

ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 31 December 2022

The Parish of Alne

Trustees' Annual Report

2022 Report for the Parish of Alne

Alms and purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the priest-in-charge, the Reverend Deborah Coyne, in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to become part of our parish community. 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. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the three churches within the parish; St. Mary's Alne, St. Stephen's Aldwark and St. Michael's Tollerton.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

The PCC is keen to offer a range of Sunday services across the three churches over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. Services at St. Stephens and St. Mary's are more traditional whereas at St. Michael's are more modern, family-friendly and less formal, with guitar led worship singing modern worship songs. All three churches aim to have a service of Holy Communion at least once a month.

All are welcome to attend our regular services. At present there are 80 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll.

2022 saw a return to normal following the Covid-19 pandemic, so that services followed a regular pattern throughout the year, with one service per month at St. Stephens, two services each month at St. Mary's and a service every Sunday at St. Michael's. Our Priest-in-Charge, Revd Debbie Coyne, returned to work after long-term illness, though our curate, Revd Carmel Gittens, left the area and conducted her last service on 16th January 2022.

St. Mary's has continued to be open for private prayer and for general visitors on a daily basis.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows

are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. In total four marriages were conducted in the parish in 2022 (2 at St. Stephen's and 2 at St. Mary's), which is less than has been normal historically. Sadly, this is largely due to the new owners of the local Aldwark Manor Hotel adopting a different policy to the previous owners, in that they prefer to conduct the ceremony on-site rather than direct the couples towards the church.

7 funerals took place (6 of which were at St. Mary's) and 5 baptisms (2 at St. Stephens and 3 at St. Mary's)

Deanery Synod

One member of the PCC sits on the deanery synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. Of particular importance this year was the planning of how to implement the Church of England's "Living Christ's Story" initiative, within the Deanery and within each parish.

Pastoral Care

Some members of our parish are unable to attend church due to sickness or age. Our Priest-in-Charge visited church members who requested it, to celebrate communion with them either at their homes or in hospital and she also visited many parishioners offering prayer or just a chat.

Mission and Evangelism

St. Michael's Tollerton donates 10% of its income to local, national or international Christian Missionary charities.

Our parish magazine is distributed monthly to all parishioners freely. The magazine keeps our parishioners informed of the important matters affecting our Church and articles that help develop knowledge and trust in Jesus. It also includes local community news. We were able to conduct our door to door deliveries once more this year. It was gratifying that several local organisations including the parish councils at Alne and Tollerton, agreed to contribute to the cost of producing the parish magazine to cover something of the additional costs incurred resulting from the increased community news.

All three churches actively seek to engage with the village communities. We have continued our focus to reach out to the villagers and raise the profile of the church within the community. These activities plant the seeds, not just developing improved relationships between the church and the village, but enabling us to demonstrate the love of Christ to the parishioners. These initiatives also offer opportunities for us to share our personal faith with people.

At St. Mary's these initiatives have been:-

- Participation in the annual Street Fayre, hosting 'Alne, past and & present', stone painting and plant stalls, an organ recital, bell ringing and brass rubbing, attracting a good number of both adults and children.
- Holding the major festival services (Remembrance Day, a Harvest Festival for Children and the Christingle service on Christmas Eve) and a special Queen's Memorial service for the Parish the day before her funeral, which was well attended
- Hosting a monthly coffee morning to which all parishioners are invited.
- The school children's production of a wall-hanging

At St. Michael's these initiatives have been:-

- The continued distribution of the "welcome to Tollerton" booklet to all new residents as they move in.
- Carol singing on the green at the 'lights switch-on event'
- The Good Friday walk based on the stations of the cross
- The craft fair in church on the occasion of the Queen's Jubilee and holding the jubilee service

on the village green

- HotSpot@church, which started on 3rd November and after a slow start grew in popularity, continuing through Spring 2023. We have probably not reached those who need a 'Warm Bank' (assuming such people do exist in Tollerton) but we clearly met a need for social gathering and this regular event has significantly improved and increased the visibility of the church in the village.

St. Stephen's, in addition to their wedding and baptism ministry, held a Jubilee service and their annual Carol Service, both of which again attracted many parishioners who would not otherwise attend church services.

In addition a concert was held in the church which was very well attended.

All three churches again contributed to a "Christmas Tree Angel" appeal, by which toys were purchased as gifts for disadvantaged children in York, arranged through the Salvation Army. A great number of parishioners contributed to this initiative and it was very effective at raising the profile of the 3 churches in a positive way.

