

Dersingham Parochial Church Council

England & Wales · Charity number 250450

Details

Other names	FUNDS HELD IN CONNEXION WITH ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH, DERSINGHAM, DERSINGHAM PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1967-09-04
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: SEE INDIVIDUAL CONSTITUENTS

Activities: The Church of St Nicholas, Dersingham is part of The Church of England whose mission is:- To proclaim the good news of the kingdom. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers. To respond to human need by loving service. To seek to transform unjust structures of society. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain the life of the earth.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** DERSINGHAM
- Norfolk

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£229,431	£255,084	-	-
2023-12-31	£162,725	£141,757	-	-
2022-12-31	£136,026	£100,760	-	-
2021-12-31	£125,732	£108,493	-	-
2020-12-31	£109,706	£112,908	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev MARK ANDREW CAPRON	Chair	2016-04-25
Amanda Jane Harris		2026-04-26
Carol Prior		2026-04-26
Dominic Melton		2026-04-26
Emma Dinmore		2021-07-14
Hilda Anne Hynde		2024-04-28
Jill Kirbyshire		2024-04-28
Julie Chobrzynska-Rawicz		2026-04-26
Margaret Anderson Mrs		2021-07-14
NEIL JOHN ADAMS		
PATRICIA OUGHTIBRIDGE		2018-06-01
Susan Asbridge		2022-04-25
THOMAS WHEELER		2013-04-07

Linked charities

- EDWARD FLOWER PARKER BEQUEST (250450-1)
- MRS CLARA HAMBY MURRAY BEQUEST (250450-2)
- MISS SARAH ANN WALDEN BEQUEST (250450-3)

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DERSINGHAM PARISH CHURCH OF ST NICHOLAS **ANNUAL REPORT FOR JANUARY-DECEMBER 2024**

DERSINGHAM CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

The Church of St Nicholas in the parish of Dersingham is part of the Church of England, whose mission is to:

- + Grow deeper roots of faith
- + Reach out with the love of Jesus
- + Be attentive to the Spirit's prompting
- + Develop children and youth ministry
- + Nurture an improved care of God's creation

VISION *"Helping one another to follow Jesus through the GRACE of God"*

MARKS OF MISSION

- + **Glory to God**
- + **Respond and Relate**
- + **Ability to Access**
- + **Committed to Community**
- + **Environmental Excellence**

BACKGROUND

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish of the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has responsibilities for the maintenance of the Parish Church and Churchyard.

CHARITABLE STATUS

The PCC has charitable status and was is with the Charity Commission under the title: "**Dersingham PPC**" – Charity No. 250450.

PCC MEMBERSHIP

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. At the APCM in April the following were on the church council.

Incumbent: Reverend Mark Capron

Curate: N/A

Churchwardens: Neil Adams
Thomas Wheeler

Elected Members: **2024** [all serve for one yr]
Pat Oughtibridge
Maggie Anderson
Katrina Mundy
Jill Kirbyshire
Clive Brown
Anne Hynde
Emma Dinmore
Susan Asbridge
Jane Churchill
Ron Cossou

Deanery Synod Representatives:
Jane Woods
(*stood down Midyear*)
Thomas Wheeler

COMMITTEES

The PCC operates a number of committees, which meet between full meetings of the PCC.

- Standing Committee: Has the power to transact business of the PCC between the meetings, subject to any directions given by the council.
- Church Reorganisation Sub-Committee: Liaises and works with Architect & Project Lead (Rosemary Bell) to produce plans, costings etc.
- Fundraising Events Sub-Committee: Ad-hoc group which meets as required to organise events for the purposes of fundraising for the Church Reorganisation.

CHURCH STATISTICS

Electoral Roll: 126

Average Adult Attendance at Sunday Services:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
9.30 a.m.	39	39
11.00 a.m.	42	47
10.00 a.m. Regular Combined Services <i>including August</i> :	63	64
10.00 a.m. in August alone, totals	52	58

Special Combined Services:

Mothering Sunday	95 (18 under 16's)	84 (13 under 16s)
Palm Sunday	89 (28 under 16's)	81 (36 under 16's)
Easter (not combined)	130 (24 under 16s)	–
Harvest Festival	73 (3 under 16's)	65 (9 under 16s)
Remembrance Sunday	181 (92 under 16's)	192 (85 under 16s)
Christmas (Tea & Carols)	105 (7 under 16's)	67 (3 under 16s)
Christmas (Lessons & Carols)	103 (6 under 16's)	85 (2 under 16s)
Christmas (Crib Service – Christmas Eve)	71 (56 under 16's)	80 (84 under 16s)
Christmas (Midnight)	105 (1 under 16's)	80 (5 under 16s)
Christmas (Day)	45 (7 under 16's)	66 (17 under 16's)

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Baptisms	3	6
Confirmations	* <i>see below</i>	–
Renewal of Baptismal Vows	* <i>see below</i>	–
Weddings	2	1
Thanksgiving for a Child	–	–
Thanksgiving/Blessing after Marriage/Anniversary	–	1
Funerals	12 (Church) 8 Burials, 4 Cremations	5 (Church)
	4 (Crematorium only)	4 (Crematorium only)
Memorial/Thanksgiving Service after a Funeral	1	–

***Note about Confirmations**

There were **two** confirmed from our benefice at Hillington Parish Church on 15 December

*** Note about Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

There was one member of our benefice who renewed their Baptismal vows at Hillington Parish Church on 15th December.

Finance Report

From April this year Jill Kirkbyshire joined the Finance Team initially to take over as Treasurer, however as we had a very busy financial year with more income and expenditure than normal due to the long-awaited new building work, I decided to stay on and work with Jill and we agreed to share the role.

Happily, we were in receipt of several large grants, some of which were only available if we had match funding, ie we had enough of our savings to match. Thanks to a huge effort in fundraising and generous donations, we were able to claim these grants this year. The grants appear under the 'Grants' heading on page 3 in the accounts and are listed separately in the Notes. A special thankyou is due to the generous grant from the Friends of St Nicholas. The larger than usual deposit account has benefitted from earning interest which was re-invested, giving us an extra £3,000 in 2024. This year we have seen a very satisfactory outcome from years of planning, fundraising and praying and now have our new facilities, something to celebrate!

The introduction of the Parish Giving Scheme in June has proved very successful, as we are now receiving Gift Aid from the contributions every month instead of having to claim it back ourselves. This is providing additional income to meet our monthly commitments. Please consider swapping from standing orders, particularly if you Gift Aid your donations, we can help explain the scheme and help set it up for you if necessary. If you have not yet joined or would like to know more then please speak to one of us. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our church costs this year.

As an employer, we are now responsible for implementing a PAYE scheme and ensuring that we follow the latest guidance from HMRC. This has meant extra responsibilities and work. It has also added to our running costs which have risen again from 2023. The receipts for general church business and running costs, shown in Unrestricted Fund, show a small increase from last year, however we were unable to pay the full Parish Share. Fortunately, we were able to pay the remainder in early January 2025, thanks to contributions from some church members and a kind donation of £2,500 from Ingoldisthorpe PCC. Thank you.

In October we set a budget for 2025 and forecast a deficit of £12,000, so we have a challenging year ahead.

Further explanation of the accounts can be seen under Notes at the end of the Financial Statement.

Reserves Policy 2024 – 2025

It is the policy of the PCC to keep 2 months of running costs in unrestricted reserves, this may also be used for unseen emergencies. The PCC is building up reserves in a restricted fund to finance the planned re-ordering of the interior of the church building.

Jill Kirkbyshire and Pat Oughtibridge - Joint Treasurers

Dersingham PCC

Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31 December 2024 Receipts and Payments Accounts

	Note	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Endowment Fund £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Receipts							
Voluntary receipts:							
Collections at Services	3	6,027.48	-	-	-	6,027.48	6,506.73
Planned giving	3	47,822.60	-	-	-	47,822.60	44,931.00
All other giving/voluntary receipts	3	16,764.42	1,125.00	41,328.39	-	59,217.81	28,264.27
Grant Income	3	9,900.00	49,195.00	-	-	59,095.00	40,200.00
Legacies Received (Capital Value)		-	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid recovered		17,222.98	1,927.25	-	-	19,150.23	11,285.50
		<u>97,737.48</u>	<u>52,247.25</u>	<u>41,328.39</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>191,313.12</u>	<u>131,187.50</u>
Activities for generating funds	3	9,347.36	-	15,763.04	-	25,110.40	13,081.58
Investment income		-	-	3,147.84	-	3,147.84	2,101.83
Church activities	3	9,145.10	-	713.55	-	9,858.65	8,874.73
Other income	3	0.63	-	-	-	0.63	0.28
Total receipts		116,230.57	52,247.25	60,952.82	-	229,430.64	155,245.92
Payments							
Church activities:							
Parish share		55,007.00	-	-	-	55,007.00	54,400.00
Clergy and Staffing costs	4	15,136.64	-	-	-	15,136.64	11,987.89
Church running expenses	4	15,709.52	50.00	150.00	-	15,909.52	16,602.04
Mission giving and donations	4	2,844.37	-	31,285.19	-	34,129.56	2,244.88
Building work and repairs	4	3,267.15	104,734.24	495.00	-	108,496.39	6,229.59
Administration Costs	4	8,756.36	-	49.18	-	8,805.54	5,331.28
Other expenditure	4	5,706.52	-	8,263.34	-	13,969.86	7,307.77
		<u>106,427.56</u>	<u>104,784.24</u>	<u>40,242.71</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>251,454.51</u>	<u>104,103.45</u>
Costs of generating funds	4	3,029.24	-	600.00	-	3,629.24	6,614.80
Total Payments		109,456.80	104,784.24	40,842.71	-	255,083.75	110,718.25
Excess of payments over receipts		6,773.77	- 52,536.99	20,110.11	-	- 25,653.11	44,527.67
Transfers between funds		- 5,350.98	53,699.02	- 48,348.04	-	0.00	-
		<u>1,422.79</u>	<u>1,162.03</u>	<u>- 28,237.93</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>- 25,653.11</u>	<u>44,527.67</u>
Cash at bank and in hand at 1 Jan		<u>5,253.84</u>	<u>3,439.40</u>	<u>118,229.37</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>126,922.61</u>	<u>107,130.22</u>
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 Dec		<u>6,676.63</u>	<u>4,601.43</u>	<u>89,991.44</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>101,269.50</u>	<u>126,922.61</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Note	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Endowment Fund £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Cash Funds							
Bank Current Account	5	6,586.63	4,601.43	64,179.61	-	75,367.67	71,068.62
Bank Savings Account		-	-	-	-	-	-
Deposit Account	6	-	-	25,811.83	-	25,811.83	55,763.99
		6,586.63	4,601.43	89,991.44	-	101,179.50	126,832.61

Notes

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

2. The movement in designated and restricted funds during the year were:

	Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Bal c/fwd
Restricted					
Friendship Group	1,108.25	1,395.00	1,392.50	-	1,110.75
Tower Bellringers	526.00	-	-	-	526.00
Little Nippers	561.18	713.55	835.60	- 235.00	204.13
Dersingham Descanters	1,171.74	100.00	212.60	-	1,059.14
Conservation	1,046.80	1,981.20	2,028.00	-	1,000.00
Mission	312.79	1,630.00	1,680.81	-	261.98
PCC Building Reordering	52,163.67	2,956.75	-	- 33,100.00	22,020.42
VCW Account	4,142.92	-	3,733.01	150.00	559.91
VCW Deposit	3,600.32	191.09	-	-	3,791.41
Baby Basics	52,058.70	36,222.19	29,865.19	-	58,415.70
Fundraiser	1,537.00	-	495.00	-	1,042.00
Abseil	-	15,763.04	600.00	- 15,163.04	-
	118,229.37	60,952.82	40,842.71	- 48,348.04	89,991.44
Designated					
South Aisle Project (Reordering Easy Access Funds)	3,439.40	52,247.25	104,784.24	53,699.02	4,601.43
	3,439.40	52,247.25	104,784.24	53,699.02	4,601.43

Friendship Group - Group activities and meetings to foster friendship

Tower Bellringers - Funds raised and donated by tower bellringers to help maintain the bells.

South Aisle Project (Reordering Easy Access Funds) - Easy access fund for buiding improvements

Little Nippers - Church early years group

Dersingham Descanters - Funds raised by handbell ringers

Conservation - Restoration of the painting attributed to Bassano

Mission - Funds donated to help spread the gospel

PCC Building Reordering - Funds held to improve the accessibility of the church toilets and provide better kitchen facilities.

VCW Account - The vicar and churchwardens account to be used at their discretion

VCW Deposit - The vicar and churchwardens account to be used at their discretion

Baby Basics - Baby Basics West Norfolk - a Christian charity helping new mothers and their babies, vulnerable families

Fundraiser - Donation for the provision of a professional fundraiser to help apply for grants for church re-ordering

Abseil - Fundraising activity

3. Receipts

	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Endowment Fund £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
COLLECTIONS AT SERVICES						
Sunday Collections	2,135.57	-	-	-	2,135.57	4,025.92
Sunday Collections - Gift Aided	1,018.02	-	-	-	1,018.02	633.50
Wedding and Funeral Collections	1,026.86	-	-	-	1,026.86	-
Contactless Income	1,847.03	-	-	-	1,847.03	1,847.31
	6,027.48	-	-	-	6,027.48	6,506.73
PLANNED GIVING						
Standing Order	2,315.00	-	-	-	2,315.00	1,935.00
Parish Giving Scheme Income	13,087.50	-	-	-	13,087.50	-
Standing Orders Gift Aid	32,420.10	-	-	-	32,420.10	42,996.00
	47,822.60	-	-	-	47,822.60	44,931.00
GIFT AID RECOVERED						
Gift Aid Reclaim	17,222.98	1,927.25	-	-	19,150.23	11,285.50
	17,222.98	1,927.25	-	-	19,150.23	11,285.50
ALL OTHER GIVING/VOLUNTARY RECEIPTS						
Donations	14,280.22	1,125.00	38,203.39	-	53,608.61	14,279.82
Donations - Gift Aided	1,025.00	-	-	-	1,025.00	3,440.00
Wall Boxes	611.74	-	-	-	611.74	647.95
Donations for Others	847.46	-	1,380.00	-	2,227.46	1,148.47
Friendship Group Income	-	-	1,395.00	-	1,395.00	2,105.00
Voice Candle stand Donations	-	-	-	-	-	57.95
Conservation	-	-	-	-	-	5,511.50
Donations - Mission	-	-	250.00	-	250.00	1,073.58
Dersingham Descanters	-	-	100.00	-	100.00	-

	16,764.42	1,125.00	41,328.39	-	59,217.81	28,264.27
ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS						
Magazine	1,944.40	-	-	-	1,944.40	2,153.20
Summer / Flower Festival	-	-	-	-	-	4,191.54
Christmas Tree Festival	5,049.46	-	-	-	5,049.46	4,349.59
Coffee Mornings	2,353.50	-	-	-	2,353.50	2,387.25
Abseil	-	-	15,763.04	-	15,763.04	-
	9,347.36	-	15,763.04	-	25,110.40	13,081.58
CHURCH ACTIVITIES						
Use of Church building	22.79	-	-	-	22.79	-
Fees - Statutory	6,772.00	-	-	-	6,772.00	5,109.00
Fees - Additional	2,086.00	-	-	-	2,086.00	1,284.00
VAT Reclaim	-	-	-	-	-	634.80
Little Nippers	48.00	-	713.55	-	761.55	1,481.93
Donations - Holiday Club & Youth Work	22.00	-	-	-	22.00	30.00
Memorial Flowers / Flower based Income	194.31	-	-	-	194.31	110.00
Elevation Youth Group	-	-	-	-	-	225.00
	9,145.10	-	713.55	-	9,858.65	8,874.73
INVESTMENT INCOME						
Dividends and Interest	-	-	3,147.84	-	3,147.84	2,101.83
	-	-	3,147.84	-	3,147.84	2,101.83
GRANT INCOME						
Recurring Grants	500.00	-	-	-	500.00	-
Non-Recurring Grants	3,900.00	49,195.00	-	-	53,095.00	35,200.00
Churchyard Grant from Dersingham Parish Council	5,500.00	-	-	-	5,500.00	5,000.00
	9,900.00	49,195.00	-	-	59,095.00	40,200.00
OTHER INCOME						
Banking Loyalty Reward	0.63	-	-	-	0.63	0.28
	0.63	-	-	-	0.63	0.28
4. Payments	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
CLERGY AND STAFFING COSTS						
Administrator Parish/Benefice	7,997.50	-	-	-	7,997.50	4,831.55
Clergy Expenses	582.22	-	-	-	582.22	1,301.51
Organist Fees - Locum & Additional Services	780.00	-	-	-	780.00	470.00
Rector's Secretary Costs	-	-	-	-	-	23.98
DBS & Safeguarding Related	65.30	-	-	-	65.30	235.10
Organist Fees - Regular	3,625.00	-	-	-	3,625.00	2,490.00
Ministry Team Expenses	196.80	-	-	-	196.80	27.00
Cleaner	1,889.82	-	-	-	1,889.82	2,608.75
	15,136.64	-	-	-	15,136.64	11,987.89
CHURCH RUNNING EXPENSES						
Gas and Electricity Bill	7,631.32	-	-	-	7,631.32	10,941.30
Insurance	5,511.34	-	-	-	5,511.34	3,643.85
Service Costs	82.74	-	-	-	82.74	347.17
Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	30.00
Water Bill	488.72	-	-	-	488.72	150.27
Cleaning Materials	121.32	-	-	-	121.32	194.41
PCC Discretionary Expenses	394.94	-	-	-	394.94	40.00
Flower Arrangers / Flower Costs	105.68	-	-	-	105.68	124.50
Septic Tanks	1,350.00	-	-	-	1,350.00	900.00
Church Youth Group 'Elevation'	-	-	-	-	-	198.70
Church Youth Group 'Primary Age'	-	-	-	-	-	18.94
The Gathering Children's Groups	23.46	-	-	-	23.46	12.90
	15,709.52	-	-	-	15,709.52	16,602.04
MISSION GIVING AND DONATIONS						
Charities - Home (UK)	879.75	-	-	-	879.75	486.78
Charities - Overseas	1,530.00	-	1,420.00	-	2,950.00	1,006.10
Charities - Secular	-	-	-	-	-	752.00
Charities - Christian Relief	434.62	-	29,865.19	-	30,299.81	-
	2,844.37	-	31,285.19	-	34,129.56	2,244.88
BUILDING WORK AND REPAIRS						
Church - Major repairs and Redecorations	-	-	-	-	-	3,808.80
New Building Work	-	104,734.24	495.00	-	105,229.24	-
Church Maintenance & Repairs	3,267.15	-	-	-	3,267.15	2,420.79
	3,267.15	104,734.24	495.00	-	108,496.39	6,229.59
COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS						
Bookstall	18.40	-	-	-	18.40	300.67
2023 Christmas Tree Festival Payments	-	-	-	-	-	2,768.75
Open Gardens Payments	-	-	-	-	-	1,225.96

Concert & One-Off Events Payments	75.86	-	-	-	75.86	-
Other Events	65.10	-	-	-	65.10	2,144.62
Coffee Morning Payments	94.34	-	-	-	94.34	174.80
2024 Christmas Tree Festival Payments	2,619.25	-	-	-	2,619.25	-
Abseil related Expenses	156.29	-	-	-	156.29	-
	3,029.24	-	-	-	3,029.24	6,614.80

ADMINISTRATION COSTS

Bank charges	100.15	-	-	-	100.15	97.75
Printing	511.61	-	49.18	-	560.79	631.10
Support Costs	1,232.41	-	-	-	1,232.41	-
Licenses / Subscriptions	2,095.14	-	-	-	2,095.14	333.49
Parish Website	120.00	-	-	-	120.00	120.00
Photocopier, Postal Costs & Telephone	4,697.05	-	-	-	4,697.05	4,148.94
	8,756.36	-	49.18	-	8,805.54	5,331.28

OTHER EXPENDITURE

Mission and Evangelism Costs	-	-	3,745.65	-	3,745.65	-
Churchyard Expenses	5,180.00	-	-	-	5,180.00	656.49
Benefice Shared Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	4,970.00
Worship Hospitality	416.37	-	-	-	416.37	414.05
Holiday Club & One-Off Youth Work	81.30	-	-	-	81.30	-
Choir Expenses	28.85	-	-	-	28.85	-
Little Nippers	-	-	-	-	-	1,252.23
Alpha Course Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	15.00
	5,706.52	-	3,745.65	-	9,452.17	7,307.77

5. Bank Current Account

	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Dersingham Parochial Church Council	6,586.63	4,601.43	3,034.11	-	14,222.17	12,587.01
Independent Bank Accounts	-	-	60,585.59	-	60,585.59	54,338.69
Dersingham Vicar & Churchwardens	-	-	559.91	-	559.91	4,142.92
	6,586.63	4,601.43	64,179.61	-	75,367.67	71,068.62

6. Deposit Account

	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Dersingham, St Nicholas-PCC	-	-	22,020.42	-	22,020.42	52,163.67
Dersingham, St Nicholas-RCW01/61	-	-	3,791.41	-	3,791.41	3,600.32
	-	-	25,811.83	-	25,811.83	55,763.99

Notes relating to specific items on the accounts.

- Baby Basics are included in the financial statement as a restricted account, but continue to run the charity independently and hold their funds separately.
- Mission Giving includes £315.00 for Open Doors, £2,185.00 (includes individual giving) for MAF, and £450 for OMF
- Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Bike and Walk raised £304.00 for our church.
- Under the heading Mission Giving and Donations there is a new line 'Charities – Christian Relief' which includes donations to the Children's Society and Baby Basics charity.
- The large increase in Gift Aid reclaimed in 2024 was partly due to fundraising, particularly the church tower abseil, and also because we are now receiving some Gift Aid on a monthly basis if donors use the Parish Giving Scheme. In the past we claimed it retrospectively.

Other charitable giving in 2024

£392.00 to Christian Aid from a collection held at a coffee morning.

£25.00 to Heacham and Rising Synod.

£640.26 to the Royal British Legion from the collection at the Remembrance Day Service 2024.

£180 to Baby Basics UK membership

Grants received for church reordering 2024

£3,900	Benefact Trust
£20,000	Garfield Weston
£500	Co-Op Community Dividend
£3,000	Beatrice Laing Trust
£21,695	Friends of St Nicholas
£4,000	Geoffrey Watling



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Dersingham Parochial Church Council

**On accounts for the year
ended**

2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

250450

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 **2024** /MM/YYYY.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Joanne Raby

Date:

15/13/25

Name:

MRS JOANNE RABY

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

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Safeguarding Update

The most important thing is to safeguard those around us.

