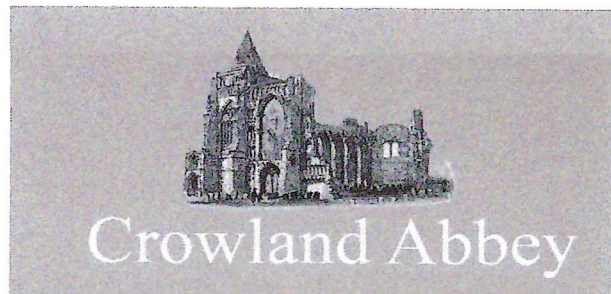


**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND
CHARITY COMMISSION REGISTERED NO. 1153258
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

for the year ended

31 December 2022



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Annual Report

for the year ended 31 December 2022

The trustees present their report with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022. The trustees have adopted the presentation of financial statements which complies with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and the charity's constitution.

Administrative Information

The Parish of Crowland is situated in the market town of Crowland, Lincolnshire. It is part of the Deanery of Elloe West within the Church of England's Diocese of Lincoln. Crowland Parochial Church Council is registered as a charity with the Charities Commission.

Correspondence Address:	The Reverend Mark Williams The Vicarage 16 Church Street Deeping St James Peterborough PE6 8HD	
Priest in Charge	The Reverend Mark Williams* (Appointed 1 September 2022) The Reverend Charles Brown (Resigned 1 September 2022)	
Associate Priest (OLM)	Deeping Saint Nicholas,	
Churchwardens:	Mr. David Searle * Mrs. Laura Beeken * (Appointed 24 April 2022) Mrs Val Capes* (Resigned 24 April 2022) Mrs Beryl Morton* (Resigned 24 April 2022)	
Deanery Synod Representatives:	Mrs Margaret Beardshaw* Mr. David Searle *	
Elected members of the PCC:	Mr. Michael Atkinson (2021) Mrs. Laura Beeken (2020) Mrs. Janet Brown (2019) Mrs Val Capes (2020) Mrs. Linda Fox (2020) Mrs. Valerie Heil (Resigned 24 April 2022) Mrs. Jane Kisbee (2021) Mr. Martin Pattenden (2020) Mrs. Freda Sanderson (Deceased 24 April 2022)	
Co-opted Member:	Mr Robert Gibbard	
Officers:	The Reverend Charles Brown (Resigned 1 September 2022) Mrs Margaret Beardshaw (Chair) Mrs Janet Brown (Secretary) Mr Robert Gibbard (Treasurer) Mrs. Linda Fox (Electoral Roll Officer) Mrs Valerie Heil (Resigned 24 April 2022)	
Standing committee:	Mrs. Laura Beeken Mrs Margaret Beardshaw Mrs Janet Brown Mrs Val Capes (Resigned 24 April 2022) Mr Robert Gibbard Mrs Beryl Morton (Resigned 24 April 2022) Mr. David Searle	

* Indicates ex officio membership of the PCC

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Annual Report (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2022

Structure, Governance, and Management

Crowland Abbey is a member of the Welland Local Mission Partnership (LMP), along with the Parishes of Deeping St James, Deeping St Nicholas, Market Deeping, and the Ness Group (Baston, Langtoft and Thurlby). Ministers meet regularly in chapter, and all the churches actively support one another in practical ways. Since September, following the retirement of the Revd Charles Brown, the Revd's Carolyn Bayley, Annie Billson, Sonia Marshall and Mark Williams, along with Readers Nigel Bacon and Kate Brown, have taken part in a rota to cover regular services. In addition, the Revd Mark Williams has taken responsibility for the Pastoral Offices (Baptisms, Weddings, and Funerals).

The parochial church council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers' Measure. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the book Church Representation Rules.

Between PCC meetings the Standing Committee of the PCC, which includes the PCC's chair, vice-chair, secretary, treasurer, and the two churchwardens, meets when required to transact PCC business.

Church Life and aims

The PCC seeks to promote the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the ecclesiastical Parish of Crowland. It does so in accordance with the traditions of the universal Church as accepted and practised by the Church of

The PCC works with members of other Christian communities represented in Crowland through Christians Together in Crowland.

The PCC has the responsibility of maintaining the parish church, the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Bartholomew, and Saint Guthlac, popularly known as Crowland Abbey. This grade-one listed building is adjoined by the ruins of the nave of what was the church of the medieval Crowland Abbey, a Benedictine foundation.

The maintenance of these ruins, which are both a consecrated space and a scheduled ancient monument, is also the responsibility of the PCC. Although the maintenance of the magnificent church building and the strikingly beautiful ruined nave are a great responsibility for the congregation, our parish life centres, not around fundraising for the maintenance of these structures or around the tourism that their architecture attracts, but around the prayer that knits us together as a community of faith.

