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Sunday 22nd May 2022

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The following served as PCC members as from the APCM 2021:
(For a list of those who served before the 2021 APCM, see the APCM Report for 2020)

Rev. Martin Harrison	Vicar and Chair (Appointed September 2001)
Rev. Katharine McBride	Assistant Curate (From July 2019)
Rev. Dot Hicks	Permanent Deacon (From January 2019)
Rev. Dr. Judith Palmer	Additional Minister with PTO (Co-opted 2021 for 1 year)

Margaret Berg Churchwarden (Re-elected at APCM 2021)
(1 Vacancy for Churchwarden)

Janet Irish Deanery Synod (Elected 2020)
(2 vacancies for the Deanery Synod)

Andrew Alexander	Electoral Roll Officer (Elected 2019 for 3 years)
Phil McBride	Treasurer (Elected December 2019, resigned 31.12.2021)

(1 Vacancy for PCC)

Janet Mountain	Lay Chair (Elected 2020 for 3 years)
Shirley Bamford	PCC Secretary (Elected 2020 for 3 years)
Sue Nunn	(Elected 2020 for 3 years)

Jean Cooper	(Elected 2021 for 3 years)
Terry Atkinson	(Elected 2021 for 3 years)
Pauline Chambers	Deputy Treasurer (Elected 2021 for 3 years)

Those elected to the PCC at the APCM are on a rolling 3 year term.
Three councilors are to be elected each year with a total of 9 elected members.
Any ex-officio and co-opted members will be in addition to this figure.

Members **ARE** eligible for re-election at the end of their term of office.

For re-election in 2022 Andrew Alexander; (2 Vacancies)

For re-election in 2023 Janet Mountain; Shirley Bamford; Sue Nunn

For re-election in 2024 Jean Cooper; Terry Atkinson; Pauline Chambers

It has been agreed that Victoria Haworth, our Parish Administrator, should act as a minute secretary for the PCC. Victoria does not have any right to vote at a PCC meeting.

Deanery Mission Partnership

In 2017, the Deanery Mission Partnership was entered into and means that all clergy in the deanery are issued with licences enabling them to officially minister in all parishes of the deanery. This legally means that each PCC in the deanery acquired new clerical members.

It was agreed that these additional clerical members will not attend any PCC meetings other than those in the parishes they are directly responsible for. These clerical members also agree to forfeit any voting rights.

All future clergy licensed in the deanery will be appointed on the same basis of cross licensing. Names of these clergy will not be recorded in APCM Reports.

PCC Meetings in 2021

The full PCC met 8 times in the 2021. This includes the first meeting of the new PCC which was held immediately after the APCM. Four of the PCC meetings were held on Zoom, one via email and three were in person in Sparehead Hall.

In 2021, the Standing Committee met on two occasions. Once via email and once in person.

PCC Mission Development Groups (MDG) did not meet regularly due to the pandemic, but when they did manage to meet they reported to the full PCC. Non PCC members may be asked to attend these groups and contribute to discussion but do not have any voting powers. The Mission Development Groups (Ministry; Outreach; Facilities; Finance) are currently being restructured.

Background

The PCC at St Mary's Church Strensall has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent, the Rev Martin Harrison, in promoting the work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Strensall with Towthorpe. This responsibility includes financial management of the church and the care and maintenance of church buildings and fabric and the wider mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Membership

The PCC (The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Strensall with Towthorpe) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission. Registration Number 1162095. (First registered 10th June 2015). Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the APCM in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

The Incumbent, Assistant Curates (if any), Readers (if any) and Church Warden(s) are ex-officio members of the PCC. It is agreed that no more than 9 members be elected to the PCC on a proportional three year rotating basis. Any members of St Mary's Strensall who are elected as members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synods are automatically members of the PCC for the duration of the Synod.

The PCC may appoint co-opted members in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

Standing Committee

The Standing Committee comprises of the Incumbent, Churchwarden(s), Secretary, Treasurer, and Lay-Chair. This committee of the PCC is required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings subject to any direction given by the council.