Safeguarding within the church is essential to ensure a safe and welcoming environment for everyone, particularly vulnerable individuals. It is a commitment to protecting children and adults from harm, abuse, and neglect, while fostering a culture of transparency, accountability, and care. Effective safeguarding measures strengthen trust within the community, uphold moral and ethical responsibilities, and reflect the church's dedication to compassion and justice.

Safeguarding training requests are directly from the House of Bishops via the Diocesan Safeguarding Team. The Diocese puts Safeguarding at the top of all their agenda. In terms of DBS (Disclosure & Barring) our Benefice is up to date.

In each Benefice every volunteer now requires a 'job description'. This has been time consuming, but essential to protect and safeguard each one. In our Benefice these are now complete. Each individual has a copy, and a file is stored for audit.

Face to face safeguarding training was held in the church hosted by Rev Mark, Helen Norris Diocesan trainer, and Maggie. Two people within our Benefice were candidates as they have limited IT to enable them to complete the required training online. It was a hugely successful morning with all 24 allocated training spaces (for those in the west of the Diocese) taken, and both our delegates passed both modules.

In 2025 a further face to face training session has been booked for September in church with Helen and Maggie hosting.

Cases in the Benefice have fluctuated throughout the last 12 months. Currently we have 5 Safeguarding needs.

Support by the Diocese is always at hand and has at times been needed.

Training for the Safeguarding Officer is increasing but is as up to date as possible. More recently the YouTube livestreaming of the services has been modified to ensure consent is received from those taking part in a service, or who might be within the camera shot, and that the actual filming does not capture the whole congregation. Written consent has been sought from those taking part or who might be reading during the services.

Maggie Anderson PSO.

THANK YOU

The PCC would like to express their thanks to all those who contributed to the activities of the Church and to those who give of their time in the maintenance and administration of the Church.

This Report and Accounts have been approved by the PCC. The accounts were signed by the Reverend Mark Capron on behalf of the PCC at their meeting on Monday 17th March 2025.

..... Date

Rector – Rev Mark Capron

LIFE OF THE CHURCH IN 2024

As last year these Reports have been gathered under the titles of our Mission Action Plan, as launched in January 2023 to show how we are working towards the different Marks of Mission.

GLORY TO GOD

Worship Summary

We continue to have the church open all year round during the daytime (except when setting up and running major festivals). The Visitors book records many encouraging comments. The live streaming of weekly services has been of great benefit to those who are unable to come to church and has brought new members into our Congregation – some in person following watching services online.

Looking wider, as a Church we continued to welcome and support the work of Missionaries (with links to Open Doors and Mission Aviation Fellowship from whom we have welcomed visiting speakers to Sunday services) to a range of different countries throughout the world; the Remembrance Sunday Service supported the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, and Church members also supported the Samaritans Purse via the Shoe Box Appeal.

Ministry Leadership Team

Friday Prayer Meeting

Each Friday at 4pm anyone is welcome to join us either weekly or just occasionally, as we read some scripture and prayer for the needs of the local people, communities, the church and the wider needs of the World. We also pray the prayer requests left on the prayer board (chancel). Do join us!

Rev Mark

Music in Church – The Choir

Psalm 147. V1 and 7

“How good it is to make music for our God, how joyful to honour him with praise. Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving.”

And so it is right that we sing and make music on instruments in our worship in church. Many of the hymns and songs we sing are rich in theological text. From them we can learn about the gospel of Jesus Christ. Music has a way of piercing into the deep parts of our soul, that assists in our expression and response to God and to the church.

Having a choir in our church with our very capable organist Clive not only helps to support our worship but allows us to broaden the repertoire of music that we can use in our worship, whether that be in learning new hymns and songs or singing for the congregation with anthems and motets.

The choir meets regularly each week to rehearse and learn new music for our weekly worship and for Festival services which requires commitment but is also very enjoyable at the same time. If you have a desire to sing regularly in our worship do not be frightened to ask to join us. No audition is needed!

This year has seen quite a few changes regarding the practicalities of where the choir store music and robes and change attire for services. I thank the choir for their patience and tolerance whilst all the alterations were being carried out and we have now settled happily into our new routines.

Thank you also to Michael for playing the organ for funerals and other occasional services in Dersingham.

Roger du Bois - Choir Director

Music in Church – Blaze Band

Psalm 150. V4

“Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe.”

Blaze Band help to lead the worship songs and music at some Gathering and Combined Services. We are singers and musicians of all ages who enjoy being able to praise God with songs and music. For each service we arrange individual music parts matched to the skills and attributes of each player so everyone can feel included.

Our aim is to support young people with developing their music skills through playing alongside more experienced players. We currently have 13 regular band members, singers and instrumentalists playing a variety of instruments: violin, concertina, piano, guitars, flute, drums and other percussion.

We were very pleased to welcome the Dersingham Primary School Choir who joined us at the Christingle Service, and it was such a joy to have them singing and playing bells with us.

Playing together allows us to worship God with our skills and gifts, leading the congregation in praise and thanksgiving.

Roger du Bois – Band Leader

Music in Church – Thank you

The PCC and Ministry Leadership Team would like to thank all of the musicians who contribute to our Worship at St. Nicholas – Clive our dedicated Organist and Michael, Adrian & Roger who cover when Clive is unable to play; our Choir who lead us so expertly in our Choral Worship and further glorify the Lord with Anthems and special pieces; Steve Davis for playing at Tea & Carols and numerous Gathering Services (and other occasions) throughout the year; the Blaze Band for working together to produce harmony every time you lead us in worship and Roger for co-ordinating all of the different musical talents in our Church. Thank you all.

Church Bellringers

Heard in background, occasionally mentioned and that's it.

The Bells cannot ring themselves so if anyone really is interested please contact me.

We have a core of four learners with two visiting Ringers. My hope is to ring for V.E. Day 8th May. Bell ropes are costly so rely on Wedding fees to raise funds. So “Newly Weds’ to be” think of the Ringers.

We meet every Monday Evening at 7.00pm. So call in to see what we do

Alan Polaine – Tower Captain 07715 565765

Dersingham Descanters

We nearly disbanded!!

It was only the dedication and love of playing handbells that the team has survived. Commitment. Yet again we have just enough members to play the range of music that the Bell Sets cover.

We are not young and require younger members to carry on.

The team meet on a Tuesday evening at 7.00pm come along and listen. You may be persuaded to join.

Alan Polaine – Chairman, Dersingham Descanters 07715 565765

The Church Flowers

I would like to thank all the people who have helped in any way with the flowers in church. The fact that we have fresh flowers is often mentioned by visitors to the church. Our small team of flower arrangers aim to provide fresh altar flowers every two weeks throughout the year (except for the period of Lent). We are grateful for extra helpers on special occasions such as Easter, Harvest and Christmas. There is a rota in the church porch that has some vacant weeks on. We would welcome new members to our team. You don't need to be an expert flower arranger, as we are happy to help. Because of building work in the church during 2024, the flower festival was postponed, and so we look forward to a wonderful event on 11th to 14th September which not only shows our beautiful displays of flowers but is an opportunity to welcome many people into our church.

Val Coleby.

RESPOND AND RELATE

Ministry to Children – ‘Little Nippers’ Baby & Toddler Group

Little Nippers meets in church every Monday morning during Term time, between 09.30-11am. Age range is from birth to school age. There have been 3 new babies, one with a sibling, join since starting back after the church reimagining project was finished. The team arrive prior to that the set up and ensure everything is ready.

It has been slow to build back up following the building of the new kitchen and toilets to the maximum allowed of 30. It is gradually increasing, and some weeks there have been 27, but others down to 15, however, it has been winter, and lots of bugs and viruses are around. Messages have gone out via the correct channels to say that there are spaces available again for new starters.

It is great to be back after such a long break, which couldn't be avoided due to the building works, and despite looking at other venues, we simply couldn't have hosted it safely anywhere else. Regular communication continued throughout the period of building to keep people updated.

It is a huge success and enjoyed by everyone each week.

We offer craft activities, sensory play, a table with play doh and puzzles etc. out for the little ones to play if they just want to explore, access to soft play, and music. They have a Bible Story, snack time and organised games as well as Prayer time at the beginning and end.

Each helper is DBS cleared and has undergone Safeguarding Training.

Pastorally, Little Nippers has helped several families who have received support, advice and encouragement. Sometimes the best thing you can give to someone who is experiencing a problem is time, and we are able to provide this, and it appears it helps enormously.

Maggie Anderson.

Ministry to Young People – Youth Café at The Well

Last September we opened the doors at the Well in Ingoldisthorpe to young people as an after school chill-out zone.

Every Tuesday from 3pm till 5.30pm (during term time) the hall is open for fun, relaxation, milkshakes and cake. Lots of cake in fact! And it's all free. We usually have 15-20 young people from around the area and even had 25 one week!

There's plenty to do as well - table tennis, indoor archery, card games, board games and even twister. Occasionally we'll have a themed evening - in early March we borrowed a candy floss machine for everyone to try - and it's all free of course.

But it's not all about activities and dashing around. There are plenty of quieter spaces where conversation is encouraged, relationships explored and some of life's bigger issues are open to debate.

As the weather continues to improve we hope to make more use of the outside space and also have plans to borrow a professional ice-cream maker.

Andy Jackman

Ministry to Young People – ‘Elevation’ Youth Group

The young people enjoy meeting together on Sunday evenings. We play a variety of games. We have a bible discussion around a Christian video and delve into themes from these. The age range is school year 7 up; we welcome new young people to the group.

The group is run by Rev Mark and Emma Dinmore.

Rev Mark Capron.

Bible & Fellowship Groups

We have 3 Mid-Week Groups who meet on different days and times during the week. Please speak to a member of the Ministry Team for more information about times and locations.

Mothers’ Union – Dersingham Branch

The Mothers’ Union was founded in 1876 by Mary Sumner, a rector’s wife from a village in Hampshire who set up a support group to help mothers of all kinds in bringing up their families. After speaking to other church-going women at a local congress in 1885 she encouraged them to start similar groups in their parishes. From this small start the Mothers’ Union has grown to encompass around 4 million members in 83 countries and has evolved with the times so today anyone, male or female can join.

The Dersingham branch has been in existence for over 50 years, supporting family life. We continue to be active within the church, providing age-appropriate books for children at baptism, the potted pansies and Simnel cake for the annual Mothering Sunday service as well as being involved in the service and helping at the monthly church coffee mornings. We decorated a tree for the 2024 Christmas Tree festival with the message “Loving Lord, we pray for families around the world”. We currently have 25 members, having had two new members join during the year. We also support Mothers’ Union projects including the “Away from it All” holidays for vulnerable families and “Angel Tree” where presents are sent to prisoners’ children as coming from the absent parent.

During 2024 we had some varied meetings, including an “Epiphany Party” where we shared readings of poetry and stories about the Epiphany as well as enjoying a lovely Epiphany cake made by one of our members. We had interesting and varied talks from a butcher whose family owned a shop over four generations; a local funeral director; our Rector, Mark on the “Biblical Mary;” a quiet, reflective afternoon and an illustrated talk from a member on her love for Canada.

We had a lovely afternoon tea at Norfolk Lavender and another in a member’s garden at which we discussed a fundraising event which became a coffee morning to raise funds for our branch.

We attended a Members’ Meeting in Norwich; we celebrated Mary Sumner Day with other branches at Fakenham and attended the annual Festival MU service in Norwich cathedral where there was a procession of the branches’ Mothers’ Union banners.

Our meetings are generally on the fourth Wednesday of the month in the Community Room at Orchard Close between 2pm and 4pm and are a mixture of talks from external/internal speakers on varied subjects interspersed with more social meetings (and there’s always refreshments). Details of our meetings can be found in the Parish Magazine and we welcome anyone, men as well as women, who are interested in what we do and stand for.

Anthea Aubrey-Jones, Branch Leader

ABILITY TO ACCESS

The Church Building – Church Warden’s Report

We continue to have the church open all year round during the daytime (except when setting up and running major festivals). The Visitors book records many encouraging comments.

There is a regular on-going monitoring of all aspects of the building to ensure that it is maintained in a sound condition.

Fabric, Goods and Ornaments

The supervision and care of such items is an on-going task. Any changes are recorded in the inventory, which is available for inspection by arrangement.

Church Building

Building work on the major re-ordering project for the New Kitchen and Toilets and Storage Cupboards commenced in the summer, with the successful completion and celebratory opening in the autumn. This is the fulfilment of a long-perceived need to improve our facilities for our congregation and for visitors. The Intruder Alarm, Fire Extinguishers, Roof Alarm, and Gas Boilers were serviced. Small repairs around the building have been undertaken, when required, often by one of the Church Wardens. Numerous small tasks of routine maintenance were attended to throughout the year.

Finally, thanks from the Wardens

Again we extend our sincere thanks to all the people who give so much time and energy, often working quietly and anonymously to maintain the cleanliness and tidiness of our church. Thanks are also due to our cleaner, Susan, whose work is so much appreciated. We also appreciate those who assist her in this huge task.

Neil Adams and Thomas Wheeler.

The Church Building – Reordering Project to provide a new kitchen and accessible toilets.

There were 3 elements required in the preparatory stage of this project –

1. Being granted a Faculty by the Diocese.
2. Agreeing the details of the work and an estimate with the selected Building Company.
3. Raising the funds required to fully carry out the work.

The Reordering committee worked very hard in the first half of 2024 and were able to achieve all these requirements so that the physical work could begin in July, to correspond with a quieter period in Church activities during the summer months.

There were no major issues discovered during the course of the works and the Archaeologists who were present to inspect the lowered floor of the Tower did not find anything requiring further investigation. (Their full report is available and archived with NCC). The building work was completed at the beginning of November and an Opening Celebration held. The final meeting to discuss any snagging issues with the Builder will be held in early May.

£125,000 had been raised prior to the start of the work from a combination of donations, grants and fund raising activities – particularly the community abseil event in May 2024.

To date £106,000 has been spent (including the new tables and chairs) and £7,044 of VAT has been reclaimed. There are some amounts to be paid at the end of the 6 month period to the Builder and Architect and also for the choir robe hanging rail, but the expectation is that there will be in excess of £25,000 remaining in the Reordering fund.

The facilities we are now enjoying is testimony to the hard work of many people within the Church, not just the Reordering Committee, the support and generosity of many, within and outside the Church, and to God's perfect timing and provision.

Catering Team

For the duration of the building work in Church we held our monthly Coffee mornings at the Scout and Guide hut and a big thank you to Lyn Wheeler for arranging this. We were well supported during this time but couldn't wait to get back to the Church.

The new Kitchen and toilets were officially opened in November 2024 and we were able to serve tea and cake to all who came to join in with this.

The completion of the new kitchen facilities in Church greatly helped towards a successful Christmas Tree Festival in 2024. It meant that we could offer more hot dishes such as soup, sausages and bacon sandwiches. Not to mention a few hot desserts.

We have also helped serve refreshments at various special Church services including Mothering Sunday, Mothers Union service and The Flowers of Hope service during 2024.

We have continued in 2025 with our monthly Coffee mornings in Church and have now moved on to using China cups and saucers plus tea pots for the drinks. This has made it easier for our ladies to serve although we have increased the washing up which is now easier with the dishwasher.

The tables look most attractive with their gingham tablecloths, flowers and cups and saucers.

Earlier this year we also took delivery of new tables, and new easier stacking chairs.

A big thank you goes to all our volunteer bakers without whom we would have to buy cakes which I know many people would still enjoy but we all do love homemade cakes.

This year we introduced Lent Lunches for the 6 Friday's up to Easter including a Deanery Service and these were attended every week by about 15 - 20 people. Thanks to Lynne Wheeler, Carol Prior and Anne Hyde who provided homemade soup and quiches.

Another big thank you must go to all our volunteers who help to serve on the Coffee morning or greet visitors at the door or load up the dishwasher and tidy up afterwards. They are Jackie Scott, Carol, Jean, Jackie Mehr, Rose, Maggie A and Shirley. Big thanks to Alan and Les who help set up on Thursday and then break down afterwards although Emma and her family will now be back to putting tables and chairs away for us.

It is still a huge undertaking setting up all the tables and chairs the day before a Coffee morning and ensuring it is all cleared away afterwards. Any offers to help to do this would be appreciated.

We are supported on the Coffee morning by a few stalls, our longstanding bookstall plus the lovely cards on the Card Stall – thank you to all who help on these and all those who donate jigsaws – this is always a popular stall. We also invite other charities to have occasional stalls.

For the rest of 2025 we now look forward to our 2 large occasions - the 'Flower Festival' in September and then the 'Christmas tree' festival in December.

We rely on volunteers and unfortunately this number decreases as we get older, it would be lovely if we could encourage more of the younger members of the congregation to help. If you would like to get involved, please do speak to any of the Catering Team.

The Catering team consists of Katrina, Lyn, Avril and Dot.

Katrina Mundy - Chair Catering Team.

Communications – Parish Church News (Monthly Magazine)

Janice started printing the magazine under Tom`s guidance and help in January 2023. Ron joined Janice in March 2023 – at that time we still needed a lot of help from Tom to print off the originals which we receive on a memory stick from Jackie the editor who puts the whole thing together.

Since then Ron has learnt (from Tom)! how to connect his laptop to the church internet and activate the photocopier. Initially Tom had to regularly `rescue us` as we hit various situations with the photocopier that we didn`t know how to resolve.

Although we understand it better now it can still surprise us with something new! The monthly magazine of 36 pages is printed on 9 A3 sheets for each magazine. One sheet prints pages 1, 2,35 and 36 in colour. These are the covers which have to be printed first and are on one flat sheet at that stage. The rest of the magazine is printed in black and white and uses the other 8 sheets of A3.

Tom had very helpfully put a programme on the photocopier which means we only have a few buttons to press to start the printing. The printed covers are fed in by a feeder at one side of the machine and as the insides are printed the covers are wrapped round them, folded and stapled from where we count and bundle and label them. Each magazine takes approx. one minute to print, so we usually print them in sessions over a three day period.

A group of volunteer distributors deliver them around this village and also Ingoldisthorpe, Shernbourne and Anmer. A few magazines are posted out to people with local connections and a copy is also delivered to each of the local camp sites.

Janice and Ron Cossou

Communications – The Weekly Newsletter

Our two sided weekly newsheet has continued this year, managed by our Benefice Administrator, Debbie. It is emailed out mid-week to all those who have asked for a copy, and paper versions are available throughout the week on the desk at the back of Church. If you would like to be added to the mailing list, please speak to a Church Warden, or email the address printed on the paper copies.

COMMITTED TO COMMUNITY

Pastoral Oversight Team

The Team meets every 6 weeks, they discuss and talk about the welfare and care of those who need it, especially those who are bereaved, poorly, and lonely, in need of prayer.

The Pastoral Oversight Team also do home visits where required, telephone calls, home Holy Communion by Rev Mark & Adrian, and hospital visits.

They are very aware that not everyone wishes to have visits but would prefer to have a telephone call, or perhaps an email, or note put through the door. If the need is there, privacy is respected and we hold all up in prayer.

The meetings are confidential and notes are taken. All the team are DBS cleared and have completed Safeguarding Training.

Maggie Anderson.

Babybasics West Norfolk

During the year from the APCM in 2024 to now we have seen another busy year with 375 referrals being completed, with another 18 being completed but not required, for a number of reasons, some of which are as a result of a sad situation. So far as of now in 2025 we have completed over 100 referrals.

The trend looks set to continue, as families cope with the rising cost of just about everything they buy, as well as energy costs.

A safe sleeping space protects a baby from risks like suffocation and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, ensuring their health and well-being.

As we said last year, and as we always say, but sincerely mean, it is due to the continual support of local people, local businesses, larger organisations and those who provide us with items and financial donations and 'grants', that we are able to provide these and respond to each and of the referrals that are sent to us by those responsible for their care, otherwise we simply could not do what we do, and it is a privilege to volunteer to meet these needs.

It must be very hard to ask for help, some of the families we support have not previously needed help, but through no fault of their own now find themselves in situations out of their control. One of the reasons we do not meet our mums or families is to afford them the dignity and respect they deserve, as well as anonymity.

Two mums have visited us to donate, only for us to find that they had been recipients of our support when going through a difficult time and found themselves unable to provide. To say that they were emotional meetings is an understatement.

During the last 12 months we have had lots of local groups and businesses, as well as the Communications Team from the Diocese, visit us to see what we do and witness a Tuesday morning in church and we have had a variety of welcome invitations to speak at local groups.

A comment from a visitor who is a retired clergyman was made after a visit one Tuesday...*'I have witnessed more ministry in here this morning than in some church services over the last 50 years'*.

Tuesday has become an outreach in the church, one of welcome and witness. What a privilege.

As we head very quickly through this year, we are planning another fundraising event at the Royal Wolferton Station, on June 14th, and it will be lovely to welcome many of you again to enjoy the fun and beautiful location and refreshments.

More locally may we say again, a big thank you to our Church Family, our knitters, our ladies who sew for us, and those who volunteer to wash and iron our pre loved clothing donations, and for those who perhaps cannot support us but do so in Prayer. Thank you.

Maggie Anderson.

St. Nicholas Friendship Group

The Friendship Group continues to thrive and attendance at our monthly meetings is good thanks to the variety of interesting, informative and entertaining talks which continued to be on offer throughout 2024. Inclement weather does not seem to put anyone off attending. Advertising future events in the Church Magazine has been a considerable help as well. Once again, I am grateful to Ron for continuing to undertake the hard task of finding new speakers.

Our annual New Year Lunch took place at La Strange Arms Hotel, Old Hunstanton and was a great success with thirty attending. The quality of the food and service was excellent. Many members were happy to book the same venue for 2025.

I really appreciate the work and support of our small committee. Erich has decided to step down as secretary after many years of service in what was originally the Men's Group. Thank you for your valued contributions to our Group. Janice has stepped in to fill the gap.

Many thanks to Helen and Betty for keeping us well refreshed with teas and coffees.

John Oughtibridge

Knit & Natter

Our group was started in 2007 when a small group of ladies got together to share a common interest. Over tea and biscuits or cake for special occasions we talk about our current projects swap patterns and tips for knitting and other crafts.

For more details contact June Crawshaw on 01485 543836 or Lindsey Davis on 01485 522363 or email lindsey@davista.co.uk.

June Crawshaw

ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE

The Churchyard – Church Warden's Report

A considerable amount of time and attention has been given to the shortage of burial spaces, as the existing churchyard is almost full. We are pleased to confirm that progress to resolve this issue is being made.

Our volunteer Mole-Catcher has been busy and successful in reducing the amount of soil disturbance caused by these invasive creatures. West Norfolk Pests control have been given the task of limiting the destructive effects of the rabbits in the churchyard.

The Yew trees have had their annual trim and our tree surgeon has attended to other tasks as requested. A dead tree - a mature Norway Maple was removed from the Ashes Memorial Area. As we are in a conservation area approval for its felling had to be given by the Borough Council's arboricultural officer. We are obliged to replace it, although not necessarily with the same type of tree and not necessarily in the same area. An alternative Maple is due to be planted in the "old" churchyard in 2025.

