

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

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Sunday 16TH April 2023



**AGENDA
AND
APCM REPORTS**

January – December 2022

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, 16th April, 2023

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 8th May 2022

1. PRESENT:

The Archdeacon of Pontefract, The Ven Peter Townley, was Chairman.
The Archdeacon 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 Sheila Duerden, Mrs Eileen McClure, Mr Malcom Patterson, Mr Gwynllyw Rees, Mrs Janice Rees, Miss Emma Rees-Johns, and Mrs Beryl Watson.

3. MINUTES:

The Archdeacon requested the minutes of the last Annual Vestry Meeting, held on 23rd May 2021 be approved as true and correct. Proposed by Mr C. Wraith, seconded by Miss V Liddall with all in favour. The Archdeacon signed the minutes.

4. MATTERS ARISING:

There were no matters arising.

5. ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS:

There were two nominations for the posts of Benefice Churchwarden for the year 2022-2023.

Mrs Lynda Brown	Proposed by Mrs Lorraine Francis
	Seconded by Miss Valerie Liddall

Mrs Mary Bullock	Proposed by Mrs Shirley Rawson
	Seconded by Mrs Daphne A Woffinden

Both were elected in a unanimous vote of those present.

The Archdeacon thanked Mary and Lynda for their work saying we were extremely fortunate to have very good Churchwardens.

The meeting was closed

St Paul's Church Monk Bretton

Annual Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 8th May 2022

People attending the above meeting

<u>Name</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Apologies</u>
Cuff Bullock	C. Winkler	Eileen McChur
Mary Bullock	A. England	Malcolm Patterson
Faulie Rowland	L.E. Brown	SHEILA DUDJEN
Daphne Adolphson	Julie Murray	JANICE REES
Val Liddell	Gillian Pearmain	Gwyn REES
Lorraine Francis	Mandy Thompson	EMMA REES-JOHNS
Sarah Richard	Debbie Gutter	BERYL WATSON (1)
Doreen Bull		
Kathleen Bell		
Christine Savage		
Marjorie C.		
M. Wilson		
R. Wilson		
D. Johnson (Doreen)		
Dorothy Metcalfe		
R. Rowland		
J. Brown		
E. White		
E. Smith		

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

(Chairman).....

SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH, MONK BRETTON
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
HELD AFTER MASS ON SUNDAY 8th MAY 2022

PRESENT:

The Archdeacon of Pontefract, The Ven Peter Townley, was Chairman.
There were 26 people in attendance (as recorded on the attached list).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Miss Sheila Duerden, Mrs Eileen McClure, Mr Malcom Patterson, Mr Gwynllyw Rees, Mrs Janice Rees, Miss Emma Rees-Johns and Mrs Beryl Watson

2. MINUTES:

The Archdeacon requested the minutes of the last Annual Vestry Meeting, held on 23rd May 2021 be approved as true and correct. Proposed by Mr Charles Wraith, seconded by Mrs Shirley Rawson with all in favour. The Archdeacon signed the minutes.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

There were no matters arising.

4. REPORTS:(tabled)

- i. **Electoral Roll Report.** There was nothing to add to the report and no questions arising.
- ii. **Parochial Church Council Report.** There was nothing to add to the report and no questions arising.
- iii. **Financial Statement and adoption of accounts.** There was nothing to add to the report and no questions arising. These were accepted on a proposal by Mrs Shirley Rawson, seconded by Mrs Lorraine Francis with all in favour.
- iv. **Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the church.** There was nothing to add to the report and no questions arising.
- v. **Deanery/Diocesan Synod Report.** There was nothing to add and no questions arising.
- vi. **Additional reports:** Accepted as read by all in attendance with no questions asked.
 - a. Safeguarding
 - b. Churchwardens
 - c. Health and Safety
 - d. Weddings
 - e. Choir
 - f. Junior Church
 - g. Parent and Toddler Group
 - h. Lottery
 - i. Bells
 - j. Schools
 - k. Children's Society
 - l. Ladies' Group
 - m. Line Dancers

The Archdeacon said that he was grateful for the ministry of Father Brian Bell, for his faithfulness and love for us all over the past six years. We wish him well in his new Parishes in

Chester Diocese and look forward to welcoming a new Priest here at St Paul's as soon as possible.

