



The Parish of The Upper Wreake Annual Report 2021

The Parish of The Upper Wreake Parish consists of the churches of All Saints Hoby, All Saints Ragdale, All Saints Rotherby, St. Michael & All Angels Brooksby, St. Peter Kirby Bellars and St. Thomas of Canterbury Frisby-on-the-Wreake

Introduction:

This annual report has been produced in order to comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 1993, and the Church Accounts Regulations 1997. The intention is to provide a fuller picture of the life of the Church during the year than could be obtained from the accounts alone.

Objectives of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and District Church Councils (DCC):

The PCC of the Parish meets at least four times a year to deal with any matters which concern the mission, development and administration of the Church, and is responsible for auditing decisions of the DCCs.

The DCCs function with delegated authority from the PCC in the care of the church buildings (held jointly by the local Churchwardens and the Incumbent), finance and the local mission of the Church.

Electoral Roll (as at Easter 2021)

	Brooksby	Frisby	Hoby	Kirby	Ragdale	Rotherby	Total
2022	9	22	38	19	10	14	112
2021	9	22	38	20	12	13	114

PCC Members

Chair:	The Revd David Harknett
Vice-Chair:	Simon Blake (<i>also Deanery Synod</i>)
Secretary:	Josie Brown (<i>also Deanery Synod & Diocesan Synod</i>) <i>Ex-officio</i>
Treasurer:	Interim Treasurer: Vic Allsop
Pioneer Curate:	The Revd Crystal McAllister
<i>Elected Members:</i>	
Frisby-on-the- Wreake:	Pru Smith (CW), Simon Blake (CW)
Hoby:	Vic Allsop (CW), Nicola Wheeler (CW), June Allsop
Kirby Bellars:	Sheila Taylor, David Davies (<i>part-year</i>)
Ragdale:	Jane Burgess (CW), Elizabeth Buxton
Rotherby:	Sue Smith (CW), Lesley Potter (CW),
Brooksby:	Malcolm Britton (CW), Jeanne Knowles (CW)
<i>Co-opted Members:</i>	Janet Norburn (<i>Safeguarding Officer</i>)

CW = Churchwarden

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“What type of church do we believe God is calling us to be?”

A diocese of 615 churches. A church-types Survey. A five-year process. Beginning with a consultation in 2019. A Report. Recommendations approved by the Diocesan Synod. At the heart of the plan, the message that it is time to; *“stop all churches trying to do all things and to allow individual places and people to focus on their strengths”*. A radical work of reorganisation. A reduced number of stipendiary clergy. Time devoted to growing churches. A culture shift – the diocese's worshippers asked to see themselves as; *“belonging to something bigger”*. A challenge for those; *“unable to join and let go of their local affiliation to a small group and its building”*. A new approach to Diocesan finances. A reckoning with the diocese's inheritance of hundreds of listed buildings.

You'd be forgiven for thinking I'm painting a picture of Leicester Diocese, which has just over half that number of churches (320). This pen-portrait describes our neighbour, Lincoln diocese, though their process is titled “Time to Change Together”, an echo perhaps of, 'Shaped by God Together'. Lincoln's report was titled, 'Resourcing Sustainable Church' and is very clear that; *“Buildings easily dominate our thinking & our planning. / ... the priority has to be the life of the Christian communities and their ministers that have the will & the potential to flourish...”*

Leicester, like Lincoln, is concentrating its limited financial resources on those churches best able to take forward mission and grow. And we are doing so together, in the form of Minster Communities. Pilot communities have only just been formed, so the Parish of the Upper Wreake will not engage formally until 2023. But we are not sitting on our laurels, nor managing decline, but thinking and praying. Taking stock of where we have been placed by God and who we are as a church.

Rev'd Kimberley Bohan is a priest over 6 churches in Lincoln Diocese, who helped draft their Report. *“The most exciting thing for me in this is that - if we can get groups of clergy and lay leaders working together, praying together for an area, saying: ‘What can we do?’ rather than having the starting point be: ‘This is what is currently expected, how shall we build the rota?’ - then I think lots of exciting new things could happen.”*. Rotas & buildings will always affect our thinking & planning, but can they enliven (rather than enslave) clergy & lay working & praying together?

The spirit among us in Upper Wreake last year was, *“What can we do?!”*. **Financial giving** has stayed stable or increased, and we will soon agree more sustainable funding for our Mission & Ministry Fund. **Buildings** are used more frequently and creatively (50% having a toilet) in tandem with two busy chapels. **Ministry** involves lay & clergy insights & gifts – building community, offering encounters with God both within and without the building. Partnering with 'people of peace' where possible. **Mission** is “putting love where love is not” in a myriad of ways, from environmental concerns to festival events; from Little Butterflies to Community Lunches. All witnessing to a reconciling Christian presence within our communities.

Vicky & I have not found Lockdown easy, with no family support to hand. Complicated by Vertigo for Vicky a year ago and Covid after-effects presently. We are so grateful for the love and notes and prayer and meals (& chocolate!) that bless us as a family. And I am so thankful to read the wealth of testimony to the transformative power of the gospel that fills our Annual Report. Yes, it is text only (photos will bring these stories to life at our **APCM on Tuesday 5th April at 7pm in Hoby Chapel**), but please take time to read all about the Upper Wreake's co-working with God's Spirit, as His kingdom comes and His will is done in this place and nearby.

1.1 Pioneer's Curate's Report

Rev'd Crystal

This last year has passed by so quickly, and so I wanted to give you a snippet in the life of pioneer curate, along with something practical - prayer points. 25% as a practitioner with a focus on starting and sustaining local pioneering initiatives and 75% developing the pioneering missional culture of the diocese (with an emphasis on two deaneries). Plus, learning parish ministry.

January I started writing material for the diocese's 'Forge' Pioneer training course. Along with having regular meetings with Area Deans over the two deaneries. I completed 'unconscious bias training' and started 'Mixed Ecology Learning pathway' over the 12 months. The first gatherings of Greenhouse and using God send App – a tool for churches and fXc to reimagine mission. I soon learned about the importance of Clergy wellbeing. Ivy's Funeral stood out for me, part of Methodist Chapel in Hoby. A lady of faith and perseverance for God and the gospel.

