

CHURCH ESTATE

England & Wales · Charity number 252324

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1967-05-02

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: UPKEEP AND MAINTENANCE OF THE FABRIC OF THE CHURCH AND GENERAL CHURCH PURPOSES.

Activities: ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH IS PRIMARILY A PLACE OF WORSHIP FOR THE PEOPLE OF EPWORTH AND WE TRY TO ENABLE PEOPLE TO LIVE OUT THEIR FAITH AS PART OF OUR COMMUNITY: IN WORSHIP AND PRAYER; PROVISION OF PASTORAL CARE AND IN MISSIONARY AND OUTREACH WORK.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** EPWORTH
- North Lincolnshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£67,647	£63,344	-	-
2023-12-31	£76,934	£68,335	-	-
2022-12-31	£65,273	£61,128	-	-
2021-12-31	£54,586	£54,236	-	-
2020-12-31	£57,967	£59,528	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Paul David Wilson	Chair	2019-08-12
DAVID ROBERT COOPER		
David Higginson		2019-09-13
JAMES WILLIAM OLIVER		
Pamela Higginson		2020-09-20
Penny Birks		
SUSAN STOREY		
Sharon Marie Usztan		2021-05-04
Wendy Kitson		2019-09-13

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Accounts

St Andrew's Epworth

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 2025



Wednesday 23rd April 2025 at
7:00 pm

St. Andrew's Church

St. Andrew's Parish Church – Epworth

Rector – Rev. Paul Wilson

Churchwardens – Mrs Penny Birks and Miss Susan Storey

**The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in Church
on
Thursday 23rd April 2025, at 7:00 pm.**

AGENDA

Opening Prayers

Vestry Meeting

1. Apologies for absence
2. (p 3) Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting held on 2nd May 2024
3. Election of Churchwardens
4. Election of Deputy Churchwardens

Parish Meeting

1. Apologies for absence
2. (p 5) Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 2nd May 2024
3. Matters arising from the Minutes
4. Election of Parochial Church Councillors to serve 2025-2028
5. Electoral Roll – numbers and changes since the last meeting
6. (p 16) Churchwarden's Report for 2024 – report on the fabric and maintenance.
7. (p 19) Treasurer's Report for 2024 – The financial affairs, presentation of audited accounts, funds and investments.
 - a) Adoption of accounts
8. (p 26) Deanery Synod Report for 2024.

9. (p 29) Safeguarding Report for 2024
10. Appointment of Independent Examiner to the PCC
11. Notice of the first meeting of the PCC – 23rd April
following this meeting
12. Archdeacon's Visitation Service
13. Any other urgent business
14. (p 31) Rector's address

Closing Prayers

EPWORTH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

St Andrew's Parish Church, Epworth

The Minutes **of the Vestry Meeting** held at St Andrew's Church on Thursday 2nd May 2024 at 7.00 pm

- 1 **The Minutes** of the Vestry Meeting held on Thursday 4th May 2023 were approved.
Proposed by Susan Storey, Seconded by David Higginson
Signed by Rev Paul Wilson

2 **Election of Churchwardens**

Penny Birks.....Proposed Karen Wilson Seconded
Michael Smith

Susan Storey Proposed Peter Broster Seconded
Jim Oliver

There being no other nominations they were elected
unanimously for the next 12 months

They were thanked for their work during the last year and for
being prepared to continue with their commitment.

3 **Election of Deputy Churchwardens**

Jim Oliver Proposed Wendy Kitson Seconded
Peter Knight

David Cooper was unable to be present but is willing to
continue. His appointment will be made at the next PCC
Meeting.

They were thanked for their continued commitment and
support to the churchwardens during the past year with
much of their work being unseen.

Meeting ended at 7.07 pm

Signed Date

EPWORTH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

St Andrew's Parish Church

The Minutes of the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

held at St Andrew's Church, Epworth on Thursday 2nd May 2024
at 7 pm

Present

Chairman - Rev Paul Wilson

Mrs Penny Birks [Churchwarden]

Miss Susan Storey [Churchwarden]

Peter Brown, Rev Jeremy Green, Stephanie Green, David Higginson, Pamela Higginson, Wendy Kitson, Peter Knight, Kathleen Liddell, Cedric May, Jackie May, Jim Oliver, Melvyn Rose, Pauline Rose, Dorothy Smith [Minutes Secretary], Sharon Usztan, Karen Wilson,

Opening Prayers were led by Rev Paul Wilson

1 Apologies for Absence

Received from Anne Broster, Peter Broster , Gail Lockey, Alison Tinsley

2 Minutes

The Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting held on Thursday 2nd May 2023, had been distributed a week before the Meeting and were approved as a true record.

Proposed Peter Knight Seconded Melvyn Rose
Signed by Rev Paul

3 Matters Arising from the Minutes - None

4 Election of Parochial Church Councillors to serve 2024 – 2027

There were 4 vacancies

1 Gail Lockey	Proposed Penny Birks
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Seconded David Higginson

2 James Oliver	Proposed Melvyn Rose
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Seconded Linnie Burnham

3 Sharon Usztan	Proposed Peter Broster
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Seconded Anne Broster

These three are duly elected for 3 years 2024 -2027

There is one further vacancy. An appointment can be made at a future PCC Meeting

Kathleen Liddell has retired from the PCC and was thanked for the many years during which she has contributed to the work of the PCC.

5 Electoral Roll

Carol Mellers, Electoral Roll Officer, was unable to be present but had prepared a Report – There are now 79 names on the Electoral Roll..... -2 and +1 from last year. Thank you to Carol for continuing to be responsible for this. There will be a full revision of the Register next year.

6 Churchwarden's Report for 2023 for APCM 2024

During 2022 the **Quinquennial Inspection** was made but it took the Architect a long time to produce the full report which was finally presented to the PCC in March 2023. As reported previously we were very lucky that nothing major was required and a further smaller meeting was held to discuss anything that was to be done immediately. Some work had already been done or was due to progress when weather and finances allowed. The small amounts of lead that had been stolen were replaced and loose or damaged tiles

were replaced, making the roof watertight. The burglar alarm sensors were rechecked, which they are on an annual basis. All the gutters and gullies were given a full clean after the final fall of leaves from the trees. Unfortunately, even though we have had quite a few callouts to the engineers the Church clock continues to have problems. David Cooper is keeping this under scrutiny. The gates on the North porch needed re-aligning and re-fixing into the walls - this has been done. The iron handrails that were broken (vandalised) on the outside steps at the front of Church were repaired.

Unfortunately during the year the fabric of the Church was a major financial worry. It seems that there are a lot of things which have needed replacing or need work to keep them running due to their age. The lighting system in the Chancel and Nave is a big drain on resources because whenever a bulb needs replacing we have to call in electricians and a use of a scaffold tower. The electricians have drilled holes in the tops of the large black shades to keep the bulbs cool and prolong their use. Please note we do wait if at all possible before requesting the work so to put blocks of work together and save costs. There was a problem with electrics in the kitchen and to save major rewiring, **the system is completely safe if we restrict the use to two items being used in the sockets at any one time.** The Avenue ground path lights were failing due to condensation (a regular problem) so they have been isolated. The pole lights were repaired and are adequate. The annual electrical Pat-testing and fire alarm checks were done. The heating boiler is causing concern. A new pump was fitted at the end of the year. Currently though the system is losing pressure and if this continues the boiler may have to be replaced! Thank you to Peter Broster for monitoring this and working with engineers to have the best possible outcomes.

Another major worry was the continued historical sharing of the water meter between the Church and the owners of the old Church School. The water company decided that we owed lots of money for usage

that we could not possibly have had, when previous bills were checked and no increase in our occupation of the Church during the day. This will be seen in the Treasurer's report. We did report back to the water company that there had been large water bursts on the school site (not our responsibility). The PCC decided that the best way forward was to get our own water meter as soon as possible. This was not an easy task. Finally, after numerous calls by Penny to different people, departments and companies we got as far as visits to see how the work could progress. However, during these meetings it was stated that the meter could be replaced, but given the age of the pipework and the avenue trees around the best thing was to have the pipework brought up to current standards. PCC approved the work and a date of 11th December 2023 was set, but the full work did not start then. All work was completed during 2024 and a meter is now installed at the front west corner of the Church.

After repeated complaints being received about the condition of the Churchyard grass cutting, which had moved onto social media, the PCC had put out various forms of request for help without results. Given the number and the effect it was having on our "Community standing" the decision was made to request quotes for the grass cutting work for the open Churchyard. In July a contractor Gavin Amys was appointed and he is also continuing this year, thanks to the hard work he is doing. This decision did not reflect on the dutiful and hard work done by Jim Oliver and David Birks in the Churchyard over a long number of years. Our grateful thanks go to them for their unstinting support.

PCC received a request, through our land agent, for Mr. Hewson who currently farms and rents some of the Church lands. This was to swap two pieces of the Church rented land with a piece directly behind the Church (which he owns) to make this into a car park for Church use. He was willing to pay to surface the car park. Discussion included no lighting, further responsibility and the loss to the Church

of land that may in the future be sold for development. The resulting reply was sent that the church would decline this offer.

The additions to the Terrier for 2023 are the Cabinet storing the archaeological artefacts which is on loan to the Church from North Lincs Council and the Laying Up of the old British Legion Standard which is now permanently placed in Church. That concludes the Fabric report.

As Churchwardens we are extremely thankful to the volunteers that help us to continue the work of the Church as a building and within the community. Unfortunately, there is a feeling that the group of volunteers is growing smaller leaving those to do the jobs required on a more regular basis. **Please if there is something you feel you can help with, or can see a simpler quicker way, your input would be much appreciated.**

During the last year we have had a wonderful array of enjoyable services and events. Historically the most important of these was the Coronation celebration in May. It started off with the special coffee morning. Children from the Primary school displayed their cards which were all to be parcelled up and sent to the Palace. This resulted in lots of new people visiting the Church to see the display and the fabulously decorated Church. On the special weekend we held a Proms and picnic party in Church with singing to suit all age groups. The Royal photo booth was well visited. Everyone really enjoyed themselves. Thanks to Alison Tinsley for coordinating the event. The regular coffee mornings continue to be a great success. We now have a thriving Craft Club which provides a wonderful contact with the community and gives an array of enjoyment and learning - thanks go to Gail Lockey for this. As always, we have visitors from all over the World and we thank Jim Oliver and Melvyn Rose for the talks that they give to them producing a generous revue. There is also a team of volunteer stewards which keeps the Church open in an afternoon

during the summer months for the casual visitor. Our thanks go to them too. I know I have not mentioned all the hard workers, those who are part of the Church family and those who help us out on occasions like our Christmas Fayre, but our thanks go to everyone on behalf of the Church.

My thanks go to Penny for the many jobs she does. Some you will never notice but are integral to the day to day running of the Church. Also, the times when she nearly has to live here, because someone else needs letting in to do a job.

We appreciate that the change to the service time was something we all had to get used to, but thank you, to you all for making it work. Nobody can say it has not proved a headache for our Rector Paul who has such a large workload now. I wish to pass on all our THANKS to him for the way he has worked through the past year giving everything to the Benefice and in helping us to work more closely together as a team. I hope that the Rector realises, that we all hope, that if there is a problem with the workload, he must let us know. We now have meetings every other month with him and the other Churchwardens and this gives us time to consolidate our work practices and learn with and from each other. Fundraising and grant applications are just some of the items discussed.

Thank you to everybody for the past year and please pass on the good word about our Church to all your friends so we may continue to grow in fellowship.

**All agreed to accept the Churchwardens' Report - Proposed
Wendy Kitson Seconded Peter Knight**

6 Churchwardens and Fabric Report 2025

The Churchwardens Report last year mentioned the Quinquennial Report done by the Architect in June 2023. When it was received the PCC requested that it should include a full inspection of the tower roof. This has been done by the Architect and Gary Rawlinson of Heritage Conservation and Restoration the report summary was presented to the PCC.

A brand new water supply pipework was completed early 2024. It was laid from the bottom of the Avenue and into Church on the south side between the porch and the base of the tower. We were advised by several water supply experts that the state of the very old pipework was not good. Whilst work was to be done making a separate supply and stop tap to the old Church School site, it made good sense to replace all the pipework. Therefore, reducing the possibility of having to trace any costly leaks down the avenue. We now also have good working stop taps in both the toilet and kitchen areas.

