



St. Mary & St. Margaret's and St. Cuthbert's

ST MARY & ST MARGARET'S – PARISH CHURCH ST CUTHBERT'S – DAUGHTER CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

For the year ended 31st December 2022

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THE PARISH OF SPROWSTON WITH BEESTON ST ANDREW

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022

BACKGROUND

The Parochial Church Council of Sprowston with Beeston St Andrew has the responsibility of co-operating with the staff team, in the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The Parochial Church Council has the responsibility for maintaining the Parish Church dedicated to St Mary and St Margaret, Church Lane, Sprowston, the daughter church dedicated to St Cuthbert, with associated annexe and Church Centre, Wroxham Road, Sprowston and the churchyard extension at the Parish Church.

MISSION STATEMENT

We aim as a church;

- To worship God
- To love and care for each other
- To share faith in Christ
- To make a difference to life in Sprowston, the world and the planet

CHARITABLE STATUS

The Parochial Church Council for the Ecclesiastical Parish of Sprowston with Beeston St Andrew (Sprowston PCC) was registered with the Charity Commission on 28th September 2012.

Registered charity number: 1149140

SPROWSTON with BEESTON ST ANDREW PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL 2022/2023

PCC MEMBERS

CLERGY

The Revd Canon Simon Stokes	The Vicarage, 2 Wroxham Road, Sprowston	426492
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(Retire 2023)

Mr Don Loone
Mr Edward Stanley
Mrs Barbara Winter
Mr Andy Hudson

(Retire 2024)

Mrs Vivienne Flynn (Resigned)
Mrs Jackie Burt (Resigned)
Ms Julie Cole (Resigned)
Peter Coe
Bryan Carpenter

(Retire 2025)

Ms Jane Cole (Treasurer)
Mrs Penny Rennie (Secretary)
Mrs Anne Robinson
Mr Derek Robinson

TEAM RECTOR'S REPORT 2022

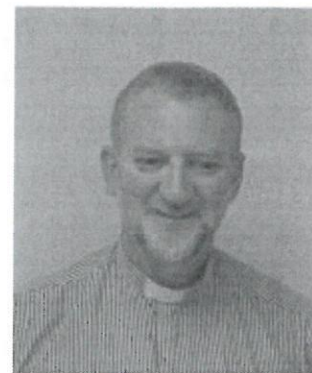
One of my 'go-to' passages in the Bible is from Philippians chapter 4:

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
present your requests to God.*

*And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*



This past year has been full of positives as well as surprises as you will see from reading our annual report. A great deal has happened and I thank you all for all that you have done as part of the bigger picture as we have served God together in Sprowston.

Following the 2 years of Covid lockdowns there has been some rebuilding so it has been good to see so much of Church life return to what we see as normality.

Of course, this is a look back to 2022, but as you will know the significant news has been the announcement that Christine and I, to our surprise, were called by God to serve him in a new place. So in October we announced that we would be leaving the Team and heading East to St. Margaret's, Lowestoft. The team ministry is still in its early stages, but I feel that just as God had called me to serve in a new location, he has a next step plan for Sprowston & North Norwich too.

As with all years, 2022 has been one of ups and downs. It was wonderful to feel some kind of normality in our services and we were able to have a normal Easter celebration along with a children's holiday club and the Christmas service attendances were definitely back to pre-covid levels – both in terms of numbers and enthusiasm. During the year we re-launched the lunch club, which is now part of Sprowston PCC, and SYEP (Sprowston Youth Engagement Project) went from strength to strength, finishing the year with the news that the lottery had awarded them £320,000 of support. What a wonderful achievement!

During the year Revd. Melanie announced her retirement. However it has been lovely that she, and Keith, have continued to worship with us and offer support from time to time. Whilst on the team, Melanie was a calm and capable presence, able to keep us all sane - we certainly missed her wisdom. Soon after Easter, Revd. Blessing and his family moved on to join the Mitre benefice on the other side of Norwich. Towards the end of the year, we were able to have our Christmas service/concert in 'The Brickmakers'. This was a bitter-sweet occasion as Charley, Pam & Emma were closing the pub at the end of the year.

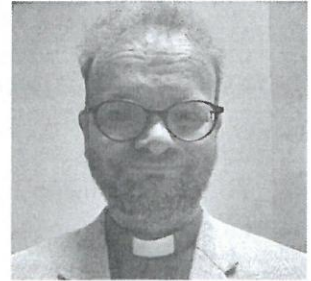
This snapshot needs to be read as part of the overall Book of the Year, and as I've said so many times, the overall picture is one of love and thankfulness. Each and every person has their unique part to play. Thank you once again for your prayers and support for me, Christine and the family and although we have moved East, the people of Sprowston remain in our hearts, prayers and thoughts.

Blessings

Simon

TEAM VICAR'S REPORT

Two of Jesus' disciples were walking on the Emmaus road. It was days after the events which took Jesus away from them. Jesus had revealed God's love to them, and was regarded as a great prophet, the one who would herald a new age of freedom, but the chief priests and rulers had handed Jesus over to the Romans to be sentenced to death - he was crucified. Now they discovered that even Jesus' tomb had been disturbed, the body had disappeared. The two friends were distraught, disorientated....



Jesus' friends recounted this tale to a stranger they encountered on the road. They were depressed and upset, but the stranger was calm, and full of wisdom. Later they shared a meal.

"When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight." Luke 24: 30-31

The last few years have been disorientating for all of us, and as a Church we've encountered many challenges and changes. I expect that each of us at different times have wondered if things would ever be the same again. Following our Easter celebrations last year it appeared that we were getting back to "normal", with the regular pattern of services returning, restrictions lifting, and the planned return of events such as the Christmas Fair to look forward to. We'd pulled together, and we'd got through. For me our Christmas celebrations were a real highlight last year; it felt that our confidence was returning.

But of course, things changed again, with Revd Simon leaving us and moving to Lowestoft. I know that many of us felt shaken, yet again. In times like these we might be able to relate a little bit with those two disciples on the Emmaus road. We might well be asking ourselves, "Where is God in all of this?" But of course, even on the Emmaus road, God was still there, it was just that the disciples couldn't see that yet.

Over our long history as the Anglican Church in Sprowston, there have been many such "Emmaus Road" moments - times of disorientation and change, of which our current situation is just the latest. The good news is that we always adapt, evolve, grow, and find a new "normal", just as the disciples did. In fact sometimes we need to change so that we can grow, even as we give thanks for the past.