Alan Cross of (Dersingham Building and Construction Co.) has repaired the outer part of the wall that runs behind the Ashes area. We are very grateful for the skill and care that he has taken over this. Further work will be required.

The work of our groundsman has been very satisfactory, but unfortunately, he is unable to continue beyond 2024. An alternative contractor has been appointed for 2025.

The ECO group have been active in various tidying and maintenance jobs around the churchyard. There has also been a small group of volunteers who have worked during some summer evenings, whose main focus has been on the Ashes Memorial area, particularly the N. end of this area. The first (almost) half of this area is very well tended on regular basis by the sister of our Church Secretary, for which we are very grateful.

Neil Adams & Thomas Wheeler

Dersingham Parochial Church Council

England & Wales - Charity number 250450

Accounts

Dersingham Annual Meeting of Parishioners, and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 28th April at 11.15am in church

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Minutes of previous Annual Meeting of Parishioners.
4. Election of Church Wardens.

Followed immediately by

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

AGENDA

1. Minutes of previous Parochial Church.
2. Matters Arising from the previous Minutes.
3. Election of PCC Members.
4. Presentation of Annual Report.
5. Reports on the life of the church.
5. Appointment of Independent Examiner
6. (1) Vulnerable Adults/Child Protection Report.
(2) Appointment of Named Safeguarding Officer.
7. Rector's report.
8. Questions.
9. Close with The Grace.

Dersingham Annual Meeting of Parishioners, and The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 30th April 2023 11.15am in Church

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

PCC Members in attendance: - 43 Members of the congregation attended

Rev Mark Capron
Maggie Anderson
Pat Oughtibridge
Tom Wheeler
Neil Adams
Clive Brown
Katrina Mundy
Emma Dinmore
Sue Asbridge
Jane Churchill

1. Opening Prayer > Mathew 28 v 16-20 The Great Commission.
2. Apologies for absence – Jane Wood & Elaine Richardson (PCC) & Rob Churchill.
3. Minutes of previous Annual Meeting of Parishioners. Pat Oughtibridge proposed these were correct. Shirley Brooks seconded.
4. Election of Church Wardens – Rev Mark thanked both Neil & Tom for their continued hard work, commitment, and ongoing support to both Clergy and the smooth running of the Church. They complement each other and have done a huge amount for the Church. Rev Mark is very fortunate to have two excellent Church Wardens. They both confirmed they wished to be re-elected. Neil Adams proposed by Clive Browne and seconded by Sue DuBois. Thomas Wheeler proposed by Janice Gathergood and seconded by Alan Crawshaw.
Motion to accept these nominations for Church Wardens for this year proposed by Judy Collingham and seconded by Ron Cossou.

Concluded at 11.40 am.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Minutes of previous Parochial Church Meeting. Proposed as correct by Anthea-Aubrey Jones and seconded by Lynne Wheeler.
2. Matters arising from the previous Minutes – Nil.
3. Election of PCC Members. There are 10 places available. Ron Cossou has agreed to stand as Anthea has decided to step down this year. Ron was proposed on the list available for parishioners to nominate by Ian Iosson and seconded by Margaret Borley. Other existing PCC members who agreed to stand again were proposed and seconded by parishioners prior to this APCM. During the APCM these nominations (including Ron's) were accepted as proposed by Sue DuBois and seconded by Diane Hall.

PCC Members are:-

Rev Mark Capron
Neil Adams
Thomas Wheeler
Pat Oughtibridge
Maggie Anderson
Katrina Mundy
Elaine Richardson
Clive Brown
Jane Wood
Emma Dinmore
Susan Asbridge
Jane Churchill
Ron Cossou

4. Presentation of Annual Report.

Electoral Role - Apology from Tom for putting Diane Hall but now replaced by Sue Asbridge.
Apology from Neil in regards to the stats: - Baptisms, Memorials and Funerals. In 2022 instead of 18 funerals in Church it will be 17, with one Thanksgiving after the Service.

Thanks to Tom and Maggie for all the hard work and preparation for today. Thanks to Pat for all her many hours of hard work in finance and in her role as Church Treasurer. It has been a difficult year for Pat due to a huge amount of work as far as Church accounts go.

Spoken Finance Report;

It was a very busy Financial Year particularly because of extra demands from the bank due to the tightening of money laundering regulations which affected charities. These involved weeks of telephone calls, emails and letters as well as visits to the bank to prove we were who we said we were!

To help with this we were advised to change the name of our church charity 'Funds held in connexion with St Nicholas Church' to the same name as our bank account - 'Dersingham Parochial Church Council,' thus ensuring a more transparent link. The banks would not accept cheques made out to the charity name and it caused a lot of confusion. This change went through in February this year.

First the good news!

Thank you for all financial contributions over the last year, especially those made from funeral collections and bequests. We were able to pay our Parish Share in full again and have a small surplus. Thanks mainly to a large bequest, we have increased our church improvement fund to £51,000.

The bad news.

Our costs are increasing like yours at home, resulting in some eye-watering bills e.g. our gas bills covering September to March totalled £7,379. Fund raising efforts continue to help but the amounts raised are less than in past years. Our regular income is still falling so unless we can find ways to improve this, we will not be able to meet all our commitments. I know this is nothing new, the treasurer always asks for more money!

It is helpful if giving is regular as our bills are regular too! If you are a taxpayer, please consider whether you could increase your giving by filling in a Gift Aid form so that we can reclaim some from HMRC. Forms are available from the Welcome Desk.

We are very thankful for regular givers but if you have not increased your giving for a while, can you consider looking at it this year?

Thank you.

Two members of the old Finance Team, Grace Cossou and John Handley sadly passed away last year and are much missed. John, the treasurer of St Nicholas for 17 years, was incredibly supportive and encouraging, as well as being unfailingly kind to me when I took over as treasurer in 2018. Although our present team is much depleted, I am lucky to have Rob, Tom, Elizabeth and Lynne to help me with many tasks. Rob, particularly with maintaining Gift Aid records and the reclaim as well as some banking, particularly at festivals. Tom continues to help with all kinds of charts and analysis plus keeping me calm when things go pear shaped on the computer!

Finally, although it has been a privilege to be able to help the church by being Treasurer, I feel it is time for me to retire. I hope that this will be my last year in office and that someone else may feel that the Lord is pointing them in this direction. It is a rewarding job, and it has kept my brain working more than it would have done if I had not allowed Mark to twist my arm gently!

Mark concurred that there is a huge amount of work for Treasurers made more difficult due to the obstacles faced by Barclay's recently.

5. Appointment of Independent Examiner

Jo Raby who currently examines our accounts is happy to continue in this role. She is very helpful and VERY thorough. Proposed by Pat Oughtibridge and seconded by Maggie Anderson.

6 (1) Vulnerable Adults/Child Protection Report – Maggie Anderson. PSO.

Currently there are four ongoing Safeguarding cases within the Benefice.

One is being managed with support from the Diocesan Safeguarding Team.

There are also two areas of concern which are being managed locally at this point, having been discussed with a Diocesan Safeguarding Officer.

In relation to the Safeguarding Training Sessions which are required by the Diocesan Safeguarding Team, we are 80% complete with the required training.

They are also adding a variety of other elements of updating on to the Parish Dashboard.

Each Parish Safeguarding Officer has a duty to complete the Dashboard and keep it updated.

Recently new Policies which were required and have been written, agreed by the Diocese but have to be agreed by the PCC at the next meeting before forming part of the Safeguarding documents

6. (2) Appointment of Named Safeguarding Officer

Maggie Anderson was appointed named Safeguarding Officer in April 2022. She has agreed to stand again. Proposed by Clive Browne and seconded by Dot Lodge.

7. Rectors comments

Rectors Review 2023

Theme: Re-building

Welcome to the Rectors review 2023. I can't believe how quick the last twelve months have gone.

I hope you are sitting comfortably - There is a lot to say.

Last year I referred to the gradual process of coming out through the other end of COVID pandemic and that it was taking time.

In 2022 this was still an aspect of the life of the church, time spent trying to organise worship, when not sure who will be there to take on roles of assistance, gradually and into this year we have re-built up a numbers of different rotas, from reading, prayers, opening and closing the church and welcome team at 9:30.

It seems like a while ago, but I had a sabbatical, a time of rest and refreshment. I was very glad to be able to have a period of rest, like many other caring roles and other clergy the time of giving - needs time to have replenishment.

I was grateful for Dave, Adrian, Alan and Neil who did a grand job while I was off, thank you to them and those who supported them. I did miss you all and was pleased to return and continue in ministry with renewed energy.

When I returned we then said Goodbye to Dave, Weiwei, Abbie and Bella as they moved to Watton for Dave to take on the Incumbency role there. A number of us went to Watton to support them as Dave began his ministry.

Let's talk about Investment

More to the point investment of time, energy and prayer. Dersingham VA Primary and Nursery school has required a significant part of my ministry for a number of years.

Since February 2022, there have been some significant strides forward and these are a great answer to prayer.

I would like to thank Clive Browne who with me has invested much time, energy in enabling positive change to take place.

Thank you also to Sue Dubois and Kier Hughes as PCC governors on the governing board who have also given much time over the last twelve months in particular.

The future of the Dersingham Primary school now looks very bright. One of the changes is that the school will join the Diocese of Norwich Education Academy Trust.

I look forward to being able to share more progress in due course of things that are currently being worked on. Please pray for the school including the governors.

Recently the head teacher of Ingoldisthorpe Church of England Primary School announced he will be retiring next year. I on behalf of the churches here am now involved in the recruitment process of a suitable new Head teacher.

Please do pray for me and the governors and the school in a time of transition next year and for the right candidate.

Another time of investment is something you have all been aware of with recent articles in the Village Voice by both Neil Adams and myself, that of burial space.

Here at St Nicholas we are running out of space for people to be buried in. I know that people value having loved ones buried in the village. Neil Adams and I began this process seven years ago, in fact in the first week I began my ministry here.

It is helpful for the gathered company to be aware that it is neither my, nor the PCC's responsibility to source or organise new burial space, but out of our care for the community we have persevered.

Progress has been slow and sadly support from the village has been non-existent. Nonetheless we have continued.

However in the last two weeks we have made some progress in cooperation with the Sandringham estate, it is very early days but Neil and I are happy with a proposal.

In the meantime there are 8 spaces available in the churchyard here after that burials will then need to go to the Kings Lynn Cemetery, unless space is sourced and prepared.

It is worth highlighting that about 4 years ago the PCC affirmed that we will not approve any faculty applications for burial requests as the remaining spaces will be naturally fulfilled.

Pastoral team

The pastoral team continues to be busy keeping in contact with people, visiting and importantly praying. The team consists of myself, Adrian, Anthea, Kathy, Sue, Sue and Maggie.

The people we look out for can be members of our congregations, those recently bereaved, those we have had encounters within the community. I value having the support of a trusted small group.

On a personal note our home the Rectory continues to be blighted by an oil smell following the previous oil leak. The Bishop of Lynn is now seeking to resolve this following the kitchen being dug up three years ago.

Ministry

Like many other professions, the expectations requested on clergy continue to increase but the hours in the day don't!

It seems appropriate that I am honest with you and say that the hours I personally do are frequently in the region of over 60+ hours per week. I am working at capacity.

Despite this I continue to be behind on emails and not able to carry out other aspects of ministry which I want or feel I should be doing.

This situation should hopefully improve in the summer following the PCC's decision to recruit an Administrator.

Following a very positive recruitment process we have been successful in recruiting an administrator with a start date in the weeks ahead. Pauline will continue ahead to provide me assistance in ways that she is able.

Curate 2024?

Some have asked whether we will have another Curate. As I mentioned on the vision Sunday Service, training a Curate is a privilege but a significant commitment by me.

The first year is very involved and then gradually the person is able to do more.

The Bishop of Lynn has informed me the Benefice is on the list for 2024, but this doesn't mean that we will have a curate. It has to be right for me, the curate and if they have a family as well as the parishes.

Re-imaging plans

The re-imaging plans are still a priority for me and the church here and are part of the vision.

There has been no progress recently which is down to me not having the time to do the next stage.

Hopefully in the coming weeks I will be able to do this. I have asked two more people to join the team in the sub – committee. Last year we were very fortunate to receive a £30,000 legacy specifically for the re-imagining to which we are very grateful.

Eco- Church

I invited Alan Crawshaw last year to form an Eco-Church group, this group has been making some good solid progress these last twelve months.

The group have been working hard at St Michaels church and here they are working on behalf of St Nicholas Church towards the A' Rocha Environmental award. More to be heard when we have a speaker on the 14th May as part of the sermon series on GRACE. The group is reporting back to the PCC.

The PCC meetings at Dersingham are now structured around the GRACE marks of Mission providing increased focus through the vision of the church which is: "Helping one another to follow Jesus through the GRACE of God".

Vision

The vision offers us the focus and intentionality as God's church here. For those of the church who may be new the letters of GRACE form an acrostic:

Glory to God

Respond and Relate

Ability to Access

Committed to Community

Environmental Excellence

These are our church's five marks of mission, which flow down from the Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20).

The Mission Statement offer us the priorities of intention,

- Grow deeper roots of faith
- Reach out with the love of Jesus
- Be attentive to the Spirit's prompting
- Develop children and youth ministry
- Nurture an improved care of God's creation

One of those is focused on children and youth. This is a challenge and one in which we cannot fail.

The truth is it has been hard not just here but elsewhere. Elevation youth groups was reduced by two thirds during the pandemic, we are trying to increase the numbers to make it viable. We value your prayers. I have been trying to source a youth minister, but to no avail.

Last year I initiated with two others a regional Christian youth event to provide a space for young people to be with more others. This continues once a term, but needs leadership which I am not able to do.

There are events planned with the Diocese which the young people can go on, one is an evening in the Cathedral and the other is the Soulshaper weekend at the Horstead Activity centre run by the Diocese; these are formational times for young people in their Christian faith.

There is the option of starting a youth café at the Well one afternoon after school as the high school children come back from APHS (Well High School) and Smithdon High. But it needs the right person to lead, so at the moment we pray.

Younger children

With regards to the younger children, we have managed to start the re-building this year. We have managed to get a rota up and running of leaders to lead the younger children's group during the Gathering. The numbers of children fluctuate.

We have started to see more of the children from Little Nippers start to come to church which has been encouraging.

Little Nippers has also built back up again after the pandemic and we are back to near full capacity, which when the books are full is 30 children.

What has been very noticeable is the pastoral care for this group and the willingness of parents and grandparents to approach the team for help, advice, encouragement and prayer.

The amount of pastoral care has been high and this shows the trust and appreciation of the value of the group. This is a fruitful investment of time in conversations with three different generations at the same time.

I could now crack a joke – to see if you are still with me! But then again if you don't laugh you could either be asleep or not finding the joke amusing!

Anyway – Worship, it has been a long road for people to gain confidence in venturing out and back to church and we have welcomed new people recently, if that is you – it is great that you are part of the church fellowship.

On that note I am pleased we will be hosting another welcome tea for you to come and also meet some of the team.

Speaking of the team, as you heard earlier Pat is now looking to pass on the role of church treasurer, if this is something you may be able to take on and serve the church, please do speak to me.

Pat has served as church treasurer amazingly over the recent years, making huge strides in the approach and layout of the finances to the benefit of the PCC and also moving it forwards with digital banking.

Thank you Pat for all that you have done and also for John's support to you in this.

The Well

The Well - the church plant has been making steady progress in the first twelve months. I have been tweaking the approach of Café church and this seems to have been advantageous. Last month there were 20 adults and four children, including some new people, which is encouraging. Café church is on the 4th Sunday at 4pm in Ingoldisthorpe church Hall. The missional café is Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9-12:30 and through this it has brought new people to café church - Praise God! The purpose is already being realised.

Last year Jane Wood was appointed as the Barista Evangelist and has settled in well, excuse the pun!

In the autumn we will be running the Alpha course in The Well café. I am looking forward to this, providing an opportunity for people to explore The Christian faith and learn more of who Jesus is for themselves.

Thank you's

Today we have said Thank you to Pauline both for all that she has done in many guises but also thanking her as Pauline continues to serve the church ahead in manageable ways.

Neil and Tom continue to be great churchwardens. The hours that they both invest for the church life of the church is huge. Their gifts compliment so well together. But both have taken on more in recent times, likewise Maggie, Pat and myself.

Collectively some of the extra jobs that we have all taken on behind the scenes can be taken on by the administrator.

Personally this will enable me to focus more on being the church leader, preacher and pastor and doing less administration than I have been doing.

Finance and Tithing.

The administrator is a part time paid role and with the increase of some of the churches other costs we will need to pray that God will provide for all that the church needs financially and in other ways in 2023.

Last year we met the parish share request, this is the amount which is our responsibility to the Diocese. Thank you for your part in this, with your help we pray that we can meet it this year.

I'm not going to preach on tithing now, but may I invite you to consider tithing if you don't already, that is giving regularly to the life of God's church here. We all can do our bit within our own personal circumstances. Thank you for considering this.

Standing orders help the church manage money in and out because they are regular and also benefit from the individual not missing out on sharing their tithe if they are away.

Gift Aid provides a great part of our income and this doesn't cost you! The Tax Man pays us money back – now surely that gives everyone pleasure!!

Even more reason to set up a regular standing order and Gift Aid. If you would like to set up one please speak to Pat and she can provide the information needed.

We appreciate that we are in challenging financial situations.

It is helpful to personally review finances, so if you give to the church, you may be in a position to adjust your offering to the church, please do consider this, please do pray about it and if you need any help please speak to Pat.

As we draw to a close - the finish line is in sight – lunch time is looming but let us turn our heads to Mission.

Mission

The Mission and outreach of God's Church is important. Through the Mission Action Plan we commit to sharing the Good News of Jesus and enabling people to respond. Support of Missionaries is rightly increasing to OMF, Mission Aviation Fellowship along with Open Doors are focused for us, with prayer and financial support.

Baby Basics continues to give more and more to those in need and today as we focus on Committed to Community from the Mission Action Plan, it seems appropriate to affirm the invaluable ministry of love, the love of Jesus in a baby's basket.

The numbers of referrals continue to increase but this is importantly match funded by God's faithfulness. The Grace of God is apparent in different ways.

- Prayers answered regularly – through items appearing through the church door when prayed for.

God is Good and He is Faithful. We must not forget this and in response we must not forget to Praise Him!

To Finish

It is a joy and privilege to serve you, the churches here, the communities and further afield. But as I say regularly, it is not about me, it is about a team. Thank you for all your contributions you have made to the life of God's church here. Thank you for your prayers.

Those who have either heard a few of these reviews or know me well, will know the most important thing you can do for the church and the ministry here is to pray. Please continue to pray – your prayers mean so much.

The future here is genuinely exciting – I am fortunate to enjoy my role and seek to further God's Kingdom. I look forward to starting each day making progress for His Church. God continues to answer prayers – which delights me! God continues to guide and his Spirit lead.

I conclude with this verse from Scripture: Lamentations 3:22-23 (ESV):

“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
 His mercies never come to an end;
 They are new every morning;
 Great is your faithfulness.”

8. Questions

- Alan Crawshaw – ‘Are any parts of the Reimagining scheme going to be happening this year’?

Rev Mark – ‘I am keen to do it – time is needed and we have experienced hurdles with several changes of DAC Secretary but it is high on my priority’

‘The challenge is time but we will have a meeting with the subcommittee and make another start’.

- Neil Adams – he thanked Mark on behalf of himself and Tom for his support to them as Church Wardens.
- Maggie Anderson – on behalf of Katrina Mundy who had left early ‘there are issues with both the setting up and taking down of the tables, chairs, and general furniture to prepare and clear for the smooth running of the monthly Coffee Morning events. Those who currently help are all of an age, and last week - it was agreed that some younger members of the Church would help set up and return to take down. The set up went smoothly but nobody returned to take down and therefore it was left to Tom to do this in readiness for the service on the Sunday. We must resolve this problem in order to keep the Coffee Mornings running.’

9. Closing Prayer.

Signed by Rev Mark Capron

Date.....

DERSINGHAM PARISH CHURCH OF ST NICHOLAS
ANNUAL REPORT FOR JANUARY-DECEMBER 2023

DERSINGHAM CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

The Church of St Nicholas in the parish of Dersingham is part of the Church of England, whose mission is to:

- + Grow deeper roots of faith
- + Reach out with the love of Jesus
- + Be attentive to the Spirit's prompting
- + Develop children and youth ministry
- + Nurture an improved care of God's creation

VISION *"Helping one another to follow Jesus through the GRACE of God"*

MARKS OF MISSION

- + **G**lory to **G**od
- + **R**espond and **R**elate
- + **A**bility to **A**ccess
- + **C**ommitted to **C**ommunity
- + **E**nvironmental **E**xcellence

BACKGROUND

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish of the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has responsibilities for the maintenance of the Parish Church and Churchyard.

CHARITABLE STATUS

The PCC has charitable status and was is with the Charity Commission under the title: "**Dersingham PPC**" – Charity No. 250450.

PCC MEMBERSHIP

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. At the APCM in April the following were on the church council.

Incumbent: Reverend Mark Capron
Curate: N/A

Churchwardens: Neil Adams
Thomas Wheeler

Deanery Synod Representatives:
Jane Woods
Thomas Wheeler

Elected Members: **2023** [all serve for one yr]
Pat Oughtibridge
Maggie Anderson
Katrina Mundy
Elaine Richardson
Clive Brown
Jane Wood
Emma Dinmore
Susan Asbridge
Jane Churchill
Ron Cossou

COMMITTEES

The PCC operates a number of committees, which meet between full meetings of the PCC.

- Standing Committee: Has the power to transact business of the PCC between the meetings, subject to any directions given by the council.
- Church Reorganisation Sub-Committee: Liaises and works with Architect & Project Lead (Rosemary Bell) to produce plans, costings etc.
- Fundraising Events Sub-Committee: Ad-hoc group which meets as required to organise events for the purposes of fundraising for the Church Reorganisation.

CHURCH STATISTICS

Electoral Roll: 126

Average Adult Attendance at Sunday Services: 2023 2022

9.30 a.m.	39	39
11.00 a.m.	47	48
10.00 a.m. Regular Combined Services in August:	58	53

Special Combined Services:

Mothering Sunday	84 (13 under 16's)	87 (26 under 16s)
Palm Sunday	81 (36 under 16's)	94 (42 under 16's)
Easter	-	121 (38 under 16s)
Harvest Festival	65 (9 under 16's)	73 (10 under 16s)
Remembrance Sunday	192(85 under 16's)	181 (82 under 16s)
Christmas (Midnight)	80 (5 under 16's)	75 (2 under 16s)
Christmas (Day)	66 (17 under 16's)	70 (23 under 16's)

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

	2023	2022
Baptisms	6	9
Confirmations	-	-
Renewal of Baptismal Vows	-	-
Weddings	1	3
Thanksgiving for a Child	-	-
Thanksgiving/Blessing after Marriage/Anniversary	1	-
Funerals	5 (Church)	17 (Church)
	4 (Crematorium only)	25 (Crematorium only)
Memorial/Thanksgiving Service after a Funeral	-	1

Finance Report

NB: Baby Basics is now included in our Financial Statement, although its accounts are completely separate.

