

**THE PARISH OF MONK BRETTON
THE CHURCH OF SAINT PAUL**

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Sunday 8th May 2022



**AGENDA
AND
APCM REPORTS**

January – December 2021

THE ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING AND THE
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

of

Saint Paul's Church, Monk Bretton
to be held after the 10.00am Mass on Sunday, 8TH May, 2022

AGENDA

THE ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

1. Apologies for Absence
2. The Minutes of the last Annual Vestry Meeting
3. The election of Churchwardens

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

1. Apologies for absence
 2. The minutes of the last Annual Parochial Church Meeting
 3. Matters arising
 4. Reports (tabled)
 - i. Electoral Roll
 - ii. PCC activity
 - iii. Financial Statement and Adoption of Accounts
 - iv. Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church
Deanery/Diocesan Synod Report
 - v. Additional Reports
 5. Elections and Appointments
 - i. Election of PCC members
 - ii. Appointment of an Independent Examiner of the Accounts
(PCC members cannot hold this appointment)
 6. Vicar's Report
 7. Any Other Business and Questions
 8. Date of next APCM
 9. Closing Prayer
- *Would the new PCC please meet briefly afterwards
to discuss the date of its first meeting.***

SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH, MONK BRETTON

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING HELD AFTER MASS ON SUNDAY 23rd MAY 2021

1. PRESENT:

Father Brian T.B. Bell was Chairman. Father Bell introduced the meeting with prayer, welcoming those attending and asked for apologies for those unable to attend. There were 26 people in attendance (as recorded on the attached list).

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Miss A. Barton, Mr R. Drewett, Mrs P. Drewett, Mr E. Harston, Mrs J. Harston, Mrs B. Hutchinson, Mrs B. Marvin, Ms J. Murray, Mrs W. Thompson, Mrs B. Watson, Mrs M. Webster, Mr C. Woffinden and Mrs D.A. Woffinden.

3. MINUTES:

Father Bell requested the minutes of the last Annual Vestry Meeting, held on 4th October 2020, be approved as true and correct. Proposed by Mr C. Wraith, seconded by Mrs S. Rawson with all in favour.

4. MATTERS ARISING:

There were no matters arising.

5. ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS:

Before the election Father Bell thanked Mrs Lynda Brown and Mrs Mary Bullock for their many years of service and for their vocation to this ministry and their constant support to Father Bell in all areas of ministry. Father Bell mentioned that anyone interested in standing for the role of Churchwarden in the future would be very welcome to shadow the work of the current Churchwardens to see what the role entails.

There were two nominations for the posts of Benefice Churchwarden for the year 2021 - 2022.

Mrs Lynda Brown	Proposed by Mrs S. Rawson
	Seconded by Miss V. Liddall

Mrs Mary Bullock	Proposed by Mrs S. Rawson
	Seconded by Miss V. Liddall

Both were elected in a unanimous vote of those present.

Father Bell closed the meeting.

St Paul's Church Monk Bretton

Annual Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 23rd May 2021

People attending the above meeting

<u>Name</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Apologies</u>
Fr Brian Bell	Christine Savage	Daphne Woffenden
Fr Blair Radford	Joyce Eastwood	Cliff Woffenden
Tanice Rees	Tanet Richard	Beryl Watson
Reynard Webster	(Gwyn Rees)	Andrea Barton
Mary Bullock		Mildred Webster
Cliff Bullock		
Lynda Brown		
Eileen McClure		
Graham Brown		
Shirley Rawson		
Robert Rowland		
Charles Wraith		
Brenda Cawthron		
Kathleen Bell		
Gwyn Rees.		
Pauline Rowland		
Margaret Ealey		
Adrian England		
Doreen Dobson		
Doreen Dutt.		
Gillian Reardon		
Lorraine Francis		
Val Liddell.		

I hereby certify that is a true record of people attending the above meeting

Father Brian Bell SSC (Chairman) Brian Thomas Bennett R.

SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH, MONK BRETTON
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING HELD AFTER MASS
ON SUNDAY 23RD MAY 2021

1. PRESENT:

Father Brian T.B. Bell was Chairman.

There were 26 people in attendance (as recorded on the attached list).

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Miss A. Barton, Mr R. Drewett, Mrs P. Drewett, Mr E. Harston, Mrs J. Harston, Mrs B. Hutchinson, Mrs B. Marvin, Ms J. Murray, Mrs W. Thompson, Mrs B. Watson, Mrs M. Webster, Mr C. Woffinden and Mrs D.A. Woffinden.

3. MINUTES:

Fr. Bell asked that the minutes of the last meeting, held on 4th October 2020, be approved as a correct and true account of the meeting. Proposed by Mrs D. Ibbeson, seconded by Mr R. Rowland with all in favour.

