

Parish Church of St Michael & All Angels, Thurmaston

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ANNUAL REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

For the Year Ended 31st December 2022



ANNUAL MEETINGS 2023

**Annual Parish Meeting for the Election of Churchwardens
Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)**

Sunday 7th May 2023 from 12.30pm

At the Parish Church of St Michael & All Angels, Thurmaston

Incumbent:

The Rev'd Timothy Day (Vicar) (1st January 2022 to 21st September 2022)
828 Melton Road, Thurmaston, Leicester LE4 8BE

Bank:

Barclays Bank Ltd, Town Hall Square, Leicester

Independent Examiner:

Mr. Colin Wood

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The Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Thurmaston – Registered Charity 1193394

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Annual Parish Meeting for the Election of Churchwardens
Sunday 7th May 2023 at 12.30pm at St Michael & All Angels, Thurmaston

Agenda

1. Election of Chair for the meeting
2. Opening Prayer
3. Apologies for absence
4. Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held 8th May 2022 (page 3)
 - a. Approval for accuracy
 - b. Matters arising
5. Election of Churchwardens
6. Date of next Annual Parish Meeting – Sunday 5th May 2024 at 12.30pm

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)
Sunday 7th May 2023 immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of APCM held 8th May 2022 (pages 4-10)
 - a. Approval for accuracy
 - b. Matters arising
3. To receive and approve Financial Report and Accounts (pages 10-27)
4. To receive other reports (pages 28-39)
5. Elections and Appointments:
 - a. Election of Deanery Synod representatives (2) (July 2023 to June 2026)
 - b. Election of Parochial Church Councillors (1 to May 2025; 3 to May 2026)
 - c. To resolve that Licensed Lay Ministers shall be ex-officio members of the PCC (Church Representation Rules 2022, M15, 1(h))
 - d. Election of Fosse Team Council members (2) (to May 2024)
 - e. Appointment of Honorary Auditor / Independent Examiner
 - f. Appointment of Parish Safeguarding Officer (to May 2024)
 - g. Appointment of Safeguarding Independent Person (to May 2024)
6. Date of next Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Sunday 5th May 2024 immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting
7. Close of meeting with The Grace

“May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ; and the Love of God; and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all; evermore. Amen”.

Parish of St Michael & All Angels, Thurmaston
Annual Parish Meeting – Sunday 8 May 2022

MINUTES

Held	Parish Church of St Michael & All Angels, Thurmaston	
Present	Rev Tim Day; Ann Burdett; Margaret Curtis; Terry Denton; Stephen Gamble; Suzanne Gamble; Darren Gartside; Sandra Gartside; Mandy Green; Elizabeth Grimsley; Lesley Hyam; Sheila Langley; Dave Lewis; John Tebbutt; Maureen Tebbutt; Lita Woolley.	
1.	Opening Prayer – Rev Tim Day opened the meeting at 1pm, welcomed all, and led the meeting in Prayer.	
2.	Apologies for absence – received from Ann Beck; David Beck; Andrea Day; Cllr Andy Dent; Joan Elliott; John Hewer; Julie Hewer; Jason Jones; Cllr Brenda Seaton CC; Angela Taylor; John Taylor; Collette Webster-Jones.	
3.	Minutes of last Annual Parish Meeting – held on Monday 10 May 2021 had been circulated in advance.	
A	Approval for accuracy – the minutes were approved for accuracy. Proposed by Lesley, seconded by Sheila, with all in favour.	
B	Matters arising – there were none.	
4.	Election of Churchwardens – two nominations had been received – Dave Lewis (proposed by Darren Gartside and seconded by Gill Lewis) and John Tebbutt (proposed by Sandra Gartside and seconded by David Beck). The election of Dave Lewis and John Tebbutt was agreed with all in favour. Tim thanked Dave and John for taking on the role of Churchwarden.	
5.	Date of next Annual Parish Meeting – Sunday 7 th May 2023 at 12.30pm at the Parish Church of St Michael & All Angels, Thurmaston.	
	There being no further business the Rev Tim Day closed the meeting at 1.05pm.	

Parish Church of St Michael & All Angels, Thurmaston MINUTES
Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Sunday 8 May 2022

Held	Parish Church of St Michael & All Angels, Thurmaston	
Present	Rev Tim Day; Ann Burdett; Margaret Curtis; Terry Denton; Stephen Gamble; Suzanne Gamble; Darren Gartside; Sandra Gartside; Mandy Green; Elizabeth Grimsley; Lesley Hyam; Sheila Langley; Dave Lewis; John Tebbutt; Maureen Tebbutt; Lita Woolley.	
	Rev Tim Day opened the meeting at 1.05pm.	
1	Apologies for absence – received from Ann Beck; David Beck; Andrea Day; Cllr Andy Dent; Joan Elliott; John Hower; Julie Hower; Jason Jones; Cllr Brenda Seaton CC; Angela Taylor; John Taylor; Collette Webster-Jones.	
2	Minutes of Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 10 May 2021 – had been circulated in advance.	
A	Approval for accuracy – the minutes were approved for accuracy. Proposed Lesley, seconded Sandra, with all in favour.	
B	Matters arising – there were none.	
3	To receive and approve Financial Report and Accounts – these had been circulated in advance. Lesley Hyam, PCC Treasurer, reported as follows: “Two significant factors had a major impact on the 2021 accounts: The first being the completion and payment of the toilet and kitchenette project. The net payment in 2021 being £49,377 after receipt of most of the vat refunds. The overall total for this project came to £73,781 but this was spread over a number of years, from initial drawings to final payment. The second major factor was of course the receipt of £476,323 from the sale of the Old School which has had an effect on many of our decisions since then. First of all, we were able to do what we hoped by increasing our Parish Contribution to the diocese from our original offer of £15,000 to £21,500 for 2021. And for 2022, remembering God’s generosity to Thurmaston, and taking into account the diocesan costs of providing clergy, other support and past grant funding, the PCC has committed to pay £35,000. The income from the Old School also enabled the PCC to commit to funding 100% of the Children and Families Worker salary and on-costs with effect from 1st July 2021. Now that grant funding has ceased, the decision meant that the total cost to Thurmaston in 2021 was £18,599. If	

	everything remains the same in 2022, the cost will be £24,733, because it will cover a full year. The redundancy of the Team Administrator in January means that the net cost to Thurmaston in 2021 was just £139. Due to its more secure financial position the PCC has been able to authorise spending on some larger maintenance and repair items and is able to fund items identified as needing attention during the recent quinquennial inspection. During 2021 the PCC also authorised charitable gifts totalling £2,865. The outstanding gift aid referred to in the written report has now been claimed and received, as has the outstanding vat on the building work. As I pointed out in the report, our accounts look, and of course currently are, healthy but we must take care to be good stewards. Our expenditure is far beyond our income. Had it not been for the Old School money, our resources would have been depleted by £90,826 in 2021. Much of this was due to spending on the toilet and kitchenette, and conscious decisions about the Children and Families Worker and the Parish Contribution, but it does emphasise that the money we currently have will not last too long and that we still have to try to maintain and if possible, increase regular giving, which does unfortunately continue to fall. In order to use the Old School income as wisely as possible the PCC has formed an Investment Working Party which has been working with a professional Financial Adviser to ensure that any money not likely to be required in the short term is invested sensibly, and ethically. Its objective is to maximise income, seek capital growth and keep pace with inflation, while at the same time taking into account the need to spend on mission and ministry as well as maintenance and possible development of the church building. As I prepared this report the need for thanksgiving, good stewardship and a response to God's generosity both as a PCC and personally seemed to be the messages coming out of the accounts. Thanks for listening. If anyone has any questions, I'll do my best to respond". Sandra thanked Lesley for her commitment, commenting that being PCC Treasurer is not an easy job.	
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	Tim thanked Lesley for her competence and commitment, stating that the role of PCC Treasurer involved a lot of work and responsibility. Those present concurred. There were no questions. It was resolved that the financial report and accounts be received and approved. Proposed Sandra, seconded by Maureen, with all in favour.	
4	To receive other reports – these had been circulated in advance. Tim led the meeting through the reports: Vicar – Tim drew attention to the highlight being the opportunity to gather again for regular worship and the completion of the toilet and kitchen project, which despite some minor ‘finishing touches’ had proved to be well received by those attending services and events. Tim was pleased that the new ringing chamber appeared to work well for the bellringers, with many visitors asking for guided tours. Tim commented on the well-attended 800th Anniversary in September 2021 where Bishop Martyn had led a Service of Thanksgiving / Holy Communion service with reception afterwards at Thurmaston Memorial Hall. Dave Lewis said the Costco buffet had proved to be very popular. Tim said that Mandy had been greatly missed since September 2021 during her illness and that it was great to see Mandy at the annual meetings. Tim invited questions and there were none. Churchwardens – John Tebbutt and Dave Lewis had nothing to add and there were no questions. Tim thanked John and Dave for their work, largely behind the scenes. Tim extended his thanks to Suzanne and others for their assistance in preparing for the Quinquennial Inspection with a good report and just a few items to work through. Tim thanked John and Angela Taylor for all their work in maintaining the church and churchyard to such a high standard. Tim also drew attention to the north aisle roof having been repaired after several years of water leaks. Tim thanked John and Dave and said he looked forward to the year ahead. Lay Minister – Sheila Langley welcomed the slow return to normality and said she enjoyed preaching on Ruth and Esther and that preparing sermons had helped her develop her knowledge of Old Testament characters. Sheila congratulated Tim for his sermon at the service immediately preceding the annual meetings. Sheila said that she had contributed to the children and families work during Mandy’s absence and that this had taken up a lot of time.	

