

# Report for Wiverton in the Vale APCM of 14 April 2024

## Appendix 3a – Election of Churchwardens

Churchwardens are the senior lay representatives of the parish. The role of the churchwarden is extremely varied but generally involves management, maintenance and mission. They are the foremost in representing the laity and in co-operating with the incumbent, and they have a duty to maintain order and decency in the church and churchyard, particularly during the times of divine service. In cooperation with the incumbent, churchwardens are generally responsible for the day-to-day functioning of the parish and ensuring that appropriate safeguarding measures are established and implemented.

There are normally up to two churchwardens in a parish but, due to the distinctive nature of our 'one parish, six churches', we have special dispensation from the Bishop to continue with between zero and two churchwardens for each church for the time being.

Churchwardens are elected annually at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners and are elected by:

- persons whose names are entered on the church electoral roll of the parish; and
- persons resident in the parish whose names are entered on a register of local government electors by reason of such residence

The following nominations have been received for the office of churchwarden:

Candidate	Church	Proposed by	Seconded by
Edward Hine	St John the Divine	Sue Macdonald	Hilary Tabron
Hilary Tabron	St Giles	Ann Mansell	Penny Thomsen
Robin Coles	St Andrew	Dorothy Thompson	Steve Gelsthorpe
Trevor Simpson	St Andrew	Christine Barker	Sylvia Houghton

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## Appendix 4 – Election of PCC Members

The PCC is the main decision maker of a parish. Its members are clergy, churchwardens and others elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) of the parish. Its powers and duties are defined by legislation.

It has the responsibility, along with the incumbent to promote the mission of God in its parish.

Legally, the PCC is responsible for the finances of the parish. It also has ultimate responsibility for the care and maintenance of all church buildings and their contents. Although these responsibilities are executed by the churchwardens, all PCC members must share in the oversight. It has a voice in the forms of Service used by the church and may make representations to the bishop on matters that affect the welfare of the parish.

All PCCs are charities. Therefore, every member of a PCC is also a charity trustee. If a PCC is a charity it must comply with the Charity Commission guidance and legislation in relation to charities.

The incumbent's role is to provide leadership concerning safeguarding, and to encourage everyone to promote a safer church. The PCC and the incumbent have a duty of care to ensure the protection of the vulnerable in their church community.

Under the current Bishop's Scheme, the PCC comprises: all ordained or lay ministers licensed to the parish; churchwardens; lay members of deanery, diocesan or general synods; up to two elected members per church in the parish, such that the total number of churchwardens and elected members for that church does not exceed two.

PCC members are elected at the APCM and serve for a period of three years. Members may seek re-election at the end of their term.

There are six vacancies to be filled at this meeting. Those elected will serve until the APCM of 2027.

The following nominations have been received for membership of the PCC:

Candidate	Church	Proposed by	Seconded by	Seeking
Anna Betts	All Saints, Granby	Brenda Preece	Maureen Wright	Re-election
Pam Powell	St Michael and All Angels, Elton	Hilary Tabron	Ann Mansell	Re-election
Rosie Dulwich	Holy Trinity, Tythby	Ann Sture	Ruth Spence	Re-election

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## Appendix 5 – Electoral Roll Report

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The Electoral Roll stands at 131, a net increase of 3 since last year.

Six names added - Two during the year following their respective baptisms: Guy Eatch and Heather Norman; three having applied in the run-up to the APCM: Kristina Milner, Chris Norman, and Adam Shuttleworth; one carrying forward from an earlier application: Penny Thomsen.

Three names removed - Bill Handbury and Vera Wragdsdale (both died) and Michael Raines (moved out of the area, and subsequently died)

Entry	Surname	Christian names					
				35	Dulwich	Rosemary Anne	
1	Allison	Godfrey William		36	Eatch	W T Guy Eatch	
2	Bacon	Katharine Grace	NR	37	Ebb	Mark	
3	Bajcar	Amanda Jane		38	Ebb	Melanie	
4	Barlow	Kathleen Mary		39	Fawcett	John	
5	Barnes	Shelagh Mary		40	Fish	Jackie	
6	Baxter	Helen	NR	41	Fleming	Sarah	
7	Beazley	Abbiegail		42	Fowler	Eileen	
8	Beazley	Michael Eric Henry		43	Freegard	Catronia	
9	Bellamy	Caroline Joan		44	Freeman	Georgina Louise	
10	Bellamy	John Charles Henry		45	Gelsthorpe	Stephen John	
11	Betts	Anna		46	Gledson	James Neil	
12	Blincoe	Freda Gillian		47	Gledson	Patricia Ann	
13	Bolton	Stephen Peter	NR	48	Goddard	Jennifer Anne	
14	Briggs	Patrick Donovan	NR	49	Grattan	Amanda	
15	Browne	Jocelyn Mary Vade	NR	50	Grattan	Simon Christopher	
16	Bryan	Colin		51	Hall	Anthony	
17	Burrows	Victoria		52	Hall	Vivien Sheila	
18	Chadborn	Lucy		53	Halpin	Rachael	
19	Chaffe	Jane		54	Handbury	Elizabeth	NR
20	Church	Rosalyn		55	Hatton	Linda Antoinette	
21	Clarke	Ian (Skip)		56	Haynes	Rose	
22	Clarke	Karen		57	Hills	Helen	
23	Coles	Julie Anne		58	Hills	Peter	
24	Coles	Robin Eric Hatch		59	Hine	Edward	NR
25	Colverson	John Samuel		60	Hobson	Patricia	NR
26	Copley	Angela		61	Houghton	Sylvia	
27	Coy	Ann		62	Howard	Elizabeth	
28	Crabtree	Beryl Alma		63	Johns	David Walter	
29	Cranswick	Rosemary		64	Kirk	Kenneth Stanley	
30	Croxall	Margaret Rose		65	Lambert	Adam Peter	
31	Culley	Gillian		66	Lambert	Charlotte	
32	Culley	John		67	Lambert-Coward	Shani	
33	Cumberland	Dorothy Rae Mary		68	Macdonald	Susan Catherine	
34	Dulwich	Paul Howard		69	Mansell	Ann Maureen	

70	Mansfield	David John	103	Smith	Tim	
71	Mansfield	Sarah Margaret	104	Spence	Ruth	
72	Marrison	Brenda Eileen	105	Stothard	Sally Louise	
73	McGuirk	Mary Josephine	106	Straw	Brenda Elsie	
74	Milner	Kristina	107	Stubbs	Jean Mary	
75	Neale	Aileen Ruth	108	Sture	Ann Veronica	
76	Neale	Michael Gary	109	Swann	Arthur	
77	Nelkin	Bridget	110	Swann	Norah Jean	
78	Nelkin	Marek	111	Swinton	Janine Elizabeth	
79	Nelkin	Sabina	112	Sylvester	Michael	
80	Newton	Valerie Mavis	113	Tabron	Hilary	
81	Nixon	Angela Mary	114	Telford	Catherine Amy	
82	Norman	Christopher	115	Telford	Simon	
83	Norman	Heather	116	Thomsen	Penny	NR
84	Paine	Lucy	117	Thompson	Dorothy	
85	Paine	Simon	118	Tubbs	Jane	
86	Palmer	Margaret	119	Tubbs	Mark Edwin	
87	Perry	Nicholas	120	Turner	Jane Ann	NR
88	Powell	Pamela Anne	121	Walker	Jancis Ann Walker	
89	Powell	Timothy John	122	Walker	Robert Wilford	
90	Preece	Brenda Lauderdale	123	White	Caroline Nancy	
91	Preece	David Charles	124	White	Constance Pearl	
92	Price	Russell	125	White	Gordon Noel	
93	Radford	Eileen Mary	126	Wrate	June	
94	Rainbow	Carole	127	Wrate	Richard Stephen	
95	Robinson	Elaine	128	Wregg	Pamela	
96	Rose	Alana	129	Wright	Maureen	
97	Rose	Matthew	130	Yarnall	Geoffrey	
98	Shuttleworth	Adam	131	Yarnall	Hilary	
99	Sibley	David				
100	Sibley	Janet				
101	Simpson	Trevor				
102	Sinclair	Angela Elizabeth				

**Notes:**

1. NR = Not resident in parish



**The Parochial Church Council of  
The Parish of Wiverton in the Vale**

**Annual Report and Accounts**

Period ended 31 December 2023



## Trustees' Report

### Administrative information

The Parish of Wiverton in the Vale is a single parish with six parish churches which came into being under a Pastoral Scheme effective of 1 March 2017. The parish was formerly a group of six individual parishes known as the "Wiverton Group of Parishes". It is in the Deanery of East Bingham in the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham within the Church of England. The rector, Reverend David Rowe, was instituted on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023. The correspondence address is: The Rectory, 2 Dobbin Close, Cropwell Bishop, Nottingham NG12 3GR.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a registered charity (no. 1182644).

