

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

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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
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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.

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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 newssheet 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:

DERINGHAM 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.~~

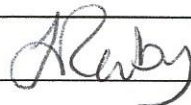
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- 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)

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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

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