	Sheila thanked Mandy for her help in the background and to David Beck and Sandra. Sheila was pleased with the two excellent holiday activities that had taken place for children in church and felt that Bright Sparks was going from strength to strength. Sheila thanked everybody for their support and said it would be exciting to see where God was leading St Michael's, Thurmaston through Shaped by God Together and in partnership with Living Hope Church, Thurmaston. Tim thanked Sheila for all that she does. There were no questions. Children & Families Worker – Mandy had submitted her report to which Tim had made a short addition. Mandy said she had been keeping in touch with families through lockdown and had taken a back seat since August 2021 whilst receiving treatment. Mandy thanked Tim, Sheila, David Beck, Sandra, and Darren, saying she really appreciated the way everything had continued. Mandy said that her next phase of treatment had been put back and that she suspected that May / June 2022 would be particularly tiring. Mandy said it was good that families had stayed in touch whilst she had been ill. Tim said that Bright Sparks had been somewhat nomadic, moving from the Old School to Tangent House, and now to Thurmaston Scout & Guide HQ, and that whilst the external storage shed meant extra work when setting up and packing up, the venue was very suitable and was working very well. Sheila noted there had not been a single wet Wednesday since Bright Sparks moved to Scout HQ and had started using the shed. Tim thanked Mandy and her team for all they do. Bellringers – Lesley said the new ringing chamber offered great views of the church and worked very well, but was surprisingly noisier, with the sound of bells above, and doors opening and closing below. Mandy said that visiting children from Church Hill Junior School had enjoyed a tour of the ringing chamber. Sheila asked if the bells would be rung for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and Lesley said she would check what national arrangements were in place and would certainly ring the bells at some point during the weekend. There were no questions. Tim thanked Lesley and the bellringers. Eco Church – Tim said that Angela was instrumental in getting things moving and that whilst it was difficult to make some changes to a Grade II* listed building, practical arrangements were already being put into place, such as	
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	bird houses, bug hotels, and a wildflower meadow, with fairtrade refreshments, eco-friendly cleaning products, recycled paper, etc. Tim thanked Angela for leading this initiative. Tim said that a report at Deanery Synod from the Diocesan Eco Advisor suggested that St Michael's, Thurmaston was ahead of the game so far. Coffee Time – Suzanne had nothing to add and there were no questions. Tim felt that Coffee Time for many was the highlight of the week, with great conversations and lots of new people and visitors. Tim thanked Suzanne and her team. Suzanne thanked Andrea Day for supplying home made cake every week. Prayer Group – Tim advised that the Prayer Group met on Zoom every Tuesday evening, except the 2nd Tuesday of each month when a group met in church for prayer and study from 7pm-8.30pm, to which all were welcome. Head Server – Dave Lewis had nothing to add and there were no questions. Tim thanked the servers and Dave for looking after Altar supplies. Deanery Synod – Stephen reported a slow return to normality and thanked Andrea Day for the Eco Church content for the Deanery Synod report. Stephen was uncertain how Deanery Synod might develop in future in relation to Shaped by God Together and new Minster Communities. Tim thanked Stephen for his report and for his work as Lay Chair of the Deanery Synod. There were no questions. Tim invited questions or comments on the reports generally and there were none. Tim thanked everybody who had submitted reports and all who contributed to so many different church activities.	
5	Elections and appointments: The following elections and appointments were made.	
A	Election to Parochial Church Council – Darren advised that Suzanne Gamble and Jason Jones had resigned their directly elected roles and would instead serve as PCC members in future in their capacity as Diocesan Synod and Deanery Synod representatives respectively. Darren advised that Mandy Green was not seeking re-election as a directly elected PCC member and would instead exercise ex-officio membership of PCC through her membership of Diocesan Synod. Darren reported that four nominations had therefore been received for five vacant PCC roles:	

	David Beck, proposed Gill Lewis, seconded Dave Lewis; Sandra Gartside, proposed John Tebbutt, seconded Brian Payne; Lesley Hyam, proposed Mandy Green, seconded Stephen Gamble; Sheila Langley, proposed Sandra Gartside, seconded Stephen Gamble. Tim drew names to determine terms of office as follows: David Beck – to APCM 2023 Sandra Gartside – to APCM 2025 Lesley Hyam – to APCM 2025 Sheila Langley – to APCM 2023 A vacancy existed for a PCC member to serve to APCM 2025. Tim reminded those present that all were eligible to seek re-election. Tim declared those listed above duly elected.	
B	To resolve that Licensed Lay Ministers shall be ex-officio members of the PCC (Church Representation Rules 2020, M15, 1(h)) – Tim explained that Lay Ministers aged 70+ have Permission to Officiate, and those aged below 70 are Licensed Lay Ministers, hence voting in favour of the resolution would confirm Andrea Day and John Hower as ex-officio members of the PCC. Proposed Dave Lewis, seconded Mandy, with all in favour.	
C	Election of Fosse Team Council members – Jason Jones and Sheila Langley, proposed Sandra, seconded Stephen, with all in favour.	
	Sheila noted that Lay Ministers support Barkby, Queniborough, and Ratcliffe-on-the-Wreake. Tim noted that parishes had voted to disband The Fosse Team, but still drew upon the services of Stephen Gamble, John Hower, and Sheila Langley.	
D	Appointment of Honorary Auditor / Independent Examiner – it was resolved that Colin Wood be reappointed, proposed Suzanne, seconded Lesley, with all in favour.	
E	Appointment of Parish Safeguarding Officer – John Hower, proposed Dave Lewis, seconded Sheila Langley, with all in favour.	
F	Appointment of Safeguarding Independent Person – Cllr Brenda Seaton CC, proposed Suzanne, seconded Mandy, with all in favour.	
6	Date of next Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Sunday 7 May 2023 at St Michael & All Angels, Thurmaston, immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting at 12.30pm.	

7	Close of meeting with The Grace – Rev Tim Day thanked everybody for attending, for being part of the church fellowship, and for all the various roles that people undertake. Tim asked that those present invite people to attend church and said that Alpha would be running later in the year, ahead of Confirmations on 25 September 2022. Tim thanked Darren for his work as PCC Secretary and those present displayed their agreement with applause. Those present together recited The Grace, after which there being no further business, the Rev Tim Day closed the meeting at 1.45pm.	
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the Parochial Church Council of St. Michael and All Angels Thurmaston have been prepared on the Accruals basis, to show a true and fair view, in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, Section 132 and comply with the 2008 Regulations and have been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles set out in the applicable Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP) (FRSSE). They are consistent with accounting standards and the accounting concepts of going concern and accruals.

General Funds

General funds represent the funds of the Parochial Church Council that are not subject to any special restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes of the Parochial Church Council. These include funds designated for a particular purpose by the Parochial Church Council.

Designated funds

Designated funds are part of the unrestricted funds, which the Parochial Church Council has earmarked for a particular project or use, without restricting or committing the funds legally. The designation may be cancelled by the Parochial Church Council if it later decides that they should not proceed or continue with the use or project for which the funds were designated.

Restricted funds

Restricted funds are established when required, where grants, donations, legacies or other income have been received that require that the funds be used in a specific way or for a specific purpose. The Parochial Church Council considers it necessary at present to maintain a balance in the "Fabric Fund" in order to fund the works required to maintain its ancient historic parish church, comply with modern legislation and enhance the facilities within the building.

The accounts include monetary transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Parochial Church Council can be held responsible. They do not include the accounts of other church groups that owe an affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church servants.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Investments are 11aptizing11 but not valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

The following assets are 11aptizing11 and a monetary value given as part of the description in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

Amounts owing from HMRC

Any other amounts owing to the Parochial Church Council

Closing bank balances as shown in the receipts and payments account.

The following liabilities are 11aptizing11 in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

Any arrears of Diocesan parish Share

Any arrears of assigned fees or fees to church servants, or other amounts owed

Creditors for goods and services where supply has been received by 31st December 2022

Reserves

The Parochial Church Council has created an Investment Policy and an Investment Working Party which keeps under review the amount of working capital required to meet the PCC's short term objectives and to seek professional advice from its Financial Adviser, Mr Nick Trudgill of Ashwood Law Wealth Management with regard to long term investment of any reserve funds. Such investment is to be held on behalf of the PCC by Leicester Diocesan Board of Finance. Savings likely to be required to meet short term objectives are held in the PCC's own Church Board of Finance deposit accounts and its Nationwide Building Society Business Savings Account.

Assigned Fees

All assigned fees recovered are paid over to the Diocese.