4. MATTERS ARISING:

There was one question raised by Mr C. Wraith about the issue related safety of the stairs to the ringing room (p5 of minutes). Father Bell replied that the issue was in hand with the Tower Captain and would also be reported upon again in the next Quinquennial report as it had been mentioned in the previous one.

There were no other matters arising.

5. REPORTS:(tabled)

- i. **The Vicar's Report.** There was nothing to add to the written report. The Vicar thanked all who had helped over the last reporting period, including the Church Wardens, the PCC, musicians, those who work in church supporting the parish and the upkeep of the building.

There were two questions: Mr Charlie Wraith asked about whether the underpayment of the Parish Share would be excused owing to Covid. The Vicar hoped and believed that allowances would be made.

Mrs Shirley Rawson asked about the latest updates on numbers attending services. Father Bell replied that the parish hoped things to have returned to near normal by July this year. The parish was currently receiving high numbers of applications for baptism as we emerged from lockdown. There had also been a higher number of funerals in 2020 than in the previous year.

- ii. **Electoral Roll Report.** There was nothing to add to the report and no questions. Father Bell made comment that there were people legally entitled to be on the roll who were unable to attend Parish Mass on a Sunday owing to illness. Father Bell went on to thank Miss Marjorie Exley, on standing down from her roles as the Gift Aid officer and the Electoral Roll officer, after many years of service and diligence.

- iii. **Parochial Church Council Report.** There was nothing to add to the report and no questions arising. Father Bell thanked Mrs Daphne Woffinden for the report and her

work as secretary to the PCC. Father Bell then also gave thanks for the years of service given by Mrs Elizabeth Jubb, who died last year, in her role as the PCC secretary and in the parish as a whole, she would be missed by everyone.

- iv. **Parish Safeguarding Report.** There was nothing to add to the report and no questions arising. Father Bell thanked Mrs Pauline Rowland for her work and diligence in a very fast moving and difficult area of church administration.
- v. **Fabric Report.** There was nothing to add to the report and no questions arising. Father Bell mentioned that the quinquennial inspection had taken place and the report was being produced that would drive the fabric policy for the next report period.
- vi. **Church Wardens' Report.** There was nothing to add and no questions arising.
- vii. **Parish Financial Report.** Mrs Mary Bullock, the treasurer, wished to add thanks for all those who have gift aided to the parish. The parish had been able to reclaim back a sum in excess of £7,000 in gift aid, making a substantial positive impact on parish finances. Mrs Bullock also reminded those present that they can gift aid even if they do not pay tax directly, but their spouse does. Mrs Shirley Rawson then thanked Mrs Bullock for her work as treasurer. Father Bell again thanked Miss Marjorie Exley for her diligence as the Gift Aid officer and the work that she had done over the many years of being in this role.
- viii. **Health and Safety Report.** There was nothing to add to the report and no questions arising. Father Bell thanked Mr Adrian England for many hours of work over the pandemic period and lockdown, producing and updating the parish risk assessments and giving general advice to the PCC and vicar on all health and safety matters.
- ix. **Deanery Synod Report.** The Deanery Synod had not met over the reporting period, so there was no report forthcoming.
- x. **Weddings Report.** There was nothing to add to the report and no questions arising. Father Bell mentioned the change in law from the 4th May 2021. Marriage Certificates would be issued by the local Registry Officer. The current parish registers have been closed and will be taken to the Registry Office for deposit. A marriage certificate could now list up to four parents and six witnesses.
- xi. **Choir Report.** There was nothing to add to the report and no questions arising. Father Bell thanked Mr Robert Rowland and our choir. There was still no current date for the resuming of public singing.
- xii. **Junior Church Report.** In addition to the report Father Bell thanked Father Blair, Mrs Pauline Rowland and her team, Mrs Gillian Pearmain and Mrs Lorraine Francis, for their hard work and hoped that this would restart again in the near future. Mrs Shirley Rawson made comment that it was lovely to see young people in church on a Sunday.
- xiii. **Parent and Toddler Report.** There was nothing to add to the report and the same comments made about junior church applied to the group.

- xiv. **Line Dance Group Report.** There was nothing to add to the report and no questions arising.

Those present were in favour of accepting these reports.

6. ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

i. Election of Deanery Synod Members

The three members are ex-officio to the PCC and hold this position for three years having been elected at the last APCM on 4th October 2020.

ii. Election of P.C.C Members

nominations had been received.