2023 was a difficult year because of increased costs, however our offerings at services and planned regular giving increased by almost £9,000. Gift Aid continues to be an important source of income and a total of £11,285 was claimed back last year. The substantial increase in the cost of gas meant that our total for the year was £10,941.30 compared with £4,076.41 in 2022. This was offset slightly by two grants from Norwich Diocese amounting to £3,200. We also needed to appoint an administrator to help with the workload of our incumbent, incurring an additional cost of £4,831. The PCC made this decision to lighten the load of 'paperwork' and routine tasks that needed to be dealt with by Reverend Capron.

Fewer fees from funerals and weddings (statutory income) in 2023 resulted in a drop in income. Despite a difficult year, we managed to pay our full Parish Share thanks to a request for additional donations. Thank you.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of this PCC to keep 2 months of running costs in unrestricted reserves; this may also be used for unseen emergencies. The PCC is building up reserves in a restricted fund to finance the planned re-ordering of the interior of the church building,

Pat Oughtibridge
Dersingham PCC Treasurer

Safeguarding Update

The most important thing is to safeguard those around us.

In terms of DBS (Disclosure & Barring) & Safeguarding Training, there is just 1 outstanding in the Benefice for the training who needs to action it ASAP. All DBS for the Benefice are up to date. Safeguarding training requests are directly from the House of Bishops via the Diocesan Safeguarding Team. The Diocese is putting Safeguarding at the top of all their agendas now and it is becoming more and more evident.

Cases in the Benefice have fluctuated throughout the last 12 months. Currently we have 8 Safeguarding needs. Support by the Diocese is always at hand and has at times been needed. Training for the Safeguarding Officer is becoming more & more but is up to date.

Maggie Anderson, *PSO*

THANK YOU

The PCC would like to express their thanks to all those who contributed to the activities of the Church and to those who give of their time in the maintenance and administration of the Church.

This Report and Accounts have been approved by the PCC. The accounts were signed by the Reverend Mark Capron on behalf of the PCC at their meeting on Monday 18th March 2024.

..... Date

Rector – Rev Mark Capron

LIFE OF THE CHURCH IN 2023

As last year these Reports have been gathered under the titles of our Mission Action Plan, as launched in January 2023 to show how we are working towards the different Marks of Mission.

GLORY TO GOD

Worship Summary

We continue to have the church open all year round during the daytime (except when setting up and running major festivals). The Visitors book records many encouraging comments. The live streaming of weekly services has been of great benefit to those who are unable to come to church and has brought new members into our Congregation – some in person following watching services online.

Looking wider, as a Church we continued to welcome and support the work of Missionaries (with links to Open Doors and the All Nations Christian College amongst others) to a range of different countries throughout the world; the Remembrance Sunday Service supported the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, and Church members also supported the Samaritans Purse via the Shoe Box Appeal.

Ministry Leadership Team

Friday Prayer Meeting

In 2023 we transferred from virtual prayer meetings to in person within the church. Each Friday at 4pm anyone is welcome to join us either weekly or just occasionally, as we read some scripture and prayer for the needs of the local people, communities, the church and the wider needs of the World. We also pray the prayer requests left on the prayer board (chancel). Do join us!

Rev Mark

Music in Church – The Choir

We are so fortunate in having a choir in our church which is principally because of the loyalty and commitment of its members and Clive, our very experienced organist.

We changed the rehearsal time from Thursday evenings to Monday afternoons, not only to save on heating costs, but to allow members to join the local village choir which also meets on a Thursday evening. For the Deanery Advent Service this year, we joined with the Corner choir (a choir which was formed for West Norfolk churches which could provide music for festival services in churches which have no choir) and this was a wonderful opportunity to have music in our worship which needed a larger number of singers. We were then able to include the Chorus “And the glory of the Lord” from Handel’s Messiah. It was a joy to be a part of this uplifting event. Singing, is good for the body and soul, but it also gives us the language to express praise and worship to God.

Roger du Bois, Choir and Music Director

Music in Church – Blaze Band

Blaze Band have been helping to lead the worship songs and music at the Gathering and Combined Services. The band has young musicians and those who are young at heart and has grown in confidence, aiming always to do our best in helping those present to experience the glorious presence of God in our worship. In addition to our singers, we have the following instrumentalists: Piano, Lead guitar, Bass guitar, Violin, Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Concertina, Flute, Drums and tuned percussion. Our choice of music aims not only to fit the theme of the worship but to have a range of styles appropriate for all generations. We are always pleased to have suggestions for songs that we might include, especially those which are biblically based and focussed on keeping our eyes on Jesus as we serve him, as best we can, with our musical abilities.

Roger du Bois, Band Leader

Music in Church – Thank You

The PCC and Ministry Leadership Team would like to thank all of the musicians who contribute to our Worship at St. Nicholas – Clive our dedicated Organist and Michael, Adrian & Roger who cover when Clive is unable to play; our Choir who lead us so expertly in our Choral Worship and further glorify the Lord with Anthems and special pieces; Steve Davis for playing at Tea & Carols and numerous Gathering Services (and other occasions) throughout the year; the Blaze Band for working together to produce harmony every time you lead us in worship and Roger for co-ordinating all of the different musical talents in our Church.

Thank you all.

Church Bellringers

We meet on Monday Night at 7pm.

I lost my full Band pre- COVID but have managed to retain four of the original team.

Ring on a Sunday from 10.20am to just before 11.00am Service by previous arrangement.

Ringers can be taught from 11 years upwards.

Alan Polaine, Tower Captain 07715565765

Dersingham Descanters

A difficult year. Had many away with operations and general health issues.

We gradually grow older but enjoy playing the hand bells. A joint effort with Hunstanton Methodist Church at Christmas was well received.

We continue to the beginning of May and start again in September.

Our team consists of eleven members and manage two octave music.

We also have hand chimes which suit the younger generation.

Practice night is on a Tuesday at [7pm.in](https://www.7pm.in) Church.

Contact via Mobile ; 07715565765

Alan Polaine, Chairman, Dersingham Descanters

RESPOND AND RELATE

Ministry to Children – ‘Little Nippers’ Baby & Toddler Group

Little Nippers runs every Monday during Term time, between 09.30-11am. Age range is from birth to school age. We have seen 3 new babies of siblings this last 12 months. The team arrive prior to that the set up and ensure everything is ready.

We have built back up to the maximum on the books of 30. This is great. The busiest morning was in March when we had 29 little people with their parents / grandparents / carer. It was a huge success, as is each week.

We offer craft activities, sensory play, a table out with play doh and puzzles etc. out for the little ones to play if they just want to explore, access to soft play, and music. They have a Bible Story, snack time and organised games as well as Prayer time at the beginning and end.

We could do with a few more helpers. Each helper would need to be DBS cleared and undergo Safeguarding Training. If we had more volunteer helpers, it would really help.

Pastorally, Little Nippers has helped several families. Both parents and grandparents willingly approach a couple of the lead helpers and have received advice and encouragement.

Maggie Anderson

Ministry to Young People – ‘Elevation’ Youth Group

The Youth group meets Sundays evenings enjoying games, challenges and a weekly bible study incorporating a Christian music artist’s video along with prayer. The snack time is also a valued time hanging out together. The group enjoyed the youth residential at Horstead in the autumn meeting other young Christians from other churches, also having times of worship and outside activities including canoeing and zip wire! Locally the group also once a term enjoy the regional Christian youth event called 'Encounter' in Kings Lynn. Your prayers for the Elevation youth group are valued.

Rev Mark

Bible & Fellowship Groups

We have 3 Mid-Week Groups who meet on different days and times during the week. Please speak to a member of the Ministry Team for more information about times and locations.

Mothers’ Union – Dersingham Branch

The branch continues to be active within the church, providing the potted pansies and Simnel cake for the annual Mothering Sunday service as well as being involved in the service and helping at the monthly church coffee morning. We now have 25 members.

During 2023 we had some varied meetings, including sharing favourite poems, stories, and memories; we learned how the Bible is being “digitised” and translated into many different languages/dialects; spent a “Quiet Afternoon” in church sharing lunch followed by a contemplative reflection on the story of Mary and Martha from the Bible. A successful MU Coffee Morning was held at Orchard Close raising a significant amount of money for the MU’s “Away From It All” (AFIA) project – holidays for those in need of quality family time and we heard about the work of AFIA at one of our meetings. We also had an interesting talk on the work of an Educational Psychologist and heard about the work of a hospital chaplain.

We shared in a service with members from other MU branches when Rev Adrian was licensed as the Norwich Diocesan Chaplain and attended a Members' Meeting in Norwich as well partaking of a delicious strawberry tea, with other Norwich Diocese MU branches in the Bishop of Norwich's lovely garden; we celebrated Mary Sumner Day with other branches at Dereham and attended the annual Festival MU service in Norwich cathedral.

Our Christmas tree for the St Nicholas Christmas Tree Festival highlighted the MU's stance against gender-based and its new RISE-UP Against Domestic Violence campaign by incorporating Origami peace doves and information about sources of help for those suffering domestic abuse.

Our meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of the month in the Community Room at Orchard Close between 2pm and 4pm and are a mixture of talks from external speakers on varied subjects interspersed with more social meetings (and there's always refreshments). Details of our meetings can be found in the Parish Magazine and we welcome anyone who is interested in what we do.

Anthea Aubrey-Jones, Branch Leader

ABILITY TO ACCESS

The Church Building – Church Warden’s Report

We continue to have the church open all year round during the daytime (except when setting up and running major festivals). The Visitors book records many encouraging comments.

There is a regular on-going monitoring of all aspects of the building to ensure that it is maintained in a sound condition.

Fabric, Goods and Ornaments

The supervision and care of such items is an on-going task. Any changes are recorded in the inventory, which is available for inspection by arrangement.

Church Building

The Intruder Alarm, Fire Extinguishers, Roof Alarm, and Gas Boilers were serviced. Small repairs around the building have been undertaken, when required, often by one of the Church Wardens. Numerous small tasks of routine maintenance were attended to throughout the year.

Repairs were carried out to the high-level guttering on the North side of the church, and leaks in the lead roof were attended to. However, a quotation for renewing the lead on the north aisle was submitted by the contractor, as the lead there is very old and thin, and repairs are likely to be short term only. The price for this remedial work, as quoted in August 2023 was £35,437.00, plus V.A.T.

Small repairs were made to windows in the north aisle.

New Kitchen and Toilets. Long hours have been put in by the hard-working team behind the re-ordering of the church. It is anticipated that works should begin around the middle of 2024.

Finally, thanks from the Wardens

Again we extend our sincere thanks to all the people who give so much time and energy, often working quietly and anonymously to maintain the cleanliness and tidiness of our church. Thanks are also due to our cleaner, Susan, whose work is so much appreciated. We also appreciate those who assist her in this huge task.

Neil Adams & Thomas Wheeler.

Catering Team

The Catering team have continued with our monthly Coffee mornings in Church, we now have a volunteer group who help the Catering team set up the tables/chairs on the Thursday afternoon before the Coffee morning. We have to give a big thank you to the Dinmore family who come in on Friday evening to pack away all the tables and chairs.

We decided this year to stop using disposable cups and plates which has increased our washing up so many thanks to all those who volunteer to do this.

Susan Asbridge very kindly made us some lovely gingham tablecloths to replace the paper ones.

We again provided catering for St Nicholas Flower Festival and the Christmas tree festival which were very successful occasions. There is always a lovely atmosphere in the Church at these events.

We have also helped serve refreshments at various special Church services including Mothering Sunday, Mother's Union service and The Flowers of Hope service.

As always, a big thank you must go to all our volunteers who help to serve up on the Coffee morning, greeting visitors at the door, and to those who are kind enough to bake for us. We rely a lot on volunteers and unfortunately this number is decreasing, it would be lovely if we could encourage more of the younger members of the congregation to help.

The Catering team consists of Katrina, Lynne, Avril and Dot.
Katrina Mundy

Communications – Parish Church News (Monthly Magazine)

It would be good to have a few more subscribers although copies are available for readers to buy at Coffee Mornings and in the Church when services are being held. A copy of the church magazine is also included in the Newcomers Pack.

The church magazine has proved to be a popular medium for local churches and charities to have a mention of their fund-raising events.

A particular group deserves a mention, the distributors who deliver to homes village-wide in all weathers and the friendly help given to print the magazine.

The Editor

Communications – The Weekly Newsletter

During 2023 our weekly newsletter 'The Lighthouse', started during the Covid pandemic as a means of enabling members of the congregation to keep in touch was ended. In its' place a new two sided weekly newsheet was started, managed by our Benefice Administrator, Debbie. It is emailed out mid-week to all those who have asked for a copy, and paper versions are available throughout the week on the desk at the back of Church. If you would like to be added to the mailing list, please speak to a Church Warden, or email the address printed on the paper copies.

COMMITTED TO COMMUNITY

Pastoral Oversight Team

The Team meets every 6 weeks, they discuss and talk about the welfare and care of those who need it, especially those who are bereaved, poorly, and lonely, in need of prayer.

The Pastoral Oversight Team also do home visits where required, telephone calls, home Holy Communion by Rev Mark, and hospital visits.

They are very aware that not everyone wishes to have visits but would prefer to have a telephone call, or perhaps an email, or note put through the door. If the need is there, privacy is respected and we hold all up in prayer.

The meetings are confidential and notes are taken. All the team are DBS cleared and have completed Safeguarding Training.

Maggie Anderson

Babybasics West Norfolk

During the year from the APCM in 2023 to now we have seen our busiest year with 377 referrals being completed, so far as of now in 2024 we have completed 123 referrals.

The trend looks set to continue, as families cope with the rising cost of just about everything they buy, as well as energy costs.

As we always say, but sincerely mean, it is because of the continual support of local people, local businesses, larger organisations and those who provide us with financial donations and 'grants', that we CAN answer each and every one of the referrals that are sent to us by those responsible for their care, otherwise we simply could not do what we do, and it is a privilege to volunteer to meet these needs.

It must be very hard to ask for help, some of the families we support have not previously needed help, but through no fault of their own now find themselves in situations out of their control. One of the reasons we do not meet our mums or families is to afford them the dignity and respect they deserve, as well as anonymity.

During the last 12 months we met the King & Queen and were presented to them at the Sandringham Flower Show 2023, were invited to Sandringham House at Christmas for drinks with the King, had a variety of welcome invitations to speak at local groups, and were successful in obtaining a Grant.

As we head very quickly through this year, we are planning another fundraising event at the Royal Wolferton Station, on June 15th (1pm – 5pm) and it will be lovely to welcome the Sirens at the Helm Shanty Singers to serenade us for some of the time.

More locally may we say again, a big thank you to our Church Family, our knitters, our ladies who sew for us, and those who volunteer to wash and iron our pre loved clothing donations, and for those who perhaps cannot support us but do so in Prayer.

Thank you. Maggie Anderson, Centre Leader

St. Nicholas Friendship Group – Chair’s Opening Remarks from their 2024 AGM

Last year was really good for the Friendship Group with an increase in membership and good attendance at the talks which have been interesting, informative and entertaining. Many thanks to Ian for setting up the projector when needed for some of the presentations.

Opening up the talks to non- members was a good move along with adverts for future events in the Church Magazine. I am so grateful to Ron for continuing to undertake the task of finding speakers. There are a few gaps which need filling for 2024 so suggestions and contributions from members and guests are most welcome. On that note, I would like to thank Bernice for stepping in at the very last minute when one of our speakers didn’t turn up due to ill health.

Our annual lunch was popular and the food quality was good, however the venue at the Rose and Crown failed to deliver the level of service needed for a large group. Efforts were made to search for a better venue and Le Strange Hotel was booked for 2024.

Thank you to Rob and Erich for their work as treasurer and secretary, it is much appreciated and contributes to the smooth running and success of the group.

Once again, a huge thankyou to Helen and Betty for organising and providing the tea and coffee.

John Oughtibridge, Chair

Knit & Natter

Our group was started in 2007 when a small group of ladies got together to share a common interest. Over tea and biscuits or cake for special occasions we talk about our current projects swap patterns and tips for knitting and other crafts.

For more details contact June Crawshaw on 01485 543836 or Lindsey Davis on 01485 522363 or email lindsey@davista.co.uk.

June Crawshaw

ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE

The Churchyard – Church Warden’s Report

A considerable amount of time and attention has been given to the identification and acquisition of extra land for burials, as the existing churchyard is almost full. We are pleased to confirm that progress is being made.

Our volunteer Mole-Catcher has been busy and successful in reducing the amount of soil disturbance caused by these invasive creatures.

The Yew trees have had their annual trim and our tree surgeon has attended to other tasks as requested.

The work of our groundsman is regarded as very satisfactory, and his contract has been renewed. that we continue with his services.

The ECO group have been active in various tidying and maintenance jobs around the churchyard
Neil Adams & Thomas Wheeler

The Church ECO-Group

(working both at St. Nicholas, Dersingham and St. Michael & All Angels, Ingoldisthorpe)

Members of the Eco Church Group throughout 2023 were: Richard Carter, Alan Crawshaw, Sue Lake, John Oughtibridge, Charlotte Walford (Neil Adams and Rev. Mark join us when required)

Ingoldisthorpe Churchyard now has a new mowing regime, and advice from Norfolk Wildlife Trust is being followed. Mark and John have close relationship with the school, which is helpful.

A Rocha Eco Church survey - we have completed the first 3 sections, but stalled on sections 4 Community Engagement and 5 Lifestyle. Our responses on Worship & Teaching are good; and adequate on Buildings and Land. We are working towards a bronze award.

Dersingham churchyard - Richard wrote a piece for Village Voice on mosses and lichens on our churchyard walls. Some aconites have been planted near the snowdrops - should show up next year. We hope to keep the church path tidy, and scatter some wild flower seeds where Gravestones have gravel areas.

Members of the group attend Diocesan Eco Forum, when they can; and put articles in the church magazine.

The PCC has a standing item for Environmental issues, and we are able to attend discussion where it is helpful.

A speaker from A Rocha UK, Godfrey Armitage, came to preach + talk in environmental issues on Sunday 14th May, at both 9.30 and 11am services at Dersingham.

Alan Crawshaw

Dersingham PCC

Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

Receipts and Payments Accounts

	Note	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Endowment Fund £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Receipts							
Voluntary receipts:							
Collections at Services	3	6,506.73	-	-	-	6,506.73	5,554.95
Planned giving	3	44,931.00	-	-	-	44,931.00	42,116.00
All other giving/voluntary receipts	3	16,121.91	20.00	19,101.23	-	35,243.14	8,485.47
Grant Income	3	8,700.00	-	32,000.00	-	40,700.00	5,400.00
Legacies Received (Capital Value)		-	-	-	-	-	30,500.00
Gift Aid recovered		11,285.50	-	-	-	11,285.50	13,548.11
		87,545.14	20.00	51,101.23	-	138,666.37	105,604.53
Activities for generating funds	3	13,081.58	-	-	-	13,081.58	16,218.30
Investment income		791.97	-	1,309.86	-	2,101.83	168.84
Church activities	3	7,493.30	-	1,381.43	-	8,874.73	14,034.00
Other income	3	0.28	-	-	-	0.28	0.63
Total receipts		108,912.27	20.00	53,792.52	-	162,724.79	136,026.30
Payments							
Church activities:							
Parish share		54,400.00	-	-	-	54,400.00	55,794.49
Clergy and Staffing costs	4	11,987.89	-	-	-	11,987.89	7,314.50
Church running expenses	4	16,602.04	-	442.96	-	17,045.00	11,154.61
Mission giving and donations	4	2,244.88	-	780.00	-	3,024.88	2,816.45
Building work and repairs	4	6,229.59	-	-	-	6,229.59	5,480.41
Administration Costs	4	5,331.28	-	-	-	5,331.28	6,073.86
Other expenditure	4	5,399.05	-	31,559.66	-	36,958.71	7,246.66
		102,194.73	-	32,782.62	-	134,977.35	95,880.98
Cost of generating funds	4	6,779.80	-	-	-	6,779.80	4,879.15
Total Payments		108,974.53	-	32,782.62	-	141,757.15	100,760.13
Excess of receipts over payments		- 62.26	20.00	21,009.90	-	20,967.64	35,266.17
Transfers between funds		- 4,765.00	-	4,765.00	-	-	-
		- 4,827.26	20.00	25,774.90	-	20,967.64	35,266.17
Cash at bank and in hand at 1 Jan		10,081.10	3,419.40	92,454.40	-	105,954.90	41,109.67
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 Dec		5,253.84	3,439.40	118,229.30	-	126,922.54	105,954.90

