

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST PETER, BENTLEY

England & Wales · Charity number 1191023

Details

Other names	ST PETER'S BENTLEY PCC
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2020-08-25
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: PROMOTING IN THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE CHURCH.

Activities: St Peter's Bentley is the Parish Church for Bentley in Doncaster. As well as offering public worship and other church related activities, we also run CMA Bentley, a debt advice service authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Doncaster

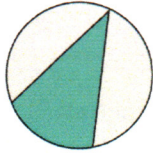
Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£176,530	£163,171	-	-
2023-12-31	£159,785	£147,498	-	-
2022-12-31	£108,058	£123,213	-	-
2021-12-31	£99,245	£105,608	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev David Berry	Chair	2014-09-11
Andrew Farmer		2023-05-15
Christine Walker		2021-05-24
Dave Walker		2021-05-24
Katie Davies		2021-05-24
Luke Davies		2023-05-15
Patricia Paine		2021-05-24
Rachael-Leigh Suttie		2025-05-11
Steven Walton		2025-05-11

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Trustees Annual Report and Accounts for 2024
The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter, Bentley

Aim and purposes

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter, Bentley (the PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Revd Dave Berry, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is responsible for the maintenance of the Church building, owns the Community Hall at High Street, Bentley and also has a lease on Town End Community Hub on Conyers Road in Bentley.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St. Peter's. In setting out our objectives, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

Our vision as a church is to grow faith, hope and love in Bentley and beyond by following the commands of Jesus to love God and love one another. We help the Church and the community to grow in the following ways.

Adoration. We worship God together on a Sunday morning in Church. We make our services as welcoming as possible and ensure that there are low barriers to participation in our worship.

Belonging. We work hard to ensure that everyone can belong at St Peter's. This means building connections within the church family, but also ensuring that the wider community is able to feel at home in and around our church.

Compassion. As well as loving God, we look to show his love to the people around us with ministries that are focussed on those in need.

Discipleship. We help people to develop in their own personal reading of scripture and prayer so that their individual faith is growing and developing too.

Evangelism. We are so excited by the Good News and the change it brings to our own lives that we want to tell other people about it.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church, the Community Hall and the Town End Community Hub.

Achievements and Performance

Adoration.

In February 2024 we moved from two services on a Sunday to just one at 10.30am. Attendance at services dropped from an average of 46 in 2023 to 39 in 2024, although this is not a result of this change. This was disappointing, but the community feels sustainable and we are working hard to help people take up new roles of responsibility which will help us to grow further over the coming years.

During our Sunday worship children between the ages of 4 and 12 take part in Rock Solid with Jade, our Children and Families Worker, and her team of volunteers. Where possible, they look at the same ideas as the sermon in church so when the families go home everyone can talk about the same thing. We build on our knowledge and learn together through games, group discussions and crafts. We use a wide range of activities to keep their attention and open up learning through different forms of teaching. We have introduced a reward system to help build on confidence and other social skills. We often see friendships form in this group when doing team building activities or icebreakers to get to know each other better. The children stay in church through the sung worship before leaving for Rock Solid.

As well as our regular services, we enable our wider parish community to celebrate significant moments in life in Church. We help people start a journey of faith at baptism, both for adults who are usually prepared through the Alpha course and children, whose parents attend the Christening Course. We had the privilege of marrying two couples in Church too and we also took a number of funerals during the year commending those who had died into God's care.

Belonging

Stepping Stones, our baby and toddler stay and play group moved from the Community Hall into Church which has gone well. The Church is a more cozy and welcoming atmosphere. We currently have team of 6 at this group. There are 30 families signed up to Stepping Stones and we usually see around 12 of them on a given Tuesday morning. We stick to the same pattern weekly so the children can get used to the routine, building life skills for school such as tidying up together and sitting down for a story. We are looking to start a mini Stepping Stones at the Town End Community Hub in 2025.

Jade is also in charge of Boulder Gang, our afterschool club. This was launched just before the summer holidays after a visit from an American team. Everyone from reception to Year 6 is invited. It's been great to see around 20 children a week coming along and the sessions combine sport and teaching. We hope that relationships formed at this event could lead to new families trying Church and coming to faith.

In October 2024 we finally launched our community cafe - The Beacon Cafe. The aim is to provide a safe warm space where people can meet, chat, reduce social isolation and share the word of Jesus Christ. Long term we envision planting a church congregation here. We started by opening on Fridays which have been a great hit and well attended. We now open on Thursdays too which are quiet, but we are working on a marketing plan.

Compassion

We work to share the love of God in our community in a number of ways.

CMA Bentley is our debt advice service, which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. CMA Bentley has had its busiest year to date in 2024, which hasn't come without its challenges. We had to completely close to new referrals as we hit our peak waiting time of 5 months to take on a new client.

In January 2024 due to improved funding, we were able to hire a trainee debt advisor. We have also recruited for a new administrator this year. The new team has bonded really well.

2024 at CMA Bentley in a snap shot:

- We saw 80 new clients, dealing with a debt total of £1,025,189.39
- We helped our clients gain £6,728.53 in income, which is an average of £84.11 per client
- 33 of these clients applied for an insolvency (Debt Relief Order or Bankruptcy)
- We supported 5 clients into repayment plans

Our high quality service continues to have a great reputation with local professionals, and we are now seeing a wider spread source of incoming referrals not just from Doncaster Council. The most significant shift in our statistics is that in 2023, none of our clients were referred to us from previous clients. However in 2024, a staggering 17% of our clients were referred to us from a previous client. This is the highest compliment we can receive considering the stigma associated with debt, and the fact that people will talk about how great our service is to others is something we are extremely proud of.

Getting sustainable funding in place is a continuous challenge. In 2024 we were blessed to have support for our funding plan from the Diocese of Sheffield and the stress was significantly reduced. We are working with the diocese to make progress towards sustainability over the coming years.

The School Wardrobe continues to provide high quality second hand uniforms for free to the DN5 community. This service is run by volunteers. In 2024 we supported 700 children, which is an increase on the 680 children supported in 2023. The service has been run by 22 volunteers over the year, however we currently have only 4. Retaining volunteers in 2024 due to their personal circumstances has been a challenge, and we are looking to grow a larger team.

We continue to work with other local charities and organisations, such as The Clothing Bank, ACTS 435, Baby Basics, The Hygiene Bank, National Data Bank, Riverside Addicton Recovery and Domestic Abuse Services to ensure positive outcomes for all who we support in our local community.

Discipleship,

We are working on ways to grow people in their personal relationship with God. As well as sermons on Sundays we launched small groups and started a series of monthly Saturday morning groups open to all where we can grow in faith together.

Almighty Fusion is the church youth group which we run in partnership with Bentley Baptist Church. It is small (around seven members), but they are growing in faith, hope and love. For now, this is focussed on growing the faith of our church youth, although it is open for them to invite their non-Christian friends.

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Evangelism.

We have been running the Alpha course each year as a way to help people discover the Christian faith in a non-threatening environment. In 2024 we held three Alphas. As is usual for us, attendance varied wildly between the different courses, but there are people in our church family today who have come through Alpha.

In June we hosted a team from Church of the Cross, Orlando. They did schools work, talking about what it's like to live in America and helped with an evangelistic quiz and a youth event. It helped us make some great connections with the community. They also shared their hope in Jesus Christ.

In October we hosted the Bishop of Doncaster for a 'grill a bishop' evening. She shared some of her story and a number of those who attended have started coming to church.

St Peter's Community Hall

The Community Hall serves Bentley well by hosting a number of events every week including bingo, line dancing, slimming world and fitness classes. It is also well used by local families for parties and other private bookings. In 2023 we had a feasibility study done to price up renovating the hall. Our conclusions were that it would likely be cheaper to knock it down and start again, which isn't financially viable for us now. We are, therefore, focussed on extending the life of the current building while we make plans for the future. In 2024 we tried to improve the aesthetics and make some other improvements. We were able to complete significant improvements to electrics in the hall thanks to a grant from Well Doncaster. We spent some money trying to improve the toilets and decorating to spruce the area up and put some life back into it. Sadly the hall roof was vandalised which led to us making an insurance claim.

Excitingly in November 2024, the PCC agreed we could convene a 'Hall Committee' made up of a clergy person, the church wardens, two hall users, and two church members. They will be responsible for

- Ensuring the hall is kept clean and tidy, this includes appointing or contracting a cleaner/cleaners.
- Setting hall hire rates for 2026
- Making and executing plans to drive up use of the hall to increase revenue
- Working with hall users and the PCC to create plans (including a fundraising plan) for refurbishment or replacement and securing faculty and/or planning approval
- Ensuring the hall is well maintained.

Town End Community Hub

The PCC holds a lease for the Community Hub until October 2027. It has been successfully operating as the base for CMA Bentley and the School Wardrobe all year. The Beacon Cafe space opened in October and we are planning further developments in 2025.

Deanery Synod

Four members of the PCC sit on the deanery synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. Adwick-le-Street Deanery Synod meets twice a year to hear about things that are happening in the wider church and locally too.

Fabric Report

The Quinquennial report was received in February 2024 and with the support of the buildings officers at the Diocese we are working towards the issues raised in the report. We secured a grant from the national church towards minor repairs and the work took place in early 2025 (which is also when the grant money was paid).

There have been no significant issues with the building in 2024.

Financial Review

Our accounts for 2024 are reported on an accruals basis. They have been independently examined and agreed by the PCC.

Total income for 2024 was £176,530 of which £74,001 was unrestricted, the remaining £102,529 was mostly restricted grant funding. The largest source of income was from such grants which totalled £101,042 followed by donations and legacies totalling £43,685. The hall was the third largest contributor at £24,733. Further details can be found in the full accounts at the end of this report.

We spent £163,171 on the running of the church, with a significant proportion of that being CMA Bentley. We paid £12,720 to the Diocese of Sheffield towards the stipend of the Vicar. Further details of expenditure can be found below.

We started 2024 with a small surplus on our general fund of £3,435. Over the year we have been able to increase this to £20,459. We set a reserves target of £14,000 by 2028, but we have now exceeded this and will review our reserves policy in 2025.

Volunteers and staff

We simply wouldn't be able to function as a church without our amazing volunteers, from the churchwardens and PCC, to those who help at the School Wardrobe to the people who make tea and coffee on a Sunday morning. There are too many people to name individually, we're so grateful to you all.

We also are exceptionally grateful to our staff team who have served the needs of the church and our community with hard work and grace.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Peter's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar) and curate, the churchwardens and members elected by the people on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are the trustees of the charity. They oversee the governance of the Church including agreeing the budget and ensuring we are compliant with safeguarding and other rules. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC. The full PCC met ten times during the year.

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Safeguarding

The PCC has paid due regard to guidance issued by the House of Bishops on matters relating to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. All team members are required to undertake safeguarding training as per their role and all levels of training should be updated every 3 years.