"Contra" Receipts and Payments

The "Contra Charity" items are amounts collected by the church, which are subsequently paid out in full to other organisations, such as collections for charity. They do not form part of the financial statements. The "Contra Non-Charity" items are mainly transfers between PCC accounts.

Insurance

The church is insured through the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group under a discounted Long Term Agreement. The premium is paid annually on 22nd August and was £3,622.67 in 2022. The sum insured is £10,400,000 for buildings and contents combined, which represents 100% of the cost of repair/restoration of the church. The cover carried for Public Liability is £5m. In addition, organisers of special and fund raising events arrange further insurance cover where appropriate.

Risk management

The Parochial Church Council is aware of the many risks involved with the administration of the Parish and has endeavoured to 11aptizin or reduce them, paying particular attention to health and safety and child protection issues, creating and maintaining all the necessary policies and procedures as required by legislation.

Legal Advice

If required legal advice is obtained Leicester Diocesan Registrar.

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH THURMASTON

Background

The Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Thurmaston is a registered charity, number 1193394, and Body Corporate. It is governed by the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956, as amended, and the Church Representation Rules (contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 as amended).

St. Michael and All Angels Parochial Church Council (PCC) has read the Commission's guidance on public benefit (PB3 Public benefit: reporting) and is therefore aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. In regard to "The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit" the PCC has particular regard to this in its administration of the Parish. The PCC believes that, by fulfilling its responsibility to work together with the incumbent in the Parish and co-operate in all matters of concern and importance for the promotion of the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, it provides a benefit to the public by:

- Providing resources and facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers;
- Promoting Christian values, and service by members of the Church to the community, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

The PCC is responsible, inter alia, for the parochial budget and all expenditure thereunder, the care and maintenance of Church fabric, and for any action or other matter referred to it.

With the exception of the Incumbent and the Children and Families Worker all members are unpaid volunteers.

Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex officio, co-opted, or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. During the year 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022, (the period covered by these accounts) the following served as members/officers of the PCC:

Ex-Officio

Incumbent:	The Rev'd Timothy Day (until 21.09.22)
Wardens:	Mr. John Tebbutt Mr. David Lewis
Readers:	Mr. John Hower Mrs Andrea Day (until 21.09.22)
Deanery Synod:	Mr. Stephen Gamble Mr. Jason Jones (until 08.08.22) Mrs. Collette Webster Jones (until 08.08.22) Mrs Sheila Langley (from 05.09.22) Mr Darren Gartside (from 05.09.22)
Diocesan Synod:	Mrs. Suzanne Gamble Mrs Mandy Green

Co-opted Members

Mrs. Sheila Langley (until 08.05.22 then elected)
Mrs. Sandra Gartside (until 08.05.22 then elected)
Mrs. Pat Cleaver (08.08.22 to 30.12.22)

Elected Members

Mr. David Beck
Mr. Darren Gartside
Mrs. Sandra Gartside (co-opted until 08.05.22 then elected)
Mrs Mandy Green (elected until 08.05.22 then ex-officio only)
Mrs. Julie Hewer
Miss Lesley Hyam
Mr Jason Jones (elected until 08.05.22 then ex-officio until 08.08.22)
Mrs Sheila Langley (co-opted until 08.05.22 then elected)
Mrs. Angela Taylor
Mrs. Maureen Tebbutt

Diocesan Synod Representative (representing the Goscote Deanery)

Mrs. Suzanne Gamble
Mrs Mandy Green

Deanery Synod Representatives

Mr. Stephen Gamble
Mr Darren Gartside (from 05.09.22)
Mr. Jason Jones (until 08.08.22)
Mrs. Sheila Langley (from 05.09.22)
Mrs. Collette Webster Jones (until 08.08.22)

Fosse Team Council Representatives

Mr. Jason Jones (until 08.08.22)
Mrs. Sheila Langley
Mr. David Lewis (from 05.09.22)

Local Minister

Mrs. Suzanne Gamble (from 20.11.22)

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC. The Standing Committee during 2022 was constituted of the Vicar (until 21.09.22), Churchwardens, Mrs Suzanne Gamble, Mr. Darren Gartside, Miss Lesley Hyam and Mrs Sheila Langley (from 11.07.22).

Investment Working Party

Reverend Timothy Day (until 21.09.22)
Miss Lesley Hyam
Mr. Darren Gartside
Mrs. Angela Taylor
Mrs. Maureen Tebbutt

PCC Chair

Reverend Timothy Day (until 21.09.22)

PCC Vice Chair

Mr David Lewis (from 08.05.22 then Lay Chair from 21.09.22)
Mr John Tebbutt (from 10.05.21 to 08.05.22)

Church Wardens

Mr. David Lewis

Mr. John Tebbutt

Deputy Church Warden

Mrs. Suzanne Gamble

PCC Secretary

Mr. Darren Gartside

PCC Treasurer

Miss Lesley Hyam

Health and Safety Co-ordinator

Mr. John Hower

Parish Safeguarding Officer

Mr. John Hower

Safeguarding Independent Officer:

Cllr Brenda Seaton CC

Church Electoral Roll Officer

Mrs. Julie Hower

Head Server

Mr. David Lewis

Eco Group

Mr. Stephen Gamble

Mrs. Suzanne Gamble

Mrs. Sheila Langley

Mrs. Angela Taylor

Living Hope Church Thurmaston Project Board Representative

Mrs. Maureen Tebbutt (from 08.08.22)

Church Hill Junior School Foundation Governors

Mr. Steve Hardy

Mrs. Mandy Green

Mrs. Maureen Tebbutt (from 05.09.22)

Minster Community Representatives

Mrs. Mandy Green

Mr. David Lewis

Mrs. Sheila Langley

TREASURER'S REPORT ON THE 2022 ACCOUNTS

Last year, 2021, for the first time, as a result of the income received from the sale of the Old School, the total income received by Thurmaston PCC was over £500,000. This meant that the accounts had to be prepared on an Accruals basis, rather than the usual Receipts and Payments basis. This means that income and expenditure due in that year,

but not yet received, as well as income and payments received or paid in advance, had to be included on the balance sheet for 2021. This made a net increased income of £6,983. For ease of comparison and clarity of the whole position, the accounts for 2022 have been prepared on the same basis. The net increase in income for 2022 is £4,689 made up of an estimated £370 owing for end of year gas and electric, £2,313 prepayment (Jan-Aug) for insurance, gift aid and GASDS refund of £1,836, an estimated interest of £894 on the Nationwide Business Savings account and a reimbursement of £16 due from East Goscote for travelling expenses of visiting clergy.

Compared to 2021, the planned giving income dropped by 9% to £15,005 but income from the collection plates increased by £281 to £916 due to services being held for a full year (Covid restrictions having been removed). Income from wedding and funeral fees was also up by £1,969, but consequently, so were fees payable by the PCC. Income from donations and grants was obviously down in 2022 compared to 2021 when the proceeds from the sale of the Old School were received.

Gift Aid and Gift Aid Small Donation Scheme refunds were lower in 2022 because claims made in 2021 covered a longer period.

Fundraising in 2022 increased by 62% to £1,337 and interest increased to £1,357 (taking into account an estimated £894 accrual for interest on the Nationwide account).

The amount of contra charity items going in and out increased in 2022, due to support for Christian Aid Week and the administration of fuel top-up grants to Food bank clients, which were reimbursed by Soar Valley Community Project from a grant by Leicestershire County Council Household Support Fund.

The PCC's promise of £35,000 as its Parish Share Contribution for 2022 was fulfilled. It was made in recognition of God's generosity to Thurmaston and in acknowledgement of the diocesan costs of providing clergy and other support, and also for grant funding received in the past. It was increased from £21,500 in 2020 as a one-off amount and therefore after prayerful consideration the PCC made the decision that the contribution for 2023 would be reduced to £25,000.

The number of services at which an organist played increased in 2022 so the amount paid in fees was higher. The salary and on-costs of the Children and Families Worker was also higher due to Thurmaston meeting the whole year cost, not just half as in 2021.

The total cost of work with children and families in 2022, including materials and salary and on-costs was £26,032

Clergy expenses were lower in 2022 due to only five months being claimed by Rev'd Day.

Church running expenses show as only £9,636 in 2022, compared to £22,143 in 2021 but this is misleading because £7,194 of the 2021 total constituted payments subsequently reimbursed by other parishes towards the salaries of the Children & Families Worker and the Team Administrator. Other large differences under this heading are repairs and maintenance (2021 included large expenses to clean the belfry and clock chamber of guano, to re-bush the bell clappers and also to fit polycarbonate sheeting and mesh guards to the stained glass windows). £1,300 was also spent in 2021 on the 800th

anniversary celebrations and a further £500 was paid back to the Parish Council due to being unable to use the grant towards the church clock. These amounts were not replicated in 2022.

Utility bills in 2022 were in fact £619 lower than in 2021, being £3,038 in 2022 and £3,657 in 2021. The contracts with SSE, negotiated through the Parish Buying Scheme, fix the prices for electricity until November 2023 and gas until January 2024. We were also fortunate to receive a grant of £1,087 via the diocese from the National Churches Trust towards the cost of fuel. (This is shown in the accounts under “grants received” so it does not misrepresent the amount spent on fuel).