Prayer points – *All those who are seeking training as recognised 'Local Lay Ministers', 'Authorised / Licensed Associate Ministers'. Area Deans and the Shaped By God Together framework. Self-awareness of the things that shape us can break down people rather than build others up. Emerging new worshipping communities and how that sits within the inherited Church. Clergy and all those who are in positions of leadership. For the families of those that have died and the memories that still live.*

February More training! IME Training day with Bishop Martyn, Rev'd Jonathan (training Incumbent) and Rev'd David (parish supervisor). I started community mapping to understand context and work out next steps. Muddy church display boards in Hoby & Rotherby churchyards. Lent - LLF course online. Deanery – What is a post hybrid church? Shielding ended for me; yes, I'm classed as extremely vulnerable! Sustainability became a high factor for Leicester Diocese. Pioneering in a digital space.

Prayer points – *For our communities and those who don't know the good news of Jesus Christ. For those that are different to us and the richness that diversity brings. The importance of communication and doing it well. To be open about new ways of worshipping.*

March A Retreat Day allowed me to discern direction and use of my time, the geographical area of Brooksby & Hoby. Ministry conversations at a deanery level and the Shaped By God Together process. Finance conversations took place within the diocese and in the discussions with pioneers. Recording of sermons, preaching in fXc. Lent -Courses, Deanery wellbeing course online. I blessed the knitted chicks! Yarn bombing, and I ordered an office chair! Three, in fact, and none of them turned up!

Prayer points – *The importance of rest and the sabbath. We are taking care of ourselves first to minister to others. Hearts are softened for those who preach God's word, and lives are transformed. For ways that the church family can be a Christian witness in their everyday. For our administrator who eases the pressure of ministry for clergy.*

April Curacy review, I passed! Living in Love and Faith as a Deanery gathering. National Anglican Pioneer Meet up. Gather town at CMS for pioneers. Conversations with Brooksby College with regards to chaplaincy opportunities. Bishop Guli leaving service took place.

Prayer points – *For the communities within Framland Deanery. That kindness and reconciliation will take place as new structures emerge. For pioneers in this diocese who lead churches and hold down full-time jobs, for their families who support them. For the students at the college and the challenges that they face as young people. For Bishop Guli, Martyn and Saju.*

May Church Planting Panel for the diocese, witnessing presentations on their new ventures. I completed the Rural Ministry Course. We did 'Pilgrim Walking' across Upper Wreake as part of 'Thy Kingdom Come'. Bat survey at Hoby. Facilitation of a Deanery Ministry Focus evening.

Prayer points – *For churches that plant churches within the diocese. The planning and care that is put into the plants and their leaders. Farmers who struggled with their produce during the lockdown and continual battles with farming, care for land, animals, and themselves. Those seek spaces to find God, whether through walking or areas with the churches. For all God's creatures and living in spaces that we see 'inconvenient'. Those whose jobs no longer exist in the diocese in Mission & Ministry; those now 'restructured' into new positions.*

June 'Count on Nature'. The start of an Intergenerational Community around Eco Awareness.

'Resourcing Women and the State of Play'. Multi-ple x church planting conference.

Prayer points – For new ways of speaking Of God's creation and the stories within the bible to those who don't know about Jesus. For women in leadership and the challenges that it brings.

July More training, Coaching course. Gaddesby afternoon services. Funeral Training. Another Bat survey! 'Kindling' for pioneers.

Prayer points – Those who need counselling, mentoring, and coaching in our communities and churches.

There is a restoration of flesh, new worshipping communities, reconciled communities, and those who lead them for churches.

August Family Holiday! Baptism – Maddy. Facilitated a Deanery party for Peter Hooper leaving, The first of many weddings – Sophie and Rob.

Prayer points – Life Events; baptism, weddings, funerals, blessings. Deanery celebrations and the times when we can share joy and laughter and tears and sorrow. We are holding families of life events in our prayers. For children of parents who are in ministry.

September Presiding at the Eucharist training – Knighton. Sign off 1st Year curacy with Bishop Martyn. Wedding – Katie and Richard. 'Ride and Stride', Hoby. Launched the 1st 'Forge'. The Pioneer Team undertook 'Systems Formation Teamwork' with Nicky McGinty, and we emerged as a 'Pioneer Community of Practice' Gardening at Hoby. Ordination Retreat brought me to my knees (literally) that I have been called to this vocation.

Prayer points – The privilege of sharing a meal of bread and wine with others and the opportunities that this space brings by His grace alone.

October 1st Presiding at Eucharist. 1st Synod Meeting. The Bee Event took place in Hoby. Litter pick at Brooksby College. Harvest at Ragdale. Hoby invited Sandra in from 'Eco Refills'. Film afternoon for the children. 1st Community Lunch. The start of 'Open gardens Conversations'. 'Alternative Halloween' at Hoby with crafts, food, fun and fellowship.

Prayer points: That our nearest and dearest who don't yet know God are touched by his healing hand and that they know His presence and love. This month felt like the start of something new; which month is the beginning of something new for you? Take it to God in prayer. Collaborative partnerships with others.

November Bats - Frisby School Visit, Birds, Arch Deacon at Chapter Meeting, and a 'Greater Chapter' discussion. Knitted Poppies, Remembrance Day. More training! - safe recruitment and renewed Food Hygiene Certificate.

Prayer points – The importance of remembering that people connect us and that anything is possible through showing God's love. Those who are authorised ministers, readers, pastoral assistants, retired clergy.

December Weddings; Charlie and Ryan, Sophie and Fergus. Deanery Advent course online. Christmas Services and Celebrations -Thorpe Satchville, Hoby, Brooksby, fXc, missional projects, Ashby Foville and others.

Prayer points– That we use whatever God places before us to be part of to reflect His glory. Sometimes all we must do is show up and be the vessel that He needs us to be, from preaching to teaching, picking up rubbish and washing up coffee cups, baking cakes, giving gifts, listening, and listening with the intent of hearing. For our communities to hear the gospel in a language, they can understand.