It's early days yet, but I can see signs of new growth amongst us. In the last twelve months the relationship with the wider team in our benefice has become closer and more defined, and I believe is now a much firmer foundation on which our new rector can build. In our parish, new people are emerging, and Sprowston Church is becoming steadily more diverse and inclusive, with some beginning to explore new leadership and pastoral roles. We can thank Revd Simon for enabling some of these new possibilities, but all of us have played our part, basically by being a welcoming and affirming Church family.

At St. Cuthbert's (and sometimes in St. Mary & St. Margaret's) we have benefited from the music group going from strength to strength under the leadership of Ollie, one of those "new people" I was talking about, and I am personally pleased that Ollie's partner, Danny, has agreed to give the website a much-needed overhaul. On the subject of communication, it was sad to see the old magazine finally fold, but it's been clear for some time that our online presence was becoming more popular, whilst the magazine was declining and getting more expensive. And I would like to pass on my gratitude to Penny for taking on a new streamlined publication for those who still prefer paper.

The cost of living has been on all of our minds, and to help with our own heating costs we decided to switch to united services during the winter months, only heating one building on a Sunday. Whilst recognising that this has been inconvenient for some, I do believe that we have grown together during this time and found much common ground. I hope that this connection endures even as the two Churches return to their regular patterns of worship. We are indeed a unified family with room for diversity, as all the best families are!

My role as Team Vicar has continued to evolve, and I will admit that it has been particularly challenging recently, not only with Simon leaving, but also because of my parent's declining health. I'd like to thank all of you for your patience as I've taken time off to zip up to Hull, and for all your prayers and support. The situation is ongoing, and I pray for God's guidance as decisions are made.

As you read this, the process which will lead to the appointment of a new rector is underway. I know that it might seem a bit slow, but I think that interregnum can be creative, a time to think a bit differently, to examine how we all fit together, and for each of us to reflect on what we might have to offer, both today and in the future.

There is much to do, not least in children's work, which needs redeveloping again. Do you think that you might have a part to play in this? Perhaps you'd prefer a place on the Social Committee? Or on the Fabric Committee which takes care of our buildings? Or maybe you're a future Church Warden? Other roles are more commonly held. For example, each of us have a role in stewardship, both in terms of money and in terms of time, and all of us play a part in pastoral care & outreach, just by being part the church. More importantly, we are called to pray, and to listen to the still small voice of the Spirit. What is God saying to us today? Where might God be guiding us tomorrow?

I'd like to say a big thank you to everyone, whether you've been leading services, reading lessons, making tea, moving tables, visiting people, playing the organ or the guitar, gluing and colouring, cleaning, welcoming, filling in forms, counting money, organising events, sitting on committees, or any of the other jobs which are vital in a busy church. Thank you to everyone on the ministry team, and to Jane who has done sterling work in organising us and keeping us afloat. And, of course, to our brilliant Church Wardens, Sue and Sheila, who work tirelessly to keep us on course. It's also a great pleasure to welcome Revd Tim Yau, as he begins his time with us.

And to *you*, thank you to *you*.

With prayers and blessings.

Revd. Dean

REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2022

As usual the PCC met on 4 occasions during the year but fortunately these were all face to face to meetings and not via Zoom as during the Covid pandemic. The Standing/Finance Committee met 5 times in between PCC meetings to discuss finances and to set the next PCC agenda.

All of the meetings discussed church financial matters and amazingly, through the generosity of many people, we were able to pay the parish share of £60,920 in full and the parish joined the Diocesan Parish Giving Scheme after it had been explained to us by the Diocesan Generous Giving Advisor. A new treasurer was appointed who, throughout the year, produced excellent and understandable end of the month financial statements.

Throughout the year there were staff changes. Blessing Chishanu's curacy was continued at St. Thomas's, Earlham and the Revd Melanie Hider retired.

At each PCC meeting there is a report on Safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. Claire Akrill stepped down from this important role and was thanked for her excellent work as PSGO over the last 8 years. We were delighted that Janet Liao agreed to take on this role.

The teams of Fabric (work to improve the paths and parking area in SMM graveyard is still being investigated), Mission and Ministry, Children, Youth and Family, Social and Communications continued their work although the parish magazine, which had been in existence in various guises for over 100 years, ceased publication at the end of the year due to a diminishing circulation and rising costs making it unviable. This has been replaced by an in-house magazine/newsletter published once every 2 months. The church continued to work closely with the school children and youth groups, especially Sprowston Youth Engagement Project, which also covers the Parish of Old Catton.

The Church of England document, the Covenant for Care and Well-being of Clergy, was discussed. Fortunately, the clergy team stated that they felt they were well supported by the church members.

Very sadly at the end of the year we were informed that Simon Stokes was leaving to become vicar of St Margaret's Church, Lowestoft at the end of February. We wish him well in his new calling and begin the formulation of a profile for the Rector of Sprowston and North Norwich Team Ministry.

Penny Rennie
PCC Secretary

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT 2022

2022 has been a year where we have experienced emotional highs and lows both as a nation and within the parish community. Starting with national events, we had a joyous and celebratory weekend in June to mark the 70th anniversary of Her Late Majesty's coronation including the lighting of our beacon on the Saturday evening and services that reflected the mood of the nation. As we all remember, this was sadly to be followed only three months later by services of commemoration for her Late Majesty interspersed with the proclamation services marking the start of His Majesty's new reign. We arranged these services in accordance with the procedures, protocols and timings cascaded down within the diocese and, after the period of official mourning, sent the "In Memorium" messages of condolence to Diocesan House. These were to be combined with those from other parishes and will ultimately be sent on to The Palace.

At a parish level, we were pleased to continue to emerge from the constraints and impacts that Covid had placed upon us. As the year progressed, we saw a movement from the tentative beginnings of restarting events and saw the routines of parish life move back to what most of us might describe as "near enough normal". These culminated in a very successful Christmas Fair, accompanied by a highly successful Gift Day. These were followed by other Christmas social activities, alongside the joy of having packed churches again for our Carol and Christingle services. We were however knocked back on our heels when, towards the end of the year, Canon Simon and Christine announced that they had been called to serve God in Lowestoft and would be leaving us in early 2023. At the time of writing this report, we have marked their last service in Sprowston but they are not yet formally in Lowestoft. We do, however, believe that they go to Lowestoft knowing not only God's love for them, but the love that we have for them and our deep gratitude for all that they did in Sprowston. We continue to hold Rev'd Dean and the rest of the benefice clerical and lay ministry team in our prayers as we continue to fulfil God's work for us here.