Mission giving and charitable donations by the PCC were greater in 2022, being £4,250 compared to £2,865 in 2021. This was due to considerable support for the charitable work in Ukraine.

No major building work was undertaken in 2022, with the largest sum in the repairs and maintenance category being £750 for the quinquennial inspection. The inspection highlighted that approximately £9,900 will need to be spent to bring the church building to the required standard.

In addition to these maintenance items, £4,107 will be required to treat the asbestos tiles, around £12,000 to overhaul and automate the church clock and, an as yet unknown amount to update the heating system, which will also require a new three phase electrical supply which on its own could be around £25,000, and also an emergency lighting system and new LED lights.

Much discussion took place during 2022 regarding potential redevelopment work within the church building and it was finally decided to go ahead with faculty applications for the work mentioned in the previous paragraph, along with a few minor changes, as the first stage, and then to consider what further developments may or may not be required at a later stage.

Because of uncertainties concerning potential building redevelopment the Investment Working Group did not reach a conclusion regarding how much to invest. The money therefore remained in the Nationwide Business Savings Account. However, this is not a good long term plan and the Group needed to be convened early in 2023 to address the matter in order to protect and retain the capital.

Including accruals and prepayments, a total income of £36,335 was received in 2022, while expenditure totalled £85,878 making a net deficit of £49,543. Although this deficit was anticipated by the PCC and was in part due to conscious decisions made by its members regarding taking full responsibility for the salary of the Children and Families Worker, the level of the Parish Contribution and the amount of the donation made to Ukraine, it is clearly an unsustainable situation. With a total of £434,747 cash available at 31st December 2022, Thurmaston appears to be well off. However it can clearly be seen that if a loss of this magnitude is made each year it will not take long to use up this resource, especially with the amount of building maintenance which is necessary, even before any actual redevelopment takes place.

It is important therefore, that whilst being incredibly grateful for the amount of money currently at our disposal, we do not sit back and rest on our laurels, as this will not be the case for too much longer unless we can do something about it.

Lesley Hyam

Treasurer

THURMASTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL INVESTMENT POLICY

This policy has been created following receipt of the proceeds from the sale of Thurmaston Old School Church and Community Centre. However, it will be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure it remains adequate to deal with those monies and also any future income to the Parochial Church Council (PCC).

Thurmaston PCC wishes to exercise its right, under the general power of investment which permits trustees to invest a charity's funds in any asset that is specifically intended to maintain and increase its value and/or produce a financial return.

In accordance with the Parochial Church Council (Measures) Act 1956, investment decisions made by the PCC must be approved by, and vested in, Leicester Diocesan Board of Finance. The name will be "Leicester Diocesan Board of Finance acting as Custodian Trustee on behalf of Thurmaston Parochial Church Council".

Two of four signatories, as nominated by Leicester Diocesan Board of Finance (LDBF), will be required to authorize investment transactions, but LDBF will react to instructions from the PCC which are signed by the Churchwarden and Treasurer who are both members of the Investment Working Party.

The PCC has delegated all investment decisions to its Investment Working Party (IWP), which consists of five members of the PCC, including a Churchwarden and Treasurer. However, as no member of the PCC has sufficient investment experience, knowledge or skills the PCC has approved the appointment of a suitably qualified and regulated Financial Adviser, as selected by the IWP. The IWP must report to the PCC at each of the PCC's meetings if the IWP has been active during the period between PCC meetings, or if there have been any significant events affecting the PCC's investments, or otherwise on an annual basis.

The investment objective is to maximise income, seek capital growth and keep pace with inflation, while at the same time taking into account the need to spend on mission and ministry as well as maintenance and possible development of the church building.

When determining the amount to invest, the IWP will take into account immediate financial needs, missional objectives, future spending commitments and longer-term financial objectives as well as past patterns and potential for unforeseen future circumstances. It will then be possible to identify funds which need to be available on instant access, those which are available for short term investment and those which can be tied up for longer periods of time, ensuring at the same time that it will be possible to respond to unplanned events.

The IWP will satisfy itself that all investments are appropriate for Thurmaston PCC and with the help of the Financial Adviser will keep this under review and consider whether there is a need to change or diversify those investments. The Financial Adviser will make appropriate asset and investment selections in accordance with the PCC's investment policy and will report on, and evaluate, investment performance. Fees will be paid out of the capital in order to easily identify net performance. Returns generated by investment are either to be paid into the PCC's current account or to be re-invested, as deemed most appropriate by the IWP, on an annual basis.

The PCC intends to exercise its powers to make ethical investments, including Environmental, Social and Governance, using a Christian approach to investment in alignment with the Church of England's teaching and values, to ensure that investments do not conflict with its aims. This may include both negative and positive screening, and has delegated the detailed criterion of this approach to the Investment Working Party. Initially the PCC does not intend to engage in stakeholder activism, although this is not precluded, should it be considered appropriate to do so at some future date. It is acknowledged that it is possible this approach could lead to a lower return on investments, but it is considered it would be inappropriate for the charity to make investments which conflict with its values.

Whilst the PCC wishes to invest in funds with the highest possible ethical considerations, it has agreed that the PRIMARY ethical criterion for selecting suitable funds for investment are those which:

Positively promote:

Animal Welfare
Climate Change Reduction
Human Rights

Whilst also definitely avoiding those funds which invest in organisations involved in

Animal Welfare – Fur
Armaments
Pornography

Where it is possible the PCC would also wish to select funds which positively promote health and avoid any involved in Animal Testing for Non-Medical purposes or have negative Human Rights or Climate Change/Fossil Fuel impacts.

Recognising the need to obtain as high a return as reasonably possible, and anticipating that the investment will be long term, the PCC considers that a "moderate" level of risk is appropriate and most likely to contribute more towards the long term goals.

The PCC recognises that with all investments there is a level of risk. In order to mitigate capital risk it will invest in a diversified portfolio of assets, which will be selected and regularly monitored by the Financial Adviser. Day to day decisions concerning the contents of the investment portfolio will be delegated to the financial adviser, acting in a discretionary capacity in line with the Investment Policy.

Fund Managers will make decisions regarding the day-to-day management of the investment, but the Financial Adviser may make recommendations from time to time upon which the IWP will decide on behalf of the PCC.

The Financial Adviser:

- must not appoint a substitute or select his or her own successor.
- must exercise normal duty of care and has a liability for breach of contract.
- must not act in situations which might give rise to a conflict of interest

The functions delegated to the Financial Adviser must be carried out in the PCC's best interests and he or she must ensure that he or she only invests in funds that are within the remit of the PCC's investment policy.

The Financial Adviser will be required to provide valuation statements at least quarterly to the IWP.

The IWP will review at least annually, in conjunction with the Financial Adviser, how investments are performing. The evaluation will also take into account the cost of management.

The IWP will review, at least annually, the performance of the Financial Adviser. This will be carried out independently of the Financial Adviser and may involve independent expert assistance if felt appropriate. Consideration will include whether the terms under which he or she is acting remain suitable, how well he or she is performing, and whether he or she is complying with the policy statement.

The PCC will monitor and review, on an annual basis, its internal arrangements for managing its investments.

INVESTMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THURMASTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL AND ASHWOODLAW WEALTH MANAGEMENT

The investment manager agrees to follow an investment policy in line with the investment policy of Thurmaston Parochial Church Council, as set out above.

The policy sets out Thurmaston Parochial Church Council's investment objectives, how it intends to achieve them, the remit and responsibilities of the investment manager and the principles that the investment manager must follow when taking any investment decisions on behalf of Thurmaston Parochial Church Council. All investment must be within the remit of the Investment Policy.

This agreement is to be reviewed on an annual basis and can be terminated, in writing, at any time by either side.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name

St Michael and All Angel's Church, Thurmaston Leics

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1193394

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust'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. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the 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:

Date: 15th February 2023

Name:

Colin Wood

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Member of the Association of Accounting Technicians

Address:

16 Wordsworth Rd

Loughborough

Leicestershire LE11 4LQ

THURMASTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	2022	2021	
Current Assets			
Current Account	£52,274.99	£100,060.07	
Deposit Account 6002D	£1,379.02	£1,361.12	
Deposit Account 6003D	£30,977.17	£30,575.03	
Nationwide Building Society	£350,115.55	£350,000.00	
Debtors and Pre payments	£5,059.00	£7,383.13	Note 1
	<u>£439,805.73</u>	<u>£489,379.35</u>	
Current Liabilities			
Accruals	£370.00	£400.00	Note 1
	<u>£370.00</u>	<u>£400.00</u>	
	<u>£439,435.73</u>	<u>£488,979.35</u>	
Balance Brought Forward	£488,979.35	£96,499.60	
Excess income / (- expenditure)	-£49,543.62	£392,479.75	Note 2
(inc subtraction of net accruals and pre-payments from 2021)			
Balance Carried Forward	<u>£439,435.73</u>	<u>£488,979.35</u>	
Made up of Funds			
General	£427,325.46	£470,843.16	
Designated	£0.00	£930.77	
Legacy	£0.00	£0.00	
Restricted	£12,110.27	£17,205.42	Note 3
	<u>£439,435.73</u>	<u>£488,979.35</u>	