Pioneer ministry traverses both cultural and ecclesial landscapes. We seek out people of peace and share God's love in high and lowlands. Sometimes it's been easy and other times not so, yet as long as we can continue to see Christ's reflection in the people we meet, I am convinced God's will, will be done. Thank you to those of you that have prayed with me and for me, laughed with me, and cried with me and been a friend to Ollie and Daisy.

'Be still and know that I am God' Psalm 45:10

Reverend Crystal McAllister

2021 started very much as most of 2020 had been. After Christmas there was a rapid increase in Covid-19 infections and the NHS was again at breaking point, so on January 6th we started another period of lockdown. Church services were cancelled again and our churches were closed. We worked from home, imposed social distancing, we used face masks and lots of hand sanitiser. Most of these 2020 aspects of our lives have continued in use throughout 2021 and in to 2022. I noted in my diary that on January 8th there were 1,325 Covid-19 deaths the highest number of the pandemic to date. We continued or resumed our life on zoom, and many of us wondered how this would all end. Thank fully the vaccination programme started soon after and the hope of a return to some sort of normality was prayed for. But that was not to be, not in 2021 any way.

Services started again in March 2021 but not all churches were large enough or were equipped to deal with the restrictions so in 2021 many of the churches in SWF have sadly had only a handful of services. We hope for better in 2022

We are grateful to all the clergy in SWF: Revd Neil Stothers, Revd David Harknett, Revd Crystal McAllister, Revd Jane Walker and our Reader Canon Malcolm Britton for steering us through this difficult time. To add to that the Churchwardens, PCC and DCC members have continued their sterling work of maintaining and sustaining the life of our Parish Churches in the communities they serve. This has not been an easy task. This identifies what a tough year it has been for everyone trying to be church in our communities during a pandemic. Everyone has to be commended for keeping us from coming off the tracks. We should all be proud of how we come together in our communities to support our much-loved buildings and retain these reassuring symbols of a familiarity and security which they give in difficult times. These buildings most of which are more than 800 years old have stood through world wars, plague and civil war. They have survived the reformation, the puritans, terrible neglect and Victorian restoration! Whatever they have all faced they are still all here today. If that is not a sign of hope for us all then I don't know what is.

For the Diocese this has also been a challenging year with a large deficit to address and the Shaped by God Together Minster Community framework document only being approved at the October Diocesan Synod. That hard work was but just the start. 2022 will see pilot Minster Communities set up and we in SWF will watch with a keen interest as to how these new structures work. For us though the life of the church will continue much as it has done for many years. One thing for certain is that the church will continue whatever the structure is that we work under, 'twas ever thus.

I started working back at the office in April. Sadly, though later in the year Great Dalby Methodist Church voted to cease Sunday Worship and later to close the Methodist Church. The final service took place on 5th September. Although the Church is now up for sale, I will continue to work there until the building is sold. So 2021 was the last full year at the office and we'll be looking for a new home in 2022. It will have been a valued base to operate from for almost 14 years.

On October the 2nd Revd Crystal McAllister was Priested at St Peter and St Paul in Syston. She presided at her first communion the following day at Hoby, a service supported by friends and colleagues from across SWF. We have also been delighted that Revd Jane Walker's health is much improved and she has been able to resume her duties in the Burrough Hill Parishes in 2021.

In May SWF lost a great friend and one of the key players who worked to bring SWF in to being. Bill Fryer who had been Churchwarden at Burrough on the Hill for many years died. Restrictions on numbers who could attend the funeral meant that many of us were not able to attend. But it was good to see a fellow Churchwarden, an old friend of Bill's Vanda Pitcher arrive from Somerby to be at the service. When I saw Vanda, I felt that she was there not just for herself but for the many others who were unable to be at the service. I stood on the Main Street opposite the Parish Church. It was a windy and very wet day. Many of us got very wet, but that was a small price to pay when saying farewell to good and faithful friend. It is not well known but Bill came to the office every week to see me, he always had good stories to tell and wise words to share with you. I for one miss Bill very much and what he represented as church in our context. May he rest in peace and rise in glory, Amen.

The SWF Group Council did not get to meet in 2021, but in 2022 we must meet, we have two years of accounts to approve and a new Safeguarding policy to agree. We will also want to say a big thank you to Alan Smith who having steered us through our recent financial troubles stepped down as treasurer at the end of 2021. His legacy will be the ability to have paid off one of the two years of debt to the Diocese with the remaining debt being cleared during 2022.

Despite the difficulties we no doubt will face in 2022 and with more learning to receive from the pilot Minster Communities, I know we will continue to do what it takes to help our churches be witnesses to Gods living presence amongst each of our villages. I looked at our east window in the chancel this evening as I was locking up Hoby Church at the end of another day. And although I have seen this window hundreds of times before I spent a few of minutes looking at the Arts and Crafts design of the Tree of Life. Beneath it is written 'The leaves of the trees are for the healing of the nations' I am sure that we can all say Amen to that.

Chair SWF Group Council. February 2nd 2022.

3.0 School

Rev'd David

January : The year began with Lockdown 3, meaning staff wellbeing was our focus, including weekly Zooms with the Headteacher Stuart Northedge.

Feb-April : Collective Worship during Lent used 'Pilgrim Pathways' (York) and each video worship included a parishioner talking about an aspect of their faith journey : Malcolm Britton, Pru Smith, Simon Blake, Eve Harknett, Crystal McAllister and Ollie McAllister, with Carys Harknett lead prayers from different locations in Frisby S.Thomas. Easter worship was on Zoom, allowing 'Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah' to be streamed - pupils sitting then jumping to emphasise the energy & joy!

July : Church services were not permitted under School regs, we travelled to them, with Simon & Pru joining me in the school playground for their Leaver's Service. Just a week before, Jeanne & I had accompanied those 11 year old pupils on a walk from Frisby St.Thomas to Brooksby St.Michael & All Angels. The class teacher led them in reflective pauses at various points, using the natural landscape to help them consider their move to secondary school. Janet Norburn awaited us at Brooksby, with a luxury packed lunch supplied by Sara Groom, paid for by Anglicans & Methodists.