The heating boiler is now working OK after several visits from Byfield Heating and with Peter Broster's hard work and determination in getting to the root of the cause. Our thanks to him for this and all his trips up into the boiler area to keep the heating working, so we had heat for services and concerts, whilst these problems were put right.

The Church clock continues to be faulty despite regular servicing and interim visits, when required, from the clockmakers. David Cooper is keeping the PCC aware of what repair work is suggested. The current problem is a motor is cutting out, causing the hour strike to be wrong. This has been turned off temporarily, until a repair can be made, allowing the quarter strikes to still be heard. The motor would need to a rewind and reset the amounts quoted by our clockmakers for a rewind is £2,500 + vat or £1850 +vat for full replacement. Currently David is looking into getting other quotes for this work to be done by other Church clockmakers. Thanks again go to him for

keeping the clock going and been the right time for what proves to still be a very important part of our local community. We also have David to thank for the recent repair to the side of the pulpit steps.

The hazard marked areas of flooring in the toilet and kitchen areas are due to rotting floorboards the work to replace these has been requested and is due to be done shortly.

We have had the Altar Flower stand, and the Paschal candle stand repaired by Graham Wager (a member of Althorpe Churches congregation).

The usual annual checks of Lightening conductor check, PAT testing, Fire Alarm and Extinguisher checks have all been done.

Gavin Amys continued to do the Open Churchyard (the two most modern areas) grass cutting during the year, with favourable comments made on the upkeep. Quotes have been requested for the current year. After correspondence with the Town Council regarding the Closed Churchyard (that nearest the Church) the grass cutting improved and work began to tidy the growth around the boundary walls.

This concludes the maintenance part of my report. From this you will all see it has been a very busy year regarding the expense and amount of work been done. Which leads onto the next message I wish to pass on again this and every year. That without both generous financial and voluntary help the Church would suffer greatly. So, a big thank you to all the those concerned who have helped with the day to day running of the Church, with all the concerts, events and coffee mornings, the decoration and flower arranging weekly and seasonal, to those who clean the Church. Another person who requires a special mention is Dave Birks for the support he gives to Penny and for the regular sweeping and blowing of leaves, etc., from the paths before anyone arrives at Church. The

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Finally there are no additions to the Church Terrier this year.

7 Treasurer's Report 2023

The accounts for last year were independently checked on 21st March 2024 by Rod Stormes (Belton) who has very kindly offered to do them again in future, without charge.

Receipts

Cash collections are about the same as 2022. Planned Giving has increased slightly.

Thank you to you all for your contributions.

Donations have increased by about £500.

Events: proceeds from coffee mornings have increased significantly. Christmas Fayre was down on previous years by approx. £1000.

Land rents have increased.

Feed in tariff (solar panels) down mainly due to severe weather but the previous year included a late payment.

Fees are for Funerals, Weddings,

Total income for 2023 was £61327 compared to £64231 in 2022, but a one-off Energy payment from the Diocese of £2579 was included.

Payments

The PCC made a commitment to pay £30,000 Covenanted Giving in 2023 as opposed to £35000 in 2022. The £30,000 was paid in full.

Clergy expenses relate to Rev Paul's claims for St Andrew's, St Mary's, and St Pancras only.

Utilities: Our gas usage was down last year, Electric about the same, Water: we received a demand for payment of £1200 but after disputing this as not our water leak, we agreed a figure of £483 which is in line with previous payments before the Old Church School was sold.

Maintenance: This includes, roof alarm maintenance and monitoring, Clock, Organ, Electrical (lighting) grasscutting, heating repairs and service.

Fees: Wedding fees (Diocese) Organist, vergers, Architect (Quinquennial report)

Donations to Children's Society, Turkey, Israel/Gaza, Ukraine appeals, Christian Aid and British Legion.

Bank Charges: Monthly fee £5, cheques issues, no of credits, cash paid in.

The closing balance at the end of the year was £13311.

Other funds with the CCLA Management Fund – 1494.26 shares - £33778.20 as at 31st December.

It was Proposed by Sharon Usztan, Seconded by Susan Storey, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted – all in favour.

Meeting closed with the saying of The Grace together.

7.19 pm

Signed Date

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

CHURCHWARDENS AND FABRIC REPORT 2025

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Treasurer's Report for APCM 2025

The financial accounts for 2024 have been independently checked by Rod Stormes (Belton) dated 12th March 2025.

The accounts were presented to the PCC meeting held on 19th March 2025 and were accepted.

Income

Cash collections have increased: Planned Giving has increased also: Donations of £2500 (Gift Aided) has been received towards the cost of the new water supply.

There have been several events held this year which has seen an increase of £3,000 raised on last year. Mainly due to coffee mornings, Spring Fayre and the Xmas Fayre. The Christmas Fayre was held in Church in 2024 which was remarkably successful in both income and involvement with the community. Fees relate to Weddings and Funerals.

Total Income 2024: £67647: 2023: £61327.

Expenditure

Covenanted Giving £30,000 was paid in full. Utilities: Gas, Electric, Water payments slightly down due to a cheaper tariff being obtained for the Electricity.

Maintenance: This covers the following: Roof Alarm, Organ, Clock, Lighting, Heating repairs and boiler maintenance, Fire Extinguishers, Roof repairs due to a leak spotted when the gutters were cleaned, Grasscutting and Insurance.

Sundries: A new water supply was fitted costing £7434 payable by standing order over 12 months. Altar items include Wine, candles, wafers.

Donations include Air Ambulance, Christian Aid, Children's Society.

At the end of last year an Energy survey was done on behalf of the Diocese and it was found that we had been incorrectly charged for Climate Change Levy which resulted in an overpayment of £3500 to Crown Gas. This has been rectified and the bills amended accordingly.

Total Expenditure 2024: £63344: 2023: £59576.

Independent Examiner's Certificate for the PCC Accounts

Report to the trustees of:

ST ANDREWS, EPWORTH

Parochial Church Council

On accounts for the year

31 DECEMBER 2024

ended:

Charity Number

N/A

Set out on pages

AS PER ACCOUNT SHEETS, BANK STATEMENTS PLUS SUPPORTING PAPERWORK

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect.

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

I 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:



Date: 12 MARCH 2025

Name:

Rodney STORMES

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

ACIB, Cert ICM

Address:

1 Meadowbank

Belton,

Doncaster DN9 1NW

ST ANDREW'S PCC - EPWORTH

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS - YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>£</u>
Collections	6097
Planned Giving	16884
Events	14956
Donations	5361
Fees	5919
Rents	1496
WB/Wroot re expenses	300
HMRC Tax reclaim	6552
Investment Income	59
Shop/Card Sales	566
Epworth Charities (Insurance re Window)	88
Transfers Money Manager Account	9022
Christian Aid	347
	16634
Total	67647

ST ANDREW'S PCC - EPWORTH**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

<u>PAYMENTS</u>		<u>£</u>
Covenanted Giving		30000
Clergy expenses		844
Organist		1600
Utilities Gas	6901	
Electric	1096	
Water	161	8158
Maintenance		8871
Fees		665
Insurance		4640
Sundries		
Sunday Sheets	284	
Copyright Licence	247	
Yorkshire Water	5576	
Candles. Wine	355	
Donations	1040	
Change re Events	524	
Church Repair Soc	30	
Bank Charges	212	
Sim Card re Contacless	50	
Wesley Mem re C Card	156	
Sundry Items	92	8566
 TOTAL		 63344
Receipts/Payments	4304	
Balance 1st January 2024	13310	
Balance 31st December 2024	17614	

ST ANDREW'S PCC - EPWORTH
MONEY MANAGER ACCOUNT - 31ST DECEMBER 2024

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Receipts	8690
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Interest	17
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Total	8707
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Payments

Transfers to Charitable A/C	9022
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Total	9022
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Receipts/Payments	-315
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Balance 1st January 2024	315
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Balance 31st December 2024	Nil
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Funds held with CCLA Investment Management

1400.26 shares @ £23.1227	32377.79
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94 shares @ £23.1227	2173.53
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Total	34551.32
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ST ANDREW'S RESTORATION APPEAL
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

Accounts held at HSBC

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Charitable Account

Balance 1st January 2024	574.30
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Balance 31st December 2024	574.30
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Funds held with Church of England Deposit Fund

Balance as at 31st December 2024	7894.40
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Isle of Axholme Deanery Synod Annual Report 2024

Rural Dean: Revd. Paul Wilson

Deanery Lay Chair: Rod Stormes

Deanery Secretary: Vacant (Interim Minute Secretary: Mrs Sylvia Stormes)

Overview

The Isle of Axholme Deanery Synod met three times in 2024, addressing key issues related to mission, ministry, finance, and structural changes within the deanery and diocese. The meetings facilitated discussions on the future of clergy staffing, safeguarding, church growth, and the proposed deanery restructuring.

Key Highlights

Ministry & Mission Updates

- Children, Youth & Families Enabler: The bid for a part-time (10 hours per week) post was discussed throughout the year. While progress was slow, a potential candidate expressed interest.
- Additional 0.5 Stipendiary Post: Following discussions with the Diocese, it was confirmed that Isle LMP's current covenant giving allows for 2.3 stipendiary posts. The Deanery aims to increase this to 2.5, and to continue the process for realising a 0.5 stipendiary post with oversight of Discipleship, Vocations and Growth across the Isle churches.
- Church Schools: Several Foundation Governor vacancies were filled, particularly within the Belton-Wroot Federation and Trentside Federation, which is merging with Infinity Academy.
- Deanery Training: A successful lay worship training course, led by Revd Hugh Jones, was well received. However, further training for ALM and Reader ministry remains a priority.

Safeguarding & Compliance

- A key presentation from the Diocesan Safeguarding Team outlined crucial safeguarding responsibilities, including:
- Ensuring visible safeguarding posters in churches.
- Proper reporting of concerns.
- Using the safeguarding dashboard for compliance.
- Addressing potential risks of financial abuse, particularly among the elderly.

Finance & Governance

- Deanery Synod funds remained stable at £62.45.
- Discussions continued on the possibility of creating a Deanery Mission Fund from Deanery Service collections.
- A casual vacancy for a Diocesan Synod representative remained unfilled.
- Ongoing need for a permanent Deanery Synod Secretary, with no volunteers stepping forward during 2024.

Structural Changes & Future Planning

- Proposed Deanery Merger: The Diocese is consulting on merging the Isle of Axholme, Manlake, and Yarborough Deaneries into one North Lincolnshire Deanery. Concerns raised include:
- Increased clergy workload.
- Larger meetings potentially reducing engagement.
- Travel challenges for members attending meetings.
- Possible introduction of a 'Partnership Dean & Assistant Archdeacon's' role across the larger single deanery and the workload for that individual alongside parochial responsibilities.
- Consultation ongoing, with the Bishop seeking feedback from parishes.

Good News Stories

- Despite challenges, God's work is evident across the Deanery:
- Food Share Project expanded to include baby equipment and furniture storage.
- Haxey Choir has grown in numbers.
- Time to Pray Meetings at Belton have been well received.
- Sunday at All Saints Early Service has seen increased attendance.
- Churches such as Crowle and Althorpe secured funding for maintenance and upgrades.

Looking Ahead

- Recruitment: A continued focus on filling key vacancies, including the 0.5 stipendiary post and Deanery Secretary role.
- Deanery Restructure: Engaging with the Diocese to ensure local concerns are considered in the proposed deanery amalgamation.
- Mission & Growth: Strengthening lay training, developing youth ministry, and ensuring financial sustainability for clergy posts.

Conclusion

The Isle of Axholme Deanery continues to navigate significant change while maintaining its mission and ministry. With ongoing discussions on staffing, governance, and restructuring, the coming year will be pivotal in shaping the future of the Deanery's ministry and outreach.

We give thanks for God's guidance and pray for wisdom in the year ahead.

Safeguarding Report for 2024 for APCM 2025

Safeguarding Review

We encourage vigilance and transparency to help create a culture that encourages

Safeguarding concerns or incidents to be raised and reported to the Parish Safeguarding Officer. we aim to provide support to safeguard victims.

We have adopted the Safer Church Policy which is displayed on the noticeboard in the South Porch.

We can report that there have been no incidents during 2024 and since the last PCC meeting in March 2025.