Under an agreement with the Diocesan Bishop, each church community may have up to two PCC representatives each of whom may be either a Churchwarden or elected member. Following discussions with Archdeacon Phil Williams, this agreement will continue for now.

PCC members who have served during 2023 are as follows:

<i>Incumbent:</i>	The Revd. David Rowe	Chair	Instituted 08/11/2023
<i>Wardens:</i>	Robin Coles	Deanery Synod	Elected 17/04/2023
	Edward Hine	Deanery Synod, Vice Chair	Elected 17/04/2023
	Hilary Tabron	RLM Electoral Roll Officer	Elected 17/04/2023 Appointed 16/01/2023
	Trevor Simpson		Elected 17/04/2023
<i>Elected members:</i>	Michael Beazley	Electoral Roll Officer	Resigned 16/01/2023
	Rosie Dulwich	Safeguarding Officer	
	Nick Perry		
	Pam Powell		
	Anna Betts		
	Sue Macdonald		Elected 17/04/2023
<i>Ex-officio</i>	Katharine Bacon	LLM, Deanery Synod	Elected 17/04/2023
<i>Non-voting</i>	Phil Stephenson	Treasurer	
	Jane Travis	Acting PCC Secretary	

### Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of Church Wardens and PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. However, in view of the Pastoral Scheme referred to above, the Bishop's agreement overrides this for the time being. All Church attendees

are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. Edward Hine acted as Vice Chair of the PCC throughout 2023.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the six parish churches and associated property.

### **Achievements and Performance**

The number on the Electoral Roll in 2024 is 131, up slightly from 2023 (128).

The average weekly attendance is traditionally recorded in the month of October (which is considered nationally as a 'typical' month). Following on from our initiation during lockdown, we continued to provide alternative means of worship and corporate prayer through online recorded services every Sunday and weekday Zoom services for Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer. The average number of 'views' for our October recorded sermons was 25, up considerably from 14 in 2022, but this reflects the continued return to 'service as normal' throughout the year. Numbers for face-to-face attendance in October 2023 numbered 47 adults and 2 children per week.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our six parish churches. Throughout 2023 weekly recorded readings and sermons were offered on the website. Church services continued in a more normal pattern, with each church hosting a monthly Holy Communion service (Granby and Elton alternated roughly once a month). Following the resignation of Revd Rachel Mitchell from November 2022 the parish was formally in interregnum. During this time services were taken by a fantastic team of local retired clergy, lay people and one or two 'guest' clergy.

In line with the Diocesan vision of Growing Disciples Wider, Younger, Deeper, the PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. At all times we seek to ensure that our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and Scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We try to enable people to live out their faith as part of the wider parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the gospel; developing their knowledge and truth in Jesus through: parish wide preaching and teaching in public worship; home groups for Bible study and fellowship across the parish; taking advantage of deanery and diocesan training events.

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish was offered including home and hospital visits and home Communion in addition to important pastoral support through the time shared in groups and after services.

In responding to the needs of those requiring the Pastoral Offices, the Parish dealt with through 2023:

- 22 funeral and related events including committals of people or cremated remains where we were not involved with the funeral, conducted mainly by Katharine Bacon;
- 4 weddings taken by Revd Fred Connell and other local clergy;
- 12 baptisms have been conducted by Revd Clare and Revd Fred Connell, Revd Paul Massey and Revd Sally Baylis

The PCC is very grateful to local retired clergy for their support and help with these important Life Events in the interregnum.

- Missionary and outreach work in the parish through local schools, especially Langar Primary School and Cropwell Bishop Primary School. Coffee Cake and Chat, as well as Pop-up Café and Colston Bassett Big Breakfast have continued through the year. Baby Club in Cropwell Bishop on a Friday morning accommodates a growing desire by young parents to meet with their young families. The Parish supports UK and overseas charities on a regular basis, namely: Church of England Children's Society, World Day of Prayer, Notts Clergy Widows and Dependents Fund, Water Aid, Christian Aid, Self Help Africa, Royal British Legion, Ride and Stride, The Friary, Christmas Shoebox Appeal.
- Maintaining and developing our church buildings to be fit for purpose.

Despite Cropwell Bishop Methodist Church closing in November 2022, we have maintained our ecumenical relationship with them through the joint choir who met regularly for practice and the choir were able to contribute to several services, including Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Ascension Day, Evensong and carol services in December.

Tythby Church continues to work closely with the Cropwell Butler Methodist Church to ensure their respective services do not clash.

We are pleased to welcome members of other denominations who are resident in the parish (or indeed, further afield) to worship with us.



## **Rector's Introduction and Report**

It has been an absolute delight to join the parish of Wiverton in the Vale. Both Pixie and I have felt truly welcomed and feel that we have joined a motivated and energised team across the parish. I am deeply thankful for the positive and proactive work of the Church Wardens, Parish Reps, and the very efficient and effective support of Jane Travis as Parish Administrator.

Our first Sunday was Remembrance Sunday, which proved to be a lovely way to engage with a more diverse group of people in Cropwell Bishop, with Scouts and Cubs attending, and their leaders; and then into the wide array of Christmas services across the parish. This was followed by a series of meetings called "Open to Question" at the Rectory for those wishing to explore the Christian faith and bring any questions that were concerning them. I think, all in all, some 29 people participated in those meetings.

This brought us into the season of Lent. We are so pleased with the take up for the "Praying the Psalms" Lent Course, launched here to be a forerunner to any vision casting we might embark on post Pentecost. The reason for "Praying the Psalms" was to gain a prayerful focus before we look at vision. It is so easy to come with an "I want" list to a vision casting season instead of "What might God want?". The main question post Pentecost will be "What does Jesus, as the living head of our church and parish, want us to be and to do over the next five years?"

I look forward to that discovery process; but we have Easter and Pentecost before that and it will be a joy to share in the Good Friday Pilgrimage alongside us all participating in a Passion Play lasting from the Last Supper at Langar, through Good Friday and the Crucifixion, to the glorious explosion of resurrection life on Easter Sunday at Cropwell Bishop. It feels like this is going to be a good year!

Revd David Rowe

## **Secretary's Report**

Throughout 2023 the role of minuting and administration was undertaken by Jane Travis, the Parish Administrator. In the absence of a formal secretary at the time of writing, this report is presented by Jane Travis.

The PCC meets six times a year on a bi-monthly basis and have been held at St Andrew's Church, Langar. There was an additional Section 11 meeting in April 2023 during the search for a new Rector. Attendance has been good and has been quorate on every occasion. Each church community has a "Home Team" which takes responsibility for local matters not requiring PCC approval/permission. Where such permission is required, matters can be presented to the PCC via their representatives

on the PCC. Each Home Team has permission to spend a limited amount annually, without prior PCC approval, to provide for uncontentious day to day expenses.