Services are at 11 a.m. each Sunday, the Sunday service at 7.45 a.m. having been discontinued after the departure of Mr. Brown. The presiding ministers at these services come from the parishes within the Welland Local Mission Partnership. The 11 a.m. service is a eucharist, apart from the fourth Sunday of the month, when it is morning prayer. On the fourth Sunday a eucharist takes place at 6 p.m. On the second Sunday of each month the congregation worships with members of Crowland Methodist Church, the service alternating between the two congregations' church buildings. When this service takes place at Crowland Methodist Church it is sometimes a service of the word. A special service was held to mark the Queen's platinum jubilee. In the days leading up to her funeral a book of condolence was placed in the Abbey for visitors to sign.

In 2022, the average Sunday attendance was 23. We averaged 20 people at the services of Sunday evening prayer via Zoom, which took place until Mr. Brown left. In 2022, we had 19 baptisms, 8 weddings,

Until his departure Mr. Brown conducted a weekly Bible study via Zoom. He and Mr. Mackrell-Hey conducted a five-session Lent course via Zoom in 2022.

On the second Monday of each month, a Julian group meets in the Abbey for silent prayer at 11 a.m.

In 2022, we held a craft fair in May, a flower festival in August, and a craft fair in October. We also hosted a concert in the summer by guitarist Remi Harris. On several occasions over the year we had choral evensong and a concert by guest choirs.

It is hoped that the work on the parvise will finish in 2023. Work on the trees in the churchyard has been completed. It is hoped that the work on the windows can also be completed in 2023.

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Annual Report (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2022

Challenges

As is true for most Christian congregations in the U.K., we face the challenge of making new disciples. But we are heartened by what has been happening as a result of the work of the Methodist-Anglican Partnership, whose work is detailed in the next section.

We have to acknowledge, that there are far fewer of us attending worship services at Crowland Abbey than there were sixteen years ago and it is all too easy to be pessimistic about the future of the Christian faith in Crowland, especially as most of those who attend Sunday worship in Crowland, be they Anglican or Methodist, are quite mature in age.

But, God is still with us, and God's ways are not our ways. The Church is not going to die in this part of the world. It may change shape, but it will not die.

Our Christian belief is that God has created us in order that we might come to know God. We think that is what Genesis tells us when it says that we were created in God's image (Genesis 1:27). Being created in God's image does not mean that we look like God, but that we have been created to be in spiritual communion with God. The French philosopher, Blaise Pascal, put it another way when he wrote that we humans have been created with a God-shaped hole in our hearts. In other words, there is a part of us that yearns for spiritual comfort and fulfilment, comfort and fulfilment that we can only get from God. Saint Augustine said the same thing when he wrote of our hearts' being restless until they find their rest in God.

The problem is that many people today search for this fulfilment in the wrong places. It is our job as Christians to help them find the fulfilment that only God can give. To do this, we need to convince the community that we are ready to listen respectfully to the spiritual questions of folk who are outside the Church but are wanting to talk about what gives meaning and purpose to life. There are many such folk out there.

Our task is to show them that we Christians are here to be available to them and listen to them without seeking to cram religion down their throats. No one in our Methodist or Anglican congregations would think of cramming religion down anyone's throat, but sadly I think the Church suffers from the stereotype that this will be the case for anyone who dares to walk in the church door.

So please know, you who are not part of the Church but would like to talk about faith, that you will be welcomed with sympathy if you come to one of our services or contact one of our church leaders and if you are not yet ready to attend a service, come along to the Abbey at one of our events, where you can informally meet not only people who belong to Crowland's many community organizations, but Christians as well.

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Annual Report (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2022

Blessings

The formation of the Methodist-Anglican Partnership, better known as MAP, plays the key role in our mission outreach. MAP is essentially our partnership in mission with Crowland Methodist Church. I have enjoyed working in partnership with Reverend Langley Mackrell-Hey, who acts as both the minister-in-charge of Crowland Methodist Church and the superintendent of the Peterborough Methodist Circuit, as well as lay colleagues both Anglican and Methodist to make MAP an effective instrument of Christian mission here in Crowland. Oversight for MAP and its activities lies with a committee composed of three Methodist laypersons and three Anglican laypersons, plus myself and Mr. Mackrell-Hey.

MAP sponsors a Messy Church that meets on the second Saturday of each month in Crowland Methodist Church. On the third Saturday of each month MAP holds a Who Let the Dads Out? event in Crowland Methodist Church. Both Messy Church and Who Let the Dads Out? are aimed at parents and their children. In September 2022, MAP organized a community fair in the Abbey. All the volunteer groups in Crowland were invited to have stalls at this event, which was designed to show the many newcomers to Crowland what the town has to offer in the way of activities. As Crowland has experienced a significant growth in its population within the last three years, it was hoped that this fair would be an occasion when these newcomers could learn not only about the many volunteer groups in the town, but also get to know some members of our Anglican and Methodist congregations.

