

Parish Church of St Lawrence, Frodingham

Registered Charity Number 1135445

Final Accounts

**for the year ended
31 December 2021**

PARISH CHURCH OF ST LAWRENCE, FRODINGHAM

Annual report for the year ended 31 December 2021

Background

The North Scunthorpe Group Ministry of which St Lawrence's and All Saints was part is now in abeyance while the Diocese of Lincoln looks into reordering the way Ministry is deployed. We are also no longer members of Churches in North Scunthorpe (CINS) as a new ecumenical group, Churches Together in North Lincolnshire, has been formed which is drawing from the denominations in North Lincolnshire.

PCC Membership

The PCC has specific responsibilities for the church buildings and the church hall and its members are either ex officio or elected at the Annual Parochial Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. At present the PCC has 11 lay members and 8 ex officio members (19 in total).

Committees

The PCC usually meets six times a year in normal circumstances but has only met four times this year, one meeting being virtual. The Standing Committee also meets 6 times a year prior to the PCC meetings and is responsible for setting the agenda for meetings of the Council. It is also responsible for the conduct of all PCC business between meetings. The PCC sets up working parties, as required, to drive forward particular initiatives.

Review of the Year

This year has been dominated and disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic which saw St Lawrence's closed from January until May with the Church meeting virtually via Zoom weekly every Sunday, alongside our sisters and brothers from All Saints. From May we opened every other week through to the end of the year whilst maintaining a weekly Zoom service. We also had Evening Prayer via Zoom on every Tuesday and Thursday evenings throughout the year and this attracted much interest and following. Zoom has continued to be a means of communication, social gathering and worship as well as a means of holding meetings too, without this we would have been a much more isolated community. Several times this year we have met and shared worship with our neighbours at St George's too. We also kept our Prayer and Worship material (emailed and posted) going until September; we had services advertised and promoted on Facebook, and website and national resources highlighted. We have also continued doing almost daily blogs to keep folk in touch, to offer Spiritual advice and support and to celebrate the Saints and Holy days. These have proved quite popular and hopefully useful too. In the summer we started to have baptisms and weddings in Church again which was a great joy and a relief to many. In December, we were able to host the St Lawrence Academy for their Christmas services again but many other events were either cancelled, moved to Social Media, or adapted. It was a joy to hold 9 lessons and Carols in Church again, the Hospital Carol Service and Christingle. We also hosted Midnight Mass and offered a streamed service for Christmas for those who felt unable to attend Church in person.

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Our finances have struggled again this year as it has been difficult to maintain regular giving apart from those who give directly to the Bank but, as always, we have been well supported and looked after by our Treasurer, Christine Hall and the Planned Giving officer Angela Sturman, as well as Michael Cropper's diligence in looking after the Gift Aid claims.

Our AGM and APCM were held in May. We have undergone pointing work and renovations to the roof which, hopefully will mean it is less likely to leak and are considering how to deal with the thorny issue of drainage around the Church currently. We are, as ever, grateful to John Veall who has worked hard to do many essential maintenance works in and around the Church and the Hall. We are also grateful to Don Paine who has enabled the area around the Hall to be cleared of much overgrown vegetation.

Finally, our Assistant Curate, Revd Sarah Tierney has completed her training and is preparing to move to pastures new, thankfully within the Diocese! We saw Revd Julie Miles being ordained Priest at Lincoln Cathedral. Julie has stepped down as Head of RE at St Lawrence's Academy, but is still heavily involved in teaching and in her work as an in-service Chaplain at the Academy. It is also a great joy to see Keith Farmery licensed as a Reader at Lincoln Cathedral in October and to see him continue to blossom and grow in his ministry amongst us.

Another busy but unusual year!

Seasonal and special services

Our pattern of seasonal and special services has continued through the pandemic – some virtually (up until May) and some in person at a social distance. Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Ascension Day and Corpus Christi were all shared with St George's Church.

Links across the Parish

The Luncheon Club took the decision to close down this year, citing the effect of the pandemic, age of the helpers and the increasing demands from the Local Authority upon them. It's a sad loss and we are grateful for their work. The Men's Breakfast has not been able to meet this year but hopes to next year. We have been able to host several Afternoon teas and lunches as well as the Harvest Supper this year.

Links with schools and uniformed organisations

I have become Chair of the Local Board of Trustees at St Lawrence's Academy as it moves towards becoming a multi Academy Trust, and Jane Holmes is Vice Chair of the Local Board too. We continue to offer support and I have recorded several addresses for their reflections which are held in tutor time and hosted their Christmas Services. Revd Julie continues in her Chaplaincy role at the Academy as well as her teaching role. Sarah continues as a Governor at Berkeley Infants and also at Frodingham Infants, taking some virtual assemblies along the way. I took a Google Meets Service for Christmas at St Hugh's Special School and we look to other means of maintaining and growing these links.