After much prayer and preparation by the PCC and in liaison with the Archdeacon and CPAS representative, a new Parish Profile was finalised and an advert for the post of Rector was placed on the Church of England Pathways platform, the Diocesan website and the CPAS website. Thankfully this was successful and our new Rector, Revd David Rowe was appointed. He and his wife, Pixie, moved into the Parish in late September and he was formally Instituted, Inducted and Installed in post on 8 November 2023.

The Parish website ([www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk](http://www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk)) is actively managed and provides comprehensive and regularly updated information about services, events and news in the parish and diocese. Subscribers, of whom there are 102, receive email updates whenever new material is added to the site. This service has proved indispensable in providing information and access to services and sermons to those unable to attend church in person. All procedures regarding storage of personal data are compliant with GDPR legislation.

The fortnightly notice sheet was produced throughout 2023. This includes an inspirational address/ reflection and prayers as well as dates and other information. In addition to being uploaded to the website, printed copies are delivered to those requesting them. With help from volunteers 22 households receive these on a regular basis, typically older people without access to online information. Feedback suggests that this contact is much appreciated.

During 2023 and whilst in interregnum, PCC meetings and the APCM (on 17/04/2023) were mainly chaired by the Vice Chair.

All members of the PCC have undertaken the required safeguarding training at basic and foundation level and all have also undertaken the Awareness of Domestic Abuse training which is now a requirement for all members of the PCC. Safeguarding Dashboard is used regularly and the plan for increasing the training across the parish for volunteers and helpers has continued to progress well, including recruiting some parent helpers for the new Family Praise service started in November 2023 once the re-ordering work in St Giles, Cropwell Bishop was completed.

### **Financial Review the year ended 31 December 2023**

(by Phil Stephenson, Treasurer)

The effects of the Covid restrictions on all of our lives have continued to have effect on church finances. Across the churches this is noticed in particular through continued high energy costs.

Total normal income for the year amounted to £138,355 (last year £124,864) against expenditure £136,035 (£121,913) and our investments accrued a gain of £19,429 (loss

£28,694). The main reason for the increase in income has been the increased interest received on deposits held which is likely to reduce as we undertake planned works. During the year the administration of the deposits held changed resulting in a change to the payment dates for interest received. Instead of this being credited on the last day of the quarter it is now at the beginning of the next quarter. Our accounting policy is to prepare accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

During the year significant works have been undertaken on the Reordering Project at St Giles Church and repairs to both the St Andrew Vestry Roof and Tower as well as work starting on the St Mary's ruin at Colston Bassett. Other minor repair and maintenance work has been undertaken across the churches in the parish.

We are extremely grateful to donations received from Southwell and Nottingham Diocese, The Chetwode Foundation, National Grid Electricity Distribution 'Community Matters Fund', Langar Brownies, Tuesday House Group, Coffee Cake Chat Crafters and AW Lymn Funeral Directors, Notts Historic Churches Fund and anonymous donations as well as the many local people who give so generously of their time and money.

The General Unrestricted Funds at the year end was £72,151 (£69,036).

The parish continues to meet 100% of the allocated parish share payment which for 2023 was £68,760 (£70152)

## **Report on Services, Worship, Teaching and Mission**

(by Jane Travis, Parish Administrator)

Once again, the Parish is incredibly grateful for the support, hard work, dedication and commitment of everyone who has worked so hard to keep our services and the work of the Parish going during the interregnum, especially following a long period of absence due to sick leave for the previous incumbent.

The practice of recording a live service and posting on the website continued, offering access to services for those unable to attend in person. Since October 2022 the sermons and readings only were recorded and posted, making better use of our limited human resource. Many in the Parish have continued to appreciate the recorded online sermons. The retired clergy and LLMs in the Parish, as well as a few guest clergy, have done an amazing job of covering the numerous services across all churches with grace, dedication, and enthusiasm for which we are all very grateful. As a Parish we have been mindful of their health and wellbeing and ensured that we were not placing too heavy a burden on them.

The pattern of worship agreed across the Parish in 2023 reflected the fine balance of managing the human resource we have available with the desire for services in each village. For the purpose of scheduling, two of the smaller churches (Elton and Granby) are considered as a single unit. Each 'church' hosts at least one service a month. Holy Communion is celebrated at a church somewhere in the parish each Sunday and we also offered a variety of traditional and informal services throughout the church year.

Zoom morning prayer was offered throughout the year to the Parish on Monday and Friday mornings.

Parishioners have continued to be vigilant about Covid infections and hand hygiene with wearing of masks continued by individual preference, increasing the confidence of those attending.

Between January and March Holy Communion services continued throughout the Parish with the addition of a morning worship. A large cadet parade service was held in January at St John's Colston Bassett and East Bingham Deanery held a chapter meeting at St Giles, Cropwell Bishop. It was encouraging to continue to offer a late afternoon, monthly Family Praise and tea service at St Giles, attended by several of the families from CCC and Baby Club. A service was held for World Day of Prayer, led by members of the congregation. Archdeacon Phil Williams led two services on Mothering Sunday and 2 baptisms were held.

April, May and June were busy months including 5 baptisms of adults and children. The full range of Easter and Holy week celebrations resumed with a Palm Sunday service, Maundy Thursday service with singing led by the Joint Churches Choir, a pilgrimage from Cropwell Bishop via Colston Bassett to Langar on Good Friday, a sunrise Easter Sunday service at the ruined church in Colston Bassett followed by breakfast, and Holy Communion services in two churches. A special family celebration service was held for the Coronation and households were gifted a copy of Crowned King, a special Coronation Souvenir of Matthew's gospel.

Colston Bassett resumed their monthly morning worship services including a Pet Service, Thanksgiving service, Mothering Sunday, Environment service and a Father's day service in the local pub, The Martin's Arms. The first wedding of the year took place at St John's.

St Giles, Cropwell Bishop closed for the re-ordering project and with the Bishop's permission services and weekly activities continued in the village at the Methodist church and schoolroom (this was no longer in use for Methodist services). The generosity and welcome from Methodist friends made this possible and some united services continued until St Giles re-opened in October.

Despite being peak holiday time services continued through July and August, including a Songs of Praise united service with the Methodists lead by St Giles but held at the

Methodist Chapel, Cropwell Bishop. The Parish had three baptisms and two weddings in September.

Harvest services were held in each church in September and October. St Giles, Cropwell Bishop reopened to a packed church with a Celebration and Thanksgiving service led by Bishop Paul in October. Two more baptisms took place.

To the delight of the parish, the institution, induction and installation of our new Rector, Revd David Rowe took place at Langar on 8<sup>th</sup> November. Remembrance services took place in three churches when wreaths were laid by representatives from local Parish Councils, British Legions and representatives from different scout sections, ie scouts, cubs and beavers. Family praise resumed under the leadership of Revds David and Pixie, with the addition of parent helpers. East Bingham Deanery held their Mustard Seed meeting at St Giles in November.

A reflective memorial service was held in early December. Advent and Christmas were celebrated with Christmas Cheer in Granby and a host of carol services were held in each church, often with singing led by the Joint Churches Choir. A Christingle and tree decorating service and the annual crib service at Cropwell Bishop were well attended with many of the families now attending Baby Club on a Friday morning. A new midnight holy communion was started on Christmas Eve, held this time in Langar.

Langar Primary School held several services throughout the year in St Andrew's Church, Langar at Easter, Harvest, Remembrance and Christmas as well as their annual leaving service for the Year 6 pupils in July. Two classes from Cropwell Bishop Primary School held a carol service in St Giles', Cropwell Bishop. The Joint Churches Choir also led carol singing in one of the local pubs in Cropwell Bishop and at Rawlings Court.