Safeguarding Statement

St Mary's PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishop's guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Our Safeguarding Group meets regularly in order to support our safeguarding officer and to ensure we are up to date with current practices related to safeguarding.

Fundraising

Fundraising is the responsibility of the full PCC.

Electoral Roll and Church attendance

Membership of the electoral roll is open to all lay people who are baptised, over the age of 16 and have signed a declaration that they are either a member of the Church of England or of a church in communion therewith and:

Resident in the parish **OR**

Not being resident, has habitually attended public worship in the parish during a period of six months prior to enrolment, **OR**

Is a member in good standing of a church which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity (not being a church in communion with the Church of England) and also prepared to declare themselves to be a member of the Church of England having habitually worshipped in the Parish Church for a period of six months prior to enrolment.

Electoral Roll Information. Report from Mr. Andrew Alexander, Electoral Roll Officer

The Electoral Roll prepared for the APCM in 2021 was at **126** members.

Since the APCM the following members of the Electoral Roll have died:

Gilbert Speare

David Jesper

Stuart Briggs

Frank Fletcher (Clerical member)

In 2019, we were required to prepare a completely new Electoral Roll as governed by the Church Representation Rules. The renewal of the roll happens every 6 years. During all other years the roll is only reviewed in preparation for the APCM

Numbers on the Electoral Roll for the year is as follows:

At start of year	126
Number leaving the roll during the year	8
Deaths	3
Number added to the roll during the year	5
Number on roll	120

The following reports are presented to the APCM:

Statutory Reports

- Vicar
- Treasurer (*in separate document*)
- Independent Examiner
- Church Wardens
- PCC Secretary
- Deanery Synod

Non Statutory Reports

- Safeguarding
- Parish Administrator
- Bell Tower
- Little Fishes
- PCC Lay Chair

**Vicar's Report
APCM 2022
Sunday 22nd May 2022**

This year I would like to use my report in order to look to the future, as many changes are going to happen in the next 18 months.

The obvious changes are related to clergy staffing at St Mary's. Katharine is preparing to move on to her own post, and that will happen when a suitable parish becomes available. I am also planning to retire at some point before the end of next year.

An interregnum can be feared by church members, but in reality is often an exciting time with growth as people come forward to take on new responsibilities. I would like to encourage you to be positive about these coming months and pray about how you might contribute to supporting the church wardens and PCC as they plan for these changes. You may like to consider serving on the PCC, or offering to lead intercessions, or to reading at services, or to be a volunteer to help look after our churchyard. There are plenty of ways in which you may be more involved in the life of our church. Please do consider what you might help with and offer your services.

Another change is related to the latest diocesan initiative, 'Living Christ's Story'. This has been a process of consultation at deanery level with all parishes about how resources should be deployed in the future. This process is now coming to an end, and decisions are going to be furthered in the coming months which we will endeavour to keep you updated about.

All this change can lead to fears. In reality of course change is at the heart of the Christian message of new life and renewal, and shouldn't be feared but be considered positively. That is because good change moves us forward and makes us better and brings us closer to God.

Finally, I end by asking you to do the two most important things, and that is to pray and to trust. To pray that God will continue to bless and lead us, and to trust that he will answer those prayers. Remember Peter when he encountered Jesus walking on the water. He asked Jesus if he could walk on water too. He started off well but began to sink when he took his eyes off Jesus. The moral of the story... Keep your eyes upon Jesus!