DBS

We continue to monitor DBS certificates that are due for renewal every 3 years to ensure applicable volunteers have a valid DBS clearance.

Training

All current PCC members have undertaken the appropriate training required. Any recently elected members to the PCC will be required to do the training also,

Volunteers

All new and existing volunteers engaged in church activities involving children, young people and the elderly will be required to do appropriate safeguarding training. Also

new and existing volunteers need to undertake the Basic Awareness training module. This will be arranged by the PSO.

Every PCC meeting has a standing agenda item on Safeguarding which enables regular discussion when needed on any relevant issues.

Penny Birks Parish Safeguarding Officer April 2025

The Epworth & Belton Group of Churches

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Rector's Address 2025

Introduction:

As we gather for our Annual Parochial Church Meetings in 2025, we do so with gratitude for the year that has passed and hope for the year ahead. Our churches in the Epworth and Belton Group have continued to be places of prayer, witness, and service, standing as beacons of faith in our communities. Today, we reflect on where we have been, where we are, and where God is leading us.

On my way to one of our churches just a short while ago I met someone who comes occasionally on a Sunday, and they apologised for not coming more frequently due to such a hectic work and family life. I assured them that they were always welcome, whenever they were able to join us. They replied by saying, *'That's what I love so much about this church, knowing that I'm always welcome'*.

Invitation and welcome, two crucially important aspects of God's nature and also two crucially important aspects of what the Church should be like – full of invitation and welcome.

I want to begin with thanking those who have helped and supported the ministry of our churches over the last year, those unseen hours of work carried out quietly behind the scenes in order that our churches are able to function and offer ministry and worship to our parishes and communities. To Revd Derek Brown for presiding each month at West Butterwick, Revd Jeremy Green who provides much-needed cover when I'm on leave, the Lay Ministry Team at Belton, Churchwardens, our three newly appointed Focal Ministers and others who lead some non-eucharistic services, those who do the readings, lead the prayers, sing in the choir, play the organ, operate screens or sound systems, arrange the rotas, serve refreshments, arrange flowers, welcome visitors, provide support for baptisms,

weddings and funerals, those who help to reorder church for each event or service and those who help to maintain our buildings and keep them safe, clean and tidy and in good order.

Thank you to Churchwardens, Treasurers, PCC Secretaries, Safeguarding Officers and members of the PCCs, to all those who have served as Church Officers or PCC members in these voluntary roles, which bring with them additional areas of responsibility and without whom our churches just wouldn't be able to continue and who work with me to ensure that good church governance is embedded, and essential decisions and activities are carried out properly and according to Charity Commission and Church law. In each of our churches I am so fortunate to have wonderfully generous, kind, thoughtful and capable people to work alongside, without whom I would simply not be able to do the job I'm called to do as your Priest. So, thank you to all those to whom this applies. I hope you know who you are.

Thank you also to all those who have decided not to seek re-election and who have served their church for many years and those who have agreed today to serve as elected representatives of this church for the coming year. I look forward to working with you over this next year.

The past year has brought its share of challenges, both within the wider Church of England and within our own deanery of the Isle of Axholme. Nationally, we continue to navigate the implications of change, whether through leadership transitions or discussions about the future shape of the Church. At a local level, we have faced the realities of maintaining our buildings, balancing our finances, and ensuring that we remain present and engaged with our communities. And yet, through it all, God has been faithful.

One of the greatest blessings of this past year has been the deepening of our collaboration across our group of churches. In 1 Corinthians 12:12, Paul reminds us, *“For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.”* Each of our churches is unique, with its own history and character, but together we form one body, united in mission and love. When we work together—sharing resources, supporting each other’s ministries, praying for one another—we move forward in the mission God has given us.

We have seen this spirit of cooperation in so many ways this past year. From joint services and shared ministry initiatives to our pastoral care and outreach, we are learning what it means to truly be one body in Christ. And we have much to be thankful for: new opportunities to serve, the faithfulness of our congregations, and the ways in which God is still calling people to follow Him.

As we look to the year ahead, we do so with confidence in God’s plans for us. Yes, there will be difficulties to navigate, but we are not alone. The Holy Spirit guides us, and we have one another to lean on.

In March 2025 we welcomed our new half-time (2 weekdays plus Sunday) Priest and colleague, Revd Julie Miles, who will encourage and develop discipleship, vocations and growth across the Isle churches. I encourage you to continue thinking and praying about what God might be calling you to and then to share those thoughts with Revd Julie.

I encourage you to commit yourselves afresh to being a people of faith, hope, and love—working together as Christ’s body and trusting in God’s purposes for our churches and our communities.

May the Lord bless us and keep us as we continue this journey together.

Church Buildings

Church building reports will have been covered elsewhere by Churchwardens, however I wanted to highlight a few things in my report.

St. Mark's Amcotts

As you know, St. Mark's Amcotts has been going through a lengthy process for some years, begun long before my time as Priest-in Charge, seeking closure of the church building for regular worship and where the Parish Council will eventually take on the responsibility for the church building and maintain it as a community space for the village, as there is no village hall. We are told that this should be finalised very soon. All these years on and we are still waiting for the Church Commissioners to provide their final judgement and for the closure order to be made effective.

My thanks go to Tricia Murphy, who is Community Warden for St. Mark's, and who has worked tirelessly to repair and refurbish St. Mark's, applying for grants and Faculties and overseeing the work. The churchyard at St. Mark's remains open for further burials until the churchyard becomes full and will then need to be closed, and I will continue to have responsibility for this.

St. Oswald's Althorpe & Consecrated Ground

St. Oswald's PCC have been busy working with our architect to provide important surveys on the fabric of the church in order to know where we need to focus our funds and priorities. These have been

useful and we are able to move forward achieving what we can with the limited resources available to us.

The consecrated ground adjacent to St. Oswald's Church and the road has been closed for burials for many years (since 1915) and is an attractive open space which is currently underused. I am working with the Parish Council to enhance this as a Quiet Space for use by anyone needing to sit, reflect or pray. We are planning to sensitively develop this area with some suitable benches, low-maintenance planting and shrubs, a circular wheelchair and buggy-friendly footpath, a circular central grassed area, entrance gates to keep out animals and a noticeboard explaining the purpose of the Quiet Space (i.e. not a playground). Community grants should be available to fund this, as this should not be a financial responsibility for the church.

St. Mary's West Butterwick

The plans for maintenance and repair of St. Mary's Church continue, particularly the urgent repairs to weather-worn external stonework and extensive quinquennial inspection work. A small working group of the PCC are working hard to apply for eligible grants for this work, some of which have been granted and without which the work won't be realised. Work will commence soon to the ceiling and roof of the church and ongoing conversations and meetings are in place to install a more efficient and eco-friendly heating system, which is desperately needed, especially in the bitterly cold winter. We also hope to combine an upgraded lighting system within this project too.

St. Pancras Wroot

The urgent work at St. Pancras to repair the church tower, inside and out, and replace the old cracked and leaking lead roof and rotten timbers has thankfully been completed. Again, finances are hugely

limited, and local fundraising continues to help cover some of these outstanding costs, with residents of Wroot being extremely helpful and generous.

St. Andrew's Epworth

Since being re-ordered and refurbished some years ago, many of the facilities in St. Andrew's are now beginning to cause issues due to age, predominantly electrical and lighting, rising damp and flaking plaster, etc. These will require attention and of course expense, however we remain hopeful as ever that these ongoing projects will be realised.

All Saints Belton

Although the church is in good order, we will need to replace the church roof. This work should begin soon.

Baptism, Weddings & Funerals 2024

Baptisms: = 20

Epworth = 4. Belton = 6. Althorpe = 8. Wroot = 1. West Butterwick = 1. Amcotts = 0.

Weddings: = 4

Epworth = 1. Belton = 2. Althorpe = 0. Wroot = 0. West Butterwick = 0. Amcotts = 1.

Funerals: 34

Epworth = 13. Belton = 10. Althorpe = 1. Wroot = 3. West Butterwick = 4. Amcotts = 1.

Crowle = 2.

Church Schools

There continues to be good working relationships with our three Church Primary Schools (West Butterwick, Wroot-Travis and Belton) with school services in church, Collective Worship in school led by myself with a group from All Saints Belton providing regular 'Open the Book' worship in Belton School. Colleagues from the Epworth Methodist Church now offer support to Wroot-Travis School with 'Open the Book'. I also have had opportunities for working with Keadby Primary School and we have also held school services for them in Althorpe Church.

Nursing Homes

The one residential nursing home within our group of churches is in Althorpe and a group from the church led by myself visit monthly for an hour consisting of worship, refreshments and conversations and ending with an uplifting sing-a-long.

Diocese

Our Diocese will be saying farewell to Bishop David Court (Bishop of Grimsby) in July this year. Bishop David will remain in the Diocese of Lincoln and will move to another home in Grimsby, where he will continue to offer his ministry in retirement across the Diocese.

As part of Time To Change Together, each parish and PCC in the Diocese will be encouraged to reflect and reconsider their church categorisation, (i.e. 1. Key Mission Church, 2. Local Mission Church, 3. Community Church, 4. Festival Church, 5 Church seeking closure) in case there may need to be some adjustments made for the next period of time moving forward.

Deanery

The Isle of Axholme Deanery Synod Annual Summary Report is included elsewhere.

Fundraising

Our fundraising activities to support the essential costs of maintaining our church buildings during the last year have been extremely helpful. Thank you to all of those who have been involved in preparing for these and thank you also to members of our community who have continued to support us, especially including the Friends of St. Mary's in West Butterwick – a wonderfully effective way of connecting with the good people of our parishes.

Personal

Ministry is always evolving, and in recent years, the pace of change has been particularly intense. Yet, amid the shifting landscape of the Church of England and the growing demands of leadership, I remain deeply grateful for the honour of serving as your Priest.

At the heart of my vocation is the privilege of walking alongside people in their joys and struggles—proclaiming the Gospel, offering the sacraments, and sharing the love of Christ. There are, of course, challenges. The increasing administrative and structural pressures and responsibilities of parish life can sometimes feel overwhelming, and like many clergy, I have wrestled with the tension between pastoral ministry and the managerial expectations of church leadership. However, I am reminded time and again that ministry is not something I do alone; it is something we share as the Body of Christ.

Looking ahead, I am continuing to prayerfully discern how to focus my time and energy on what truly matters—being present with those in need, leading worship, deepening our community's faith, and entrusting certain responsibilities to others who are gifted to serve in different ways. This may mean rethinking structures, learning to sometimes saying no when asked to take on additional major responsibilities, and allowing space for renewal. My hope is not just to sustain ministry but to do so with joy and faithfulness.

Despite any challenges, I remain filled with hope and gratitude. Your kindness, encouragement, and prayers continually renew my sense of calling, and it is an incredible privilege to journey with you in faith.

I take great comfort in the words of Isaiah:

"But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." (Isaiah 40:31)

My prayer is that, together, we will continue to seek God's will, trusting that He will provide the strength, wisdom, and joy we need for the journey ahead.

Thank you for your support, your prayers, and for allowing me the privilege of being your Priest.

Revd Paul.