September : Ofsted arrived with a day's notice, but we managed to supply each class-teacher (and Receptionist & Head) with a colourful pot plant, encouraging card and a prayer-blessing. Frisby Primary was graded "GOOD"! For the second year, two Classes were invited down to Frisby St.Thomas immediately following the Frisby Creatives weekend, 'Art in the Church'. Vicky & I led this, aided & abetted by 3 of the Creatives, and we invited pupils to learn about the Colour Wheel. They took this learning into a tour of the artwork, thinking about & discussing the various colours & moods & messages they saw. Each of the two sessions linked human creativity with the divine Creator.

October : Harvest worship took place in the school hall, with Simon & Pru participating again, and food collected for the Storehouse Foodbank.

December : An act of worship to mark Advent in school, despite the Omicron variant. Older pupils helped to re-tell the Christmas story, while younger pupils re-hearsed lively songs from their Key Stage Nativity. A modern version of the greatest story ever told came through Nosy Crow's charity book, 'Refuge'. We considered the "kindness of strangers" and prayed for those seeking 'home'.

Conversations : holy-hanging-around across the year enabled conversations with Staff (including kitchen staff and cleaner) around a baby's birth; another baby's baptism; an adult child's death; the lasting impact of long-Covid; the injustice of "bad things happening to good people". And, of course, the delights that all involved in Frisby Primary find in their teaching or support role!

Update : Stuart Northedge handed in his Notice at the end of 2021; the post of Head was advertised by Feb half-term; Interviews held 24th March ... an announcement will be made imminently. We have been unsuccessful in recruiting a Christian presence & influence to our Foundation Governor vacancy.

4.0 Rotherby House Group

Sue Smith

After a break through January, we continue to meet via Zoom. One of our members has introduced us to meditation which is a great way to start the meeting - it calms us down and prepares us to meet afresh with God. We share different thoughts each week, we discussed how we felt putting the Kings away till next year and what do we hope to do now that we return to our everyday lives after Christmas: do we just go back to what we do or do we share the word of God with those we meet with a fresh understanding. Sharing the beautiful sun rise, enjoying winter watch, knowing God loves us just as we are. just some of the topics we shared as well as "Word for Today" and following the scripture and later looking at the Parallels.

We joined in with the Lent course "Living in Love and Faith" online with David and Crystal which created a lot of discussion and opened our eyes to how other people live and whether we are accepting of everyone.

As soon as the weather warms up we meet in person in Rotherby Church or in one another's gardens, it is so good to get back in person. As the cold weather starts we have met in Hoby Chapel where we shared in the Advent Course led by Rev David.

5.0 Safeguarding

Janet Norburn

Policies and safeguarding action plan

Renewal of safeguarding policy will be completed when the Group Council meets. A complete action plan will also be available at that time. This will hopefully be presented to the PCC at a meeting in the summer.

Safeguarding Incidents

One safeguarding concern has been reported to the diocese and is currently under review by the DSA. No details are available. All people within the Parish who are aware of the concern are reminded that the matter is confidential and should not be discussed. DH and JN await contact from the DSA.

Training and DBS

One Churchwarden has yet to complete the Foundation training and DBS
Two CWs are yet to complete the Leadership training

Safer Recruiting Course has now been completed by (in date order):

Rev Crystal McAllister, Janet Norburn, Rev David Harknett

These three people can act as the authorised person when someone is recruited to a role, as long as they are not related to them, and are responsible for the monitoring and probationary period of the role.

Children, Young People and Vulnerable adults

I have not been made aware of, or received risk assessments for, any regular work/meeting with any of these groups in any of the Parish Churches outside of Sunday worship. I am aware of individual one-off events/outreach e.g. Hallowe'en.

The tea and cakes meeting, Hot Potato meeting (fresh expression) and Little Butterflies are ecumenical events occurring in the UW Methodist Centre at Frisby and will be shown as that when we report to the Diocese and District.

Safeguarding Dashboard

Only one section is not green now and is the one concerning Churchwardens training detailed above.

SWF Safeguarding Co-ordinator

6.0 All Saints Hoby

Nicola Wheeler and Vic Allsop, Churchwardens

2021 for the most continued much as all of 2020 had been, but although we still had the pandemic with us and again had periods of lockdown and resumed zoom worship, we did get back to in person worship later in the year. The first service for us at Hoby was May 23rd, Pentecost. It was a memorable day as the servery and toilet facilities were used for the first time at a service. The facilities had been in place for 14 months before they could be used!

At Hoby DCC Annual Meeting Maureen Coleman retired as Churchwarden after more than 20 years devoted service. Josie Brown retired as secretary and almost 40 years of service to the parish church. We owe them both a great debt of gratitude. The stalwart service to our parish church over so many years has been invaluable. Thank you both of you.

It was a delight to welcome Nicola Wheeler as our new Churchwarden. Her contribution over the year has been significant as we look ahead to what the church needs to become and be to its community in the years ahead.

We thank our clergy Revd David, Revd Crystal and our Reader Canon Malcolm for their ongoing support. We have been delighted that Revd Crystal has been given responsibility for Hoby (along with Brooksby) for the period of her curacy with us. It has been a great experience for the DCC to be working alongside a Pioneer Minister and we feel much good is being done in this community to share God's love with everyone. We have enjoyed some great community events, Nature Count – Insects and Flowers, Bats evening, half-term film for the village children, Frisby School visit and All Hallows Eve.

Although our close relationship with the Methodist Church has been affected by the pandemic, we hope in 2022 to be able to do much more together. The Bats in Churches project was completed in 2021. We have a large report and some significant decisions to make as to what we might do next. The old marriage registers closed on May 4th. Our register had been in use at Hoby since 1837. These registers have now been deposited at the County Records Office and the Registrar for Leicestershire.

Projects and maintenance at church during 2021. With much work carried out in 2020, thank fully no additional work was undertaken in 2021. However, plans to repair the gates and pillars and the church path are progressing. Plans to purchase land from Hoby Church Glebe for a new churchyard extension are also moving in a positive direction.

Projects and maintenance on hold or requiring some preparatory work:

- Replacement of some of our church linen.
- Repairs to vulnerable parts of our boundary walls (Churchyard and Churchyard Extension).
- Creating a strategy for stonework repairs.
- Church heating project
- Review of our risk assessments.
- Assessing the condition of our church electrics and looking at a sound system.
- Progressing our eco church status and developing our environmental projects
- 2022 is quinquennial year. When the report is produced our priorities may well change.