As part of the Living Christ's Story initiative, we conducted a survey inviting all parishioners in the parish to respond to let us know how the church could best be of service to them.

Reserves policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds which equates to at least six months unrestricted payments. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. This was achieved by the PCC in 2022.

Safeguarding

The PCC has complied with the duty to have 'due regard' for the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance. GodZone (the 'Sunday School' at St. Michael's Tollerton, was held on three Sundays each month during 2022). Safeguarding considerations were also taken into account regarding those activities which gave rise to contact with potentially vulnerable adults, principally HotSpot@Church & the Coffee morning.

In 2022 the PCC also adopted a policy regarding domestic abuse.

Building Maintenance and Development

At St. Mary's a new heating system was installed, which aims to heat the people rather than the space, by utilising under-pew heating. The plan to re-develop the porch at the main entrance has been put on-hold due to the complexities arising from having to change the direction of the door opening. Urgent stonework repairs to the tower were also completed (with the rest to be progressed in 2023) and the clock face was refurbished whilst the access scaffold was in place.

At St. Michael's a hearing loop system was installed along with some improvements to the projection system.

All three churches have a list of prioritised work identified in their quinquennial inspections (or for St. Michael's its 5 year surveyors report) and plans to action the most important points, though St. Stephens is now due its next quinquennial inspection.

Optional Information

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our parish the lively and vibrant community it is.

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council 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 Church Representation Rules. The membership of the PCC consists of the Priest-in-Charge (our vicar), churchwardens and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who are members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for supervising the decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. Delegated to DCC's

The full PCC met 5 times during the year in addition to the APCM which was held in April. Each of the three individual churches are managed by their own church councils.

Administrative Information

The Parish of Alne is part of the Diocese of York within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Church Office, St. Michael's Church, Newton Road Tollerton York YO61 1QX. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2011) and a charity currently registered with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2022 until December 2022 are:

Ex Officio members:

Priest-in-Charge: Reverend Deborah Coyne (Chair)

Warden: vacancy

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Deputy-warden Mr Arthur Harland (Lay Chair of PCC, warden of St. Michael's, Tollerton, Deanery Synod representative)

Deputy-warden Mrs Alison Dowson (warden of St. Michael's, Tollerton)

Elected members:

Mr Bill Ormerod

Mrs Carol Watson (Parish Safeguarding Officer)

Mrs Vivienne Bird

Mr David Finnegan (Treasurer)

Mrs Maggie Bond

Mrs Sharon Oliver

Financial Accounts

In 2022 Alne PCC continued to be the single account under which the finances of all three churches were managed. The procedures, adopted at the PCC held 3rd March 2021 have continued to be followed, though with some refinement as to what expenditure is recorded as church-specific

Financial Accounts 2022

Summary:

The PCC General Fund received income of £50,440 (some £4,300 ahead of budget) plus a Mission grant of £1250 towards 'hot spot' heating at Tollerton. Donations were £2k above budget, Gift Aid claim £1.3k above budget and fund-raising/weddings etc were £1k above budget.

In addition, the Restricted Alne Fabric Fund received £3.1k income, the Restricted Aldwark Fabric Fund received £0.34k income and the Restricted Tollerton Fund received £5.2k income.

Expenditure is now shown by each individual church for the items they directly control and can be seen in their Designated Funds. Only the Freewill Offering, payments to vergers and bell-ringers at weddings and funerals (headed salaries, wages, honorarium), our contribution to Benefice Expenses for the vicar (headed Clergy and Staff expenses), the Parish Newsletter (headed Mission and Evangelism) and the Church Office admin costs are met straight from the General Fund.

Total expenditure in the General and Designated Funds was £48,795 plus £386 on Mission activities.

Overall, the PCC General and Designated Funds received £50,440 and spent £48,795 with a further £1250 received and £386 spent on Mission activities. Thus the PCC made a small surplus of £1645 on General (budget was £1070) plus £864 on Mission which, when added to the GF Reserves, brings them up to £54,423 plus a further £6481 designated for Aldwark Fabric.

The Restricted Funds hold £42,909 for Alne Fabric with £1,031 for Aldwark Fabric and £61,678 for Tollerton.