Independent Examiner's Certificate for the PCC Accounts

Report to the trustees of:

ST ANDREWS, EPWORTH

Parochial Church Council

On accounts for the year

31 DECEMBER 2024

ended:

Charity Number

N/A

Set out on pages

AS PER ACCOUNT SHEETS, BANK STATEMENTS PLUS SUPPORTING PAPERWORK

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
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Signed:



Date:

12 MARCH 2025

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ST ANDREW'S PCC - EPWORTH**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS - YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>£</u>
Collections	6097
Planned Giving	16884
Events	14956
Donations	5361
Fees	5919
Rents	1496
WB/Wroot re expenses	300
HMRC Tax reclaim	6552
Investment Income	59
Shop/Card Sales	566
Epworth Charities (Insurance re Window)	88
Transfers Money Manager Account	9022
Christian Aid	347
	16634
Total	67647

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Covenanted Giving		30000
Clergy expenses		844
Organist		1600
Utilities Gas	6901	
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Sunday Sheets	284	
Copyright Licence	247	
Yorkshire Water	5576	
Candles. Wine	355	
Donations	1040	
Change re Events	524	
Church Repair Soc	30	
Bank Charges	212	
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Receipts/Payments	4304
Balance 1st January 2024	13310
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ST ANDREW'S PCC - EPWORTH

MONEY MANAGER ACCOUNT - 31ST DECEMBER 2024

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Receipts	8690
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Interest	17
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Total	8707
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Payments

Transfers to Charitable A/C	9022
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Receipts/Payments	-315
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ST ANDREW'S RESTORATION APPEAL
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

Accounts held at HSBC

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Charitable Account

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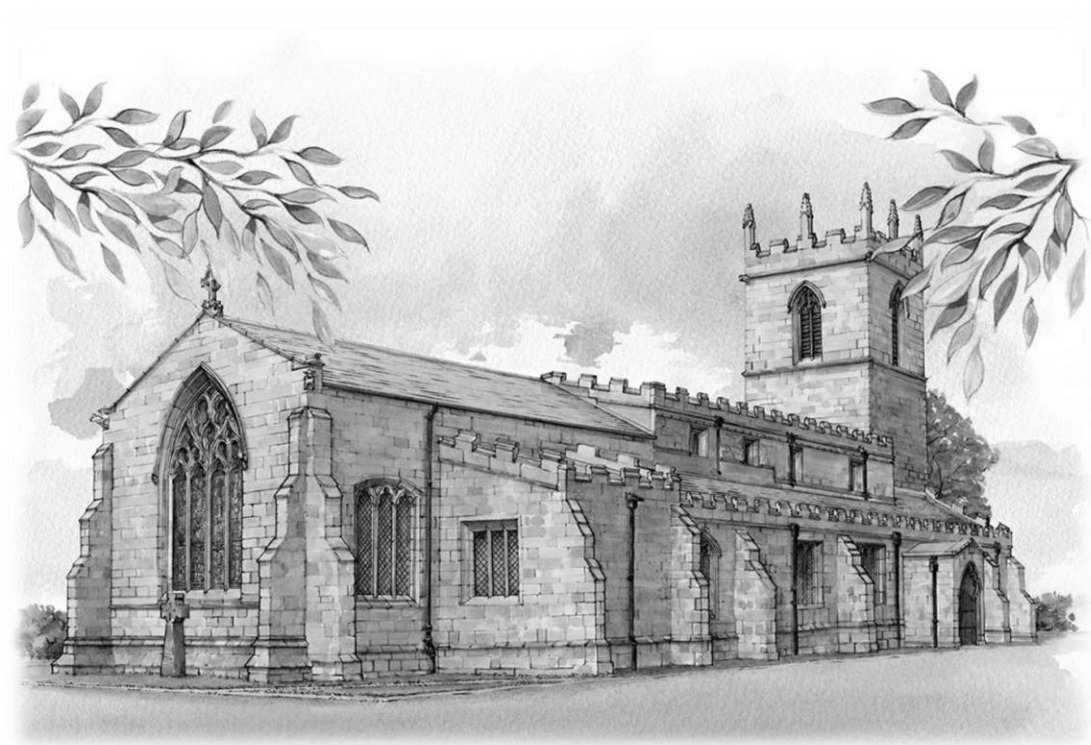
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Accounts

**St. Andrew's Parish Church
Epworth**

**The Annual Parochial Church
Meeting**

Thursday 2nd May 2024, at 7:00 pm.



St. Andrew's Parish Church – Epworth

Rector – Rev. Paul Wilson

Churchwardens – Mrs Penny Birks and Miss Susan Storey

**The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in Church on
Thursday 2nd May 2024, at 7:00 pm.**

AGENDA

Opening Prayers

Vestry Meeting

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting held on 4th May 2023
3. Election of Churchwardens
4. Election of Deputy Churchwardens

Parish Meeting

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 4th May 2023
3. Matters arising from the Minutes
4. Election of Parochial Church Councillors to serve 2024-2027
5. Electoral Roll – numbers and changes since the last meeting
6. Churchwarden's Report for 2023 – report on the fabric and maintenance (p8)
7. Treasurer's Report for 2023 – The financial affairs, presentation of audited accounts, funds and investments (p10)
 - a) Adoption of accounts
8. Deanery Synod Report for 2023 (p16)
9. Safeguarding Report for 2023 (p17)
10. Appointment of Independent Examiner to the PCC
11. Notice of the first meeting of the PCC – 23rd May at 7pm
12. Archdeacon's Visitation Service – Lincoln Cathedral, on Thursday 13th June at 7.30pm.
13. Any other urgent business
14. Rector's address (p18)

Closing Prayers

EPWORTH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

St Andrew's Parish Church

The Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

held at St Andrew's Church, Epworth on Thursday 4th May 2023 at 7 pm

Present

Chairman - Rev Paul Wilson

Mrs Penny Birks [Churchwarden] Miss Susan Storey [Churchwarden]

Peter Brown, David Higginson, Pamela Higginson, Wendy Kitson, Cedric May, Jackie May, Jim Oliver, Melvyn Rose, Pauline Rose, Dorothy Smith [Minutes Secretary], Sharon Usztan, Karen Wilson, Anne Broster, Peter Broster, Peter Knight

Opening Prayers were led by Rev Paul Wilson

1 Apologies for Absence

Received from Janet Cozens, David Cooper, Kathleen Liddell, Michael Smith, Carol Mellors, Alison Tinsley

2 Minutes

The Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting held on Thursday 28th April 2022, distributed at the Meeting, were approved as a true record.

Proposed Wendy Kitson Seconded David Higginson

Signed by Rev Paul

A request was made that in future the Minutes be available one week before the AGM to give time for them to be read more carefully. This was noted.

3 Matters Arising from the Minutes - None

4 Election of Parochial Church Councillors to serve 2023 – 2026

There were 4 vacancies

1 Pam Higginson Proposed David Higginson Seconded Penny Birks

2 Peter Knight Proposed Penny Birks Seconded Karen Wilson

3 Melvyn Rose Proposed Pauline Rose Seconded Margaret Draper

These three are duly elected for 3 years 2023 -2026

There is one further vacancy. Anyone who would like to take this place, please speak to Rev Paul or the Churchwardens. May be co-opted at a PCC Meeting

5 Election of Deanery Synod Representatives [Max 2]

1 David Higginson. Proposed Pam Higginson Seconded Anne Broster

2 Susan Storey. Proposed Wendy Kitson Seconded Sharon Usztan

Both were willing to continue and were elected for 3 years.

6 Electoral Roll

Carol Mellers, Electoral Roll Officer, was unable to be present but had prepared a Report – There are now 80 names on the Electoral Roll..... +4 and -1 from last year. Thank you to Carol for continuing to be responsible for this.

7 Churchwardens' Report for 2022 [Addendum 1]

Susan Storey [Churchwarden] presented this report.

One item had been added to the Terrier – **Display Cabinet** for artefacts [currently displayed at Scunthorpe Museum] found by archaeologists during excavations on the 'Mowbray site'. [Field to south of the Church] It has been funded by the Isle of Axholme and Hatfield Chase Partnership via a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The Quinquennial inspection had identified a number of 'small' works requiring attention, totalling approx. £60,00. None more than £10,000.

8 Treasurer's Report

Penny Birks gave the Report and presented the Accounts, which had been audited by VANL, and accepted at the last PCC Meeting on March 23rd 2023.

Susan Storey Proposed that the Accounts be adopted. Seconded Karen Wilson All were in favour

Rev Paul thanked Penny for continued work enabling all accounts to be paid in full and on time

9 Deanery Synod Report 2022 [Addendum 2]

Presented by Susan Storey. She was thanked for presenting the Report.

10 Safeguarding Report

There had been no Safeguarding issues. Penny is the Benefice Safeguarding Officer. DBS checks for all PCC members need to be renewed every 3 years. Compulsory on-line training [via the C of E website] must be completed by all members.

11 Appointment of Independent Examiner to the PCC

All were in favour of the Auditor, Katy Sauvage, being reappointed
Proposed Wendy Kitson Seconded Karen Wilson

12 The date of the first Meeting of the new PCC is Thursday 25th May at 7pm

13 Archdeacon's Visitation Service

This Service, where Churchwardens are legally admitted to office, will this year be held, for the Deanery, at St Andrew's Church on Monday 5th June at 6.00 pm.
Refreshments will be served after the Service

14 AOB None

15 Rector's Address [Addendum 3]

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

CHURCHWARDENS AND FABRIC REPORT 2023

The last year started with an ongoing problem with the Church clock quarter chimes not working. The clock company Time Assured came for several visits. The payment of the £300 service bill was withheld until the matter was resolved fully. In the end it was a simple fault of a peg needing to be adjusted. The chancel steps handrails were inspected and tightened in the best possible manner. A small infestation of woodworm in the choir stalls was successfully treated. The main heating boiler had a big fault but this was sorted after consultation with the heating service engineer and work by Melvyn Rose and Peter Broster. The Town Council repaired a section of the Church Lane wall opposite the North door which borders the closed churchyard.

A roofer was asked to check the tiles on the chancel roof after strong storms. It was then discovered there had been a small theft of lead. This was in the lower gullies at the base of the tiles mainly on the North side and around the porch roofs. DAC permission was gained for the replacement of the lead and the cost covered by our insurance. It was reported to PCC that the Bell Ringers account was to be used to do work to enable the Sally guys to be lowered.

During June the Quinquennial Inspection was done. A full check of the electrical system was requested this was completed and passed onto the Architect. The Lightning conductor was checked and passed. There may be some remedial work required on the conductor terminal next year. The electrical PAT testing was done and passed. Fire extinguishers tested and certified. The Quinquennial report was a long time been produced. Members of the PCC were dismayed by the fact that the Architect did not go up onto the tower roof to complete the inspection. This was due to what she said was a health and safety matter regarding the ladder on the final section of the tower. So it was suggested by Alison Tinsley that her son could take drone film to be passed on to the Architect and included in the report. The completed report was presented to the PCC in March 2023 after many requests for completion by Penny Birks. Melvyn reported that he thought we were lucky that there was nothing major wanted repairing in the near future. Some of the work required in the report had already been done whilst awaiting the reports completion. Like all buildings of this size repairs and maintenance are a constant drain on finances so they have to be strategically worked into the Church's budget. For this we should be very appreciative of how our Treasurer Penny handles this.

The Land Agent notified the PCC of a request by a tenant to purchase some of our land. This was put to the PCC vote and decided against. Also on land matters the piece of land at the end of Church Lane after the burial ground was due to have the rental increase so this will go ahead with the customary notice period been given to the tenant.

The same piece of land was brought to our attention by a member of the congregation as a place to plant a tree on the grass verge to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and that the hedgerow needed replanting in parts. The tree and hedgerow saplings were kindly

donated by the member of the congregation. The tree is already planted and the hedgerow was to be done at the correct time of year with thanks to David Cooper for that.

I will conclude my report for this year by giving my thanks. Firstly to Paul for his organisation of all Church matters and how smoothly he has made very complex changes and taken on board the problems of this benefice. Due to his organisation we Churchwardens always know which job we should be doing next. Next my thanks go to Penny because she has the biggest share of the jobs that are done in the Church and not just small ones Treasurer and Safeguarding Officer. Finally thank you to you the congregation because without your support this Church could not continue, but extra volunteers are always appreciated to make life so much easier for those that are already helping.

ANNUAL DEANERY SYNOD REPORT 2022/23

Bishop Stephen was appointed as the acting Bishop of Lincoln at the beginning of the year and he would be looking to fill the vacancy for the Archdeacon of Stow.

The report back from the working party on Resourcing Suitable Church (which is now called Time to Change together), told us that all Partnership Deans would be appointed by last Easter. Our Partnership Deanery is North Lincolnshire which includes Manlake and Yarborough. David Swannack is the Chair of our Deanery Mission Partnership Team. Martin Patterson is our local representative on this team. Good progress was made during the year and the team worked well together. There were 13.5 stipends at the beginning of the year in our Partnership Team.

Rev. Cliff Kay took a three month sabbatical and Manlake clergy said they would help out to cover this.

In June last year concern was that within the Deanery, churches would be unable to reach their Parish share (now called Covenant giving) and keep their clergy. There was also concern regarding the ages of the clergy and where help would come from. Rev Paul and Rev Mark are to work towards developing people to be lay leaders. In Spring 2023 there will be special launch by the Diocese for the training and development of lay people.

Rev Cliff stood down as Rural Dean and the Bishop appointed Rev Paul on 8th September 2022 as the new Rural Dean. A present was presented to Rev. Cliff at the November meeting of Deanery Synod to mark the ending of his time as Rural Dean.