MAP also sponsors the Crowland Community Larder, a food bank located at Crowland Methodist Church. MAP and the charity, Hope into Action, sponsor a home for marginalized people in Crowland. A mother and her young son are currently living there. Family Eats, which provides a lunch and activities for families during breaks in the school year, is also sponsored by MAP.

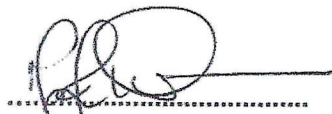
As the Abbey lacks a church hall, the facilities at Crowland Methodist Church have made up for this lack by providing both congregations with a space that is well suited for children's activities, socializing, and more informal worship. Our relationship with our Methodist sisters and brothers is a real source of hope and blessing for us.

MAP also puts up the pilgrims of Student Cross who come to Crowland each year on the Monday of Holy Week, as they walk from Leicester to Walsingham. These pilgrims are provided with an evening meal, a place to sleep, and breakfast, all at Crowland Methodist Church.

We are blessed by a congregation that encompasses people with many gifts. Their prayers and faithful service to God, both within the Abbey community and beyond it, are the heartbeat of our faith community.

May God guide us as we seek to serve Christ's Church and to find new disciples for him.

On behalf of Crowland PCC,



Date: 26.4.23.

The Reverend Mark Williams

Priest-in-charge, Crowland Parish,
Crowland PCC

*Vicar of Deeping St James,
with Pastoral Oversight for Crowland Abbey + Parish.*

Independent Examiner's Report to
the Trustees of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Crowland

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 6 to 10.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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


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K. J. Maggs F.C.A. B.A.
Chartered Accountants

Dated: 28 April 2023

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	2021 £
RECEIPTS				
Voluntary Income				
Gift Aid donations	7,730	300	8,030	9,173
Income tax recovered	3,224	-	3,224	2,553
Open plate collections at all services	3,390	1,429	4,819	3,421
Donations	6,898	-	6,898	3,329
Legacies	-	11,750	11,750	500
Collections for other causes	-	7,520	7,520	6,194
	<u>21,242</u>	<u>20,999</u>	<u>42,241</u>	<u>25,170</u>
Fundraising				
Flower Festival	1,689	-	1,689	-
Bookstall	5,385	938	6,323	2,366
Other fundraising activities	12,499	8,070	20,569	7,318
	<u>19,573</u>	<u>9,008</u>	<u>28,581</u>	<u>9,684</u>
Income from investments				
Dividends and interest	927	-	927	867
Income from church activities				
Fees	12,191	-	12,191	12,649
Other income	2,207	-	2,207	464
	<u>14,398</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,398</u>	<u>13,113</u>
Other income				
VAT recovered	1,066	-	1,066	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>57,206</u>	<u>30,007</u>	<u>87,213</u>	<u>48,834</u>
PAYMENTS				
Church Activities and Governance				
Ministry: Diocesan parish share	21,500	-	21,500	20,000
Church running and maintenance	5,310	258	5,568	7,093
Power	6,902	-	6,902	2,909
Insurance	6,648	-	6,648	6,631
Fees for organist, choir, bell ringers, etc	130	-	130	39
Major restoration work	1,498	-	1,498	4,117
Visitor's Centre	-	955	955	998
Administration costs	940	-	940	359
Independent examination fees	552	-	552	528
	<u>43,480</u>	<u>1,213</u>	<u>44,693</u>	<u>42,674</u>
Fundraising Costs				
Fundraising Costs	257	-	257	20
Bookstall Costs	2,868	-	2,868	2,011
	<u>3,125</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,125</u>	<u>2,031</u>
Other outgoings				
Collections for other causes	-	7,687	7,687	5,169
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>46,605</u>	<u>8,900</u>	<u>55,505</u>	<u>49,874</u>

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Reconciliation of Cash Flows and Statement of Net Assets

At 31 December 2022

RECONCILIATION OF CASH FLOWS

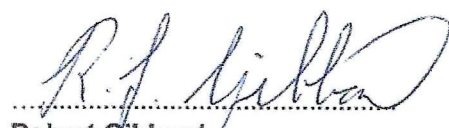
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	2021 £
Total receipts	57,206	30,007	87,213	48,834
Total payments	46,605	8,900	55,505	49,874
Net receipts / (payments)	10,601	21,107	31,708	(1,040)
Cash funds at 1 January	44,938	28,997	73,935	74,975
Cash funds at 31 December	55,539	50,104	105,643	73,935

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	2021 £
CASH FUNDS				
Barclays Bank Plc				
Community account	3,646	8,000	11,646	2,260
Money Held for Agencies	-	447	447	614
Active Saver account	60	-	60	60
Virgin Money Plc	51,833	41,657	93,490	71,001
	55,539	50,104	105,643	73,935
MONETARY LIABILITY				
Agency collections	-	447	447	614
Independent examiner's fee	546	-	460	528
	546	447	907	1,142

Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on its behalf on 23rd APRIL by: 2023


 Mrs Margaret Beardshaw
 (Chairman)


 Robert Gibbard
 (Treasurer)

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Notes to the Accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2022

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the exemptions applicable under section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

The statements of financial activities has been prepared on a receipts and payments basis which is a consistent basis to previous years.