Danielle Lumby was appointed to the position of Pariah Safeguarding Officer (PSO) in November 2024 and has been busy familiarising herself with the training and DBS requirements of the St Peter's team as well as starting to gain an understanding of the Parish Dashboard which became a mandatory requirement for all churches in the Diocese to use from September 2024 onwards. The Parish Dashboard has been designed as a tool to give a clear, simple way to stay on top of safeguarding responsibilities.

Administrative information

St. Peter's Church is situated on High Street, Bentley. It is part of the Diocese of Sheffield within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St Peter's Community Hall, High Street, Bentley, Doncaster, DN5 0AA. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity number 1191023, registered with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2023 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio members:

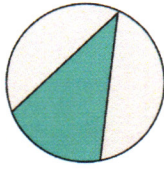
- Incumbent: The Reverend Dave Berry (Chair)
- Curate: The Reverend Rachel Price
- Churchwarden: Abigail Clarke
- Churchwarden: Luke Davies

Elected

- Patricia Paine (Deanery Synod Rep)
- David Walker (Deanery Synod Rep)
- Rachael Clowes (Treasurer) until 24 March 2025, remaining treasurer.
- Kate Davies
- Andy Farmer
- Anne Siddle
- Christine Walker

Approved by the PCC on 7th May 2024 and signed on their behalf by the Reverend Dave Berry (PCC chair)





St Peter's Bentley

Financial Statements for the year to 31 December 2024

Statement of financial activities						
	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	2023 Funds
Incoming Resources						
Donations and Legacies	2a	42,199	1,487	–	43,685	57,323
Fundraising Activities		–	–	–	–	–
Church Activities	2b	3,850	–	–	3,850	2,562
Trading Activities	2c	24,733	–	–	24,733	20,598
Investments	2d	1,898	–	–	1,898	186
Other		1,322	–	–	1,322	–
Grants	2e	–	101,042		101,042	78,436
Total		74,001	102,529	0	176,530	159,105
Resources Expended						
Cost of Fundraising				–	0	735
Charitable Activities		56,977	106,194		163,171	146,764
Total		56,977	106,194	0	163,171	147,498
Net income (expenditure)		17,024	(3,665)	0	13,358	11,607
Funds brought forward		3,435	47,581	7,912	58,928	46,641
Gains on investments		0	0	181	181	680
Transfers between funds		0	0	0	0	0
Funds carried forward		20,459	43,915	8,093	72,467	58,928

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Balance Sheet				
	Note	2024	2023	
Non-Current Assets				
Investments		8,093	7,912	
Total		8,093	7,912	
Current Assets				
Stocks		365	974	
Debtors		2,439	3,294	
Cash at bank and in hand		64,605	65,579	
Total		67,409	69,847	
Liabilities				
Accounts Payable		2,043	16,885	
Deferred Income		992	1,946	
Total		3,035	18,831	
Net Assets		72,467	58,928	
Parish Funds				
Unrestricted		20,459	3,435	
Restricted		43,915	47,581	
Endowment		8,093	7,912	
Total Funds of the Church		72,467	58,928	

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 24 April and signed on its behalf



The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these accounts

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

1 a) The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions, together with FRS102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2018 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by the Charities (SORP(FRS102))

1 b) The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at fair value.

Incoming Resources

1 c) These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the PCC becomes legally entitled to the use of the resources;
- and inflow of economic benefit is probable; and
- the monetary value and be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure and liabilities

1 d) Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation and settlement is probable and quantifiable.

Assets

1 d) In so far as consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the statutory definition of "charity" by Section 10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011 such assets are not capitalised in the financial statements.

1 e) Moveable church furnishings are capitalised at cost and depreciated over their useful economic life other than where insufficient cost information is available. In this case the item is not capitalised, but all items are included in the Church's Inventory in any case.

1 f) Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1,000.

2 Income and Endowments

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	2023 Funds
2a) Donations and Legacies					
Regular Giving	25,141	160	—	25,301	27,401
Donations	3,747	1,184	—	4,931	7,568
Collections at Services	1,527	67	—	1,594	2,540
Tax recoverable	6,784	76	—	6,860	8,331
Legacies	5,000	—	—	5,000	—
Fundraising	—	—	—	—	3,941
Gift Days	—	—	—	—	7,540
Total	42,199	1,487	0	43,685	57,323
2b) Church Activities					
Funerals	2,505	—	—	2,505	1,705
Weddings	706	—	—	706	620
Heating and Travel	406	—	—	406	220
Other Fees	36	—	—	36	17
Events Income	207	—	—	207	0
Total	3,860	0	0	3,860	2,562
2c) Trading activities					
Bookstall	30	—	—	30	103
Hall Rental	24,298	—	—	24,298	20,495
Beacon Café	404	—	—	404	0
Total	24,733	0	0	24,733	20,598
2d) Investments					
CAF Bank interest	36	—	—	36	
CCLA Deposit a/c interest	1,862	—	—	1,862	186
Total	1,898	0	0	1,898	186

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2e) Grants received

Wharfedale Trust	—	25,000	—	25,000	—
Awards for All	—	20,000	—	20,000	—
Henry Smith Charity	—	11,300	—	11,300	10,000
Diocese of Sheffield	—	11,000	—	11,000	12,350
Trusthouse	—	10,000	—	10,000	—
Benefact Trust	—	6,800	—	6,800	—
The Brelms Trust CIC	—	6,000	—	6,000	6,000
Doncaster City Council	—	5,192	—	5,192	1,650
Liz and Terry Bramhall Foundation	—	5,000	—	5,000	5,000
Doncaster Rotary	—	750	—	750	—
COCOLF	—	—	—	—	38,637
Social Isolation Alliance	—	—	—	—	2,239
Hillards Trust	—	—	—	—	1,000
DCMS Listed Places of Worship	—	—	—	—	630
Local Giving Ltd	—	—	—	—	500
Voluntary Action Doncaster	—	—	—	—	330
Blakemore Foundation	—	—	—	—	100
Total	—	101,042	—	101,042	78,436

Unrestricted Restricted Endowment Total 2023

	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
3) Costs of generating funds					
Fundraising expenses	—	—	—	—	735
Total cost of generating funds	0	0	0	0	735
Church Activities					
Mission giving and donations	—	—	—	—	—
Common Fund Contribution	11,660	1,060	—	12,720	15,100
Salaries, wages and honoraria	67	63,095	—	63,162	51,218
Clergy and staff expenses	2,136	277	—	2,413	2,447
Total	13,863	64,432	0	78,295	68,765
Church expenses					
Mission and evangelism	4,691	1,533	—	6,224	15,677
Running costs	20,245	24,671	—	44,916	44,037
Utility bills	10,055	2,949	—	13,004	17,710
Costs of Trading	492	219	—	711	210
Total	35,483	29,372	0	64,855	77,634
Major Capital Expenses					
Major Works (Not Church)	3,719	4,269	—	7,988	
New building work	3,751	7,672	—	11,422	365
Total	7,469	11,941	0	19,410	365
Other expenses	181	1,491	—	1,672	196
Total	56,996	107,236	0	164,232	147,695

	b/fwd 31/12/2023	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Fund transfers	Investment gains/losses	c/fwd 31/12/2024
4) Movement in Funds						
General Fund	3,435	74,001	56,977	0	0	20,459
Flood Fund	4,155	0	0	0	0	4,155
Future Youth	3,925	1,400	2,486	0	0	2,839
Sheffield DBF Area Dean Admin	1,396	2,600	3,192	0	0	804
St Agatha Trust	500	0	90	0	0	410
CMA Bentley Trust Fund	268	193	91	0	0	369
Building and Maintenance Fund	533	163	448	0	0	247
Community Projects	1,289	5,972	10,328	3,177	0	110
Uniform Bank - Shoes	888	145	977	0	0	56
Awards for All	0	20,000	4,028	0	0	15,972
Trusthouse Foundation	0	10,000	3,825	0	0	6,175
Community Wealth Builder	0	5,000	0	0	0	5,000
Wharfedale Foundation	0	25,000	20,096	0	0	4,904
Benefact Trust	0	6,800	3,967	0	0	2,833
Henry Smith Charity	0	11,300	11,261	0	0	39
COCOLF	17,807	0	17,807	0	0	0
CMA Bentley	4,517	15	4,532	0	0	0
Well Doncaster	4,269	0	4,269	0	0	0
Community Projects (2)	3,177	0	0	(3,177)	0	0
The Brelms Trust CIC	3,000	6,000	9,000	0	0	0
Liz and Terry Bramall Foundation	1,677	5,000	6,677	0	0	0
Uniform Bank	179	0	179	0	0	0
Small Grants	0	2,942	2,942	0	0	0
Jowett Bequest	7,912	0	0	0	181	8,093
Total	58,928	176,530	163,172	0	181	72,467

5 Investments

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter, Bentley is a registered charity 1191023.

The investments consist of the proceeds of the Jowett Bequest. This is invested in a CCLA Share Account. The proceeds are to be used for the augmentation of the Vicar's stipend and, as such, are paid directly to the Sheffield Diocesan Board of Finance.

6 Debtors

Hall rental unpaid invoices	1,502
Funeral Fees outstanding	775
Gift Aid	243
Total	2,520

7 Creditors

Trade creditors	1,460
HMRC	461
Other Creditors	120
Total	2,041

8 Staff costs

	2024	2023
Wages and salaries	55,007	46,004
Pensions	4,671	3,813
Honoraria	1,400	1,200

All NI payments due are covered in full by the Employment Allowance.

9 PCC staff members

During 2023 the following member of the PCC was paid as an employee of the Church.

Abigail Clarke has been employed at CMA Bentley, our debt advice centre, since 2022. She was elected to serve as Churchwarden in line with Church Representation Rules. She is not allowed to take part in PCC conversations about remuneration of staff or terms and conditions to prevent conflict of interest.

No member of staff received total emoluments of more than £60,000.

11 Trustee expenses

No trustees received payment for expenses incurred in order to carry out trustee duties. (2023:0)

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of
The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter, Bentley

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter, Bentley (the PCC) for the year ended 31 st December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

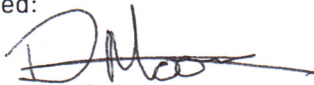
Independent examiner's statement

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

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

Signed:



Name: Mr David Moore

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): FCCA

Address: 2 Pentland Chase, Auckley, Doncaster, DN9 3FX

Date: Monday, 26 May 2025

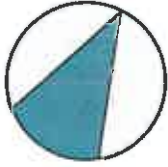
Accounts

St Peter's Bentley is the Parish Church for Bentley in Doncaster. As well as offering public worship and other church related activities, we also run CMA Bentley, a debt advice service authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

St Peter's Bentley PCC

Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements

31 December 2023



**Trustees Annual Report and Accounts for
The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter, Bentley**

Aim and purposes

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter, Bentley (the PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Revd Dave Berry, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is responsible for the maintenance of the Church building, owns the Community Hall at High Street, Bentley and also has a lease on Town End Community Hub on Conyers Road in Bentley.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St. Peter's. In setting out our objectives, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

Our vision as a church is to grow faith, hope and love in Bentley and beyond by following the commands of Jesus to love God and love one another. We help the Church and the community to grow in the following ways.