Finance of the Parish Church.

In 2021 there was again very little income from fund raising. The finances of the church will require close attention in 2022 as the running cost of the church exceeds the income we receive, and this does not include finance required for repairs and maintenance etc which is in addition to the £13k it costs to run the church each year. This will no doubt rise when the cost of electricity increases by more than 50% in April 2022. We have a letter ready to share with the village in 2022 as part of a

Parish Giving initiative and we look forward to an Open Gardens event on June 18th and June 19th to improve on what has been raised from fund raising over the last two years. The Church was very grateful to receive a £5k legacy from the estate of the late Simon Cowman, these funds are for the upkeep of the church fabric. In 2021 we took delivery of a baby grand piano at church, which we hope to use for concerts in the future. We are grateful to Hoby w. Rotherby PC for the grant of £2k from the Quintas fund to support the purchase and a further grant from the Recreation Trust of £500

Nicola and Vic thank the villagers for the support the community gives the church and we know that as we tackle the financial problems we have that with their ongoing support we can return to a position of breaking even in 2022 or even better. Our weekly contribution to Melton Foodbank continues. This is being well supported by the village. Storehouse is very appreciative of the contribution Hoby makes. We also fully support the initiatives that Revd Crystal is bringing to us as we further our contact with the village. In 2022 we look forward very much to opening a Bug Hotel and appointing our very own Church Bee Keeper, who'd have thought!

7.0 All Saints, Ragdale

Jane Burgess, Churchwarden

MISSION AND MINISTRY

The year began with yet more restrictions being in place because of the continuing Covid-19 pandemic and new variants. Decisions were taken not to hold in-person services until the situation began to ease in April, with Easter Day being the first service we held at Ragdale. Services have continued to be held monthly throughout the remainder of the year.

The Harvest service was held during October in the barn at Old Hall Farm, courtesy of the Bowley family, this was enjoyed by everyone and very well attended by Ragdale residents, it was wonderful that people could enjoy being together for worship, conversation and refreshment.

The church was open on November 7th for prayers of loving remembrance, with Malcolm Britton praying during the afternoon, a few village residents visited to light candles and pray for loved ones.

It was wonderful to be able to hold the annual Carol Service in the church this year with many people contributing to the service. The service began with Emilia Bond's beautiful solo of 'Once in Royal David's City'. Melody Beechey signed to 'Mary Did You Know' whilst Sydney played the part of Mary in the little tableau. The service concluded with mulled wine and mince pies and most people staying to enjoy the refreshments.

There were no weddings or baptisms held in Ragdale during the year but sadly two funerals were held at the church. The first funeral was for Joan Roe who died in January and this was followed by the funeral of her twin sister Betty Jones who passed away in May. The twins had been active members of the Church in Ragdale for many years: involved with fundraising, flower arranging and latterly after service refreshments.

Another church member, Eunice Fox had been very poorly during the year and was taken to hospital for the final time just before Christmas where she passed away on January 1st 2022. For many years Eunice had been very involved with All Saints' Church, worshipping and playing the organ at services. All three ladies will be very sadly missed.

At the ADCM meeting in March there were no new members and no volunteers to fill the vacant Treasurer's role. The accounts remain in the control of the Churchwarden.

FABRIC OF CHURCH BUILDING

There has been very little maintenance to the church building during 2021. The work to maintain the churchyard continues to be gifted by a member of the Church and is very gratefully received. A large tree, which is leaning, is causing some concern and steps are being taken to organise its removal but following advice it is not thought to be an immediate danger.

FUNDRAISING/SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

At the ADCM there had been enthusiasm to arrange social & fundraising events when the pandemic lockdown situation eased. It was decided to arrange a Cream Tea Event in the village during June when it was anticipated that restrictions would be easing. This event took place on June 27th and was a great success, there was a steady flow of people attending and it was joyous to hear the hubbub of conversations taking place across the garden. This had been the first time for many months that people could meet outside in the bright weather. The event raised £600 for the Church Building.

8.0 St. Peter's, Kirby Bellars

Rev'd David

Late-March, and several of us gathered at St.Peter's Church gate to tie ribbons and pray together. We remembered those who had died during the first year of pandemic, and prayed for those who grieve. Leading up to Easter, Sheila Taylor, Geraldine Green, Carys & I distributed a palm cross, knitted-chick Easter Egg and a Christian message to several households. It generated plenty of conversation, with one resident remembering the gift when I ran into them at Little Butterflies earlier this year.

Church services did not begin until later in the year, owing to the older age-group worshipping at St.Peter's. Malcolm re-committed to lead a monthly Evening Prayer from autumn onward, which was supplemented by a mid-morning Advent service, and all topped off with Christmas Carols later in December. Almost four dozen villagers turned out for a rousing re-telling of Jesus' birth, led by children including Fields Taylor who spoke through her iPad. Seasonal refreshments were served with extra care owing to Omicron's arrival, and we were grateful to Neville Richards for playing the organ. Funerals for Eric Taylor & Gill Came were led by Malcolm, with David contributing to the former.

David Davies oversaw the fabric, in lieu of a Churchwarden. The Church Council and our partners, the Roof Resurrectors, are grateful for his commitment & care. In the figures to the right, you can see how a Historic England Grant was spent : £26,580 does not go far when a bare roof needs to be covered and Architect's fees need to be paid. On the plus side, all this is all a springboard to a more substantial future Grant App'n. David writes; *"The HE Grant included undertaking investigative work to determine the extent of remedial work required : i) a survey of the roof timbers to clarify the extent of fungal entry and damage; ii) Getting the assessment of a structural engineer to specify the repairs needed to the roof*

timbers; iii) Doing a bat survey to better understand the presence of bats in the church and how they could affect the timing and extent of future building works.. In addition, we replaced the leaking roof covering of horticultural polythene with a new temporary covering of roofing felt and repaired broken window panes and prepared Tender Documents for future building works".

We value Tom Lovegrove's work as Treasurer, succeeding Mick Gane. And we thank those who clean St.Peter's monthly & those who provide fresh flowers regularly.