Statement of Assets and Liabilities							
	Note	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund	Total 2023	Total 2022
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds							
Bank Current Account	5	5,163.84	3,439.40	62,465.31	-	71,068.55	47,946.00
Petty Cash		90.00	-	-	-	90.00	-
Bank Savings Account		-	-	-	-	-	-
Deposit Account	6	-	-	55,763.99	-	55,763.99	58,008.90
		5,253.84	3,439.40	118,229.30	-	126,922.54	105,954.90
Notes							
1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts & Payments basis.							
2. The movement in designated and restricted funds during the year were:							
		Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Bal c/fwd	
Restricted							
Friendship Group		440.75	2,105.00	1,437.50	-	1,108.25	
Tower Bellringers		526.00	-	-	-	526.00	
Little Nippers		666.98	1,381.43	1,252.23	- 235.00	561.18	
Dersingham Descanters		1,175.32	210.00	213.58	-	1,171.74	
Conservation		-	5,511.50	7,964.70	3,500.00	1,046.80	
Mission		320.00	860.00	867.21	-	312.79	
PCC Building reordering		54,500.00	1,163.67	-	- 3,500.00	52,163.67	
Vic and Chwdns current		1,737.39	54.77	1,112.24	3,463.00	4,142.92	
Vic and Chwdns deposit		3,508.90	91.42	-	-	3,600.32	
Baby Basics		29,579.06	42,414.73	19,935.16	-	52,058.63	
Fundraiser		-	-	-	1,537.00	1,537.00	
		92,454.40	53,792.52	32,782.62	4,765.00	118,229.30	
Designated		Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Bal c/fwd	
South Aisle Project		3,419.40	20.00	-	-	3,439.40	
		3,419.40	20.00	-	-	3,439.40	
Friendship Group - Restricted to group							
Tower Bellringers - Funds for the maintenance of the church bell							
South Aisle Project - Funds for church building improvements							
Little Nippers - Pre school group							
Dersingham Descanters - Restricted to group							
Conservation - Various							
Mission - Various							
PCC Building reordering - Planned improvements to the buiding for disabled access to toilets and a new kitchen							
Vic and Chwdns current - Charitable giving and mission at the discretion of Vicar and Churchwardens							
Vic and Chwdns deposit - Charitable giving at discretion of Vicar and churchwardens							
Baby Basics West Norfolk - Charity based in church to provide basic needs of vulnerable newborns and families							
Fundraiser - To fund the search for grants for planned improvements to building							
3. Receipts							
		Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund	Total 2023	Total 2022
		£	£	£	£	£	£
COLLECTIONS AT SERVICES							
Sunday Collections		4,025.92	-	-	-	4,025.92	3,043.42
Sunday Collections - Gift Aided		633.50	-	-	-	633.50	1,039.41
Contactless Income		1,847.31	-	-	-	1,847.31	1,414.72
Contactless Income - Gift Aided		-	-	-	-	-	57.40
		6,506.73	-	-	-	6,506.73	5,554.95
PLANNED GIVING							
Standing Order		1,935.00	-	-	-	1,935.00	1,225.00
Standing Orders - Gift Aided		42,996.00	-	-	-	42,996.00	40,891.00
		44,931.00	-	-	-	44,931.00	42,116.00
GIFT AID RECOVERED							
Gift Aid Reclaim		11,285.50	-	-	-	11,285.50	13,548.11
		11,285.50	-	-	-	11,285.50	13,548.11
ALL OTHER GIVING/VOLUNTARY RECEIPTS							
Donations		11,246.39	20.00	1,511.50	-	12,777.89	3,555.08
Donations - Gift Aided		3,440.00	-	-	-	3,440.00	865.00
Wall Boxes		647.95	-	-	-	647.95	696.57
Donations for Others		558.47	-	590.00	-	1,148.47	2,053.82
Votive Candlestand Donations		-	-	-	-	-	57.95
Conservation		-	-	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	1,257.05
Donations - Mission		229.10	-	270.00	-	499.10	-
Other Giving/Voluntary Receipts		-	-	14,729.73	-	14,729.73	-
		16,121.91	20.00	19,101.23	-	35,243.14	8,485.47

ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS							
Magazine		2,153.20	-	-	-	2,153.20	2,172.40
Summer / Flower Festival		4,191.54	-	-	-	4,191.54	3,961.96
Christmas Tree Festival		4,349.59	-	-	-	4,349.59	4,568.49
Open Gardens		-	-	-	-	-	2,828.10
Coffee Mornings		2,387.25	-	-	-	2,387.25	2,687.35
		13,081.58	-	-	-	13,081.58	16,218.30
CHURCH ACTIVITIES							
Fees - Statutory		5,109.00	-	-	-	5,109.00	12,909.00
Fees - Additional		1,284.00	-	-	-	1,284.00	-
VAT Reclaim		634.80	-	-	-	634.80	-
Little Nippers		100.50	-	1,381.43	-	1,481.93	985.00
Donations - Holiday Club & Youth Work		30.00	-	-	-	30.00	-
Memorial Flowers / Flower based Income		110.00	-	-	-	110.00	140.00
Elevation Youth Group		225.00	-	-	-	225.00	-
		7,493.30	-	1,381.43	-	8,874.73	14,034.00
INVESTMENT INCOME							
Dividends and Interest		791.97	-	1,309.86	-	2,101.83	168.84
		791.97	-	1,309.86	-	2,101.83	168.84
GRANT INCOME							
Recurring Grants		500.00	-	-	-	500.00	-
Non-Recurring Grants		3,200.00	-	32,000.00	-	35,200.00	400.00
Churchyard Grant from Parish Council		5,000.00	-	-	-	5,000.00	5,000.00
		8,700.00	-	32,000.00	-	40,700.00	5,400.00
OTHER INCOME							
Banking Loyalty Reward		0.28	-	-	-	0.28	0.63
		0.28	-	-	-	0.28	0.63
4. Payments		Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund	Total 2023	Total 2022
		£	£	£	£	£	£
CLERGY AND STAFFING COSTS							
Administrator Parish/Benefice		4,831.55	-	-	-	4,831.55	-
Clergy Expenses		1,301.51	-	-	-	1,301.51	585.40
Organist Fees - Locum & Additional Services		470.00	-	-	-	470.00	3,810.00
Rector's Secretary's Costs		23.98	-	-	-	23.98	-
DBS & Safeguarding Related		235.10	-	-	-	235.10	21.60
Organist Fees - Regular		2,490.00	-	-	-	2,490.00	-
Ministry Team Expenses		27.00	-	-	-	27.00	67.50
Cleaner		2,608.75	-	-	-	2,608.75	2,830.00
		11,987.89	-	-	-	11,987.89	7,314.50
CHURCH RUNNING EXPENSES							
Gas and Electricity Bill		10,941.30	-	-	-	10,941.30	4,076.41
Insurance		3,643.85	-	-	-	3,643.85	3,312.44
Service Costs		347.17	-	-	-	347.17	707.73
Maintenance		30.00	-	-	-	30.00	615.82
Water Bill		150.27	-	-	-	150.27	147.46
Cleaning Materials		194.41	-	-	-	194.41	110.17
PCC Discretionary Expenses		40.00	-	-	-	40.00	1,164.99
Flower Arrangers / Flower Costs		124.50	-	-	-	124.50	48.00
Septic Tank		900.00	-	-	-	900.00	565.00
Church Youth Group 'Elevation'		198.70	-	-	-	198.70	256.27
Church Youth Group 'Primary Age'		18.94	-	-	-	18.94	150.32
The Gathering Children's Groups		12.90	-	-	-	12.90	-
		16,602.04	-	-	-	16,602.04	11,154.61
MISSION GIVING AND DONATIONS							
Charities - Home (UK)		486.78	-	-	-	486.78	2,068.45
Charities - Overseas		1,006.10	-	480.00	-	1,486.10	498.00
Charities - Secular		752.00	-	300.00	-	1,052.00	250.00
		2,244.88	-	780.00	-	3,024.88	2,816.45
BUILDING WORK AND REPAIRS							
Church - Major repairs and Redecorations		3,808.80	-	-	-	3,808.80	-
New Building Work		-	-	-	-	-	985.72
Church Maintenance & Repairs		2,420.79	-	-	-	2,420.79	4,494.69
		6,229.59	-	-	-	6,229.59	5,480.41
COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS							
Bookstall		300.67	-	-	-	300.67	137.29
DVCA share Open Gardens 2022		1,225.96	-	-	-	1,225.96	-
Cash Floats		90.00	-	-	-	90.00	-
2022 Christmas Tree Festival Payments		75.00	-	-	-	75.00	2,634.61

Open Gardens Payments	-	-	-	-	-	135.39
Concert & One-Off Events Payments	-	-	-	-	-	70.00
Other Events	2,144.62	-	-	-	2,144.62	1,660.26
Coffee Morning Payments	174.80	-	-	-	174.80	241.60
2023 Christmas Tree Festival Payments	2,768.75	-	-	-	2,768.75	-
	6,779.80	-	-	-	6,779.80	4,879.15
ADMINISTRATION COSTS						
Bank charges	97.75	-	-	-	97.75	99.15
Printing	631.10	-	-	-	631.10	1,521.50
Licenses / Subscriptions	333.49	-	-	-	333.49	963.67
Parish Website	120.00	-	-	-	120.00	-
Photocopier, Postal Costs & Telephone	4,148.94	-	-	-	4,148.94	3,489.54
	5,331.28	-	-	-	5,331.28	6,073.86
OTHER EXPENDITURE						
Mission and Evangelism Costs	-	-	656.49	-	656.49	-
Churchyard Expenses	4,970.00	-	-	-	4,970.00	4,874.00
Worship Hospitality	414.05	-	-	-	414.05	389.98
Holiday Club & One-Off Youth Work	-	-	-	-	-	134.40
Conservation Costs	-	-	-	-	-	1,470.58
Alpha Course Expenditure	15.00	-	-	-	15.00	-
Bell Ringers (Tower & Descanters)	-	-	-	-	-	360.00
Covid-19 Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	17.70
	5,399.05	-	656.49	-	6,055.54	7,246.66
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Dersingham Parochial Church Council	5,163.84	3,439.40	3,983.77	-	12,587.01	15,013.48
Independent Bank Accounts	-	-	54,338.62	-	54,338.62	31,195.13
Dersingham Vicar & Churchwardens	-	-	4,142.92	-	4,142.92	1,737.39
	5,163.84	3,439.40	62,465.31	-	71,068.55	47,946.00
	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund	Total 2023	Total 2022
6. Deposit Account	£	£	£	£	£	£
Dersingham, St Nicholas	-	-	52,163.67	-	52,163.67	54,500.00
Dersingham St Nicholas, RCW 01/61	-	-	3,600.32	-	3,600.32	3,508.90
	-	-	55,763.99	-	55,763.99	58,008.90

Dersingham PCC

Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023

Notes relating to specific items on the accounts

- Baby Basics has now been included in the accounts of the PCC for the first time as it is a church led activity, but it continues to have its own bank account. It is a restricted account as shown on the Financial Statement and its funds are entirely separate from church funds.
- Mission Giving includes £200 for Open Doors, £1,174 (includes individual giving) for MAF and £617 for OMF International.
- Non-recurring grants include two Energy Grants from Norwich Diocese, totalling £3,200 and a grant from the Archbishops Council of £2,000 towards the restoration of the painting 'The Agony in the Garden'.
- £471.38 was received from the Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Bike and Walk 2022.

Other charitable giving in 2023

£161.78 to the Children's Society from collection boxes and from the collection at the Christingle service.

£251 to Christian Aid from a collection held at a coffee morning.

£247 to the Kings Lynn Night Shelter from the Deanery Advent Service collection held in St Nicholas.

£65 to the Diocesan Lent Appeal.

£50 to A Rocha, environmental group.

£504 to the Royal British Legion from the collection at the Remembrance Day Service 2023.

£180 to Baby Basics UK for membership

Independent Examiners Certificate

Report to the trustees/ members of: **DERSINGHAM PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

On accounts for the year ended: **2023**

Charity no (if any): **250450**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 12 / 2023**

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

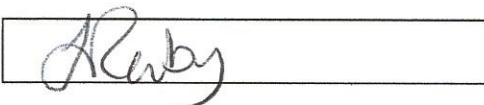
~~The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [_____]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: 

Date: **11/3/2024**

Name: **MRS JOANNE RUBY**

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

Address:

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STATION ROAD, SNETTISHAM
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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose

Dersingham Parochial Church Council

England & Wales - Charity number 250450

Accounts

DERSINGHAM PARISH CHURCH OF ST NICHOLAS **ANNUAL REPORT FOR JANUARY-DECEMBER 2022**

DERSINGHAM CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

The Church of St Nicholas in the parish of Dersingham is part of the Church of England, whose mission is:

- To proclaim the good news of the kingdom
- To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain the life of the earth

BACKGROUND

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish of the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has responsibilities for the maintenance of the Parish Church and Churchyard.

CHARITABLE STATUS

The PCC has charitable status and was registered with the Charity Commission under the title: "**Funds Held In Connexion With St Nicholas' Church, Dersingham**" – Charity No. 250450 – throughout 2022. This name will be changing to 'Dersingham PCC' with effect from January 2023 (see finance report for more details).

PCC MEMBERSHIP

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. At the APCM in April the following were on the church council.

Incumbent: Reverend Mark Capron [On Sabbatical Aug-Nov 2022]

Curate: Reverend Dave Cossey [left Dec 2022]

Churchwardens: Neil Adams
Thomas Wheeler

Deanery Synod Representatives: [serve for 3 years – term expires 2024]

Jane Woods (Replaced Shirley Brooks at PCC Request, June 2022)
Thomas Wheeler

Elected Members: **2022** [all serve for one year]

Maggie Anderson
Anthea Aubrey-Jones
Jane Wood (resigned June 2022 to become Deanery Synod Rep)
Clive Browne
Jane Churchill
Diane Hall
Katrina Mundy
Pat Oughtibridge
Elaine Richardson
Emma Dinmore
Shirley Brooks (Co-opted June 2022)

COMMITTEES

The PCC operates a number of committees, which meet between full meetings of the PCC.

- Standing Committee: Has the power to transact business of the PCC between the meetings, subject to any directions given by the council.
- Church Reorganisation Sub-Committee: Liaises and works with Architect & Project Lead (Elaine Richardson) to produce plans, costings etc.
- Fundraising Events Sub-Committee: Ad-hoc group which meets as required to organise events for the purposes of fundraising for the Church Reorganisation.

CHURCH STATISTICS

Electoral Roll: 128

Average Adult Attendance at Sunday Services:

	2022	2021
9.30 a.m. (The Gathering)	39	28
11.00 a.m. (Traditional/Choral)	48	29
10.00 a.m. Regular combined Services in August	53	-

Special Combined Services:

Mothering Sunday	87 (26 under 16s)	<i>Church Closed</i>
Easter	121 (38 under 16s)	62 (11 under 16)
Platinum Jubilee Service (5 th June)	101 (82 under 16s)	-
Harvest Festival	73 (10 under 16s)	87 (17 under 16)
The Queen's Memorial/Thanksgiving Service (18 th Sept)	122 (19 under 16s)	-
Remembrance Sunday	181 (82 under 16s)	199 (97 under 16s)
Christmas (Midnight)	75 (2 under 16s)	29 (3 under 16)
Christmas (Day)	70 (23 under 16's)	66 (19 under 16)

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

	2022	2021
Baptisms	9	7
Confirmations	-	-
Renewal of Baptismal Vows	-	-
Weddings	3	2
Thanksgiving for a Child	-	-
Thanksgiving/Blessing after Marriage/Anniversary	-	-
Funerals	18 (Church)	8 (Church)
	25 (Crematorium only)	24 (Crem. only)
Memorial/Thanksgiving Service after a Funeral	-	-

Finance Report

The total receipts in 2022 increased by £10,294.60, thanks mainly to a legacy which was given for the planned church building development. Unfortunately, collections at services and planned giving have continued to decrease. Planned giving is particularly helpful to us as it provides regular income. We have had insufficient new donors to replace those who have sadly passed away. Gift Aid reclaimed included that from the Abseil event and was transferred to the building development fund.

The excess of receipts over payments, once the donations from the building fund are subtracted, was £3,126.49. I am pleased to report that the Parish Share, which provides stipends and housing for clergy, was paid in full again this year.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of this PCC to keep 2 months of running costs in unrestricted reserves, this may also be used for unforeseen emergencies. The PCC is building up reserves in a restricted fund to finance the planned re-ordering of the interior of the church building.

NB This will be the final report for 'Funds held in connexion with St Nicholas Church' as the charity name will be changing in 2023 to 'Dersingham Parochial Church Council.'

Pat Oughtibridge
PCC Treasurer

NB: The Accounts & Report from the Independent Examiner are attached to this report.

THANK YOU

The PCC would like to express their thanks to all those who contributed to the activities of the Church and to those who give of their time in the maintenance and administration of the Church.

This Report and Accounts have been approved by the PCC. The accounts were signed by the Reverend Mark Capron on behalf of the PCC at their meeting on Monday 13th March 2023.

..... Date

Rector – Rev Mark Capron

LIFE OF THE CHURCH IN 2022

This year these Reports have been gathered under the titles of our new Mission Action Plan, as launched in January 2023 to show how we are already working towards some aspects of that Plan.

GLORY TO GOD

Worship Summary

We continue to have the church open all year round during the daytime (except when setting up and running major festivals). The Visitors book records many encouraging comments. Church life and attendance began to get back to normal (or a “new normal”) after the pandemic of 2020 and 2021. The live streaming of weekly services has been of great benefit to those who are unable to return to church, or who, because of health vulnerabilities, would feel unsafe doing so.

Two historic events were observed in our church. The first – a celebration, in June, of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee. The second – a commemoration of the funeral/thanksgiving service for our Queen in September. In each case a special service was held, and the television broadcast was shown in the church.

Looking wider, as a Church we welcomed and supported the work of Missionaries (with links to Open Doors and the All Nations Christian College amongst others) to a range of different countries throughout the world; we also supported the Diocesan Lent Project with collection boxes in people's homes; Christingle Service proceeds went to the Children's Society, Remembrance Sunday supported the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, and Church members also supported the Samaritans Purse via the Shoe Box Appeal.

Ministry Leadership Team

Music in Church – The Choir

The Choir continues to sing regularly for the 11am and Combined Services here in Dersingham. We are fortunate in having 2 organists in the benefice, Clive in Dersingham and Michael in Ingoldisthorpe, both of whom play not only for our services, but also for other events such as Funerals, Weddings and Wedding Blessings. It is always a special privilege when the choir is asked to provide choral music for Funerals and Weddings which are such important events for the families involved. Occasionally we might be asked to sing a song written by a relative for a special event or arrange a song for the choir e.g., “Oh happy day” from the film Sister Act 2 which can be challenging but fun to do.

We meet each week for rehearsals to prepare the music and all this would not happen without the loyal support of our singers who rise to the challenge of the many different styles of music that form part of our collective worship. There is also a strong sense of supportive fellowship within the choir, and anyone musically minded and wishing to praise God in song is welcome to come and join us.

Roger du Bois, Choir and Music Director

Music in Church – Blaze Band

Blaze is our All-age Worship Band who share the provision of music for the Gathering Service with Steve Davis (guitarist and singer). The band has given younger members of our church, who are developing their musical talents, a chance to share in leading the music and singing for worship. The Band play a mixture of well-known worship songs along with new well written music, sometimes with actions. We welcome suggestions for songs from church members and include them when we can to keep our music as inclusive as possible.

In addition to the Gathering, the band also take part in Combined Services and lead music in the annual Christingle Service.

The wonderful thing about the band is that it is a mix of people with very different talents who can make music together. Apart from the more usual instrumentalists like keyboard player, guitarists, violinist, drummer, flautist, and singers, we also now have a concertina player (with 3 concertinas to cope with different keys) who has added a wonderful new dimension to the sound of the band.

Ephesians 5:19 Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord.

Roger du Bois, Music Director

Music in Church – Thank You

The PCC and Ministry Leadership Team would like to thank all of the musicians who contribute to our Worship at St. Nicholas – Clive our dedicated Organist and Michael, Adrian & Roger who cover when Clive is unable to play; our Choir who lead us so expertly in our Choral Worship and further glorify the Lord with Anthems and special pieces; Steve Davis for playing at Tea & Carols and numerous Gathering Services (and other occasions) throughout the year; the Blaze Band for working together to produce harmony every time you lead us in worship and Roger for co-ordinating all of the different musical talents in our Church.

Thank you all.

Church Bellringers

I have managed to gather a few previous Ringers after the band dissolved at the start of Covid-19. We rang to commemorate the lift of HM Queen Elizabeth as well as for her Platinum Jubilee. 'Ring for the King' is a national move for the Coronation on May 6th and over the weekend.

Friday 5 th May	6.30-7.15pm	Basic Ringing
	7.15-8.00pm	Change & Methods Ringing
Sunday 7 th May	5.15-6.00pm	Ringing for the Coronation Service

Alan Polaine, Tower Captain

Dersingham Descanters

We have a small Band of ten members. Age and illness make performances difficult. We need younger member involvement. Hope to start Christmas Season with enough to cover events.

Alan Polaine, Chairman, Dersingham Descanters

RESPOND AND RELATE

Ministry to Children – ‘Little Nippers’ Baby & Toddler Group

We continue to run the Little Nippers Baby & Toddler Group each Monday morning from 09.30 – 11am in Church during term time.

We have a short waiting list at the moment having accepted many who had been waiting to join. We generally have between 15 – 27 each Monday, with each little one being accompanied by their parent / Grandparent / nanny / carer.

We aim to provide interactive play, sensory play, craft sessions, Bible story time, Prayer time, snacks (which are always popular!), and space for parents and adults to get to know one another. Since the return to more normal sessions following the Pandemic, we have welcomed a Health Professional on two occasions to talk confidentially to parents, to weigh their little ones or to generally answer questions, and we have one booked for May this year again.

We were ‘checked out’ by the Norfolk County Council (NCC) and passed and have completed written documents on ‘Policy’ and ‘Safeguarding’ as a result of that visit.

We were awarded a grant from the NCC.

The Group is led by Rev Mark with Maggie supporting, and Jane Churchill, Elizabeth Holland and Janet Kirk all helping. Brenda Rice, Mary Sharpe and Janice Gathergood all help in the kitchen and are a huge support to us.

Maggie Anderson

Ministry to Young People – ‘Elevation’ Youth Group

Elevation Youth Group meet once a fortnight at the heart of the community, in the Village Centre, on Sunday evenings. We have recently changed to once a fortnight from weekly meets due to a dwindling in numbers, following on from the Covid period. The group meets term time only and, in the spring/summer months we enjoy outdoor fun such as the legendary **Paint Twister**.

We meet for an hour and a quarter each fortnight – 7-8.15 pm and enjoy a mixture of games, snacks and bible chats/readings and enjoy Christian music and music videos. Our group benefits from Reverend Mark leading sessions and as he is on hand to offer advice and support in relation to following bible messages/meanings and applying knowledge into the issues and aspects of young Christian’s lives.

As well as our fortnightly meetings here in Dersingham, we also take the group to the Area events – these events take place at St John’s Church (King’s Lynn in The Walks), and they are organised and run by The Diocese of Norwich Children, Youth and Family Development Team. They are twice termly and give the young people a great chance to mix with other young Christians in the area. They follow a very similar format to our own meets, games (Task Master is a firm favourite) and snacks and discussions and a chance for young people to mix and socialise freely. On a more adventurous level, we also take the group to Horstead each year (November) to take part in a fun packed weekend (again run by the Youth Team of The Diocese of Norwich), and this involves crate stacking, canoeing, forest school and environmental art. Again, this

supports the well-being of young people in the Christian Community and provides an excellent opportunity for them to engage in social and spiritual development.

We thoroughly enjoy being together, but we need numbers to increase in order to remain viable.
Emma Dinmore

Bible & Fellowship Groups

We have 3 Mid-Week Groups who meet on different days and times during the week. By the end of 2021, two were meeting in person and the third started meeting in person once more during in 2022.

Mothers' Union – Dersingham Branch

The branch continues to be active within the church, providing the potted pansies and Simnel cake for the annual Mothering Sunday service as well as being involved in the service. We now have 22 members.

During 2022 we heard about life as an ex-pat in Cyprus; growing up in China and becoming a Christian before coming to the UK; the origins of marriage (a far more recent convention than might have been thought)! We also had an update on the invaluable work of Baby Basics West Norfolk and about the work done in Kings' Lynn and area by the Pandora Project, helping those who have experienced domestic violence. Our Christmas tree for the St Nicholas Christmas Tree Festival highlighted the MU's stance against gender-based and domestic violence by incorporating badges featuring the #No More 1in3 slogan.