Adoration. We worship God together on a Sunday morning in Church. We make our services as welcoming as possible and ensure that there are low barriers to participation in our worship.

Belonging. We work hard to ensure that everyone can belong at St Peter's. This means building connections within the church family, but also ensuring that the wider community is able to feel at home in and around our church.

Compassion. As well as loving God, we look to show his love to the people around us with ministries that are focussed on those in need.

Discipleship. We help people to develop in their own personal reading of scripture and prayer so that their individual faith is growing and developing too.

Evangelism. We are so excited by the Good News and the change it brings to our own lives that we want to tell other people about it.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church and the Community Hall and the Town End Community Hub.

Achievements and Performance

Adoration.

We continued to hold three services each week in 2023. As well as two services on a Sunday at 9.30 and 11.15am, we also had a midweek Holy Communion service on Wednesdays. Usual Sunday Attendance was up from 39 to 46 across the year, which was encouraging. Our electoral roll was 41 at the APCM in May 2023, which has now fallen to 38.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. We help people start a journey of faith at baptism, both for adults who are usually prepared through the Alpha course and children, whose parents attend the Christening Course. We had the privilege of marrying two couples in Church too and we also took a number of funerals during the year commending those who had died into God's care.

Belonging

We helped people to belong by serving free hot drinks on the school run every week during term time. We also ran a parent and toddler group (Little Fishes) to help reduce social isolation and to introduce people into the church family.

Compassion

We work to share the love of God in our community in a number of ways.

CMA Bentley is our debt advice service, which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. CMA Bentley has continued to serve our communities well in 2023. The cost-of-living crisis has driven demand to an all-time high with our referral waiting list reaching 12 weeks at its peak.

Our high quality service continues to have a great reputation with local professionals, indeed, 71% of our clients were referred from council staff.

We continue to work with other services in Doncaster to offer a holistic approach to debt advice. In 2023 we built links with Phoenix Women's Aid after we saw a spike in domestic abuse cases, and Riverside's addiction recovery service.

Karen Jones stepped down as Centre Manager in May and Abbey Clarke

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stepped up to fill the Centre Manager Role. Funding pressures meant that we were not able to back-fill Abbey's Debt Advisor role in 2023 which added significantly to the pressure the service was under.

In 2023 we saw 66 new clients and helped with £682,193 of debt. On average our clients were £148 a month better off after our help. 44% of our clients were helped with a Debt Relief Order. A sign of the cost of living pressures facing our community is that in 2022 there was a 40% increase in the number of clients we see who are in work. Even more concerning was a 500% increase in the number of retired clients we saw.

Getting sustainable funding in place is a continuous challenge. In 2023 our grant from South Yorkshire Community Foundation ended and we held a gift day to help secure the work of CMA. A grant from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government helped us hugely from July onwards. We have been working with the Diocese to build a sustainability plan.

As well as CMA Bentley, we also operate the School Wardrobe which provides high quality second hand uniforms for free to the DN5 community. This service is run by volunteers.

The School Wardrobe opened in 2022 as St Peters Uniform Bank. We intended to help those who struggled financially with the cost of uniform. However, the project was so successful in securing uniform that we had to refocus as a recycling project and open the service to anyone who wanted to access it. Some people were put off by the name 'Uniform Bank' and so we renamed it St Peter's School Wardrobe early in 2023.

We have helped 680 children in 2023 with 4,483 items of clothing which would likely have ended up being thrown away. The service has been run by 15 volunteers, with more helping over the summer holidays when demand is highest.

Uniform is provided by parents at 17 schools across the DN5 postcode area, with many holding end-of-term recycling days and letting us sort through their lost property too.

As well as these fantastic projects that are run by the church, we are a collection point for both The Clothing Bank (a national charity located nearby) and Bentley Baptist Community Foodbank.

Discipleship,

We are working on ways to grow people in their personal relationship with God. As well as sermons on Sundays we also provided a Bible reading plan called 5 a day and started a discipleship year called Deeper.

Our children have also been growing in faith at Survival Bible (a fun all age discipleship group) and through their own activities during the Sunday Services held in the Community Hall. Until 2023, the children had stayed in through the whole service which was great in many ways, but we felt that they would benefit more from a tailored approach and that's what we have delivered.

Evangelism.

We have been running the Alpha course each year as a way to help people discover the Christian faith in a non-threatening environment. In 2023 we held three Alphas. As is usual for us, attendance varied wildly between the different courses, but there are people in our church family today who have come through Alpha.

St Peter's Community Hall

The Community Hall serves the Community well by hosting a number of events every week including bingo, line dancing and children's dance classes. It is also well used by local families for parties and other private bookings. In 2023 we had the Electrical Installation Condition Report completed and the related necessary works completed to make us compliant, as well as having had a new boiler installed earlier in the year.

Town End Community Hub

The PCC holds a lease for the Community Hub until October 2027. It has been successfully operating as the base for CMA Bentley and the School Wardrobe all year and we are hoping to further develop the site in 2024.

Deanery Synod

Four members of the PCC sit on the deanery synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church.

Financial Review

Our accounts for 2023 are reported on an accruals basis. They have been independently examined and agreed by the PCC.

Total income for 2023 was £159,785 which was split almost exactly between unrestricted funds (£79,567) and restricted funds (£79,537). The largest source of income was from grants which totalled £78,436 followed by donations and legacies totalling £53,346. The donations include those from the CMA Gift Day in July and Gunge the Vicar in December. The hall was the third largest contributor at £20,495. Further details can be found in the full accounts at the end of this report.

We spent £146,426 on the running of the church, with a significant proportion of that being CMA Bentley. We paid £15,100 to the Diocese of Sheffield towards the stipend of the Vicar. Further details of expenditure can be found below.

We started 2023 with a deficit on our general fund of £2,009. Over the year we reversed the deficit and managed to end the year with a surplus of £3,435. This is a significant turnaround. Over the next few years we have three financial priorities.

- 1) To meet our reserves target by 2028 (see our reserves policy below).
- 2) To reduce our reliance on grant funding for our compassion ministries. We will need to do this by diversifying our sources of income as well as increasing our giving.
- 3) To reduce the gap between what the Diocese pays the Vicar and what St Peter's contributes towards that.

Reserves policy

The PCC agreed a reserves policy in October 2023. Our policy is to hold reserves equal to three months of staff costs. Our current target is £14,000 which we are looking to reach by 2028, although that date will be brought forward by allocating any legacies received towards the target if it's not yet met. The target for 2024 was set at £5,200.

Volunteers and staff

We simply wouldn't be able to function as a church without our amazing volunteers, from the churchwardens and PCC, to those who help at the School Wardrobe to the people who make tea and coffee on a Sunday morning. There are too many people to name individually, we're so grateful to you all.

We also are exceptionally grateful to our staff team who have served the needs of the church and our community with hard work and grace.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Peter's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar) and curate, the churchwardens and members elected by the people on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are the trustees of the charity. They oversee the governance of the Church including agreeing the budget and ensuring we are compliant with safeguarding and other rules. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC. The full PCC met ten times during the year.

The PCC has paid due regard to guidance issued by the House of Bishops on matters relating to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. The Safeguarding policy was reviewed in October 2023.

Administrative information

St. Peter's Church is situated on High Street, Bentley. It is part of the Diocese of Sheffield within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St Peter's Community Hall, High Street, Bentley, Doncaster, DN5 0AA. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity number 1191023, registered with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2023 until the date this report was approved are:

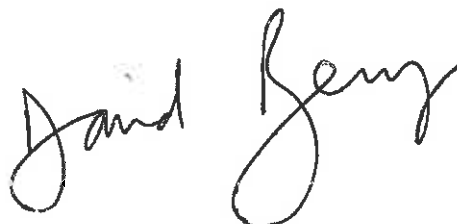
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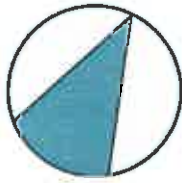
- Incumbent: The Reverend Dave Berry (Chair)
- Curate: The Reverend Rachel Price
- Churchwarden: Abigail Clarke
- Churchwarden: Karen Jones (until 14th May 2023)
- Churchwarden: Luke Davies (from 14th May 2023)

Elected

- Patricia Paine (Deanery Synod Rep)
- David Walker (Deanery Synod Rep)
- Rachael Clowes (Treasurer) (from 14th May 2023)
- Kate Davies
- Andy Farmer (from 14th May 2023)
- Kate Hague (until 31 December 2023)
- Anne Siddle
- Liz Talbot (until 14th May 2023)
- Christine Walker

Approved by the PCC on 12th May 2023 and signed on their behalf by the Reverend Dave Berry (PCC chair)





St Peter's Bentley

Financial Statements for the year to 31 December 2023

Statement of Financial Activities

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	2022 Funds
Incoming Resources						
Donations & legacies	2(a)	39,902	13,480	-	53,346	31,445
Fundraising activities			1,053	2,888	-	3,941
						1,419
Church activities	2(b)	2,562	-	-	2,562	6,288
Other trading activities	2(c)		20,598	-	-	20,598
						19,701
Investments		186	-	-	186	2,059
Grants	2(d)	<u>15,267</u>	<u>63,169</u>	-	<u>78,436</u>	<u>47,146</u>
Total		79,567	79,537	-	159,785	108,058
Resources Expended						
Costs of fundraising activities			192	542	-	735
						483
Charitable Activities		<u>73,931</u>	<u>72,832</u>	-	<u>146,426</u>	<u>122,731</u>
Total		74,124	73,375	-	147,498	123,213
Net income (expenditure)			5,444	6,162	-	11,807
						(15,156)
Funds brought forward	4	(2,009)	41,419	7,231	46,641	61,797
Gains on investments		-	-	680	680	-
Transfers between funds						-
						-
Funds carried forward	5	3,435	47,581	7,912	58,928	46,641

Balance Sheet

	Notes	2023	2022	
Fixed Assets				
Investments	6	7,912	7,231	
Total		7,912	7,231	
Current Assets				
Stocks		758	396	
Debtors	7	2,113	1,950	
Cash at bank and in hand			65,579	43,564
Total		68,450	45,910	
Liabilities				
Creditors due in one year	8	17,435		6,500
Net Assets		58,928	46,641	
Parish Funds				
Unrestricted	4	3,435	(2,009)	
Restricted		47,581	41,419	
Endowment		7,912	7,231	
Total funds of the church		58,928	46,641	

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 24 April and signed on its behalf

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these accounts

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

1 a) The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions, together with FRS102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2018 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by the Charities (SORP(FRS102))

1 b) The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at fair value.