Mr Wraith commented on the fact that there is a shortage of Priests and asked if there were plans to join Monk Bretton with another Parish, possibly Cudworth, in the future. The Archdeacon said that Father David, although ill at the moment, was still Parish Priest at Cudworth, and we were the church in Interregnum. He said that he could see churches joining together in the future because there are too many churches with small, aging congregations and not enough Priests to go round. This, of course, could have serious implications in the next 10 to 15 years.

Monk Bretton will have ordained ministry in the Parish, but maybe in a different way.

It was unfortunate that St Paul's PCC had been asked not to speak about these matters when the people of Cudworth were openly discussing them.

5. 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 APCM on 4th October 2020 and have one year left to serve.

ii. Election of P.C.C Members

Nine nominations had been received.

Mrs Lorraine Francis	proposed by Miss V Liddall	seconded by Mrs L Brown
Mrs S Deborah Griffin	proposed by Mrs L Brown	seconded by Mrs M Bullock
Miss Valerie Liddall	proposed by Mrs L Francis	seconded by Mrs J Richards
Mrs Eileen N McClure	proposed by Mrs P Rowland	seconded by Mrs S Rawson
Mrs Shirley Rawson	proposed by Mrs M Bullock	seconded by Mr C Bullock
Mrs Janet Richards	proposed by Mrs L Francis	seconded by Miss V Liddall
Mr Gwynllyw Rees	proposed by Mrs P Rowland	seconded by Mr R Rowland
Mrs Pauline Rowland	proposed by Mr R Rowland	seconded by Mrs D Metcalfe
Mrs Daphne A Woffinden	proposed by Mr C Woffinden	seconded by Mrs J Rees

Those present were in favour of accepting these nominations.

iii. Appointment of an independent examiner of the accounts

It was asked that Cartwright and Co. Ltd. be retained as the examiners. Proposed by Mr Charles Wraith, seconded by Mrs Kathleen Bell with all in favour. Cartwright and Co. Ltd were duly appointed as the examiners for the next accounting period.

6. VICAR'S REPORT - A report from Father Brian T B Bell is included in the booklet of Annual Reports. No questions were asked on this report.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- ◇ The Archdeacon thanked church organist Mr Robert Rowland for the tremendous job he does, saying that organists were like gold dust and extremely hard to find.
- ◇ Mr Clifford Bullock asked for thanks to be given to Mr Clifford Woffinden for all the work he does in and around the church, Parish centre and vicarage gardens. He is always there and willing to help.

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

Low Sunday 16th April 2023 was proposed by Mrs Mary Bullock, seconded by Mr Cliff Woffinden with all in agreement

The Archdeacon closed the meeting with thanks to those attending and a closing prayer.

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

<u>Incumbent:</u>	Father Brian T. B. Bell (January & February 2022)
<u>Interregnum</u>	March - December 2022
<u>Churchwardens</u>	Mrs Mary Bullock Mrs Lynda Brown

The Members of the Parochial Church Council

<u>Chairman (January/February 2022)</u>	Father Brian T. B. Bell
<u>Lay Chairman to 26.05.22</u>	Mrs Daphne A. Woffinden
<u>Lay Chairman from 26.05.22</u>	Mr Adrian England
<u>Hon Secretary</u>	Mrs Daphne A. 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,
Mrs Janet Richards & Mr Gwyn Rees from 8th May 2022.
including Deanery Synod Representatives:

Ms Andrea Barton, Mr Adrian England, Ms Julie Murray (resigned 11.10.2022)

Sidespersons

Mrs Lorraine Francis, Ms Valerie Liddall, Mrs Eileen McClure,
Mrs Shirley Rawson, Mrs Janet Richards, 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 63 members on the Electoral Roll in this Parish. This comprises of:-

Persons resident in the Parish, 51

Persons non-resident in the Parish, 12

Deaths, 4

Moved away, 1

2 names has been removed from the Roll:

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

REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2022

VICAR'S REPORT

Because we were in interregnum between March and December 2022 there is no Vicar's report.