### **Alpha Course, Pastoral Network and School Contacts, including Langar Church of England School**

Langar Primary School regularly use St Andrew's Langar for services and activities throughout the year. Once again Cropwell Bishop Primary School made use of St Giles' Church, with Hilary Tabron and Ann Mansell preparing and leading two afternoon sessions to cover the National Curriculum requirements as requested for two different age groups. Colston Bassett school also visited St John's.

Colston Bassett, Cropwell Bishop, Granby and Langar home groups continued to meet in person. Sadly, deaths of long serving members of the Langar group have resulted in depleted numbers this year.

Coffee, cake and chat (CCC) was held in St Giles' Church, Cropwell Bishop on Wednesday mornings, welcoming anyone across the whole Parish regardless of whether or not they are otherwise involved in church life, free of charge. It is registered by Transforming Notts Together as a Place of Welcome.

This year has been an interesting one, beginning with cross-stitching for pew cushions as a focus of activity for many of the regulars. In May St Giles' closed for re-ordering work until mid-October, and through this time we were fortunate to have the use of the Methodist Schoolroom to continue CCC meetings. At the Celebration Service for the re-ordered St Giles' Church the beautiful pew runners together with the reordered church were dedicated by Bishop Paul. Following the return of CCC to St Giles' the re-ordered space was much appreciated and admired, so much more suitable for socialising or activities around tables. Those enjoying crafting turned their efforts to making Christmas gifts and decorations, with stalls at St Giles' and at St Andrew's Langar raising funds for general Parish funds.

Numbers attending have averaged 26 per session. Overall this has included 50 different people, including up to 16 bellringers from many different villages; 4 families who have attended as well as, or instead of, at Baby Club according to work commitments; occasional influxes of the allotment group; regulars including from the Colston Bassett and Tythby congregations, all boosted by other villagers coming in for a chat and occasional visitors from further afield who have been delighted to find the church open with a warm welcome and refreshments.

CCC has benefitted from a National Grid grant towards heating costs, and also from Abbie Beazley's baking week by week to supply delicious cakes and biscuits sufficient for CCC and the Baby Club, for which we are very grateful.

A group of mums/ carers of young babies and toddlers continued to meet at Baby Club on a Friday morning with help on welcome and refreshments from a rota of 9 church attenders. Attendance varies week to week but can have as many as 13 adults and 15 children. Numbers fluctuate greatly too as mums go back to work and babies to nursery, then new babies appear. Feedback is very positive as there is nothing else free in the village. The new reordered space at St Giles is a great venue – a warm, welcoming and safe space for the youngsters. Several of the families have attended family praise services and requests for baptisms have followed which is encouraging.

Pop-up Café continued in Langar on a monthly basis and has been well supported, so much so that the café ran again through the winter months. The Brownies Group met in church at Langar while a new Village Hall was being built. Now the new hall is complete the Brownies no longer meet in church. Delightful thank you letters were sent from the Brownies when they relocated to their new base.

Both Cropwell Bishop and Langar churches are designated as Warm Welcome, Warm Spaces.

Sadly, due to bad summer weather only one moth morning took place this year. Villagers gathered early to see what moths had been collected and enjoyed coffee and croissants as a reward for the early start! All six churches achieved bronze awards as part of Eco Church. Many of the churchyards now have bird boxes, areas of longer grass and stacks of dead wood to encourage wildlife.

Once again parishioners engaged enthusiastically with a number of outreaches and appeals through the year:

- Harvest food gifts and clothing were collected and donated to The Friary in West Bridgford;
- Vivien Hall organised a Christmas Shoebox appeal for needy children in Suceava, north eastern Romania, where many of the children were Ukrainian, Cropwell Bishop Youth Club again supported this initiative and 146 boxes were donated.

Thanks again to everyone for their hard work and steadiness in what have been very difficult times. We continue to pray as the Parish starts to look at a new vision under the leadership of our new Rector, Revd David Rowe.

**This Annual Report was approved by the PCC on 11/03/2024 and signed on their behalf by:**



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**Revd David Rowe, Chair of the PCC**

# Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of Wiverton in the Vale

I report to the charity PCC on my examination of the accounts of Wiverton in the Vale for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 which are set out on pages 1 to 7 of Appendix A.

## Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity PCC 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 2011 Act, and in carrying out my examination I have followed all of 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:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those accounting records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the 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 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.

*Margot Madin*

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Date: 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024

# Appendix A - 2023 Financial Statements Charity Commission Balance Sheet as at 31/12/2023

## Wiverton in the Vale PCC Registered Charity Number 1182644

	Unrestricted Funds	Investment Income	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	Prior year funds
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Investments		120,250	105,700	225,950	215,065
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		<b>120,250</b>	<b>105,700</b>	<b>225,950</b>	<b>215,065</b>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	3,183	639		3,822	4,014
Cash at bank and in hand	70,163	290,813	15,860	376,836	505,004
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>73,346</b>	<b>291,452</b>	<b>15,860</b>	<b>380,658</b>	<b>509,018</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>119,509</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>119,509</b>	<b>243</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	72,151	291,452	15,860	379,463	508,774
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>72,151</b>	<b>411,702</b>	<b>121,560</b>	<b>605,413</b>	<b>723,839</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Provisions for liabilities</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total net assets or liabilities</b>	<b>72,151</b>	<b>411,702</b>	<b>121,560</b>	<b>605,413</b>	<b>723,839</b>
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>					
Endowment funds			121,560	121,560	111,257
Restricted income funds		411,702		411,702	543,546
Unrestricted funds	72,151			72,151	69,036
Revaluation reserve					
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>72,151</b>	<b>411,702</b>	<b>121,560</b>	<b>605,413</b>	<b>723,839</b>

Signed by two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

*David B Rose*

Rev D Rowe Chair

14/4/24

*Mr P Stephenson*

Mr P Stephenson Treasurer

14/4/24



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Charity Commission Balance Sheet Details as at 31/12/2023

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	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Income	Endowment funds	Total	Prior year funds		Investments	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Year	Last Year
	£	£	£	£	£							
<b>Income and endowments</b>												
Donations and legacies	112,346	98,156		210,502	117,123		Colston Cap Endowment Inv			4,046	4,046	3,698
Charitable activities	6,365	805		7,170	10,350		Cropwell Bishop CCLA Inv			19,983	19,983	18,265
Other trading activities	2,025	3,198		5,223	6,018		Elton Clock Memorial Inv		7,766	3,909	11,675	10,670
Investments	17,619	2,837	546	21,002	12,360		Elton McLean Memorial Fund Inv		92,377		92,377	84,433
<b>Total</b>	<b>138,355</b>	<b>104,996</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>243,897</b>	<b>145,851</b>		Langar Capom Endowment Inv			12,686	12,686	11,595
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							Tytlby Sheldon Trust Inv		4,382		4,382	12,550
Raising funds	0	0	0	0	703		Tytlby Crane Trust CCLA Inv		9,856		9,856	9,008
Charitable activities	136,035	245,794	0	381,829	113,085		Tytlby Butler Smith CCLA Inv		5,870		5,870	5,365
<b>Total</b>	<b>136,035</b>	<b>245,794</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>381,829</b>	<b>133,788</b>		Tytlby Chapel of Ease CCLA Inv			65,076	65,076	59,480
							<b>Debtors</b>	<b>120,251</b>	<b>105,700</b>	<b>225,951</b>	<b>215,064</b>	
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before investment</b>	<b>2,320</b>	<b>-140,798</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>-137,931</b>	<b>12,064</b>		Recoverable Gift Aid	3,183	639	3,822	4,014	
Net gains/(losses) on investments	0	9,672		9,672	-28,694			<b>3,183</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>3,822</b>	<b>4,014</b>	
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<b>2,320</b>	<b>-131,126</b>	<b>10,303</b>	<b>-118,502</b>	<b>-16,631</b>		<b>Cash at bank and in hand</b>					
Transfers between funds	718	-718		0	0		Wiverton in the Vale curr acc	-142,884	150,733	-961	6,888	13,596
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>	<b>3,038</b>	<b>-131,844</b>	<b>10,303</b>	<b>-118,503</b>	<b>-16,631</b>		Wiverton Group Curr Account	9,267	-9,267	0	0	0
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>							Colston Bassett current account	-16,772	19,280	2,508	3,822	3,822
Total funds brought forward	69,036	543,546	111,257	723,839			Cropwell Bishop C/A	-72,653	74,102	1,449	3,919	3,919
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>72,075</b>	<b>411,702</b>	<b>121,560</b>	<b>605,337</b>			Elton C/A	-8,600	10,334	1,734	3,608	3,608
							Granby C/A	-7,457	10,348	2,891	2,804	2,804
							Langar C/A	-6,536	9,573	3,037	4,726	4,726
							Tytlby C/A	-1,582	4,500	2,918	3,420	3,420
							Colston Bassett N/WDep Closed	-3,000	3,000	0	0	0
							Colston Bassett CCLA DepClosed	-10,021	10,021	0	0	0
							Cropwell Bishop CBF Deposit			8,474	7,928	7,928
							Elton NWest Deposit Acc	-9,396	1,049	8,348	0	0
							CCLA Deposit Acc	350,965	-12,875	338,090	454,191	454,191
							Tytlby Sheldon Trust Deposit A	-2,517	3,593	1,076	879	879
							Tytlby Crane Deposit Acc	-3,005	3,005	0	0	0
							Tytlby Butler Smith Dep Acc	-1,600	2,316	716	548	548
							Tytlby Chapel of Ease Dep Acc	-4,047	11,103	7,056	5,203	5,203
							<b>Creditors (due within one year)</b>	<b>70,162</b>	<b>290,815</b>	<b>15,861</b>	<b>376,837</b>	<b>505,004</b>
							Creditors control a/c	-993		-993	0	0
							Advance Payments	-202		-202	-243	-243
											<b>-1,195</b>	<b>-243</b>