Incoming Resources

1 c) These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the PCC becomes legally entitled to the use of the resources;
- and inflow of economic benefit is probable; and
- the monetary value and be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure and liabilities

1d) Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation and settlement is probable and quantifiable.

Assets

1 d) In so far as consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the statutory definition of "charity" by Section 10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011 such assets are not capitalised in the financial statements.

1e) Moveable church furnishings are capitalised at cost and depreciated over their useful economic life other than where insufficient cost information is available. In this case the item is not capitalised, but all items are included in the Church's Inventory in any case.

1 f) Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1,000.

2 Income and Endowments

	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	2022
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
2a) Donations and Legacies					
Regular Giving	27,041	360	-	27,401	22,193
Donations	3,564	4,004	-	10,152	4,452
Collections at Services		2,484	57	-	2,540
1,912					

Tax recoverable	6,813	1,519	-	8,331	4,757
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Days	-	7,540	-	7,540	0
Total	40,955	16,368	-	57,287	34,734

2b) Church activities

Funerals	1,705	-	-	1,705	1,696
Weddings	620	-	-	620	2,146
Heating and Travel	-	-	220	-	-
220	464	-	-	-	-
Other Fees	17	-	-	17	64
Total	2,562	-	-	2,562	4,370

2c) Other trading activities

Bookstall	103	-	-	103	330
Hall Rental	20,495	-	-	20,495	19,419
Total	20,598	-	-	20,598	19,749

The bookstall is ancillary to our primary purpose.

All rental income received by a charity from land or buildings is exempt from tax provided the profits arising are applied for charitable purposes.

Our Hall is rented out on this basis.¹

2d) Grants received

Diocese of Sheffield	4,150	8,200	-	12,350	3,488
DCMS Listed Places of Worship	-	-	-	630	-
COCOLF	10,487	28,150	-	38,637	-
Henry Smith Charity	-	10,000	-	10,000	-
Doncaster City Council	-	-	1,650	-	1,650
10,299	-	-	-	-	-
Blakemore Foundation	-	100	-	100	-
Voluntary Action Doncaster	-	-	330	-	330
Liz & Terry Bramhall Foundation	-	5,000	-	5,000	10,000
Local Giving Ltd	-	500	-	500	-
Brelms Trust	-	6,000	-	6,000	-
Social Isolation Alliance	-	-	2,239	-	2,239
Hillards Trust	-	1,000	-	1,000	-
St Agatha's Trust Fund	-	-	-	-	-
500	-	-	-	-	-
South Yorkshire Community Foundation	-	-	-	-	-
21,922	-	-	-	-	-
Total	15,267	63,169	-	78,436	46,209

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	
3 Expenditure on Charitable Activities					
Costs of Generating Funds					
Fundraising Expenses	192	542	-	735	483
Total Costs of Generating Funds		192	542	-	735
483					
Church Activities					
Mission giving and donations					
3,286					
Common Fund contribution		14,066	1,034		15,100
16,970					
Salaries, wages and honoraria		9,512	41,706		51,218
53,592					
Clergy and staff expenses		1,596	850		2,447
2,276					
Total Church Activities		25,174	43,590	-	68,765
76,125					
Church Expenses					
Mission and evangelism costs		8,405	7,272		15,677
10,844					
Church running expenses		25,057	18,980		44,037
19,837					
Church utility bills	15,084	2,625		17,710	10,361
Costs of trading	210			210	496
Total Church Expenses	48,757	28,877		77,634	41,539
Major Capital Expenditure					
New building work		365		365	4,829
Total Major Capital Expenditure			365	-	365
4,829					
Other Expenditure				196	196
Totals	74,124	73,375		147,498	123,712

4 Movement in Funds

	b/fwd 31/12/2022	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	c/fwd 31/12/2023	
General Fund	(2,009)	79,568	74,124	3,435	
Brelms Trust	0	6,000	3,000	3,000	
Building and maintenance		76	458	0	533
CMA Bentley Trust	369	158	259	268	
CMA Bentley (Gift Day)		0	9,229	4,712	4,517
COCLF	0	28,150	10,343	17,807	
Children and Families Worker		2,804	15,000	16,128	1,677
Future Youth	0	5,600	1,675	3,925	
St Agatha's Trust	500	0	0	500	
Jowett Bequest	7,231	680	0	7,912	
SY Flood Disaster Recovery		23,575	0	23,575	0
St Peter's Community Projects		0	5,597	1,131	4,466
St Peter's Flood Fund	4,155	0	0	4,155	
Uniform Bank	457	3,757	3,146	1,067	
Well Doncaster Grant	9,483	0	5,214	4,269	
Total Funds	46,641	159,785	147,498	58,928	

6 Investments

The investments consist of the proceeds of the Jowett Bequest. This is invested in a CCLA Share Account. The proceeds are to be used for the augmentation of the Vicar's stipend and, as such, are paid directly to the Sheffield Diocesan Board of Finance.

7 Debtors

Hall rental for December 2023	636
Unpaid Invoices	580
Payment Processors (stripe etc.)	734
Other debtors	164
Total	2,113

8 Creditors

Trade creditors	1,954
Accruals	12,149
Common Fund	10,400
Utility bills	1,749
HMRC	410
Cash held on behalf of 3rd parties	2,331
Parish Fees owed	1,746
Others	585
Wedding Deposits etc.	591
Total	17,435

9 Staff costs

	2023	2022
Wages and salaries	46,004	49,877
Pensions	3,813	3,716
Honoraria	1,200	0

All NI payments due are covered in full by the Employment Allowance.

10 PCC staff members

During 2023 the following members of the PCC were paid as employees of the Church.

Karen Jones was the CMA Centre Manager until the 30th April 2023. She was elected as a Churchwarden in accordance with the Churchwardens Measure when she was already employed in April 2022.

Abigail Clarke was a debt adviser at CMA Bentley until the 30th April 2023 and Centre Manager from 1st May 2023. She was already an employee before she was elected. She was not involved in any PCC discussions about her new role.

Kate Hague was the children and families worker at St Peter's until 31 December 2023 and was elected to the PCC in May 2023 when she was already in employment.

No member of staff received total emoluments of more than £60,000.

11 Trustee expenses

No trustees received payment for expenses incurred in order to carry out trustee duties. (2022:0)

**Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of
The Parochial Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter, Bentley**

We report to the trustees on our examination of the financial statements of The Parochial Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter, Bentley for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

We report in respect of our examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2001 Act, in carrying out our examination, we have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

We understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods on or after 1 January 2015.

We have completed our examination and we can confirm that no matters have come to our attention in connection with the examination giving us cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required under section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records, or
3. the financial statements do 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 a part of an independent examination.

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



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Davison & Co. Accountants Ltd
Chartered Management Accountants



16 May 2024

Accounts

St Peter's Church, Bentley

Annual Report **2022**



Welcome

Hello and welcome to the Annual Report for St Peter's Church in Bentley. We are a Church of England Parish Church. Working with other churches in our deanery (which is called Adwick le Street Deanery) and the Diocese of Sheffield. Our Bishops are The Right Reverend Dr Pete Wilcox (the Bishop of Sheffield) and The Right Reverend Sophie Jelley (the Bishop of Doncaster). We are a registered charity, 119023.

If you have any questions about this report, you can contact us on 01302 495855, write to us at St Peter's Team Hub, St Peter's Community Hall, High Street, Bentley, DONCASTER, DN5 0AA or email hello@stpetersbentley.org

The Church Representation Rules 2020 require the Parochial Church Council (the PCC) to provide the Annual Parochial Church Meeting with reports on:

- changes to the Electoral Roll since the last annual meeting;
- the proceedings of the PCC and the activities of the parish in general;
- the financial statements of the PCC for the year ending 31 December;
- the fabric of the building; and
- the proceedings of the deanery

synod;

This Annual report covers all these areas and includes some statutory information about Safeguarding too. The PCC hope and pray that in reading it you will be encouraged by what God was doing amongst us in 2022.

Dave Berry

Vicar and Chair of the PCC.

Electoral Roll

At the time of the Annual Meeting in 2022, 41 names were entered on the electoral roll.

Since then, three new names have been entered on the roll, and one removed. Therefore, our electoral roll at the APCM held in 2023 stands at 43.

Only those entered on the electoral roll can vote for members of the PCC or attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Dave Berry

Vicar's Report

2022 was a year when for most purposes things went back to normal after Covid.

There were lots of changes to our staff team in 2022. Rachel Price came to join

us curate, completing her training with us until June 2025. Steph Darbyshire moved on from our Children and Families Worker role at the end of her Centenary Project Worker contract. Kate Davies also left the office to start training as a midwife. We were joined by Abbey Hudson, providing support to the CMA team and Kate Hague as our new Children and Families Worker.

At St Peter's we look at our church life through five lenses. Adoration, Belonging, Compassion, Discipleship and Evangelism.

Adoration: This looks at our worshipping life as a church. Our Sunday attendances were very depleted at the start of 2022, but they have steadily increased across the year. On a usual Sunday in 2022, 39 people came to church. This is an increase from 2019. We also saw the Wednesday communion service flourish. It was not unusual for this to have 8-12 people attending. We started a new pattern of services for Easter including a Sunrise service which was well attended.

Belonging: Little Fishes and Cuppa are mentioned elsewhere in this report. We have continued with Connection, our church family meal once a fortnight. Numbers attending are still good and it's a great opportunity for people to get together and chat. It was a joy to celebrate with Strawberry Tea and to

have the Vermuyden Concert Band back in the building for a Christmas concert.

Compassion: There are updates on CMA Bentley and our new initiative, the Uniform Bank elsewhere in this report. We also have an away giving goal. We try to give away a percentage of our income each year to other causes. Those causes have been: Bentley Baptist Community Foodbank, Doncaster Youth for Christ, Betel UK and Grassroots. As you will see from the accounts, we ended our year with a significant deficit, so we were unable to meet our 6% aim. The PCC have kept this aspiration in 2023.

Discipleship: Reading the Bible and praying are the key aspects of personal discipleship and we continued to publish our five-a-day readings online to help with that. Pattern Groups are still not embedded in our church life, but there are plans to rectify this in 2023.

Evangelism: We held a mission week in October, supported by the team of Evangelists in the Diocese and continued to run Alpha each term sometimes online, sometimes in person and occasionally both!

2022 was a great year of recovering after the shocks of Covid-19 and we pray that it has left us in a good place to build from in 2023 and beyond.

Dave Berry

Children and Families

Kate's report covers the period since she started work at St Peter's.

I started here at St Peter's Bentley on Monday 26th September 2022 and knew straight away that this was my calling! My thanks and praise to God for this opportunity and blessing. I received a very warm and friendly welcome and felt at home. Welcome over, I was quickly thrown into the role (Ha Ha)

Little Fishes: As I started late in September, parents and carers had already formed friendship groups. I started to get to know everyone and remembering names.