The new Partnership Dean for the North Lincolnshire Partnership is Cameron Martin and Rev Paul and Diane Ekins attended the steering group meeting. The Bishop was asked to attend the next meeting of that group to cover some of the questions raised at that meeting. All Deanery Partnerships were to be sorted out and in place in the Diocese by February 2023.

At our Deanery Synod meeting it was suggested to help raise money in our Churches that contactless terminals be put into use at baptisms and weddings for collection purposes due to a more cashless society after Covid. This is something which our Church has taken on board.

A new item is to be added to every Deanery meeting agenda "Good News items happening in our Churches on the Isle.

There is still the usual £62.45 in the Treasurers funds.

APCM Rector's Address 2023 – St. Andrew's

I want to begin again with thanking those who have helped and supported the ministry of this church over the last year, those unseen hours of work carried out quietly behind the scenes in order that this church is able to function and offer ministry and worship to this parish and community, those who do the readings, arrange the rotas, serve refreshments, welcome visitors - whether on Sundays for worship or through links with the Wesleys, those who serve on open church, those who help to reorder church for each event or concert and those who help to maintain this building and keep it clean and tidy and in good order.

Thank you to members of the PCC who work with me to ensure that good church governance is embedded, and essential decisions and activities are carried out properly and according to Charity Commission and Church law.

So, thank you to all those to whom this applies. You know who you are.

And secondly, I'd like to thank all those who have served as Church Officers or PCC members in these voluntary roles, which bring with them additional areas of responsibility and without whom this church just wouldn't be able to continue. Thank you also to all those who have agreed today to serve as elected representatives of this church. I look forward to working with you over this next year.

Our fundraising activities to support the essential costs of maintaining our church building during the last year have been extremely fruitful. Thank you to all of those who have been involved in preparing for these and thank you also to members of our community who have continued to support us – a wonderfully effective way of connecting with the good people of our parish.

Our Diocese is currently well under way with the process for appointing the next Bishop of Lincoln and we hope to hear who that will be soon, with the consecration taking place later this year and our new Bishop being in place at some point in early Autumn.

As you are aware, recent events relating to the Diocesan 'Time To Change Together' process and the announcement of Cliff Kay's move from the Benefice of Belton to another Diocese, have meant yet another change of priorities and a further stretching of already limited resources. Following consultation with Churchwardens, PCCs and Deanery Synod a new workable Deanery worship plan is now agreed, and which has taken effect from 23rd April and will hopefully continue to provide support for worship, pastoral care and church governance as we move forward into the rest of this year and beyond.

If this proves to be unhelpful, both for congregations and the two remaining stipendiary clergy with support from our generous retired clergy and capable Lay people, then we will need to reconsider that plan.

As part of that new plan, I will remain as Rector of this Benefice but also become Priest-in-charge of the Belton Benefice, then having responsibility for 6 churches and parishes for worship, pastoral care and governance along with responding to requests for baptisms, weddings and funerals, and being involved with our schools, whilst also remaining as Rural Dean of the Isle of Axholme Deanery with all of the additional meetings and responsibilities involved in that role. Of course, it's not what I originally came here to do, is a lot to ask, and does require a great deal of time commitment and trying to juggle many balls at once. However, I have no reason to complain. I have been called and equipped by God for the purpose of serving his people and will continue to do that for as long as he continues to call me.

My only request is that I continue to have your understanding, support and prayers moving forward, - and that whoever it is that keeps on moving the goalposts, would they please stop for a while so we can all manage to catch our breath!

It is clear that the world and the Church has changed and that is disorientating and causing anxiety for many. We will have decisions to make, as individuals and as a Church. However, let us never forget that with God leading us we will have no need to fear. I do hope that you will choose to join with me in this challenging yet exciting adventure together.

Thank you.

Closing Prayers were led by the Rector

Meeting closed at 7.48pm

Signed Date

APCM Reports for 2024

Churchwarden's Report for 2023 for APCM 2024

During 2022 the Quinquennial Inspection was done but it took the Architect a long time to produce the full report and this was finally presented to the PCC in March 2023. As reported previously we were very lucky that nothing major was required and a further smaller meeting was held to discuss anything that was to be done immediately. Some work had already been done or was due to progress when weather and finances allowed. The small amounts of lead that had been stolen were replaced any loose or damaged tiles were replaced making the roof watertight. The burglar alarm sensors were rechecked, which they are on an annual basis. All the gutters and gullies were given a full clean after the final fall of leaves from the trees. Unfortunately, even though we have had quite a few callouts to the engineers the Church clock continues to keep having problems. David Cooper is keeping this under scrutiny. The gates on the North porch needed re-aligning and re-fixing into the walls this has been done. The iron handrails that were broken (vandalised) on the outside steps at the front of Church were repaired.

Unfortunately during the year the fabric of the Church was a major financial worry. It seems that there are a lot of things which have needed replacing or need work to keep them running due to their age. The lighting system in the Chancel and Nave is a big drain on resources because whenever a bulb needs replacing we have to call in electricians and a use of a scaffold tower. The electricians have drilled holes in the tops of the large black shades to keep the bulbs cool and prolong their use. Please note we do wait if at all possible before requesting the work so to put blocks of work together and save costs. There was a problem with electrics in the kitchen and to save major rewiring the system is completely safe if we restrict the use to two items been used in the sockets in total. The Avenue ground path lights were failing due to condensation (a regular problem) so they have been isolated and the pole lights were repaired and are adequate. The annual electrical Pat-testing and fire alarm checks were done. The heating boiler is causing concern. A new pump was fitted at the end of the year. Currently though the system is losing pressure and if this continues the boiler may have to be replaced! Thank you to Peter Broster for monitoring this and working with engineers to have the best possible outcomes.

Another major worry was the continued historical sharing of the water meter between the Church and the owners of the old Church School. The water company decided that we owed lots of money for usage that we could not possibly have had, when previous bills were checked and no increase in our occupation of the Church during the day. This will be seen in the Treasurer's report. We did report back to the water company that there had been large water bursts on the school site (not our responsibility). The PCC decided that the best way forward was to get our own water meter as soon as possible. This was not an easy task. Finally, after numerous calls by Penny to different people, departments and companies we got as far as visits to see how the work could progress. However, during these meetings it was stated that the meter could be replaced, but given the age of the pipework and the

avenue trees around the best thing was to have the pipework brought up to current standards. PCC approved the work and a date of 11th December 2023 was set but the full work did not start then. All work was completed during 2024 and a meter is now installed at the front west corner of the Church.

After repeated complaints been received about the condition of the Churchyard grass cutting, which had moved onto social media too. The PCC had put out various forms of request for help without results. Given the number and the effect it was having on our "Community standing" the decision was made to request quotes for the grass cutting work for the open Churchyard. In July a contractor Gavin Amys was appointed and he is also continuing this year thanks to the hard work he is doing. This decision did not reflect on the dutiful and hard work done by Jim Oliver and David Birks in the Churchyard over a long number of years. Our grateful thanks go to them for their unstinting support.

PCC received a request, through our land agent, for Mr. Hewson who currently farms and rents some of the Church lands. This was to swap two pieces of the Church rented land with a piece directly behind the Church (which he owns) to make this into a car park for Church use. He was willing to pay to surface the car park. Discussion included no lighting, further responsibility and the loss to the Church of land that may in the future be sold for development. The resulting reply was sent that the church would decline this offer.

The additions to the Terrier for 2023 are the Cabinet storing the archaeological artefacts which is on loan to the Church from North Lincs Council and the Laying Up of the old British Legion Standard which is now permanently placed in Church. That concludes the Fabric report.

As Churchwardens we are extremely thankful to the volunteers that help us to continue the work of the Church as a building and within the community. Unfortunately, there is a feeling that the group of volunteers is growing smaller leaving those to do the jobs required on a more regular basis. Please if there is something you feel you can help with or can see a simpler quicker way your input would be much appreciated.

During the last year we have had a wonderful array of enjoyable services and events. Historically the most important of these was the Coronation celebrations in May. They started off with the special coffee morning. Children from the Primary school displayed their cards which were all to be parcelled up and sent to the Palace. This resulted in lots of new people visiting the Church to see the display and the fabulously decorated Church. On the special weekend we held a Proms and picnic party in Church with singing to suit all age groups. The Royal photo booth was well visited. Everyone really enjoyed themselves. Thanks to Alison Tinsley for coordinating the event. The regular coffee mornings continue to be a great success. We now have a thriving Craft Club which provides a wonderful contact with the community and gives an array of enjoyment and learning thanks go to Gail Lockey for this. As always, we have visitors from all over the World and we thank Jim Oliver and Melvyn Rose for the talks that they give to them producing a generous revue. There is also

a team of volunteer stewards which keeps the Church open in an afternoon during the summer months for the casual visitor. Our thanks go to them too. I know I have not mentioned all the hard workers, those who are part of the Church family and those who help us out on occasions like our Christmas Fayre, but our thanks go to everyone on behalf of the Church.

My thanks go to Penny for the many jobs she does. Some you will never notice but are integral to the day to day running of the Church. Also, the times when she nearly has to live here, because someone else needs letting in to do a job.

We appreciate that the change to the service time was something we all had to get used to, but thank you, to you all for making it work. Nobody can say it has not proved a headache for our Rector Paul who has such a large workload now. I wish to pass on all our THANKS to him for the way he has worked through the past year giving everything to the Benefice and in helping us to work more closely together as a team. I hope that the Rector realises, that we all hope, that if there is a problem with the workload, he must let us know. We now have meetings every other month with him and the other Churchwardens and this gives us time to consolidate our work practices and learn with and from each other. Fundraising and grant applications are just some of the items discussed.

Thank you to everybody for the past year and please pass on the good word about our Church to all your friends so we may continue to grow in fellowship.

Treasurer's Report for 2023 for APCM 2024

The accounts for last year have been independently checked on 21st March 2024 by Rod Stormes (Belton) who has very kindly offered to do them free.

Receipts

Cash collections are about the same as 2022. Planned Giving has increased slightly.

Thank you to you all for your contributions.

Donations have increased by about £500.

Events: proceeds from coffee mornings have increased significantly. Christmas Fayre was down on previous years by approx. £1000.

Land rents have increased.

Feed in tariff (solar panels) down mainly due to severe weather but the previous year included a late payment.

Fees are for Funerals, Weddings,

Total income for 2023 was £61327 compared to £64231 in 2022, but a one-off Energy payment from the Diocese of £2579 was included.

Payments

The PCC made a commitment to pay £30,000 Covenanted Giving in 2023 as opposed to £35000 in 2022. The £30,000 was paid in full.

Clergy expenses relate to Rev Paul's claims for St Andrew's, St Mary's, and St Pancras only.

Utilities: Our gas usage was down last year, Electric about the same, Water: we received a demand for payment of £1200 but after disputing this as not our water leak, we agreed a figure of £483 which is in line with previous payments before the Old Church School was sold.

Maintenance: This includes, roof alarm maintenance and monitoring, Clock, Organ, Electrical (lighting) grasscutting, heating repairs and service.

Fees: Wedding fees (Diocese) Organist, vergers, Architect (Quinquennial report)

Donations to Children's Society, Turkey, Israel/Gaza, Ukraine appeals, Christian Aid and British Legion.

Bank Charges: Monthly fee £5, cheques issues, no of credits, cash paid in.

The closing balance at the end of the year was £13311.

Other funds with the CCLA Management Fund – 1494.26 shares - £33778.20 as at 31st December.

Independent Examiner's Certificate for the PCC Accounts

Report to the trustees of:	ST ANDREW'S EPWORTH		Parochial Church Council	
On accounts for the year	31 DECEMBER 2023	ended:	Charity Number	N/A
Set out on pages	AS PER ACCOUNT SHEETS AND BANK STATEMENTS PLUS SUPPORTING PAPERWORK			

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect.