Mrs L. Francis	proposed by Mrs D. Griffin	seconded by Miss V. Liddall
Mrs D Griffin	proposed by Mrs L. Brown	seconded by Mr R. Webster
Miss V. Liddall	proposed by Mrs L. Francis	seconded by Mrs D. Griffin
Mrs E McClure	proposed by Mr C. Wraith	seconded by Miss B. Cawthrow
Mrs S. Rawson	proposed by Mrs M. Bullock	seconded by Mr C. Bullock
Mrs P. Rowland	proposed by Mrs D. Metcalfe	seconded by Mrs D. Ibbeson
Mrs D A Woffinden	proposed by Mr C. Woffinden	seconded by Mrs M. Bullock

Those present were in favour of accepting these nominations.

iii. Appointment of an independent examiner of the accounts

Father Bell asked that Cartwright and Co. Ltd. be retained as the examiners. Proposed by Mr A. England, seconded by Mr C. Bullock. Cartwright and Co. Ltd were duly appointed as the examiners for the next accounting period.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- ☐ Mrs D. Ibbeson asked for people to come forward to join the parish intercession rota with the loss of Rachel moving with Father Blair to his first parish. Father Bell asked that anyone interested please speak with him.
- ☐ Father Bell took the opportunity to thank Father Radford as he prepares, with Rachel, to move to his new ministry in Barnsley at the end of his curacy here in Monk Bretton. Father Radford's last day in the parish will be the 1st August 2021.
- ☐ Mr C. Bullock thanked Father Bell and Father Radford for their hard work over lockdown and all that they did to support the congregation at home. This was seconded by Mrs S. Rawson.

8. DATE OF NEXT A.P.C.M.

Low Sunday 24th April 2022 was proposed by Mrs J. Rees, seconded by Miss V. Liddall with all in agreement.

9. Father Bell closed the meeting with thanks for all who had attended and asked Father Blair to give the closing prayer.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH, MONK BRETTON THE DIOCESE OF LEEDS AND EPISCOPAL AREA OF WAKEFIELD

Incumbent: Father Brian T. B. Bell

Churchwardens Mrs Mary Bullock
Mrs Lynda Brown

The Members of the Parochial Church Council

<u>Chairman</u>	Father Brian T. B. Bell
<u>Deputy Chair</u>	Mrs Daphne Woffinden
<u>Hon Secretary</u>	Mrs Daphne Woffinden
<u>Treasurer</u>	Mrs Mary Bullock

Mrs Lorraine Francis, Mrs Debbie Griffin, Ms Valerie Liddall, Mrs Eileen McClure,
Mrs Shirley Rawson, Mrs Pauline Rowland,
including Deanery Synod Representatives:
Ms Andrea Barton, Mr Adrian England, Ms Julie Murray

Sidespersons

Mr Cliff Bullock, Mrs Lorraine Francis, Ms Valerie Liddall, Mrs Eileen McClure,
Mrs Shirley Rawson, Mrs Janice Rees, Mrs Beryl Watson.

Electoral Roll Officer	Mrs Debbie Griffin
Child Protection Officer	Mrs Pauline Rowland
Health and Safety Officer	Mr Adrian England
Covenant and Gift Aid Officer	Mrs Shirley Rawson

There are currently 64 members on the Electoral Roll in this Parish. This comprises of:-

Persons resident in the Parish, 47

Persons non resident in the Parish, 17

8 names have been added to the Roll:

1 name has been removed from the Roll:

Lay Ministers of the Eucharist are Mrs Lynda Brown, Mrs Mary Bullock, Mr Ralph Drewett,
Mrs Doreen Ibbeson, Ms Julie Murray, Mr Raymond Webster, Mr Clifford Woffinden,
Mr Charlie Wraith. Licenses will, however, have to be reviewed and renewed, once the
chalice can be administered to the congregation after the Pandemic has ended.

St. Paul's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the
incumbent, Father Brian Bell, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of
the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2021

VICAR'S REPORT

Father Brian

For fear of repeating too many of the things that I said to you at my farewell, this Vicar's Report has been cut down to a minimum! Nevertheless, looking back across the almost six years that I have been here, I become amazed at just how much we have achieved together, and the different ways in which the parish has 'moved on' and been transformed in various respects. Children's work continues apace and the church has been magnificently reordered after many years of prevarication over the issue. Our spiritual wellbeing has continued to be nourished and sustained through the eucharistic worship and other spiritual devotions that lie at the heart of our communal life. Folks have been working well together and the parish generally has a very positive feeling about it.

Remembering, however, that I am supposed to focus on just 2021, I think, for me, it was a much better year than had been the previous one, for very obvious reasons. Despite the punctuation of various covid restrictions we were able to get on a more even footing, spiritually, financially and practically. To be able to worship together on a more regular basis was one of the greatest gifts we received during the year. By the end of the year it felt as if we were returning to at least some semblance of normality, in that we had hosted 58 baptisms in church and 21 funerals. These figures are really quite staggering, given that much of the year was affected by restrictions.