We held a successful fund-raising coffee morning to raise money for the Ukraine Emergency Appeal.

On several occasions some of us visited Norwich, once for the annual Festival Service and procession of MU banners at the cathedral (a colourful and impressive sight) and on another occasion for a Members' Day. We also had a visit to Flitcham church with an enjoyable tea afterwards. Later in the year several members went to Fakenham parish church for the commissioning of our new Norwich Diocesan President and to the Mid and West Norfolk Advent service in Dereham. In June we joined with other branches at South Wootton to hear about the MU "Angel Tree" project enabling parents in prison to send Christmas presents to their children, which we support.

Our meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of the month in the Community Room at Orchard Close between 2pm and 4pm and are a mixture of talks from external speakers on varied subjects interspersed with more social meetings (and there's always refreshments). Details of our meetings can be found in the Parish Magazine as well as in the Lighthouse newsletter and we welcome anyone who is interested in what we do.

Pauline Martin, Branch Leader

ABILITY TO ACCESS

The Church Building – Church Warden’s Report

Fabric, Goods and Ornaments

The supervision and care of such items is an on-going task. Any changes are recorded in the inventory, which is available for inspection by arrangement.

Church Building

The Intruder Alarm, Fire Extinguishers, Roof Alarm, and Gas Boilers were serviced. Small repairs around the building have been undertaken, when required, often by one of the Church Wardens. Numerous small tasks of routine maintenance were attended to throughout the year.

Sadly, it was noticed in the summer that the cash box that is attached to the Votive Candle Stand was taken. Consequently, we now request that any donations for candles be placed in the main wall safe by the south door.

The Porch Door Frame and Doors were given two coats of wood-preserver/varnish.

Finally, thanks from the Wardens

Again, we extend our sincere thanks to all the people who give so much time and energy, often working quietly and anonymously to maintain the cleanliness and tidiness of our church. This is particularly appreciated when the number of volunteers in all areas of our church life seem to be diminishing. Thanks, are also due to our cleaner, Susan, whose work is so much appreciated. Thanks also to those who assist her in this huge task.

We also wish to thank and draw attention to the tireless work of our small band of Flower Arrangers who ensure that the Church has floral displays throughout the year – whether fresh or silk, they always lift the heart and help to glorify the Lord.

The Flower Festival they co-ordinated to mark 70 years of Television was truly spectacular.

We also thank those who have supported the Flower Arrangers financially, allowing altar flowers to be given in memory of loved ones, whether through Lilies at Easter, Carnations at Christmas & Advent, or at specific Sundays throughout the year. Val and her team will always welcome conversations if you wish to have flowers prepared in memory of your loved one.

Neil Adams & Thomas Wheeler.

The Church Building – Church Cleaning

Susan Asbridge continues as our cleaner and comes in for 5 hours a week. She does a brilliant job both as cleaner and as a pastoral person for those who come into our church while she is there.

This year I set up a little group of volunteers to come into church whenever Susan is on holiday and I hope to have this group come in once a month to help Susan give a thorough cleanliness to certain areas that are not able to always be done in her 5 hours.

It is some time since the Church had a thorough spring clean as used to happen once a year by a team of volunteers.

Katrina Mundy.

The Church Building - Tower & Clock Report

The Wardens are aware that I will stand down as Clock Maintenance Engineer in March 2024. This year will be my last servicing of the Clock. I have put forward a suggested replacement for me. The position is salaried and has to be put out to tender.

Alan Polaine, Tower Keeper & Clock Engineer

Catering Team

The Catering team have had a busy year with our monthly Coffee mornings, St Nicholas Flower Festival, Open Gardens and Christmas Tree festival to name a few.

We have also helped serve refreshments at various special Church services including Mothering Sunday, Mother's Union service, Service Remembering those we have lost other the years plus others.

Unfortunately, this year we have seen a slight reduction in numbers but in the current economic climate this was to be expected and hopefully as the year progresses it will improve.

As always, a big thank you must go to all our volunteers who help either setting up, serving and washing up on the day, greeting visitors at the door and to those who are kind enough to bake for us.

Katrina Mundy

Communications – Parish Church News (Monthly Magazine)

It would be good to have a few more subscribers although copies are available for readers to buy at Coffee Mornings and in the Church when services are being held. A copy of the church magazine is also included in the Newcomers Pack.

Due to the retirement of several advertisers, there is now a need for a dedicated "space" salesperson. If you are considering this voluntary job, you would need to be computer-literate in order to pass on the advertisers' copy ready for inclusion in the magazine. Revenue from a few more advertisers would help to raise funds for St Nicholas Church. For personal reasons I am no longer able to visit would-be advertisers, therefore, a cheerful visit to possible advertisers by an interested person would be pleasing.

Many advertisers forget that the printed word can be stored for future reference and prefer to use social media. However, due to the quirkiness of the admin of a well-known outlet, many posts disappear within minutes.

Of necessity, the articles included need to interest many different people not all of whom are regular worshippers. Readers mention that they like to find a suitable prayer, maybe an amusing joke or cartoon and puzzle fans like the Sudoku. The Editor would be happy to receive puzzles from compilers that are copyright-free.

Contributors are so important, and I am sure they enjoy writing their articles and poems as much as everyone appreciates reading them. Included here should be a thank you to photographers who offer their illustrations for the front cover and the assistance given by a practised proof-reader.

The church magazine has proved to be a popular medium for local churches and charities to have a mention of their fund-raising events.

A particular group deserves a mention, the distributors who deliver to homes village-wide in all weathers and the friendly help given to print the magazine.

The Editor

Communications – The Lighthouse (Weekly Newsletter)

The Lighthouse, a weekly newsletter written and produced by volunteers, brings an uplifting message, scripture, prayers, a puzzle, and information about what's on at church. Now on its 140th Issue, The Lighthouse began in 2020 as part of an outreach during the pandemic to those who are shut in or are otherwise isolated.

Lois Williams, Editor

COMMITTED TO COMMUNITY

Pastoral Oversight Team

The Pastoral Oversight Team meet every 6 weeks to talk about and discuss ways of supporting those who may be bereaved, lonely, in need of additional care, or generally need prayer or home visits / telephone calls / hospital visits / home Holy Communion.

We consider very carefully the welfare of these folk, including the safeguarding elements, and all the team are DBS checked.

We are conscious that not everyone wants us calling to visit and would prefer a call by telephone or sometimes an email, but we are there if the need is there, and we respect the privacy, dignity and independence of all those in our prayer list.

Maggie Anderson & Rev Adrian

Babybasics West Norfolk

We continue to be busy.....but....as we have said time and again, without the continuing and generous support from all of you we couldn't do what we do.

Throughout the year we have been invited to speak at many organisations and groups who wish to hear about our volunteering, and we have been able to accept all of them. We look forward very much to demonstrating what we do, but more importantly, why we do it.

Sadly, but unsurprisingly, the cost-of-living crisis continues to be the highest reason for our referrals. Closely followed by homelessness and Domestic Violence. We have had our second referral in from the Night Shelter.

This is a short, but a stark reminder of the need locally.

Between April 1st 2022 and today April 30th 2023 we have completed 294 referrals.

Since 2017 Baby Basics in West Norfolk have provided:

- 60 play gyms
- 17 empty brand-new Moses Baskets
- 65 new-born buggies
- 3 cot beds and mattresses
- 7 bundles of cot bedding
- 505 bundles of maternity pads & breast pads
- 407 toys
- 57 starter packs without a Moses Basket or bath
- 413 Moses Basket filled starter bundles
- 2 electric sterilisers
- 155 changing mats
- 31 double buggies
- 36 cots
- 7 bundles of cot bed bedding
- 351 miscellaneous requests for smaller essentials requested.
- 31 filled baby bath bundle starter packs.
- 256 Moses basket stands.
- 756 packets of Nappies
- 28 baby carry slings
- 45 cold water sterilisers
- 207 baby baths
- 4 toddler pushchairs
- 39 new cot mattresses for donated cots
- 505 bundles of baby toiletries
- 14 stair gates
- 17 highchairs
- 105 bouncy chairs
- 55 feeding bottle supplies
- 1 bed guard
- 148 changing bags
- 8 breast pumps

Every single referral comes to us via a Health Professional / support agency / The Refuge/ Borough Council / Night Shelter / Food Bank / Police / Schools / Benjamin Foundation / Hanseatic

Union etc. This means that every single referral has been assessed as needing the support we can offer. No referral is made unnecessarily.

Thank you – for just allowing us to help all these little people. And their mum’s. Please continue to pray for all those in need, and please continue to pray for us. It continues to be a privilege to do what we do.

Maggie Anderson, Centre Leader

St. Nicholas Friendship Group – Chair’s Opening Remarks from their 2023 AGM

Many thanks for joining us at today’s A.G.M. I’m pleased that our annual luncheon, normally held at Heacham Manor, went ahead at the Rose and Crown in Snettisham instead. It was a really enjoyable occasion despite the rather slow service. Twenty-four members and guests attended. The Manor was going to charge an additional fee for the hire of the venue which ruled that out. Next year’s luncheon will be on the 10th January 24. I don’t think Covid, and its variants will ever disappear, but it should not impact on our daily lives and future events in quite the same way.

This year’s talks have been really interesting, informative, varied and generally well attended. Ron has the challenging task of finding speakers to add to the programme of events which I really appreciate. The events programme is gradually filling up. However, I’m sure suggestions and contributions from all of you would be most welcome.

Membership of our group has declined over the years, so I think we need to think of ways to raise awareness of our existence. Opening up the talks to non- members for a small charge has boosted attendance at many of the talks.

I would also like to thank Rob, our treasurer, for his work in keeping the books in order and Erich for his work as secretary.

Finally, a huge thankyou to Helen and Betty for organising and providing the refreshments.

John Oughtibridge, Chair

Knit & Natter

Our group was started in 2007 when a small group of ladies got together to share a common interest. We meet twice a month on a Tuesday afternoon at Dersingham Village Centre in the cooler months and in members gardens in the summer. Over tea and biscuits or cake for special occasions we talk about our current projects swap patterns and tips for knitting and other crafts. This year again we have mainly supported Baby Basics as our local charity knitting blankets and baby clothes.

Each year we decorate a tree at the Christmas Tree Festival the theme for 2022 was ‘Royal Ascot’ and included many knitted hats along with some horses and champagne.

For more details contact June Crawshaw on 01485 543836 or Lindsey Davis on 01485 522363 or email lindsey@davista.co.uk.

June Crawshaw

ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE

The Churchyard – Church Warden’s Report

A considerable amount of time and attention has been given to the identification and acquisition of extra land for burials, as the existing churchyard is almost full. Numerous contacts have been made and various alternatives investigated.

Two new oak gateposts, for the priest's gate in Church Lane were made and installed by Mark Osborne, whose work was organized and funded by Richard Stanton. Both men have been thanked for this work and their generosity.

A troubling amount of soil was being burrowed against the south side of the church. The Wardens set up a night-vision camera in order to determine what sort of creature was causing this damage. Evidence from the camera, and advice from friends with a knowledge of British wildlife confirmed that the excavations were caused by rabbits. West Norfolk Pest Control were given the task of helping to resolve the problem, although this might be an on-going job.

The Yew trees have had their annual trim and our tree surgeon has attended to other tasks as requested.

The work of our groundsman is regarded as very satisfactory indeed, and it is intended that we continue with his services.

Neil Adams & Thomas Wheeler

Dersingham PCC

Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

Receipts and Payments Accounts

	Note	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund	Total 2022	Total 2021
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts							
Voluntary receipts:							
Collections at Services	3	5,554.95	-	-	-	5,554.95	5,968.09
Planned giving	3	42,071.00	-	45.00	-	42,116.00	43,521.00
All other giving/voluntary receipts	3	7,228.42	578.40	678.65	-	8,485.47	26,752.70
Grant Income	3	5,400.00	-	-	-	5,400.00	5,773.94
Legacies Received (Capital Value)		30,500.00	-	-	-	30,500.00	-
Gift Aid recovered		13,548.11	-	-	-	13,548.11	11,957.25
		104,302.48	578.40	723.65	-	105,604.53	93,972.98
Activities for generating funds	3	16,218.30	-	-	-	16,218.30	25,809.34
Investment income		155.81	-	13.03	-	168.84	11.90
Church activities	3	13,049.00	-	985.00	-	14,034.00	5,758.20
Other income	3	0.63	-	-	-	0.63	179.28
Total receipts		133,726.22	578.40	1,721.68	-	136,026.30	125,731.70
Payments							
Church activities:							
Parish share		55,794.49	-	-	-	55,794.49	53,842.20
Clergy and Staffing costs	4	7,314.50	-	-	-	7,314.50	6,152.91
Church running expenses	4	10,538.79	-	615.82	-	11,154.61	6,939.45
Mission giving and donations	4	2,566.45	-	250.00	-	2,816.45	671.89
Building work and repairs	4	5,480.41	-	-	-	5,480.41	17,781.63
Administration Costs	4	6,073.86	-	-	-	6,073.86	5,857.37
Other expenditure	4	5,776.08	-	1,470.58	-	7,246.66	9,142.95
		93,544.58	-	2,336.40	-	95,880.98	100,388.40
Cost of generating funds	4	4,879.15	-	-	-	4,879.15	8,104.74
Total Payments		98,423.73	-	2,336.40	-	100,760.13	108,493.14
Excess of receipts over payments		35,302.49	578.40	-	614.72	-	17,238.56
Transfers between funds		- 32,176.00	-	32,176.00	-	-	-
		3,126.49	578.40	31,561.28	-	35,266.17	17,238.56
Cash at bank and in hand at 1 Jan		6,954.61	2,841.00	31,314.06	-	41,109.67	23,871.11
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 Dec		10,081.10	3,419.40	62,875.34	-	76,375.84	41,109.67

Statement of Assets and Liabilities							
	Note	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund	Total 2022	Total 2021
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds							
Bank Current Account	5	10,081.10	3,419.40	4,866.44	-	18,366.94	14,489.67
Bank Savings Account		-	-	-	-	-	-
Deposit Fund	6	-	-	58,008.90	-	58,008.90	26,620.00
		10,081.10	3,419.40	62,875.34	-	76,375.84	41,109.67
Notes							
1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts & Payments basis.							
2. The movement in designated and restricted funds during the year were:							
		Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Bal c/fwd	
Restricted							
Friendship Group		595.75	293.00	448.00	-	440.75	
Tower Bellringers		436.00	-	-	90.00	526.00	
Little Nippers		582.91	985.00	867.93	33.00	666.98	
Dersingham Descanters		1,155.14	210.65	190.47	-	1,175.32	
Mission		-	220.00	-	100.00	320.00	
626002009D PCC CCLA		22,100.00	-	-	32,400.00	54,500.00	
Barclays VCW 50325392		1,924.26	13.03	830.00	630.10	1,737.39	
CCLA 6260002002D-RCW01/61		4,520.00	-	-	1,011.10	3,508.90	
		31,314.06	1,721.68	2,336.40	32,176.00	62,875.34	
Designated		Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Bal c/fwd	
South Aisle Project		2,841.00	578.40	-	-	3,419.40	
		2,841.00	578.40	-	-	3,419.40	
Friendship Group - Own Bank Account							
Tower Bellringers - Funds raised by Bellringers for maintenance of tower bells							
South Aisle Project - Funds relating to re-ordering of the Church							
Little Nippers - Church parent & Toddler Group							
Dersingham Descanters - Own Bank Account							
Mission - 0							
626002009D PCC CCLA - This account is to hold savings for the planned improvements to the church building and conservation projects.							
Barclays VCW 50325392 - This account is for charitable purposes.							
CCLA 6260002002D-RCW01/61 - Holds savings donated for charitable purposes							

3. Receipts	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<u>COLLECTIONS AT SERVICES</u>						
Sunday Collections	3,043.42	-	-	-	3,043.42	3,063.66
Sunday Collections - Gift Aided	1,039.41	-	-	-	1,039.41	1,367.00
Contactless Income	1,414.72	-	-	-	1,414.72	1,490.37
Contactless Income - Gift Aided	57.40	-	-	-	57.40	47.06
	5,554.95	-	-	-	5,554.95	5,968.09
<u>PLANNED GIVING</u>						
Standing Order	1,225.00	-	-	-	1,225.00	1,145.00
Standing Orders - Gift Aided	40,846.00	-	45.00	-	40,891.00	42,376.00
	42,071.00	-	45.00	-	42,116.00	43,521.00
<u>GIFT AID RECOVERED</u>						
Gift Aid Reclaim	13,548.11	-	-	-	13,548.11	11,957.25
	13,548.11	-	-	-	13,548.11	11,957.25
<u>ALL OTHER GIVING/VOLUNTARY RECEIPTS</u>						
Donations	3,555.08	578.40	-	-	4,133.48	18,330.65
Donations - Gift Aided	865.00	-	-	-	865.00	3,945.00
Wall Boxes	696.57	-	-	-	696.57	590.09
Donations for Others	2,053.82	-	175.00	-	2,228.82	295.45
Friendship Group Income	-	-	293.00	-	293.00	540.03
Votive Candles	57.95	-	-	-	57.95	51.48
Conservation	-	-	-	-	-	3,000.00
Dersingham Descanters income	-	-	210.65	-	210.65	-
	7,228.42	578.40	678.65	-	8,485.47	26,752.70
<u>ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS</u>						
Magazine	2,172.40	-	-	-	2,172.40	2,111.30
Sales	-	-	-	-	-	71.00
Summer./Flower Festival	3,961.96	-	-	-	3,961.96	751.53
Christmas Tree Festival	4,568.49	-	-	-	4,568.49	4,649.78
Open Gardens	2,828.10	-	-	-	2,828.10	4,524.00
Coffee Mornings	2,687.35	-	-	-	2,687.35	1,096.28
Sponsored Events	-	-	-	-	-	11,958.45
Concerts & Other One-Off Events	-	-	-	-	-	647.00
	16,218.30	-	-	-	16,218.30	25,809.34
<u>CHURCH ACTIVITIES</u>						
Fees - Statutory	12,909.00	-	-	-	12,909.00	4,519.00
Fees - Additional	-	-	-	-	-	526.00
Little Nippers	-	-	985.00	-	985.00	473.20
Memorial Flowers/Flower Based Income	140.00	-	-	-	140.00	40.00
Elevation Youth Group	-	-	-	-	-	200.00
	13,049.00	-	985.00	-	14,034.00	5,758.20
<u>INVESTMENT INCOME</u>						
Dividends and Interest	155.81	-	13.03	-	168.84	11.90
	155.81	-	13.03	-	168.84	11.90
<u>GRANT INCOME</u>						
Recurring Grants	400.00	-	-	-	400.00	800.00
Non-Recurring Grants	-	-	-	-	-	1,223.94
Churchyard Grant from Parish Council	5,000.00	-	-	-	5,000.00	3,750.00
	5,400.00	-	-	-	5,400.00	5,773.94
<u>OTHER INCOME</u>						
Reimbursements	-	-	-	-	-	178.81
Banking Loyalty Reward	0.63	-	-	-	0.63	0.47
	0.63	-	-	-	0.63	179.28

4. Payments	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<u>CLERGY AND STAFFING COSTS</u>						
Clergy Expenses	585.40	-	-	-	585.40	836.01
Cleaner	2,830.00	-	-	-	2,830.00	2,290.00
Organist Fees - Locum & Additional Services	1,020.00	-	-	-	1,020.00	650.00
DBS & Safeguarding Related	21.60	-	-	-	21.60	-
Organist Fees - Regular	2,790.00	-	-	-	2,790.00	2,170.00
Ministry Team Expenses	67.50	-	-	-	67.50	31.90
Verger	-	-	-	-	-	175.00
	7,314.50	-	-	-	7,314.50	6,152.91
<u>CHURCH RUNNING EXPENSES</u>						
Gas and Electricity Bill	4,076.41	-	-	-	4,076.41	2,436.51
Insurance	3,312.44	-	-	-	3,312.44	3,232.89
Service Costs	707.73	-	-	-	707.73	508.08
Water Bill	147.46	-	-	-	147.46	64.70
Cleaning Materials	110.17	-	-	-	110.17	78.83
PCC Discretionary Expense	1,164.99	-	-	-	1,164.99	-
Flower Arrangers	48.00	-	-	-	48.00	44.00
Septic Tank	565.00	-	-	-	565.00	160.00
Church Youth Group 'Elevation'	256.27	-	-	-	256.27	148.45
The Gathering Children's Groups	150.32	-	-	-	150.32	105.99
	10,538.79	-	-	-	10,538.79	6,779.45
<u>MISSION GIVING AND DONATIONS</u>						
Charities - Home (UK)	2,068.45	-	-	-	2,068.45	671.89
Charities - Overseas	498.00	-	-	-	498.00	-
Charities - Secular	-	-	250.00	-	250.00	-
	2,566.45	-	250.00	-	2,816.45	671.89
<u>BUILDING WORK AND REPAIRS</u>						
New Building Work	985.72	-	-	-	985.72	14,993.26
Church Maintenance & Repairs	4,494.69	-	-	-	4,494.69	2,788.37
	5,480.41	-	-	-	5,480.41	17,781.63
<u>COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS</u>						
Bookstall	137.29	-	-	-	137.29	111.39
Summer/Flower Festival Payments	1,660.26	-	-	-	1,660.26	892.97
2021 Christmas Tree Festival Payments	70.00	-	-	-	70.00	820.00
Open Gardens Payments	135.39	-	-	-	135.39	2,453.29
Other Events	-	-	-	-	-	1,569.09
Coffee Morning Payments	241.60	-	-	-	241.60	90.12
2022 Christmas Tree Festival Payments	2,634.61	-	-	-	2,634.61	2,167.88
	4,879.15	-	-	-	4,879.15	8,104.74
<u>ADMINISTRATION COSTS</u>						
Bank charges	99.15	-	-	-	99.15	81.45
Printing	1,521.50	-	-	-	1,521.50	823.80
Licenses/Subscriptions	963.67	-	-	-	963.67	1,028.07
Parish Website	-	-	-	-	-	100.00
Photocopier, Postal Costs & Telephone	3,489.54	-	-	-	3,489.54	3,824.05
	6,073.86	-	-	-	6,073.86	5,857.37
<u>OTHER EXPENDITURE</u>						
Churchyard Expenses	4,874.00	-	-	-	4,874.00	5,524.00
Trading Costs - Property	-	-	190.47	-	190.47	-
Worship Hospitality	389.98	-	-	-	389.98	98.66
Holiday Club & One-Off Youth Work	-	-	-	-	-	70.00
Choir Expenses	134.40	-	-	-	134.40	65.00
Conservation Costs	-	-	-	-	-	1,809.60
Bell Ringers (Tower & Descanters)	360.00	-	-	-	360.00	10.00
Covid-19 Expenditure	17.70	-	-	-	17.70	235.21
	5,776.08	-	190.47	-	5,966.55	7,812.47

		£	£	£	£	£	£
General Account		10,081.10	-	-	-	10,081.10	6,954.61
Friendship Group		-	-	440.75	-	440.75	595.75
Tower Bellringers		-	-	526.00	-	526.00	436.00
South Aisle Project		-	3,419.40	-	-	3,419.40	2,841.00
Little Nippers		-	-	666.98	-	666.98	582.91
Dersingham Descanters		-	-	1,175.32	-	1,175.32	1,155.14
Mission		-	-	320.00	-	320.00	-
Barclays VCW 50325392		-	-	1,737.39	-	1,737.39	1,924.26
		10,081.10	3,419.40	4,866.44	-	18,366.94	14,489.67
		Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund	Total	Total
6. Deposit Fund		£	£	£	£	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£	£	£
626002009D PCC CCLA		-	-	54,500.00	-	54,500.00	22,100.00
CCLA 6260002002D-RCW01/61		-	-	3,508.90	-	3,508.90	4,520.00
		-	-	58,008.90	-	58,008.90	26,620.00

Dersingham PCC

Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022

Notes relating to specific items on the accounts

- The opening balance for the Dersingham Descanters did not include £36.97 held in Petty Cash. This has therefore been included in the receipts for this year to enable the correct balance to be shown for 2022.
- Donations includes those from weddings and funerals, home communions, and some for specific purposes which include £200 for the choir, £100 for the upkeep of the churchyard, £100 for the Youth Band equipment. Several donations were for the planned development of the church building.
- Donations for charities include £250 for the Kings Lynn Night Shelter and £245.45 for the Children's Society from the collection at Christingle Service 2021, donations and collection boxes.
- The church responded to the DEC Ukraine Appeal with a total donation of £1,078 and the Remembrance Sunday Service raised £565 for the Royal British Legion.
- The church received £295.69 from Norfolk Churches Trust following the sponsored bike and walk 2021.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name DERSINGHAM PCC

On accounts for the year ended

2022

Charity no (if any)

250240

Set out on pages

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(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 DD / MM / YYYY.