As mentioned in last year's report, our administrator, Jane Cole joined us in 2021 and picked up so much of the statutory and church administration that's required within the parish. As ever, fresh eyes have led to more streamlined processes where that is possible and Jane has her finger on every pulse. We remain so grateful for her hard work and know that we benefit enormously from her considerable experience within both parish and financial administration.

By the end of 2022, we feel that parish life is very much back to normal. Alongside a wide range of social activities we are delighted that there are once again requests for baptisms and church weddings in 2023 and into 2024. We continue to hold many funerals in our churches and lead services for those whose families have decided that a funeral at the crematorium is more appropriate. We see all these services as a very important part of our work within the parish. We are always ready to speak to those who would like to hold their weddings in church, to have their children or themselves baptised, or who are dealing with bereavement.

One area where we feel a loss compared to pre-Covid times, is in the number of children that regularly attend our services. Often interested parents with young children provide the best source of inspiration for these groups. Subject to the requirement to undertake the appropriate safeguarding in order to work with children, we would be delighted to hear from those who might be interested in helping us to re-establish our Sunday activities or who are prepared to initiate new children's activities with supervision.

The maintenance of our buildings remains a constant concern and we are very grateful to all who help to ensure that they are places of welcome, whether for services or for hirers. During 2022 we experienced some unnecessary vandalism which saddened many. During 2023 we expect to install additional security measures to reduce the likelihood of similar events in the future. In common with everyone else, we have been affected by the rapid and significant increase in fuel prices in 2022 and are grateful for the congregations' support for the measures which had to be introduced. We are also looking at simple practical measures that can be taken to further reduce our consumption without impacting on what we do within our community.

Where we can identify affordable changes that lead to savings and help us to be more ecologically aware we will be seeking to make those changes. We would be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to be involved in this specific area. In order to prevent frustration, we must mention from the outset that one of our buildings is Grade 1 listed and subject to assorted permissions as to whether taking any idea forward in that building might be feasible.

We once again thank everyone who helps to keep things running on a week-by-week basis - our sacristans Pauline and Tony, our team of welcomers for both churches, those who make coffee, those on the prayer, reading or counting rotas. We are always pleased to welcome new volunteers to these roles and to other roles such as standing for the PCC. Please speak to either of us if you could help. In particular we need to thank Robert for everything that he does - from setting up Christmas trees, building staging for Christingle services, and dealing with the banking through to ensuring that the bins are ready for collection at the right time.

We also thank you all for your support to us in our church warden roles.

Sheila Tuffield and Sue Ellingham
Churchwardens

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE 2022 PCC ACCOUNTS

This year has again been a very challenging one for churches due to the ongoing effects of the Covid pandemic and the rising cost of living. However, once more I am pleased to be able to confirm that we were able to pay our Parish Share in full, thanks to people who have given on-line and the reclaim from NDBF of the fees received from taking funeral services at the crematoria and cemeteries. In fact, we are £40 in credit for 2023 from the on-line giving and will also have the 2022 NDBF reclaim to go towards the 2023 Parish Share.

The total receipts for 2022 for the general unrestricted fund amounted to £98,876.28. This is very slightly down on the total for 2021 but the overall total was helped by the phenomenal amount raised on the Gift Day.

Total payments to provide the Christian ministry of the Parish of Sprowston in the general unrestricted fund amounted to £87,326.20 in 2022. This is lower than the expenditure for 2021. However, with the expected increase in price of Church Running Costs particularly Gas, Oil and Electricity and Insurance, we cannot afford to be complacent.

The budget set for 2022 predicted a shortfall of £9020.00 of receipts against payments. However, I am thrilled to report that we in fact had an excess of receipts against payments. The 2023 budget predicts a slight shortfall in receipts against payments of £1257.00 which is a considerably lower deficit budget than previously.

For those of you who like perusing figures, the Accounts to 31st December 2022 notes and the Financial Statements will give you an overview of all receipts and payments, not only for the general Account but also for the other accounts held by the Parish.

Finally, we would like to express our gratitude to all who give regularly to the Parish and support its ministry and mission, to Robert Huntly for carrying out the weekly banking and dealing with the Stewardship and Gift Aid claims and also to Mrs. Susan Kemp for undertaking the role of Independent Examiner to our accounts.

Jane Cole
PCC Treasurer

STEWARDSHIP AND GIFT AID REPORT

During 2022, there were 28 donors giving via the Stewardship envelope scheme (from 35 in 2021). A further 26 gave by Standing Order (as in 2021), including 2 who used both methods.

We are particularly grateful to those who make donations under the "Gift Aid" scheme (29 in 2022, from 32 in 2021). This enables the Church to reclaim tax already paid, at no further cost to the donor. The scheme can accommodate payments such as cash donations of more than £30, or non-cash payments such as cheques and Standing Orders. Gift Aid declaration forms are available at the back of both churches and from the Church Office, and pre-printed white envelopes are also available for "one-off" payments.

We also benefit from the "Gift Aid Small Donations" scheme, which covers qualifying payments (in cash, of up to £30) not made under a Gift Aid declaration. This enables charities to receive from HMRC the equivalent of a tax refund, even when the donor is not a taxpayer. Up to £2,000 per year per church building could potentially be claimed under this scheme (dependent on the overall level of donation income received).

2022 also saw the introduction of the "Parish Giving Scheme" (PGS), and on Stewardship Sunday in September, 21 of the 33 people who completed a pledge form indicated they would be joining this. The scheme, which is recommended (and paid for) by the Diocese, entails completing a Direct Debit form to authorise future donations to be paid through PGS rather than locally. PGS then process any tax claims due under Gift Aid and pass one total amount to the Church early each month, thereby reducing waiting time and bank transaction costs. Forms to join the PGS scheme are available at the back of both churches also. (I should mention that the former methods of giving can still continue, for those that prefer them).

Robert Huntly

Stewardship Recorder

LIFE EVENT MINISTRY: BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS 2022

Our clergy and reader team were busy with baptisms, weddings and funerals again this year and have provided much personal and spiritual support to families.

Baptisms

Twenty baptisms were conducted in the parish this year - one child's baptism at St. Cuthbert's and the remainder (18 children and 1 adult) at St. Mary and St. Margaret's.

Weddings

There were eleven weddings conducted in 2022, nine at St. Mary and St. Margaret's and two at St. Cuthbert's. St. Mary and St. Margaret's also saw one Renewal of Marriage Vows service.

Funerals

Our readers and clergy team were as busy as ever with funerals across the year. The total number of funerals in the parish for the year was 82, conducted in our churches or at local crematoria. Providing spiritual and pastoral support and planning and presiding at funerals provides a unique opportunity for coming alongside people at a difficult time in their lives.