Soon into October I decided to move tables and put out less chairs, to encourage parents and carers not to just sit in specific groups and to engage with their children. This seems to have worked nicely.

Generally, we will always get out the popular toys for children, but we do like to change the set up on a weekly basis, to keep things fresh. We also have arts and crafts out on the tables and a baby area. When I started, I asked for more faith-based toys as I want to bring more of a specifically Christian feel to Fishes.

As I got to know all the Fishes and their grown-ups and formed great friendships with them. I was now able to invite them to upcoming church events. This included: Mixed Fishes during half term and The Light Party on 31st October. Also, one of our church families started to attend Fishes and we have seen new people coming along.

During October Break we held an All-Age Fishes. Where we invited our Fishes siblings to join us whilst they were on school holidays.

We rounded the year off with our Fishes Christmas party which was a lovely day. Spent partly in church with faith-based crafts, music and prayers and partly in the hall, with a visit from Santa! 12 children attended the party.

So lastly just to say a HUGE thank you to Sue D, Chris W and Rachel P. Who are always with me and help make Fishes the friendly and fun group that it is. I literally could not do it without them.

Cuppa in the Car Park: Every Thursday morning during term time. Myself, Dave, Rachel and now back with us Dave W (Many thanks Dave)

Give out hot drinks (and stickers to the children) to the people of Bentley passing by the Church. Most often this is the parents and carers on their way to school next door, but also regulars who come for a chat.

We now have some of the Fishes mums who stop to talk on a Thursday and we have found this a great place to pass on news of upcoming events.

This is also a place where people are able to just talk and get things off their chest and we will always listen and help where we can.

I was told recently that Cuppa was so appreciated by the community and people often only stopped for a chat, not the free drink!! Although the drink is never turned down! I was also asked if it could be extended to Friday as well!

Cuppa is very relaxed and a great place to spread the good news of Jesus.

Lighthouse: Having only done one Lighthouse session in 2022, its hard to get a feel for it yet!

This is our y4 to y6 aged children's discipleship group. Where we have an informal approach and a chance for children to pick up a Bible, as we learn and ask questions about Jesus and our Faith together. After learning we offer a host of relatable games, competitions and crafts. For these sessions we are using the Faith in Kids material and this happens from 6pm to 7.30pm once a month on the last Friday.

Unfortunately, there was only one child at the first session, but onwards and upwards towards seeing more faces in the future. Many thanks to Chris W who helps

with the session and always with a smile.

Schools: The school next door to Church came over for Explore Christmas. This was a fun day where the children enjoyed meeting people from the Bible, who were actually a part of the Nativity. The children also made paper angels, did an amazing Big Craft to take back to school and enjoyed some star biscuits as well!

It was a lovely day, enjoyed by all. With a BIG thank you to all involved, from the characters who looked great, to the big craft ladies and of course to our catering team. I am so thankful for all you did.

Sunday 11.15am service: This is our 4 W's service for everyone. This format has worked well for us, but as the number of children has been increasing we held a consultation to see if there was value in taking the children to the fall for more child focussed input. The new service starts in January.

Light Party: The Light Party is held on 31st October and focuses on Jesus the light of the world. It was a popular and fun event, open to all in the church children's sessions and their families.

We had lots of light crafts including making a candle, face painting, the donut game and a treasure hunt! A huge thank you to everyone who made the event possible.

Kate Hague.

Children and Families Worker

CMA Bentley

CMA Bentley is our debt and money advice service. It is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

CMA Bentley is now firmly established as a provider of debt advice in the borough with a reputation for getting the “job done” to help clients with debt and financial capability. It is the “go to” service for referrals from Doncaster North Social Services teams, St. Leger Homes and the Youth Offending team. We partner with other organisations to provide sim cards for mobile data, hygiene products, food parcels, insolvency fees and any other material need a client may have.

Abigail Clarke is now an Approved Intermediary for Debt Relief Orders (DRO) which means we don't have to go to a third-party provider for DRO's. She can submit applications directly to the Insolvency Service and provide a faster turnaround for clients.

Abigail Hudson joined the team as an administrator, relieving the debt advisors of admin work, so they can give more time to appointments and see more clients.

With a growing team and an increase in demand, we relocated to Conyers Road in October, which provides a professional and private setting for client appointments.

2022 Statistics

New clients 67

Total debt £817,463.29

DRO's 28 – this makes up 48.3% of our case load!!

You can help CMA Bentley by praying for funding, to keep the service going and for

the team for resilience in a demanding service.

Karen Jones

CMA Centre Manager

St Peter's Uniform Bank

This service is run by Abbey Clarke and Sarah Farmer. It is open during term time on Fridays 9-11am and the first Saturday of every month 10am-12pm.

In October 2022 St Peters launched another community project – St Peters Uniform Bank. We opened this in response to the cost of living crisis as the sad reality is more and more families are already having to make difficult decisions about eating or heating their homes. Giving out free school uniforms frees up money in peoples budgets to help ease the burden of these difficult financial decisions. Not only is it good for the purse strings, but it is good for the environment. We have recycled significant amounts of uniform that would have otherwise gone to landfill.

It started small , based in the Church, but moved to the Town End Community Hub at Conyers Road as soon as we had the keys as it needed more space. The clothes are always donated, but we have been blessed enough to be awarded some grants which have allowed us to

buy new school shoes in as we were struggling to get good quality donations of secondhand ones.

We have built links with Asda at the Dome who are so generous in donating their unsold stock to us. We have been working with the local schools getting them to hold recycling days for us where parents can drop off outgrown but not out used uniforms that then finds its way to us. The schools have been critical to our marketing strategy too, sharing our leaflets with their parents. We think we are starting to become well known, but there is lots more work to do around this.

To the end of 2022 we had helped 73 children.

The uniform bank continues to grow. Please pray for finances as we look to streamline our operations and more volunteers to help sort clothes and serve our clients.

Finance Summary

2022 was a challenging year for our church finances.

In 2022 we received a total income of £108,058 (2021: £99,245) and we spent a total of £123,213 (2020: £105,456).

In years gone by, people would have been paid in cash and many of them had

a stash of envelopes behind the clock on the mantelpiece which they used to budget that cash. Under charity accounting rules we have to keep money in envelopes to make sure we spend it on what it was given for. There are three envelopes we have to use when reporting our income and expenditure, but for the day to day management of the money, there are more!

Envelope 1 is money that has been given that can be used for any purpose. This includes all our Sunday morning giving, standing orders, direct debits, a chunk of the fees for weddings and funerals, the rental money from the Hall and so on. In Charity speak this is called the General Fund.

Envelope 2 is money that has been given for a specific purpose. So grants for a children and families worker or towards CMA Bentley, or the Uniform Bank. These are called Restricted Funds. In reality each purpose for which money has been given has to have its own envelope, but all the restricted funds are grouped together for this report.

Envelope 3 contains money that has been invested for the church. These are called endowments. If the value of the investments increases that money stays in envelope 3. Any dividends or interest on the money goes into the other envelopes depending on how the endowment was set up.

So looking at the three envelopes:

General Fund

b/f from 2021.	+£6,319
Income 2022	+£66,298
Expenditure 2022	-£74,636
Adjustments	+£11
c/f to 2023	-£2,009

Restricted Funds

b/f from 2021.	+£50,215
Income 2022	+£39,791
Expenditure 2022	-£45,576
Adjustments	-£11
c/f to 2023	+£41,419

Endowment Fund

b/f from 2021.	+£5,263
Increase in funds	+£1,969
c/f to 2023	+£7,231

As you can see, our general fund ended 2022 in deficit. To remain compliant with charity law, we must bring this back into surplus at the earliest possible opportunity. The full accounts, independently examined by Nic Davison, Chartered Management Accountants in Toll Bar, are at the end of this report.

Fabric Report

This report is made to the parochial church council and annual parochial church meeting under the Ecclesiastical

Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018.

General

The general state of the fabric is good. General maintenance, repairs and service checks have all been maintained. Ian Hurst continues to maintain the grounds of the church.

We have welcomed the bell ringers back in 2022, it is so joyful to hear them going and express great thanks to the bell ringers who are being very generous in taking care of the bell tower.

The quinquennial report was due to be completed in November 2022, but our architect was unable to complete the work in time. This will be completed in 2023.

We still employ Joanne as our cleaner for the community hall which is thriving. The hall is used every day during the week and we have also seen and increase in party bookings too. We had a visit from the council in May 2022 and we were given another 5* hygiene rating which is brilliant news.

Whilst the community hall is busy it is falling into a sorry state. We are desperate for the hall to be refurbished, and Alec has made a start on this in 2022. He has completed a consultation, and we have had a survey done by the architects. We are waiting on the next steps, but the work is well overdue.

We have continued to be blessed in 2022 by flowers provided by Anne Siddle and the Tree and decorations at Christmas.

Work completed in 2022:
Fire alarm and extinguisher service

Gas inspection
Organ Service
Lightening conductor service
Windows fixed inside church
Rebuild of one boundary wall
Clock repairs
NBC environment visit confirming no further pigeon breach in the building

Abbey Clarke and Karen Jones
Churchwardens

Deanery Synod

The Deanery Synod met three times in 2022.

In February we heard from Dr Cathy Rhodes, the Diocesan Environment Officer. She talked about the commitment of the church to reach net zero by 2030 and about the Arocha Eco Church awards as a way to start on this path.

In July Hannah Sandoval helped us to explore what it means to live as lights for Christ in our daily lives and communities.

In October, we were joined by Keith Mallon and Libby Culmer to hear about the Diocesan finances and the help and support available to parishes

Dave Berry

Safeguarding

At St Peter's we want to make sure that everyone is safe. We follow the Church of England's National Safeguarding Team's Policies and Practice Guidance with due regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Training outstanding at 31st December 2022.

C2 Training

Two people's C2 training expired in November and was still outstanding at the year end.

C1 Training

It is the policy of the PCC that all members complete C1 training and that they all have a valid DBS check in place in line with Charity Commission guidance for charities that work with children.

Six people's C1 training expired in 2022 and was outstanding at the end of the year.

Gillian Genders

Parish Safeguarding Officer

About Us

St Peter's Bentley is a Parish Church in the Church of England. We are part of a mission area with St Mary's Sprotbrough.

Our Vicar is Revd Dave Berry.

The church is governed by the Parochial Church Council (PCC). The members of the PCC are elected by the members of the church and serve for three years, one third being up for re-election each year.

