespeople.

A few services have been led by members of our congregation. Julie Croysdale led our service on Safeguarding in September. Keith Croysdale led a Morning Worship service in June and will lead a Taizé service in January 2024 to which members of the Baptist Church will be invited. During Holy Week Paul Turlington, Tony Coates and Su Turlington all led different forms of Compline.

Rev Canon Nick Bird was welcomed back to Quorn for a service of Evening Worship in July 2023. We also had a Speaker at the Morning Worship service led by Dawn Daly on 11<sup>th</sup> June from Exaireo, a Charity for the Homeless. We are looking forward to welcoming Professor Julian Allwood back to Quorn in February to speak at a Morning Worship service about the Environment.

Dawn Daly, our Lay Minister, has responsibility for Families and Life Events (Baptisms, Weddings Funerals.) Over the past year she has continued to develop the Family Service to include an expanding team of adults and an enthusiastic group of children who regularly take part. Heulwen Howells has assisted Dawn with the Family Services and has taken several services herself. Amanda Moxon has also helped with Family Services. We are very grateful to Dawn and the team for the hard work they have put into the planning of Family Services and to Dawn for planning and organising Morning Worship services including those with Baptism. Baptisms continue to be an

integral part of a Morning Worship service and we are grateful to ministers who are happy to attend baptism preparation sessions and officiate at the service. Several baptisms have been held during 2023, with Dawn and Heulwen initially working with the families, to advise in the selection of godparents, and to offer prayers and guidance. Baptism families are invited to attend Family Services in the months preceding the baptism service and they continue to receive invitations to subsequent Family Services as well as others, such as the Christmas Eve Crib Service.

The Crib service on Christmas Eve 2023 was very well attended by young families. Diane Bird, Julie Croysdale and the team put in a lot of hard work to ensure its success.

We have continued to develop our links with Quorn Baptist Church, supporting Joint Church events and services and in January 2024 we are invited to attend Quorn Baptist Church for a Unity service as part of the week of Christian Unity.

I am grateful to the members of the Committee for their support and for all their work. In my absence Dawn Daly chaired the meetings.

*Helen Shacklock (Chair, Worship Committee)*

### **St Bartholomew's Church Choir**

Choir practice has been held on a Friday throughout the year and the choir has been present at services every Sunday. Anthems have been sung at special services on Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Pentecost, the Memorial Service for the Bereaved, the Advent Light Service, Nine Lessons and Carols, Epiphany and Candlemas. We have also sung anthems at the monthly Book of Common Prayer Evensong services and, when we have been invited, at a few weddings and funerals. Several new members joined us for Advent and Nine Lessons and we are very pleased that some will also join us on Good Friday 2024.

Services have been accompanied on the organ by Angus McKechnie and Helen Shacklock. Chris Hill, David Bristow and Andy Stockley have also helped out. Tony Coates, Mary Treasure, Heulwen Howells and Charlotte Young, assisted by Steve Delaforce, have played guitar, violin, alto saxophone and bass at the monthly Family Services.

An orchestral group organised by Mary Treasure and assisted by Lindsey Holleworth, Kathryn Barwell and members of the Charnwood Orchestra will play at the service of Morning Prayer on 11<sup>th</sup> February.

Angus McKechnie deserves a special mention. For personal reasons I was unable to come to Church in the late Summer and early Autumn of 2023. Angus took over the Choir and nearly all the organ playing, keeping everything going admirably and he continues to give me a lot of support.

As ever, I am very grateful to the members of the choir, organists and musicians for their support, hard work and loyalty over the past year.

A Children's Choir, Children's Voices, trained by Anna Davies has performed successfully at three family services during the year. Rachael Roberts has accompanied them on the piano on the last two occasions.

We are always keen to attract new choristers. Anyone who is willing to learn, enjoys singing and is enthusiastic, is invited to join us. Those with previous choral experience who can read music would be particularly welcome.

*Helen Shacklock (Director of Music)*

### **Bellringers**

The last Bell Maintenance Service was completed in July 2023, no issues were identified. Replacement ropes for three bells have been ordered at a cost of £105 + VAT per rope.

Ringling during 2023 included practice nights most weeks and Sunday Service ringling, as well as ringling for wedding and other special events. We continue to monitor that there is adequate air circulation and have the window / door open and extractor fan on when ringling to maintain this. This has meant that during really cold weather we have cancelled practice due to the ringling room being very cold. In 2023, we also had a number of visiting ringlers and trainee ringlers.

During 2023 we had the pleasure to ring for HM King Charles III and Queen Camilla's Coronation on 6<sup>th</sup> May, where a group of three ringlers from Quorn visited Seagrave to ring on the morning of the Coronation, in addition to ringling at Quorn just before the Coronation service commenced.

There have been a few opportunities for social events during the year: we enjoyed an evening meal in the village in January 2023 and visited Seagrave for practice in November, afterwards we shared an excellent pub meal at Seagrave.

*Faith Daykin (Tower Captain)*

### **Children and Families**

Monthly all-age services have been held to offer families opportunities to worship and learn together and also to meet other families. Our Voluntary Associate Minister, together with a member of the church council and the RE lead at St Bartholomew's C of E Primary School, have all planned and taken leading roles in these services and have always involved a number of children who have some connections with our church. These connections have been made mainly through contact with the Primary School and attendance at Messy Church in the past. Other members of the congregation and parents have also contributed, bringing their gifts of music, drama, etc.

Some special services are also geared to families and the Christmas Eve Crib service attracts sufficient families to fill the church. Children and their parents again participate and the nativity is portrayed visually with costumes, etc. Uniformed youth organisations also participate in the village Remembrance Service.

Family-oriented activities are published on social media as well as by more conventional means.

During all services, families are welcome to use our 'play corner' at the front of the church, which is now particularly well equipped thanks to the generosity of one of the older children in giving some of the toys she has grown out of.

A long-standing 'Open the Book' team, jointly run with Quorn Baptist Church, continues to offer a weekly assembly to the Primary School's Key Stage 1 and 2 students; it is much appreciated by both pupils and staff. Our Voluntary Associate Minister, Dawn Daly, also leads Key Stage 2 assemblies two or three times a term, and Rev Sandra Marshall has done some too. Church members are involved with Christmas and Easter sessions for the Primary School at QBC and also with the Holiday Club in August.

'Restoration Station' was the Holiday Club offered in August 2023. Bible-themed drama, crafts, music and games were presented over three days to 5-11 year olds. Quorn Baptist Church are the main organisers and leaders in what has historically been a joint project, but St Bartholomew's did make some contributions both practically and financially.

*Ruth Treseder (Youth Co-ordinator)*

### **St Bartholomew's C of E Primary School**

I have been in post for a year now, and have done all the training including preparation for the SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection by the Diocese next year. The previous one gave the school an outstanding report. I am pleased to say that my experience of the ethos, teaching and upholding of Christian beliefs, values and standards is very evident throughout the school and hopefully bodes well for the next inspection.

The leadership of RE and Collective Worship by Amanda Moxon and Hannah Taylor, supported by the Head, Alex Clark, and staff is enthusiastic and inspirational. There is visual evidence of Christian symbols, texts and displays throughout the school. RE is taught as a core subject and should ideally, including assemblies, occupy 5-10% of the curriculum.

Assemblies and Collective Worship are held daily for all age groups, either in the hall or classroom. There is a weekly input from the Open the Book team, presenting costumed Bible stories to the younger children and this is always enjoyed. Collective Worship with a termly theme is for older children and is led by a team of staff plus Dawn, Ian Smith from Quorn Baptist Church, Keith from SOAR and myself. There are workshops to prepare for the Christian festivals and the congregation has enjoyed seeing their displays in church.

A group from Years 5 and 6 plan and lead an assembly for the whole school. I am impressed by their commitment and confidence, which shines out when they take part in Family Services in church.

I have accompanied visits to a synagogue and Hindu mandir and was impressed by the knowledge of the children in remembering all they were taught beforehand. I believe that a visit to the Loughborough mosque is also planned. It is important that the children learn about other faiths and can see how much common ground there is with Christianity.

My role is to be a link between church and school and I have enjoyed being in school, taking part in many of the assemblies, services and events, and getting to know the children and staff.

The school is providing an excellent grounding in Christianity for every child and this is important, too, for their spiritual, social and cultural development and well-being. This is a doubly important role as sadly many families do not provide this Christian background. The school is helping to prepare children to be kind, respectful and responsible as they take their place in the modern world.

*Alison Cooper (Foundation Governor)*

### **Rawlins Academy – a Church of England School**

The link between St Bartholomew's Church and Rawlins Academy, a Church of England school, has historically been most tenuous for several reasons. In fact, the only noticeable sign was the annual Christmas concert held in church and an occasional summer concert, with the venue itself being the only religious symbol. A significant obstacle for many years was the refusal by successive Principals to consider Rawlins anything but a church school in name only. A breakthrough came a few years ago with the appointment of Clare Darby, totally committed to honouring our link. Not only did she have to battle against more than 30 years of secularism, she then had to contend with the Covid pandemic; the re-introduction of students to attending school with appropriate behaviour and work ethic; the extended negotiations leading to a merger of Rawlins, a single academy trust, into Embrace, as part of a multi-academy Trust; and a school comprising of numerous buildings of varying age and suitability, some of questionable robustness requiring daily intervention, that are now part of an approved plan for a significant rebuild. Clare did her best, attending some church services and reading a lesson during our annual Nine Lessons and Carols, and introducing a Christmas service in church, starting with Year 7 in December 2022. A positive note during her tenure was the appointment of an enthusiastic Head of RE at Easter 2023 but sadly this ended in October owing to ill-health. Consequently, the teaching of RE and regular collective Christian worship remained a concern.

At the end of October 2023 Clare announced her departure from Rawlins. We have been fortunate that, as part of a multi-academy Trust, an acting Principal was immediately instated and, as from January 2024, Bob White has now agreed to remain as Principal with the intention of leading the school through its forthcoming OFSTED and SIAMS inspections.

Bob is continuing Clare's engagement with St Bartholomew's and has declared his intention to promote christianity to Christianity (note the capital C!). Since October 2023, the oversight of RE

at Rawlins and collective worship has been reviewed and made more robust. Members of staff with commitment to RE, collective worship and the school's Christian ethos have been identified. Two students read a lesson during the service led by Bishop Martyn at the end of October; two separate Christmas services were held in church at the end of term, one for Year 7 and the other for Year 8. The Year 7 service was attended by Tracey Manns, Deputy Director of Education for the Diocese of Leicester. Tracey was highly encouraged, through her conversations with Bob and with what she had witnessed for herself, about the steps being taken to increase the Christian ethos and for Rawlins to become visibly recognised as a church school. It is the intention to continue to bring students to church for services, building up over time to include services for all years, 7 through to 13, initially at Christmas, then at Easter and the end of the school year in July. As I write this, four Rawlins students are preparing to play a significant role in the Family Service on 25<sup>th</sup> February, a service that will hopefully be attended by some members of staff and students to offer their support, as well as some governors. A future initiative is to invite and encourage budding young journalists to contribute to our monthly church magazine, Quorn News.

I take my role as a Foundation Governor extremely seriously. I attend all meetings that I possibly can; I have completed training and courses appropriate for my role, such as Prayer Spaces in School, Safeguarding and preparation for SIAMS; together with my fellow Foundation Governor I have taken the role of link governor for RE; and I sign on to monthly Zoom briefings run by the Diocese's Department of Education for Foundation Governors. At the Christmas concert and Christmas services I was invited to speak and to give a blessing. I am encouraged that the future for our link with Rawlins shows great promise.

*Heulwen Howells (Foundation Governor (ex-officio))*

### **Safeguarding**

This year continues to be busy as we embed safeguarding to ensure it is core to our mission as a church.

In accordance with the request from the Diocese the church continue to operate the "Promoting a Safer Church Policy"; a copy of which is held at the back of the church in the policy folder and is available online for everyone to view at [Diocese of Leicester | Resources for Church Settings \(anglican.org\)](https://www.dioceseofleicester.org/resources-for-church-settings). In addition to the online resources and training, the Diocesan Safeguarding Team have offered advice and supported the church officers directly this year to help us ensure we are creating a safe environment for all our parishioners.

I am pleased to report that the church is continuing to actively using the Parish Dashboard as a means of keeping up to date with recording and reporting safeguarding activity, which covers a number of areas of compliance around training, policies and reporting and church activities. The dashboard is an excellent tool which is RAG rated, and therefore is a simple way to keep on top of any outstanding actions. A report is created for each UCC meeting and circulated as part of the minutes so the committee members can see any actions which are required.

We have continued to use the Parish Facebook page to promote services and it has been a great asset to ensure the villagers are aware of the portfolio of services on offer throughout the week; it was a particular help at Christmas as part of the wider communication strategy. The church members administering our social media pages are fully compliant with the Diocesan Social Media Policy.

The focus this year has been on UCC members and other key leaders ensuring their training was up to date and this was achieved by using the online platform and a series of face-to-face training sessions in our church in June and July which were attended by many in our church and the surrounding area.

We also held our second safeguarding service in September, considering something said by Bishop Martyn; Safeguarding is not about Policies, Procedures and Training, as important as these are. Safeguarding is about people and creating safe spaces. So the address considered how we

can show God's love at a practical level and how each and every one of us has a part to play in helping to create and importantly maintain that safe space for our church community.

*Julie Croysdale (UCC Safeguarding Lead)*

### **Property**

This has been a busy year in which we have been involved in a wide variety of activities. The Property group met on seven occasions in 2023.

We have an annual maintenance list and ensured that all essential maintenance tasks were completed. These include checks on fire extinguishers, fire alarm and emergency lighting, and lightning conductor, PAT testing, servicing clock, bells and gas boiler, and organ tuning. Cleaning guttering and drains, and monitoring and maintenance of the roof security system, were also carried out.