The clergy team also undertook one additional memorial service and six interment of ashes services.

Bereaved families were invited to our Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving with Blessing of Graves in June and also to the Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving at St. Cuthbert's held in November. Norwich Community Choir sang for us at both of these services which were well attended and appreciated by those individuals and families who attended.

Jane Cole

COMMITTEES AND TEAMS

Most of the practical work of the PCC is carried out by small teams. They have some devolved responsibility but where wider policy issues are involved or more than routine expenditure is involved, they bring proposals to a meeting of the PCC. The teams are able to co-opt any member of the church who wishes to be involved in a specific sphere of work.

STANDING COMMITTEE

This is the only committee required by law and meets before PCC meetings to set the agenda. It has the power, when necessary, to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council.

This committee works with the Treasurer to monitor income and expenditure, budgeting, preparing the annual accounts and report for the Annual Parochial Church meeting and with the staff team to ensure regular teaching about Christian giving.

The Standing Committee consists of the Ministry team, churchwardens, treasurer, secretary and two other members of the PCC (Robert Huntly and Bryan Carpenter).

THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The Social Committee hadn't met for some time because of the pandemic, and resumed after the APCM to organise community activities in order to build a strong sense of friendship with all the congregation and the wider community.

With that in mind, the monthly Saturday coffee mornings started up again on the first Saturday of each month, with a Bring and Buy at each event.

Our main events started with our "Garden Tea Party" in the vicarage gardens on Sunday 28th August. This was organised by Christine and Simon Stokes and the social committee supported them by providing some of the food and refreshments and helped to set up and serve. Over 50 people attended during the afternoon. The weather stayed lovely and sunny and everyone had a good time, chatting and eating. The afternoon finished with a "Songs on Praise" in the open air with wonderful hymns that we knew.

On Sunday 18th September our free annual "Teddy Bear Jump" at St Mary & St Margaret's church was a great success. Many families joined in the fun and 63 teddies, elephants, Peppa Pigs etc made the brave drop from the church tower to see which could stay in flight the longest. Children, and the occasional adult, made their parachute at the event, although some had already engineered their own man-made parachute prior to arriving at the event. We provided homemade cakes and refreshments which were enjoyed by all who attended. Revd Dean finished with a short service before we went home with our cuddlies.

On 1st October the Social Committee helped Christine Stokes to organise and plan the Harvest Supper. Whilst Christine made delicious cottage pies with a vegetarian option, the committee arranged for homemade apple pies to be made and teas and coffees to be served. Over 40 people attended.

Another successful event was the quiz and chilli held on 29th October. This was well attended, It was a change to have chilli instead of fish and chips which had become too expensive. We made £335 which went to church funds.

On 20th November we were delighted to arrange once again the wonderful concert by Martin Wyatt's St. Gregory's Orchestra, and raised £464 on the night. Yet again the church was filled with the delights of a full orchestra playing beautiful classical pieces, and the gorgeous sound of a flute soloist. The committee provided front of house, refreshments and raffle for the occasion. This was well received, and St Gregory's Orchestra has been booked for November 19th 2023.

Finally, we held a Christmas Fair at St Cuthberts on 27th November. It was great to see so many people there. We had live music and many stalls including tombolas, games, gifts, cakes and a raffle. We invited a few stallholders from the community to join in. The kitchen was kept busy serving homemade cakes, scones, mince pies, and soup and rolls to keep us nice and warm. We had a free Santa for the children. On the day the Christmas Fair raised over £1450.

Of course, we wouldn't be at all successful if we didn't have your support. We do our very best to keep prices to a minimum, and have no charge at all wherever possible. We rely on you to tell us what you enjoy and what you would like the Committee to organise in the future. We are always looking for volunteers who can offer different ideas and skills.

Dean Akrill, Bryan Carpenter, Mary Carpenter, Robert Huntly, Jane Jackson, Anne Robinson, Toni Morina, Sheila Tuffield

CHILDREN AND YOUTH REPORTS

HOLIDAY CLUB

During the school Easter holidays the Easter Holiday Club was held meaning that the annexe was bursting with Primary school age children having fun whilst learning more about the Easter story. It's amazing how much paint, playdough, jelly and homemade pizza can be incorporated into the events of Holy Week with a little bit of imagination, some enthusiastic volunteers and a room full of eager children.

Needless to say, everyone had a fabulous but exhausting time!

Christine Stokes

SYEP

Clare Lincoln continued to provide activities and youth provision throughout the year. Canon Simon continued in his role as Trustee with Clare Lincoln the project lead. The year ended with a lovely Christmas meal (cooked by Christine Stokes) in St. Cuthbert's Centre for the Trustees, volunteers, leaders and teens. The young people made excellent waiters. SYEP also received a wonderful Christmas present from the National Lottery in the form of a grant to help expand the work done with the young people of Sprowston and Old Catton.

Jane Cole

GROUP REPORTS

BERTIE'S BABES

We continue having fun with our group for pre-schoolers. Each week we have a craft activity, a singing time, a lot of play and fun. At the time of writing, we have 44 children attending, so a little down on the pre-covid numbers, but still healthily noisy!

We have been able to bring in a soft play company twice to give the children different experiences, and we subsidised a trip to Pettitts in July which was wonderful. A very last-minute substitute Santa was a Godsend (cheers Bryan!) so all the children got a present from Father Christmas. After resuming from the covid years we didn't immediately start up our toddler services due to the close confines of sitting in the chapel, but since September 2022 we are now having our 10 minute toddler-friendly services each month which is going well.

In June 2022 Natalie and I attended 6 hours of remote learning and therefore accessed some funds to buy toys related to improving children's and parent's communication/speech and language skills. We bought some great new resources which have gone down really well – jigsaws, black-out tent, sensory "gloop tubes", talking telephones, and various other items.

I couldn't run the group without a wonderful committee and our marvellous helpers – Pat Rump, Pauline Richards, Andy Hudson and Sheila Tuffield – thank you all!

Bertie's Babes

Claire Akrill

CROSS SECTION

We began our year with our usual delicious meal prepared by the committee. After subscriptions and monies had been taken we enjoyed a feast of jacket potato, ham, quiche and lots of lovely salads, followed by choices of dessert all prepared by the committee and my thanks, and all the members thanks, go to them.

In February we had a visit from Hannah Worsley on behalf of the Norwich Food Bank. Hannah gave us a very interesting talk and answered many questions from the floor.

March saw Covid raise its ugly head again and unfortunately our speaker had to postpone until later in the year. However, the committee took charge and we all enjoyed a social evening with quizzes.