Before the elections at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on the 14th May 2023 the members of the PCC are:

Revd David Berry (ex officio. Chair)
Abigail Clarke (ex officio Churchwarden)
Stephanie Darbyshire (ex officio Diocesan Synod)
Kate Davies
Gillian Genders (Parish Safeguarding Officer)
Ann Gray (ex officio, member of Diocesan Synod, and Deanery Synod)
Karen Jones (Churchwarden and member of Deanery Synod)
Patricia Paine (ex officio, Deanery Synod)
Revd Rachel Price (ex officio)
Anne Siddle
Liz Talbot
Christine Walker
David Walker

The church is on Bentley High Street and the office is in St Peter's Community Hall. Our postal address is

St Peter's Team Hub
St Peter's Community Hall
High Street
Bentley
DONCASTER
DN5 0AA

Our phone number is 01302 495855
CMA Bentley can be contacted on 01302 637336.

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CMA Bentley, our debt advice centre, is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter Bentley is a registered charity and our charity number is 1191023.



Financial Statements: Summary and Income

Church Accounts to 31 December 2022

These accounts are prepared on an accruals basis.

		2022	2021*
		£	£
Income			
	Unrestricted Funds	66,298	47,761
	Restricted Funds	41,760	51,484
Total Income		108,058	99,245
Expenditure			
	Unrestricted Funds	74,637	50,209
	Restricted Funds	48,576	55,121
Total Expenditure		123,213	105,331

We include more detail below.

The General Fund

This money given to the church with no restriction on how it can be spent.

		2022	2021*
		£	£
INCOME			
Giving		23,244	20,318
	Planned Giving	21,342	17,811
	Loose Plate / Card Collections	1,902	2,507
Donations		2,934	5,271
Tax Recovered on Gift Aided Donations		4,593	3,616
Fundraising		1,012	0
Church Activities		6,248	4,936
	Parish Fees (weddings/funerals etc.)	4,378	3,145
	Events and Groups	1,870	1,791
Trading Activities		19,701	8,388
	Hall Rental	19,371	8,298
	Bookshop Income	330	90
Legacies		0	0
Grants		8,476	5,233
Investment Income (bank interest etc.)		90	0
Other Income		0	0
Total Income		66,298	47,761

Financial Statements: Expenditure

EXPENDITURE	2022	2021*
Adoration	1,675	1,288
Church Supplies	849	824
Copyright Licenses / Live Streams	826	464
Belonging	1,305	959
Hospitality and catering	1,138	452
Living Hope	0	405
Occasional Offices	167	102
Compassion	3,980	999
Away Giving	3,286	999
CMA Bentley Costs	500	0
Uniform Bank Costs	194	0
Discipleship	73	43
Evangelism	1,120	826
Alpha and Evangelism	117	143
Making Church Digital	31	448
Schools Work	261	134
Literature Giveaways	55	100
Mission Week	656	0
Fabric and Finance	19,185	9,887
Church Insurance	3,956	4,087
Church Maintenance	3,959	3,053
Church Re-ordering Costs	4,829	0
Church Utilities	6,441	2,747
Governance	342	0
Independent Examiner	300	0
Bad Debts (unpaid hall invoices)	42	0
Trading Costs	6,467	3,587
Hall Maintenance	2,063	1,874
Hall Utilities	3,908	1,648
Bookshop Cost of Sales	496	65
Staff Costs	34,656	28,628
Verger	240	235
Salaries, Pensions and National Ins.	15,779	11,849
Training and Expenses	600	0
Common Fund	16,970	16,000
Vicar's expenses (inc. water bill)	1,067	544
Other Costs	5,834	3,993
Parish Administration	3,907	3,234
Church Groups and Events	1,237	475
Other Costs	196	220
Fundraising	483	64
Deanery Contributions	11	0
Total Expenditure	74,637	50,209

Financial Statements: Summary and Restricted Funds

Total Income	66,298	47,761
Total Expenditure	74,637	50,209
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(8,339)	(2,448)
Transferred (to) from other funds	11	2,336
Brought Forward from 2021	6,319	6,431
Funds carried forward to 2022	(2009)	6,319

*2021 figures have been restated.

Restricted Funds

As well as our general funds, we hold money that was given for specific purposes and can only be spent on those purposes.

Building and Maintenance Fund Fund

This fund was established in 2021 to collect money from our community towards the maintenance of the Church building, it now also includes money charged to couples who wish to have the bells rung at their wedding towards the costs of maintaining the tower.

Opening Balance	29
Donations (Bells)	40
Donations (Other)	5
Gift Aid	1
Closing Balance	76

Children and Families Worker

This fund is where we keep the grant funding for our Children and Families Worker

Opening Balance	0
Grant (Bramhall Trust)	5,949
Expenses	(3,145)
Closing Balance	2,804

CMA Bentley Trust Fund

This fund was established in 2021 to collect money for CMA Bentley clients in need. For example, if they are on a Debt Relief Order and unable to take out credit, but have a crisis, such as their cooker breaks.

Opening Balance	215
Donations	330
Gift Aid	69
Client Needs	(244)
Closing Balance	369

Little Fishes Fund

This fund holds a grant for the purchase of musical instruments .

Opening Balance	0
Grant (St Agatha's)	500
Closing Balance	500

Financial Statements: Restricted Funds

Vicar's Fund for Mission

This money has been given to enable the Vicar to spend small amounts at his discretion on things that will forward the mission of the Church.

Opening Balance	11
Transferred to General Fund	(11)
Closing Balance	0

St Peter's Flood Fund

This fund was set up in response to the flooding in Town End and across Bentley in November 2019. The final balance of the flood fund 31 December 2019 was correctly reported in our last accounts, but the income and expenditure was not. So the full information is recorded here

Opening Balance	4,418
Flood Relief	(263)
Closing Balance	4,155

St Peter's Uniform Bank

The Uniform Bank was a new initiative started in 2022. This fund contains money given specifically for the Uniform Bank.

Opening Balance	0
Grants	388
Donations	236
Gift Aid	13
Expenses	(608)
Closing Balance	457

South Yorkshire Community Foundation Flood Relief Grant

This is the grant we receive from SYCF which pays for CMA Bentley

Opening Balance	45,541
SYCF Grant	21,922
Expenditure	(43,889)
Closing Balance	23,575

Well Doncaster Grant

This is a grant we received from Well Doncaster towards the costs of preparing a project to refurbish the Community Hall.

Opening Balance	0
Grant (Well Doncaster)	9,911
Expenditure	(428)
Closing Balance	9,483

Endowment Funds

The Estate of Lieutenant Atkinson-Jowett made an endowment to the church which is invested for the benefit of the parish. The money has to be spent on a stipend for the incumbent, so any proceeds are paid directly to the Diocese.

Closing Balance	5,263
Revaluation of assets	1,969
Closing Balance	7,231

Financial Statements: Balance Sheet

Balance Sheet for St Peter's Bentley as at 31 December 2022

Current Assets	31-12-22	31-12-21*
NatWest Current Account	10,072	429
CAF Bank	26,674	52,227
CCLA Deposit A/c	4,224	4,167
CCLA Shares A/c	7,231	5,263
Petty Cash in safe	2,130	1,993
Debtors	2,415	2,598
Bookshop Stock	396	323

Total Assets	53,142	67,000
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Liabilities		
Wedding Fees	150	300
Garden of Remembrance	270	270
Accruals	2,987	0
Creditors	3,094	4,634

Total Liabilities	6,501	5,204
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Net Assets	46,641	61,797
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This is represented by our funds as previously listed

General Fund (including designated funds)	(2009)	6,319
Building and Maintenance Fund (restricted)	76	29
Children and Families Worker (restricted)	2,804	0
CMA Bentley Trust Fund (restricted)	369	215
Little Fishes	500	0
Vicar's Fund for Mission (restricted)	0	11
St Peter's Flood Fund (restricted)	4,155	4,418
St Peter's Uniform Bank	457	0
South Yorkshire Community Foundation Flood Response	23,575	45,541
Well Doncaster	9,483	0
Jowett Bequest (restricted)	7,231	5,263

Total Funds of the Church	46,641	61,797
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Financial Statements: Independent Examiner's Report

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees/members of St Peter's Church,
Bentley, DONCASTER, DN5 0AA

I report on the year ended 31 December 2022

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts (under section 43 of the Act),
to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 43(7) of the Act), and
to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 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 represent a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act; have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Signed Nic Davison