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Wiverton in the Vale PCC Registered Charity Number 1182644

	Unrestricted	Restricte	Endowmen	Year	Last Year
<b>Endowment funds</b>					
Colson Cap Endowment Inv		4,046		4,046	3,698
Tybbby Co/Ease Inv't Fund		65,076		65,076	59,480
Cropwell Res Endowment Canceled		8,474		8,474	7,928
Cropwell Cap Endowment Fund		19,983		19,983	18,265
Elton Designated Clock Fund		11,295		11,295	10,291
Langar Res Caporn endowment		12,686		12,686	11,595
		<b>121,560</b>		<b>121,560</b>	<b>111,257</b>
<b>Restricted income funds</b>					
Lillic Saints	1,172			1,172	1,172
Messy Church	191			191	191
Langar Vestry Roof Repairs	697			697	12,000
Langar Drainage Repairs	75,000			75,000	75,000
Langar Wall Repairs	29,486			29,486	9,376
Langar Heating Improvements	90,000			90,000	90,000
Langar Communications	23,091			23,091	68,399
Colson Designated Fabric	3,489			3,489	3,398
Colson Restrictive Building Fun	17,392			17,392	17,392
Colson Restrictive Tower Fund	3,684			3,684	3,414
Colson Restrictive Organ Fund	141			141	456
Colson St Mary Maintenance Fund	5,433			5,433	2,013
Tybbby Crane Investment Fund	9,856			9,856	9,008
Tybbby Butler's Invest't Fund	5,870			5,870	5,365
Cropwell Designated Fabric Fun	5,418			5,418	35,773
Cropwell Rest Tower Improvement	389			389	430
Cropwell Rest Parish Room	386			386	386
Cropwell Rest Tower Fund	107			107	577
Cropwell Restrictive Organ Fund	406			406	406
Cropwell Restrictive Choir Fund	354			354	354
Cropwell Rerodring Fund	3,720			3,720	69,842
Elton Restrictive McLean Fabric	91,325			91,325	86,383
Elton Restrictive Fabric Fund	4,800			4,800	2,400
Tybbby Res Sheldon Income Fund	1,076			1,076	879
Tybbby Res Butler's Income Fun	716			716	548
Tybbby Res Co/Ease Income Fund	7,056			7,056	5,203
Tybbby Res Sheldon Inv't Fund	4,382			4,382	12,550
Tybbby Organ Fund	7,851			7,851	3,001
Tybbby Fabric Fund	2,650			2,650	2,400
Grantby Designated Fabric Fund	3,601			3,601	3,712
Langar Des Fabric Fund	4,800			4,800	2,400
Langar Restrictive Tower Fund	567			567	57
Langar Restrictive Organ Fund	450			450	14,085
Langar Rest Caporn churchyard	2,406			2,406	1,024
Langar Res Collee Fund	0			0	939
Langar Res Flower Fund	729			729	3
Langar Res Howe Charities Fund	114			114	729
Langar Res Gregory Charities	1,030			1,030	114
Langar Res Repair Fund	1,870			1,870	300
Langar Howe Distribution Fund					1,870
	<b>411,705</b>			<b>411,705</b>	<b>543,549</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
Retained surplus	57,825			57,825	57,825
WHV Eco Church	435			435	500
CBas Rest Tower Fund	50			50	0
CBas Rest Organ Fund	25			25	0
Grantby Sound System	575			575	0
WHV Unrestricted General Fund	13,240			13,240	10,711
	<b>72,150</b>			<b>72,150</b>	<b>69,036</b>

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	Unrestricted	Restricte	Endowmen	Year	Last Year
<b>Donations and legacies</b>					
Donations SO	67,250			67,250	69,244
Donations non SO	4,349	56,017		60,366	9,599
Colson Bassett Collections	1,808			1,808	1,966
Cropwell Bishop Collections	2,406			2,406	2,428
Elton Collections	483			483	63
Granby Collections	821			821	947
Langar Collections	2,119			2,119	1,312
Tybbby Collections	1,311			1,311	675
Gift aid income	18,958	5,501		24,459	20,593
Grants received	10,841	31,639		42,480	5,296
Bequests and legacies	2,000	5,000		7,000	5,000
	<b>112,346</b>	<b>98,157</b>		<b>210,503</b>	<b>117,123</b>
<b>Charitable activities (inc.)</b>					
Stat Fees received	5,104			5,104	6,304
Non-stat Fees received	824	75		899	1,097
Contractual income	201			201	0
Other income	236	730		966	2,659
Agency Income	0	0		0	290
	<b>6,365</b>	<b>805</b>		<b>7,170</b>	<b>10,350</b>
<b>Other trading activities</b>					
Fundraising income	2,025	3,198		5,223	6,018
	<b>2,025</b>	<b>3,198</b>		<b>5,223</b>	<b>6,018</b>
<b>Investments</b>					
Profit on sale of Investments	456			456	0
Dividends received	2,955	2,742	546	5,697	6,399
Interest received	14,208	95		14,302	5,961
	<b>17,619</b>	<b>2,837</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>21,002</b>	<b>12,360</b>
<b>Raising funds</b>					
Fundraising event costs	0	0	0	0	191
Fundraising misc. costs	0	0	0	0	511
	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>702</b>