Father Blair's departure in August was bittersweet in that, although we sadly had to say farewell to him after three years, it was a great joy to know that his new ministry would see him remain within Barnsley as Priest in Charge of the churches of Barnsley Saint Peter and Lundwood Saint Mary Magdalene.

In September and October, we had further cause for celebration when Bishop Tony joined us not just once, but twice, within a matter of weeks. In September he administered the sacrament of confirmation to three candidates, and then joined us again in October to celebrate a Mass of Rededication and Thanksgiving for the completion of the reordering scheme. Joined by members of the Yorkshire Military Band and staff and pupils from Burton Road Primary School, the congregation filled the church, after which we were able to enjoy a lavish buffet provided by our church family. The service had been postponed twice owing to the covid pandemic, so we were all much gladdened and relieved when it finally went ahead as planned.

With these two services, and other events, the last quarter of the year began to have much more of a "normal" feel to it. The Remembrance Day Parade Service and All Souls Service went ahead as usual, as did our Christmas Masses. The earlier time of 10pm for the Midnight Mass seemed to reap some dividend in better turnout.

Other good news in 2021 was that we began to recover, financially, which was due, in no small part, to the continuing generosity and goodwill of members of our congregation. At the end of 2020, we had paid 60% of our Parish Share, but this figure had increased to 81% in December 2021. The covid pandemic had affected all parishes financially, sometimes very severely, so this was quite an achievement in addition to our having to pay ongoing bills. Thanks are due to you all for your generosity and various donations made during the year.

A major achievement came in December when the reintroduction of our annual Christmas fayre was a roaring success. It was testimony and tribute to what is possible with all hands on deck and congregation members truly working as the body of Christ in this place. The total raised may well be a record!

In respect of my own priestly ministry, events took quite a turn in 2021, when, quite unexpectedly, the prospect of a potential move to West Kirby in the Diocese of Chester became a reality. The decision to move was not a straightforward or easy one, given my enjoyment of my time here, but as I explained in my pastoral letter to the congregation, a priest must always follow what he believes God is calling him to do. So it was with a degree of sadness that I made my announcement to the congregation on the Feast of Christ the King.

Many individuals in the life of our churches give unstintingly of their time and energy, and as I have said every year at the APCM, naming them all would be fraught with the danger of missing someone out, and that I would simply wish to avoid at all costs. The various contributions - whether individual or corporate - to our spiritual life, worship, pastoral care, music, children's work, finance, buildings and social activities, have all been deeply appreciated.

Looking to the future, everyone's gifts, skills, talents and hard work will need to be harnessed and brought together, so that the parish can both thrive and flourish as all await the arrival of their new parish priest. Your churchwardens will need both help and support in ensuring that life continues as normally as possible. There can be no place, either, for disagreements or unhealthy arguments, which can only ever result in a dismal failure of parochial ministry.

Core Christian values must remain at the very heart of the community's life, which include a striving for good liturgy and worship, the nurture of new Christian disciples and a deeper understanding and outworking of Christian community. There's always room for improvement in each of these areas, so I leave you with my prayer that as the parish steps into a new future and new beginnings, it may do so with confidence and a recognition that, under God, even more is possible.

Thank you for everything you have been and given to me as your priest. I shall take away with me many positive and cherished memories of my ministry here in Monk Bretton.

Secretary's Report on the proceedings of the PCC in 2021

Daphne Woffinden

The PCC met on 5 occasions, and some decisions were once again made and recorded via email/telephone. The APCM was held on 23rd May 2021 when a new PCC was elected.

The PCC has dealt with finance, including the setting of fees for 2022, the conclusion of the church re-ordering programme, health and safety, and safeguarding. Wheels were put in motion to obtain a faculty to do the work set out in the Quinquennial report.

The PCC resolved to retain the resolution on the House of Bishops' Declaration, and membership of the Society of Saint Wilfrid and Saint Hilda.

Father Brian spoke about his impending move and services leading up to that date.

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding Report

Pauline Rowland

Our parish operates a Child Protection Policy within the guidelines set out by the Diocese. Anyone working/volunteering with children or adults must obtain a Disclosure Certificate from the Disclosure and Barring Service and complete a Diocesan Declaration Form. A poster and booklet outlining Safeguarding and our commitment to the policy along with the names and contact details of those holding a significant role in the life of St Paul's Church are displayed for all to see. Fr Brian, Church Wardens and PCC members have been instrumental during 2021 in ensuring compliancy with the ever- changing landscape of Covid 19 regulations.

Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the church

Vicar and Churchwardens

The architect from PPIY completed a long overdue Quinquennial Report and the PCC began to address its recommendations. Rising damp continued to pose a problem and led to some expansion of the new flooring at the west end of the church. Repair to this and installation of brass surrounds, allowing the parquet flooring to expand and contract more, eased the problem. However, the architect has suggested that, given the church was built without damp proofing there may always be issues to deal with at times. Snagging issues from the reordering project were dealt with and redecoration of the northwest end of the church was completed.

Churchwardens Report

Churchwardens Lynda Brown and Mary Bullock

2021 was mostly another year of uncertainty due to the covid pandemic. We were unable to plan ahead for any events due to the government restrictions.

There was a big disappointment for some members of the congregation as the Walsingham Pilgrimage had to be cancelled.

In August our curate Father Blair left to take up his ministry at two local churches, Saint Peter's Church, Barnsley, and Saint Mary Magdalene Church at Lundwood. Members of the congregation attended his licensing on Wednesday, 1st September, at Saint Peter's Church.

Towards the end of the year some of the restrictions were relaxed and we were able to go ahead with the Harvest Festival but on a much reduced scale. No harvest meal was allowed. The proceeds from our collection went to the Trussell Trust, a charity providing for food banks and people in need.

The Remembrance Day Service went ahead on Sunday, 7th November, at the War Memorial on Cross Street, and was followed by a service in Saint Paul's. Both of these services were well attended. A small party led by Father Brian attended the War Memorial again at 11am on 11th November for a short service.

On 3rd December the lighting of the Community Christmas Tree in the church grounds went ahead after carols were sung in church, and the children present decorated the tree with baubles. On Saturday, 4th December, a Christmas Fayre was held in the church centre, which was a real success.

On 18th December the church Christmas Dinner went ahead but with a reduced number of people attending.

The greatest shock of the year came in late November when Father Brian announced to his wardens Mary and Lynda that he was to leave the parish in the early part of 2022. A few days later, on the Feast of Christ the King, Father Brian informed the congregation of this.

Christmas was celebrated in church. On Christmas Eve the Nativity Service went ahead and was attended by a fair number of children who played the parts of the nativity. Midnight Mass was brought forward to 10pm, and there were service held daily throughout the Christmas Octave.

Although it has been a year of disappointment, in some respects, members of the congregation must be thanked for the way they have supported the church both in attending, financing and adhering to the rules set out by the government in social distancing and wearing of face coverings.

In conclusion Mary and Lynda thank Father Brian most sincerely for his ministry at Saint Paul's for almost six years and wish him every success and happiness in his new appointment. He will be sadly missed by all who know him.

Health and Safety Report

Adrian England

This year has again been somewhat different to the norm as the effects of COVID continue to be felt across the country. We have continued to follow the Government COVID-19 Regulations and Guidance that are in place; and appropriate remedial measures are implemented and followed as required. Additionally, the Guidance and Advice from the Church of England for churches and parishes was also adhered to.

Appropriate Risk Assessments have been produced for those approved activities taking place in the Parish Centre and in the main body of the Church. The conclusions of the Risk Assessments led to the implementation of a series of practical measures and restrictions as Regulated and Guided by the Government and the Church of England.

During this period, there has been the use of the buildings determined by the requirement for compliance with the current legislation and guidance. To ensure compliance with the current legislation and guidance, modifications to existing Hirers' Contracts continue to be reviewed

The Bell Ringers had again raised the question, with the PCC, of the risk associated when using the belfry ladders. The PCC received professional advice following the quinquennial

inspection and remedial action is to be taken within the timetable for the implementation of remedial measures as outline in the report.

One of the altar servers raised the issue of safety of access to and from the altar up and down the steps with the PCC. The PCC recognised the problem and unanimously agreed that the fixture of handrails would be detrimental to the visual aspect of the congregation to the altar, but as an alternative means of safe access and egress, the steps to the Lady Chapel should be used, as these were fitted with an integral handrail.

I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank all those members of the church who have helped to safeguard the church buildings and its communicants, by making sure that the additional measures required to reasonably manage the risks associated with the pandemic have been minimised.

Deanery Report

Two meetings of the Deanery Synod took place in 2021, the first at Saint John the Baptist, Cudworth, on the 4th July and the second at Royston Saint John the Baptist on the 5th November. At Cudworth it was the first meeting of Deanery Synod since lockdown, so the Area Dean, Canon Stephen Race, used the opportunity to explain to the new Deanery Synod Representatives exactly what role they had in representing their parishes and in decisions for the Deanery as a whole.