With thanks to all those who have supported my ministry over the past year, and with all my prayers and best wishes,

Martin

*Report prepared by The Reverend Martin Harrison. Vicar, St Mary's Church, Strensall.
May 2022*

Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Strensall with Towthorpe
St Mary's Church, Strensall, York
For the Period from 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total Funds	2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Planned giving	48,707		676	49,383	47,239
Collections and Other giving				-	-
Other Voluntary Receipts	6,277			6,277	29,651
Gift Aid Recovered	-			-	25,555
Other Receipts	203		1,030	1,233	400
Activities for generating funds	1,422			1,422	1,317
Investment income	41			41	119
Receipts from church activities	6,772			6,772	5,473
Total Receipts	63,421	-	1,706	65,127	109,754
Payments					
Cost of generating funds	1,068			1,068	6,018
Missionary and charitable giving	550		350	900	732
Parish Share	59,000			59,000	56,500
Clergy and staffing costs	7,668			7,668	6,685
Church running expenses	7,206			7,206	6,612
Hall running costs	600			600	972
Church repairs & maintenance	1,664			1,664	3,934
Hall repairs & maintenance				-	-
New building work				-	-
Total Payments	77,755	-	350	78,105	81,453
Excess of Payments over receipts before	- 14,334	-	1,356	- 12,978	28,301
Transfers					
Gross Transfers between funds - in				-	45
Gross Transfers between funds - out				-	45
Excess of receipts over funds	- 14,334	-	1,356	- 12,978	28,301
Net Movements in Funds	- 14,334	-	1,356	- 12,978	28,301
Reconciliation of Funds					
All Assets at 01 January 2021	55,386	13,003	23,298	91,687	63,386
All Assets at 31 December 2021	41,052	13,003	24,654	78,709	91,687
Represented by	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total Funds	2020
Unrestricted General Fund	41,052			41,052	55,386
Designated		3,226		3,226	3,226
KidzKlub		1,081	2,247	3,328	3,328
Operation Reserve		8,696		8,696	8,696
Youth and Childrens Work			14,639	14,639	13,598
Building fund			5,205	5,205	5,205
Collection for Nepal Childrens Home			680	680	555
ACTS 435			190	190	-
Little Fishes (Restricted in Gen Account)			843	843	724
Maintenance Fund			850	850	969
	41,052	13,003	24,654	78,709	91,687

Independent Examiner's Report

**To the Trustees of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Strensall
with Towthorpe
Charity Number 1162095**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to: examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act; to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently 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.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I 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.

Name: Mrs Ruth Prins, FCPFA

Relevant professional qualification or body: Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy

Address: 21 Chaucer Lane, Strensall, York, YO32 5PE

Date: Thursday, 15 September 2022

**Church Warden Report
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We are thankful for Covid-19 restrictions now being lifted in church and the congregation returning to our two Sunday services at 9.30am and 11.00am.

All routine servicing is now returning to normal. The Lightning Conductor was tested in August with nothing to report and all is in good working order.

In September, the organ was serviced and we are thankful to Paul Blenkiron and Alison Bayliss for stepping in and playing for services at 9.30am. We are enjoying the live music thank you.

The repair to the hall wall was carried out in October and there is no further damage to hall. The repair still needs to be painted and now that the weather is getting better we will look to finishing the job.

In December, the boiler was serviced with no apparent problems but come January, unfortunately, the boiler broke down. We waited a week for the part which was fitted and the boiler has worked since then. I would like to thank clergy for still providing services during this time and thank the congregation for coming to sit in the cold during for those two services.

The Wednesday Community Café is going strong and we have many mums and babies coming which is so encouraging. It is also a popular place for everyone to come along and meet up with friends.

A thank you to the maintenance team who work to keep the churchyard and ashes plot in pristine condition. In 2021, we left part of the churchyard to grow wild as part of managed 'wilding' project. This will be repeated in 2022.

Thank you to Janet Irish for arranging and co-ordinating the cleaners. The cleaners have been doing a great job and many have commented at times how clean the hall and church are.

Thank you to our ministry team, especially Martin, who have worked so hard through difficult circumstances during the Covid-19 pandemic.

I would like to thank Pol, Jean, Paul and Terry for helping me this year in my role as Church Warden. Also Malcolm Smith for being on hand to help with the clock and electrics.

*Report prepared by Margaret Berg, Churchwarden
May 2022*

**PCC Secretary Report
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1. PCC Meetings

The main PCC meeting was held eight times in 2021 with three in person meetings and five on Zoom or email. There were two Standing Committee meetings.