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	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Year	Last
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Gifts/grants to individuals	0	0	0	0	49
Gifts/grants to institutions	125	0	125	0	500
Diocesan Contributions	68,760	0	68,760	70,152	484
Visiting Ministers' costs	-90	0	-90	685	417
Church Service Costs	605	80	685	0	6,459
Children Activities Costs	176	0	176	209	27
Administration Costs	7,892	0	7,892	0	13,263
Travel & subsistence	209	0	209	0	3,183
Volunteer expenses	0	0	0	0	450
Gas	17,278	0	17,278	7,899	338
Electricity	7,899	0	7,899	359	112
Oil	359	0	359	222	16,327
Water	390	0	390	19,846	8,172
Premises Hire	222	0	222	74,586	5,387
Insurances	16,327	0	16,327	137,712	295
Cleaning costs	268	0	268	452	756
Maintenance	6,971	12,875	19,846	0	7
Repairs	0	74,586	74,586	5	20
Other premises costs	925	136,787	137,712	595	350
Telephone/email	452	0	452	70	0
Postage	2	0	2	627	810
Stationery	5	0	5	572	0
Printing/photocopying	595	0	595	407	341
Advertising & Publicity costs	70	0	70	0	42
IT costs	627	0	627	759	424
Equipment Purchases	0	572	572	2,513	2,335
Books, mags, CDs, DVDs	407	0	407	250	200
Subscriptions	0	0	0	22,820	3,614
Licensing & fees	759	0	759	381,831	133,086
Bank charges	114	0	114	-19,429	28,694
Sundries	2,398	115	2,513	-19,429	28,694
Audit & accounting	250	0	250	0	0
Legal & professional fees	2,040	20,780	22,820	0	0
<b>Net gains/(losses) on investments</b>	<b>136,035</b>	<b>245,795</b>	<b>381,831</b>		
Gain/loss on investments	0	-9,672	-9,672	-9,757	-9,757
<b>Transfers between funds</b>					
Transfers between funds	-718	718	0	0	0
	-718	718	0	0	0

Charity Commission Movement of Funds Report for year to 31/12/2023

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Fund name	Fund balances brought	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	Fund balances carried forward
General fund	10,711	137,780	-135,970	718	0	13,239
Granby Sound System	0	575	0	0	0	575
Eco Church	500	0	-65	0	0	435
CBish Des Fabric Fund	35,773	14,543	-573	-44,325	0	5,418
CBish Reordering Fund	69,843	39,699	-153,946	48,125	0	3,721
CBas Building Fund	17,392	0	0	0	0	17,392
CBas Des Fabric Fund	3,398	1,091	0	-1,000	0	3,489
CBas Organ Fund	456	93	-408	0	0	141
CBas St Mary Appeal	2,013	13,534	-11,115	1,000	0	5,432
CBas Tower Fund	3,414	270	0	0	0	3,684
CBish Choir Fund	354	0	0	0	0	354
CBish Organ Fund	406	0	0	0	0	406
CBish Parish Room	386	0	0	0	0	386
CBish Runners	430	0	-41	0	0	389
CBish Tower Fund	577	35	-505	0	0	107
Elton Des Fabric Fund	2,400	0	0	2,400	0	4,800
Elton McLean Fund	86,381	0	0	-3,000	7,944	91,325
Granby Des Fabric Fund	3,712	837	-1,548	600	0	3,601
Langar C Yard maintenance	0	0	-250	250	0	0
Langar Cafe fund	939	1,467	0	0	0	2,406
Langar Caporn Trust	1,024	347	0	-920	0	451
Langar Des Fabric Fund	2,400	0	0	2,400	0	4,800
Langar Drain Repairs	75,000	0	0	0	0	75,000
Langar Flower fund	3	0	-80	77	0	0
Langar Gregory Charities Fund	114	0	0	0	0	114
Langar Heating Upgrade	90,000	0	0	0	0	90,000
Langar Howe Charities	729	0	0	0	0	729
Langar Howe Distribution	1,870	0	0	0	0	1,870
Langar Organ Fund	57	28	-174	89	0	0
Langar Repair Fund	300	730	0	0	0	1,030
Langar Sound & Video	68,399	3,950	-718	-48,539	0	23,092
Langar Tower Fund	14,085	49	-45,567	32,000	0	567
Langar Vestry Roof Repairs	12,000	697	-28,539	16,539	0	697
Langar Wall Repairs	9,376	20,110	0	0	0	29,486
Little Saints Club	1,172	0	0	0	0	1,172
Messy Church	191	0	0	0	0	191
Tybbby Butler Smith Restrict	5,365	0	0	0	505	5,870
Tybbby Butler Smith Trust	548	168	0	0	0	716
Tybbby Chapel of Ease Trust	5,203	1,853	0	0	0	7,056
Tybbby Crane Trust	0	271	0	-271	0	0
Tybbby Crane Trust Restricted	9,008	0	0	0	848	9,856
Tybbby Des Fabric Fund	2,400	0	-2,150	2,400	0	2,650
Tybbby Organ Fund	3,001	5,030	-180	0	0	7,851
Tybbby Sheldon Restricted Inv	12,550	0	0	-8,544	376	4,382
Tybbby Sheldon Trust	879	196	0	0	0	1,075
CBas Cap Fund Inv	3,698	0	0	0	348	4,045
CBish Chancel Fund	7,928	546	0	0	0	8,475
CBish Endowment Investment	18,265	0	0	0	1,718	19,983
Elton Clock Fund Investment	10,291	0	0	0	1,004	11,295
Langar Caporn Endowment	11,595	0	0	0	1,091	12,686
Tybbby Chapel of Ease Endowment	59,480	0	0	0	5,596	65,076
<b>Totals</b>	<b>666,016</b>	<b>243,900</b>	<b>-381,830</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19,430</b>	<b>547,514</b>

# Report for Wiverton in the Vale APCM of 14 April 2024

## Appendix 8 Report on Fabric, Goods and Ornaments

Author: Hilary Tabron

Churchwardens or PCC reps from each of the churches within this Parish have covered these matters in the reports through 2023 from their particular 'home' church, and log books and terriers reported as being up to date. Elton is starting with a new record of the terrier and a new log book.

Matters other than routine maintenance and checks are highlighted below, including those which are ongoing or needing attention into 2024:

- **St Andrew's, Langar:**

Faculties were granted in respect of :

- i) work to reduce excessive noise levels in the Tower when the bells are rung. This work has now been completed, involving the installation of a false ceiling in the ringing chamber;
- ii) new drainage in the churchyard to help combat damp problems in the church walls, followed up with interior decoration. At the time of writing this work has not yet begun, but should do shortly;
- iii) rebuilding of collapsed sections of the retaining wall at the east end of the churchyard, with work expected in 2024.

List B permission with Archdeacon's Licence was granted for repairs to the vestry roof, which have now been completed.

- **St Giles', Cropwell Bishop:**

Following the granting of a Faculty in 2023, work began in May on the re-ordering project at the west end of the nave. This involved new stone flooring with underfloor heating, repositioning of the medieval pews and the font, customised storage, decoration and improved lighting. Bishop Paul came to lead a dedication and reopening service in October, and the changes were widely praised from both aesthetic and functional points of view.

- **All Saints', Granby**

External repairs, as recommended in recent QI, have been completed as List B items with Archdeacon's Licence.

Discussions are underway regarding replacing the organ.

- **Holy Trinity, Tythby,**

List B permission with Archdeacon's Licence has been granted for remedial work to the organ. This will improve the sound and ease of playing.

- **St John's, Colston Bassett**

A Faculty was granted for the extensive masonry and pointing work needed at the ruined Church of **St Mary's**. This work has now been completed by **All Saints', Granby**. The church organ has problems deemed to be irreparable, and interest has been shown in acquiring the organ currently in recently-closed Cropwell Bishop Methodist Chapel.

- **St Michael and All Angels, Elton:** Nothing beyond routine or maintenance to report.

It must be acknowledged that the above work has been underpinned by planning and contact making, plus made possible by many generous donations from private benefactors as well as grants acknowledged elsewhere. A huge debt of gratitude is owed to all involved, as well as all who help to maintain our churches by practical or administrative means, including non-PCC members. The tasks, often overlooked or behind the scenes, can sometimes seem onerous, so it is helpful to remind ourselves that by looking after and improving our buildings we look after God's people, and also that how we deal with various buildings-related people will speak of how we live our lives as Christian people, and can be an effective witness.