Energy costs in winter 2022/2023 were of concern and the heating programme was modified to reduce these, although this did result in complaints from the congregation on colder days. Considerable time was spent investigating and costing the installation of pew heaters in the nave. Initial costs for installation were high due to the need to establish an appropriate route for wiring, and more work would be needed on this. The project would have been funded by a grant application and donations but was deferred while gas and electricity prices are volatile. To meet climate change requirements, we may need to return to this in future.

Further work was carried out on the project to create a new memorial garden in the old Churchyard. A design was produced by our architect and some minor modifications agreed. Material costs have been obtained and currently we are trying to obtain quotations from stonemasons for installation of the proposed stonework. We shall attempt to move this forward in 2024.

In May windows in the kitchen and creche were vandalised, and a considerable amount of time was spent to protect the Church until repairs were carried out, and to liaise with the insurers. After a lot of discussion the windows were repaired and are now protected by thick polycarbonate sheets.

A number of lights in the chancel failed and needed to be replaced by new LED light fittings. This work was agreed by the UCC in September, and a Faculty application submitted for a DAC meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> December.

Smaller tasks have included monitoring unstable tomb stones in both old (Charnwood Council responsibility) and new (our responsibility) Churchyards, and replacing the overflowing waste containers in the new Churchyard by garden collection wheelie bins hired from the Borough Council. During the year, the Old Churchyard and Church View Gardens were designated as a Candidate Local Wildlife site. Work has commenced on organising archive material held in the Church.

*Marianne Gilbert (Chair, Property Group)*

### **Church Rooms**

The Church Rooms, which provide a community facility to Quorn as well as the Church, and also house a Pre-School Group during term-time, experienced in 2023 a year which was ultimately more successful than was thought likely at its commencement. Financially there was a deficit of around £3000, largely resulting from the roof repair as outlined in the following paragraph, but year-end reserves were satisfactory.

The felted flat roof above the area occupied by the Pre-School was finally renewed, having been delayed by adverse weather, during the summer at a cost of £9000 with the assistance of a contribution of £3000 from the UCC. The high cost of gas and electricity was a cause for concern

in 2023 but at the end of the year new three-year contracts at a far more favourable rate were negotiated for both these utilities. This will enable the finances to be stabilised and the thoughts of the Committee to turn to a degree of redecoration in the not too distant future.

As regards bookings, there was a significant increase in private hirings and therefore income compared with the previous year. The premises remain available for use by the Church and Sunday lunches are a regular event.

The membership of the Church Rooms Committee remained unchanged in 2023 but the Secretary, Joy Chapman, has indicated that she will be stepping down during 2024.

*David Bodicoat (Treasurer, Church Rooms Committee)*

### **Acknowledgements**

2023 was another busy year for the church.

On 1<sup>st</sup> April, we were pleased to welcome Bishop Martyn on his Lent Pilgrimage and offer him tea and cakes. He returned to Quorn on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October, when he celebrated communion with us.

In May, we marked the coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla during the Sunday service.

In June, Rev Andrew Lomax, Circuit Superintendent, took his last service at Quorn; his final service in the Circuit was on 30<sup>th</sup> July at Trinity in Loughborough. We wish him well in his new Circuit of Barwell. On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August we welcomed Rev Karen Beecham as the new Superintendent at a service at Trinity. We were pleased to welcome her to Quorn at a service on 15<sup>th</sup> October.

During the year we have been heavily involved with the Diocesan proposals for the re-organisation of parishes, called Shaped by God Together. After consultation with the congregation, we submitted our paperwork, and our Churchwardens, Stewards and Secretary have attended meetings and discussion groups. We are hoping for resolution next year for what has been a long and involved procedure. We are grateful to all who gave much time and thought to this on-going process.

During the year we continued our ties with both St Bartholomew's Primary School and Rawlins School, with services for Christmas, Easter and the end of the school year. The weekly 'Open the Book' sessions at the Primary School are much enjoyed by the children.

The church was open on the first Sunday in September, providing tea, coffee and biscuits for visitors to the Quorn Food and Craft Fair. The following week we were part of the Historic Churches Ride and Stride route.

Coffee and Chat takes place every Saturday morning, sessions which are enjoyed by the 'regulars' as well as those just popping in. Many thanks to the volunteers providing service on the day.

The very popular Parish Lunch, usually held after the service on the third Sunday of the month, continued through the year. Our thanks go to all those providing soup, sandwiches and desserts, and those attending.

As always, we are very grateful to the dedicated bands who keep our church in such good condition, the cleaners and brass cleaners, and the flower arrangers who work through the year and especially for their wonderful displays for special occasions. We also appreciate the hard work of those who sort out the rotas for church activities, cleaning, brass cleaning, coffee and chat, post-service tea and coffee, readers and intercessions for services.

We are also grateful for the immense amount of work done by our Worship Committee, providing a continuity of services throughout the year, and also the Property Committee for ensuring that the church structure remains in good condition.

We are thankful for all those, lay and ordained, who continue to be available to take our services through the interregnum. Without them we could not keep the level of ministry at its present level.

Finally, we would thank all our congregation for their love, support and prayers.  
*Paul Turlington (Churchwarden)*

## **SECTION D FINANCIAL REVIEW**

This report is effectively a repeat of last year. At the start of the year the financial situation was reasonably stable with income and expenditure, at best, in balance. High energy costs really hit in January and February. High inflation and the resulting cost increases continued. We replaced the flat roof on the church rooms at a cost of £9000. Nevertheless, we more or less managed to pay the Diocese our share, £45,000 and the Methodist Circuit theirs, £9462, although this did involve drawing upon our reserves.

Unfortunately our financial position deteriorated as the year progressed and, by the end of the year, we had accrued a loss of some £8000, in part due to the repairs to the Church Rooms roof, but the root cause is that our income is steadily reducing while our costs are rising. This position is no longer sustainable in the hope that things will improve; they will not unless drastic action is taken to balance the books. See also the Statement on Reserves.

In 2024 a major fund-raising campaign will take place and following that we will have to look closely at our financial position and make some tough decisions as to where our priorities lie.

## **SECTION E BRIEF STATEMENT OF THE CHARITY'S POLICY ON RESERVES**

The Church policy is to follow a recommendation from Leicester Diocese in 2015 suggesting that ideally, overall reserves should be maintained between 25% and 50% of the previous year's expenditure. Reserves at the end of 2023 were £35,619 (including Church Rooms accounts), corresponding to 35% of 2023 expenditure and remain within guidance. This is a snapshot of available funds on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 and does not take into account the widening gulf between expenditure and income expected in 2024. A review of policy must be made following the 2024 fund-raising campaign.

*Jon Cox (Treasurer)*

## **SECTION F DETAILS OF ANY FUNDS MATERIALLY IN DEFICIT**

None

## Deanery Synod Report for Akeley East Deanery 2023

There were three Deanery Synod meetings held through the year. Our representatives at these meetings were Paul Turlington and Keith Croysdale.

At the meeting held on 8 February, Chris York talked about the work of Exaireo, a faith-based charity working with the homeless in Loughborough. Exaireo (from the Greek new testament) means plucked out, and is intended to give a second chance.

The organisation has 15 houses across Loughborough, where the residents are given a room and allocated a key worker. Help is provided with health issues, life skills, English and maths tuition if required, and work. They also have accommodation for recovering addicts. Their income comes mainly from housing benefits, and residents pay a small rent, and the rest is covered by donations. In addition, Exaireo run a re-use project, taking items that would otherwise go to landfill and recycling them.

It was reported that Shaped by God Together (SBGT) currently had three pilot schemes in the Diocese. Churches were encouraged to engage in conversations locally.

Churches with large financial reserves were encouraged to release part of these to support other parishes and clergy. Diocesan income is dropping, with some assets sold off, and reductions in parish contributions.

A confirmation service was scheduled for 6 June at Kegworth, with further services at Woodhouse Eaves and Mountsorrel.

At the meeting held on 20 June, Revd Sue Willetts and Revd Liz Rawlings gave a presentation on diverse vocations and training pathways for both lay and ordained ministers. The work and ministry of a wide range of people (PCC Treasurers, Churchwardens, Sidespersons, etc) was recognised.

The need to involve and support the families of those exploring ordination was recognised. It was also understood that many good applicants may be put off by a perceived lack of qualifications. The Diocese is actively exploring alternative pathways to ministry. Concern was expressed that unpaid (lay) ministry can limit those who can afford to undertake it. Also the considerable time and commitment for training is very demanding, and could put off otherwise excellent applicants

The final meeting of the year was held on 12 October, at which John Dodson was elected as Lay Chair and Kathryn Lewis was elected as Diocesan Synod Representative.

It was reported that the discussion on SBGT in the Akeley East area had started. A total of 23 benefices, incorporating 50 churches, were involved. While it is up to each parish to decide to participate, future clergy appointments will be made only to Minister Communities. Some freedom as to the final shape of the individual groups is possible within the available resources (people, finances, buildings) and Diocesan priorities (growing discipleship, deepening faith, supporting schools and young people). Bishop Martyn has stated that all churches need a designated Minister, but not necessarily one who is stipendiary or ordained, and lay ministry is to be encouraged. It is important to maintain communication with the whole parish throughout the procedure.

In reply to a question as to the status of deaneries after the implementation of SBGT, it was emphasised that Synods form part of the legal structure of the CofE, and cannot legally be abandoned.

## UCC Secretary's Report

The UCC held six meetings during 2023 plus two additional meetings. The average attendance was 12 members. Each meeting commenced with an opening prayer. The summary of proceedings is as follows:

17 January

Payments to the Diocese have been reduced further and will be reviewed in the spring. A contribution will be made from the reserves towards the cost of replacing the flat roof at the Church Rooms. It was suggested that succession planning be considered. More people are needed to help with the administration of communion. Su Turlington will take on the role of Church Trustee with the Thomas Rawlins Educational Foundation. Detailed plans for the new Garden of Remembrance are under discussion. Safeguarding training still needs to be completed.

22 March

The church is only just breaking even but, with gas bills due to reduce, it was agreed that payments to the Diocese could be increased, to be reviewed in the summer. The Annual Report and Accounts for 2022 were accepted. A number of new Communion Assistants were approved. There will be a safety inspection of gravestones in April. The Property Group is investigating options for supplementary heating in church. Julie Croysdale has joined the Diocesan Safeguarding Oversight Group. Alison Cooper has been appointed a Foundation Governor of the Primary School. Bishop Martyn will visit the church on Saturday 1 April as part of his Lent Pilgrimage. A proposal has been made to start a children's choir.

9 May Annual Parochial Church Meeting

14 June

Work to repair the recently vandalised windows in the church crèche and kitchen is ongoing. A GoFundMe page raised approximately £625; this has covered the insurance excess of £500 and the remainder will go into general church funds. Contributions to the monthly Intercare collection have halved. A formal event proposal document, to include a risk assessment and method process, will be prepared by Worship Committee for approval by UCC. There is a need to restart a pastoral care scheme if enough volunteers can be found. A church admin working group, under the leadership of Keith Croysdale, will look at workload issues.

12 September

A modest increase in the Parish Share and Methodist Circuit payments was approved. Revd Steve Delaforce gave a presentation on setting up a pastoral care scheme. It was agreed that the events approval process be adopted, subject to further discussion and fine tuning. The admin working group's proposals to trial an online Life Events Diary and to consider taking on an administrator were accepted. The Chancel lighting needs to be replaced, for which a full Faculty application is required. The window repairs have been completed. A proposal that UCC minutes be published on the church website was not accepted.

17 October

Minster Community process: meeting to finalise and agree the church's Storyboard submission.

15 November

Setting up a pastoral care scheme will be put on hold due to pressure of other commitments. Formation of a Church Leadership Team/Standing Committee to be considered. A subscription to the full iKnowChurch software will be taken out and the working group will put together a formal request for an administrator. A revised quote for the new Garden of Remembrance has been received which has reduced the cost. A crib festival in church has been proposed.

4 December

Minster Community process: meeting to finalise and agree the church's Conversation Prompts submission. Church members had been invited to submit responses to the Conversation Prompts workbook via church announcements and an email of 13 November.

## SECTION G DECLARATION

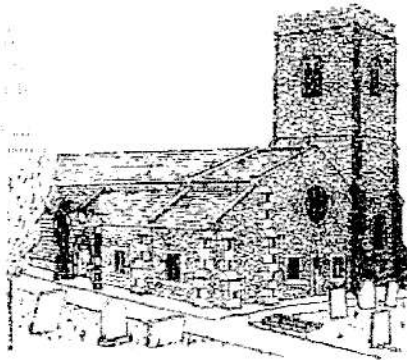
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Signature ..... A. M. Treasure .....

Full name ..... ANNE MARY TREASURE .....

Position (eg Secretary, Chair) ..... SECRETARY .....

Date ..... 9th April 2024 .....