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

Daphne Woffinden

The PCC met on 12 occasions. The APCM, chaired by Archdeacon Peter Townley, was held on Sunday 8th May 2022 when a new PCC was elected.

The PCC has dealt with the interregnum, meetings with Bishop Tony and the Archdeacon, and producing a Parish Report; Finance including fundraising and Church Commission energy payment; Fabric including the Quinquennial report, ongoing work following the reordering, church electrics, clock and woodworm; Chalice administration; Health and Safety review; Social events proposed by the social committee; use of social media to promote the church; Charity Commission information for trustees. All PCC members are Trustees of the church.

Attendances at PCC meetings were as follows: Mrs L Brown 11, Mrs M. Bullock 12, Miss A. Barton 5, Mr A. England 11, Mrs L. Francis 8, Mrs D Griffin 12, Miss V. Liddall 10, Mrs E. McClure 4, Ms J Murray 5 of 9 having resigned on 11.10.22, Mrs S Rawson 11, Mr G Rees 4 of 8 from APCM 2022, Mrs J Richards 7 of 8 from APCM 2022, Mrs P. Rowland 10, Mrs D A Woffinden 12.

Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the church

Churchwardens

The Church Fabric is in a reasonable condition considering its age. The main problem affecting the building is damp as when the church was built over 120yrs ago it did not have a damp course in place. The building is in a very exposed position and is subject to the ever changing weather patterns. It was built mainly of sandstone which in itself is a porous stone.

Damp is evident on the front face high up on the chancel where the paint is flaking off, also on the South side wall of the chancel, and although work was carried out on the high point some time ago. This will need to be addressed by the PCC in due course as it is very unsightly.

The Quinquennial Inspection was carried out in 2022

The church electrical system is in order having been recently checked where it was found to have earth faults on the floodlights in the church grounds. On the recommendation of the electrical contractors the lights have been decommissioned.

The lightening conductors have been checked and are in order.

Some work was carried out on the Belfry in 2022.

All is up to-date with the electrical system, gas system and fire and burglar alarms and building insurance.

During the reordering work new wardrobes were fitted in the Vestry and have been a problem since fitting. These have now been rectified.

All the gutters and down pipes are in order and the slating on the roof appears to be intact.

Churchwardens Report

Churchwardens Lynda Brown and Mary Bullock

2022 started with the knowledge that our Parish Priest Father Brian was leaving the Parish in March. This meant that our church was yet again facing an interregnum something no parish looks forward to and the amount of extra work and responsibility placed on the Wardens in the absence of a Priest. Father Brian's last service at Saint Paul's was on the 1st March, and a farewell party had been held for him in the church centre. Following on from his leaving some members of our congregation travelled to West Kirby for his Institution.

On his departure services had to be arranged with the Deanery to supply, where possible, Priests to cover church services. Fortunately cover was arranged for Thursday and Sunday Services using retired clergy and all but two Thursday morning services took place.

On 26th April Bishop Tony, Archdeacon Peter and the area Dean Stephen Race met the PCC to speak to them regarding the interregnum and an interim priest.

On 8th May the AGM was held and was chaired by Archdeacon Peter.

On 10th June a small party from Saint Paul's paid a three day visit to Walsingham which was led by Father Andrew Howard.

On 23rd June Mary and Lynda, the church wardens, were eventually sworn in at a service in Saint Paul's by the Archdeacon.

Following the death of Queen Elizabeth a book of Remembrance was opened in church where members of the congregation and public came to write in the book.