At the November meeting, Canon Race talked about the homeless and the rough sleepers in Barnsley. He referred to the Deanery Homeless fund and said there was £3,000 in the fund. This money is used for the homeless and rough sleepers in Barnsley and any parish wishing to donate to a homeless person for small things such as tokens or train tickets would need to first discuss with the PCC and then if agreed could donate to the person for which Father Stephen would then reimburse the parish from the fund.

Following on from this Father Stephen introduced Father Phil from St George's church in Barnsley who then gave us a talk about a project called Amazing Grace which provides emergency sleeping pods for the homeless. He was hoping to buy 2 pods at a cost of £6,000 each which would then be placed at the back of Saint George's church. £10,000 had already been raised, so Father Stephen asked the synod members if they were prepared to donate £1,000 to this project from the Deanery Homeless fund. The vote was unanimously in favour of this request.

We then had a talk from the guest speaker Reverend Jude Smith, the director of church revitalisation who asked what we needed to do now, after covid, to revitalise our churches and our communities. This question was answered mainly by the clergy who said that after the pandemic people were tired and still a little afraid to go back to church. They were also constantly worried about paying the parish share. Some parishes had not even been able to appoint church wardens and concerns were put to Jude Smith about the morale of people trying to pay the parish share and serve God and the community with enthusiasm, which would be necessary in order to revitalise our churches. The Revd Jude said she heard what the clergy were saying and fully understood the concerns, so she asked if it would be possible to visit St George's and maybe some of our other churches to see for herself the struggles our churches are having now.

Father Stephen then brought the meeting to an end with a prayer and thanked everyone for attending.

Wedding Report

Daphne Woffinden

We had five church weddings this year, and others which were booked have been transferred to 2022. Parish Office was not held as usual, couples were asked to social distance in church to pay their fees. It is hoped that things may a bit more normal in 2022.

Choir Report

Daphne Woffinden

We began singing again on 25th May 2021 – such a long break! Since then we have sung at all services even though we still only number 3 in the choir!!! Robert did continue to play throughout but it's nice to have choir and organ back together again.

We didn't sing at any weddings at all this year – so were unable to increase our funds. Weddings are booked for 2022 so we are hopeful that some of them will want the services of the choir.

We donated £300 towards the St Paul statue, and hope to do our Kinkiisi Diocesan Education project donation again next year.

We were saddened by the news that Father Brian is to leave us – he has been such a help and support throughout his time here and we will miss him.

Report from the Junior Church

Pauline Rowland

Due to the lockdown of church activities for much of 2021 our monthly Junior Church activities were curtailed. When allowed, following Year B of the Liturgical calendar we resumed on Sunday 7th November with All Saints. We told and enacted the story of our Patron Saint Paul's conversion during his journey to Damascus, from persecutor of Christians to the promotion of Christianity throughout the known world.

Sunday December 5th Advent and retelling the story of Mary's visitation by the Angel Gabriel and her Yes to God. And the making and decorating of their own 5 Week Advent Calendar which culminated on Christmas Day.

Friday December 24th the Crib Service and Nativity when all our regular Junior Church children were joined by other children and visitors to dress and take part in the age-old story and retelling of the Birth of Jesus.

Report from the Parent and Toddler Group

Pauline Rowland, Lorraine Francis and Gillian Pearmain.

We resumed our group on Monday September 13th after a long gap of 18 months due to lockdown and Covid concerns. Before lockdown in March 2020 we welcomed all comers without knowing week by week who or how many would attend. However, before resuming and after discussions with Fr Brian we felt it necessary to have some idea of how many children and parents/ carers would be attending each week and to limit numbers if we felt it necessary with the ongoing uncertainty of covid. Fr Brian emailed all contacts on the list of baptism families to notify them of our start date and to give them a link to an online booking site. Explaining the reason behind this was to limit the number of children along with parents/guardians to 30 in total to ensure the safeguarding of everyone who attended. This method seemed to work well for several weeks but then mums reported difficulties registering on the site. Eventually as the attendee numbers dropped dramatically from 8 children and 9 adults to several weeks of being only 1 or 2 children with attending parent, we had a rethink and agreed to going back to our previous method of toddlers turning up on the day.

Our parents are proactive and registered the group on a community hub as they were worried it would close and didn't want that to happen as they see the benefit to their children of having the opportunity to socialise and play alongside other children. We have also put posters in local shops in recent weeks to advertise the group as we find it strange that most of those attending come from outside the area, some as far as Silkstone and Penistone.

Numbers continue to fluctuate weekly but recently they have been a consistent 6 children ages ranging from 6 months to 2½ years. We continue to follow school dates so finished on December 13th when we held our Christmas Party when we were surprised (and delighted) that 13 children attended. We sang Christmas songs and games and had a surprise visit during our enthusiastic singing and playing of our musical instruments. None of us saw him but Fr Christmas had left his sack of gifts for all to share. Thankfully we had enough for everyone.