St Bartholomew's United Church, Quorn

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending

31st December 2023

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	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year funds
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	59,901	0	0	59,901	57,310
Charitable activities	15,287	0	0	15,287	10,642
Other trading activities	22,440	0	0	22,440	21,815
Investments	884	0	0	884	265
Separate material item of income	0	0	0	0	0
Other	1,289	0	0	1,289	1,184
<b>Total</b>	<b>99,802</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>99,802</b>	<b>91,215</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	0	0	0	0	0
Charitable activities	103,531	0	0	103,531	93,444
Separate material item of expense	0	0	0	0	0
Other	4,985	0	0	4,985	5,712
<b>Total</b>	<b>108,516</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>108,516</b>	<b>99,156</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)</b>	<b>-8,713</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-8,713</b>	<b>-7,940</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<b>-8,713</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-8,713</b>	<b>-7,940</b>
Extraordinary items	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>	<b>-8,713</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-8,713</b>	<b>-7,940</b>
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward	759,334	0	0	759,334	
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>750,620</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>750,620</b>	

# **St Bartholomew's United Church, Quorn**

## **Notes to the financial statements for the year ending 31st December 2023**

### **Accounting Policies**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP (FRS102) 2015.

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December 2023

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Gift aid tax income	11,075	0	0	11,075	9,500
Grants received	0	0	0	0	1,087
Bequests and legacies	3,000	0	0	3,000	500
	59,901	0	0	59,901	57,310
S02 Charitable activities (inc.)					
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Parochial fees	15,275	0	0	15,275	10,394
	15,288	0	0	15,288	10,642
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Lettings (Previous year)	168	0	0	168	0
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	22,441	0	0	22,441	21,815
S04 Investments					
Interest received	884	0	0	884	265
	884	0	0	884	265
S05 Separate material item of income					
	0	0	0	0	0
S06 Other (inc.)					
Other income	605	0	0	605	240
Reimbursements	684	0	0	684	944
	1,289	0	0	1,289	1,184
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	0	0	0	0	0
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Charitable donations	824	0	0	824	3,594
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	0	0	0	0	0
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Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
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S18 Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets	0	0	0	0	0
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	Total funds	Prior year funds
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Tangible assets	715,000	715,000
Heritage assets	0	0
Investments	0	0
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<b>Current assets</b>		
Stocks	0	0
Debtors	0	0
Investments	0	0
Cash at bank and in hand	35,620	44,334
<i>Total current assets</i>	<b>35,620</b>	<b>44,334</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	0	0
<i>Net current assets/(liabilities)</i>	35,620	44,334
<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>	<b>750,620</b>	<b>759,334</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	0	0
Provisions for liabilities	0	0
<b>Total net assets or liabilities</b>	<b>750,620</b>	<b>759,334</b>
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>		
Endowment funds	0	0
Restricted income funds	0	0
Unrestricted funds	750,620	759,334
Revaluation reserve	0	0
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Signed by one or two trustees  
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Signature	Print Name	Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy
<i>A.M. Treasure</i>	A.M. TREASURE	20/03/2024

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### **Respective responsibilities of the UCC and the Examiner**

As members of the UCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirements of the Regulations and s.43 (2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

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19<sup>th</sup> February 2024



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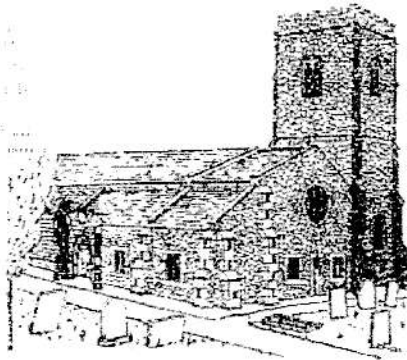
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 TOTAL SURPLUS/DEFICIT	-----	-----
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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending

31st December 2023

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	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year funds
	£	£	£	£	£
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Other	1,289	0	0	1,289	1,184
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<b>Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)</b>	<b>-8,713</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-8,713</b>	<b>-7,940</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	0	0	0	0	0
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<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>	<b>-8,713</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-8,713</b>	<b>-7,940</b>
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Total funds brought forward	759,334	0	0	759,334	
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Signature	Print Name	Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy
<i>A.M. Treasure</i>	A.M. TREASURE	20/03/2024

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Parish magazine costs	1,075	818
Service expenses	354	214
Music	331	446
Youthwork, outreach, pastoral	481	737
Parish Gift	45,000	43,500
Circuit assessment	9,462	9,281
Volunteer expenses	1,134	538

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All fund codes consolidated

	<u>Turnover year to date</u>	<u>Turnover last year to date</u>
Utilities	212	362
Electricity	5,472	2,255
Gas	10,373	7,624
Water charges	361	245
Refuse collection	1,178	967
Insurances	4,572	4,215
Caretaking	3,997	3,124
Repairs & maintenance	14,352	7,906
Maintenance - consumables	609	694
Clock	287	274
Professional fees	0	2,906
Printing/photocopying	133	247
Postage,stationery,etc	31	0
Publicity costs	260	203
Subscriptions	155	163
IT costs	642	632
Equipment purchases	0	335
Other costs	304	562
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	(103,532)	(93,446)
 Other Resources Costs		
Parochial fees DBF	1,710	2,024
Other fees	3,275	3,688
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	(4,985)	(5,712)
 TOTAL SURPLUS/DEFICIT	-----	-----
	(8,714)	(7,942)

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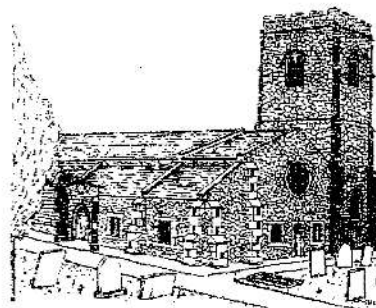
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St Bartholomew's United Church Quorn  
Charity Number 1134810

## TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

For the period 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022



### SECTION A REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

#### Charity Name

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Bartholomew, Quorn

#### Other Names by which charity is known

None

#### Registered Charity Number

1134810

#### Charity's Principal Address

St Bartholomew's Church  
Church Lane  
Quorn  
LE12 8DP

#### Names of Trustees who Manage the Charity

Revd M A Lomax  
Revd S Marshall  
Mr M G Bird  
Miss S Newton  
Dr M Gilbert  
Mr A G Coates  
Mrs D E Bird  
Mr D F Bodicoat  
Miss H D A Shacklock  
Mr J G Maltby  
Mr K F Croysdale  
Mrs J Croysdale  
Mrs S Turlington  
Mr P Turlington  
Mr A Mosley  
Mr J H Cox  
Mrs C Thornborow  
Ms D Daly  
Miss A M Treasure

#### Names of the Trustees for the Charity, if any (for example custodian trustees)

The Trustees for St Bartholomew's Church (custodian trustee)

## **SECTION B STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Type of Governing document**

Local Ecumenical Project Sharing Agreement between the Anglican and Methodist churches of Quorn: 10th May 1983

### **How the charity is constituted**

Act of Parliament

### **Trustee selection methods**

Ministers, together with people elected by the general meeting of all church members to specific posts. Plus, church representatives elected at the AGM for fixed terms.

## **SECTION C OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The focus of this review of church activities and achievements will be how St Bartholomew's United Church reflects our love and devotion to God and our commitment to church members and the wider community.

### **Ministry, Worship and Music**

#### ***The Worship Committee***

During this Interregnum the Worship Committee has tried to maintain the variety of services that have long been a feature of this church. For the most part we have attempted to keep the forms of Communion that are familiar. Regular Morning Worship with Baptism and Family services have also been held. We continue to have a Book of Common Prayer sung Evensong service at 6.30pm about once a month and a midweek Book of Common Prayer Service of Holy Communion once a month on a Wednesday at 10am. We have gradually phased in a return to pre-Covid arrangements but still take a few precautions, especially with regard to Communion services.

Services are regularly reviewed and any feedback from members of the congregation is noted. This feedback informs our future planning. Future services are discussed up to six months in advance. Helen Shacklock books the Officiants and prior to the service also liaises with the Minister, Choir and Organist and those on our rotas (Readings, Intercessions and Servers) so that all are aware of what is planned for that particular service. Christine Mosley prepares the rota for Intercessions and Readers, and Ray Rue writes the rota for Sidespeople.

Since Rev David Bowler retired, we have welcomed a number of Anglican and Methodist clergy and Lay preachers who have not necessarily been to our Church before or taken the exact forms of service that are familiar to us. Helen has sent them templates of the services we are used to and most have wanted to use those. That has made it easier for the Choir, Organists and those on our rotas to know what is happening. Now that we are over a year into the Interregnum, it has been enjoyable to welcome back friendly faces to take our services.

A few services have been led by members of our congregation. Diane and Mike Bird, Alfred and Christine Mosley and Su Turlington have adapted the Vine Service materials provided by the Methodist Church for their services. During Holy Week in 2022 Tony Coates, Tony Treseder and Su Turlington all led different forms of Compline.

Dawn Daly, our Lay Minister, has responsibility for Families and Life Events (Baptisms, Weddings and Interment of Ashes). Funerals are organised by our Verger, John Maltby. Over the past year Dawn has developed the Family Service to include an expanding team of adults and an enthusiastic group of children who regularly take part. We are very grateful to Dawn for the hard work she has put into the planning of these and other services including Christmas Day, Epiphany,

Candlemas and several Book of Common Prayer services. Members of the Worship Committee have supported her in her work.

Dawn has also held Craft events and in November Heulwen Howells organised a very successful Wreath making workshop in the Church rooms that was attended by many families.

Many services require special arrangements and preparation and the Worship Committee is actively involved in those. In 2022 we arranged special services for the Platinum Jubilee, Memorial services to our late Queen, and services to give information about Intercare and Safeguarding. Mike and Diane Bird led the Intercare service with a guest speaker and Julie Croysdale worked with Rev Eric Whitley at the Safeguarding service in December. The successful exhibition entitled "Seven Decades" was organised for the Platinum Jubilee with Worship Committee members, Trish and David Jonczyk and members of Quorn flower club.

We have continued to develop our links with Quorn Baptist Church, supporting Joint Church events and services and in January 2022 we were able to invite members of Quorn Baptist Church to our service in the week of Christian Unity.

The members of the Committee are thanked for their support and for all their work.

### ***The Choir***

Choir Practice has been held on a Friday throughout the year and the choir has been present at services every Sunday. Anthems have been sung at special services on Mothering Sunday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Pentecost, The Platinum Jubilee, the Memorial Services on the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, Harvest, the Memorial Service for the Bereaved, the Advent Light Service, Nine lessons and Carols, Epiphany, Unity Sunday and Candlemas. We have also sung anthems at the monthly Book of Common Prayer Evensong services.

In May members of the choir participated in and helped to organise a very successful concert to raise money for the Red Cross in Ukraine. People from local schools also took part. The Choir sang three anthems. Members of the choir also helped to organise the entertainment at the Church Christmas party and the choir sang three items.

Services have been accompanied on the organ by Angus McKechnie and Helen Shacklock. Paul Glover, Roger Allwood and David Bristow have also helped out. The orchestral group, organised by Mary Treasure, played carols at the 11<sup>th</sup> December 10:30am service. Tony Coates and Mary Treasure have played guitar and violin at the monthly Family services.

The fifteen members of the choir, the organists and musicians are thanked for their support, hard work and loyalty over the past year.

We are always keen to attract new choristers. Anyone who is willing to learn, enjoys singing and is enthusiastic, is invited to join us. Those with previous choral experience who can read music would be particularly welcome.

### ***Bellringers***

The last Bell Maintenance Service was completed in April 2022; no issues were identified.

Ringling during 2022 has returned to pre-pandemic levels, with practice nights most weeks and Sunday Service ringling, as well as ringling for wedding and other special events. We continue to monitor that there is adequate air circulation, and have the window / door open and extractor fan on when ringling to maintain this. This has meant that, during really cold weather, we have cancelled practice due to the ringling room being very cold. We have also recommenced acceptance of visiting ringlers and trainee ringlers.

During 2022 we had the pleasure of ringling for HM The Queen's Platinum (70<sup>th</sup>) Jubilee in June. With great sadness we also undertook a programme of ringling following the death of HM The

Queen in September, as outlined in the protocol 'London Bridge', initially announcing her death on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September (the day following her death) when the team shared the tolling of the tenor for 30 minutes and we also rang fully muffled for the Queen's funeral on 19<sup>th</sup> September. From Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September up until the day after the funeral all ringing was completed fully muffled and all practices were cancelled. On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September we rang for the accession of King Charles III following the Queen's death, this was rung on open bells.

There have been a few opportunities for social events during the year. We did, however, enjoy an evening meal in the village in March 2022. We visited Seagrave for a practice which had to be cancelled initially due to the Queen's death, however we still shared a pub meal at Seagrave on this evening. The rescheduled visit to ring at Seagrave happened in November, followed by another excellent meal.

### **Safeguarding**

This year continues to be busy as we embed safeguarding to ensure it is core to our mission as a church.

In accordance with the request from the Diocese the church continue to operate the "Promoting a Safer Church Policy"; a copy of which is held at the back of the church in the policy folder and is available online for everyone to view [Diocese of Leicester | Resources for Church Settings \(anglican.org\)](https://www.anglican.org/dioceses/leicester/resources-for-church-settings). In addition to the online resources and training, the Diocesan Safeguarding Team have offered advice and supported the church officers directly this year to help us ensure we are creating a safe environment for all our parishioners.

I am pleased to report that the church is actively using the Parish Dashboard as a means of keeping up to date with recording and reporting safeguarding activity, which covers a number of areas of compliance, around training, policies and reporting and church activities. The dashboard is an excellent tool which is RAG rated, and therefore is a simple way to keep on top of any outstanding actions. A report is created for each UCC meeting and circulated as part of the minutes so the committee members can see any actions which are required.

We have continued to use the Parish Facebook page to promote services and it has been a great asset to ensure the villagers are aware of the portfolio of services on offer throughout the week; it was a particular help at Christmas as part of the wider communication strategy. The church members administering our social media pages are fully compliant with the Diocesan Social Media Policy.

The Diocese have also published an extensive list of training requirements for people with various positions within the church. It is important to note that as we are in interregnum, the requirement for key members to have additional leadership training is clear and the church wardens have attended this training alongside our lay reader and Parish Safeguarding Officer.