On Friday 16th September, the Wardens, Bishop Tony, Archdeacon Peter and Father Tomlinson met at Wakefield to interview an applicant for the position of Priest at Saint Paul's. The applicant was in fact Father Darren. Following the interview Father Darren accepted the position at Saint Paul's. His acceptance was subject to an embargo until all legal issues were completed so the Wardens were not allowed at this time to inform anyone including the PCC.

It was on Sunday 2nd October when Warden Mary was allowed to read out a letter from the Bishop of Leeds that Father Darren was to be our new Priest.

On 2nd October the Harvest Supper was held and the proceeds of the sale of items were given to the Salvation Army for their homeless project.

On the 11th November, Remembrance Day a short service was held at the memorials on Cross Street conducted by Cannon Wildey it was well attended and a number of children from a local school and nursery also attended.

On Sunday 13th November Remembrance Sunday another service was held at the memorials and in Saint Paul's and as usual was very well attended by the local community.

On 2nd December it was the lighting of the Community Christmas Tree in the church grounds and a short Carol Service was held, children attending decorated baubles in the church centre to place on the tree. The service was conducted by Bishop Tony and it was well attended.

On Saturday the 3rd December the Christmas Fayre was held which was a success. Thanks to all who helped with this in any way

The Church Christmas Dinner was held on the 17th December in the Church centre.

On Christmas Eve a Nativity service was held and was well attended with local children taking part. Thank you to all who arranged and assisted with this. It was later followed in the evening by Midnight Mass which had been brought forward to 8pm.

Mary and Lynda would like to thank all who have helped to keep the church functioning during the interregnum, the visiting Priests, all members who carry out altar duties, readings, side duties, and intercessions, music, news sheets, coming together to assist and prepare functions, cleaning and making coffee without whom the church would have struggled, and members of this congregation for and their generosity over the year.

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 have a Disclosure Certificate from Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). A poster and booklet outlining Safeguarding and our commitment to the policy is displayed on the notice board in the foyer. All are advised to read this booklet.

Pre- January 2022 all DBS certificates were required to be renewed every 5 years. From January 2022 an updated Safer Recruitment Guidance was introduced stating that in future all certificates will be renewed every 3 years. A 2 year window for this to take place was given. Meaning that between January 2022 and January 2024 there is the opportunity to arrange

renewal of any certificates, so that by January 2024 all those requiring an Enhanced DBS check have a DBS Certificate of 3 years old or less.

At the beginning of November 2022, I set out in a letter to the PCC with my intention to resign the position of Safeguarding Officer at this church. I agreed to stay in position until December 31st when my resignation took effect after 7 years in post.

Health and Safety Report

Adrian England

This year started somewhat different to the norm as the effects of COVID continue to be felt across the country. We continued to follow the Government Regulations and Guidance that are in place; and appropriate remedial measures have been 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. The annual review of the Health and Safety Plan was carried out.

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, further modifications to existing Hirers' Contracts were reviewed. Following the quinquennial inspection the PCC received professional advice of the risk associated when using the belfry ladders and remedial action is to be taken within the timetable for the implementation of remedial measures as outline in their report.

The fire alarms, emergency lighting and extinguishers have been maintained in accordance with the Fire Regulations.

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 Health and Safety have been minimised.

Deanery Report

Julie Murray

The meeting on 9th May 2022 started with a prayer from Fr Stephen followed by singing Be Still. Prayers were said for Fr Nicholson who is very ill. This was followed by a talk from Belinda Maries in regards to a course called, Living in Love and Faith. The course will cover the four pastoral principles of the Church of England over 5 sessions, all on a Monday night from 7pm to 9.00pm starting on Monday 30th May 2022. The topics will cover identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage within the church. Because of their sensitive nature Belinda said that everything that was discussed at these sessions would be confidential. Anyone can attend the course if they can make Monday nights. I have put my name forward, if no one else can attend, Fr Stephen asked that the person doing the course can present it to their church if anyone would be interested. The meeting ended with a prayer.