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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: [Signature]

Date: 06.03.2023

Name: MRS JO RABY

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

[Empty box for professional qualification]

(if any):

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NORFOLK PE31 7QJ

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Dersingham Parochial Church Council

England & Wales - Charity number 250450

Accounts

**DERSINGHAM PARISH CHURCH OF ST NICHOLAS
ANNUAL REPORT FOR JANUARY-DECEMBER 2021**

DERSINGHAM CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

The Church of St Nicholas in the parish of Dersingham is part of the Church of England, whose mission is:

- To proclaim the good news of the kingdom
- To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain the life of the earth

BACKGROUND

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish of the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has responsibilities for the maintenance of the Parish Church and Churchyard.

CHARITABLE STATUS

The PCC has charitable status, and is registered with the Charity Commission under the title: "**Funds Held In Connexion With St Nicholas' Church, Dersingham**" – Charity No. 250450.

PCC MEMBERSHIP

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. At the APCM in April the following were on the church council.

Incumbent: Reverend Mark Capron
Curate: Reverend Dave Cossey [June 2019]
Churchwardens: Neil Adams
Thomas Wheeler

Deanery Synod Representatives: [elected in 2020 & serve for 3 years]
Shirley Brooks
Thomas Wheeler

Elected Members: **2021** [all serve for one year]
Maggie Anderson
Anthea Aubrey-Jones
Shirley Brooks
Clive Browne
Jane Churchill
Diane Hall
Katrina Mundy
Pat Oughtibridge
Elaine Richardson
Emma Dinmore

Committees

The PCC operates through a number of committees, which meet between full meetings of the PCC.

- Standing Committee: Has the power to transact business of the PCC between the meetings, subject to any directions given by the council.
- Church Reorganisation Sub-Committee: Liaises and works with Architect & Project Lead (Elaine Richardson) to produce plans, costings etc.
- Fundraising Events Sub-Committee: Ad-hoc group which meets as required to organise events for the purposes of fundraising for the Church Reorganisation.

CHURCH STATISTICS

There was no revision of the Church Electoral Roll for the autumn "Zoom" A.P.C.M.

Average Adult Attendance at Sunday Services:	2021	2020
8.00a.m.	No Service	16
9.30a.m. (33 Sundays)	28	39 (13 under 16s)
11.00a.m. (23 Sundays)	29	52
6.30p.m.	No Service	13
Adult Attendance at 10.00a.m. Joint Services:		
General Joint Services (4 Sundays)	24 (1 under 16)	
Easter	62 (11 under 16)	<i>Church Closed</i>
Mothering Sunday	<i>Church Closed</i>	<i>Church Closed</i>
Summer Festival	<i>No Summer Festival</i>	<i>No Summer Festival</i>
Harvest Festival	87 (17 under 16)	35 (nil under 16s)
Remembrance Sunday	199 (97 under 16)	<i>Church Closed</i>
Christmas (Midnight)	29 (3 under 16)	112
Christmas (Day) 8am	<i>No service</i>	10
10am	66 (19 under 16)	88 (22 under 16s)
Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals for		
	2021	2019
Baptisms	7	14
Confirmations	-	-
Renewal of Baptismal Vows	-	-
Weddings	2	4
Thanksgiving for a child	-	1
Thanksgiving/Blessing after marriage/Anniversary	-	-
Funerals	8 (Church)	7 (Church)
	24 (Crematorium)	14 (Crematorium)
Memorial Service after a Funeral	-	1

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Worship -

With the pandemic affecting services in church, a limited number of services were used to build up a in person worship opportunity whilst also seeking to provide online worship through the YouTube channel Dersingham Online worship and the dedicated website built by Rev Dave in 2020. This then transitioned to services recorded in Church using the newly installed system from May onwards, and eventually, to a fully live-streamed service once the internet connection was established within Church. The internet took BT Open reach over 5 months to address, a big delay and increase in time while we waited and chased. These live-streamed services continue on a weekly basis, normally distributing the 11am Traditional worship. The views on YouTube have increased significantly since live streamed began compared to when recorded in person services were uploaded later but at the same time the numbers in church have been in increasing into spring 2022.

As the Lockdown lifted in March 2021, we resumed holding two services most Sundays. The Gathering began initially in the Dersingham Village Centre at 9.30am each week (moving back into the Church in September), whilst traditional worship at 11am was held at either Dersingham, Ingoldsthorpe or Anmer on a loose rotation. The Choir were not able to join us at first, but once they were permitted to sing under Government guidelines, they have joined each 11am service. The choir also resumed their practice on a Thursday evening as soon as they were able to do so. Holy Communion was held weekly, normally at the 11am service, but once a month at the Gathering instead (the 11am service being Morning Prayer on these occasions, usually with Baptisms).

A Combined Harvest Festival Service was held in October at 10am; Climate Sunday was observed at both services on October 17th and Remembrance Sunday was marked with a Benefice Service at 10.30am on November 14th at which the seven village Scout & Guide sections paraded with members of the British Legion.

In addition to the normal morning worship, Advent & Christmas were celebrated with a number of well attended services;

- Advent Evening Service – with the Choir at 6.30pm on the 1st Sunday of Advent
- Christingle at 4pm on the 2nd Sunday of Advent
- Tea & Carols led by Steve Davis at 4pm on the 3rd Sunday of Advent
- Lesson & Carols with the Choir at 6.30pm on the 4th Sunday of Advent

Christmas Eve was marked with both a Crib Service at 4pm and Midnight Eucharist, whilst a single combined service was held at 10am on Christmas Day. No services were held on Boxing Day (this year a Sunday), instead a recording of the Lessons & Carols was released on the Church online worship website & YouTube.

Mission and Ministry –

We have 3 Mid Week Groups meet on a series of days and times during the week. By the end of 2021, two were meeting in person and the third plans to start meeting in person once more in 2022.

An Alpha Course was held via Zoom in early 2021.

Looking wider, we also supported the Diocesan Lent Project; Christingle Service proceeds went to the Children's Society, Remembrance Sunday was held in person within the Church, and Church members also supported the Samaritans Purse via the Shoe Box Appeal.

The Youth Group 'Elevation' resumed in April and continued to meet weekly during Term-time. Little Nippers resumed after Easter in 2021 and gradually built back up to full capacity by October 2021 and now have a small waiting list, there is a great group of parents, grandparents and Nannies who come with the children.

Events -

Whilst the year began with a lockdown and extensive social distancing requirements; Coffee Mornings resumed in Church as soon as it was possible to do so; a Floral Display was held in the Church alongside Open Gardens in September, and the Christmas Tree Festival returned throughout December – with the Bilton Silver Band on the first Saturday, Trees by Candlelight on the second Saturday and a children's day with Father Christmas on the third Saturday. A highlight of the year was the Abseil of the Tower which finally was able to take place on Saturday 2nd October. All these required the support of the church Catering Committee and numerous volunteers and stall holders.

Communications -

Our role is to make sure that our Events & Special Church Services as well as our usual Services are well publicised and the material for these printed. Our Benefice Parish Church magazine continued throughout the year, with printed editions on the normal schedule.

However, as well as the practical management of the Church building the main focus of the PCC's attention is upon mission and growth, and also fund-raising. This takes three forms - mainly Worship, Outreach and Social Events. Worship builds up faith and is the most important aspect of our life together. We seek to share the Good News of Jesus with those who don't yet know. The Events serve to create a sense of community and encourage wider growth. Such activities as these events are also an important source of income as we strive to meet our considerable financial obligations.

Abby Blackmore has developed and grown the social media presence of the church on the two platforms we use (Instagram and Facebook) as well as that of BabyBasics.

Mark has started writing in Town and Around (covers Hunstanton Area down to Kings Lynn), with a view to broaden the reach, it seems two couples from Hunstanton have started worshipping with us following this. Dave and Mark continue to write in the Village Voice.

Church Warden's Report

Fabrics, Goods and Ornaments

The supervision and care of such items is an on-going task. Any changes are recorded in the inventory, which is available for inspection, by arrangement. Small repairs and maintenance have been undertaken, when required, often by one of the church wardens.

The Church Building

The Intruder Alarm, and Fire Extinguishers, and Roof Alarm and Gas Boilers were serviced.

The Oil Painting "The Agony in the Garden" is still with the Conservator. Progress is being made, but has been slowed down due to the limitations forced by the Coronavirus.

Gutters, Down-pipes and Drains cleaned as part of the annual maintenance.

The installation of new Audio/Visual equipment by Hilltop Audio Visual Ltd., has greatly enhanced the public address system, and enabled the transmission of services via the internet.

A gradual return to congregational worship when Coronavirus measures were relaxed was appreciated by all. A new pattern of services has been established. Later in the year the church building also began to being used for coffee mornings and festivals, with careful attention to cleanliness, ventilation and the use of hand sanitizer, in order to combat the spread of Coronavirus infection.

Churchyard

Sincere thanks go to a small group of people who have continued to attend to tidying the churchyard, particularly Les and Katrina Mundy, and Graham Dennis. We are very grateful for greatly improved appearance of the area. Some parishioners who tend their own family graves spend time attending to others plots, helping those known to them who are unable to do the work themselves. A mole catcher has again been engaged to deal with the disruptive amount of molehills. Repair on the Churchyard wall (north of the Tithe Barn) has been undertaken by Alan Cross of Dersingham Building and Contracting Company of Heath Road. Mr. Cross has kindly given his time and all materials completely free of charge. He has been personally thanked for this kind work. The Yew Trees had their annual trim. Negotiations to obtain more burial land took place in the autumn, and these are still on-going.

Finally, thanks from the Wardens

Again we extend our sincere thanks to all the people who give so much time and energy, often working quietly and anonymously to maintain the cleanliness and tidiness of our church. This is particularly appreciated during what has turned out to be another year when, because of the pandemic, we have all had to adjust to new ways of working, to ensure our own safety, the safety of others, and to obey government guidelines.

Neil Adams/Thomas Wheeler

Finance

Despite having to worship and meet under the restrictions of the second year of the covid pandemic, St Nicholas was able to finance and install a new audio system with live stream cameras, raise funds for the planned building development and pay the Parish Share in full! An amazing achievement and a reflection of the commitment and generosity of church members and the local community.

Tithing through regular giving continues to underpin our ability to meet our financial commitments and enables us to keep the building in good order and provide a warm and comfortable church for worship, activities and meetings. It is particularly useful if this is given by bank transfer and therefore it is encouraging to see the growth of this form of giving in 2021. Contactless and online giving has also proved to be a useful and convenient way to support the church.

The sponsored abseil was very popular and raised just over £12,000; this is held in the PCC CCLA deposit account and is restricted to be used for the planned building improvements to the church. There will be further income from some of the donations after the Gift Aid has been claimed.

Further explanation of the accounts can be seen under Notes at the end of the Financial Statement.

The PCC reviewed the present Reserves Policy in November and agreed that it should be changed to reflect the determination to continue to save funds for the planned building changes.

[Reserves Policy 2021-2022](#)

It is the policy of this PCC to keep 2 months of running costs in unrestricted reserves, this may also be used for unforeseen emergencies. The PCC is building up reserves in a restricted fund to finance the planned re-ordering of the interior of the church building.

Pat Oughtibridge, Treasurer

Thank you

The PCC would like to express their thanks to all those who contributed to the activities of the Church and to those who give of their time in the maintenance and administration of the Church.

This Report and Accounts have been approved by the PCC. The accounts were signed by the Reverend Mark Capron on behalf of the PCC at their meeting on Monday 7th March 2022.

..... Date

Rector – Rev Mark Capron

Dersingham PCC

Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

Receipts and Payments Accounts

	Note	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund	Total 2021	Total 2020
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts							
Voluntary receipts:							
Collections at Services	3	5,344.09	-	-	-	5,344.09	5,342.58
Planned giving	3	43,521.00	-	-	-	43,521.00	39,971.00
All other giving/voluntary receipts	3	23,586.67	-	3,540.03	-	27,126.70	21,363.02
Grant Income	3	4,550.00	770.00	453.94	-	5,773.94	7,730.00
Legacies Received (Capital Value)		250.00	-	-	-	250.00	-
Gift Aid recovered		11,957.25	-	-	-	11,957.25	17,000.40
		89,209.01	770.00	3,993.97	-	93,972.98	91,407.00
Activities for generating funds	3	25,738.34	71.00	-	-	25,809.34	7,581.48
Investment income		7.22	-	4.68	-	11.90	31.97
Church activities	3	5,285.00	-	473.20	-	5,758.20	10,596.47
Other income	3	179.28	-	-	-	179.28	3.29
Total receipts		120,418.85	841.00	4,471.85	-	125,731.70	109,620.21
Payments							
Church activities:							
Parish share		53,842.20	-	-	-	53,842.20	39,602.00
Clergy and Staffing costs	4	6,152.91	-	-	-	6,152.91	6,162.57
Church running expenses	4	6,779.45	-	160.00	-	6,939.45	6,987.56
Mission giving and donations	4	671.89	-	-	-	671.89	416.86
Building work and repairs	4	17,781.63	-	-	-	17,781.63	41,638.66
Administration Costs	4	5,857.37	-	-	-	5,857.37	5,207.01
Other expenditure	4	7,812.47	-	1,330.48	-	9,142.95	10,470.50
		98,897.92	-	1,490.48	-	100,388.40	110,485.16
Cost of generating funds	4	8,104.74	-	-	-	8,104.74	2,422.73
Total Payments		107,002.66	-	1,490.48	-	108,493.14	112,907.89
Excess of receipts over payments		13,416.19	841.00	2,981.37	-	17,238.56	- 3,287.68
Transfers between funds		- 11,770.00	-	11,770.00	-	-	-
		1,646.19	841.00	14,751.37	-	17,238.56	- 3,287.68
Cash at bank and in hand at 1 Jan		5,308.42	2,000.00	16,562.69	-	23,871.11	27,080.29
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 Dec		6,954.61	2,841.00	31,314.06	-	41,109.67	23,792.61

Statement of Assets and Liabilities							
	Note	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund	Total	Total
		£	£	£	£	2021	2020
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds							
Bank Current Account	5	6,954.61	2,841.00	4,694.06	-	14,489.67	12,172.61
Bank Savings Account		-	-	-	-	-	-
Deposit Fund	6	-	-	26,620.00	-	26,620.00	11,620.00
		6,954.61	2,841.00	31,314.06	-	41,109.67	23,792.61
Notes							
1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts & Payments basis.							
2. The movement in designated and restricted funds during the year were:							
		Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Bal c/fwd	
Restricted							
Men's Group		373.22	540.03	317.50	-	595.75	
Tower Bellringers		436.00	-	-	-	436.00	
Little Nippers		668.75	927.14	1,012.98	-	582.91	
Dersingham Descanters		1,155.14	-	-	-	1,155.14	
626002009D PCC CCLA		7,100.00	-	-	15,000.00	22,100.00	
Barclays VCW 50325392		2,309.58	4.68	160.00	230.00	1,924.26	
CCLA 6260002002D-RCW01/61		4,520.00	-	-	-	4,520.00	
		16,484.19	4,471.85	1,490.48	11,770.00	31,314.06	
Designated		Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Bal c/fwd	
South Aisle Project		2,000.00	841.00	-	-	2,841.00	
		2,000.00	841.00	-	-	2,841.00	
Men's Group - Own Bank Account							
Tower Bellringers - Funds raised by Bellringers for maintenance of tower bells							
South Aisle Project - Funds relating to re-ordering of the Church							
Little Nippers - Church parent & Toddler Group							
Dersingham Descanters - Own Bank Account							
626002009D PCC CCLA - 0							
Barclays VCW 50325392 - 0							
CCLA 6260002002D-RCW01/61 - 0							
3. Receipts							
		Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund	Total	Total
		£	£	£	£	2021	2020
		£	£	£	£	£	£
<u>COLLECTIONS AT SERVICES</u>							
Sunday Collections		2,913.66	-	-	-	2,913.66	1,974.28
Sunday Collections - Gift Aided		893.00	-	-	-	893.00	2,877.00
Contactless Income		1,490.37	-	-	-	1,490.37	489.56
Contactless Income - Gift Aided		47.06	-	-	-	47.06	1.74
		5,344.09	-	-	-	5,344.09	5,342.58
<u>PLANNED GIVING</u>							
Standing Order		1,145.00	-	-	-	1,145.00	-
Standing Orders - Gift Aided		42,376.00	-	-	-	42,376.00	39,971.00
		43,521.00	-	-	-	43,521.00	39,971.00
<u>GIFT AID RECOVERED</u>							
Gift Aid Reclaim		11,957.25	-	-	-	11,957.25	17,000.40
		11,957.25	-	-	-	11,957.25	17,000.40
<u>ALL OTHER GIVING/VOLUNTARY RECEIPTS</u>							
Donations		18,080.65	-	-	-	18,080.65	18,746.75
Donations - Gift Aided		4,569.00	-	-	-	4,569.00	2,275.00
Wall Boxes		590.09	-	-	-	590.09	225.20
Donations for Others		295.45	-	-	-	295.45	116.07
Mens' Group Income		-	-	540.03	-	540.03	-
Votive Candles		51.48	-	-	-	51.48	-
Conservation		-	-	3,000.00	-	3,000.00	-
		23,586.67	-	3,540.03	-	27,126.70	21,363.02
<u>ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS</u>							
Magazine		2,111.30	-	-	-	2,111.30	1,708.40
Sales		-	71.00	-	-	71.00	-
Summer./Flower Festival		751.53	-	-	-	751.53	-
Christmas Tree Festival		4,649.78	-	-	-	4,649.78	738.52
Open Gardens		4,524.00	-	-	-	4,524.00	3,609.00

Coffee Mornings	1,096.28	-	-	-	1,096.28	1,121.07
Sponsored Events	11,958.45	-	-	-	11,958.45	404.49
Concerts & Other One-Off Events	647.00	-	-	-	647.00	-
	25,738.34	71.00	-	-	25,809.34	7,581.48
CHURCH ACTIVITIES						
Fees - Statutory	4,519.00	-	-	-	4,519.00	1,731.00
Fees - Additional	526.00	-	-	-	526.00	1,522.00
Church Building Appeal	-	-	-	-	-	85.24
VAT Reclaim	-	-	-	-	-	7,029.43
Little Nippers	-	-	473.20	-	473.20	223.80
Memorial Flowers/Flower Based Income	40.00	-	-	-	40.00	5.00
Elevation Youth Group	200.00	-	-	-	200.00	-
	5,285.00	-	473.20	-	5,758.20	10,596.47
INVESTMENT INCOME						
Dividends and Interest	7.22	-	4.68	-	11.90	31.97
	7.22	-	4.68	-	11.90	31.97
GRANT INCOME						
Recurring Grants	800.00	-	-	-	800.00	400.00
Non-Recurring Grants	-	770.00	453.94	-	1,223.94	3,730.00
Churchyard Grant from Parish Council	3,750.00	-	-	-	3,750.00	3,600.00
	4,550.00	770.00	453.94	-	5,773.94	7,730.00
OTHER INCOME						
Reimbursements	178.81	-	-	-	178.81	-
Banking Loyalty Reward	0.47	-	-	-	0.47	3.29
	179.28	-	-	-	179.28	3.29
4. Payments	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
CLERGY AND STAFFING COSTS						
Clergy Expenses	836.01	-	-	-	836.01	694.59
Cleaner	2,290.00	-	-	-	2,290.00	2,500.00
Organist Fees - Locum & Additional Services	650.00	-	-	-	650.00	610.00
DBS & Safeguarding Related	-	-	-	-	-	131.20
Organist Fees - Regular	2,170.00	-	-	-	2,170.00	1,610.00
Ministry Team Expenses	31.90	-	-	-	31.90	371.78
Verger	175.00	-	-	-	175.00	245.00
	6,152.91	-	-	-	6,152.91	6,162.57
CHURCH RUNNING EXPENSES						
Gas and Electricity Bill	2,436.51	-	-	-	2,436.51	2,978.96
Insurance	3,232.89	-	-	-	3,232.89	3,403.03
Service Costs	508.08	-	-	-	508.08	193.73
Water Bill	64.70	-	-	-	64.70	39.73
Cleaning Materials	78.83	-	-	-	78.83	74.13
Flower Arrangers	44.00	-	-	-	44.00	40.00
Septic Tank	160.00	-	-	-	160.00	-
Church Youth Group 'Elevation'	148.45	-	-	-	148.45	114.00
Church Youth Group 'Unnamed Primary Age'	-	-	-	-	-	13.46
The Gathering Children's Groups	105.99	-	-	-	105.99	84.00
	6,779.45	-	-	-	6,779.45	6,941.04
MISSION GIVING AND DONATIONS						
Charities - Home (UK)	671.89	-	-	-	671.89	416.86
	671.89	-	-	-	671.89	416.86
BUILDING WORK AND REPAIRS						
Church - Major repairs and Redecorations	-	-	-	-	-	22,554.75
New Building Work	14,993.26	-	-	-	14,993.26	16,025.92
Church Maintenance & Repairs	2,788.37	-	-	-	2,788.37	3,057.99
	17,781.63	-	-	-	17,781.63	41,638.66
COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS						
Bookstall	111.39	-	-	-	111.39	-
Summer/Flower Festival Payments	892.97	-	-	-	892.97	-
2020 Christmas Tree Festival Payments	820.00	-	-	-	820.00	70.00
Open Gardens Payments	2,453.29	-	-	-	2,453.29	2,082.31
Other Events	1,569.09	-	-	-	1,569.09	-
Coffee Morning Payments	90.12	-	-	-	90.12	71.22
2021 Christmas Tree Festival Payments	2,167.88	-	-	-	2,167.88	199.20
	8,104.74	-	-	-	8,104.74	2,422.73