The training requirements are not an easy one to deliver due to a number of reasons, namely: being able to enforce, people having access to online training, people reporting that they do not like online training and respond better to face to face; more face-to-face training has been arranged now by the Diocese to support the online offer.

The Diocesan annual Safeguarding service in September was cancelled due to the death of Her Majesty the Queen. In Quorn, however, we held our first Safeguarding service in December and aim to make this an annual occurrence.

### **Property**

We started the year awaiting the report from the Quinquennial inspection which had been carried out in November 2021. This was eventually received in time for our April meeting. We were pleased to see that overall the report was very favourable, stating that "the church is in a good condition with only localised areas of concern". It was also stated that a significant amount of work

had been carried out in the last quinquennial period. Issues identified were neither major nor urgent, although some will need to be addressed in the next five years.

During the year we updated our maintenance report and ensured that all essential maintenance work was carried out. A new log book to cover the next five-year period was started.

A number of discussions were held to consider the need for a new memorial garden for St Bartholomew's. A site was identified and a design produced by our architect. We hope to make progress with this in 2023; it will be necessary to raise funds for this purpose, and we intend to approach the wider community as well as Church members.

A major item of concern has related to the increase in energy costs, and the heating time and temperature in the Church have been reduced. To cover specific needs, a fan heater has been purchased, and electric heaters re-introduced behind the rood screen to heat the Chancel. Some external doors have been draught-proofed. In general, the occasions when the whole Church is heated have been reduced. Energy has been saved, but costs are still high, and the Church has been cold at times.

A number of non-urgent tasks (soil heap near the Dannah grave, overhanging trees and a fallen tree in the new Churchyard, sunken manhole cover caused by a maintenance vehicle near the Church Lane entrance to the old Churchyard) have been deferred due to limited funds.

### **Church Rooms**

The Church Rooms, after almost two years of limited activity, was finally restored to something like the pre-Covid level of usage in 2022, with former regular hirers returning and several new groups being attracted.

Maintenance had been reduced considerably during the Covid period, but in 2022 the planned refurbishment of the floor was carried out in August, which considerably improved its appearance. Another matter which was finalised was the renewal of the Pre-School's lease for usage of the premises for 5 years from August; this is now dealt with by the Diocese although considerable input was needed from the Committee, Ruth Iley in particular.

Financially, there was almost a 'break-even', despite the expenditure on the floor and the legal costs of the lease. The cost of gas and electricity increased from £2300 in 2021 to almost £4000 in 2022 and the future expenditure on these essentials is viewed with some concern, as the government support scheme is to be withdrawn, or at least reduced. The felted flat roof over the extension will have to be replaced in 2023, and consideration is being given regarding the financing of this work.

There have been no changes to the membership of the Committee during the year and thanks are due to all of them for their input to maintaining this important asset to the life of the Church in Quorn.

### **Acknowledgements**

At the beginning of March, in conjunction with the Polish Club in Loughborough, we organised a collection of items for Ukrainian refugees. Thanks to the generosity of the people of Quorn, we were able to send an impressive donation to the Polish Club for transmission to Poland.

It continued to be a busy year for the church, with the Queen's Jubilee in June, and the death of Her Majesty and the accession of King Charles in September. On both occasions we were able to open the church, with a series of photographs celebrating the Queen's reign for the Jubilee and a book of condolence for her passing. Grateful thanks go to all involved in setting up and stewarding for both occasions.

The church continues to be open on Saturday mornings for the very popular Coffee and Chat. Our thanks go to Mike and Diane Bird for organising this, and to everyone volunteering to provide the coffee and tea and clear up afterwards.

We also opened the church on Wednesday afternoons for quiet prayer, until the cold weather and high cost of heating the church put a temporary stop to this. We hope to resume when the temperature rises.

Our heartfelt thanks go to: the cleaners who keep the church and extension clean and tidy; the flower arrangers who provide wonderful flower displays, especially at Easter, Harvest Festival and Christmas; the helpers who provide tea and coffee after services; the bell ringers; the property group who ensure that the church is well maintained; and the worship committee who ensure that services are continuing run through the interregnum. Special thanks must go to Helen Shacklock and Dawn Daly for the immense amount of time and energy they put into making sure that the services, including baptisms and weddings, go as planned, and to John Maltby for arranging funerals at the church.

We are grateful to the whole congregation for their continued attendance and support this year. Without them, the church would not thrive as it does.

#### **SECTION D FINANCIAL REVIEW**

We started 2022 full of hope with the problems of 2020 and 2021 apparently behind us. The financial situation was reasonably stable though income and expenditure were, at best, in balance. However, donations continued to fall, having dropped by 25% since 2018, and inflation continued to increase. Usual expenses continued and by May it was obvious that once again we simply could not sustain our payment to the Diocese, which was consequently reduced by £1500 per month to £3125. This ensured that we were not losing money on day-to-day activities.

By mid-summer it was clear that energy costs were going to go through the roof. We mounted a fund-raising campaign, introduced energy efficiency measures and reduced heating within the church. We also agreed to reduce our payment to the Diocese by a further £500 until it was clear what our financial position would be. Despite government support our energy bills for 2022 (£9879) were more than double those for 2021, which in turn were double those for 2020. 2023 promises another substantial increase.

Ignoring legacies and one-off grants, our financial position is almost the same as it was at the end of 2021.

However, apart from normal running costs, inflation, energy bills and the future Garden of Remembrance, the Church Rooms requires substantial re-roofing which will take up most of their reserves and £3000 of General Church funds.

#### **SECTION E BRIEF STATEMENT OF THE CHARITY'S POLICY ON RESERVES**

The Church policy is to follow a recommendation from Leicester Diocese in 2015 suggesting that ideally overall reserves should be maintained between 25% and 50% of the previous year's expenditure. Current reserves are £32594 (excluding Church Rooms accounts) corresponding to 30% of 2021 expenditure. This remains at the bottom end of the guidance. It is suggested that the church should review its policy on reserves in accordance with latest Church of England guidance.

#### **SECTION F DETAILS OF ANY FUNDS MATERIALLY IN DEFICIT**

None

## **Deanery Synod Report for Akeley East Deanery**

The first Deanery Synod Meeting of 2022 was held on Wednesday 9 February 2022 via Zoom. The focus of the evening was a talk by Revd Andrew Hall from the parish of St Catherine at Burbage on the subject of Eco Churches. Andrew explained the initiatives taken by his parish to transform St Catherine's into an Eco Church; he illustrated his talk with slides, which demonstrated the variety of the impressive results of their initiative. His talk was followed by discussion in breakout rooms to formulate questions for the feedback session which followed. Everyone was very impressed with what St Catherine's had achieved.

The second Deanery Synod Meeting of the year was held on Tuesday 21 June 2022 at All Saints with Holy Trinity Church in Loughborough. The focus of this meeting was a talk by Vikki Offin from Upbeat Communities, a charity based at Trinity Baptist Church in Derby. Vikki explained how the charity welcomes and resettles refugees across Derby, Derbyshire and Lincolnshire, and suggested ways in which the Synod could help. Vikki's talk was followed by discussion in breakout groups. At this meeting, Revd Laretta Wilson, who was leaving the Akeley East Deanery, was thanked for her work as Area Dean and congratulated on her new appointment.

The final Deanery Synod Meeting of the year was held on Thursday 13 October 2022 at St Bartholomew's Church in Quorn, and was attended by Revd Andrew Race, who has been appointed as Area Dean of Akeley East Deanery and who chaired the meeting. The focus of this meeting was a talk by Andrew Trotter, the Lay Director of Leicester Anglican Cursillo. Andrew explained how and why the Cursillo movement was formed, the aims of the movement, and the content of the weekend-long courses which take place several times each year at Launde Abbey. Andrew's very informative talk was followed by discussion and questions. Then followed a report from the Diocesan Synod Meeting held on 24 September 2022, copies of which had been circulated with the Deanery Synod agenda. The main topic at the Diocesan Synod had been the 'Living in Love and Faith' process. The report also mentioned the draft 2023 Diocesan budget, which shows a large deficit.

The meetings have been interesting and informative, and it has been enjoyable to visit the different churches in which the meetings are held and to enjoy the friendship and hospitality of their church members. Members of the congregation are permitted to attend Deanery Synod meetings (although they will not be allowed to vote). Anyone interested in attending should contact one of our Deanery Synod Representatives.

Paul Turlington  
Keith Croysdale

## **UCC Secretary's Report**

The UCC held six meetings during 2022 plus two additional meetings. The average attendance was 12 members. Each meeting commenced with an opening prayer. The summary of proceedings is as follows:

18 January

Plans for Quorn News were reported by the new editors. Tea and coffee after services to be resumed. A new Garden of Remembrance in the closed churchyard was approved in principle; an architect would be approached for a design. Mike and Diane Bird to continue to represent Quorn United Church at the Circuit Meeting. Articles about church services and activities to continue to appear in the village magazine as well as the church magazine. The possibility of restarting a pastoral group was raised. Safeguarding training requirements have been updated; Julie Croysdale to notify all those who need to undertake training.

22 March

Keith Croysdale and Su Turlington have been added as additional representatives on the Circuit Meeting. The Annual Report and Accounts for 2021 were accepted. The Quinquennial inspection report highlighted only some repair work required to masonry at the top of the tower; the Property Group was commended for keeping on top of repairs between inspections. A contactless collection terminal to be installed. Platinum Jubilee: Worship Committee's proposal that church be opened on 4 June with refreshments, together with a display of photographs, flowers and memorabilia was approved. A special service is to take place on the morning of 5 June. A church Facebook page was approved. A church family WhatsApp group has already been set up.

10 May Annual Parochial Church Meeting

14 June

Due to the current financial situation, the parish share payment to the Diocese needs to be reduced temporarily. A new wild flower meadow will be created in the closed churchyard by the Quorn in Bloom group. The Pre-School lease in the Church Rooms will be renewed. The Platinum Jubilee exhibition on 4 June was very successful and raised £170 for church funds. Thanks were expressed to all those who helped with the event, and also the events held in aid of Ukraine.

27 June Extraordinary Meeting of UCC

Meeting with Archdeacon Claire Wood to discuss questions raised at the APCM on 10 May concerning the introduction of Minster Communities.

6 September Finances Meeting

Ways of reducing expenditure on heating and overheads, and encouraging increased giving, were discussed. The upper heaters in the Chancel to be recommissioned; thus enabling weekly choir practices and monthly Evensong and mid-week services to take place in the Chancel without the need to heat the whole church. It was decided not to open the church for prayer on Wednesday lunchtimes over the winter. The gas bill is fixed until the end of February, after which consideration to be given to holding services in the Church Rooms instead. However, leaving the church completely unheated might cause problems with the organ and the fabric of the building. A statement on the financial position was published in the Quorn News and Village Life magazines.

27 September

A further temporary reduction in the parish share was approved. Couples wishing to marry at QUC may now attend wedding preparation days offered by the Barrow Group, with thanks to Revd Clive Watts. Monthly Sunday Lunches in the Church Rooms to be restarted in December.

15 November

A bid to the Diocese for a grant towards energy and heating costs was successful. The flat roof over the Church Rooms extension needs to be replaced. Charnwood Borough Council was contacted about the tilting headstones in the closed churchyard. Draft excluders were fitted to all external doors in church.

**SECTION G DECLARATION**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.  
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature ..... *A Lomax* .....

Full name ..... *A LOMAX* .....

Position (eg Secretary, Chair) ..... *Chair* .....

Date ..... *22/3/2023* .....

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	<u>Turnover year to date</u>	<u>Turnover last year to date</u>
Voluntary Income		
Donations received	4,322	7,615
Planned giving	36,533	38,095
Collections	5,368	4,381
Gift aid tax income	9,500	11,250
Grants received	1,087	3,500
Bequests and legacies	500	12,000
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	57,310	76,841
Fundraising Income		
Fundraising income	4,424	0
Quorn News	735	0
Letting/hire income	225	40
Lettings	7,369	3,133
Quorn Pre-School lettings	9,062	8,170
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	21,815	11,343
Investment Income		
Interest received	265	11
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	265	11
Charitable Activities Income		
Sales	248	99
Parochial fees	10,394	14,762
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	10,642	14,861
Other Income		
Other income	240	851
Reimbursements	944	2,250
VAT refunds	0	404
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	1,184	3,505
Charitable Activities Costs		
Charitable donations	3,594	1,590
Salaries and wages	0	9,754
Vicars expenses	1,604	1,193
Parish magazine costs	818	426
Service expenses	214	218
Music	446	458
Youthwork, outreach, pastoral	737	555
Parish Gift	43,500	48,000
Circuit assessment	9,281	9,746

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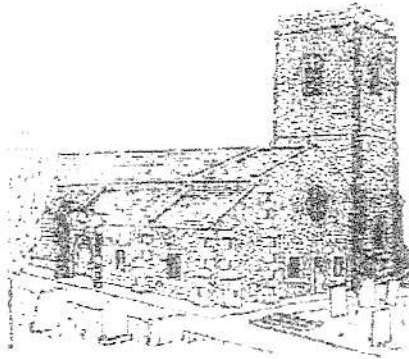
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All fund codes consolidated

	<u>Turnover year to date</u>	<u>Turnover last year to date</u>
Travel expenses	0	454
Volunteer expenses	538	60
Utilities	362	537
Electricity	2,255	1,442
Gas	7,624	2,407
Water charges	245	107
Refuse collection	967	962
Insurances	4,215	4,086
Caretaking	3,124	2,041
Repairs & maintenance	7,906	4,049
Maintenance - consumables	694	391
Clock	274	265
Professional fees	2,906	0
Printing/photocopying	247	617
Publicity costs	203	224
Subscriptions	163	215
IT costs	632	662
Equipment purchases	335	295
Other costs	562	1,662
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	(93,446)	(92,416)
Other Resources Costs		
Parochial fees DBF	2,024	4,110
Other fees	3,688	1,281
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	(5,712)	(5,391)
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TOTAL SURPLUS/DEFICIT	(7,942)	8,754
BS FIGURES START OF YEAR		
Money	52,274	43,519
Creditors	0	0
Other Net Assets/Liabilities	715,000	715,000
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	767,274	758,519
BS FIGURES END OF PERIOD		
Money	44,334	52,274
Creditors	0	0
Other Net Assets/Liabilities	715,000	715,000
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	759,334	767,274



St Bartholomew's United Church, Quorn

Registered Charity Number 1134810

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending  
31st December 2022

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	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year funds
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	57,310	0	0	57,310	76,841
Charitable activities	10,642	0	0	10,642	14,861
Other trading activities	21,815	0	0	21,815	11,343
Investments	265	0	0	265	11
Separate material item of income	0	0	0	0	0
Other	1,184	0	0	1,184	3,504
<b>Total</b>	<b>91,215</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>91,215</b>	<b>106,561</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	0	0	0	0	0
Charitable activities	93,444	0	0	93,444	92,415
Separate material item of expense	0	0	0	0	0
Other	5,712	0	0	5,712	5,391
<b>Total</b>	<b>99,156</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>99,156</b>	<b>97,806</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)</b>	<b>-7,940</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-7,940</b>	<b>8,755</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<b>-7,940</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-7,940</b>	<b>8,755</b>
Extraordinary items	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>	<b>-7,940</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-7,940</b>	<b>8,755</b>
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward	767,274	0	0	767,274	
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>759,334</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>759,334</b>	

# **St Bartholomew's United Church, Quorn**

## **Notes to the financial statements for the year ending 31st December 2022**

### **Accounting Policies**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP (FRS102) 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the United Church Council 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**

Unrestricted funds are general funds which may be used for United Church Council ordinary purposes. All Church funds are within this category.