Wedding Report

Daphne Woffinden

We had seven church weddings this year; some had been transferred from 2021 due to the limitations imposed by the Covid restrictions. Parish Office was reintroduced, couples were asked to social distance to pay their fees. Thanks must go to visiting priests for their help with preparation and services during 2022. Several weddings are booked for 2023 and things seem to be getting back to normal. Statutory fees are set for a big rise in 2023 and we will set our Parish fees accordingly when Father Darren arrives.

Choir Report

Daphne Woffinden

Although we still numbered three in the choir we have sung at all services. Fortunately Dominic joined us and we are grateful for the extra voice when he is able to be there. Thanks too to the ladies of the congregation who helped at the wedding and on a couple of special occasions.

We sang at only one wedding during this year - so were unable to increase our funds. Weddings are booked for 2023 so we are hopeful that some of them will want the services of the choir, enabling us to do our Kinkiisi Diocesan Education project donation again.

We were sorry to see Father Brian go after all his help and support throughout his time here and we miss him. The choir have taken up the singing of some of the mass music which he did, and I think that this has been appreciated by the visiting clergy.

Robert continued to play the organ throughout the year, we are grateful for this. Unfortunately Eileen has not been able to play piano for us due to her ill health and we have had a couple of services with very little music. We wish her well on her road to recovery.

Junior Church Report

Pauline Rowland

We continue to hold this on the first Sunday of each month, gathering in church before moving into the hall once the Blessing and opening prayers are given.

As the majority of our Junior Church families aren't regular attenders we keep in touch by our WhatsApp Group to inform and remind parents of what is happening.

We follow the Liturgical Calendar so this year we have followed Year C basing the activities and teaching on the Gospel readings heard at that time by the rest of the congregation.

We find that attendance is impacted by football and other family commitments so we're never quite sure how many children will arrive, but Gillian, Lorraine and myself are always encouraged by the enthusiasm of those who do attend and keen to talk about and share their work with the congregation on their return into church.

Parent and Toddler Group Report

Pauline Rowland, Lorraine Francis and Gillian Pearmain

Throughout 2022 the numbers attending each Monday have continued to grow. In March on entering the Interregnum, and our numbers increasing, we found it necessary to put out on the local community hub and other social media sites that as numbers must be carefully monitored for health and safety reasons the group was full, and for people to ring to check availability before turning up. Gillian set up a waiting list for those who ring, and she carefully checks those on the register and how often they have missed. If children haven't attended for a number of weeks, she telephones the family and that way places can be released for new comers.

During 2022 several of our long-term children moved on to full-time nursery places, both private and school based. We believe we are giving these children a good start in socialising with other children and the routine expected at the next step of their journey, as well as having lots of fun. We continue to follow a set routine of play then a clearly defined tidy up period which is notified to the children through singing our **Tidy Up Song**. It is great to observe all of them helping, even the youngest as their name is mentioned in the song when they take part in clearing away.

We have a structured snack time where all the children (and parents/ carers) sit down together and enjoy their drinks and snacks. This sitting and eating without running about with food proves very difficult for some but eventually with encouragement it works. Towards the end of the year, we decided to introduce snacks of toast and butter as we found fruit was just being wasted. This has been very successful, and the children usually ask for more which keeps us busy in the kitchen.

This year our youngest child ever was only 2 weeks old, being the sibling of an older child. Others have started at a month old, and it is lovely to watch their development and the friendships growing within the group both between the children and their parents.

The circle time of singing, games and music continues the fun after snack time and it is lovely that the adults appear to enjoy the marching, action songs and music as much as their children. We end each session by singing our **Going Home Song** when everyone holds hands in a circle before waving goodbye to each other.

We continue to celebrate the special times of the year by having an Easter Party with Eggs left for us from the Easter Bunny when we wore our home -made Bunny Ears in his honour and singing appropriate songs for the time of year. At Christmas we had our Christmas Party with food, and a secret visit from Father Christmas who the children discovered had left them a sack of goodies. Again, singing songs and playing simple party games appropriate to the season.