Lottery Report

Kathleen Bell

By the end of 2021 it continued to flourish and remained a valuable fundraiser for the church. The year's total given to the church was £818. Thank you to everyone for their contributions.

Bellringers' Report

Mike Sheeran

From the highest point in the tower, areas are referred to as follows:-

Belfry – the area above the clock chamber, the last space in the square part of the tower just below the start of the spire. Home to our six bells cast in 1877 by the London foundry of Mears and Stainbank and donated to St Paul's by Elizabeth Bright.

Clock Chamber – contains the church clock manufactured by Potts of Leeds in 1894, electric winding equipment and apparatus to control the striking of Cambridge quarters and hour. The clock face externally is also at this level. Temporary electric wiring to lighting in the clock casing and clock room requires a permanent solution. Access to this level is by two timber ladders which should be considered for replacement for safety reasons.

Ringling Chamber – the floor above the west door entrance, access is by spiral stone stair. This room is where the bell ringers meet to sound the bells by rope and wheel. This level coincides with the organ and choir stalls, separated by the west window partition, which unfortunately is not visible from inside the church.

Ringling Chamber facilities

The tower is not connected to the church's heating system and therefore all surfaces in cold weather attract condensation. The ringling chamber wall surfaces and stone mullions of the external west window have suffered from damp conditions. This is eroding the stone mullions of the west window. The fabric of the tower would benefit if the heating system were to be extended into the west porch allowing heat to permeate upwards throughout. The west end of the church would be warmer as a result.

Condition of the bell installation

The bells and supporting framework refurbished in 2011 are in a first class condition and are serviced by John Taylor & Co.

Visitors

For reasons connected to the covid pandemic we only had one visiting band during the year, when members of the Yorkshire Association rang a peal in December.

Members/Learners

The minimum number of ringers required for a six-bell tower is ten. The number usually covers for unavailable members on holiday and other events.

The band would be grateful to the PCC for any help in the recruitment of additional interested people to ring our magnificent bells; training is available here at St Paul's at a time suitable for the volunteers. Our local branch of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers holds training events once every year, usually in February, details available on the website yacr.org.uk.

The present compliment of ringers is as follows:-

Mrs Brenda Sheeran, Mr Edmund L Bell, Mr Peter L Bell, Mr Michael Sheeran, and are all qualified members of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers. We are pleased to welcome Miss Holly Bell who is receiving tuition and is progressing very well; she is ringing for Mass on Sunday mornings.

Service ringing

At its height the covid pandemic restricted ringing for services because of the lack of space in the ringling chamber, prohibiting social distancing. We were able to resume in August.

Wedding ringing

The bells have not been rung for weddings.

Future

The band is dedicated to uphold the tradition of ringing and training of interested parties to welcome parishioners to services at this church.

We are pleased to offer our best wishes to Father Brian and thank him for his encouragement during his ministry at Saint Paul's. We have been blessed.

COMMUNITY

Schools and other Organisations

All work with schools continued to be affected by the lockdown and reticence of schools to send out pupils for events and services, though the Vicar remained an active member of the governing bodies of both Holy Trinity Academy and Burton Road Primary School. Regular meetings were conducted via Zoom during the year.

The Children's Society

Pauline Rowland

Thank you to all those who continue to support by having a House Box. 2021 continued to be another difficult year as we negotiated lockdown and some lifting of restrictions as the year progressed. Our usual box opening month of September resumed this year and I was delighted to bank a total of £332.71p. A huge amount given the diminishing number of box holders. However, I'm pleased to report that a new box holder has come forward and has taken possession of a box. Thank you. If anyone else would like to join in just let me know. I'm only too happy for you to join the ranks of Children Society supporters.

Unfortunately, I must report for the second year running there has been no Christingle Service as this does rely on input from local schools and their children. A difficulty when large groups have been fearful of congregating together.

The Ladies' Group at Saint Paul, Monk Bretton

Pauline Rowland

The group was suspended from October 2020 until we were able to resume once again on June 21st 2021. As we had an agenda of activities already planned from the previous year it was agreed to continue with those as follows:

June – All Together Now – a group led celebration of friendship using stories and anecdotes of lockdown.

July – Quizzing with music and general knowledge led by Chris Palmer & Robert Rowland

August – Crime and Punishment led by Eric Jackson

September - Beetle Drive led by Mary Ross

October – Christmas Wreath making led by Christine Palmer

November – Dining @The Norman organised by Lorraine Francis

December – Christmas Party Night- led by Pam Powers & food by Mary Bullock

As December arrived, information came from the Diocese of Leeds making it mandatory for all on church premises to wear face masks once again.