Note

Approved by order of the PCC on 06/03/23 and signed on it's behalf by:

Mr David Lewis - Chairman

Colin Wood (Independent Examiner)

DA Lewis

CL Wood

BANK RECONCILIATION					
DECEMBER 2022				2022 TOTALS	
Balance Brought Forward from Previous Reconciliation			£54,072.90		£100,060.07
Receipts			£4,856.25		£38,369.95
Payments			£6,654.16		£86,155.03
Balance at month end			£52,274.99		£52,274.99
Bank Statement Balance at end of December 2022			£57,893.01		£57,893.01
Less Unpresented Cheques	Number	Amount			
	104768	£4.05			
	104777	£40.00			
	104786	£35.00			
	104789	£35.00			
	104790	£2,916.00			
	104791	£113.60			
	104792	£50.00			
	104793	£171.77			
	104794	£17.50			
	104795	£1,933.10			
	104796	£290.00			
	104797	£12.00			
			£5,618.02		£5,618.02
Add Uncleared Deposits					
			£0.00		£0.00
Reconciled Balance at month end			£52,274.99		£52,274.99

THURMASTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL									
RECEIPTS									
INCOMING RESOURCES		TOTAL TO 31ST DECEMBER 2022				TOTAL TO 31.12.22		TOTAL TO 31.12.21	
		RESTRICTED		UNRESTRICTED		ALL		ALL	
VOLUNTARY INCOME									
Tax efficient planned giving			£0.00		£15,005.06		£15,005.06		£16,469.85
Collections of loose cash at services			£0.00		£916.38		£916.38		£634.88
Sunday services		£0.00		£661.07		£661.07		£545.77	
Funerals		£0.00		£126.51		£126.51		£89.11	
Weddings		£0.00		£7.30		£7.30		£0.00	
Other special services		£0.00		£121.50		£121.50		£0.00	
Other recurring giving / donations			£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00
Non-recurring giving / donations (inc Special Appeals)			£0.00		£1,486.87		£1,486.87		£30,447.75
Donation from Thurmaston Old School				£0.00				£30,000.00	
Other non recurring giving				£1,486.87				£447.75	
Tax recovered through gift aid (2021 figure includes £4,765.36 and 2022 figure includes £1,836.25 still due to be received lesss £4,765.36)			£0.00		£3,815.90		£3,815.90		£6,677.79
Legacies received (capital value)			£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00
Recurring grants			£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00
Non-recurring or one-off grants (2021 figure includes £479.77 vat refund still due and the 2022 figure is reduced by £479.77)			£371.20		£919.80		£1,291.00		£13,935.96
ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS									
Fund raising			£0.00		£1,336.98		£1,336.98		£821.63
INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS									
Dividends, interest, income from property etc (2021 figure includes £72 and 2022 figure includes £893.88 still due, less £72)			£402.14		£955.33		£1,357.47		£77.08
CHURCH ACTIVITIES									
Parochial fees retained by the PCC			£0.00		£4,940.00		£4,940.00		£2,970.60
Running Costs (Weddings)		£0.00		£786.00		£786.00		£536.00	
Running Costs (Banns)		£0.00		£96.00		£96.00		£62.00	
Running Costs (Funerals)		£0.00		£1,963.00		£1,963.00		£1,043.00	
Running Costs (Certificates)		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00	
Minister (unpaid) (funerals)		£0.00		£1,200.00		£1,200.00		£769.60	
Organist (funerals)		£0.00		£350.00		£350.00		£330.00	
Organist (weddings)		£0.00		£80.00		£80.00		£0.00	
Choir (funerals)		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00	
Choir (weddings)		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00	
Bellringers (funerals)		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00	
Bellringers (weddings)		£0.00		£180.00		£180.00		£60.00	
Verger (funerals)		£0.00		£210.00		£210.00		£120.00	
Verger (weddings)		£0.00		£75.00		£75.00		£50.00	
Minister(unpaid)(weddings)		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00	
Bookstall, magazine advertising & sales etc			£0.00		£41.19		£41.19		£47.98
Candles		£0.00		£41.19		£41.19		£47.98	
Other		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00	
OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES			£159.75		£211.91		£371.66		£454,731.53
Other incoming resources (Including Income from sale of Old School)		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£446,323.50	
Contribution towards Administrator		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£870.20	
Subs		£123.60		£226.91		£350.51		£384.90	
Flowers for 800th Celebration		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£235.00	
Other income / Resources		£36.15		-£15.00		£21.15		£733.72	
Contribution towards Family Worker (other parishes)		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£6,184.21	
ASSIGNED FEES			£0.00		£2,490.00		£2,490.00		£2,966.40
Weddings		£0.00		£654.00		£654.00		£422.00	
Banns		£0.00				£0.00		£0.00	
Funerals		£0.00		£1,836.00		£1,836.00		£2,544.40	
Certificates		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00	
CONTRA									
Contra Charity			£0.00		£3,041.03		£3,041.03		£468.75
Christian Aid		£0.00		£581.81		£581.81		£0.00	
Foodbank		£0.00		£2,040.00		£2,040.00		£0.00	
Childrens Society		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00	
Every Penny Counts		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00	
Other		£0.00		£419.22		£419.22		£468.75	
Contra Non Charity (2022 figure includes £16.32 still due from East Goscote for clergy expenses)			£0.00		£241.32		£241.32		£228.00
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES			£933.09		£35,401.77		£36,334.86		£530,478.20

THURMASTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL						
PAYMENTS						
RESOURCES EXPENDED	TOTAL TO 31ST DECEMBER 2022		TOTAL TO 31.12.22	TOTAL TO 31.12.21		
	RESTRICTED	UNRESTRICTED	ALL	ALL		
COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS						
Costs of generating funds (fundraising costs etc)	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		£0.00
MISSION GIVING & CHARITABLE GRANTS & DONATIONS						
Mission giving and charitable grants & donations	£0.00	£4,250.00	£4,250.00	£2,865.00		
CHURCH ACTIVITIES						
Parish share paid to diocese	£0.00	£35,000.00	£35,000.00	£21,500.00		
Salaries / honoraria (organist etc)	£24,795.69	£2,930.00	£27,725.69	£20,120.96		
Organist (services)	£0.00	£805.00	£805.00	£315.00		
Organist (funerals)	£0.00	£280.00	£280.00	£400.00		
Organist (weddings)	£0.00	£80.00	£80.00	£0.00		
verger (funerals)	£0.00	£195.00	£195.00	£135.00		
verger (weddings)	£0.00	£100.00	£100.00	£50.00		
Bellringers (funerals)	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		
Bellringers (weddings)	£0.00	£270.00	£270.00	£60.00		
Choir (funerals)	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		
Choir (weddings)	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		
Minister (unpaid) (funerals)	£0.00	£1,200.00	£1,200.00	£610.40		
Minister (unpaid) (weddings)	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		
Children & Families Worker (Thurleston Element)	£24,795.69	£0.00	£24,795.69	£18,550.56		
Expenses (of clergy, pastoral staff etc)	£55.36	£308.43	£363.79	£749.68		
Mileage	£48.16	£212.18	£260.34	£398.03		
Hospitality	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		
Telephone	£0.00	£96.25	£96.25	£173.40		
Other	£7.20	£0.00	£7.20	£178.25		
Church running expenses	£720.67	£8,915.66	£9,636.33	£22,142.75		
Insurance (2021 figure is for period 22nd Aug to 31st Dec only but 2022 includes 1st Jan-21st Aug)	£0.00	£3,376.12	£3,376.12	£1,170.31		
Repairs & Maintenance	£0.00	£2,559.29	£2,559.29	£7,627.31		
Altar Supplies	£0.00	£286.55	£286.55	£71.51		
Printing & Stationery	£0.00	£157.79	£157.79	£294.83		
Books	£1.50	£214.29	£215.79	£230.18		
Advertising	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		
Subscriptions	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		
Licences	£0.00	£477.85	£477.85	£552.15		
Children & Families Worker (East Goscoe element)	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£6,184.23		
Administrator	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,009.56		
Reimbursement for resources purchased by Children & Families Worker	£277.15	£0.00	£277.15	£124.93		
Bright Sparks Items	£290.00	£619.92	£909.92	£723.58		
Materials and Equipment and Sundries	£152.02	£826.95	£978.97	£1,365.84		
Cleaning and Hospitality	£0.00	£396.90	£396.90	£988.40		
800th Celebrations	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,299.92		
Refund	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£500.00		
Church utility bills	£0.00	£3,038.19	£3,038.19	£3,656.76		
Gas (2021 figure includes £200 and 2022 figure includes £300 estimate for amount still owed, less £200)	£0.00	£2,349.90	£2,349.90	£2,188.16		
Electricity (2021 figure includes £200 and 2022 figure includes £70 estimate for amount still owed less £200)	£0.00	£612.90	£612.90	£1,402.02		
Water	£0.00	£75.39	£75.39	£66.58		
Other	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		
Costs of trading (candles, bookstall etc)	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		
GOVERNANCE COSTS						
Governance costs (examination or audit fee etc)	£0.00	£210.13	£210.13	£171.00		
MAJOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE						
Major repairs to the church building inc redecoration	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		
Major repairs to other PCC property inc redecoration	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		
New building work to church or PCC property	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£62,832.95		
ASSIGNED FEES	£0.00	£2,372.00	£2,372.00	£3,262.60		
Weddings	£0.00	£872.00	£872.00	£422.00		
Banns	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		
Funerals	£0.00	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£2,840.60		
Certificates	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		
CONTRA						
Contra Charity	£0.00	£3,041.03	£3,041.03	£468.75		
Christian Aid	£0.00	£581.81	£581.81	£0.00		
Foodbank	£0.00	£2,040.00	£2,040.00	£0.00		
Childrens Society	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		
Every Penny Counts	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		
Other	£0.00	£419.22	£419.22	£468.75		
Contra Non Charity	-£20,023.25	£20,264.57	£241.32	£228.00		
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	£5,548.47	£80,330.01	£85,878.48	£137,998.45		
SURPLUS / DEFICIT	-£4,615.38	-£44,928.24	-£49,543.62	£392,479.75		
			Balance Sheet Note 2			

THURMASTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
RESTRICTED FUND RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2018 - 2022

Totals excluding Non Restricted Legacy					
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Receipts					
Interest	£402.14	£4.38	£2.41	£4.24	£2.79
Donations or grants (previously included contribution & grants to salary & on-costs)	£159.75	£30,000.00	£43,515.00	£17,162.00	£18,000.00
Contribution to Salary & On-Costs	£0.00	£6,184.21	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Special Events	£0.00	£0.00	£6,896.80	£4,759.27	£4,118.59
VAT Refund on Building Work	£371.20	£13,456.19	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Transfers from Another Fund	£20,023.25	£12,500.00	£11,000.00	£10,597.46	£3,380.97
Closure of Account	£0.00	£0.00	£65.12	£0.00	£0.00
Gift Aid Refund from HMRC	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	£20,956.34	£62,144.78	£61,479.33	£32,522.97	£25,502.35
Payments					
Repairs	£0.00	£1,224.00	£0.00	£0.00	£469.64
Salary & On-Costs	£24,851.05	£24,734.79	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Return of Unused Grant	£0.00	£500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Architect's Fees	£0.00	£1,655.75	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Building Work	£0.00	£35,824.40	£20,782.80	£0.00	£0.00
Sundries (previously included payment of salary & on-costs)	£720.67	£406.18	£28,034.65	£25,461.34	£29,660.99
Transfer to Another Fund	£0.00	£500.00	£7,900.00	£1,474.25	£0.00
	£25,571.72	£64,845.12	£56,717.45	£26,935.59	£30,130.63
Excess of Receipts over Payments	£0.00	£0.00	£4,761.88	£5,587.38	£0.00
Excess of Payments over Receipts	£4,615.38	£2,700.34	£0.00	£0.00	£4,628.28
Bank Current and Deposit Accounts at Start of Year	£16,725.66	£19,425.99	£14,664.11	£9,076.73	£13,705.01
Pre-paid vat on Fabric	£0.00	£479.77			
Bank Current and Deposit Accounts at End of Year	£12,110.27	£17,205.42	£19,425.99	£14,664.11	£9,076.73
		Balance Sheet Note 3			

THURMASTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL								
RESTRICTED FUND RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022								
	Decorating 2022	Toilet 2022	Fabric 2022	Flood lights 2022	Sunday School/You ng People 2022	Youth Activities 2022	Clock 2022	Heating 2022
Receipts								
Interest	£0.00	£0.00	£197.35	£5.90	£158.42	£3.78	£0.00	£0.00
Donations or grants	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£159.75	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Contribution to Salary & On-Costs	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Special Events	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
VAT Refund on Building Work	£0.00	£0.00	£371.20	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Transfers from Another Fund	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£20,023.25	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Closure of Account	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Gift Aid Refund from HMRC	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	£0.00	£0.00	£568.55	£5.90	£20,341.42	£3.78	£0.00	£0.00
Payments								
Repairs	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Salary & On-Costs	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£24,851.05	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Return of Unused Grant	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Architect's Fees	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Building Work	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Sundries	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£720.67	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Transfer to Another Fund	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£25,571.72	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Excess of Receipts over Payments	£0.00	£0.00	£568.55	£5.90	£0.00	£3.78	£0.00	£0.00
Excess of Payments over Receipts	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£5,230.30	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Bank Current and Deposit Accounts at Start of Year	£0.00	£0.00	£6,612.36	£208.82	£8,472.30	£133.77	£0.00	£0.00
Bank Current and Deposit Accounts at End of Year	£0.00	£0.00	£7,180.91	£214.72	£3,241.99	£137.55	£0.00	£0.00
	The Poor 2022	Choir 2022	Windows & General 2022	In Memory 2022	Restricted Legacy 2022	New Non Restricted Legacy <u>exc</u> from totals 2022	In Memory of Terry Harley 2022	Totals <u>exc</u> non restricted legacy 2022
Receipts								
Interest	£3.51	£0.00	£24.23	£8.95	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£402.14
Donations or grants	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£159.75
Contribution to Salary & On-Costs	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Special Events	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
VAT Refund on Building Work	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£371.20
Transfers from Another Fund	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£20,023.25
Closure of Account	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Gift Aid Refund from HMRC	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	£3.51	£0.00	£24.23	£8.95	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£20,956.34
Payments								
Repairs	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Salary & On-Costs	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£24,851.05
Return of Unused Grant	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Architect's Fees	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Building Work	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Sundries	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£720.67
Transfer to Another Fund	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£25,571.72
Excess of Receipts over Payments	£3.51	£0.00	£24.23	£8.95	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Excess of Payments over Receipts	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£4,615.38
Bank Current and Deposit Accounts at start of Year	£124.30	£0.00	£857.38	£316.73	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£16,725.66
								Note that due to accruals accounting for 2021 this total was shown as £17,205.42
Bank Current and Deposit Accounts at End of Year	£127.81	£0.00	£881.61	£325.68	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£12,110.27

THURMASTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022

DEBTORS & CREDITORS - SEE BALANCE SHEET NOTE 1

CREDITORS

Gas (Estimated)	£300.00
Electricity (Estimated)	£70.00
	<u>£370.00</u>

DEBTORS

Gift Aid & GASDS Refund from HMRC	£1,836.25	
Insurance 01.01.23 - 21.08.23	£2,312.55	Annual payment of £3,622.67 covers 22.8.22 to 21.8.23
Estimated Interest from Nationwide Savings Account	£893.88	
Visiting clergy expenses owed by East Goscote	£16.32	
	<u>£5,059.00</u>	

MONETARY ASSETS

	TOTAL AT 31.12.22	TOTAL AT 31.12.21	TOTAL AT 31.12.20	TOTAL AT 31.12.19	TOTAL AT 31.12.18
CBF DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 002	£1,379.02	£1,361.12	£1,360.42	£1,354.67	£1,344.56
CBF DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 003	£30,977.17	£30,575.03	£570.65	£568.24	£564.00
NATIONWIDE BUILDING SOCIETY ACCOUNT	£350,115.55	£350,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
RECONCILED BANK ACCOUNT	£52,274.99	£100,060.07	£94,568.53	£100,131.34	£99,056.27
TOTAL AVAILABLE CASH	£434,746.73	£481,996.22	£96,499.60	£102,054.25	£100,964.83

ALLOCATED AS FOLLOWS:

Non Restricted

General (Non Designated)	£422,636.46	£464,339.80	£45,288.59	£83,341.64	-£2,545.80
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Designated

	£0.00	£930.77	£31,785.03	£4,035.49	£3,831.02
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Legacy (unrestricted)

	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£13.00	£90,602.88
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Restricted

Legacy (restricted)	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£3,002.26	£3,001.06
Decorating	£0.00	£0.00	£19.33	£19.33	£19.33
Toilet	£0.00	£0.00	£12,550.49	£4,793.67	£631.10
Fabric	£7,180.91	£6,612.36	£3,859.95	£3,859.42	£2,808.51
Window	£881.61	£857.38	£857.17	£857.05	£856.71
In Memory	£325.68	£316.73	£316.65	£316.61	£316.48
Floodlights	£214.72	£208.82	£208.76	£208.74	£208.65
Sunday School / Children & Young People	£3,241.99	£8,472.29	£355.63	£349.07	£349.07
Youth Activities	£137.55	£133.77	£133.73	£133.72	£133.66
Choir	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£597.32
Poor	£127.81	£124.30	£124.27	£124.25	£154.84
In Memory of Terry Harley	£0.00	£0.00	£500.00	£500.00	£0.00
Clock	£0.00	£0.00	£500.00	£500.00	£0.00

OTHER ASSETS

Nil	NON MONETARY ASSETS As listed in the church terrier and inventory, held by the churchwardens on special trust for the Parochial Church Council, and which require a faculty for disposal.				
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VICAR'S REPORT

Our report differs from the usual commentary for the financial year (1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022 inclusive) given several significant issues affecting our parish.