In April the ladies were pleased to welcome Debs Green from Hope In Action. Debs gave us an interesting talk on the work of the charity in this area.

In May we were treated to more tales from Blickling at the hand of Liz Scott. As before, Liz had us in stitches at the antics of the downstairs maid!

In June our speaker could not come so we brought forward the BBQ. The ladies had a very pleasant evening chatting and enjoying burgers, hot dogs, chicken kebabs (all cooked by Ned and Archie as usual) and lovely salads provided by the committee. A big thank you to all concerned.

Unfortunately in July Covid struck again and our speaker couldn't come so another social evening was quickly arranged.

There is no meeting in August.

In September, our speaker Rosie, who had to cancel in March, was able to come. She came dressed as a medieval woman and talked to us about the remedies and medicines of the time. She was very amusing and the ladies enjoyed her anecdotes.

October saw a visit from EACH, the children's hospices charity. We were pleased to hear how the new hospice is a much nicer space for the children and their families.

In November Tony Leach visited Cross Section to tell us about the benefits and dangers of eating fungi. I don't think I will be eating any I find in the woods!

December brought us back to our AGM. After the business, the ladies enjoyed mince pies and wine or fruit juice, and sang a few carols accompanied by Valerie on the piano.

Cross Section owes its success to the members and the committee. Many thanks to everyone concerned, for without you we wouldn't have a group. My heartfelt thanks go to the committee who lift my spirits when things go wrong and are always ready with suggestions and help.

Roz Taylor

Cross Section Chairperson

MOTHERS' UNION – SPROWSTON BRANCH REPORT



After two years of pandemic disruption, it was good to be able to plan a full programme of activities in person in 2022. We continued to meet at St. Cuthbert's on the last Wednesday afternoon of each month to worship together and enjoy a variety of activities and speakers. Hearing other people's faith journeys is always inspiring and we were grateful to Revd Blessing and Stephanie Grand for sharing theirs with us. We learned of the work of two other Christian charities, John Grooms and Christians Against Poverty, as well as the experience of being an MU diocesan trustee from Elizabeth Fletcher, a member in Old Catton. Sheila Tuffield tested our knowledge and gave us surprising facts about Women in the Bible and Sandra Hughes enabled us all to understand dementia and qualify as Dementia Friends – a short but informative session of value to all ages. In August we welcomed members and friends to a fundraising tea in Sheila's garden.

In Lent, we used Susanna Gunner's series of 40 Prayers for 40 Days to guide our weekly group. In June, we held an 'MU Together Day' at St. Mary and St. Margaret's. Led by Revd Heather Wright and joined by members from other branches, we enjoyed a relaxed, mixed day of worship, discussion, quiet activities and socialising, blessed with beautiful surroundings and glorious weather. Our appreciative visitors were soon asking if we were going to do the same in 2023...and we are! Our carol service in December, too, welcomed members from other branches and friends from our community and friendships were renewed and made at tea afterwards.

We had a branch lunch at St. Cuthbert's in April when we were joined by members from Wroxham and Old Catton branches – this raised some funds for our branch which enabled us to keep in touch with our members, including those unable to attend meetings, with birthday cards and newsletters. We also supported our MU Angel Tree project, which provides Christmas presents from prisoners to their children so that family ties are retained. On Mothering Sunday, we donated bookmarks for our clergy to distribute at services and were grateful to our congregations who generously contributed to retiring collections for our MU Refugee Resettlement Project. This project works in conjunction with others, led by the People From Abroad team at Norfolk County Council, to settle refugees in Norfolk. We provide new bedding for everyone who comes, and MU members help in preparing their homes. With unrest increasing, the project has supported families from Afghanistan this year, as well as Syria, and also Ukraine where placement with families had broken down.

We had stalls at Sprowston Town fete on the recreation ground in July and at our church Christmas Fair in November.

Our members led our diocesan MU midday prayers in the Jesus Chapel in the cathedral in July and some have been to diocesan MU council and Members' Day. A highlight for many was being able to attend our diocesan Festival Service in the cathedral in May and some of us went to Fakenham on Mary Sumner Day, August 9th, for the commissioning of our new President, Felicity Randall – a day made extra special by the fact that we were joined by Bishop Joseph Mgomi and his wife, Lilian, of Ruaha, one of our link diocese in Tanzania which we remember on our MU Wave of Prayer days, which fall in January each year.

The Archbishop of Canterbury once described the Mothers' Union as 'the church's best kept secret'. Whenever there is something going on, there's usually an MU member not too far away! Mothers' Union is a Christian membership movement in 84 countries around the world, serving communities regardless of faith or background. If you would like to join us, or just know more, please talk to us.

Barbara Lashley

TUESDAY BREAK

Tuesday Break has continued this past year on each Tuesday in the Parish Church from 10.30am – 12.30pm with coffee and refreshments. Anyone wishing to join us will be very welcome.

June Stanforth

LUNCH CLUB

The Lunch Club continues to prove extremely popular with numbers increasing rapidly since Christmas. The Club, with 35 members, has now reached full capacity. Each week the members have a hearty two-course meal and entertainment is provided on three weeks out of four. We usually end each week's meeting with a game of bingo. We have been able to reduce the weekly charge to our members, feeling this was important in view of the economic crisis and so that the older people could use the saving to help with heating bills. We enjoyed two delicious meals at The Old Rectory in Crostwick and 45 people were catered for at our Christmas lunch, members, volunteers and invited guests all eating together. We are looking forward to celebrating the Coronation and further visits to The Old Rectory.

Gwen Munro

SPROWSTON PARISH PLAYERS

2022 was a busy year for the Players as we returned to our regular annual program post the COVID pandemic. It all began with our wonderful adaptation of *The Wind in the Willows*, which was also the first play the Sprowston Parish Players ever performed on stage at St Cuthberts in 1993. Some members of our cast recall starring in the first production! We have consistently kept ticket prices low, to ensure our shows are affordable for all families to come and enjoy an afternoon or evening of true theatre.



And what wonderful audiences we have had throughout the last three decades!

After a short post-play break, the Players got back to work planning and organising our Summer Show, which was held on 16th July at St Cuthberts, and on 17th July at St Margaret's Hall. The theme for 2022 was "The Queens Reign," in honour of our late Queen Elizabeth's 70 years on the throne. We performed popular national songs, including 'Streets of London', 'Summer Holiday', 'Thank You For The Music' and 'Yellow Submarine'. Additionally, we staged comedy sketches. Having our audiences participating in the songs helped to produce a delightful atmosphere, celebrating the life of our late monarch with the universal pleasure of music.