I 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:  Date: 21 MARCH 2024

Name: Rodney STORMES

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

ACIB, Cert ICM

Address: 1 Meadowbank
Belton,
Doncaster DN9 1NW

ST. ANDREW'S PCC - EPWORTH

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS - YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>£</u>
Collections	5835
Planned Giving	13982
Events	11928
Donations	4890
Rents	1694
WB/Wroot re expenses	600
HMRC Tax reclaim	7653
Investment Income	58
Feed in tariff	951
Epworth Charities (Insurance re Wi	87
Transfers Money Manager Account	8859 17608
Fees	4790
Total	61327

Examined  21/3/24

ST ANDREW'S PCC - EPWORTH - RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

<u>PAYMENTS</u>		<u>£</u>
Covenanted Giving		30000
Clergy expenses		1511
Organist		1600
Utilities Gas	7217	
Electric	1514	
Water	483	9214
Maintenance		5945
Fees		3469
Insurance		4704
Donations		1892
Sunday Sheets	216	
Copyright Licence	236	
N Lincs Licence	21	
Candles. Wine	100	
VANL	360	
Printing costs	41	
Church Supplies	71	
Bank Charges	196	1241
		59576
Receipts/Payments		1751
Balance 1st January 2023		11560
Balance 31st December 2023		13311

Examined *[Signature]* 21/3/24

ST ANDREW'S PCC - EPWORTH

MONEY MANAGER ACCOUNT - 31ST DECEMBER 2023

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Receipts	8940
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Interest	14
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Total	8954
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Payments	
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Transfer to Charitable Acc	8859
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Total	8859
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Receipts/Payments	95
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Balance 1st January 2023	220
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Balance 31st December 2023	315
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Funds held with CCLA Investment Management

1400.26 shares @ £22.6053	31653.30
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94 shares @ £22.6053	2124.90
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Total	33778.20
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Examined *HT* 21/3/24

Deanery Synod Report for 2023 for APCM 2024

During 2022 Churches were deciding which Category they came into for the next five years. The 615 Churches in the Diocese have identified where they fit in and were ready to move forward at the beginning of 2023. All the Deanery Partnerships have been locally agreed. Our Partnership is to be called the North Lincolnshire Deanery Partnership, including Deaneries of The Isle of Axholme, Manlake and Yarborough. Our Isle Deanery Synod agreed to form one Local Mission Partnership across the Isle.

In February a Deanery meeting of all the Churchwardens was held to agree a plan for the Services from April onwards. The information was then passed down to the PCC's for them to agree. The Isle would now be split between the two remaining Rectors because with the amounts of our Covenanted giving (Parish Share) we only qualify on the Isle for 2.3 stipendiary posts.

Revd Paul would be responsible for Epworth, Wroot, West Butterwick, Belton, Althorpe and Amcotts.

Revd Mark would be responsible for Haxey, Owston Ferry, Crowle, Luddington and Garthorpe.

Concern was expressed for the hard work that would be involved. The Wardens stressed that both Rectors must make known any problems at any time regarding the new working arrangement.

Diane Ekins had formally retired from her post of Deanery Synod Lay Chair and her place on the Diocesan Synod and at the March meeting she was presented with a bouquet of flowers and thanks were expressed for everybody by Revd Paul. The new elected Deanery Lay Chair is Rod Stormes from Belton.

Revd Cliff Kay left the Isle in April and his last service was the Deanery service in April he was presented with an Amazon voucher.

Revd Paul was appointed the new Rural Dean. Revd Paul explained that the remaining clergy would have to become responsible for funerals all over the Isle. Pastoral care, mission and ministry would become more Deanery teams. Both of the Vicarages in Belton and Crowle were to be put up for sale. Revd Paul and Revd Mark were licensed enabling them to give any type of service across the Isle i.e. Weddings and Funerals, which would help provide cover.

The Archdeacons Visitation service for the Churchwardens on the Isle was held on 6th June 2023.

An application for funds has been approved for a Deanery Partnership Children's Youth and Families Enabler. We still qualify for another 0.3 Stipendiary Post in the Deanery and Revd Paul keeps pushing this point at Diocese level at every opportunity.

The new Bishop of Lincoln, Bishop Stephen Conway's installation service was held at the Cathedral on 11th November 2023.

Any questions on this report may be addressed to the Annual Parochial Church meeting or to me personally. Susan Storey, Churchwarden.

Safeguarding Report for 2023 for APCM 2024

Policies and Practice

The clergy and PCC continue to meet the requirement to have due regard to guidance issued by the House of Bishops on matters relating to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. Safeguarding continues to be a standard item on every agenda of the PCC meetings.

All safeguarding policies were updated and approved in May 2023 at the PCC meeting. They are all in line with the House of Bishop's Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance and meet statutory requirements. The next reviews will be in May 2024.

The Diocesan Safeguarding Team introduced a new Parish Safeguarding Dashboard. This is an online tool which allows PSOs to complete an audit of safeguarding policy and practice in the parish. Following the audit, an action plan is automatically generated to assist them in maintaining and improving their safeguarding practices.

Safer recruitment

The online system for DBS clearance is now well established. Application for recently elected PCC members will be undertaken, in addition to renewals where applicable.

Currently, there are no other volunteers who require DBS clearance, but this is always under review.

Thank you to everyone for their willingness to go through this process, your co-operation has been much appreciated.

Training

A new Safeguarding Learning and Development Framework has been developed by the Church of England. This means that additional training modules may need to be completed. Safeguarding training is always kept under review.

Safeguarding concerns and incidents

No safeguarding concerns have been raised during this year. However, we need to maintain our vigilance to ensure the protection and well-being of everyone in our communities.

Penny Birks
Parish Safeguarding Officer
April 2024

Annual Parochial Church Meeting Rector's Address 2024

Introduction:

I want to begin with thanking those who have helped and supported the ministry of our churches over the last year, those unseen hours of work carried out quietly behind the scenes in order that our churches are able to function and offer ministry and worship to our parishes and communities; to Revd Derek Brown for presiding each month at West Butterwick, Revd Jeremy Green who provides much-needed cover when I'm on leave, Revd Graham Lines who has covered a Christmas and Easter service at Althorpe, the Lay Ministry Team at Belton, Churchwardens and others who lead some non-eucharistic services, those who do the readings, lead the prayers, operate screens or sound systems, arrange the rotas, serve refreshments, arrange flowers, welcome visitors, those who help to reorder church for each event or service and those who help to maintain our buildings and keep them safe, clean and tidy and in good order.

Thank you to Churchwardens, the Treasurers, PCC Secretaries, Safeguarding Officers and members of the PCCs, to all those who have served as Church Officers or PCC members in these voluntary roles, which bring with them additional areas of responsibility and without whom our churches just wouldn't be able to continue and who work with me to ensure that good church governance is embedded, and essential decisions and activities are carried out properly and according to Charity Commission and Church law.

In each of our churches I am so fortunate to have wonderfully generous, kind, thoughtful and capable people to work alongside, without whom I would simply not be able to do the job I'm called to do as your Priest.

So, thank you to all those to whom this applies. I hope you know who you are.

Thank you also to all those who have agreed today to serve as elected representatives of this church. I look forward to working with you over this next year.

Services and Worship:

As you are aware, following the reduction in full time stipendiary clergy numbers on the Isle of Axholme from four to two, this has meant yet another change of priorities and a further stretching of already limited resources. Following consultation with Churchwardens, PCCs and Deanery Synod early last year, a new Deanery worship plan (copied below) was agreed from 23rd April last year, with some changes to worship times for some churches but which appears, on the whole, to have worked fairly well and which will hopefully continue to provide support for worship, pastoral care and church governance as we move forward into the rest of this year and beyond.

Now a year on, there will need to be a time of reflection to consider what can be done more effectively and where adjustments and changes need to be made to ease the clergy services workload. Again, I am immensely grateful for those authorised Lay leaders and retired clergy who share in leading worship each week.

Sunday	West Butterwick Type 3 Community Church	Epworth Type 2 Local Mission Church	Althorpe Type 3 Community Church	Belton Type 2 Local Mission Church	Wroot Type 3 Community Church	Amcotts Type 5 Closure	Crowle Type 3 Community Church	Owston Ferry Type 3 Community Church	Haxey Type 2 Local Mission Church	Luddington Type 4 Festival Church	Garthorpe Type 4 Festival Church
1 st	9:00 am HC Revd Paul	9:30 am Word Lay-led	10:30 am HC Revd Paul	11:00 am Word Lay-led	3:00 pm HC Revd Paul	(No Sunday services. Revd Paul)	9:15 am HC Revd Mark		11:00 am HC Revd Mark		
2 nd	9:00 am Word Lay-led	9:30 am HC Revd Paul		11:00 am HC Revd Paul		(No Sunday services. Revd Paul)	9:15 am Word Lay-led	9:15 am HC Revd Mark	11:00 am HC Revd Mark	2:00 pm HC Revd Mark	
3 rd	9:00 am HC Revd Derek Brown	9:30 am HC Revd Paul	10:00 am Prayer Fellowship Lay-led	11:00 am HC Revd Paul	3:00 pm HC Revd Paul	(No Sunday services. Revd Paul)	9:15 am HC Revd Mark	3:00 pm Informal worship Lay-led	11:00 am HC Revd Mark		
4 th		9:30 am HC Revd Paul		11:00 am HC Revd Paul		(No Sunday services. Revd Paul)	9:15 am Word Lay-led	9:15 am HC Revd Mark	11:00 am HC Revd Mark		Possible afternoon service? Revd Mark
5 th Deanery 10:30 am											

Church Buildings

Church building reports will have been covered elsewhere by Churchwardens, however I wanted to highlight a few things in my report.

St. Mark's Amcotts

St. Mark's Amcotts has been going through a lengthy process for some time seeking closure of the church building for regular worship and where the Parish Council will eventually take on the responsibility for the church building and maintain it as a community space for the village, as there is no village hall. This should be finalised very soon. We are waiting for the Church Commissioners to provide their final judgement. My thanks go to Tricia Murphy, who is Community Warden for St. Mark's, and who has worked tirelessly to repair and refurbish St. Mark's, applying for grants and Faculties and overseeing the work. The churchyard at St. Mark's remains open for further burials until the churchyard becomes full and will then need to be closed, and I will continue to have responsibility for this.

St. Oswald's Althorpe Consecrated Ground

The consecrated ground adjacent to St. Oswald's Church and the road has been closed for burials for many years and is an attractive open space which is currently underused. I am working with the Parish Council to enhance this as a Quiet Space for use by anyone needing to sit, reflect or pray. We are planning to sensitively develop this area with some suitable benches, low-maintenance planting and shrubs, a circular wheelchair and buggy-friendly footpath, a circular central grassed area, entrance gates to keep out animals and a noticeboard explaining the purpose of the Quiet Space (i.e. not a playground). Community grants should be available to fund this.

St. Mary's West Butterwick

The plans for maintenance and repair of St. Mary's Church continue, particularly the urgent repairs to weather-worn external stonework and extensive quinquennial inspection work. A small working group of the PCC are working hard to apply for eligible grants for this work, without which the work won't be realised.

St. Pancras Wroot

The urgent work at St. Pancras to repair the church tower, inside and out, and replace the old cracked and leaking lead roof continue and should be completed fairly soon. Again, finances are limited, and fundraising continues to help cover some of these costs.

St. Andrew's Epworth

Since being re-ordered and refurbished some years ago, many of the facilities are now beginning to cause issues due to age, predominantly electrical and lighting, rising damp and flaking plaster, etc. These will require attention and of course expense. Through no fault of our own, we had to make a decision to install a new water supply at a cost of £7,500, as the water supply was being shared with the old school site at the bottom of the footpath leading up to church and which had been sold by the Diocese to a private developer. This was an unexpected and unfortunate additional cost for the church.

All Saints Belton

Although the church is in good order, we will need to replace the church roof. This work should begin soon.

Baptism, Weddings & Funerals 2023

Baptisms: = 22

Epworth = 7. Belton = 11. Althorpe = 2. Wroot = 1. West Butterwick = 1. Amcotts = 0.

Weddings: = 8

Epworth = 3. Belton = 1. Althorpe = 0. Wroot = 1. West Butterwick = 3. Amcotts = 0.

Funerals: = 26

Epworth = 4. Belton = 10. Althorpe = 2. Wroot = 1. West Butterwick = 2. Amcotts = 2.

Crowle = 2. Crematorium = 3

Church Schools

There continues to be good working relationships with our three Church Primary Schools (West Butterwick, Wroot-Travis and Belton) with school services in church, Collective Worship in school led by myself with a group from All Saints Belton providing regular 'Open the Book' worship in Belton School. It is hoped that colleagues from the Epworth Methodist Church will be able to support Wroot-Travis School with 'Open the Book' from this year. I also have had opportunities for working with Keadby Primary School and we have also held school services in Althorpe Church.