2. PCC Organisation

The PCC has received information and attended different meetings and information sessions regarding the Archbishop's initiative 'Living Christ Story'. We have chosen to build our plans and activities around this. *Easingwold Deanery is encouraging all parishes to follow the principles contained within the LCS* document. The PCC has already consulted regarding this and feel positive about the future vision. A very encouraging PCC Away Day was held in November to discuss various issues that would face the church in the next two years. One result of this was to formulate a diagram which gave an outline of our main priorities. Following this, a further Away Day was held in March 2022 to which the wider church was invited. This provided opportunity for discussion around the future. Feedback from this will be given at the APCM.

The PCC has considered plans for new Mission Development Groups to be created to support them going forward.

The following areas continue to be covered by the PCC: Safeguarding, Data Protection and Fundraising.

3. Key Achievements in 2021

The Coronavirus Pandemic continued to affect much of the ongoing work of the PCC in terms of the achievements of face-to-face fundraising events. However, where possible, outdoor and socially distanced activities did take place including the Pumpkin Trail and Christmas events.

The Spearehead Hall has also resumed many of its activities.

Services within the church resumed gradually over the year as government guidelines permitted.

Other notable achievements are:

- The church has worked alongside York Foodbank and Strensall Helpers to support the local community.
- The Electoral Roll was updated.
- Support to the Deanery is ongoing and progress continues in relation to Eco Church status with links now being formed with the River Foss Society.
- Fundraising has taken place to support the church in Nepal.
- The PCC supported a national church initiative by training a church member for Acts 435.

4. Future Challenges

PCC continue to work with the Deanery and Diocese to implement Living Christ's Story.

Major challenges facing the PCC in 2022 are based around ensuring a smooth transition as changes in the clergy team take place. We will concentrate our efforts in writing a church profile to support the Deanery in managing the recruitment process. Developing a strong communication plan will ensure everyone is informed of progress.

Two further challenges will be the development of Children and Family ministry and expanding our community collaborations. In progressing these, the PCC will need the active support and participation of church members as we return to a different but exciting "normal".

Thank you for your support and encouragement please continue in this.

Report prepared by Shirley Bamford (PCC Secretary), April 2022

**Deanery Synod
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It has been a busy year across our Deanery since our Annual Meeting last year, particularly for the Deanery Leadership Team (DLT).

The DLT and representatives from the parishes have been tasked with working through the Diocesan initiative of 'Living Christ's Story' (LCS).

Members of the DLT have visited all parishes and benefices throughout Easingwold Deanery to consult with parishioners about their responses to LCS and about their hopes and fears for the future, so that these can become part of the 10 year Deanery Plan.

It is hoped that parish representatives will know and understand how the plan is being developed, including further opportunities to give feedback at the Deanery Synod meetings on the 19 May and 12 July 2022.

The areas covered at our own meeting in the Spearehead hall were as follows:

1. What do you enjoy about church life that you want to see continue?
2. What are your hopes and dreams for your church in 5 years' time?
3. What are your fears and challenges for the future of your church and what can be done to address them?
4. The Diocese has set us financial challenges to reach by 2026 and 2031 and how we might meet these?

Our responses to the above were written up by Margaret Price and were sent to those who requested a copy at our Strensall meeting.

Martin, Katharine and myself will see the draft plan for St. Mary's on the 19 May and our final additions/alterations will be required by the 12 July 2022 deadline.

In April 2022, Carol Colborne left her role of Deanery Coordinator after almost nine years. We are grateful to Carol for everything that she has done for Easingwold Deanery during this time.

Victoria Haworth, who is also St. Mary's Parish Administrator, has started working for Easingwold Deanery, at the end of April, to continue with certain parts of the Coordinator role until the end of October, including the weekly newsletter. This is whilst the Deanery Plan, and the future role of the Deanery Coordinator, is decided.

*Report prepared by Janet Irish, Deanery Synod Rep
May 2022*