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Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary receipts:					
Tax Efficient Planned giving	29,745.22	0.00	1,067.00	30,812.22	26,245.39
Other Planned giving	3,340.00	0.00	0.00	3,340.00	6,118.51
Collections at services	2,284.30	0.00	0.00	2,284.30	1,244.76
Other giving / voluntary receipts	422.90	0.00	6,098.67	6,521.57	1,888.61
Legacies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
Gift aid recovered	7,286.47	0.00	0.00	7,286.47	5,960.56
Grants	0.00	1,250.00	1,104.00	2,354.00	1,508.39
	43,078.89	1,250.00	8,269.67	52,598.56	44,966.22
Activities for generating funds:					
Fundraising Event income (Gross)	766.50	0.00	0.00	766.50	100.00
Trading Activity income (Gross)	170.00	0.00	0.00	170.00	0.00
Church Hall lettings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
Investment Income					
Current Account Interest	32.05	0.00	0.00	32.05	3.54
Saving Account Interest	0.00	0.00	394.20	394.20	8.77
Rent from PCC owned land/buildings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.02
Insurance Claims	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Church Activities:					
PCC Fees	6,392.40	0.00	0.00	6,392.40	8,579.00
Magazine Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	50,439.84	1,250.00	8,663.87	60,353.71	53,682.55
PAYMENTS					
Church Activities:					
Free Will Offer	25,750.00	0.00	0.00	25,750.00	25,000.00
Salaries Wages & Honorarium	1,691.95	0.00	0.00	1,691.95	2,884.55
Clergy & staffing Expenses	2,227.62	0.00	0.00	2,227.62	1,210.33
Mission & Evangelism Costs	2,202.65	386.27	0.00	2,588.92	1,375.34
Church running expenses	437.43	11,496.83	0.00	11,934.26	7,886.11
Church Utility expenses	0.00	2,847.83	0.00	2,847.83	424.80
Hall running costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mission giving and donations	0.00	2,142.00	0.00	2,142.00	2,055.00
Major Repairs & Works Church	0.00	0.00	9,153.65	9,153.65	19,440.83
Major Repairs & Works Hall	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Building Works	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	32,309.65	16,872.93	9,153.65	58,336.23	60,076.96
Cost of Generating Funds:					
Cost of Fund Raising	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Cost of Trading	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS	32,309.65	16,872.93	9,153.65	58,336.23	60,076.96
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS	18,130.19	-15,622.93	-489.78	2,017.48	-6,394.41
Transfers between funds	6,741.98	4,340.00	-11,081.98	0.00	
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS:	24,872.17	-11,282.93	-11,571.76	2,017.48	-6,394.41
Cash & Bank balances at 1st January	45,632.78	12,764.42	106,107.52	164,504.72	
Cash & Bank balances at 31st December	70,504.95	1,481.49	94,535.76	166,522.20	-6,394.41

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

	Note	Unrestricted General Fund £	Designated PCC Mission Fund £	Designated Alne Fund £	Designated Aldwark Fund £	Designated Tollerton Fund £	Restricted Alne Fabric Fund £	Restricted Aldwark Fabric Fund £	Restricted Tollerton Fund £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
Cash funds											
Bank current account		49,917	4,425	81	6,481	-	2,090	-	7,928	70,922	58,397
Bank deposit account		-	-	-	-	-	40,819	1,031	53,750	95,600	106,108
	2	49,917	4,425	81	6,481	-	42,909	1,031	61,678	166,522	164,505

Investment assets

Investment fund shares at market value

Notes:

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

2 The movement in funds during the year were:

	Bal b/f	Receipts	Payments	Transfer	Bal c/f
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	45,632.78	50,439.84	32,309.65	-13,845.70	49,917.27
Designated/Restricted					
Des PCC Mission	3,561.00	1,250.00	386.27		4,424.73
Des Alne R&M	2,454.44	0.00	6,348.85	3,975.73	81.32
Des Aldwk R&M	6,748.98	0.00	2,190.84	1,923.00	6,481.14
Des Tollrtn R&M	0.00	0.00	7,946.97	7,946.97	0.00
Res Alne Fabric	45,977.05	3,100.12	6,168.00		42,909.17
Res Aldw Fabric	688.03	342.69	0.00		1,030.72
Res Tollerton	59,442.44	5,221.06	2,985.65		61,677.85
	164,504.72	60,353.71	58,336.23	0.00	166,522.20

Section A Report to the trustees of Alne Parochial Church Council

Charity no **1184626**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022.

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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

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Name: Paul Dack

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Disclosure

(a) There were two significant receipts relating to Gift Aid recovery (£7,286) and an Energy Grant from the Diocese (£1,250) that I was not able to confirm to supporting documentation.

(b) Although I am satisfied with the overall balances, there were a number of transactions associated with general running costs that have been allocated to Designated Reserves which, in my view, should more properly have been allocated to General Reserves, A more detailed note has been provided to the Treasurer to be shared with trustees.