Nursing Homes

The one residential nursing home within our group of churches is in Althorpe and a group from the church visit monthly for an hour consisting of worship, refreshments and conversations and ending with an uplifting sing-a-long.

Diocese

Our Diocese now has a new Bishop of Lincoln, The Right Revd Stephen Conway, and I feel that the Diocese is in good, Godly, experienced and capable hands with Bishop Stephen for the next few years.

As part of Time To Change Together, each parish and PCC in the Diocese will be encouraged to reflect and reconsider their church categorisation, (i.e. 1. Key Mission Church, 2. Local Mission Church, 3. Community Church, 4. Festival Church, 5 Church seeking closure) in case there may need to be some adjustments made for the next period of time moving forward.

Deanery

The Isle of Axholme Deanery has a new Deanery Lay Chair, Rod Stormes, (who is also Churchwarden and Treasurer at All Saints Belton), and who is working closely with the 2 stipendiary clergy, Deanery Churchwardens, Deanery and Diocesan Synod and will be a huge asset and benefit to the Deanery in this role.

Fundraising

Our fundraising activities to support the essential costs of maintaining our church buildings during the last year have been extremely helpful. Thank you to all of those who have been involved in preparing for these and thank you also to members of our community who have continued to support us – a wonderfully effective way of connecting with the good people of our parishes.

Personal

The last couple of years have been something of a challenge for all of us with so many recent and predicted changes in the pattern of parish ministry. As a priest, I have to be ever mindful of maintaining and continually renewing that initial sense of calling to ordained ministry, which was to serve and lead God's people, whilst also being mindful of my own well-being in order to continue that ministry for the long-term.

“Priests are called to be servants and shepherds among the people to whom they are sent” “Remember always with thanksgiving that the treasure now to be entrusted to you is Christ’s own flock bought by the shedding of his blood on the cross. It is to him that you will render account for your stewardship of his people.”

It is crucial for me that this form of ministry isn't replaced by a pragmatic 'managerial-style' of leadership due to constraints on time and resources, and therefore, I will be spending some time reflecting prayerfully and considering thoughtfully those priestly roles and responsibilities which only I am able to carry out and which things need to either be passed to other capable people or perhaps even stopped altogether.

Meeting schedules and frequency will need to be reconsidered where I am expected to attend, to avoid constantly preparing for and going to too many meetings each week, consider where capable people can effectively chair and administer some meetings and where other meetings could be amalgamated to avoid duplication.

Our fundraising and social events are an important and enjoyable part of our church lives together, however, there are often so many of these in our 6 churches that I find it difficult to attend all of them and feel sad because I have to make those kinds of decisions due to other commitments. I do try, and will continue to try, to support as many as possible when I can and when time allows.

However, bearing all of these things and more in mind, I have no reason to complain. I have been called and equipped by God for the purpose of serving and caring for his people as Priest and will continue to do that for as long as he continues to call me.

My only request is that I continue to have your understanding, support and prayers moving forward.

It is clear that the world and the Church has changed and that is disorientating and causing anxiety for many. We will have decisions to make, as individuals and as a Church and inevitably there will need to be further changes. However, let us never forget that with God leading us we will have no need to fear.

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:19-20)

I do hope that you will choose to join with me in this challenging yet exciting adventure together.

Thank you.

Revd Paul.

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ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
CHURCHWARDENS AND FABRIC REPORT 2022

The first thing I would like to say is a big thank you to everybody for adapting to all the restrictions that the Covid epidemic brought to Church life. This has of course brought quite a few trials and tribulations with it. The year began with all the PCCs in the benefice having to vote to close our Churches. It was then that we Churchwardens greatly appreciated our very organised and hard-working Rector. He started the on-line services the last of these was 21st March 2021 and Church was re-opened for Palm Sunday 28th March. The Church web-site was updated and a Facebook page developed again by the Rector so we are all able to keep in contact with people using old and new methods. There was also the new concept of coffee mornings via Zoom.

All during this year we had problems with the Church clock even though it was regularly serviced. After many visits by the clock repair company this has now been rectified. Thanks to Melvyn Rose and David Cooper for their help with this.

As we opened the Church again slowly and safely, it was suggested that an Easter garden and the embroidered Easter crosses be made for people to appreciate and collect as they passed by the Church thanks to Mike and Dorothy Smith and Jeremy and Stephanie Green in organising this.

Great joy was seen and heard in July when singing and bell-ringing resumed in Church again, when more Covid restrictions were lifted. Now the Church was opening in more ways we began to tidy up inside and outside the Church. Jim Oliver and Dave Birks have done their sterling work in the open Churchyard again. We have also had some challenging times with the heating system I thank Peter Broster and Melvyn Rose. The gutters were cleaned and the drains were checked. Woodworm in the bell chamber was successfully treated. Peter and Lorraine Knight kindly power washed the Avenue gates and railings. The Quinquennial inspection is due this year (2022) by the Architect so we will no doubt have more work needed.

Coffee mornings began in August and planning began to hold the Christmas Fayre. We have been very pleased since the coffee mornings began the amounts received have been excellent. Thanks to all the members of the Church and friends that helped with such hard work to raise such a fantastic amount at Christmas Fayre. We kept our fingers crossed that the event would not have to be cancelled (again due to Covid). It was agreed by the PCC that as the Church reopened we should accept the kind offer of a banner to promote the Church when holding special events or coffee mornings, etc. to be seen from the Church Street car park.

I cannot say how surprised we were, to be able to say that we had paid our Parish Share this year. Part way through the year it was reported to PCC that it seemed unachievable. So a big thank you to Penny in working so hard with our finances and to yourselves in making this possible. The reason why I am mentioning this now is that like all homes the Church is "feeling the pinch" with our economic costs. We had the first of our foreign tourist coach tours this weekend. That was only 18 people not the usual 2 coach loads. I also asked the courier if there was more to come in the future, his answer was "No". This will be a big loss to us for some time I fear. So what we must do now is to be open for the staycation holidaymakers. If people can give a couple of hours weekly or fortnightly we would like to have the Church open again from 2 – 4 p.m. daily. We are also probably visiting other areas ourselves if you see something a Church is doing and you think we could do it here please tell us.

In summing up this year, the important person to thank is Rev. Paul for all his hard work in keeping us together and connected as a Church. Finally I apologise to anyone I have not thanked individually you are all to be thanked for working as a team to make the year such a success under extreme limitations.

St Andrew's Parochial Church Council (Epworth)

Registered Charity No: 252324

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North Lincolnshire

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, EPWORTH

Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2022

Administrative Information

Trustees

Reverend Paul Wilson (Rector)
Mrs P Birks (Churchwarden & Treasurer)
Miss S Storey (Churchwarden)
Mrs J Brewster
Mrs L Burnham (resigned 27th April 2022)
Mr D Cooper
Mrs J Cozens
Mr D Higginson
Mrs P Higginson
Mrs W Kitson
Mrs K Liddell
Mrs J Matthews (resigned 27th April 2022)
Mr J Oliver
Mr M Rose
Mrs S Usztan
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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, EPWORTH

Aims and purposes

St Andrew's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Paul Wilson, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become or remain part of parish community at St Andrew's Epworth. When planning our activities, we try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our community: in worship and prayer, provision of pastoral care and in missionary and outreach work.

To enable us to more fully undertake this work, over the last 3 or so years a major scheme of restoration and improvements to the Church of St Andrew's, with the substantial help from grant funding, has taken place.

Achievements and Performance

We offer a range of services each week and in the course of the year. Following an 18 months period in which due to the substantial building works, in which we could not worship in our Church, it has been pleasing to return, in May 2013, to our restored Church and to welcome growing numbers into our services and other activities. We continue to be grateful to all those who have played their part in ensuring St Andrew's and its' worship and other activities have continued elsewhere and in our restored Church. We also assist many to mark the milestones of their lives, in baptism, marriage and funerals.

Members of our PPC sit on the deanery synod and this provides us with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. We continue to provide opportunities for social activities and visit and care for members of our parish whom are sick, frail, in hospital or housebound.

Our parish magazine keeps parishioners and the wider community of Epworth and District informed of important matters affecting our Church, with details of our services, contact details of our clergy and others and articles of interest about our activities and faith.

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Volunteers

We wish to put on record all the volunteers who have worked so hard to make our Church the welcoming, beautiful, historic place of worship and community life it is. In particular, our churchwardens, Mrs Birks and Miss Storey, all other members of our PCC and the many others who help in so many ways to keep our parish active, welcoming and witnesses of their faith.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of our PCC members is as set out in the Church Representation Rules. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The membership consists of the incumbent, churchwardens, the reader and members elected by those on the electoral roll of the Church.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on how all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are spent. The Trustees consider the Public Benefit when making decisions.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, EPWORTH

Independent Examiner's report to the PCC for St Andrew's Church, Epworth Parish,

I report on the annual report and accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 1 to 11, in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

Respective responsibilities of PCC and examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, and you consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and the Regulations) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of the Regulations, that is to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission in the 2011 Act, and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Whilst there is no concerns and I am happy to sign off the independent examination, I would recommend that the separation of restricted and unrestricted accounting recording is made clearer to allow easier analysis of the organisations accounts.

Mrs Katie Sauvage FCCA
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Date:

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, EPWORTH

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

		Unrestricted Funds	Restoration Appeal	Total 2022	Unrestricted Funds	Restoration Appeal	Total 2021
INCOME & ENDOWMENTS							
Incoming Resources from generated funds		£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations & legacies	2(a)	41,394	-	41,394	38,747	-	38,747
Other trading activities	2(b)	19,072	-	19,072	11,060	-	11,060
Income from investments	2(c)	61	929	990	56	834	890
Income from Church activities	2(d)	3,817	-	3,817	3,783	-	3,783
Other incoming resources	2(e)	-	-	-	106	-	106
Total incoming resources		64,344	929	65,273	53,752	834	54,586
EXPENDITURE ON							
Church activities	3(a)	(61,068)	(60)	(61,128)	(53,672)	(564)	(54,236)
Total expenditure		(61,068)	(60)	(61,128)	(53,672)	(564)	(54,236)
Net Movements in funds		3,276	869	4,145	80	270	350
Unrealised gain/(loss) on revaluation		(4,075)	-	(4,075)	4,333	-	4,333
		(799)	869	70	4,413	270	4,683
Total Funds brought forward At 1 January 2022		17,191	31,321	48,512	12,778	31,051	43,829
Total Funds carried forward At 31 December 2022		16,392	32,190	48,582	17,191	31,321	48,512

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, EPWORTH

Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2022

	<u>Note</u>	2022 £	2021 £
Tangible Assets for Church use	5	Not valued	Not valued
Investment Assets	5	<u>30,871</u>	<u>34,946</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors		-	-
Short Term Deposits	6	5,599	4,669
Cash at bank and in hand	7	<u>12,472</u>	<u>9,177</u>
		18,071	13,846
LIABILITIES			
Creditors – amounts falling due in one year	8	<u>(360)</u>	<u>(280)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>17,711</u>	<u>13,566</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>48,582</u>	<u>48,512</u>
FUNDS			
General Funds (unrestricted)	9/10	16,392	17,191
Restoration Appeal (restricted)	9/10	<u>32,190</u>	<u>31,321</u>
Total funds		<u>48,582</u>	<u>48,512</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on its' behalf by:

Churchwarden: Miss S Storey (Churchwarden)

Treasurer: Mrs P Birks (Treasurer/Churchwarden)

Dated:

The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

**Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP FRS102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, (effective January 2016) and other applicable accounting standards. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Parochial Church Council is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

1.2 Funds

Restricted funds represent donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the Parochial Church Council for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. However substantial funds have been transferred last year and this year from unrestricted to restricted funds for the purposes of the Church restoration.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for Parochial Church Council ordinary purposes. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the Parochial Church Council are also unrestricted.

1.3 Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the Parochial Church Council is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

1.4 Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the Parochial Church Council. The Diocesan Parish Share is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

1.5 Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. For anything acquired prior to 31 December 2011 there is insufficient cost information available and such assets are not valued in the financial statements. The church is currently undergoing significant restoration work. Such costs are ongoing and have been expensed through the statement of financial activities and have not been capitalised, last year and in the current period. The bulk of these are fixed additions to the Church which is not owned by the PCC. A small amount of the expenditure is portable, but has been funded with grants and so if capitalised a designated reserve with a release equal and opposite to the depreciation would be needed. Amounts are not material and would be complex in accounting terms.