ADMINISTRATION COSTS							
Bank charges		81.45	-	-	-	81.45	70.45
Printing		823.80	-	-	-	823.80	905.19
Licenses/Subscriptions		1,028.07	-	-	-	1,028.07	886.67
Parish Website		100.00	-	-	-	100.00	100.00
Photocopier, Postal Costs & Telephone		3,824.05	-	-	-	3,824.05	3,244.70
		5,857.37	-	-	-	5,857.37	5,207.01
OTHER EXPENDITURE							
Churchyard Expenses		5,524.00	-	-	-	5,524.00	3,849.76
Worship Hospitality		98.66	-	-	-	98.66	176.75
Holiday Club & One-Off Youth Work		70.00	-	-	-	70.00	4.75
Choir Expenses		65.00	-	-	-	65.00	-
Alpha Course Expenditure		-	-	-	-	-	175.00
Conservation Costs		1,809.60	-	-	-	1,809.60	5,460.00
Bell Ringers (Tower & Descanters)		10.00	-	-	-	10.00	-
Covid-19 Expenditure		235.21	-	-	-	235.21	574.79
		7,812.47	-	-	-	7,812.47	10,241.05
		Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund	Total 2021	Total 2020
5. Bank Current Account		£	£	£	£	£	£
General Account		6,954.61	-	-	-	6,954.61	5,308.42
Men's Group		-	-	595.75	-	595.75	380.75
Tower Bellringers		-	-	436.00	-	436.00	436.00
South Aisle Project		-	2,841.00	-	-	2,841.00	2,000.00
Little Nippers		-	-	582.91	-	582.91	668.75
Dersingham Descanters		-	-	1,155.14	-	1,155.14	1,069.11
Barclays VCW 50325392		-	-	1,924.26	-	1,924.26	2,309.58
		6,954.61	2,841.00	4,694.06	-	14,489.67	12,172.61
		Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund	Total 2021	Total 2020
6. Deposit Fund		£	£	£	£	£	£
626002009D PCC CCLA		-	-	22,100.00	-	22,100.00	7,100.00
CCLA 6260002002D-RCW01/61		-	-	4,520.00	-	4,520.00	4,520.00
		-	-	26,620.00	-	26,620.00	11,620.00

Dersingham PCC

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2022

Notes relating to specific items on the accounts

- On further inspection, the opening balance for the Men's Group had been overstated by £7.53 at the end of 2020 and the balance has been re-stated in these accounts. Due to the variance being immaterial it was not deemed an efficient use of time to investigate this balance.
- Donations (including Gift Aided) includes £15,105 for the new audio system in church and £2,000 in response to the request for additional donations towards meeting our commitment with the payment of the Parish Share. This year it also includes regular giving from the envelope scheme as this could not be included under Sunday collections.
- £494 was raised for the church from the participants in the 2021 Norfolk Churches Trust Bike and Walk.
- Sponsored Events relates to the church tower abseil; further money was given in January 2022 and will be shown in those accounts.
- Mission Giving and Donations

£50 raised for Poppy Appeal from collection bucket during Christmas Tree Festival 2020.

£54 to Children's Society from Christingle Service 2020. Children's Society boxes and services from 2021 will be shown in 2022 accounts.

£387.89 raised at Remembrance Service for Poppy Appeal

£180 paid for Baby Basics membership of Baby Basics UK



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name
DERSINGHAM PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

On accounts for the year ended

2021 Charity no (if any) 250450

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 DD / MM / YYYY.

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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
• the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
• the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: [Signature]

Date: 13.03.2022

Name: MRS JO RABY

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

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(if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Dersingham Parochial Church Council

England & Wales - Charity number 250450

Accounts

**DERSINGHAM PARISH CHURCH OF ST NICHOLAS
ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2020**

DERSINGHAM CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

The Church of St Nicholas in the parish of Dersingham is part of the Church of England, whose mission is:

- To proclaim the good news of the kingdom
- To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain the life of the earth

BACKGROUND

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish of the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has responsibilities for the maintenance of the Parish Church and Churchyard.

CHARITABLE STATUS

The PCC has charitable status, and is registered with the Charity Commission under the title: "**Funds Held In Connection With St Nicholas' Church, Dersingham**" – Charity No. 250450.

PCC MEMBERSHIP

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. At the APCM in April the following were on the church council.

Incumbent: Reverend Mark Capron
Curate: Reverend Dave Cossey [June 2019]
Churchwardens: Neil Adams
Thomas Wheeler

Deanery Synod Representatives: [elected in 2020]

Shirley Brooks
Thomas Wheeler

Elected Members: **2020**
Maggie Anderson
Anthea Aubrey-Jones
Shirley Brooks
Clive Browne
Jane Churchill
Diane Hall
Pauline Martin
Katrina Mundy
Pat Oughtibridge
Elaine Richardson

Committees

The PCC operates through a number of committees, which meet between full meetings of the PCC.

Standing Committee: Has the power to transact business of the PCC between the meetings, subject to any directions given by the council.

CHURCH STATISTICS

There was no revision of the Church Electoral Roll for the autumn "Zoom" A.P.C.M.

Average Adult Attendance at Sunday Services:		2020	2019
8.00a.m.	(11 weeks)	16	14
9.30a.m.	(11 weeks)	39 (13 under 16s)	44 (12 under 16s)
11.00a.m.	(11 weeks)	52	60
6.30p.m.	(11 weeks)	13	13
Easter Adult Attendance:-			
(8.00a.m./9.30a.m./11.00a.m./6.30 p.m.)		<i>Church closed</i>	15/81/77/0 (55 under 16s)
	Mothering Sunday	<i>Church Closed</i>	120 (34 under 16s)
	Summer Festival	<i>No Summer Festival</i>	119 (20 under 16's)
	Harvest Festival	35 (nil under 16s)	116 (28 under 16s)
Average Adult attendance for 15 weeks of			
10.00a.m. Combined Sunday Worship:		30 (2 under 16's)	

Average for Church at home services during October = 87

Christmas (Midnight) (in Church)	31	112
Christmas (Day) (in Church)	23 (8 under 16s)	10/88 (22 under 16s)

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals for	2020	2019
Baptisms	1	14
Confirmations	-	-
Renewal of Baptismal Vows	-	-
Weddings	2	4
Thanksgiving for a child	-	1
Thanksgiving/Blessing after marriage/Anniversary	-	-
Funerals	9 (Church)	7 (Church)
	23 (Crematorium)	14 (Crematorium)
Memorial Service after a Funeral	1	1

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Worship

The pattern of Sunday services during 2020 up to March was:

8am	Every Sunday	Holy Communion
9.30am	The Gathering	Contemporary Worship
11.00am	1 st &4 th & 5 th Sundays	Sung Eucharist
	2 nd Sunday	Service of The Word
	3 rd Sunday	Morning Prayer
6.30pm	Every Sunday	Evening Worship (we now have different Services each week including a communion service)
12noon	1 st Wednesday of month	Mid Week Eucharist

Morning Prayer is said daily at 8.30am Monday to Saturday.

We have a choir at our 11.00am services, with choir practice on a Thursday evening.

After March 2020:

Weekly recorded online worship was produced, this involved a huge learning curve for those involved and a lot of hard work and long hours behind the scenes. Rev Dave built the Dersinghamonlineworship.com website to be used as the basis to offer the worship and in addition the

churches own YouTube channel. Later additional devotional contributions exploring Psalm 23 and Psalm 100 were produced over the summer of 2020. A number of youth bible exploration videos were created for the summer term. Then in September the launch of Bible Bites, focused on supporting the local schools by offering engaging collective worship, also being a ministry to some families as their worship in addition adults.

Mission and Ministry

We have 3 Mid Week Groups meet on a series of days and times during the week. – After March only 1 continued to meet via Zoom.

An Alpha Course was held via Zoom

We also supported the Diocesan Lent Project.

Christingle Service proceeds went to the Children's Society.

Church members also supported the Samaritans Purse via the Shoe Box Appeal.

All in person church children's and youth groups stopped. All adult groups also had to stop from March onwards.

Events

In 2020 due to Lockdowns and social distancing the following events were the only ones that were possible:

- Open Gardens - September
- St Nicholas Christmas Trees– December

Communications

Our role is to make sure that our Events & Special Church Services as well as our usual Services are well publicised and the material for these printed. Our Benefice Parish Church magazine unfortunately had to stop publication due to the inability to distribute, restarted for 2 months but again had to cease.

However, as well as the practical management of the Church building the main focus of the PCC's attention is upon mission and growth, and also fund-raising. This takes two forms - mainly Worship and Social Events. Worship builds up faith and is the most important aspect of our life together. The Events serve to create a sense of community and encourage wider growth. Such activities as these events are also an important source of income as we strive to meet our considerable financial obligations.

Fabric

Annual routine maintenance was attended to. The Gutters and Drains were cleared in the spring and autumn. The Intruder Alarm, the Roof Alarm and the Fire Extinguishers were serviced.

Numerous small tasks of routine maintenance were attended to throughout the year. We continue to have the church open all year during daylight hours (except when we are set up for a major festival). The Visitors Book was withdrawn from public display at the Coronavirus lock-down in March for hygiene reasons.

County Grounds Maintenance continue tending the churchyard although the level of customer care was found wanting. A new contractor was sought as the 3-year Agreement with C.G.M. had come to an end.

The oil painting, "Agony in the Garden", is still at the conservators studio. The Coronavirus pandemic has restricted progress on this project.

Again, with the Coronavirus pandemic, little progress has been made to the large project of re-ordering the church.

There is regular on-going monitoring of all aspects of the building to ensure that it is maintained in a sound condition.

Finance

The covid 19 pandemic reduced both receipts and payments of unrestricted funds in 2020. Compared with 2019, the amount donated from collections at services fell by over £5,800, planned giving through the envelope scheme fell by more than £6,000 and activities for generating funds fell by over £14,000. Although 'Church Activities' show an increase from 2019, this includes the VAT reclaim of £7,029 from the repair of the chancel roof. Happily, Standing Order donations increased by over £7,000 compared with 2019. We were also able to claim a record £17,000 from HMRC from the donations that were Gift Aided.

Payments were lower, even though we paid for the chancel roof in January, largely because we were unable to pay the full amount owed to our Parish Share. (The receipts in the restricted funds includes the £10,000 donated by The Friends of St Nicholas towards the cost of the Chancel repair mentioned in last year's report.)

2020 Diocesan Lent Appeal raised £62.07.

St Nicholas continues to pay the £15 monthly membership fee to Baby Basics UK.

Norfolk Churches Trust Bike and Walk 2020 raised £204.49 for St Nicholas and an equal amount for the Trust. We also were given a donation of £500 from the Music in Country Churches organisation as we were unable to host the planned concerts in 2020.

Members of the treasury team have continued to be of great help even though their opportunities were limited last year. Thanks to everyone, but particularly Rob and Lynne.


Finally, a new Reserves Policy was agreed by the PCC in November 2020.

The PCC aims to keep approximately £4,000 in unrestricted reserves to cover two months running costs and emergencies. The South Aisle Project fund and the Restricted PCC fund is to be used for match funding in applications for grants giving a total of £9,000. The grant from the Parish Council should be put into a restricted fund next year.

Thank you

The PCC would like to express their thanks to all those who contributed to the activities of the Church and to those who give of their time in the maintenance and administration of the Church. (A full account of our activities are in the additional report on the Life & Activities of our Church).

This Report and Accounts were approved at the PCC Meeting held on Monday 15th March. The accounts were signed by the Reverend Mark Capron on behalf of the PCC.


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Rector – Rev Mark Capron

Date 15/03/21

Dersingham PCC

Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

Receipts and Payments Accounts

	Note	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund	Total 2020	Total 2019
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts							
Voluntary receipts:							
Collections at Services	3	5,337.93	-	91.15	-	5,429.08	16,981.74
Planned giving	3	39,971.00	-	-	-	39,971.00	32,651.00
All other giving/voluntary receipts	3	11,122.99	-	10,326.06	-	21,449.05	20,250.84
Grant Income	3	7,730.00	-	-	-	7,730.00	3,600.00
Legacies Received (Capital Value)		-	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid recovered		17,000.40	-	-	-	17,000.40	10,739.96
		81,162.32	-	10,417.21	-	91,579.53	84,223.54
Activities for generating funds	3	7,294.98	-	200.00	-	7,494.98	21,541.40
Investment income		14.71	-	17.26	-	31.97	112.13
Church activities	3	10,372.67	-	223.80	-	10,596.47	4,485.00
Other income	3	3.29	-	-	-	3.29	696.09
Total receipts		98,847.97	-	10,858.27	-	109,706.24	111,058.16
Payments							
Church activities:							
Parish share		39,602.00	-	-	-	39,602.00	51,671.75
Clergy and Staffing costs	4	6,162.57	-	-	-	6,162.57	10,581.79
Church running expenses	4	6,941.04	-	46.52	-	6,987.56	8,829.66
Mission giving and donations	4	366.86	-	50.00	-	416.86	1,831.27
Building work and repairs	4	27,755.74	-	13,882.92	-	41,638.66	7,640.33
Administration Costs	4	5,207.01	-	-	-	5,207.01	-
Other expenditure	4	10,241.05	-	229.45	-	10,470.50	6,151.99
		96,276.27	-	14,208.89	-	110,485.16	86,706.79
Cost of generating funds	4	2,422.73	-	-	-	2,422.73	7,591.39
Total Payments		98,699.00	-	14,208.89	-	112,907.89	94,298.18
Excess of payments over receipts		148.97	-	3,350.62	-	3,201.65	16,759.98
Transfers between funds		- 11,458.00	2,000.00	9,458.00	-	-	-
		- 11,309.03	2,000.00	6,107.38	-	3,201.65	16,759.98
Cash at bank and in hand at 1 Jan		16,617.45	-	10,462.84	-	27,080.29	20,833.91
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 Dec		5,308.42	2,000.00	16,570.22	-	23,878.64	27,080.29

Statement of Assets and Liabilities							
	Note	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund	Total 2020	Total 2019
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds							
Bank Current Account	5	5,308.42	2,000.00	4,950.22	-	12,258.64	24,460.29
Bank Savings Account		-	-	-	-	-	-
Deposit Fund	6	-	-	11,620.00	-	11,620.00	2,620.00
		5,308.42	2,000.00	16,570.22	-	23,878.64	27,080.29
Notes							
1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts & Payments basis.							
2. The movement in designated and restricted funds during the year were:							
Restricted		Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Bal c/fwd	
Men's Group		140.72	240.03	-	-	380.75	
Tower Bellingers		424.00	-	96.00	108.00	436.00	
Little Nippers		728.40	223.80	133.45	150.00	668.75	
Dersingham Descanters		1,069.11	86.03	-	-	1,155.14	
626002009D PCC CCLA		100.00	-	-	7,000.00	7,100.00	
Barclays VCW 50325392		5,480.61	10,308.41	13,979.44	500.00	2,309.58	
CCLA 6260002002D-RCW01/61		2,520.00	-	-	2,000.00	4,520.00	
		10,462.84	10,858.27	14,208.89	9,458.00	16,570.22	
Designated		Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Bal c/fwd	
South Aisle Project		-	-	-	2,000.00	2,000.00	
		-	-	-	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Men's Group - Own Bank Account Tower Bellingers - Funds raised by Bellingers for maintenance of tower bells South Aisle Project - Funds relating to re-ordering of the Church Little Nippers - Church parent & Toddler Group Dersingham Descanters - Own Bank Account 626002009D PCC CCLA - 0 Barclays VCW 50325392 - 0 CCLA 6260002002D-RCW01/61 - 0							
3. Receipts							
		Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund	Total 2020	Total 2019
		£	£	£	£	£	£
COLLECTIONS AT SERVICES							
Sunday Collections		2,060.78	-	-	-	2,060.78	7,924.79
Sunday Collections - Gift Aided		2,877.00	-	-	-	2,877.00	9,056.95
Contactless Income		398.41	-	91.15	-	489.56	-
Contactless Income - Gift Aided		1.74	-	-	-	1.74	-
		5,337.93	-	91.15	-	5,429.08	16,981.74
PLANNED GIVING							
Standing Orders - Gift Aided		39,971.00	-	-	-	39,971.00	32,651.00
		39,971.00	-	-	-	39,971.00	32,651.00
GIFT AID RECOVERED							
Gift Aid Reclaim		17,000.40	-	-	-	17,000.40	10,739.96
		17,000.40	-	-	-	17,000.40	10,739.96
ALL OTHER GIVING/VOLUNTARY RECEIPTS							
Donations		8,506.72	-	10,326.06	-	18,832.78	15,433.46
Donations - Gift Aided		2,275.00	-	-	-	2,275.00	2,600.00
Wall Boxes		225.20	-	-	-	225.20	715.64
Donations for Others		116.07	-	-	-	116.07	1,501.74
		11,122.99	-	10,326.06	-	21,449.05	20,250.84
ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS							
Magazine		1,708.40	-	-	-	1,708.40	2,354.00
Sales		-	-	-	-	-	10.00
Summer/Flower Festival		-	-	-	-	-	4,720.06
Christmas Tree Festival		652.02	-	-	-	652.02	6,043.33
Open Gardens		3,609.00	-	-	-	3,609.00	4,152.37
Coffee Mornings		1,121.07	-	-	-	1,121.07	3,436.24
Sponsored Events		204.49	-	200.00	-	404.49	-
Concerts & Other One-Off Events		-	-	-	-	-	485.50
Grand Sale		-	-	-	-	-	339.90

	7,294.98	-	200.00	-	7,494.98	21,541.40
CHURCH ACTIVITIES						
Fees - Statutory	1,731.00	-	-	-	1,731.00	1,709.00
Fees - Additional	1,522.00	-	-	-	1,522.00	1,389.00
Church Building Appeal	85.24	-	-	-	85.24	-
VAT Reclaim	7,029.43	-	-	-	7,029.43	-
Alpha Course	-	-	-	-	-	240.00
Little Nippers	-	-	223.80	-	223.80	-
Donations - Holiday Club & Youth Work	-	-	-	-	-	62.00
Memorial Flowers/Flower Based Income	5.00	-	-	-	5.00	105.00
Elevation Youth Group	-	-	-	-	-	980.00
	10,392.67	-	223.80	-	10,596.47	4,485.00
INVESTMENT INCOME						
Dividends and Interest	14.71	-	17.26	-	31.97	112.13
	14.71	-	17.26	-	31.97	112.13
GRANT INCOME						
Recurring Grants	400.00	-	-	-	400.00	-
Non-Recurring Grants	3,730.00	-	-	-	3,730.00	-
Churchyard Grant from Parish Council	3,600.00	-	-	-	3,600.00	3,600.00
	7,730.00	-	-	-	7,730.00	3,600.00
OTHER INCOME						
Reimbursements	-	-	-	-	-	350.72
Banking Loyalty Reward	3.29	-	-	-	3.29	13.94
Consolidated Income Lines from 2019, no longer required in 2020	-	-	-	-	-	331.43
	3.29	-	-	-	3.29	696.09
4. Payments						
	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£
CLERGY AND STAFFING COSTS						
Clergy Expenses	694.59	-	-	-	694.59	674.49
Cleaner	2,500.00	-	-	-	2,500.00	2,600.00
Organist Fees - Locum & Additional Services	610.00	-	-	-	610.00	640.00
DBS & Safeguarding Related	131.20	-	-	-	131.20	-
Organist Fees - Regular	1,610.00	-	-	-	1,610.00	3,610.00
Ministry Team Expenses	371.78	-	-	-	371.78	1,207.30
Vergor	245.00	-	-	-	245.00	350.00
Choir Director	-	-	-	-	-	1,500.00
	6,162.57	-	-	-	6,162.57	10,581.79
CHURCH RUNNING EXPENSES						
Gas and Electricity Bill	2,978.96	-	-	-	2,978.96	3,303.78
Insurance	3,403.03	-	-	-	3,403.03	3,361.32
Service Costs	193.73	-	-	-	193.73	147.36
Water Bill	39.73	-	-	-	39.73	-
Cleaning Materials	74.13	-	-	-	74.13	138.72
PCC Discretionary Expense	-	-	-	-	-	245.49
Flower Arrangers	40.00	-	-	-	40.00	484.78
Septic Tank	-	-	-	-	-	555.00
Church Youth Group 'Elevation'	114.00	-	-	-	114.00	398.25
Church Youth Group 'Unnamed Primary Age'	13.46	-	-	-	13.46	-
The Gathering Children's Groups	84.00	-	-	-	84.00	194.96
	6,941.04	-	-	-	6,941.04	8,829.66
MISSION GIVING AND DONATIONS						
Charities - Home (UK)	366.86	-	50.00	-	416.86	1,223.23
Charities - Secular	-	-	-	-	-	608.04
	366.86	-	50.00	-	416.86	1,831.27
BUILDING WORK AND REPAIRS						
Church - Major repairs and Redecorations	10,194.75	-	12,360.00	-	22,554.75	2,983.20
New Building Work	14,503.00	-	1,522.92	-	16,025.92	2,200.00
Church Maintenance & Repairs	3,057.99	-	-	-	3,057.99	2,457.13
	27,755.74	-	13,882.92	-	41,638.66	7,640.33
COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS						
Bookstall	-	-	-	-	-	20.00
Grand Sale Payments	-	-	-	-	-	89.25
Summer/Flower Festival Payments	-	-	-	-	-	2,411.38
2019 Christmas Tree Festival Payments	70.00	-	-	-	70.00	1,150.35
Open Gardens Payments	2,082.31	-	-	-	2,082.31	1,168.84
Concert Payments	-	-	-	-	-	1,552.16



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Dersingham Parochial Church Council

On accounts for the year
ended

2020

Charity no
(if any)

250450

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

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 (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:

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Date:

08/03/2021

Name:

MRS JO RABY

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