The Rev Tim Day moved to his new parish in September 2022 and the parish is now in vacancy. We are very grateful to Tim, Andrea, and family for their ministry in Thurmaston and East Goscote, and we sent them to their new ministry at Thorpe Acre with Dishley, Loughborough, with our best wishes and prayers. It was good that so many of our congregation were able to attend Tim's welcome service in his new church.

It was also good that so many of our congregation were able to join with the Ven Javaid Iqbal, now Archdeacon of Doncaster, as Javaid celebrated and gave thanks for twenty-five years of ordained ministry.

During this time of vacancy, it has been possible to continue our regular programme of Sunday worship and baptisms, weddings, and funerals, through the kind support of our lay ministers and visiting clergy. We have received great support from our Area Dean, the Rev Canon Rob Gladstone; Archdeacon Richard Worsfold; and the Diocese generally, with Bishop Martyn and Bishop Saju kindly offering to preside and preach for us. There are too many visiting clergy to name them all in this report, but we do thank them all for their kindness.

Just as Tim left, the Diocese invited the parish to join the conversation towards forming the proposed "North East Leicester Minster Community" with Barkby; Hamilton; Houghton on the Hill; Humberstone; Stoughton; Thurnby; Thurnby Lodge; Scraftoft; and St Chad's – and more recently, Rushey Mead. Minster Communities are being rolled out across the Diocese and our parish was selected for the third pilot. There has been much discussion, prayer, and discernment, with Working Groups expected to meet May – July 2023 to explore details. It is anticipated the new Minster Community might 'go live' in early 2024. The parish will not receive a new Vicar in the traditional sense – and will now share ministers (lay and ordained, stipendiary, and non-stipendiary) across the Minster Community. We will of course keep everybody informed as progress is made.

We are very grateful to everybody for all that they do within the parish.

The Church Electoral Roll was revised by the Parochial Church Council from 1st April 2023 to 20th April 2023. Five names were removed from the roll (people who had moved away) and five names were added to the roll. Membership of the Electoral Roll now stands at sixty people.

The Parochial Church Council has complied with the duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

With best wishes and prayers.

John Tebbutt and David Lewis
Churchwardens

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

The quinquennial report was completed on April 6th 2022.

There were a number of items which require attention the main items which will hopefully enable a more flexible and safe use of the church. The PCC have budgeted to complete the work within the quinquennial period subject to the various permissions.

Other items are being considered as follows:

- Removing of the choirstalls and plinths
- Removal of the stone plinth attached to the font
- Replacing lighting with efficient LED lighting
- Installing emergency lighting

The priority is to replace the heating system. We are in the process of getting this job done urgently but of course it requires various conversations with the DAC and permissions. We have obtained a price for the work and are hopeful that the work will be completed within 2023.

We would like to thank the various members of the PCC for all their hard work in keeping our church running.

John Tebbutt and David Lewis
Churchwardens

LAY MINISTER (READER) REPORT

This past year has been an eventful one marked by change. By last spring the Covid pandemic was at last relaxing it's grip and our church life was beginning to return to some semblance of its old pattern, though as for many churches, it has had a negative impact on church attendance.

In June our Vicar Tim Day announced that he would be taking up a new post as Vicar of Thorpe Acre with Dishley in Loughborough. I think I speak for everyone in wishing him well and praying that God will bless him in his new ministry.

In September the new church plant based at Church Hill Junior School opened its doors under the leadership of the Rev. Steve Sweet. And has had a good start in appealing to a section of the population not traditionally attracted to St Michael's. Again, we pray for blessings on this venture.

A further, and perhaps in the long term, a more significant change is presaged by the conversations towards Thurmaston joining with the proposed North-East Leicester Minster Community.

Since Tim's departure Sheila and I have continued to lead Services of the Word, conduct funerals and undertake pastoral work. The fact that we have been able to continue with regular Eucharistic services is due to the support of many Diocesan clergy. That said I would like to express my particular thanks to our Churchwardens John and David, and to our PCC Secretary Darren, for their hard work in dealing with the not insignificant administrative burden of the interregnum. My thanks also, to the many people who offer their time and talents in the many roles which are vital to the smooth running of the parish.

Stephen Gamble
Lay Minister (Reader)

CHILDREN & FAMILIES REPORT

At the beginning of 2022 I was undergoing Chemotherapy for Breast cancer. I was able to keep on top of emails and keep in touch with families as and when I felt well enough. After April I began to attend some of the groups before further treatment of Radiotherapy in June.

I returned to work full time following a holiday at the beginning of July.

I hope this is a comprehensive report of everything I am involved in and I am happy to answer any questions arising.

St Michael and All Angels Church, Thurmaston

Bright Sparks

This group has continued to run well and has not suffered with changing venues a few times. Since September we have regularly had good numbers averaging around 15-20 children and about 10-15 adults. On one occasion we had 23 adults and 31 children which felt too busy so after contacting Richard Warrington from the Exec group at the Scout Headquarters we have decided that our maximum numbers should be around 35 including helpers, so 31aptizi. 20 children and 15 adults. This will be monitored closely especially now Sandra has resigned from helping due to other commitments.

I would like to thank Sandra for her help and contribution to Bright Sparks and the rapport she has built up with some of the families will be missed.

I have contacted Steve Sweet to see if he is able to come along and help especially with setting up / tidying up, and also ascertain Megan Carr's availability. I will also ask Stephen Gamble to put a request in the Sunday Notices for any volunteers to help. If we don't get volunteers, we may have to cancel sessions when Sheila, David or I are on holiday or ill to keep in line with Safeguarding recommendations. I already have Church Hill Junior School booked into the church for a Wednesday in March for their Easter Services which will leave us short at Bright Sparks.

We will need to purchase a trolley to assist in moving the toys from the shed to the main building but there is still money from the ASDA award to enable us to do this. I am conscious of everyone's health in lifting and carrying heavy / bulky items.

As I write this, I am in the process of planning the theme for the Spring term which will include a Bible based story and simple craft for the children to engage in.

Schools

Church Hill Junior School

I have picked up work with the school and have been running Buzz club on a Wednesday lunch time, alternating weeks with Steve Sweet. Buzz club is a craft club based on the school's Christian Values. During Steve's Paternity leave I have been going in weekly. I have emailed Steve to see if he still wants to be involved in Buzz club, if he does, we will alternate weeks or alternatively I will run this weekly if Steve is unable to continue.

I have also started to run a Chess Club on a Thursday lunchtime for the year 6 children which I will continue this term. It is a lovely time with a small group of children, they are not only learning chess, but we also have some lovely conversations.

I have been able to lead their Harvest collective worship, we had hoped to have the children come to church but unfortunately the weather was against us, so I went into school. They have booked a date to come in for their Easter service and have a date in February to go in to lead collective worship for the whole school.

In December I was able to go into school for the whole morning to assist classes with making Christingles, I then lead a collective worship time on the Nativity and Christingle. After which I was invited to stay for their Christmas lunch. It was an amazing time, getting to know the children and staff and be able to contribute to their Christmas celebrations.

I was also invited to attend the year 3 Nativity performance, not just on the community afternoon but also one performed to the parents, where the head introduced me to the audience, yet another way of being involved in the community.

I am still on the board of Governors, and due to a mainly new governing body I have become vice chair for the full governing body and chair of the curriculum and pastoral support committee. As governor I can meet with staff, pupils and parents whilst being a presence in the school, which I feel plays an important role in building relationships in the community.

Prior to lockdown I was able to support the lower-level children with their reading. I am hoping to pick this up again this term, which gives me another opening to get to know children and staff.

Church Hill Infant School

The school came into church for their Christmas concert, and I was able to chat to staff, who are keen to bring children into church to look around and for me to return to do assemblies. Therefore, I will email to make arrangements.

Eastfield Primary School

Last term I contacted the head, Tim Gilbert, to arrange some dates to go into school for assemblies, I was able to give him a few dates, but he never came back to confirm any of them. I will try to email him again.

Messy Church

We ran a messy church during half term in October which was reasonably well attended.

I am hoping to run another during February half term and Holy week, subject to volunteers to support the event on the day.

If we can then run one in May and again in the summer, we will be offering a messy church event roughly every 6 weeks.

Sunday School

With the support of Sandra Gartside, we have been able to hold a Sunday School on most Sundays. Sandra has now asked to not be on a rota due to other commitments but has offered to cover my holiday if she knows in advance. I will need to plan Sunday School which allows me to have a Sunday off possibly monthly or once a half term to enable me to listen to the teaching. I feel this is important for my own spiritual development.

Over the last term we have had 3 children regularly attending, and it has been lovely having discussions with them. There have been other children occasionally joining Sunday school too.

I would like to thank Sandra for her support and contribution to Sunday School over the last year.

Baptisms

We have two baptisms coming up at St Michael's Church that I have been involved with.

The first one will be on 22nd January, when 3 adults and a child will be baptised. I have done an initial preparation visit and am meeting with Liz, who will be taking the service, on 12th January. I will then meet with the family once more to finalise things.