## **Appendix 9**

### **East Bingham Deanery Synod**

#### **Annual Report 2023**

Deanery Synod met three times in 2023, worshiping and praying together and sharing positive news from around the deanery. Area Dean Revd. Canon Stephen Hippisley-Cox kept us updated with what is happening in the diocese, and at Diocesan and General Synod.

This year saw the start of the new triennium, so standing committee was elected again. Lesley Haig was elected as Lay Chair with thanks for her work and agreement to stand again. We welcomed Kate Macfarlane (as Secretary) and Elaine Rawlins for the first time. Roger Scothern and Revds. Paul Massey, Ruth Colby and Tim Chambers agreed to continue in post. We thank Revd. Jon Wright and Tony Darby for their service, as they have now stood down and pray for God's continued blessing. The position of Treasurer remains vacant.

Standing Committee meets regularly for prayer and reflection, in addition to business meetings, and the Mustard Seed prayer group has been praying for the deanery throughout the year. Coordinated by Lesley, everyone is encouraged to join in these monthly prayer meetings, and to send in any prayer requests to the administrator Portia Newling to share with the group.

Archdeacon Phil Williams visited to explain the Parish Refresh process, which has led to 2024's Diocesan Vision Evenings. He updated us on the position across the diocese regarding recruitment.

Deanery share- our giving is generally consistent, with some congregations having been particularly generous in their support of the deanery. The new diocesan Head of Finance has worked with diocesan and deanery leadership teams to calculate the figures for 2024 and a major review is underway which we hope will be ready for 2025.

We held three deanery events, all of which were valued by those who came- a prayer walk around Cotgrave county park; an Evening with Bishop Paul, where he shared reflections on his life and journey of faith; and visiting Southwell Minster for the Advent Procession.

Towards the end of the year, we welcomed the Revds. David and Pixie Rowe to Wiverton. Plumtree and Tollerton continue in vacancy. We are very grateful for the support of our retired clergy who give so much in all our parishes.



**Report for Wiverton in the Vale APCM of 14 April 2024**  
**Appendix 11a – Safeguarding Report**  
**Author: Rosie Dulwich, Parish Safeguarding Officer**

There have been no new safeguarding matters reported since the last APCM.

There remains one matter on which with which the Parish remains in dialogue with the Diocese. This is a historic and procedural matter and there is no cause for concern or intervention.

The PCC are all now fully compliant and up to date with Safeguarding training although we are entering a cycle of renewals. It should be noted that there is no longer a blanket requirement for all PCC members to undertake the Domestic Abuse awareness training although it is recommended as best practice.

There has also been some much needed clarification on the level of training required for tower captains which removes the requirement for leadership training unless they are in charge of a “large” tower, one that has a regular team and not needing any deputizing from other towers to ring.

There are still training requirements and the PSO and Parish Administrator will be reviewing these in conjunction with the Matrix issued by the Council of Bellringers to ensure that all our people are compliant in this regard.

The majority of our volunteers have undertaken the basic awareness training although, unfortunately, the group session for Tythby’s volunteers did not take place as the training Portal was out of service on the scheduled day. This is to be rearranged as soon as possible.

There are still other churches who have volunteers who have not completed the training and this does need to be addressed, for their protection as much as anything and it is hoped that they will see this as a positive thing that acknowledges that they are valued members of the team, even where they are not active members of the congregation.

As PSO I am very grateful for the support of the PCC and church members in keeping Safeguarding very much to the fore and especially grateful to Jane Travis for her input and support.

# Wiverton in the Vale

# Safeguarding Action Plan

## Level 3

## Introduction

The Church of England's safeguarding policy statement, *Promoting a Safer Church*, says:

*"All Church bodies should ensure that they have a 'Promoting a Safer Church' action plan in place that sets out, in line with national and local priorities, how the policy is being put into action and is reviewed regularly."*

This Action Plan has been produced by an application called *Safeguarding Dashboards* for the consideration of the PCC.

**The PCC is invited to discuss, amend and approve this Action Plan.**

*Safeguarding Dashboards* has three levels:

- Level 1 - Safer Foundations;
- Level 2 - Safer Activities;
- Level 3 - Safer Practices.

Further information about these levels can be found at... <https://tinyurl.com/roadmap-safeguarding>

Date approved by the PCC: \_\_\_\_\_

# Policies and Action Plan

	Status	Notes
<b>Safeguarding Policy Approval</b> The PCC must approve a parish safeguarding policy which complies with Church of England requirements.	The PCC has adopted 'Promoting a Safer Church' as its own safeguarding policy.	
<b>Safeguarding Policy Promotion</b> 'Promoting a Safer Church' must be publicised and promoted, and all Church Officers must have access to it.	Completed	
<b>Safeguarding Action Plan</b> The PCC must approve an action plan and review it annually.	The PCC last reviewed their Safeguarding Action Plan on 17/04/2023.	
<b>Recruitment of Ex-Offenders</b> The PCC must have a policy regarding the recruitment of ex-offenders.	The PCC last reviewed their policy regarding the recruitment of ex-offenders on 22/11/2021.	Needs to be reviewed November 2024
<b>Local Ecumenical Partnership</b> Local Ecumenical Partnerships (LEPs) must agree which denomination or organisation's safeguarding policy to follow.	The parish is not part of an LEP.	

# Safeguarding Procedures

	Status	Notes
<b>Responding to Concerns or Allegations</b> The PCC must approve a procedure to deal promptly with any safeguarding concern or allegation (including any suspicion of abuse). This procedure is to be reviewed annually.	The PCC reviewed this procedure on 11/03/2024.	To be approved at PCC meeting on Monday 11 March 2024
<b>Use of Social Media</b> The PCC must ensure that the church is following national guidance regarding the use of social media.	The church is following national guidance regarding the use of social media.	Before setting up Parish social media - Facebook, Instagram etc ensure the PCC has approved who is able to use the accounts and have ensured a Social Media Policy has been approved.



	Status	Notes
<b>Known Offenders</b> Known offenders, and others who may pose a risk to children or vulnerable adults, must be effectively managed and monitored in consultation with the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser. The PCC must be assured of this annually.	Completed	
<b>Data Protection and Retention</b> The PCC must comply with data protection legislation and Church of England data retention guidance. This must be reviewed annually.	The PCC needs to comply with GDPR legislation and data retention guidance.	Issues with retaining past safeguarding records means we cannot tick the above box re complying with Church of England guidance. We are in discussion with Southwell and Nottingham Diocese re issues.
<b>Clergy Vacancy</b> Consideration must be given to the secure storage of safeguarding records during a clergy vacancy.	The PCC needs to consider the secure storage of safeguarding records.	To be raised at PCC level at the appropriate time

## Safeguarding Roles

	Status	Notes
<b>Parish Safeguarding Coordinator</b> The PCC must safely recruit a suitable person (not the incumbent or his/her partner) to the role of Parish Safeguarding Coordinator. The appointment is to be made in accordance with national 'safer recruitment' guidance.	A Parish Safeguarding Coordinator was appointed on 12/07/2021.	
<b>Churchwardens</b> The churchwardens must be made aware of their safeguarding responsibilities.	The churchwardens are aware of their safeguarding responsibilities.	
<b>Lead Recruiter</b> The PCC must appoint at least one Lead Recruiter who is responsible for the administration of DBS applications. This role may be carried out by the Parish Safeguarding Coordinator.	The PCC has appointed at least one Lead Recruiter.	