We make a small charge of £2 per child which during 2022 has covered purchases of craft materials, new toys, musical instruments, the children`s snacks and refreshments for the adults.

Hard work for the three of us but after we sit down for a much- deserved cuppa after sorting out the *tidying up* we give ourselves a metaphorical pat on the back.

Lottery Report

Thanks go to Kathleen Bell for continuing with the Lottery for most of 2022. Unfortunately, due to illness, Kathleen gave up this position and the lottery didn't take place in the latter part of 2022. Hopefully someone will come forward to take on this important role in 2023.

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.

Ringin' 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.

Ringin' Chamber facilities

The tower is not connected to the church's heating system and therefore all surfaces in cold weather attract condensation. The ringin' 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

The PCC encourages visitor's bell ringers to enjoy ringin' our bells.

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, Miss Holly Bell, Mr Edmund L Bell, Mr Peter L Bell, Mr Michael Sheeran, and are all qualified members of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers

Service ringing

The above ringers are dedicated to ring for every Mass when available.

Wedding ringing

We rely on visiting ringers, and will endeavour to sound the bells for these occasions..

Future

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

COMMUNITY

The Children's Society

Pauline Rowland

Thank you to all those who continue to support by having a House Box. The Box Opening commences in September each year and this year £296.21p was banked for the Children's Society. The amount is less than previous but expected as some of the long- time supporters are now very elderly, ill or in care homes and new Box Holders are few and far between.

If you feel you would like to support by taking a House Box just speak me. I have some ready and waiting for a new home.

Increasing difficulties in banking bags of heavy coinage when banking hours are reducing and staff are working from home are acknowledged in thanks from Andrew Moran, Head of Supporters in a letter stating, "Once again, on behalf of all the young people your gift supports, thank you so much for caring and making this life-changing work possible."

The Ladies' Group at Saint Paul, Monk Bretton

Pauline Rowland

The beginning of 2022 heralded a return to normal service when we were able to resume our usual programme format beginning with:

January - AGM and programme planning.

February - Perfectly Pampered a Body Shop Event.

March - A Lent Group led David Dewey, a retired Baptist Minister and member of our congregation.

April - Fine Dining Taster Evening @ Barnsley College.

May - A Taste of Wine. The do's and don'ts of buying and drinking wine.

June - Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

July - A Recital & Guided Tour of Sheffield Cathedral followed by Afternoon Tea.

August - A visit to the Graham Ibberson Exhibition and his studio @ the Cooper followed by Afternoon Tea at Joshua's.

September - Autumn Flower Arranging.

October - Explorers Down the Ages.

November - Eating @ the Norman.

December - Christmas Fun Night and Food.

At the start of each January, we start our AGM with a blank canvas for the year but by the end of the evening members have put forward their ideas and suggestions of what they can organise to make the programme for the coming year something that all of us look forward to each month. The membership continues to grow, and this year has been no exception with 4 new ladies joining us from the wider community and several joining from the church family. Twenty in total.

Line Dancing Report

Pamela Powers

Another year has quickly passed and we still have a good group of line dancers attending. Unfortunately I am suffering badly with sciatica so cannot dance as much as I could, but I can still put the music on and do many of the less energetic dances. I have a lovely lady who brings us new dancers and leads when I cannot.

We have a good average membership of 18, mostly ladies plus 1 male, so we are still able to contribute all the money to the church funds.

Thank you to everyone concerned for making it an enjoyable social evening. Long may it continue

**ST PAUL'S CHURCH
MONK BRETTON**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
OF THE
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

**Independent Examiners
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**ST PAUL'S CHURCH MONK BRETTON
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**ST PAUL'S CHURCH MONK BRETTON
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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 until 2nd March 2022
Adrian England	Lay Chairman - Deanery Synod from March 2022
Daphne Woffinden	Hon. Secretary & Vice Chairman
Lynda Brown	Church Warden
Mary Bullock	Church Warden - Treasurer
Andrea Barton	Deanery Synod Representative
Julie Murray	Deanery Synod - resigned October 2022
Eileen McClure	
Debbie Griffin	
Lorraine Francis	
Pauline Rowland	Safeguarding Officer
Shirley Rawson	
Valerie Liddall	
Janet Richards	
Gwyn Rees	

Church attendance

There are 64 persons on the Church Electoral Roll

ST PAUL'S CHURCH, MONK BRETTON

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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 2022, 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.

