

St.Nicholas Church Bradfield

Bradfield, Sheffield S6 6LG

Trustees Report for the year 01/01/2022 to 31/12/2022

Charity Registration number 1149020

St.Nicholas Church is in the Parish of Bradfield, within the Diocese of Sheffield.

The governing documents of the Charity are:

The Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956 as amended and The Church Representation Rules (contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969) as amended.

The Charities principal objective is to promote the whole mission of Bradfield Church in the Parish of Bradfield.

The main activities undertaken in relation to this objective are:

- Regular public Worship open to all
- Pastoral work within the Parish of Bradfield
- Supporting other Charities, mainly within the UK
- Fundraising activities open to the Community

Revd. Alan Isaacson retired on 14 September 2022, having done his last Sunday service on 24th July 2022.

During 2022 there were 15 Weddings and 2 blessings, 13 Funerals and 4 Infant and child baptisms.

The Church was able to host the Bradfield Music Festival in 2022 for the first time in 2 years following the restrictions of the Covid Pandemic.

Other events included a MacMillan Coffee morning, Ploughman's Lunches and the return of the Harvest Barn Dance.

Once again a Bradfield Calendar was produced, proving to be a great success and raised over £1,000 for Church Funds, following a competition where people were asked to submit their own photos.

The Church "Safeguarding Safe Church Policy" document has been reviewed and is in line with current legislation and Diocesan guidance. There were no safeguarding issues during 2022.

The Church was open most days for visitors and private worship and the number of casual visitors increased following the end of Covid restrictions.

Administrative details

The PCC Members who served during 2022 are:

Mrs P Bancroft

Mr J Barrand Churchwarden Chair from 24th July 2022

Mrs S Barrand PCC secretary and deputy Churchwarden

Mrs J Bird

Mr R Chamberlin Organist

Mrs J Gregory

Mrs J Hodson	Churchwarden
Revd. A Isaacson	Rector, Chair (until 24 th July 2022)
Mrs C Leichert	Safeguarding Officer
Mr Jack Marples	
Mr John Marples	Deputy PCC Secretary, Tower Captain
Mrs M Norman	PCC Treasurer
Dr J Panniker	
Mrs P Reynolds	
Mrs E Walker	
Mrs C Walton	
Mr R Walton	Deputy Churchwarden, H & S Officer

There is currently a vacancy for a Giving Co-ordinator and Gift Aid Secretary.

PCC Members may be co-opted or elected by the PCC and/or members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll. There are approx. 95 names on the electoral role at 31/12/22

The PCC met 14 times during 2022. More meetings were held than usual due to the planning required for the loss of the Incumbent and subsequent period without a Rector in Charge. From September 2022, plans have been made to move towards Focal Ministry and joining with other Churches in the surrounding area under one Ordained Priest, with a Focal Minister taking the regular Sunday Services. 5 members of the Congregation have been undertaking the Focal ministry Foundation Course with a view to assisting with Sunday Services.

All Covid guidelines in relation to taking Communion and Church opening were regularly reviewed in accordance with The Diocese of Sheffield advice.

Financial Summary

The accounts for the financial year 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022 have been prepared by the treasurer, Mary Norman and Inspected by Pi Accountants. The change of Accounts Inspectors caused some considerable delay in preparing the 2021 accounts and meant the Charity Commission deadline for submission of 31st October 2022 was missed, for the first time ever. This caused subsequent delays in finalising the 2022 accounts.

Total receipts were £102401, (of which £39,000 related to grants received for capital projects) and payments amounted to £73,873 (of which £32,230 related to the Jane Street Wall capital project) based on the accounts to 31/12/2022. In addition to the General fund, there are 5 restricted funds. These accounts may only be used for the purposes for which the money was donated. They are the Fabric fund, the Building Fund, the Windows Fund, the Childrens Fund and the Churchyard fund.

The Fabric fund is money held in respect of the maintenance and upkeep of the Church and stood at £68358 31/12/2022 .

The Building Fund relates to plans to build a toilet and servery in Church. No work has started on this project yet, and has been significantly delayed due to the pandemic. The money in the fund stands at £42287 in the accounts to 31/12/2022.

The Windows fund is money allocated to the repair and renovation of the stained glass windows, as an ongoing project. This stood at £8637 in the accounts to 31/12/2022.

The Churchyard fund was set up as a result of a donation towards the upkeep of the Church yard.

The Childrens Fund was set up following a bequest of £5000 to be used to assist with Childrens Mission in Church.

In November 2022 Santander Bank closed the Church current account, following the failure to satisfy their request for documentation during a Money Laundering review, within their

specified time scale. The account held £59000 and a cheque was sent to the Treasurer for these funds. However, when the cheque was banked in the Co-operative Bank current account, it was bounced, as a suspected fraud/counterfeit. This matter had not been resolved before the end of the accounting period, 31/12/2022. Subsequently, a second cheque was issued, but never received by the Treasurer. The matter was finally resolved in May 2022, when a further cheque was issued by Santander and successfully cleared in the Co-operative Bank current Account.

Gift Aid

The church is still recovering financially from the results of the pandemic and the weekly giving and Envelope Giving has reduced. In 2022 £5619 was recovered from HMRC for Gift Aid.

Report prepared by Jane Gregory, deputy Church Warden

Signed on behalf of the PCC 26/10/ 2023.

Account Period ending 31st
December 2022

INCOME & EXPENDITURE

**Year
Ending
31/12/22**

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31/12/21**

Income

Donations

202.50

Income Total

202.50

0.00

Expenditure

Admin

100.76

Expenditure Total

100.76

0.00

Surplus/(Deficit) of income over expenditure

101.74

0.00

BALANCE SHEET

Balance B/F from 2021

0

Surplus/Deficit

101.74

Balance C/F to 2023

101.74