Beginning on Thursday evenings in September, we set out on rehearsals for our annual pantomime, "Red Riding Hood," performed in January of 2023. During these rehearsals, the Players subsequently met on Friday evenings for rehearsals for our "Christmas Cheer" concert, performed on 3rd December. Many of our favourite Christmas carols and seasonal songs were selected by members of the Players. An abbreviated form of Cinderella, along with other sketches and solo performances, were performed also. Again was the inclusion of audience participation in the singing, and everybody had a wonderful time. Christmas had arrived. Profits for the concert went to church funds.

Toni Morina
Chairman

SAFEGUARDING

Janet Liao took over the Safeguarding Officer role in April 2022 and has worked over the past year to ensure training is completed in accordance with the Church of England requirements. This is a big job, and unfortunately Janet has now had to step down from the role.

Over the past few weeks I have been helping out more, encouraging, cajoling (and yes, bribing!) people to get their required training done. I fully agree that the new system of online training is a complete nightmare for some people and there should be an option of face-to-face training for the people who prefer this, but alas I don't make the rules. There is also the dashboard to keep up to date with and the church groups need to all adhere to certain requirements.

After doing the role for 8 years (2014-2022) I'm not in a position to take it on again, and I'm hoping that someone will be appointed to be Safeguarding Officer by the time of the APCM (I'm writing this at the end of February) – I'm very happy to help whoever is appointed if they would like me to.

Claire Akrill

SAFEGUARDING POLICY STATEMENT FOR 2022



Janet Liao – Safeguarding Officer



Sprowston Parochial Church Council

The Child Protection and Vulnerable Adult Policy Statement

In accordance with the Church of England Safeguarding Policy our church is committed to:

- Promoting a safer environment and culture.
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the church.
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation.
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons.
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons.
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others.

The Parish will:

- Create a safe and caring place for all.
- Have a named Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) to work with the team vicar and the PCC to implement policy and procedures.
- Safely recruit, train and support all those with any responsibility for children, young people and adults to have the confidence and skills to recognise and respond to abuse.
- Ensure that there is appropriate insurance cover for all activities involving children and adults undertaken in the name of the parish.
- Display in church premises and on the Parish website the details of who to contact if there are safeguarding concerns or support needs.
- Listen to and take seriously all those who disclose abuse.
- Take steps to protect children and adults when a safeguarding concern of any kind arises, following House of Bishops guidance, including notifying the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA) and statutory agencies immediately.
- Offer support to victims/survivors of abuse regardless of the type of abuse, when or where it occurred.
- Care for and monitor any member of the church community who may pose a risk to children and adults whilst maintaining appropriate confidentiality and the safety of all parties.
- Ensure that health and safety policy, procedures and risk assessments are in place and that these are reviewed annually.
- Review the implementation of the Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Practices at least annually.
- As part of our commitment to children, young people and vulnerable adults, the church has appointed Janet Liao to be the Named Person (contact 07917874686/janet.liao@yahoo.co.uk). This role will be regularly explained to children. She is responsible for ensuring all church workers have the necessary Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) clearance and complete a self-declaration form tri-annually.

Each person who works within this church community will agree to abide by this policy and the guidelines established by this church.

Policy Statement revised and adopted by Sprowston Parochial Church Council at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 27th April 2022



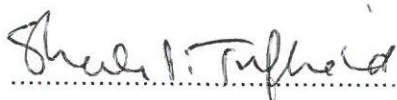
Signed.....  (Team Vicar)

Signed.....  (Churchwarden)

Signed.....  (Churchwarden)

Policy Statement to be reviewed and updated at the APCM on 19th April 2023

Signed on behalf of all the trustees to confirm this is an accurate report of the activities for the year ending 31.12.2022 and that the Safeguarding Policy Statement has been reviewed:

	..... Revd. Dean Akrill (Team Vicar)	Date: 19.4.23
	..... Mrs. Sue Ellingham (Churchwarden)	Date: 19.4.23
	..... Mrs. Sheila Tuffield (Churchwarden)	Date: 19.4.23

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF SPROWSTON WITH
BEESTON ST ANDREW**

Registered Charity number 1149140

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the Receipts and Payments Account, the Statement of Assets and Liabilities and the related notes.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.


Independent examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or;
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

28 March 2023



SUSAN KEMP FCA

Independent Examiner

100 Welsford Road, Norwich, NR4 6QH

Sprowston PCC

Registered Charity number 1149140

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

Receipts and Payments Accounts

	Note	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Endowment Fund £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Receipts							
Voluntary receipts:							
Collections at services	3	11,210	-	-	-	11,210	6,883
Planned giving	3	32,270	-	-	-	32,270	37,291
All other giving/voluntary receipts	3	15,090	-	1,839	-	16,929	19,074
Grant Income	3	-	-	-	-	-	10,573
Legacies Received (Capital Value)		-	-	13,892	-	13,892	17,500
Gift Aid recovered	3	9,203	-	-	-	9,203	9,357
		67,773	-	15,731	-	83,504	100,678
Activities for generating funds	3	3,215	-	-	-	3,215	-
Investment income	3	-	-	142	-	142	47
Church activities	3	33,758	-	33,078	-	66,836	69,394
Other income	3	2,324	-	11,699	-	14,023	12,888
Total receipts		107,070	-	60,650	-	167,720	183,007
Payments							
Church activities:							
Mission giving and donations	4	1,514	-	1,077	-	2,591	2,252
Parish share		58,613	-	-	-	58,613	58,650
Assigned fee paid to diocese		16,879	-	-	-	16,879	23,191
Clergy and staffing costs	4	8,506	-	8,545	-	17,051	19,681
Administration costs	4	1,958	-	-	-	1,958	3,813
Church expenses:							
Church running expenses	4	9,420	-	3,480	-	12,900	13,412
Costs of trading	4	5,160	-	23,608	-	28,768	18,573
Major capital expenditure	4	-	-	12,891	-	12,891	-
Other expenditure	4	653	-	39	-	692	2,943
		102,703	-	49,640	-	152,343	142,515
Cost of generating funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments		102,703	-	49,640	-	152,343	142,515
Excess of receipts over payments		4,367	-	11,010	-	15,377	40,492
Transfers between funds	(	17,500)	-	17,500	-	-	-
	(	13,133)	-	28,510	-	15,377	40,492
Cash at bank and in hand at 1 Jan		29,568	-	71,505	-	101,073	60,581
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 Dec		16,435	-	100,015	-	116,450	101,073