Income & expenditure for Historic England Grant Work

INCOME 2020/2021	Total
Grant received 2020	£ 18,750.00
Final balance of grant 2021	£ 3,764.90
VAT Return from Grant 2021	£ 4,065.65

Total income	£ 26,580.55
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EXPENDITURE 2021			
Service main door lock	Victorian Locks	£	268.75
		£	26.75
Prepare Tender Documents	Peter Rogan Associates	£	2,362.50
Access for investigative works	Vic Cooper Contracts	£	1,512.00
Prepare Tender Documents	Peter Rogan Associates	£	4,725.00
Dry Rot and Fungal Decay insp	Decadet	£	1,880.00
Repair Broken Windows	Lincolnshire Stained Glass	£	240.00
Install temp roof covering	Vic Cooper Contracts	£	10,380.00
Prepare Tender Documents	Peter Rogan Associates	£	2,362.80
Structural Engineer	Ward Cole Engineers	£	1,098.00
Service main door lock	David Davies	£	11.15
BAT Survey	Barry Collins	£	1,713.60

Total expenditure	£ 26,580.55
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Balance of work done	£ -
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8.1 Kirby Roof Resurrectors

=> Report to follow ...

9.0 St Michael & All Angels Church, Brooksby

Malcolm Britton and Jeanne Knowles (CWs)

Worship, Mission and Ministry

- A highlight of the year was the introduction of the Reverend Malayil Lukose Varghese Muthalaly (known as Saju) to the diocese as the new Bishop of Loughborough. This took place on the Friday 12th November in Brooksby Hall with a service in the church. We were delighted to welcome Saju, his wife, Katy and their four children: Jonah (8), Abraham (9), Zipp (10) and Zeph (12).
- At Easter, Jeanne delivered chicks that her friend had knitted for the children in Brooksby with a plant and card for the adults
- With the aid of a grant from the Quintas Community Fund to help local people out of lockdown, we organised an afternoon tea for Brooksby residents in Brooksby Hall preceded by a treasure hunt in and around the church.
- On Saturday 11th December, we held a community party for Brooksby residents. It was well attended by parents, children and grandparents. There was a large craft table supervised by Crystal McAllister with parental help and the children enjoyed making Christmas cards and friendship bracelets. There was a lot of noise and laughter. This was followed by a selection of party food, soft drinks, hot chocolate with cream and marshmallows and a cider punch laced with rum for adults. Crystal closed the afternoon reading Christmas stories and we all sang carols accompanied by Daisy McAllister on her flute. It was great fun.
- Services resumed with monthly 8.30 holy communions and the annual Remembrance Service. The Ratcliffe Chorale performed at Christmas and the QHSA returned for their carol service.
- The number of weddings increased to 14.

Fabric and related topics

Significant building works included:

- installation of the restored bell
- the construction of oak louvres for the spire locarnes to prevent the ingress of rainwater. These were installed in January 2022 (postponed from 2021 because of a jackdaw's nest.)
- the first phase of stonework repairs required by the previous quinquennial inspection.

Also during the year, the following were carried out:

- checking the safety of the gravestones
- maintenance of the churchyard by Derek Oldfield.
- servicing the fire extinguishers
- replacement of curtain rails over the doors by Alan Odom

The Church Log Book is up-to-date.

Fund-raising

- Despite the limitations on fund-raising events, the splendid sum of £1,000 was raised from a raffle supported by the residents of neighbouring villages. Jeanne kindly organised this and sold almost all the tickets.
- Because of Covid only two ladies' groups from Loughborough visited the church and college grounds and all talks about the church to other groups were postponed.

People

Thanks are due to

- Dawn Whitmore, Lisa Craddock, Lorraine Cox and James Fryer and other staff members of the SMB Group for their help and co-operation during a particularly difficult year
- Derek Oldfield for taking a pride in maintaining the churchyard
- Alan Odom for continuing to generously place his practical expertise and time at the church's disposal
- Rev David Harknett and Rev Crystal McAllister for their oversight, encouragement and involvement

10.0 All Saints, Rotherby

Sue Smith & Lesley Potter, Churchwardens

Services and outreach

No services were held at Rotherby until May due to Covid; our first service was family worship led by Malcolm, everyone being very careful and wearing masks. Mothering Sunday, no service but Lesley and Sue prepared posies for mums and those on their own. On the anniversary of the first lockdown, we tied ribbons on our Church Gates in memory of those lost, A Father's Day service was celebrated at Rotherby and all the fathers were given a plant to put in the garden. It was a lovely sunny morning and coffee was served outside. Christmas 2021 was very busy with an Advent service, A Carol Service with entertainment from villagers and a Midnight Christmas Eve Communion, all services were held with great care with the door and windows left open. The first two events had half the people we would normally expect, but the Midnight HC was busier than usual. A Christmas tree was placed in the porch; several folk helped decorate the building; a Christmas card was given to all residents.

Grants

Following a successful funding campaign, we are in a good position to start the year and continue with our next project the kitchen, with the promise of a further grant of £2000, thanks to Serena being a Royal Warrant Holder. This is to be spent on equipment once the kitchen is completed. Small plaques are to be placed in Church in memory of those who donated to our funding programme, we are very grateful to all those who contributed.

Fundraising and socials

As our winter walk was cancelled, we decided to have a summer walk followed with a picnic in Serena's garden, after a wet walk most people decided to go straight home but a few of us gathered in Church with our pack up and shared tea and coffee at a distance. Feeling more relaxed about Covid restrictions cream teas went ahead this year. I think we are gaining quite a reputation: numbers are

up every year and a lovely atmosphere with visitors tending to stay for the whole afternoon. We were able to make the most of our new meeting area, with seating inside. Hopefully 2022 we will be using our kitchen which will make life a lot easier. A hog roast took place in Gary's barn and field in the summer: a beautiful evening with a band and amazing food, made possible with a grant from the Parish Council to get people together again after a long period of distancing. A bonfire night was also a great success with hot dogs and fireworks once again held in Gary's field. We are very grateful to Gary and his family for their generosity and hard work at all these events. A winter walk was able to take place this year with half the amount of folk as usual, a lot of folk still being very cautious after the outbreak of the Omicron strain of Covid this was followed with homemade soup in Church, we have some wonderful cooks in Rotherby thank you everyone.