### **Incoming resources**

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax funds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the United Church Council is legally entitled to the amounts due. Interest is accrued. All other income is recognised 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 United Church Council. The Diocesan Parish Share and Methodist Circuit Assessment are accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

### **Related Party Transactions**

During the year £1475 was paid to one trustee as assistant organist. A small immaterial part of the expenses paid to the incumbent and his wife may have related to his services as Chairman of the United Church Council. There were no other related party transactions in the year.

### **Fixed Assets**

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

The Church Rooms buildings are included in the financial statements at a deemed valuation being the insured value. The United Church Council considers it inappropriate to make any depreciation charge.

As there is also insufficient cost information available for any further assets they are not valued in these financial statements. In recent years no individual item has cost more than £1000, so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Charity no. 1134810

St Bartholomew's United Church Quorn

Printed: 25/02/2023

December 2022

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Year Total</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b>S01 Donations and legacies</b>					
Donations received	4,322	0	0	4,322	7,615
Planned giving	36,533	0	0	36,533	38,095
Collections	5,368	0	0	5,368	4,381
Gift aid tax income	9,500	0	0	9,500	11,250
Grants received	1,087	0	0	1,087	3,500
Bequests and legacies	500	0	0	500	12,000
	57,310	0	0	57,310	76,841
<b>S02 Charitable activities (inc.)</b>					
Sales	248	0	0	248	99
Parochial fees	10,394	0	0	10,394	14,762
	10,642	0	0	10,642	14,861
<b>S03 Other trading activities</b>					
Fundraising income	4,424	0	0	4,424	0
Quorn News	735	0	0	735	0
Letting/hire income	225	0	0	225	40
Lettings	7,369	0	0	7,369	3,133
Quorn Pre-School lettings	9,062	0	0	9,062	8,170
	21,815	0	0	21,815	11,343
<b>S04 Investments</b>					
Interest received	265	0	0	265	11
	265	0	0	265	11
<b>S05 Separate material item of income</b>					
	0	0	0	0	0
<b>S06 Other (inc.)</b>					
Other income	240	0	0	240	851
Reimbursements	944	0	0	944	2,250
VAT refunds	0	0	0	0	404
	1,184	0	0	1,184	3,505
<b>S08 Raising funds</b>					
	0	0	0	0	0
<b>S09 Charitable activities</b>					
Charitable donations	3,594	0	0	3,594	1,590
Salaries and wages	0	0	0	0	9,754

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December 2022

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Year Total</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Vicars expenses	1,604	0	0	1,604	1,193
Parish magazine costs	818	0	0	818	426
Service expenses	214	0	0	214	218
Music	446	0	0	446	458
Youthwork, outreach, pastoral	757	0	0	757	555
Parish Gift	43,500	0	0	43,500	48,000
Circuit assessment	9,281	0	0	9,281	9,746
Travel expenses	0	0	0	0	454
Volunteer expenses	538	0	0	538	60
Utilities	362	0	0	362	537
Electricity	2,255	0	0	2,255	1,442
Gas	7,024	0	0	7,024	2,407
Water charges	245	0	0	245	107
Refuse collection	967	0	0	967	962
Insurances	4,215	0	0	4,215	4,086
Caretaking	3,124	0	0	3,124	2,041
Repairs & maintenance	7,906	0	0	7,906	4,049
Maintenance - consumables	394	0	0	394	391
Clock	274	0	0	274	265
Professional fees	2,906	0	0	2,906	0
Printing/photocopying	247	0	0	247	617
Publicity costs	203	0	0	203	224
Subscriptions	163	0	0	163	215
IT costs	632	0	0	632	662
Equipment purchases	335	0	0	335	295
Other costs	562	0	0	562	1,662
	93,444	0	0	93,446	92,416
S10 Separate material items of expense					
	0	0	0	0	0
S11 Other (exp.)					
Parochial fees DBF	2,024	0	0	2,024	4,110
Other fees	3,688	0	0	3,688	1,281
	5,712	0	0	5,712	5,391
S14 Net gains/(losses) on investments					
	0	0	0	0	0
S16 Extraordinary items					
	0	0	0	0	0
S17 Transfers between funds					
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0

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December 2022

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Year Total</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
S19 Other gains/(losses)	0	0	0	0	0


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	Total funds	Prior year funds
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Intangible assets	0	0
Tangible assets	715,000	715,000
Heritage assets	0	0
Investments	0	0
<i>Total fixed assets</i>	<b>715,000</b>	<b>715,000</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Stocks	0	0
Debtors	0	0
Investments	0	0
Cash at bank and in hand	44,334	52,274
<i>Total current assets</i>	<b>44,334</b>	<b>52,274</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	0	0
<i>Net current assets/(liabilities)</i>	44,334	52,274
<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>	<b>759,334</b>	<b>767,274</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	0	0
Provisions for liabilities	0	0
<b>Total net assets or liabilities</b>	<b>759,334</b>	<b>767,274</b>
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>		
Endowment funds	0	0
Restricted income funds	0	0
Unrestricted funds	759,334	767,274
Revaluation reserve	0	0
<b>Total charity funds</b>	<b>759,334</b>	<b>767,274</b>

Signed by one or two trustees  
on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy
	A. LOMAX	22/3/2023

## **St Bartholomew's United Church, Quorn**

This report on the financial statements of the UCC for the year ended 31st December 2022, which are set out on pages 1 and 2, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the regulations') and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993 ('the Act').

### **Respective responsibilities of the UCC and the Examiner**

As members of the UCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirements of the Regulations and s.43 (2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charities Commission under s.43 (7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 Edition.

That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the UCC 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 any 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 comes 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 s.41 of the Act; and
  - To prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations 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.

Michael Buckley  
Independent Examiner  
25<sup>th</sup> February 2023

*M J Buckley*

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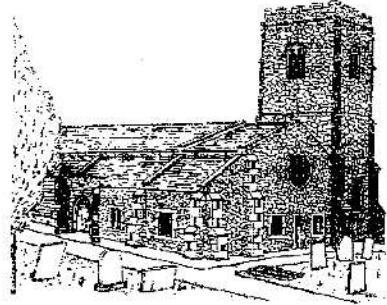
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St Bartholomew's United Church Quorn  
Charity Number 1134810

## TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

For the period 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2021



### SECTION A REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

**Charity Name**

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Bartholomew, Quorn

**Other Names by which charity is known**

None

**Registered Charity Number**

1134810

**Charity's Principal Address**

St Bartholomew's Church  
Church Lane  
Quorn  
LE12 8DP

**Names of Trustees who Manage the Charity**

Revd D Bowler (retired 31 Oct 2021)  
Revd J Pugh (retired 11 July 2021)  
Revd M A Lomax  
Revd S Marshall (from 1 Sept 2021)  
Mr M G Bird  
Miss S Newton  
Dr M Gilbert  
Mr A G Coates  
Mrs D E Bird  
Mr D F Bodicoat  
Miss H D A Shacklock  
Mr J G Maltby  
Mr K F Croysdale  
Mrs J Croysdale  
Mrs S Sykes (left 19 May 2021)  
Mr L Longmire (left 19 May 2021)  
Mrs S Turlington  
Mr P Turlington  
Ms S E Osmond (left 29 Sept 2021)  
Mrs W Walker (left 30 Sept 2021)  
Mrs R Harris (left 29 September 2021)  
Mr A Mosley  
Mr J H Cox  
Mrs C Thornborow  
Ms D Daly (from 29 Sept 2021)  
Miss A M Treasure (from 29 Sept 2021)

**Names of the Trustees for the Charity, if any (for example custodian trustees)**

The Trustees for St Bartholomew's Church (custodian trustee)

**SECTION B STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT****Type of Governing document**

Local Ecumenical Project Sharing Agreement 10th May 1983

**How the charity is constituted**

Act of Parliament

**Trustee selection methods**

Ministers, together with people elected by the general meeting of all church members to specific posts. Plus, church representatives elected at the AGM for fixed terms.

**SECTION C OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The focus of this review of church activities and achievements will be how St Bartholomew's United Church reflects our love and devotion to God and our commitment to church members and the wider community.

**Ministry, Worship and Music**

The Online Service started on Passion Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 2020, and continued weekly on Sunday Mornings until August 2021. Helen Shacklock worked with David Bowler and David Jonczyk each week to produce it. Members of the congregation recorded the two readings each Sunday. All the main festivals were included, including special prayers on the death of the Duke of Edinburgh. Wendy Walker and Dawn Daly worked with David Bowler and David Jonczyk on a Family Online service once a month in the early part of the year.

Wendy Walker led her final Family Service in September and included several Baptisms. A gift was presented to Wendy to show appreciation of her time with us as Family Worker. On the departure of Wendy Walker we welcomed Dawn Daly to the Worship Committee as Lay Minister for Families. She continues to lead a very successful monthly Family Service. Dawn has also led a variety of other services including Christmas, Epiphany and Candlemas.

***The Worship Committee***

The Worship Committee met regularly from June 2021 to ensure that we were holding services in line with the various restrictions in force at the time. An outdoor Methodist Circuit service was held on July 11<sup>th</sup> to say farewell to our Methodist Minister, John Pugh. We welcomed Sandra Marshall to Quorn on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

A lot of planning took place for David Bowler's retirement and to ensure a smooth transition after he left. Bearing in mind the Covid restrictions still in place, the Worship Committee – advised by David – drew up a plan of services from November to February 2022. David booked officiants for us for some of these, Andrew Lomax allocated Methodist officiants for some and Helen Shacklock booked the rest using a list provided by the Area Dean. The Worship Committee have continued to monitor and plan shortened services (following advice from the Bishop), only gradually returning to our pre-Covid arrangements. Taking three months at a time, since David Bowler left we have continued to use the same procedure of agreeing services, asking for Methodist officiants for a proportion of those and then also booking using the Anglican recommended list. Helen has liaised with visiting Ministers weekly over the service content.

John Maltby has worked with the Church Wardens on arrangements for funerals. We are looking forward to welcoming families for Baptisms and Weddings from May 2022 onwards. Dawn Daly is working with the families and couples concerned.

### ***The Choir***

2021 was again a very different year. For the first part of the year, with another lockdown followed by a range of restrictions, the choir sang in socially distanced groups at the back of the church at the morning services. No congregational singing was allowed. The choir also met in groups for a shortened choir practice as recommended in the risk assessment.

From about halfway through the year we were able to return to the Choir Stalls, hold choir practice altogether instead of in groups and the congregation were allowed to join in the singing. The Organists were no longer confined to playing quiet music. People continued to wear masks in church. In December increased fears about rising Covid numbers led to more social distancing in the Chancel and a return to more restrictions to allow services to continue.

The choir sang anthems for Harvest Festival, the Advent Candlelight Service, Nine Lessons and Carols and the retirement of David Bowler on October 31<sup>st</sup>. They also sang at the retirement party for David Bowler in the Village Hall on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Several choir members were heavily involved in planning and taking part in the entertainment on that occasion.

Another opportunity for the choir to sing carols in Sutton Close was possible just before Christmas. Although socially distanced, we enjoyed singing in the happy atmosphere created by the residents.

The choir have been very loyal and supportive throughout this difficult year. We were also very fortunate to welcome three new members.

### ***Bellringers***

The last Bell Maintenance Service was completed in February 2020, with special focus on checking the bell wheel and pullies for Bell 5 due to ringers experiencing irregular rope movements; no issues were identified. No bell service was conducted in 2021 due to Covid and the bells not being in use.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic there was no ringing from mid-March 2020, prior to the initial UK lockdown on 23 March 2020 until July 2021, when ringing with restrictions was permitted, with the exception of ringing with the tolling of a single bell for the death and funeral of HRH Prince Philip, for the funeral of Terry Stirling a ringer from Quorn and for Good Friday, also with the occasional Sunday service bell. Prior to returning to ringing after a period of no ringing, the tower and bells were inspected to confirm it was safe to ring, with no issues identified.