Sprowston PCC

Registered Charity number 1149140

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Note	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds						
Petty Cash	3	-	13	-	16	1
Barclays Current Bank Accounts:						
Sprowston P C C Account	16,432	-	37,817	-	54,249	39,026
St Cuthbert's Church Centre Account	-	-	33,523	-	33,523	29,092
Sprowston Church Fees Account	-	-	-	-	-	4,367
Barclays Business Premium Account	-	-	28,000	-	28,000	-
Virgin Money Deposit Account	-	-	662	-	662	28,587
	<u>16,435</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100,015</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>116,450</u>	<u>101,073</u>

Asset held as Community Asset

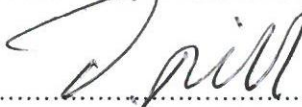
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Liabilities

Wedding deposits

(420) (1,645)

Signed on behalf of all the trustees to confirm this is a true and accurate financial statement of the accounts for Sprowston PCC for the year ending 31.12.2022:

.....  Revd. Dean Akrill (Team Vicar) Date: 19.4.23

.....  Miss Jane Cole (Treasurer) Date: 19.4.23

Sprowston PCC

Registered Charity number 1149140

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

Notes

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts & Payments basis.

2. The movements in designated and restricted funds during the year were:

Restricted	Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Bal c/fwd
	£	£	£	£	£
Barclays Current Bank Accounts:					
Fabric Fund St Mary & Margaret	2,010	12,891	499	17,500	31,902
Ruth Willis Legacy	503	-	-	-	503
St Cuthberts Church	9,165	2,938	9,625	-	2,478
Flower Fund	795	-	15	-	780
India	283	217	500	-	-
Sprowston Foodbank	431	250	550	-	131
Car Boot Mission	544	-	6	-	538
Small Grants	95	1,450	60	-	1,485
St Cuthbert's Church Centre	17,946	26,580	29,900	3,010	17,636
St Cuthbert's Lunch Club	11,146	16,249	8,485	(3,010)	15,900
Barclays Business Premium Account					
Fabric Fund St Mary & Margaret	-	-	-	2,744	2,744
Ruth Willis Legacy	-	-	-	3,584	3,584
Lowry Cole	-	-	-	19,880	19,880
Metcalfe Grave Bequest	-	-	-	1,792	1,792
Virgin Money Deposit Account:					
Fabric Fund St Mary & Margaret	2,797	7	- (2,744)		60
Ruth Willis Legacy	3,657	10	- (3,584)		83
Lowry Cole	20,279	53	- (19,880)		452
Metcalfe Grave Bequest	1,854	5	- (1,792)		67
	71,505	60,650	49,640	17,500	100,015

Fabric Fund St Mary & Margaret - Funds specifically for use at St Mary and St Margaret Church

Ruth Willis Legacy - Restricted for use at the discretion of the Vicar and Churchwardens

St Cuthberts Church - Funds specifically for use at St Cuthberts Church

Flower Fund - Funds given for flowers and other church decorations

India - Funds for the support of a Church in India

Sprowston Foodbank - set up during Covid 19 pandemic. Remainder to be used for those requesting help locally.

Car Boot Mission - From Bishop's Mission Fund for the presence at the Car Boot Sale at Sprowston Park and Ride. Remainder for with magazine costs if required

Small Grants - for White House Farm coffee and donations that are earmarked

St Cuthbert's Church Centre - St Cuthberts Church Hall and Annex Trading Account

St Cuthbert's Lunch Club - lunch club for the over 50s

Lowry Cole- Restricted for use at absolute discretion of the PCC

Metcalfe Grave Bequest - For the upkeep of the Metcalfe Grave (PCC may retain 40% of interest)

Sprowston PCC

Registered Charity number 1149140

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

Notes (Continued)

3. Receipts

	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Endowment Fund £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<u>COLLECTIONS AT SERVICES</u>						
Sunday Collections	9,920	-	-	-	9,920	4,146
Weekday Collections	100	-	-	-	100	140
Wedding and Funeral Collections	173	-	-	-	173	-
Baptism & Other Services	1,017	-	-	-	1,017	2,597
	11,210	-	-	-	11,210	6,883
<u>PLANNED GIVING</u>						
Standing Order	24,283	-	-	-	24,283	24,771
Regular Giving Envelopes	5,002	-	-	-	5,002	12,520
Parish Giving Scheme	2,985	-	-	-	2,985	-
	32,270	-	-	-	32,270	37,291
<u>ALL OTHER GIVING/VOLUNTARY RECEIPTS</u>						
Donations	6,663	-	1,839	-	8,502	18,678
Gift Days	7,376	-	-	-	7,376	-
Wall Boxes	1,051	-	-	-	1,051	396
	15,090	-	1,839	-	16,929	19,074
<u>GRANT INCOME</u>						
Non-Recurring Grants	-	-	-	-	-	10,573
	-	-	-	-	-	10,573
<u>GIFT AID RECOVERED</u>						
Gift Aid Reclaim	9,203	-	-	-	9,203	9,357
	9,203	-	-	-	9,203	9,357
<u>ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS</u>						
Churches Together Bike Ride	66	-	-	-	66	-
Other Fundraising	1,709	-	-	-	1,709	-
Fetes & Fairs	1,440	-	-	-	1,440	-
	3,215	-	-	-	3,215	-
<u>INVESTMENT INCOME</u>						
Dividends and Interest	-	-	142	-	142	47
	-	-	142	-	142	47
<u>CHURCH ACTIVITIES</u>						
Fees - Statutory	23,822	-	-	-	23,822	32,523
Fees - Additional	4,437	-	-	-	4,437	4,360
Magazine	5,499	-	-	-	5,499	5,502
Legacy Holiday club	-	-	-	-	-	2,384
St Cuthberts Centre & Annex	-	-	16,829	-	16,829	12,613
St Cuthbert's Lunch Club	-	-	16,249	-	16,249	12,012
	33,758	-	33,078	-	66,836	69,394
<u>OTHER INCOME</u>						
Charities & Hardship Fund	1,630	-	-	-	1,630	947
Other	694	-	2,330	-	3,024	3,580
Income for Administrator	-	-	9,369	-	9,369	8,361
	2,324	-	11,699	-	14,023	12,888

Sprowston PCC

Registered Charity number 1149140

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

Notes (Continued)