The Statements of Assets shows the assets of the charity and any amounts due to or owed by the charity. The statement will not include any provisions for liabilities and charges. The trustees are of the opinion that should any significant matters arise prior to the year end, they will disclose them within the notes to the financial statements.

The Financial Statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

(b) Funds

Restricted funds represent:

- (i) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and
- (ii) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object.

The funds may only be expended on the purpose for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds represent:

- (iii) general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.
- (iv) designated funds which are used for a purpose specified by the trustees.

(c) Resources Used

- (i) Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over.
- (ii) The diocesan parish share is accounted for when paid.
- (iii) Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds.

(d) Fixed Assets

- (i) Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.
- (ii) Moveable church furnishings held by the priest and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory which can be inspected at any reasonable time.
- (iii) For items acquired prior to 2000, there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

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Notes to the Accounts (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2022

2 FUND MOVEMENTS

		Year ended 31 December 2022			
	Balance 1 Jan £	Funds Added £	Funds Used £	Funds Transferred £	Balance 31 Dec £
(a) Unrestricted Funds					
General PCC Fund	44,938	57,206	(46,605)	-	55,539
		Year ended 30 December 2021			
	Balance 1 Jan £	Funds Added £	Funds Used £	Funds Transferred £	Balance 31 Dec £
General PCC Fund	49,313	39,040	(43,415)	-	44,938
		Year ended 31 December 2022			
	Balance 1 Jan £	Funds Added £	Funds Used £	Funds Transferred £	Balance 31 Dec £
(b) Restricted Funds					
Window restoration fund	21,255	9,499	-	482	31,236
Path restoration fund	4,491	-	-	-	4,491
Fabric fund	-	-	-	-	-
Bell fund	341	300	-	348	989
Visitors' Centre	1,682	-	(955)	108	835
Agency collections	1,228	7,520	(7,687)	-	1,061
Music fund	-	11,750	(258)	-	11,492
	28,997	29,069	(8,900)	938	50,104
		Year ended 30 December 2021			
	Balance 1 Jan £	Funds Added £	Funds Used £	Funds Transferred £	Balance 31 Dec £
Window restoration fund	17,955	3,300	-	-	21,255
Path restoration fund	4,491	-	-	-	4,491
Fabric fund	40	-	(40)	-	-
Bell fund	293	300	(252)	-	341
Visitors' Centre	2,680	-	(998)	-	1,682
Agency collections	203	6,194	(5,169)	-	1,228
	25,662	9,794	(6,459)	-	28,997

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Notes to the Accounts (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2022

3 FUND COMPARATIVES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
RECEIPTS			
Voluntary Income			
Gift Aid Donations	8,633	540	9,173
Income tax recovered	2,553	-	2,553
Open plate collections at all services	3,111	310	3,421
Donations	3,329	-	3,329
Legacies	-	500	500
Collections for other causes	-	6,194	6,194
	<u>17,626</u>	<u>7,544</u>	<u>25,170</u>
Fundraising			
Bookstall	2,366	-	2,366
Other fundraising activities	5,068	2,250	7,318
	<u>7,434</u>	<u>2,250</u>	<u>9,684</u>
Income from investments			
Dividends and interest	867	-	867
Income from church activities			
Fees	12,649	-	12,649
Other income	464	-	464
	<u>13,113</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,113</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>39,040</u>	<u>9,794</u>	<u>48,834</u>
PAYMENTS			
Church Activities			
Ministry: Diocesan parish share	20,000	-	20,000
Church running and maintenance	6,801	292	7,093
Power	2,909	-	2,909
Insurance	6,631	-	6,631
Fees for organist, choir bell ringers, etc	39	-	39
Major restoration work	4,117	-	4,117
Visitor's Centre	-	998	998
Administration costs	359	-	359
Independent examiner fees	528	-	528
	<u>41,384</u>	<u>1,290</u>	<u>42,674</u>
Fundraising Costs			
Fundraising Costs	20	-	20
Bookstall Costs	2,011	-	2,011
	<u>2,031</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,031</u>
Other outgoings			
Collections for other causes	-	5,169	5,169
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>43,415</u>	<u>6,459</u>	<u>49,874</u>