A risk assessment was completed to identify the space in the tower, for access to and within the ringing room. The conclusion of the assessment was that normal ringing of 6 or 8 bells was only possible when social distancing restrictions were lifted. It may have been possible to ring 4 bells, if they are not adjacent to each other with 1 metre+ distance, using face coverings and good ventilation, however this would not have sounded very musical. The situation was monitored based on government and Central Council of Church Bell Ringers (CCCRB) guidance and discussed and agreed with David Bowler in advance of returning to ringing, with completion of a risk assessment and bell/tower safety checks.

The ringers returned to ringing practice and Sunday ringing, along with wedding ringing, in July 2021, when we welcomed 11 ringers back to the tower. The return was in compliance with the risk assessment completed. Ventilation in the ringing room has been monitored using a CO<sup>2</sup> monitor with the window and the door left open to aid air circulation. Face masks and hand sanitiser are also in use. To date we have not accepted any visiting ringers or trainee ringers due to Covid concerns.

There have been no opportunities for social events during the year due to Covid.

### **Mission and Outreach**

This sub-committee has not met in person since November 2019, largely because of the pandemic but also because of the declining number of active members. Decisions were made during this period using email about limited disbursement of donations to organisations active in the mission field, such as SOaR, and also to the Disasters Emergency Committee for Covid relief in the poorest countries. The church's constrained financial position has severely limited such charitable giving of late.

Local outreach through the delivery of 'welcome packs' to new households in the village has also been limited by our cautious approach to infection and the reduced amount of relevant material to enclose in the packs.

It is evident that this sub-committee is in need of revitalising under fresh leadership in order to step up its level of activity in what must be seen as a most important field of work. Thus reconstituted the group should review its aims, objectives and priorities within those of the Church Council and resume its key contribution to the life of the church. Not seeing himself as the right person to take this forward, Mike Bird wishes to tender his resignation as current chairman of the group.

### **Safeguarding**

This year has been busy in the church around safeguarding.

In accordance with the request from the Diocese, the church continues to operate the "Promoting a Safer Church Policy"; a copy of which is held at the back of the church in the policy folder and is available online for everyone to view [Diocese of Leicester | Resources for Church Settings \(anglican.org\)](http://Diocese of Leicester | Resources for Church Settings (anglican.org)). In addition to the online resources and training, the Diocesan Safeguarding Team have offered advice and supported the Church Officers directly this year to help us ensure we are creating a safe environment for all our parishioners.

The church is actively using the Parish Dashboard as a means of keeping up to date with recording and reporting safeguarding activity, which covers a number of areas of compliance around training, policies and reporting, and church activities. The dashboard is an excellent tool which is RAG rated, and therefore is a simple way to keep on top of any outstanding actions.

The Diocese has also published an extensive list of training requirements for people with various positions within the church. It is important to note that as we are in interregnum, the requirement for key members to have additional leadership training is clear and the Church Wardens have attended this training alongside our Lay Reader and Parish Safeguarding Officer.

The Diocese held its annual Safeguarding Service in September and a training day in October, both of which were well attended but clearly affected by Covid restrictions. The Worship Committee is planning to hold a St Barts Safeguarding Service in November to celebrate and to ask for God's blessing in our work.

### **Family Worker Report**

Wendy Walker began her employment with us as Family Worker in May 2017 and came to the end of her extended contract in September 2021. Set up initially as a project within the framework of the diocesan 'Growth Fund' and with an eventual total funding package of £64600, the Family Worker Project drew income from the following funds, showing how widely supported it was:

- Diocesan Growth Fund 39.6%
- Methodist District 18.6%
- Methodist Circuit 9.3%
- Community 1.3%
- Church General Fund 14.9%
- Fund raising activity 16.3%

During her time as a member of staff here, Wendy was line managed first by Mary Arthur, until Mary left the area on 1 April 2019, and subsequently by the Vicar. She was also formally supported by a small group of church members. Wendy established firm bonds with both village schools, becoming a well-known figure especially at St Bartholomew's Primary School where she conducted assemblies and established an after-school club from which she drew in children to play a part in the Sunday morning family services for which she became responsible. Wendy also became an active worker in family activities such as Holiday Club, Messy Church, Bart's Babes toddler group, and Baptism preparation. In anticipation of her departure Wendy carefully transferred some of her responsibilities to Dawn Daly, our Lay Reader, in order to maintain the key areas of work she had established during her time with us. This work will be supported by the residue left in the Family Worker Fund.

### **Property**

2021 has seen no major works required for the maintenance of the church building. All required maintenance has been completed satisfactorily. The company running the roof security system has been replaced. A water butt has been provided for the convenience of the gardeners looking after the path to the church. The quinquennial survey was carried out in November, we await the report, but are not expecting any major problems.

### **Church Rooms**

The Church Rooms continued to offer a social and recreational facility throughout the pandemic in 2021 but activities were severely limited due to Government restrictions imposed on community halls for a considerable proportion of the year. The Pre School nursery was able to operate fairly consistently but was subjected to one or two closures for short periods. Whilst the premises were able to re-open for user groups to hire from September, there was a notable reluctance by some users to restart their meetings, etc, and not all have restarted at the time of writing.

Brenda Cox resigned as Bookings Secretary during the year and a 'trawl' for a successor on social media was successful in recruiting two new members to the Committee: Michelle Pullen, who has ably filled Brenda's former post, and Kim MacDonald, who is making a valuable contribution to meetings.

### **Acknowledgements**

2021 has been a challenging year for all of us. Continued Covid-related regulations have restricted normal church activities. We have also had a significant number of retirements:

- John Pugh, our Methodist minister, retired in June, and we were honoured to host his leaving service at an outdoor event. We wish him and his family a happy and relaxed retirement in the North East. We were pleased to welcome Revd Sandra Marshall as his replacement and we hope she will enjoy her time in the Circuit.
- Wendy Walker's time as our Family Worker came to an end in September. We thank her for her input to church life and wish her and her family well in the future.
- At the end of October David Bowler retired after 33 years at Quorn. A leaving do was held, with supper and entertainments. Many thanks to all who organised and ran this event. We wish him and Tracy a long and happy retirement.

As a result we are now in an interregnum and at the same time there is a major rearrangement within the Diocese as to how parishes are organised, which has led to much uncertainty for the future. However we have been able, with the help of Methodist Ministers, lay preachers, local Anglican clergy and our Lay Reader, to continue regular services at the church, including Holy Communion. Our thanks go to all who are making this possible.

- In December Peter Kerry retired as editor of the church magazine. We give him thanks for his time and dedication, and wish him and Sylvia well for the future.

Many thanks are due to all who have ensured the smooth running of the church throughout the year: bell ringers, choir, organists, church cleaners, brass cleaners, providers of tea, coffee and biscuits after services, at Saturday morning Coffee and Chat, and Monday morning Refresh café, the flower arrangers, those ensuring that the church is heated, candles lit, communion available, altar frontals are changed as required, our treasurer, those who ensure that the church is in good physical condition, and all who make sure that services run smoothly.

## **D FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Following the difficulties experienced in 2020, 2021 started in much the same vein although by summer church activities had started to return, albeit in a modified fashion. The intention to carry out a major fundraising exercise to try and top up our reserves was not carried out due to the continued uncertainties. In October 2020 we had reduced our payment to the diocese by £1500 per month and from June we returned that payment to the previous level.

Apart from the Church Rooms, which is run as a separate exercise, and the Family Worker, most individual accounts continued to show relatively little activity this year. However, the General Fund and Building Fund combined, the main church accounts saw a surplus of £17115, compared to a deficit of £7260 the previous year. Our General Fund reserves increased to £31678.

That appears to be a very good result. However, our energy supplier went out of business so energy bills for September to December are not included, £4000 was transferred from the Church Rooms and Choir and we benefited from two large legacies totalling £14000. Although we are in a fairly good financial position, the reality is that expenditure does exceed income.

For 2021 we have major energy bills, inflation and the Quinquennial to fund as our major financial issues.

At the start of the year a government grant of £3500 was received to compensate the **Church Rooms** for the effects of coronavirus for the whole period from March 2020. The Church Rooms cleaner was also furloughed in 2021 under another government initiative. With these measures, and a minimalist approach to maintenance, it was possible to turn the 2020 deficit of £2281 into a surplus of £3025 in 2022. Some items of deferred expenditure will be addressed in 2022, although a series of substantial gas price increases, which began in November 2021 and are still continuing without any sign of letting up, is a source of concern.

## **E BRIEF STATEMENT OF THE CHARITY'S POLICY ON RESERVES**

The church policy is to follow a recommendation from Leicester Diocese in 2015 suggesting that ideally overall reserves should be maintained between 25% and 50% of the previous year's expenditure. Current reserves are £31678, corresponding to 30% of 2021 expenditure. This is at the bottom end of the guidance. It is suggested that the church should review its policy on reserves in accordance with latest Church of England guidance.

## **F DETAILS OF ANY FUNDS MATERIALLY IN DEFICIT**

None

**G DECLARATION**

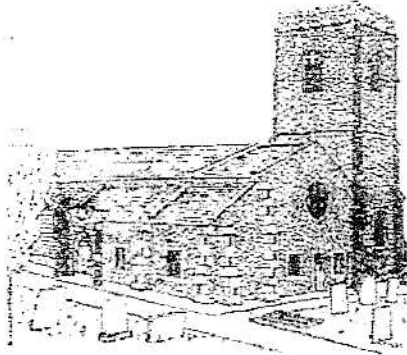
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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature ..... *A. M. Treasure* .....

Full name ..... *ANNE MARY TREASURE* .....

Position (eg Secretary, Chair) ..... *SECRETARY* .....

Date ..... *22nd MAY 2022* .....



St Bartholomew's United Church, Quorn

Registered Charity Number 1134810

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending

31st December 2021

Charity no. 1134810

St Bartholomew's United Church Quorn

Printed: 04/03/2022

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year funds
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	76,841	0	0	76,841	70,494
Charitable activities	14,861	0	0	14,861	9,399
Other trading activities	11,343	0	0	11,343	10,364
Investments	11	0	0	11	100
Separate material item of income	0	0	0	0	0
Other	3,504	0	0	3,504	3,095
<b>Total</b>	<b>106,561</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>106,561</b>	<b>93,451</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	0	0	0	0	0
Charitable activities	93,056	0	0	93,056	104,514
Separate material item of expense	0	0	0	0	0
Other	4,750	0	0	4,750	1,293
<b>Total</b>	<b>97,806</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>97,806</b>	<b>105,807</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)</b>	<b>8,755</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,755</b>	<b>-12,355</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<b>8,755</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,755</b>	<b>-12,355</b>
Extraordinary items	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>	<b>8,755</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,755</b>	<b>-12,355</b>
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward	758,519	0	0	758,519	
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>767,274</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>767,274</b>	

# **St Bartholomew's United Church, Quorn**

## **Notes to the financial statements for the year ending 31st December 2021**

### **Accounting Policies**

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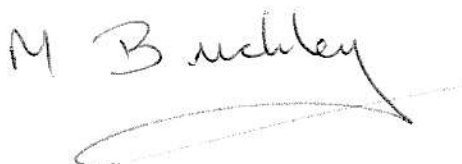
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Michael Buckley  
Independent Examiner  
4<sup>th</sup> March 2022



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Lettings (Previous year)	0	0	0	0	228
Lettings	3,133	0	0	3,133	2,663
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Interest received	11	0	0	11	100
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S05 Separate material item of income					
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Reimbursements	2,250	0	0	2,250	1,208
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Transfer from other funds	0	0	0	0	368
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Salaries and wages	9,754	0	0	9,754	11,443
Training costs	0	0	0	0	105
Vicars expenses	1,193	0	0	1,193	2,326
Parish magazine costs	426	0	0	426	235
Service fees paid	0	0	0	0	1,468
Service expenses	218	0	0	218	662
Music	1,099	0	0	1,099	1,717
Youthwork, outreach, pastoral	555	0	0	555	286
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Circuit assessment	9,746	0	0	9,746	10,000
Travel expenses	454	0	0	454	1,790
Volunteer expenses	60	0	0	60	79
Utilities	537	0	0	537	0
Electricity	1,442	0	0	1,442	2,725
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Water charges	107	0	0	107	100
Refuse collection	962	0	0	962	738
Insurances	5,488	0	0	5,488	3,941
Caretaking	2,041	0	0	2,041	3,276
Repairs & maintenance	2,647	0	0	2,647	6,305
Maintenance - consumables	391	0	0	391	946
Clock	265	0	0	265	258
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Printing/photocopying	617	0	0	617	376
Publicity costs	224	0	0	224	244
Subscriptions	215	0	0	215	241
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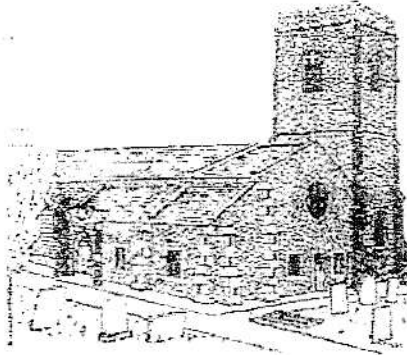
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Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	0	0	0	0



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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending

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Charitable activities	14,861	0	0	14,861	9,399
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Investments	11	0	0	11	100
Separate material item of income	0	0	0	0	0
Other	3,504	0	0	3,504	3,095
<b>Total</b>	<b>106,561</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>106,561</b>	<b>93,451</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	0	0	0	0	0
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Other	4,750	0	0	4,750	1,293
<b>Total</b>	<b>97,806</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>97,806</b>	<b>105,807</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)</b>	<b>8,755</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,755</b>	<b>-12,355</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	0	0	0	0	0
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Extraordinary items	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>	<b>8,755</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,755</b>	<b>-12,355</b>
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward	758,519	0	0	758,519	
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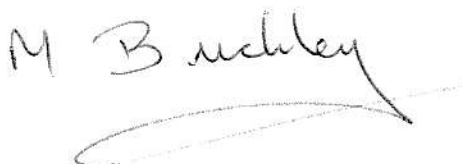
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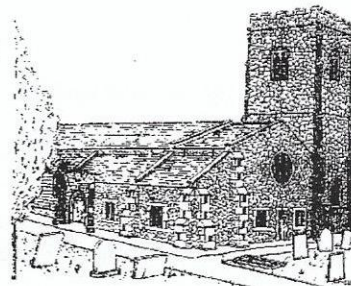
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# Accounts

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St Bartholomew's United Church Quorn Charity Number 1134810  
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## TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

For the period 1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020

### SECTION A 1 REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

#### Charity Name

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Bartholomew. Quorn

#### Other Names by which charity is known

None

#### Registered Charity Number

1134810

#### Charity's Principal Address

St Bartholomew's Church  
Church Lane,  
Quorn  
LE12 8DP

#### Names of Trustees who Manage the Charity

Rev'd David H. Bowler (Chair)

Mr M.G. Bird

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Ms S E Osmond

Mrs W. Walker

Mrs R.Harris

Mr A Mosley

Mr J.H.Cox

#### Names of the Trustees for the Charity, if any (for example custodian trustees)

The Trustees for St Bartholomew's Church (custodian trustee)

## **SECTION B STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Type of Governing document**

Local Ecumenical Project Sharing Agreement 10th May 1983

### **How the charity is constituted**

Act of Parliament

### **Trustee selection methods**

Ministers, together with people elected by the general meeting of all church members to specific posts. Plus, Church representatives elected at the AGM for fixed terms.