GFS has been as affected by the pandemic as everyone else, but a good link is maintained and they are now up and running almost normally again.

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Pastoral Care

This area has been massively affected this year due to the obvious change in our circumstances. We have maintained contact with most people via the phone, and have tried to be especially present that way for the alone, the isolated and the lonely. We hope to be able to do a more regular pattern of visiting soon. We have taken many funeral services and continue to support those who are bereaved and in need.

Examples of Wider ministry

We have continued to work together with St George's striving to build stronger links between our benefices and the wider Church, both Anglican and other denominations across the community as a whole. Prayer meetings on Zoom with our brothers and sisters in all the Churches have proved special and encouraging events. We will continue to grow and work together.

Looking to the future

It remains difficult to know where we will be a week at a time let alone a month or a year ahead but we continue to learn, to grow and to move forwards together. Our shared worship on Zoom with All Saints shows a Benefice wide model which has been beneficial and supportive. We continue to find new ways of communicating with and meeting the wider community, with Social Media and website fully to the fore. We have had links with new folks and with the wider community that we will build on moving forwards. As our Diocese looks at new ways of being a church we know that our strong links with our fellow Anglican Churches in Scunthorpe and the Deanery will remain important and are things we need to keep building upon. Our links and work with Churches Together in North Lincolnshire are a means of supporting, helping and working with those in need in our community. We will also look at ways of working ever closer with All Saints and continue to worship together where possible, and share socially and in terms of ministry together. We have seen several new people join our congregation in recent times, some virtually and some in person, so there are some positive signs of life.

Keith Farmery is still training as a Reader. Post his licensing, his ministry is growing and will continue to grow amongst us. His organisation of the virtual services and some 'live streamed' services shows some of the many gifts he can bring to our churches mission and ministry. He will be doing more as part of our 'Lay Ministry Team' as well as part of the 'Staff Team' moving forwards. Lisa Miller remains the first contact for the Parish in the office (mainly the office from home currently!) and continues to field many enquiries concerning weddings, baptisms and funerals for us. She has had to be a listening ear to wedding couples whose plans have been changed in our current circumstances. We are deeply indebted to her for her hard work, her efforts and care.

Whilst the short and medium term picture is unclear the future is still bright! The ministry and growth of both Sarah and Julie and Keith in their roles amongst us has been a shared blessing and joy. We will miss Sarah immensely when she moves on, but are grateful for her ministry with us. It remains my privilege to be your Vicar.

Reverend Canon Philip Brent – Vicar

10 May 2022

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
PARISH CHURCH OF ST LAWRENCE, FRODINGHAM**

I report to the PCC members on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 5 to 11.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

John Heeney BA (Hons) FCA
RNS Chartered Accountants

50-54 Oswald Road
Scunthorpe DN15 7PQ

10 May 2022

PARISH CHURCH OF ST LAWRENCE, FRODINGHAM**Receipts and Payments on General Account for the year ended
31 December 2021**

		<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
<u>Notes</u>			
<u>RECEIPTS</u>			
Voluntary Contributions:			
	Planned Giving	29,190.69	26,977.35
	Tax Recovered from Gift Aid	8,843.86	8,382.65
	Plated Collections	1,218.68	1,204.72
		39,253.23	36,564.72
1	Other Collections	3,185.53	1,075.27
2	Church Fees	6,454.50	9,244.75
3	Gifts, Donations and Bequests	1,552.33	11,289.50
	Parish Hall Fees	1,516.00	1,303.65
4	Special Fund Raising	3,713.64	574.53
	Group Live Receipts	-	203.40
5	Parish Office Charge	68.89	182.20
6	Church Heating Fee	200.00	410.00
	Clergy Travel Expenses	114.75	131.82
	Current Account Interest	23.08	38.00
	Tea Money	68.32	208.17
	Floral	983.10	-
	Sale of Diaries	-	2.00
		57,133.37	61,228.01
	Opening Balance	55,362.42	87,230.81
		£112,495.79	£148,458.82

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31 December 2021**

<u>Notes</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
<u>PAYMENTS</u>		
7 Maintenance of Church	18,148.01	41,203.22
8 Church Requisites	528.18	905.55
9 Church Fees	4,416.00	1,513.75
10 Maintenance of Parish Hall	2,754.83	4,391.51
11 Clergy Expenses	1,247.00	1,139.98
Parish Share	35,510.78	35,510.78
12 Special Fund Raising	70.00	230.00
13 Parish Office and Administration Expenses	7,590.95	7,750.16
14 Mission and Charity Payments	1,143.67	364.53
15 Miscellaneous	38.00	86.92
	71,447.42	93,096.40
Closing Balance	41,048.37	55,362.42
	£112,495.79	£148,458.82