Building work

A meeting area has been created by removing two pews and fitting a new oak floor, the pews will be returned and fitted around the area once work is completed. Gutterings were cleaned and cleared and repairs to the west facing lower roof. A graveyard clean-up and tidy took place and a large tree removed from the front of the Church as it was damaging the boundary wall. Paula created us a wild flower area which was much admired.

Faculty

A plaque in memory of Harry Richards was erected in October

11.0 St Thomas of Canterbury, Frisby on the Wreake

Simon Blake & Pru Smith (CWs)

Mission

Our 2nd Covid year showed a continued reaching out to the congregation of Frisby in the form of Phone Communion every Weds morning. Later in the year Midweek HC returned in-person to St. Thomas and then the Chapel (fortnightly). Face to face worship (notwithstanding face mask usage) was indeed welcome and gave us all, including regulars from Thrussington, a feeling of greater togetherness. At Easter time Pru & Nancy toured the village offering chocolate bars and knitted chicks to youngsters. Later in the year at Halloween "Shine A Light" was put on to replace Trick or Treat and this was very well responded to by a number of families but particularly by Ellie Wellman-Smith & family (who live on Steeple Chase) who are now more a regular part of our worshipping community. During the year Frisby Task Force, again as in 2020, very successfully offered mainly shopping opportunities for those unable to shop themselves but also a platform for more general requests e.g., a Christmas Tree outside the church. Simon & Pru now have more contact with the school and attended the Leavers ceremony on the school playground and the Harvest service at school in person. In addition, they contributed "Zoomwise" by adding recordings for the Lent 2021 assemblies – Pilgrim Pathways. The Easter school service was also delivered online. At Christingle (Xmas Eve) held at St Thomas there were lower numbers (to be expected) but contact with newcomers including a family on Hall Orchard, a wedding couple & a couple on Steeple Chase (*n.b. the latter included Karen who now works in the Office at Frisby Primary*). There was even a gift of the CPO Xmas Comic within the Christingle pack. Finally, our wild flower gardens in the churchyard took off in 3 separate areas under the guidance of Jackie Warwick.

Main projects/maintenance.

The new Baptistry roof was fitted during Feb & March 2021 by Leadworks, an excellent company who we would definitely recommend. The work was largely complete and then came the “coping stones” problem at each end of the roof. Thus, we waited for a faculty to arrive and this took nearly 6mths which meant the whole project was not complete until Oct 2021. Only a month later, at the end of Nov, work began on the much larger and lengthier Toilet & Served project. We are now probably mid-way through this work and expect it to complete around the end of Feb 2022. Thus we have had nearly a year of church closure in 2021 but luckily it has been at a time when churches were largely closed anyway because of Covid 19.

We owe gratitude to those who gave us grants. Historic England made the new roof possible and a combination of Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust, a Capital Grant from the Diocese and a local benefactor has enabled us finally to commence the Toilet & Served project. The CWs worked tirelessly not only to obtain these grants but also to make sure that faculties were in place.

Plans for the future:

- Jan Pascoe & Janet Norburn have set up a baby & toddler group & we see now its growth.
- Pastoral care in the community mainly for elderly residents but also to welcome newcomers properly will receive discussion at the DCC and an action plan formulated. It could easily link in with the existing Friendship & Drop-In groups.
- Plans for the Platinum Jubilee have already taken off in the form of 2 concerts at which the Wassailers & Generation Gap will be playing.

12.0 Bellringers

Martin Paling, Tower Captain

As the Coronavirus pandemic continued to prevail and affect social gathering, there was very little bellringing activity at both Hoby and Kirby Churches. When some restrictions on meetings and movements began to be lifted during the year, some Churches around the country were able to resume ringing, where they were able to observe the safety guidance, agreed between the House of Bishops Recovery Group and the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. The guidance is for a Ringing room to be well ventilated with an external airflow. The room at Hoby has very limited ventilation and the room at Kirby has no such airflow. The only ringing of more than one single bell at Hoby occurred on 3 October, to celebrate the first Communion Service by Rev'd Crystal McAllister, after her ordination the previous day. The ringers were all vaccinated against Covid-19, had taken LFTs which showed a negative result and wore face masks throughout their time in the Ringing room.

Other than on that one occasion, the only ringing at either Church was the tolling of a single bell for the following events:

- 23 March was the first anniversary of the first lockdown imposed by the government in 2020. That date in 2021 was decided to be a National Day of Reflection, organised between Marie Curie Cancer Care and the Church of England. The day included one minute's silence of reflection at 12 noon and the silence was broken at 12:01 with a short tolling of one bell at each of Hoby and Kirby Churches.
- A single bell was tolled again at both Churches for 99 times at 12:00 noon on 10 April, in memory of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, who had died the previous day at the age of 99 years. Further tolling took place at both Churches on Saturday 17 April, during the hour preceding the Duke's funeral at St George's Chapel, Windsor at 3:00pm.

- A single bell was rung at Kirby on 15 June, following a memorial service for the late Eric Taylor, a keen supporter of Kirby Church and husband of long-time supporter & former Churchwarden, Sheila Taylor.
- On 5 July at 8:00pm, a single bell was tolled 73 times at both Hoby and Kirby, to mark the 73rd Anniversary of the NHS. This was part of a national celebration for our Health Service.
- The Tenor bell at Kirby was tolled before and after the Funeral service for Gill Came on 26 November. Gill had learnt to ring in time for the Millennium, but did not continue ringing.
- The Tenor bell at Hoby was tolled before the funeral service for Jim Earl on 14 December.

The bells, frames, fittings and ropes at both towers appear, from a brief visual inspection, to be in good condition, but a more thorough inspection should be undertaken before regular ringing resumes. The belfry floor at Kirby was swept in October, to remove the general dust and airborne debris that is blown in through the louvres. There has been no activity with the Handbells during the year, due to restrictions on meetings and movements, related to the Coronavirus pandemic.

13.0 Deanery Synod

The theme for last year's meetings was: 'Important Developments in the Life of Our Church Nationally and Locally'. Each meeting was open to anyone who would like to attend, began with refreshments at 7:00 pm, and concluded by 9:00 pm. Some meetings were in person, some on Zoom.

