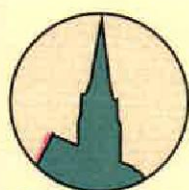
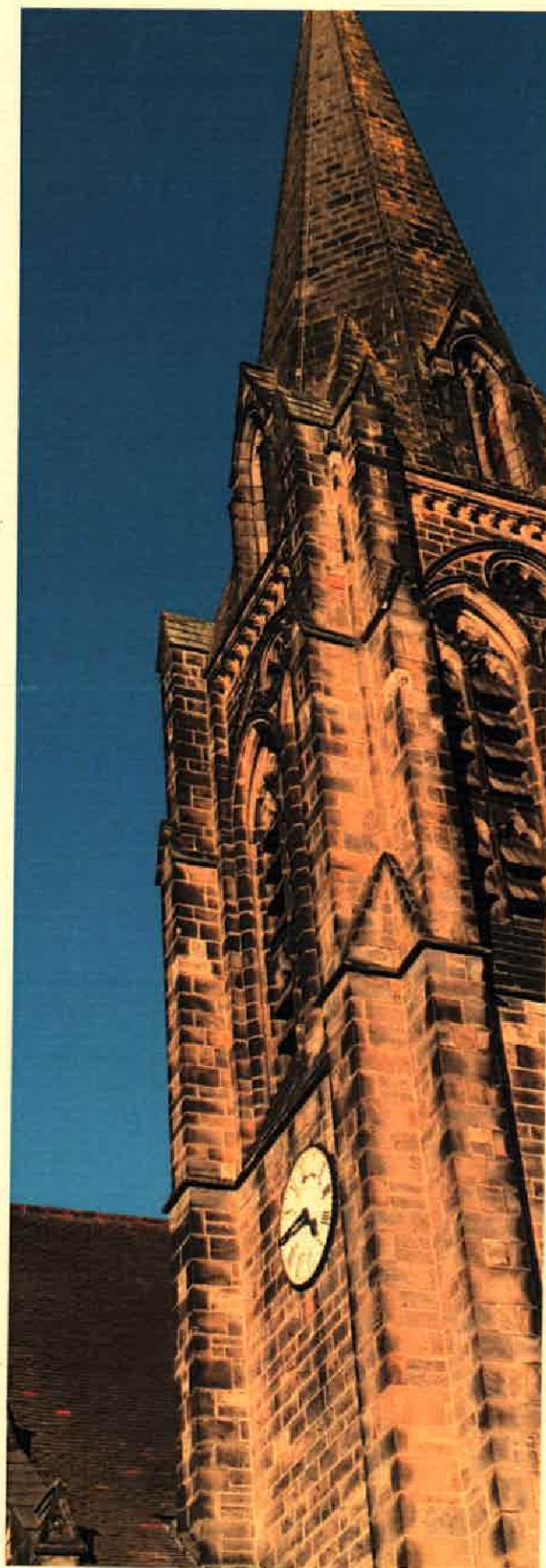


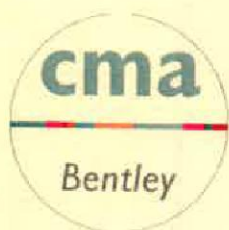
St Peter's Church, Bentley

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 be 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		
Planned Giving	17,811	
Loose Plate / Card Collections	2,507	
	20,318	13,993
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

	31-Dec-21	31-Dec-20
Current Assets		
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	1,177
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 Regulations 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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