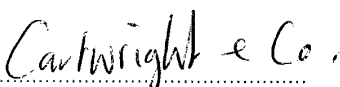
Basis of this report

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.



Cartwright & Co Ltd

ST PAUL'S CHURCH MONK BRETTON
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

2021 RESTORATION FUND £	2021 GENERAL INCOME £		2022 RESTORATION FUND £	2022 STATUE FUND £	2022 WILL BEQUEST £	2022 TODDLER GROUP £	2022 GENERAL INCOME £
		INCOME FROM DONORS					
-	20,685	Planned Giving	-				17,636
-		Bequest	-		1,408		
-	5,524	Collections	-				3,544
		VOLUNTARY INCOME					
-	6,086	Donations	-	2,000			3,678
-	4,243	Fund Raising	-				5,980
26683	-	Grants					-
		INVESTMENT INCOME					
16	-	Interest	379				-
		INCOME FROM CHARITABLE TRADING					
-	3,079	Use of Parish Centre	-			527	8,012
-	4,109	Fees	-				3,730
-	9,016	INLAND REVENUE	-		180		6,138
		OTHER RECEIPTS					
-		VAT refund	2,697				
26,699	52,742		3,076	2,000	1,588	527	48,718
		TRANSFERS			412		
26,699	52,742	TOTAL RECEIPTS	3,076	2,000	2,000	527	48,718
		GRANTS					
-	132	Overseas, Missions, Charities	-				49
		CHURCH RELATED ACTIVITIES					
-	35,000	Common Fund	-				38,713
-	1,605	Clergy expenses	-				260
-	11,093	Church Running Expenses	-				11,638
-		Sundry	-				36
560	1,303	Repairs & Maintenance	184				2,085
-	516	Accountants Fee	-				522
-	316	PRINTING & STATIONERY	-				454
-	125	ADVERTISING	-				60
		EXTRAORDINARY PAYMENTS					
8,784		Replacement Fixtures & Fittings	18,610				
9,344	50,090		18,794	0	0	0	53,817
		TRANSFERS					412
9,344	50,090	TOTAL PAYMENTS	18,794	0	0	0	54,229
17,355	2,652	NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	(15,718)	2,000	2,000	527	(5,511)

ST PAUL'S CHURCH MONK BRETTON
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STATEMENT OF ACCUMULATED FUNDS

2021 RESTORATION FUND £	2021 GENERAL INCOME £		2022 RESTORATION FUND £	2022 STATUE FUND £	2022 WILL BEQUEST £	2022 TODDLER GROUP £	2022 GENERAL INCOME £
25,758	8,612	BALANCE AT START OF YEAR	43,113				11,264
17,355	2,652	NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	(15,718)	2,000	2,000	527	(5,511)
<u>43,113</u>	<u>11,264</u>	BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>27,395</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>527</u>	<u>5,753</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS

2021 RESTORATION FUND £	2021 GENERAL INCOME £		2022 RESTORATION FUND £	2022 STATUE FUND £	2022 WILL BEQUEST £	2022 TODDLER GROUP £	2022 GENERAL INCOME £
43,113		CHURCH OF ENGLAND FUND					
	-	Restorations	27,395				-
		BANK ACCOUNTS					
-	11,420	Yorkshire Bank	-	2,000	2,000	527	5,735
-	12	CASH IN HAND	-				12
	189	PREPAYMENTS					210
	(357)	ACCRUALS					(204)
<u>43,113</u>	<u>11,264</u>	TOTAL ASSETS	<u>27,395</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>527</u>	<u>5,753</u>