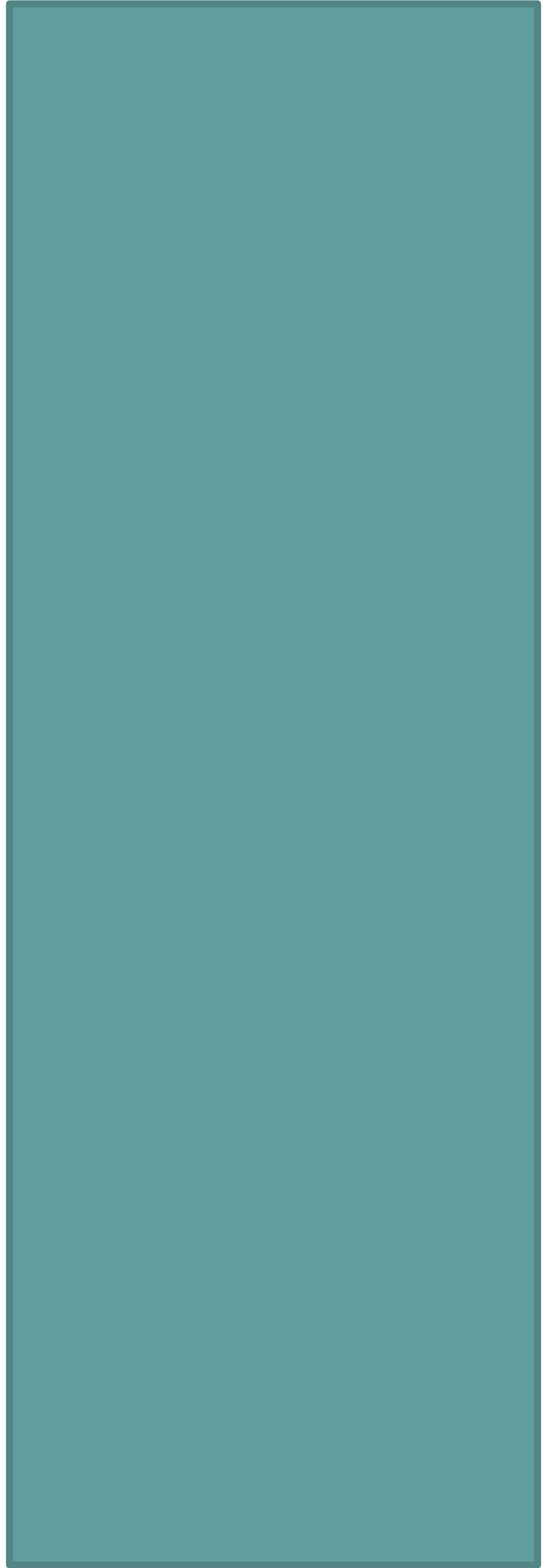
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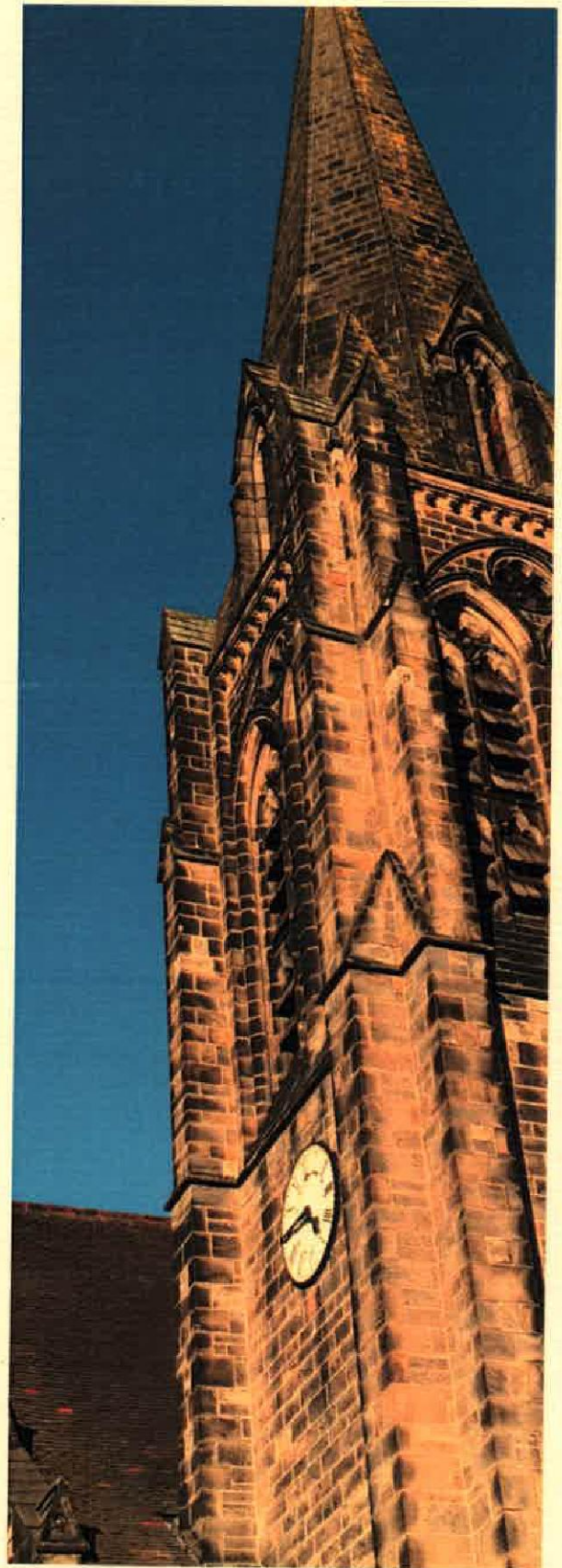


Accounts

St Peter's Church, Bentley

Annual Report

2021



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Welcome

Hello and welcome to the Annual Report for St Peter's Church in Bentley. We are a Church of England Parish Church. That means that we are part of something bigger! We work with other churches in our deanery (which is called Adwick-le-Street Deanery) and the Diocese of Sheffield. Our Bishops are The Right Reverend Dr Pete Wilcox (the Bishop of Sheffield) and The Right Reverend Sophie Jelley (the Bishop of Doncaster). We are a registered charity, 119023.

If you have any questions about this report, you can contact us on 01302 495855 or write to us at St Peter's Team Hub, St Peter's Community Hall, High Street, Bentley, DONCASTER, DN5 0AA.

The Church Representation Rules 2020 require the Parochial Church Council (the PCC) to provide the Annual Parochial Church Meeting with reports on:

- changes to the Electoral Roll since the last annual meeting;
- the proceedings of the PCC and the activities of the parish in general;
- the financial statements of the PCC for the year ending 31 December;
- the fabric of the building; and
- the proceedings of the deanery synod;

This Annual report covers all these areas and includes some statutory information



about Safeguarding too. The PCC hope and pray that in reading it you will be encouraged by what God was doing amongst us in 2021.

Dave Berry
Vicar and Chair of the PCC.

Electoral Roll

At the time of the Annual Meeting in 2021, 35 names were entered on the electoral roll.

Since then, five new names have been entered on the roll, and none removed. Therefore, our electoral roll at the APCM held in 2022 stands at 41.

Only those entered on the electoral roll can vote for members of the PCC or attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Kate Davies
Parish Administrator and Electoral Roll Secretary.

Vicar's Report

2021 was another strange year, with a Covid-19 lockdown announced at the start of the year which was slowly eased until almost all restrictions were lifted in July. We re-opened church cautiously although our risk assessment remained in place throughout the year, we kept restrictions on sharing the peace and although the wine was re-introduced at Holy Communion it was still regarded as very much optional (and indeed at the time of our APCM in 2022 it still is).

Some normality was allowed to return though. Strawberry Tea took place in July (although the Vicar missed it with a bug), and we were able to welcome Year 3 from Bentley High Street Primary school to explore Christmas with us at the end of the year.

We also started something new. We launched Re-connect as a chance for people to get to know each other again after the lockdowns and forced estrangements of the preceding 18 months. At the heart of it is sharing meal together with all ages present. We enjoyed being together so much that we carried on through the summer break and Autumn Term.

We've continued with weekly services on Sunday at 9.30 and 11.15 and on Wednesday morning at 10.30. Not everyone has returned to church since the lockdowns have been lifted, but we

have also gotten to know some new faces.

In December we held our usual special services, Remembering our Loved ones, Christingle and the Bentley Community Carol Service. Attendance at most was similar to 2019 which is encouraging. We also had a real Christmas Tree in 2021 which added greatly to the atmosphere in Church at this special time of the year.

2022 looks like it will see the lifting of the final coronavirus restrictions. We will also be joined by a curate in June, Rachel Price. The last couple of years have seen us having to adapt and change and there is no doubt those skills will be needed over the coming years too!

Dave Berry, The Vicar



CPW's Report

CPW stands for Centenary Project Worker. These are children and families workers paid for by a grant from the Diocese for three years. We're so pleased to have one and this is Steph's report on what she's been up to in 2021.

2021! The strangest year yet! Lockdowns, Online work, Zoom- had never heard of Zoom before and now its so familiar! Where did it go? It's great to look back though and see where God has been faithful to us as a church and as individuals. Praise God for His goodness to us.

Little Fishes

We started back in person in May 2021 because of lockdowns and used an online booking system with limited numbers, we never had to turn anyone away as the numbers vary from week to week, mainly due to covid and other illnesses. We are steadily building our numbers up again and have had new families attending. Some of our long-time regulars left for school in September. Santa came to visit in December and we had a lovely Christmas session in church where the children dressed up as Nativity characters. We have a wide range of toys, a craft, bible story, songs and a final prayer together, we are more intentional in sharing the good news of Jesus and often pray for the parents or situations. One family have started to attend church intermittently. In August we ran a mixed Fishes session with older siblings attending too which is busier but also great fun. Kate has joined our little team of Volunteers. Thanks to Sue, Chris and

Kate for all their help. We couldn't do it without you.

Cuppa in the Car Park

Every Thursday morning in the car park we serve between 20 and 25 hot drinks to the people of Bentley. We are making good friendships and people look forward to seeing us there. We often pray with people, two ladies allow us to pray for them every week, and give away tracts that tell them about Jesus. People comment on the good quality of our coffee! It's a wonderful way of sharing Gods love for the people of Bentley in a really practical way.

Big Thanks to Sue and Dave Walker for all their help and support, come rain or shine!

Lighthouse

This is our children's discipleship group that runs on a Wednesday afternoon. Great news we have had an increase in numbers, we started with 2 children but have had as many as 7. We have looked at a wide range of topics: meals with Jesus, dealing with emotions and death! Our children are growing in knowledge of Jesus and also in their faith. Lighthouse is a safe place where we can all explore our beliefs and ask questions. Many thanks to Sue and Chris for volunteering to sit in at this group.

Schools

Due to Lockdown I wasn't able to visit school but in December we had year 3 come into church for Explore Christmas where they got to meet real people from the Nativity. We also did a big craft, Nativity photo booth, played a game and made paper angels too. It was great fun and the children really enjoyed it. Many thanks to all the volunteers who gave of

their time. We also enjoyed having Nursery, Reception and Year 5 visit too. They love how the church roof looks like an upside-down boat!

Thankful Thursday Facebook Posts

I continue to post Thankful Thursday Posts on Facebook every week. It's a great reminder to give thanks in all circumstances and encourages people to be grateful as well as keeping in touch with those who aren't part of our church family.

Sunday Morning

I continue to help lead the 11.15am service with Dave and take turns in doing the talks. This is getting easier for me as its something I used to find quite difficult.

The future? As the song says, "I know who holds the future and He guides me with His hand, with God things don't just happen, everything by Him is planned" Trusting in God.

Steph Darbyshire
#lovemyjob

** Steph's post has been mostly funded by the Diocese since she started in 2019. We are praying for finance to keep her with us when her current contract runs out in June. Please pray that God would provide for us like He has done so often in the past.**



CMA Bentley Report

CMA Bentley is our debt and money advice service. It is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

CMA Bentley continues to see growth and a steady influx of clients being referred into the service. Our main referral source is Social Services, but we also see clients who are referred by school support workers. We have not felt the need to advertise or increase our marketing due to the number of clients we continue to see through the referral process, although we do have a Facebook page where we post regularly.

Our team:

Karen Jones – Centre Manager
Abigail Clarke – Debt Advisor
Elizabeth Talbot – Debt Advisor

2021 Statistics

- New clients 36
- 75% of our clients are women and 63% are between 25-40 years
- 81% have children
- Debt Relief orders are a good solution and 13 clients opted for this remedy
- Social Services referrals 62%
- School family worker referrals 21%
- Total debt £325,960.58

Client feedback

We use a questionnaire which clients access online anonymously. There are several questions, and clients are asked

to score each one from 0-5. With 5 being the highest. So far, the answers have all been rated 5 (73%) and 4 (27%).

The final question asks the client if there is anything about the service that could be improved. Here are some of the client comments we received:

- Nothing at all, lovely ladies
- Nothing. They were brilliant from the first meeting.
- The advisor was amazing with me. She let me sit in the meetings with my daughter and wife. Having the support of my wife there was something she didn't question, and I felt at ease in her company. She put my mind at rest from day one and didn't make me feel embarrassed about my financial issues. Even when my appointment times went over and I knew it was the end of the day, she stayed and never made me feel rushed. I am now feeling so much better about my financial situation and feel like I can breathe. All thanks to CMA Bentley. Thank you so much.
- Went above and beyond to help me and make me feel comfortable Thank you

****CMA Bentley is funded by a generous grant from South Yorkshire Community Foundation. We are so grateful for their continued support****

Karen Jones
CMA Centre Manager



Finance Summary

In 2021 we started using a new financial package called Liberty Accounts. It's been a learning curve, but it will work for us for the future.