PARISH CHURCH OF ST LAWRENCE, FRODINGHAM**Notes to the accounts for the year ended
31 December 2021****Notes****1 Other Collections**

Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals	2,168.71
Gift Aided Donations	1,010.72
Non Gift Aided Donations/Gifts	6.10
	£3,185.53

2 Church Fees

Wedding Deposits and Instalments	3,618.00
PCC Fees	1,392.00
Organist Fees	720.00
Verger Fees	520.00
Licensing	180.00
Bells, Flowers, Video, Order of Service, Banns	24.50
	£6,454.50

3 Gifts, Donations and Bequests

General	1,552.33
	£1,552.33

4 Special Fund Raising

Annual Charity	988.84
Special Parish Collections	169.83
Special Parish Events	1,265.04
Winter Fair	1,289.93
	£3,713.64

5 Parish Office Charge

Printing and Stationery Recharge	67.70
Admin Refund	1.19
	£68.89

6 Church Heating Fee

Church Heating Fee	200.00
	£200.00

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Music	435.00
Gas	825.03
Electricity	756.26
Water	188.52
Insurance	4,688.40
General Repairs	526.80
Specific Repairs	10,728.00
	£18,148.01

8 Church Requisites

Altar Requirements	38.50
Music Copyright Licence	387.58
Lockie Envelopes – FWO Gift Aid	102.10
	£528.18

9 Church Fees

All Saints	45.00
Fees to Diocese	1,266.00
Organist	1,640.00
Verger	960.00
Bells	270.00
Flowers	160.00
Videos	75.00
	£4,416.00

10 Maintenance of Parish Hall

Gas	694.84
Electricity	280.00
Water	60.00
Insurance	1,392.99
General Repairs	177.00
Specific Repairs	150.00
	£2,754.83

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31 December 2021****Notes****11 Clergy Expenses**

Travel Expenses	419.68
Telephone, Postage and Stationery	643.39
Books and Miscellaneous Items	183.93
	£1,247.00

12 Special Fund Raising

Winter Fair Expenses	50.00
Events Expenses	20.00
	£70.00

13 Parish Office and Administration Expenses

Photocopier and Printer	1,452.39
Paper	52.20
Telephone, Postage and Stationery	353.98
Administrator Salary	5,335.20
Parish Clerk Expenses	107.99
Miscellaneous Expenses	289.19
	£7,590.95

14 Mission and Charity Payments

Annual Charity	988.84
Special Charity Collection	154.83
	£1,143.67

15 Miscellaneous

Church Repair Scheme	30.00
Tea/Coffee Expenses	8.00
Organist	810.00
Verger	360.00
Bells	270.00
Flowers	160.00
Video	75.00
	£1,713.00

PARISH CHURCH OF ST LAWRENCE, FRODINGHAM**Accounts for the year ended**
31 December 2021**Summary of accounts held with The Royal Bank of Scotland plc - Scunthorpe Branch**

	<u>Balance</u> <u>01.01.21</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>With-</u> <u>drawals</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>31.12.21</u>
General Account	54,987.42	58,601.28	72,915.33	40,673.37
200 Club Account	375.00	-	-	375.00
	<u>£55,362.42</u>	<u>£58,601.28</u>	<u>£ 72,915.33</u>	<u>£41,048.37</u>

The General Account balance includes funding received towards the salary, pension and expenses of the Youth Worker. £8,515.00 of the monies received up to 31 December 2021 is in respect of expenditure not yet incurred, the Youth Worker having left in 2018, and represents a restricted fund at the year end.

Summary of Monies invested with The Central Board of Finance of the Church of England

	<u>Balance</u> <u>01.01.21</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>With-</u> <u>drawals</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>31.12.21</u>
<u>Deposit Funds</u>				
CBF Church of England:				
Deposit Fund	8,252.60	31.41	-	8,284.01
Building Fund	50,000.00	-	-	50,000.00
Clergy Fund	2,061.73	-	-	2,061.73
	<u>£60,314.33</u>	<u>£31.41</u>	<u>£-</u>	<u>£60,345.74</u>

PARISH CHURCH OF ST LAWRENCE, FRODINGHAM**Accounts for the year ended
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General Fund:	
Restricted	8,515.00
Unrestricted	32,158.37
	40,673.37
200 Club Account	375.00
Central Board of Finance of the Church of England - unrestricted	60,345.74
	<u>£101,394.11</u>

Statement of Assets at 31 December 2021**Church:**

Altar Furniture	£15,000.00
Interior Furnishings and Fittings	£10,000.00
Grand Organ	£10,000.00
Public Address System	£1,800.00

Church Hall:

Building, Land and Contents	£300,000.00
Grand Piano	£10,000.00
Office Equipment	£1,200.00

Revd Canon P Brent
Vicar

Mrs C J Hall
Treasurer

10 May 2022