~ Thursday 11th February 2021 @ 7:00 pm

What is a post-COVID hybrid church like?

~ Thursday 15th April 2021 @ 7:00 pm

Living in Love and Faith

~ Wednesday 9th June 2021 @ 7:00 pm

Shaped by God Together

~ Wednesday 8th September 2021 @ 7:00 pm

Lay Ministry Vocations and Training

~ Thursday 2nd December 2021

Advent Reflection: A Day Retreat with Rachel Bennett (Community of the Tree of Life).

Canon Peter Hooper was appointed Archdeacon of France and ended his tenure here in February. Many of the current clergy in Framland Deanery arrived here thanks to his leading of the 'New Wine, New Wineskins' vision for recruitment and reorganisation in 2016. Rev'd John Barr (Waltham on the Wolds) succeeded Peter as Area Dean and brings a gentle, prayerful lead.

Simon Blake provides an insight into the richness of our Deanery Meetings, with this extract from his contribution to the 'Living in Love & Faith' evening. *"An extremely good course but also extremely necessary : our churches MUST be here to welcome EVERYONE, warts & all & really make an effort to make all (newcomers as well as others less new) feel comfortable & loved. We must not forget this. I think a lot of the content was a lesson for all of us that if we don't do this what is the point of our church? But also, as I was reminded this afternoon we need to make sure that we're here for each other : to accept & love those who we know & possibly see a lot of anyway... Respecting their views which differ so radically from ours might be the hardest thing we have to do."*

14.0 Financial Report

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Financial Report

The Parish of the Upper Wreake Consolidated Accounts Receipts and Payments for the Year ended 31 December 2021 and the Statement of Assets at 31 December 2021

	DCC						Sub-Total	PCC	Total	2020
	Brooksby	Frisby	Hoby	Kirby	Ragdale	Rotherby	DCC			
Receipts										
Fund Raising	1065.00	1419.51	298.70	1210.66	600.00	1894.57	6488.44		6488.44	18445.42
Wedding and Funeral Fees	2988.00	1532.61	839.00	1300.50	533.00	408.00	7601.11		7601.11	3037.50
Donations	13077.14	650.00	616.30	855.88	3923.22	6825.97	25948.51		25948.51	6227.34
Collections	656.25	874.53	583.20	612.25	399.00	304.30	3429.53		3429.53	2200.64
Sundry	409.60	4475.60	659.41				5544.61		5544.61	3299.55
Grants	13092.91	64733.00	7918.28	3765.00		6825.97	96335.16		96335.16	73114.00
VAT				4065.65		2890.77	6956.42		6956.42	8008.12
Interest	64.99	22.02	2.29	17.03	0.15		106.48		106.48	314.03
Planned Giving	660.00	8426.04	8459.00	2422.96	3530.00	6168.75	29666.75		29666.75	27517.98
Income Tax Recovered		2302.12	2169.27				4471.39		4471.39	7195.68
Donated Collections			230.00		165.00		395.00		395.00	256.80
Total Receipts	32013.89	84435.43	21775.45	14249.93	9150.37	25318.33	186943.40	0	186943.40	149617.06
Payments										
Parish Contribution (Diocese)	1452.00	6041.72	3170.00	600.00	1560.00	2112.00	14935.72		14935.72	15242.92
Cluster Levy (SWF)	294.00	1768.00	888.00	1350.00	486.00	602.00	5388.00		5388.00	5117.00
Organ Tuning and Repairs			2500.00				2500.00		2500.00	362.00
Power, Rates etc	373.91	312.14	142.29	255.01	560.04	850.69	2494.08		2494.08	3852.46
Fees paid	720.00	185.00	120.00		25.56		1050.56		1050.56	370.00
Donations etc	461.00		506.30		156.00	120.00	1243.30		1243.30	2417.02
Church Insurance Premium	1940.26	2231.44	3380.85	3304.70	1176.56	2309.22	14343.03		14343.03	14277.44
Maintenance Church yard			838.68	940.00		741.53	2520.21		2520.21	3488.00
Sundry	1173.00	665.11	1738.80	135.07	5.00	373.67	4090.65	10	4100.65	3615.56
Maintenance	651.22	194.40	432.17	602.94		3520.00	5400.73		5400.73	744.04
Building Repairs/Alarms					830.28		830.28		830.28	12636.60
Major Building Works	6557.44	39487.81		26580.55			72625.80		72625.80	48532.93
Professional Fees							0.00		0.00	7335.73
Total Payments	13622.83	50885.62	13717.09	33768.27	4799.44	10629.11	127422.36	10	127432.36	117991.70
Movement in Funds	18391.06	33549.81	8058.36	-19518.34	4350.93	14689.22	59521.04	-10	59511.04	31625.36
Balance at start of year	14316.59	51617.74	36812.98	43130.74	8328.96	13367.25	167574.26	10	167584.26	135959.56
Statement of Assets at 31 Dec'r 2021	32,707.65	85,167.55	44,871.34	23,612.40	12,679.89	28,056.47	227,095.30	0.00	227,095.30	167,584.92
Balance carried forward; all held in High Street Bank Current or Deposit Accounts										

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	31/12/2020	31/12/2021
~ Current Account	£23,098.12	£9,562.75
~ Fabric Fund	£19,199.38	£13,208.83
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	£43,130.74	£23,612.40

Rev'd David HARKNETT
Priest in Charge and Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report

1. The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, as presented above. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) or the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and that an independent examination is needed.

2. It is my responsibility to:

- 2.1. examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- 2.2. to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under sec. 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- 2.3. to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

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

4. In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

- 4.1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - 4.1.1. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - 4.1.2. To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met;
- 4.2 or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed

Date

3rd April 2022

Steven John Hardy BA (Hons)

Bean Cottage, 14 Main Street, Frisby on the Wreake, MELTON MOWBRAY, LE14 2NJ

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- 2.2. to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under sec. 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- 2.3. to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

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

4. In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

- 4.1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - 4.1.1. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - 4.1.2. To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met;
- 4.2 or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed

Date

3rd April 2022

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