## Learning and Development

Status	Notes
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<b>Foundation Pathway</b> This learning pathway must be completed by churchwardens, PCC members, vergers and anyone in a role which involves work with children, young people or vulnerable adults.	Training requirements were last reviewed on 17/04/2023.	
<b>Leadership Pathway</b> This learning pathway must be completed by Parish Safeguarding Coordinators and anyone who significantly influences the culture of the church.	Training requirements were last reviewed on 17/04/2023.	PSO and 4 churchwardens, Hilary, Robin, Trevor and Edward

## Displayed Information

	Status	Notes
<b>Safeguarding Policy Notice</b> Each church building must display a notice about its safeguarding policy.	Completed	
<b>Safeguarding Who's Who</b> Each church building must display contact details for people who have safeguarding roles.	Completed	
<b>Safeguarding Poster</b> Each church building must display a 'Promoting a Safer Church' poster.	Completed	
<b>Parish Website</b> Safeguarding arrangements must be clearly visible on the front page of a parish website (if you have one).	Completed	

## Church Activities

### Baby Club

Informal coffee and chat group for mums and babies and toddlers. Warm space and refreshments provided. No childcare or pastoral care or supervision provided. One person with senior leadership training in safeguarding always present supported by others who have done lower level training.

	Status	Notes
<b>PCC Authorisation</b> The PCC must authorise any church activity involving children, young people or vulnerable adults.	The PCC has authorised this church activity.	

	Status	Notes
<b>Risk Assessment</b> The PCC must ensure that an 'activity risk assessment' is completed and reviewed regularly.	The risk assessment for this activity needs to be reviewed.	PSO to review with churchwarden and Baby Club leaders - March 2024
<b>Insurance Cover</b> The PCC must provide appropriate insurance cover for this activity.	This activity is covered by our standard church insurance policy.	
<b>Safer Recruitment</b> All new leaders and helpers must be appointed in accordance with the Church of England's Safer Recruitment and People Management Guidance. This must be reviewed annually.	Safer Recruitment was last reviewed on 17/04/2023.	
<b>DBS Checks</b> The PCC must ensure that all eligible leaders and helpers have up-to-date DBS checks. 5-yearly checks must be replaced with 3-yearly checks by January 2024 at the latest.	DBS checks were last reviewed on 17/04/2023.	
<b>Safeguarding Training</b> The PCC must ensure that all leaders and helpers undertake the required safeguarding training.	On 17/04/2023, all safeguarding training had been booked.	One helper still to undertake safeguarding training, PSO advised that this person cannot help until training completed
<b>Safer Environment</b> The Church must strive to create and maintain environments that are safer for all.	Action is required.	

## Choir

People from Cropwell Bishop meet regularly for choir practice, some are church goers, others are from the Methodist circuit. Choir leader has undertaken Foundation training and is DBS checked.

	Status	Notes
<b>PCC Authorisation</b> The PCC must authorise any church activity involving children, young people or vulnerable adults.	Action is required.	
<b>Risk Assessment</b> The PCC must ensure that an 'activity risk assessment' is completed and reviewed regularly.	Action is required.	
<b>Insurance Cover</b> The PCC must provide appropriate insurance cover for this activity.	Action is required.	

	Status	Notes
<b>Safer Recruitment</b> All new leaders and helpers must be appointed in accordance with the Church of England's Safer Recruitment and People Management Guidance. This must be reviewed annually.	Action is required.	
<b>DBS Checks</b> The PCC must ensure that all eligible leaders and helpers have up-to-date DBS checks. 5-yearly checks must be replaced with 3-yearly checks by January 2024 at the latest.	Action is required.	
<b>Safeguarding Training</b> The PCC must ensure that all leaders and helpers undertake the required safeguarding training.	Action is required.	
<b>Safer Environment</b> The Church must strive to create and maintain environments that are safer for all.	Action is required.	

## Bellringers

There are three bellringing groups in the Parish. 1 Local bellringers meet weekly at Coffee Cake and Chat in Cropwell Bishop on a Wednesday morning for bellringing practice. The Tower Captain has undertaken Foundation training and has DBS clearance 2 Bellringers meet at Langar, Tower Captain has undertaken Leadership safeguarding training and has DBS clearance 3 Bellringers meet at Granby - safeguarding training needs to be addressed with the Tower Captain

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<b>Insurance Cover</b> The PCC must provide appropriate insurance cover for this activity.	Action is required.	
<b>Safer Recruitment</b> All new leaders and helpers must be appointed in accordance with the Church of England's Safer Recruitment and People Management Guidance. This must be reviewed annually.	Action is required.	
<b>DBS Checks</b> The PCC must ensure that all eligible leaders and helpers have up-to-date DBS checks. 5-yearly checks must be replaced with 3-yearly checks by January 2024 at the latest.	Some leaders or helpers need to be DBS checked.	Granby Tower Captain to be approached re safeguarding training

	Status	Notes
<b>Safeguarding Training</b> The PCC must ensure that all leaders and helpers undertake the required safeguarding training.	Some safeguarding training needs to be booked.	Granby Tower Captain needs to be approached re safeguarding training
<b>Safer Environment</b> The Church must strive to create and maintain environments that are safer for all.	Action is required.	

## Coffee, Cake and Chat

A weekly session on a Wednesday morning at Cropwell Bishop where people meet and activities such as crafting, embroidery take place as well as bellringing practice.

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<b>Risk Assessment</b> The PCC must ensure that an 'activity risk assessment' is completed and reviewed regularly.	Action is required.	
<b>Insurance Cover</b> The PCC must provide appropriate insurance cover for this activity.	Action is required.	
<b>Safer Recruitment</b> All new leaders and helpers must be appointed in accordance with the Church of England's Safer Recruitment and People Management Guidance. This must be reviewed annually.	Action is required.	
<b>DBS Checks</b> The PCC must ensure that all eligible leaders and helpers have up-to-date DBS checks. 5-yearly checks must be replaced with 3-yearly checks by January 2024 at the latest.	Action is required.	
<b>Safeguarding Training</b> The PCC must ensure that all leaders and helpers undertake the required safeguarding training.	Action is required.	
<b>Safer Environment</b> The Church must strive to create and maintain environments that are safer for all.	Action is required.	

## Pop Up Cafe

A monthly coffee morning at Langar.

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<b>Risk Assessment</b> The PCC must ensure that an 'activity risk assessment' is completed and reviewed regularly.	Action is required.	
<b>Insurance Cover</b> The PCC must provide appropriate insurance cover for this activity.	Action is required.	
<b>Safer Recruitment</b> All new leaders and helpers must be appointed in accordance with the Church of England's Safer Recruitment and People Management Guidance. This must be reviewed annually.	Action is required.	
<b>DBS Checks</b> The PCC must ensure that all eligible leaders and helpers have up-to-date DBS checks. 5-yearly checks must be replaced with 3-yearly checks by January 2024 at the latest.	Action is required.	
<b>Safeguarding Training</b> The PCC must ensure that all leaders and helpers undertake the required safeguarding training.	Action is required.	
<b>Safer Environment</b> The Church must strive to create and maintain environments that are safer for all.	Action is required.	

## Non-Church Activities

## Reviews and Reports

	Status	Notes
<b>PCC Agendas</b> Safeguarding must be a standing agenda item at every PCC meeting.	Safeguarding is a standing agenda item at every PCC meeting.	
<b>Reports to the PCC</b> The Parish Safeguarding Coordinator must give regular reports to the PCC regarding safeguarding in the parish.	The PCC last received a safeguarding report on 11/03/2024.	Reports submitted at every PCC meeting

	Status	Notes
<b>Reports to the APCM</b> At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, the PCC must report on safeguarding in the parish.	The APCM received a safeguarding report on 17/04/2023.	Report submitted every year at APCM
<b>Review List of Church Activities</b> The PCC must confirm that the list of Church Activities on this dashboard is complete.	The PCC reviewed the list of Church Activities on 11/03/2024.	CCC, pop up cafe, Baby Club
<b>Review List of Non-Church Activities</b> The PCC must confirm that the list of Non-Church Activities on this dashboard is complete.	The PCC reviewed the list of Non-Church Activities on 22/05/2023.	