The second baptism is a young family, who want their baby baptised on 16th April and Archdeacon Richard will be presiding. I have done an initial preparation visit and will contact them in the coming weeks to arrange a further visit to meet with Godparents too.

There is a baptism on 15th January which, due to the special arrangements, Stephen Gambe has arranged.

Services

Over the autumn term, Sheila and I lead the Harvest service at both churches. I was then able to support John Hewer with the Remembrance Day service at St Hilda's Church.

On Christmas Eve I lead the Christingle Service in both churches with good attendances at both. I have had lots of positive feedback saying they enjoyed the services, and it was good to see me back.

PCC

Over the last few months there have been a large number of PCC meetings in the evening. I attend PCC in addition to my main job description and hours and have found them very time consuming and if I am honest a little stressful.

I have also had to think of my health. I was hoping to be back to normal after the last year, however, I am having several aches and pains, including cramps in my legs almost nightly, and in my stomach resulting in nausea. My oncologist thinks it is all hormonal and a reaction to the medication but wants to check it out, so I am having a CT scan at the end of the month to confirm everything is ok. She has also said that it will be months / possibly a couple of years before my body recovers from the treatment and adapts to the medication which I could be on for the next 5-10 years. This is very frustrating as I am not used to giving in to these things.

With all this in mind, I have decided to resign from both PCCs from 1st January 2023 and concentrate on my role as Children and Families worker. I will still produce regular reports for the PCC and am willing to attend the occasional meeting should the PCC's request it. I will also no longer be the Deanery Synod representative for St Hilda's again reducing evening meetings.

I will continue to serve on Diocesan Synod as there are only a few meetings a year, the majority of which are usually on Saturdays. It is also possible to attend them virtually if I want / need to.

Minster Communities

Along with Sheila Langley and David Lewis, I am one of St Michael's representatives in the North East Leicester Minster Community. We have had a number of meetings with some of the Parish Transition and Ministry Development Team and other churches and will be engaging with the PCC and congregation over the next 6 weeks to look at the church and what we do well, and what we perhaps need support with. This will be a challenging process as we look for "what is true" in the work of St Michael's

I am also in the coordinator group, which is a smaller group, currently about 6 of us, who meet monthly on Zoom to pray for the churches in the minster communities and discuss any issues arising.

I have chosen to be involved in this, which is not part of my role as the Children and Families worker, I will undertake this in my own time. I have discussed my involvement with Stuart Burns, Director of Parish Transition and Ministry Development Team, and he feels it is extremely valuable to have the voice of Children and Families in the process. I do not have to serve on the PCC to be a representative and coordinator as the other two representatives are on St Michael's PCC.

This will not be an easy process and I know there are varying views on this situation, however I hope and pray that as a church we can engage in the process and work things out for the benefit of the whole Church, the Minster Community and to grow the Kingdom of God.

General

Professional development Training

Over the last year I have only done my food hygiene Level two to support Messy Church. I will be completing my safeguarding training in the next week or so which will include the Domestic Abuse Awareness Training.

I will look out for appropriate courses for later in the year to enhance my skills.

I believe my Paediatric First Aid training expires later this year, so I will be looking to renew this too.

Living Hope Church

I was involved in the Summer holiday club in August, leading one of the year groups. There were lots of different activities for the children to get involved in all on the theme of Super Heroes. I have attended a few of their services but have not been along much recently due to other commitments, and also attending two services on a Sunday morning, but I will continue to support them and attend as and when I am able to.

Publicity

I am hoping to get articles in both the Thurmaston Times and Long Furrow to report on events we have held and advertise upcoming events. This is a great way of getting into people's homes.

I would like to thank Darren Gartside for putting events, regular and occasional, on to the website and Facebook, which is a great way of advertising things and has proved extremely useful especially with Bright Sparks in Thurmaston.

Thank you to everyone who supports me, whether it be in prayer, personally or at events. Without the support of individuals much of my work would not be possible. So, thank you and here's to a successful year.

Mandy Green
Children & Families Worker

GOSCOTE DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

The Deanery Synod is a forum for parishes in each geographic area to discuss matters of mutual concern and interest to church congregations. Thurmaston is in the Goscote Deanery. Each Parish can send a certain number of representatives to the Synod depending on their size. Ordinary members of congregations are also encouraged to attend as observers. Each Deanery is led by the Area Dean, a senior ordained priest from one of the group of churches. The other two officers are the Lay Chair and the Secretary.

The Synod normally meets three or four times each year. One of the meetings is dedicated to finance. This is where parishes report the amount of their financial commitment to the funding of the Diocese and through it, parish ministry.

Only two general meetings have been held since our last APCM, (one had to be postponed). A variety of topics were discussed; most particularly, the development of Minster Churches and the Shaped by God Together process. In this context at our next meeting, we will learn what we can about the new pathways for Lay Ministry and how they might be implemented in our contexts. We have invited Liz Rawlings who has responsibility for this in the Diocese to speak.

Stephen Gamble
Deanery Synod Representative

ECO CHURCH REPORT

After quite a lot of hard work, in August 2022 St Michael and All Angels was awarded a Bronze Eco Church Certificate from an organisation called A Rocha UK recommended by the Leicester Diocese and whose main aim is to **Care for God's Earth**.

This was achieved by introducing new and different ways of doing things at church, just a few examples are:

Not to print unnecessary paperwork, use recycled printer paper where possible, change all light bulbs to LED ones, encourage the congregation to recycle as much as possible to prevent it going into landfill, recycling church candles by making new ones from the leftovers, buy eco-friendly cleaning products and fairtrade tea and coffee where possible.

Outside in the church yard we created a wildflower area, placed bird boxes and bird feeders in various trees plus a bug hotel. These are all different ways to encourage more insects, birds and other creatures into the church yard and surrounding areas.

Angela Taylor
Eco Church Organiser

BELLRINGERS REPORT

I am happy to say that bellringing at St Michael's has returned to normal after the pandemic.

We were able to ring most Sundays with between three to seven ringers, depending on availability. We also rang for three weddings and to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee . On 9th September we rang half muffled to announce the death of the monarch the previous day, followed on 11th September by open ringing to proclaim the new King Charles III and then on 19th September half muffled again for the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II.

Half muffled ringing involves attaching a leather pad to one side of each clapper so that on one stroke the bell sounds as normal and the following stroke it is muffled. It is important that the muffles are tied on the correct side to ensure that each sequence of six bells (round) is either muffled or open, not a mixture of the two. It proved a little tricky to ensure that the muffles didn't slip out of position but we discovered that the best solution was to use masking tape which held firmly but was easily removed after the event.

Three visits were undertaken by staff from Taylor's Bell Foundry during the year to deal with minor issues when the slider on the tenor needed attention and the fourth bell seemed to be making a noise. An annual service also took place on 18th October when the bells were declared to be in good condition.

Regular Monday evening practices resumed in June and we now have a couple of new ringers who are making steady progress and who we hope will become regular members of the band.

We are always ready to welcome visitors and encourage them to have a go themselves, under supervision of course. Whether or not they wish to ring, visitors are always keen to learn about the bells and to admire the view across the church which the new ringing chamber now provides.

Lesley Hyam
Tower Captain

COFFEE TIME REPORT

Coffee Time continuous to thrive on Thursday mornings. We have a very loyal group of regulars together with a dedicated team of helpers.

We see the time as an important opportunity to reach out to the local community, welcoming people into a Christian setting. It is particularly nice meeting the children from the local nurseries when they come to visit.

Thank you helpers for your commitment to Coffee Time.

Suzanne Gamble

REPORT FROM INTERCESSIONS TEAM

First of all a big thankyou to all those who lead our intercessions.

I managed to produce a rota and people have been very faithful to it.

I would like to take this opportunity to ask for more people to consider joining the prayer rota it's easier than you may think and you will be given all the help you need

Apart from a list of topics that are usually covered each person compiles their prayers in there own inimitable style after that they learn on the job.

Yours in Christ

David Beck

SOAR VALLEY COMMUNITY FOOD PROJECT

The Food Bank at St Michael & All Angels Church in Thurmaston was started on 7th June 2021 with seven clients. By the 19th December 2022 forty-eight clients had used the Food Bank at some point during 2021 and 2022.

The Food Bank runs every Monday from 1.00pm to 2.00pm in Church thanks to the band of fifteen volunteers who work a rota. We have a designated Food Bank Mobile Phone and the clients text or phone by 6.00pm on a Sunday evening if they wish to order a food parcel. The orders are then emailed to Tim Jackson at Mountsorrel Baptist Church. On Monday morning a team of volunteers at the Baptist Church make up the individual food parcels and seven of our volunteers take it in turns to collect the parcels for our clients which are then put in St. Michael's ready for collection at the Food Bank.

We offer our clients a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit and the opportunity to talk with one of our volunteers. The aim is to make sure they are receiving the right benefits for their individual situations and to point them in the right direction for any help that they may need.

Through the Food Bank we have also been able to help some of our clients with their energy bills by giving them a gas/electric top-up funded by Leicestershire County Council Household Support Fund.

I wish to thank all of our volunteers for the time they give to the running of the Food Bank and also for the generosity of those who donate food and/or money.

Maureen Tebbutt

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