## **SECTION C OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The focus of this review of Church activities and achievements will be how St Bartholomew's United Church reflects our love and devotion to God and our commitment to Church members and the wider community.

### **Ministry Worship and Music**

The Online Service started on Passion Sunday, March 29th 2020 and has continued weekly on Sunday Mornings throughout the year. Helen Shacklock worked with David Bowler and David Jonczyk each week to produce it. Members of the congregation have recorded the two readings each Sunday. All the main festivals have been included together with special anniversaries such as the 75th anniversaries of VE and VJ Day and the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain and the Blitz. There was an extra service on Good Friday and a special carol service on December 20th that included all our own musical recordings.

Wendy Walker and Dawn Daly have worked with David Bowler and David Jonczyk to produce a Family Online service once a month since September.

### **The Worship Committee**

The committee met in October to assist David in restarting services in church after the first lockdown. A risk assessment based on Church of England Guidelines had already been written by Paul Turlington and the Committee looked at this and discussed maximum seating capacity using social distancing, use of the choir and organist, informing parishioners about services, booking systems, the one way system, use of hand sanitiser and cleaning, collections and donations. We also discussed Remembrance arrangements, (the Quorn Branch of the British Legion were organising a film for 2020 Remembrance Sunday) and the forthcoming Angels Festival. The plan for the latter was that our Church and QBC would invite members of the community to make Angel Christmas Tree decorations which would be placed in bags and left around the village with a Christmas message for families to find and take home. We held a further meeting in December after the November lockdown about December arrangements. This enabled a prompt return to our morning services in church.

### **The Choir**

In the early part of 2020, the Choir sang anthems at the Unity and the Candlemas services but the first lockdown of the coronavirus pandemic started just as we were about to sing an anthem for Mothering Sunday. When the Church reopened for services in October, Mary Treasure and Tony Coates assisted Helen Shacklock in drawing up a risk assessment using a Royal Schools of Church Music template. This enabled the choir to sing in groups at all the morning services in a way that was safe, socially distanced and observing current restrictions. No congregational singing was allowed. The choir also met in groups for a shortened Choir Practice as recommended in the risk assessment.

With a further break for the second lockdown in November, as well as practising for services, groups from the choir with organist, Angus McKechnie recorded hymns for the Remembrance services, (both our own online Remembrance service and the British Legion recorded service) . We recorded carols for the Christmas Service for Care Homes and carols for carol singing at home (both of these produced by our Church with Quorn Baptist Church). Carols and hymns were also recorded for our own Online services and in addition, a group of choristers were filmed singing for the Messy Church Christingle service video.

Over Christmas groups from the choir sang at the Morning Carol Service on December 20th , Christmas Eve Morning and Christmas Day morning. Brenda Cox arranged for a group of Choir to sing Carols in Sutton Close, again safely socially distanced and following restrictions that were in place. We sang in two different areas and enjoyed singing in the happy atmosphere created by the residents.

### **Bellringers**

The last Bell Maintenance Service was completed in Feb 2021, with special focus on checking the bell wheel and pullies for Bell 5 due to ringers experiencing irregular rope movements; no issues were identified. Due to COVID-19 Pandemic the last ringing was in mid-March 2021, prior to the initial UK lockdowns on 23 March 2021. Since then ringing has been limited to a single bell only in memorial of the 70th anniversary of VJ (and VE) days and Remembrance Day., with an occasional Sunday service bell. Prior to returning to ringing after a period of no ringing the tower and bells were inspected to confirm it was safe to ring, with no issues identified.

An assessment has been completed to identify the space in the tower, for access to and within the ringing room. The conclusion of the assessment is that normal ringing of 6 or 8 bells will not be able to recommence until social distancing restrictions have been lifted. It may be possible to ring 4 bells, if they are not adjacent to each other with 1metre+ distance, use of face covering and good ventilation. The situation is being monitored based on government and Central Council of Church Bell Ringers (CCCRB) guidance and will be discussed and agreed with David Bowler in advance of returning to ringing, with completion of a risk assessment and bell / tower safety checks.

### **Mission and Outreach**

The pandemic year affected all forms of church life, including our brief to reach out and succour, so we had to re-focus and do what was possible. At the sharp end this meant allocating our corporate giving to where we felt it could have the most effect. With that in mind it was decided to send £500 immediately to the Disaster Emergency Committee which was appealing for funds to support relief work in 3rd world countries affected by Covid 19.

While all other previous beneficiaries were put on hold for now, the Church Council ratified our recommendation to continue support for our partner organisation SOaR (Schools Outreach and Resources) which continues to deliver outstanding projects in our local schools. In particular they have been able to harness the power of the internet to Christian ministry. When 'normality' resumes the Sub-committee will be eager to pick up the threads of our usual outreach activities, strengthen our squad, and get going again.

### **Safeguarding**

This year has been less busy in the Church around safeguarding. The church continue to use the "Promoting a Safer Church Policy"; a copy of which is held at the back of the church in the policy folder and is available on the Diocesan website. This is a nationally agreed policy which allows for us locally to adopt any changes which will be cascaded from the Diocese safeguarding team. The Diocese has been encouraging all churches across Leicestershire to register on the safeguarding dashboard. Quorn United Church are registered to use this and it will continue to be updated as the year goes on. One of the areas which has slipped this year, and is highlighted on the dashboard, is the safeguarding training.

All church members on the committee and leaders of organisations such as bell ringing, choir, Barts Babes, Messy Church are required to undertake an update of their safeguarding training every 3 years. We were due to have a session in Quorn last May which was cancelled due to Covid and this has not been rebooked. There is however self-service online training which people can book directly.

### **Family Worker Report**

Well, what a quite different year 2020 was for us all, including your Children and Families worker. The year started with new plans of Baptism preparation sessions, the schools coming into church for a station of the cross-prayer space activity to name just two projects.

The Family Worker contract had been extended to facilitate handing over her many projects to others, but all had to be put on hold when lock down commenced. The world went virtual, and we had to adapt to it. Weekly Worship Workshop was produced each week since Easter 2020; this is sent to St Bart's school children, many of our congregation, baptism families, social media and circulated around my home church in Anstey. Other school projects have also been continued doing virtual assemblies, and the wonderful introduction of Zoom meant we could host Messy Church virtually and even our Christingle service was recorded and broadcast on YouTube and had over 280 views.

### **Property**

Due to the pandemic, only two Property Group meetings were held in 2020; one face-to-face, and one virtual. A new Chair of the Property Group was appointed at the Annual Parish Church meeting in October. Work carried out mainly involved routine maintenance, much of it later in the year than usual. In 2019 the hopper which collects water from the roof of the Farnham Chapel fell and cracked. This was repaired, with a contribution from the Farnham family, and some re-pointing on the Chancel wall necessitated by the leak was carried out.

Further work on the Fire Security system was identified late in 2019. It was hoped that this work could be carried out by a qualified electrician, but this proved impossible due to the fireproof wiring. Finally a plan of work was agreed by the Property Group, but despite a number of discussions with the contractors a quotation for the agreed work was not provided, and a new contractor is being sought.

Maintenance work included PAT testing, a service to the gas boiler, a service to the roof alarm, testing of fire extinguishers, and testing of the lightning conductor.

### **Church Rooms**

The Church Rooms are an important element of Quorn United Church and provide a social and recreational building for the Church and other users. There is also a Pre School for children of under-school age, which is privately owned and operated and leases part of the premises during term times. There is a formal agreement in place for this activity.

The year 2020 started well with bookings at the level of previous years, but the start of the Covid-19 pandemic towards the end of March meant that these ceased almost overnight, with the Pre School also having to close due to Government educational policy. Whilst the Pre School was able to reopen again at the beginning of June and remained in operation for the remainder of the year, continuing restrictions, which were varied from time to time, resulted in only a very limited number of bookings for other purposes.

The lack of bookings resulted in a severe drop in income, referred to in more detail in Section D of this report. Fortunately there were not items of expenditure of a major nature planned for the year and, even more fortunately, no significant problems were experienced, so it was possible to keep the finances under control. It is to be hoped that in 2021 there will be more bookings, not only from the social aspect but also to generate much needed income. The plea in last year's report for more help on the Committee bore fruit and the Committee was pleased to welcome Ruth Iley at its first meeting in 2021, which was also its first meeting using Zoom technology

## **Acknowledgements**

This has been an unprecedented year, with Sunday services only taking place for some of the time. However, our church work has continued. Many thanks to those who have run "Open Church", and thanks to those who have made our online services possible, David Jonczyk, Helen Shacklock, and those who have read lessons and participated in other ways. Also to those providing our daily prayers and those keeping channels of communication open.

Many other people have been "waiting in the wings", ready to help: Church Wardens, Methodist Stewards, Family Worker, Verger, sidespersons, organists, choir, bell ringers, cleaners (church and extension), brass cleaners, providers of tea, coffee (and occasionally mulled wine), flower arrangers, the Editor of Quorn News, providers of bread for Communion, members of the UCC and Church committees, our Church and Church Room treasurers, and all others who have contributed, often just by "being there" - huge and heartfelt thanks are due.

## **D FINANCIAL REVIEW**

2020 was for understandable reasons a very difficult year. The early intention was to carry out a major fundraising exercise later in the year to try and top up our reserves. However on entering lockdown in March it was obvious that there would be a need to raid reserves to cover the shortfall in funds. This we did until it was evident that restrictions were not going to end when expected and we could not continue running on reserves. From October we reduced our payment to the diocese by £1500 per month.

Apart from the Church Rooms and Family Worker most individual accounts showed little activity this year. However the General fund, which is the main Church account, had a deficit of £7260. The building fund, normally used for larger maintenance jobs was used as a reserve to cover cash flow shortfalls had a deficit of £2296. Our General fund reserves were reduced by £12355. This year has been unprecedented and it is impossible to foresee any great improvement although the financial position is currently stable. Our financial aim for 2021 is prudence while supporting the church's activities. At some stage in the year a major fundraising campaign will be required.

The **Church Rooms** started the year off in a strong financial position and a working surplus was forecast. The total closure of the premises between mid-March and June, with only the Pre School remaining open from then until the end of the year, with minimal other use, had a dramatic effect on the finances. By comparison with 2019, there was a shortfall of around £2000 on income from the Pre School and £7000 on other bookings. The Committee decided that the services of the cleaner would be fully retained to carry out essential cleaning and security issues and it was not easy to make significant reductions in other areas of expenditure, as most are effectively fixed or contractual costs. The overall outcome was not as severe as had been forecast at one stage, with a deficit of £2281 and a year end balance of £12491. As an indicator, approximately £5000 in lettings income, in addition to the amount paid by the Pre School, is needed to 'balance the books' in any year.

Finally, the Paxton Accounting system, now in its third year of usage, continues to simplify the accounting work needed to produce this report.

## **E BRIEF STATEMENT OF THE CHARITY'S POLICY ON RESERVES**

The Church policy is to follow a recommendation from Leicester Diocese in 2015 suggesting that ideally overall reserves should be maintained between 25% and 50% of the previous year's expenditure. At the end of 2019, the reserve was £55876. Due to the problems of 2020 it is now £43519. The Family Worker account is an independent designated account, currently holding £11915. This account will be supporting a part-time family worker until 2021. After deducting the family worker balance, the reserves are £31604, corresponding to 30% of a much reduced 2020 expenditure. This is at the bottom end of the guidance but more importantly should expenditure return to pre-2020 levels would represent only 22% of turnover which is well below the recommended guidelines.

**F DETAILS OF ANY FUNDS MATERIALLY IN DEFICIT**

None

**G DECLARATION**

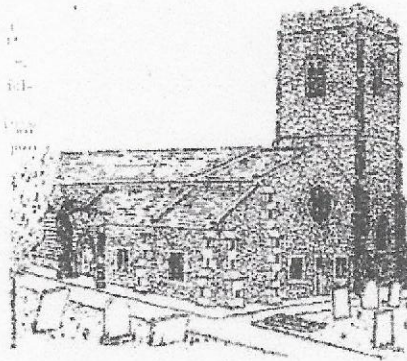
The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above  
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature ..... DA Henderson .....