Line Dancing Report

Pamela Powers

Another year with covid around, but we are now back, happily dancing and have managed to welcome six new dancers who have settled happily into the group.

It was difficult at first as we felt we had forgotten how to do lots of the dances but Sylvia, one of the group, did a lot of refreshing via Youtube, so now we feel we are back to normal. Sylvia now helps me to run the group and I couldn't manage without her. She brings new dances to learn and covers for me when I am not able to get to the group.

**ST PAUL'S CHURCH
MONK BRETTON**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
OF THE
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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**ST PAUL'S CHURCH MONK BRETTON
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

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ANNUAL REPORT

Background

St Paul's Church PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent in promoting the mission of the church - pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected at the annual parochial church meeting in accordance with Church Representation Rules.

During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Fr Brian Bell	Chairman
Fr Blair Radford	
Daphne Woffinden	Hon. Secretary & Vice Chairman
Lynda Brown	Church Warden
Mary Bullock	Church Warden - Treasurer
Andrea Barton	Deanery Synod Representative
Julie Murray	Deanery Synod Representative
Adrian England	Deanery Synod Health & Safety
Eileen McClure	
Debbie Griffin	
Lorraine Francis	
Pauline Rowland	Safeguarding Officer
Shirley Rawson	
Valerie Liddall	

Church attendance

There are 57 persons on the Church Electoral Roll

ST PAUL'S CHURCH, MONK BRETTON
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS TO THE
PCC OF ST PAUL'S CHURCH, MONK BRETTON**

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 3 and 4, 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 as amended by the charities Act 2006 ('the Act').

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiners

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

Basis of this report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity 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 PCC and a comparison of the financial statements with those records. It also includes considering any usual 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 we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below:

Independent examiners' statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

1. which gives us 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 or comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or
2. to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



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**ST PAUL'S CHURCH MONK BRETON
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

2020 RESTORATION FUND £	2020 GENERAL INCOME £		2021 RESTORATION FUND £	2021 GENERAL INCOME £
		INCOME FROM DONORS		
-	18,716	Planned Giving	-	20,685
-		Bequest	-	
-	1,795	Collections	-	5,524
		VOLUNTARY INCOME		
-	8,484	Donations	-	6,086
-	4,021	Fund Raising	-	4,243
-	-	Grants	26,683	-
		INVESTMENT INCOME		
496	-	Interest	16	-
		INCOME FROM CHARITABLE TRADING		
-	908	Use of Parish Centre	-	3,079
-	1,110	Fees	-	4,109
-	4,208	INLAND REVENUE	-	9,016
		OTHER RECEIPTS		
-	130	Insurance refund	-	
496	39,372		26,699	52,742
1563		TRANSFERS		
2,059	39,372	TOTAL RECEIPTS	26,699	52,742
		GRANTS		
-	1,110	Overseas, Missions, Charities	-	132
		CHURCH RELATED ACTIVITIES		
-	26,812	Common Fund	-	35,000
-	1,867	Clergy expenses	-	1,605
-	8,409	Church Running Expenses	-	11,093
-	50	Sundry	-	
10,969	1,420	Repairs & Maintenance	560	1,303
-	510	Accountants Fee	-	516
-	35	PRINTING & STATIONERY	-	316
-	143	ADVERTISING	-	125
		EXTRAORDINARY PAYMENTS		
228,176	4,642	Replacement Fixtures & Fittings	8,784	
239,145	44,998		9,344	50,090
	1563	TRANSFERS		0
239,145	46,561	TOTAL PAYMENTS	9,344	50,090
(237,086)	(7,189)	NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	17,355	2,652

ST PAUL'S CHURCH MONK BRETTON
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

STATEMENT OF ACCUMULATED FUNDS

2020 RESTORATION FUND £	2020 GENERAL INCOME £		2021 RESTORATION FUND £	2021 GENERAL INCOME £
262,844	15,801	BALANCE AT START OF YEAR	25,758	8,612
(237,086)	(7,189)	NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	17,355	2,652
25,758	8,612	BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	43,113	11,264

STATEMENT OF ASSETS

2020 RESTORATION FUND £	2020 GENERAL INCOME £		2021 RESTORATION FUND £	2021 GENERAL INCOME £
		CHURCH OF ENGLAND FUND		
25,758	-	Restorations	43,113	-
		BANK ACCOUNTS		
-	8,837	Yorkshire Bank	-	11,420
-	29	CASH IN HAND	-	12
		PREPAYMENTS		189
	(254)	ACCRUALS		(357)
25,758	8,612	TOTAL ASSETS	43,113	11,264