4. Payments

	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<u>MISSION GIVING AND DONATIONS</u>						
Charities - Home (UK)	-	-	577	-	577	-
Charities & Hardship Fund	1,514	-	-	-	1,514	252
India	-	-	500	-	500	2,000
	1,514	-	1,077	-	2,591	2,252
<u>CLERGY AND STAFFING COSTS</u>						
Administrator Parish/Benefice	-	-	8,545	-	8,545	11,820
Clergy Expenses	4,186	-	-	-	4,186	3,696
Organist	3,715	-	-	-	3,715	3,765
Clerk and Vergers Fees	605	-	-	-	605	400
	8,506	-	8,545	-	17,051	19,681
<u>ADMINISTRATION COSTS</u>						
Support Costs	661	-	-	-	661	998
Printing Stationery & Computer	1,297	-	-	-	1,297	2,815
	1,958	-	-	-	1,958	3,813
<u>CHURCH RUNNING EXPENSES</u>						
Insurance	3,936	-	-	-	3,936	3,850
Service Costs	1,657	-	15	-	1,672	631
Maintenance	1,635	-	73	-	1,708	5,834
Centre Recharge Church share of costs	(3,392)	-	3,392	-	-	-
Electricity & Oil	3,365	-	-	-	3,365	1,840
Independent Examination Cost	500	-	-	-	500	375
Maintenance/utility (Parish Room)	1,537	-	-	-	1,537	741
Bank Charges	182	-	-	-	182	141
	9,420	-	3,480	-	12,900	13,412
<u>COSTS OF TRADING</u>						
Magazine	5,160	-	-	-	5,160	5,572
Hall Running Costs	-	-	15,123	-	15,123	12,135
St Cuthbert's Lunch Club	-	-	8,485	-	8,485	866
	5,160	-	23,608	-	28,768	18,573
<u>MAJOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u>						
Church - Major repairs and Redecorations	-	-	12,891	-	12,891	-
	-	-	12,891	-	12,891	-
<u>OTHER EXPENDITURE</u>						
Other	253	-	6	-	259	952
Children's Work	400	-	33	-	433	-
Sprowston Foodbank	-	-	-	-	-	644
Small Grants	-	-	-	-	-	50
Legacy Holiday club	-	-	-	-	-	1,297
	653	-	39	-	692	2,943

Accounts to 31st December 2022

General Account

Starting Balance	£25,200.05	
Receipts	£98,876.28	
Payments	£87,326.20	
Transfers In	£28,000.00	(from Virgin Account for ease of administration)
Transfers Out	£17,500.00	(Barbara Hunt Legacy transferred to St MM Fabric as designated fund)
	£28,000.00	(to Savings Account ref Virgin Savings)
Closing Balance	£19,250.13	

Includes Charities and Hardship Fund

£974.13 Christmas Collections – three cheques sent in January

Statutory Funeral Fees to Diocese

£3,272.00 paid in January

and Magazine

Receipts	£5,499.44
Payments	£5,160.00

Petty Cash General Fund

Closing Balance	£3.00
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Fabric Fund St MM: Current Account

Starting Balance	£2,009.49	
Receipts	£12,891.57	(Includes remainder of Barbara Hunt Legacy)
Payments	£499.20	(Architect fees for new paths and car parking)
Transfers In	£17,500.00	(Barbara Hunt Legacy transferred from General Account)
Transfers Out	£0	
Closing Balance	£31,901.86	

Includes Barbara Hunt Legacy (Designated)

Closing Balance of this is £30,391.57

Fabric Fund St MM: Investment Account

Closing Balance	Barclays	£2,744.00
Closing Balance	Virgin	£60.12

St. Cuthbert's Fabric Fund

Starting Balance	£9,165.85
Receipts	£2,937.60
Payments	£9,625.36
Transfers In	£0
Transfers Out	£0
Closing Balance	£2,478.09

Includes Donations re Revd. D. Abraham (Designated)

Closing Balance of this is £1,082.42

Flower Fund

Closing Balance	£779.71
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India

Closing Balance	£0 (all money sent to Bishop Raj)
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Sprowston Food Bank

Closing Balance	£131.23 (in reserve for those in need locally)
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Car Boot Mission

Closing Balance	£536.96 (transfer to help magazine costs if needed)
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Small Grants and Specific Donations

White House Farm Coffee	£35.91
Café Church	£100.00
Donations (to be earmarked)	£350.00
Legacy (to be earmarked)	£1000.00
Closing Balance in Total	£1,485.91

Ruth Willis Legacy: Current Account

Closing Balance	£503.68
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Ruth Willis Legacy: Investment Account

Closing Balance	Barclays	£3,584.00
Closing Balance	Virgin	£83.01

Lowry Cole Investment Account

Closing Balance	Barclays	£19,880.00
Closing Balance	Virgin	£452.08

Metcalfs Grave Bequest Investment Account

Closing Balance	Barclays	£1,792.00
Closing Balance	Virgin	£67.22

The Virgin Account couldn't be closed completely – not all signatories available. The majority was transferred to our Barclays General Account and then apportioned to the four groups in a Savings account (proportion percentages as worked out for percentage proportions given on interest rates)

St. Cuthbert's Centre

Starting Balance	£17,940.37	
Receipts	£26,535.36	
Payments	£29,893.24	
Transfers In	£3,010.00	Lunch Club Hire
Transfers Out	£0	
Closing Balance	£17,592.49	

St. Cuthbert's Lunch Club

Starting Balance	£9,055.81	
Receipts	£16,277.97	
Payments	£8,484.50	
Transfers In	£0	
Transfers Out	£3,010.00	To Centre Account for Hire
Closing Balance	£13,839.28	

St. Cuthbert's Lunch Club Amenities Fund

Closing Balance	£2,090.55
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Petty Cash Centre

Closing Balance	£13.10
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Fees Account Closed

Parish Share

Requested £60,920

Paid in full (including on-line giving and NDBF refund for Services taken in crematoria/cemeteries in 2021)

We are £40 in credit for 2023 and also due another refund from NDBF for 2022 services

Receipts/Expenditure Comparison for the General Fund

Expenditure is 94.7% of last year's – amazing with the rise in price of various things

Receipts are 90.6% of last year's despite the excellent response to the Gift Day.

To date we have £11,552.07 excess of receipts over payments (Hallelujah! There is still an excess even bearing in mind the deduction of fees and charity money – see above)

Utilities to date**St. Cuthbert**

Gas £2698.24; Electricity £2346.36. In total £5044.60

2021 total for the year was £3156.23

Water £390 (we now pay £65/month as the water usage has increased).

2021 £180 total for year. 2018 paid £768 and 2019 £708

Insurance 2021: 1833.56; 2022: 1890.75

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Oil £2542.98; Electricity £821.66. In total £3364.64

2021 total £1840.47

Insurance: 2021: 2016.90; 2022: 2062.34

Parish Room

Oil £1012.60; Electricity £524.13. Total £1536.73

2021 total £740.91