In 2021 we received a total income of £99,245 (2020: £310,876) and we spent a total of £105,456 (2020: £347,182). The huge difference is because in 2020 we received lots of grant funding towards the re-ordering of the Church building, the flood fund, CMA Bentley and the temporary foodbank we ran during the very first lockdown.

In 2019 we received a legacy from the late Violet Sedman, over the last couple of years we have spent this money on our Administrator, Kate and our share of the costs of our Centenary Project Worker, Steph. We are praying that God will refill our coffers this year (ideally without a death!) as we become responsible for covering the full cost of our Steph and Kate.

The full accounts are included at the end of this report. They have been independently examined by Davison and Co who are based in Toll Bar.

Fabric Report

This report is made to the parochial church council and annual parochial church meeting under the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018.

General

The general state of the fabric is good. General maintenance, repairs and service checks have been maintained. See details below.

The general maintenance of the grounds has been possible with the support of Ian Hurst who cuts the grass.

The church cleaning was maintained by our cleaner Joanne, who also maintains the cleaning of the community hall. However, we also did some additional cleaning prior to putting up the Christmas decorations and we're thankful to Julie Hurst and Steph Darbyshire who gave their time to make sure the church was "Christmas ready".

We are grateful for the beautiful flower arrangements created and maintained by Anne Siddle and to Helen Dargue for her contribution of fresh flowers for the welcome desk.

It was wonderful to see the Christmas services so well attended by the local community. After the periods of lockdown and restrictions, with services being streamed online, it was truly heart-warming to see the church being used again. Thank you to all who contributed to the marvellous decorations, we give thanks to Anne Siddle and Trish Paine who made personal contributions. The church looked beautiful and welcoming.

We replaced and upgraded the sound equipment to enable us to livestream our services and generally improve the sound quality. We give thanks to everyone who contributed to the Seen and Heard Project, enabling us to buy this much needed equipment.

General maintenance and works during 2021:

- Fire alarm and extinguisher service
- Gas inspection
- Lightening conductor service
- Replacement of light fittings in the porch
- Church hall intruder alarm service
- Organ Service

Karen Jones
Churchwarden



Deanery Synod

The new Deanery Synod met for the first time in September 2021. St Peter's is well represented, at Bishop Pete's invitation Dave Berry has been Area Dean since March and is therefore chair of Synod. At the meeting in September Karen Jones was elected to be the Lay Chair.

In the September meeting we discussed progress on the Diocesan Strategy. This is the plan the Bishop has to increase the number of lay people released into mission even as the number of stipendiary (paid) clergy is set to reduce over the next few years. This is a significant culture change and there is a team of people employed with grant funding from the National Church to help embed new ways of working. Under current proposals, Sprotbrough and Bentley will share a minister when one of the posts becomes vacant.

In November we welcomed Toni-Lee Mair to talk about the Living in Love and Faith project. This project aims to get people talking constructively about issues around sex and relationships. This includes currently contentious issues around whether same-sex couples should be allowed to get married in church, for example. There is still time to engage with the material, please speak to Dave.

Safeguarding

At St Peter's we want to make sure that everyone is safe. We follow the Church of England's National Safeguarding Team's Policies and Practice Guidance with due regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Training completed and outstanding at 31st December 2021.

C2 Training

No C2 training took place or was outstanding.

C1 Training

It is the policy of the PCC that all members complete C1 training and that they all have a valid DBS check in place in line with Charity Commission guidance for charities that work with children.

At the end of 2020 all members of the PCC had up to date training and DBS checks in place.

All team members working with children and young people have completed their training and have DBS checks in place.

Gillian Genders

Parish Safeguarding Officer

About Us

St Peter's Bentley is a Parish Church in the Church of England. We are part of a mission area with St Mary's Sprotbrough.

Our Vicar is Revd Dave Berry.

The church is governed by the Parochial Church Council (PCC). The members of the PCC are elected by the members of the church and serve for three years, one third being up for re-election each year.

Before the elections at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on the 23rd March 2022 the members of the PCC are:

Revd David Berry (ex officio. Chair)

Catherine Berry (ex officio, member of Deanery Synod)

Kate Davies

Gillian Genders (Parish Safeguarding Officer)

Ann Gray (ex officio, member of Diocesan Synod, and Deanery Synod)

Karen Jones (Churchwarden and member of Deanery Synod)

Patricia Paine

Anne Siddle

Christine Walker

David Walker (Churchwarden)

The church is on Bentley High Street and the office is in St Peter's Community Hall. Our postal address is

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CMA Bentley, our debt advice centre, is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter Bentley is a registered charity and our charity number is 1191023.

Financial Statements: Summary and Income

Church Accounts to 31 December 2021

These accounts are prepared on an accruals basis.

	2021	2020
	£	£
Income		
Unrestricted Funds	47,761	35,598
Restricted Funds	51,484	275,278
Total Income	99,245	310,876
Expenditure		
Unrestricted Funds	53,751	46,907
Restricted Funds	51,857	300,275
Total Expenditure	105,608	347,182

We include more detail below.

The General Fund

We hold money for the day to day running of the church. This is called our General Fund. Our income and expenditure for the general fund is shown below.

	£	2021	2020
		£	£
INCOME			
Giving		20,318	13,993
Planned Giving	17,811		
Loose Plate / Card Collections	2,507		
Donations		5,271	3,834
Tax Recovered on Gift Aided Donations		3,616	4,157
Fundraising		0	998
Church Activities		4,936	1,949
Weddings	330		
Funerals/Garden of Remembrance	2,785		
Baptism Certificates	30		
Events and Groups	1,791		
Trading Activities		8,388	4,206
Hall Rental	8,298		
Bookshop Income	90		
Legacies		0	0
Grants		5,233	6,055
Other Income		0	406
Total Income		47,761	35,598

Financial Statements: Expenditure and Summary

EXPENDITURE			
Adoration		1,288	917
Church Supplies	1,288		
Belonging		959	714
Hospitality and catering	452		
Living Hope	405		
Occasional Offices	102		
Compassion		999	1,372
Away Giving	999		
Discipleship		43	98
Evangelism		826	752
Alpha and Evangelism	143		
Making Church Digital	448		
Schools Work	134		
Literature Giveaways	100		
Fabric and Finance		9,887	6,770
Church Insurance	4,087		
Church Maintenance	3,053		
Church Utilities	2,747		
Governance		0	960
Independent Examiner	0		
Trading Costs		3,587	4,015
Hall Maintenance	1,874		
Hall Utilities	1,648		
Bookshop Cost of Sales	65		
Staff Costs		15,403	7,007
Verger	235		
Salaries, Pensions and National Ins.	15,167		
Other Costs		20,759	27,373
Common Fund	16,000		
Vicar's expenses (inc. water bill)	544		
Parish Administration	3,234		
Church Groups and Events	761		
Other Costs	220		
Total Expenditure		53,751	49,978
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(5,989)		
Transferred to other funds	(1,175)		
Brought Forward from 2020	13,206		
Funds carried forward to 2022		6,042	13,206

Financial Statements: Restricted Funds

Restricted Funds

As well as our general funds, we hold money that was given for specific purposes and can only be spent on those purposes.

Building and Maintenance Fund

This fund was established in 2021 to collect money from our community towards the maintenance of the Church building.

Opening Balance	0
Donations	24
Gift Aid	6
Card Fees	(1)
Closing Balance	29

CMA Bentley Trust Fund

This fund was established in 2021 to collect money for CMA Bentley clients in need. For example, if they are on a Debt Relief Order and unable to take out credit, but have a crisis, such as their cooker breaks.

Opening Balance	0
Donations	775
Gift Aid	64
Client Needs	(624)
Closing Balance	215

Seen and Heard Fund

This fund raised money to install new sound and networking equipment in church.

Opening Balance	0
Grants	500
Donations	9,288
Gift Aid	763
AV and Networking Equipment	(11,725)
Transfer from General Fund	1175
Closing Balance	0

Vicar's Fund for Mission

This money has been given to enable the Vicar to spend small amounts at his discretion on things that will forward the mission of the Church.

Opening Balance	197
Expenses	(186)
Closing Balance	11

St Peter's Flood Fund

This fund was set up in response to the flooding in Town End and across Bentley in November 2019. The final balance of the flood fund 31 December 2019 was correctly reported in our last accounts, but the income and expenditure was not. So the full information is recorded here

Opening Balance	9,916
Flood Relief	(5,498)
Closing Balance	4,418

Financial Statements: Restricted Funds

South Yorkshire Community Foundation Flood Relief Grant

This is the grant we receive from SYCF which pays for CMA Bentley

Opening Balance	39,300
SYCF Grant	40,065
Expenditure	(33,824)
Closing Balance	45,541

Endowment Funds

The Estate of Lieutenant Atkinson-Jowett made an endowment to the church which is invested for the benefit of the parish. The money has to be spent on a stipend for the incumbent, so any proceeds are paid directly to the Diocese.

Financial Statements: Balance Sheet

Balance Sheet for St Peter's Bentley as at 31 December 2021

Current Assets	31-Dec-21	31-Dec-20
NatWest Current Account	429	687
CAF Bank	52,227	65,132
CCLA Deposit A/c	4,167	4,167
CCLA Shares A/c	5,263	5,263
Petty Cash in safe	1,993	100
Debtors	2,598	911
Bookshop Stock	323	0
Total Assets	67,000	76,280
Liabilities		
Wedding Fees	300	150
Garden of Remembrance	270	270
Accruals	0	1177
Creditors	4,910	6781
Total Liabilities	5,480	8,378
Net Assets	61,520	67,882
This is represented by our funds as previously listed		
General Fund (including designated funds)	6,042	13,206
Building and Maintenance Fund (restricted)	29	0
CMA Bentley Trust Fund (restricted)	215	0
Vicar's Fund for Mission (restricted)	11	197
St Peter's Flood Fund (restricted)	4,418	9,916
South Yorkshire Community Foundation Flood Response	45,541	39,300
Jowett Bequest (restricted)	5,263	5,263
Total Funds of the Church	61,520	67,882

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Financial Statements: Independent Examiner's Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Peter's, Bentley

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 10-14, in respect of an examination carried out under Regulation 3(3) of the Church Accounting Regulators 1997 to 2001 ('the Regulations') and s43 of the Charities Act 1993 ('the Act').

Respective responsibilities of PCC and examiner

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 3(3) of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and section 43(2) of the Charities Act (the Act) do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of Regulation 25 of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and Regulation 7 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995.

Basis of my independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43 (7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2001 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. The examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
- to prepare the accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Act, as also contained in the Church Accounting Regulations

have not been met; or

2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed Nic Davison

Date 23/03/2022

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