Full name..... REVEREND DAVID HENDERSON BOWLER.

Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair)..... VICAR AND CHAIRMAN.

Date..... 19th May 2021.



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**Registered Charity Number 1134810**

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	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	70,494	0	0	70,494	94,632
Charitable activities	9,399	0	0	9,399	20,194
Other trading activities	10,364	0	0	10,364	20,277
Investments	100	0	0	100	194
Separate material item of income	0	0	0	0	0
Other	3,095	0	0	3,095	7,220
<b>Total</b>	<b>93,451</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>93,451</b>	<b>142,517</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	0	0	0	0	0
Charitable activities	104,514	0	0	104,514	131,285
Separate material item of expense	0	0	0	0	0
Other	1,293	0	0	1,293	9,612
<b>Total</b>	<b>105,807</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>105,807</b>	<b>140,897</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)</b>	<b>-12,355</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-12,355</b>	<b>1,620</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<b>-12,355</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-12,355</b>	<b>1,620</b>
Extraordinary items	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>	<b>-12,355</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-12,355</b>	<b>1,620</b>
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward	770,875	0	0	770,875	
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>758,519</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>758,519</b>	

# **St Bartholomew's United Church, Quorn**

## **Notes to the financial statements for the year ending 31st December 2020**

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Unrestricted funds are general funds which may be used for United Church Council ordinary purposes. All Church funds are within this category.

### **Incoming resources**

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax funds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the United Church Council is legally entitled to the amounts due. Interest is accrued. All other income is recognised 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 United Church Council. The Diocesan Parish Share and Methodist Circuit Assessment are accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

### **Related Party Transactions**

£930 was paid to one trustee as assistant organist and £11443 was paid to a Family Worker who is also a trustee. A small immaterial part of the expenses paid to the incumbent and his wife may have related to his services as Chairman of the United Church Council. There were no other related party transactions in the year.

### **Fixed Assets**

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

The Church Rooms buildings are included in the financial statements at a deemed valuation being the insured value. The United Church Council considers it inappropriate to make any depreciation charge.

As there is also insufficient cost information available for any further assets they are not valued in these financial statements. In recent years no individual item has cost more than £1000, so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

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	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Year Total</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
S01 Donations and legacies					
Donations received	6,086	0	0	6,086	11,898
Planned giving	39,195	0	0	39,195	46,630
Collections	2,644	0	0	2,644	10,134
Gift aid tax income	11,969	0	0	11,969	12,520
Grants received	10,500	0	0	10,500	13,200
Bequests and legacies	100	0	0	100	250
	70,494	0	0	70,494	94,632
S02 Charitable activities (inc.)					
Sales	17	0	0	17	78
Parochial fees	9,382	0	0	9,382	20,116
	9,399	0	0	9,399	20,194
S03 Other trading activities					
Fundraising income	300	0	0	300	1,483
Quorn News	778	0	0	778	780
Lettings (Previous year)	228	0	0	228	378
Lettings	2,663	0	0	2,663	9,320
Quorn Pre-School lettings	6,396	0	0	6,396	8,317
	10,365	0	0	10,365	20,278
S04 Investments					
Interest received	100	0	0	100	194
	100	0	0	100	194
S05 Separate material item of income					
	0	0	0	0	0
S06 Other (inc.)					
Other income	269	0	0	269	0
Reimbursements	1,208	0	0	1,208	315
VAT refunds	1,250	0	0	1,250	1,924
Transfer from other funds	368	0	0	368	4,981
	3,095	0	0	3,095	7,220
S08 Raising funds					
	0	0	0	0	0
S09 Charitable activities					
Charitable donations	1,190	0	0	1,190	3,440

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	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Year Total</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Salaries and wages	11,443	0	0	11,443	12,590
Training costs	105	0	0	105	725
Vicars expenses	2,326	0	0	2,326	2,854
Parish magazine costs	235	0	0	235	869
Service fees paid	1,468	0	0	1,468	0
Service expenses	662	0	0	662	946
Music	1,717	0	0	1,717	3,107
Youthwork, outreach, pastoral	286	0	0	286	152
Central contribution	0	0	0	0	30
Parish Gift	51,000	0	0	51,000	55,200
Circuit assessment	10,000	0	0	10,000	10,000
Travel expenses	1,790	0	0	1,790	2,376
Volunteer expenses	79	0	0	79	116
Electricity	2,725	0	0	2,725	2,479
Gas	2,113	0	0	2,113	2,664
Water charges	100	0	0	100	128
Refuse collection	738	0	0	738	940
Insurances	3,941	0	0	3,941	4,126
Caretaking	3,276	0	0	3,276	3,549
Repairs & maintenance	6,305	0	0	6,305	9,424
Maintenance - consumables	946	0	0	946	746
Clock	258	0	0	258	0
Heating	0	0	0	0	1,512
Professional fees	10	0	0	10	0
Printing/photocopying	376	0	0	376	1,065
Postage,stationery,etc	0	0	0	0	1
Publicity costs	244	0	0	244	116
Subscriptions	241	0	0	241	312
IT costs	454	0	0	454	540
Equipment purchases	0	0	0	0	2,274
Other costs	100	0	0	100	420
Transfer to other funds	368	0	0	368	8,581
Audit & accountancy costs	20	0	0	20	0
	104,515	0	0	104,516	131,282
S10 Separate material item of expense					
	0	0	0	0	0
S11 Other (exp.)					
Parochial fees DBF	813	0	0	813	6,002
Other fees	480	0	0	480	3,610
	1,293	0	0	1,293	9,612
S14 Net gains/(losses) on investments					
	0	0	0	0	0
S16 Extraordinary items					

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	0	0	0	0	0
S17 Transfers between funds					
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
S18 Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets					
	0	0	0	0	0
S19 Other gains/(losses)					
	0	0	0	0	0

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	Total funds	Prior year funds
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Intangible assets	0	0
Tangible assets	715,000	715,000
Heritage assets	0	0
Investments	0	0
<i>Total fixed assets</i>	<b>715,000</b>	<b>715,000</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Stocks	0	0
Debtors	0	0
Investments	0	0
Cash at bank and in hand	43,519	55,875
<i>Total current assets</i>	<b>43,519</b>	<b>55,875</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	0	0
<i>Net current assets/(liabilities)</i>	<b>43,519</b>	<b>55,875</b>
<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>	<b>758,519</b>	<b>770,875</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	0	0
Provisions for liabilities	0	0
<b>Total net assets or liabilities</b>	<b>758,519</b>	<b>770,875</b>
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>		
Endowment funds	0	0
Restricted income funds	0	0
Unrestricted funds	758,519	770,875
Revaluation reserve	0	0
<b>Total charity funds</b>	<b>758,519</b>	<b>770,875</b>

Signed by one or two trustees  
on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy

## **St Bartholomew's United Church, Quorn**

This report on the financial statements of the UCC for the year ended 31st December 2020, which are set out on pages 1 and 2, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the regulations') and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993 ('the Act').

### **Respective responsibilities of the UCC and the Examiner**

As members of the UCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirements of the Regulations and s.43 (2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charities Commission under s.43 (7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 Edition.


That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the UCC 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 any 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.

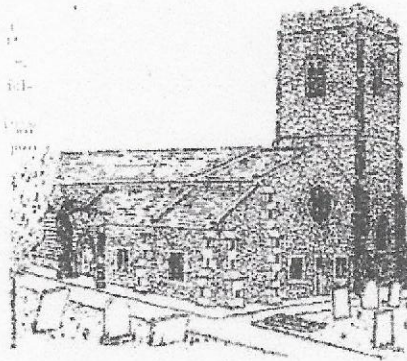
### **Independent Examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter comes 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 s.41 of the Act; and
  - To prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations 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.

Michael Buckley  
Independent Examiner  
19<sup>th</sup> February 2021





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Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the United Church Council. The Diocesan Parish Share and Methodist Circuit Assessment are accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

### **Related Party Transactions**

£930 was paid to one trustee as assistant organist and £11443 was paid to a Family Worker who is also a trustee. A small immaterial part of the expenses paid to the incumbent and his wife may have related to his services as Chairman of the United Church Council. There were no other related party transactions in the year.

### **Fixed Assets**

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

The Church Rooms buildings are included in the financial statements at a deemed valuation being the insured value. The United Church Council considers it inappropriate to make any depreciation charge.

As there is also insufficient cost information available for any further assets they are not valued in these financial statements. In recent years no individual item has cost more than £1000, so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

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	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Year Total</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
S01 Donations and legacies					
Donations received	6,086	0	0	6,086	11,898
Planned giving	39,195	0	0	39,195	46,630
Collections	2,644	0	0	2,644	10,134
Gift aid tax income	11,969	0	0	11,969	12,520
Grants received	10,500	0	0	10,500	13,200
Bequests and legacies	100	0	0	100	250
	70,494	0	0	70,494	94,632
S02 Charitable activities (inc.)					
Sales	17	0	0	17	78
Parochial fees	9,382	0	0	9,382	20,116
	9,399	0	0	9,399	20,194
S03 Other trading activities					
Fundraising income	300	0	0	300	1,483
Quorn News	778	0	0	778	780
Lettings (Previous year)	228	0	0	228	378
Lettings	2,663	0	0	2,663	9,320
Quorn Pre-School lettings	6,396	0	0	6,396	8,317
	10,365	0	0	10,365	20,278
S04 Investments					
Interest received	100	0	0	100	194
	100	0	0	100	194
S05 Separate material item of income					
	0	0	0	0	0
S06 Other (inc.)					
Other income	269	0	0	269	0
Reimbursements	1,208	0	0	1,208	315
VAT refunds	1,250	0	0	1,250	1,924
Transfer from other funds	368	0	0	368	4,981
	3,095	0	0	3,095	7,220
S08 Raising funds					
	0	0	0	0	0
S09 Charitable activities					
Charitable donations	1,190	0	0	1,190	3,440

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Salaries and wages	11,443	0	0	11,443	12,590
Training costs	105	0	0	105	725
Vicars expenses	2,326	0	0	2,326	2,854
Parish magazine costs	235	0	0	235	869
Service fees paid	1,468	0	0	1,468	0
Service expenses	662	0	0	662	946
Music	1,717	0	0	1,717	3,107
Youthwork, outreach, pastoral	286	0	0	286	152
Central contribution	0	0	0	0	30
Parish Gift	51,000	0	0	51,000	55,200
Circuit assessment	10,000	0	0	10,000	10,000
Travel expenses	1,790	0	0	1,790	2,376
Volunteer expenses	79	0	0	79	116
Electricity	2,725	0	0	2,725	2,479
Gas	2,113	0	0	2,113	2,664
Water charges	100	0	0	100	128
Refuse collection	738	0	0	738	940
Insurances	3,941	0	0	3,941	4,126
Caretaking	3,276	0	0	3,276	3,549
Repairs & maintenance	6,305	0	0	6,305	9,424
Maintenance - consumables	946	0	0	946	746
Clock	258	0	0	258	0
Heating	0	0	0	0	1,512
Professional fees	10	0	0	10	0
Printing/photocopying	376	0	0	376	1,065
Postage,stationery,etc	0	0	0	0	1
Publicity costs	244	0	0	244	116
Subscriptions	241	0	0	241	312
IT costs	454	0	0	454	540
Equipment purchases	0	0	0	0	2,274
Other costs	100	0	0	100	420
Transfer to other funds	368	0	0	368	8,581
Audit & accountancy costs	20	0	0	20	0
	104,515	0	0	104,516	131,282
S10 Separate material item of expense					
	0	0	0	0	0
S11 Other (exp.)					
Parochial fees DBF	813	0	0	813	6,002
Other fees	480	0	0	480	3,610
	1,293	0	0	1,293	9,612
S14 Net gains/(losses) on investments					
	0	0	0	0	0
S16 Extraordinary items					

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	0	0	0	0	0
S17 Transfers between funds					
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
S18 Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets					
	0	0	0	0	0
S19 Other gains/(losses)					
	0	0	0	0	0

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	Total funds	Prior year funds
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Intangible assets	0	0
Tangible assets	715,000	715,000
Heritage assets	0	0
Investments	0	0
<i>Total fixed assets</i>	<b>715,000</b>	<b>715,000</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Stocks	0	0
Debtors	0	0
Investments	0	0
Cash at bank and in hand	43,519	55,875
<i>Total current assets</i>	<b>43,519</b>	<b>55,875</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	0	0
<i>Net current assets/(liabilities)</i>	<b>43,519</b>	<b>55,875</b>
<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>	<b>758,519</b>	<b>770,875</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	0	0
Provisions for liabilities	0	0
<b>Total net assets or liabilities</b>	<b>758,519</b>	<b>770,875</b>
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>		
Endowment funds	0	0
Restricted income funds	0	0
Unrestricted funds	758,519	770,875
Revaluation reserve	0	0
<b>Total charity funds</b>	<b>758,519</b>	<b>770,875</b>

Signed by one or two trustees  
on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy

## **St Bartholomew's United Church, Quorn**

This report on the financial statements of the UCC for the year ended 31st December 2020, which are set out on pages 1 and 2, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the regulations') and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993 ('the Act').

### **Respective responsibilities of the UCC and the Examiner**

As members of the UCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirements of the Regulations and s.43 (2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charities Commission under s.43 (7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 Edition.

That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the UCC 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 any 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 comes 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 s.41 of the Act; and
  - To prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations 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.

Michael Buckley  
Independent Examiner  
19<sup>th</sup> February 2021