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December 2022.

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Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2022

2. INCOME & ENDOWMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restoration Funds £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restoration Funds £	Total 2021 £
2(a) Donations & legacies						
Gift Aid	7,743	-	7,743	6,405	-	6,405
Envelopes	23,199	-	23,199	22,663	-	22,663
Collections	5,880	-	5,880	6,353	-	6,353
Tourism/Donations	4,572	-	4,572	3,326	-	3,326
Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
	41,394	-	41,394	38,747	-	38,747
2(b) Other trading activities						
Magazines (Sales & Adverts)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rents (Land & Wayleave)	1,381	-	1,381	1,381	-	1,381
Shop Sales	-	-	-	-	-	-
Events	11,276	-	11,276	7,650	-	7,650
WB/Wroot re Expenses	600	-	600	650	-	650
Feed In Tariff	2,636	-	2,636	1,039	-	1,039
Quickline	600	-	600	-	-	-
Communications	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sundries	-	-	-	-	-	-
VAT refund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sale of Assets	-	-	-	340	-	340
Diocesan Energy Payment	2,579	-	2,579	-	-	-
	19,072	-	19,072	11,060	-	11,060
2(c) Income from investments						
Investment income	-	860	860	-	832	832
Bank interest	61	69	130	56	2	58
	61	929	990	56	834	890
2(d) Income from church activities						
Fees	3,817	-	3,817	3,783	-	3,783
	3,817	-	3,817	3,783	-	3,783
2(e) Other incoming resources						
Refunds and other income	-	-	-	106	-	106
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	106	-	106
	64,344	929	65,273	53,752	834	54,586

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, EPWORTH

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

	EXPENDITURE ON	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £
3(a)	Parish Share	34,867	-	34,867	34,649	-	34,649
	Clergy expenses	2,195	-	2,195	1,628	-	1,628
	Organist	1,400	-	1,400	400	-	400
	Maintenance	4,678	-	4,678	3,993	-	3,993
	Insurance	4,786	-	4,786	4,606	-	4,606
	Gas & Electric	8,835	-	8,835	4,670	-	4,670
	Magazine	-	-	-	276	-	276
	Fees re Funerals	660	-	660	998	-	998
	Sundries	305	-	305	67	-	67
	Altar Costs	111	-	111	153	-	153
	Donations	1,857	-	1,857	1,310	-	1,310
	Childrens area	39	-	39	-	-	-
	Printing	205	-	205	-	-	-
	Bank Charges	170	60	230	16	-	16
	Hire of Hall	328	-	328	394	-	394
	Professional fees	242	-	242	232	-	232
	Building Work	-	-	-	-	564	564
	Church restoration costs	30	-	30	-	-	-
	Independent Examiner's fees	360	-	360	280	-	280
		61,068	60	61,128	53,672	564	54,236
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	61,068	60	61,128	53,672	564	54,236

4. Staff costs

	2022 £	2021 £
Salaries, wages and honoraria	<u>1,400</u>	<u>400</u>

During the year the Church Council remunerated the services of the organist, but no payments were large enough to attract social security costs. This equates to less than one full-time employee. No payments or expenses were paid to any other Church Council member, persons closely connected to them or related parties.

5. Investment Assets

	2022 £	2021 £
Market value at 1 January 2022	34,946	30,613
Revaluation gain/(loss)	<u>(4,075)</u>	<u>4,333</u>
Market value at 31 December 2022	<u>30,871</u>	<u>34,946</u>

The holding at 31 December 2022 was 1,494 shares in the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England's Investment Fund (2021: 1,494 shares). The market value at 31 December 2022 represents investments for unrestricted funds.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, EPWORTH

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

6. Short Term Deposits

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
CBF Deposit Fund	-	5,599	5,599	4,669
	-	5,599	5,599	4,669

7. Cash at Bank and in Hand

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £
HSBC PCC Account	11,560	-	11,560	8,327	-	8,327
Restoration Appeal Account	-	692	692	-	622	622
Money Manager Account	220	-	220	97	-	97
Money Manager Restoration Account	-	-	-	-	130	130
	11,780	692	12,472	8,424	752	9,176

8. Liabilities

Amounts falling in one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Loan advanced re Restoration Costs	-	-
Trade Creditors	-	-
Accruals	-	-
Independent Examination fee	360	280
	360	280

9. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £
Tangible Assets for Church Use	4,972	25,899	30,871
Current Assets	11,780	6,291	18,071
Current Liabilities	(360)	-	(360)
Total	16,392	32,190	48,582

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, EPWORTH

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

10. Fund movements

	B/fwd at 01.01.22 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Investment Gain/(Loss) £	C/fwd at 31.12.22 £
Restricted Funds						
Restoration Appeal	31,321	929	(60)	-	-	32,190
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	17,191	64,344	(61,068)	-	(4,075)	16,392
Total Funds	<u>48,512</u>	<u>65,273</u>	<u>(61,128)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,075)</u>	<u>48,582</u>

The restricted fund comprises of funding received for the restoration of the Church together with substantial funds moved from unrestricted funds.

St Andrew's Parochial Church Council (Epworth)

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Other trading activities	2(b)	19,072	-	19,072	11,060	-	11,060
Income from investments	2(c)	61	929	990	56	834	890
Income from Church activities	2(d)	3,817	-	3,817	3,783	-	3,783
Other incoming resources	2(e)	-	-	-	106	-	106
Total incoming resources		64,344	929	65,273	53,752	834	54,586
EXPENDITURE ON							
Church activities	3(a)	(61,068)	(60)	(61,128)	(53,672)	(564)	(54,236)
Total expenditure		(61,068)	(60)	(61,128)	(53,672)	(564)	(54,236)
Net Movements in funds		3,276	869	4,145	80	270	350
Unrealised gain/(loss) on revaluation		(4,075)	-	(4,075)	4,333	-	4,333
		(799)	869	70	4,413	270	4,683
Total Funds brought forward At 1 January 2022		17,191	31,321	48,512	12,778	31,051	43,829
Total Funds carried forward At 31 December 2022		16,392	32,190	48,582	17,191	31,321	48,512

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, EPWORTH

Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2022

	<u>Note</u>	2022 £	2021 £
Tangible Assets for Church use	5	Not valued	Not valued
Investment Assets	5	<u>30,871</u>	<u>34,946</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors		-	-
Short Term Deposits	6	5,599	4,669
Cash at bank and in hand	7	<u>12,472</u>	<u>9,177</u>
		18,071	13,846
LIABILITIES			
Creditors – amounts falling due in one year	8	<u>(360)</u>	<u>(280)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>17,711</u>	<u>13,566</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>48,582</u>	<u>48,512</u>
FUNDS			
General Funds (unrestricted)	9/10	16,392	17,191
Restoration Appeal (restricted)	9/10	<u>32,190</u>	<u>31,321</u>
Total funds		<u>48,582</u>	<u>48,512</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on its' behalf by:

Churchwarden: Miss S Storey (Churchwarden)

Treasurer: Mrs P Birks (Treasurer/Churchwarden)

Dated:

The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

**Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP FRS102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, (effective January 2016) and other applicable accounting standards. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Parochial Church Council is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

1.2 Funds

Restricted funds represent donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the Parochial Church Council for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. However substantial funds have been transferred last year and this year from unrestricted to restricted funds for the purposes of the Church restoration.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for Parochial Church Council ordinary purposes. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the Parochial Church Council are also unrestricted.

1.3 Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the Parochial Church Council is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

1.4 Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the Parochial Church Council. The Diocesan Parish Share is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

1.5 Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. For anything acquired prior to 31 December 2011 there is insufficient cost information available and such assets are not valued in the financial statements. The church is currently undergoing significant restoration work. Such costs are ongoing and have been expensed through the statement of financial activities and have not been capitalised, last year and in the current period. The bulk of these are fixed additions to the Church which is not owned by the PCC. A small amount of the expenditure is portable, but has been funded with grants and so if capitalised a designated reserve with a release equal and opposite to the depreciation would be needed. Amounts are not material and would be complex in accounting terms.

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December 2022.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, EPWORTH
Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2022

2. INCOME & ENDOWMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restoration Funds £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restoration Funds £	Total 2021 £
2(a) Donations & legacies						
Gift Aid	7,743	-	7,743	6,405	-	6,405
Envelopes	23,199	-	23,199	22,663	-	22,663
Collections	5,880	-	5,880	6,353	-	6,353
Tourism/Donations	4,572	-	4,572	3,326	-	3,326
Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
	41,394	-	41,394	38,747	-	38,747
2(b) Other trading activities						
Magazines (Sales & Adverts)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rents (Land & Wayleave)	1,381	-	1,381	1,381	-	1,381
Shop Sales	-	-	-	-	-	-
Events	11,276	-	11,276	7,650	-	7,650
WB/Wroot re Expenses	600	-	600	650	-	650
Feed In Tariff	2,636	-	2,636	1,039	-	1,039
Quickline	600	-	600	-	-	-
Communications	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sundries	-	-	-	-	-	-
VAT refund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sale of Assets	-	-	-	340	-	340
Diocesan Energy Payment	2,579	-	2,579	-	-	-
	19,072	-	19,072	11,060	-	11,060
2(c) Income from investments						
Investment income	-	860	860	-	832	832
Bank interest	61	69	130	56	2	58
	61	929	990	56	834	890
2(d) Income from church activities						
Fees	3,817	-	3,817	3,783	-	3,783
	3,817	-	3,817	3,783	-	3,783
2(e) Other incoming resources						
Refunds and other income	-	-	-	106	-	106
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	106	-	106
	64,344	929	65,273	53,752	834	54,586

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	EXPENDITURE ON	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £
3(a)	Parish Share	34,867	-	34,867	34,649	-	34,649
	Clergy expenses	2,195	-	2,195	1,628	-	1,628
	Organist	1,400	-	1,400	400	-	400
	Maintenance	4,678	-	4,678	3,993	-	3,993
	Insurance	4,786	-	4,786	4,606	-	4,606
	Gas & Electric	8,835	-	8,835	4,670	-	4,670
	Magazine	-	-	-	276	-	276
	Fees re Funerals	660	-	660	998	-	998
	Sundries	305	-	305	67	-	67
	Altar Costs	111	-	111	153	-	153
	Donations	1,857	-	1,857	1,310	-	1,310
	Childrens area	39	-	39	-	-	-
	Printing	205	-	205	-	-	-
	Bank Charges	170	60	230	16	-	16
	Hire of Hall	328	-	328	394	-	394
	Professional fees	242	-	242	232	-	232
	Building Work	-	-	-	-	564	564
	Church restoration costs	30	-	30	-	-	-
	Independent Examiner's fees	360	-	360	280	-	280
		61,068	60	61,128	53,672	564	54,236
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	61,068	60	61,128	53,672	564	54,236

4. Staff costs

	2022 £	2021 £
Salaries, wages and honoraria	<u>1,400</u>	<u>400</u>

During the year the Church Council remunerated the services of the organist, but no payments were large enough to attract social security costs. This equates to less than one full-time employee. No payments or expenses were paid to any other Church Council member, persons closely connected to them or related parties.

5. Investment Assets

	2022 £	2021 £
Market value at 1 January 2022	34,946	30,613
Revaluation gain/(loss)	<u>(4,075)</u>	<u>4,333</u>
Market value at 31 December 2022	<u>30,871</u>	<u>34,946</u>

The holding at 31 December 2022 was 1,494 shares in the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England's Investment Fund (2021: 1,494 shares). The market value at 31 December 2022 represents investments for unrestricted funds.

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6. Short Term Deposits

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
CBF Deposit Fund	-	5,599	5,599	4,669
	-	5,599	5,599	4,669

7. Cash at Bank and in Hand

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £
HSBC PCC Account	11,560	-	11,560	8,327	-	8,327
Restoration Appeal Account	-	692	692	-	622	622
Money Manager Account	220	-	220	97	-	97
Money Manager Restoration Account	-	-	-	-	130	130
	11,780	692	12,472	8,424	752	9,176

8. Liabilities

Amounts falling in one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Loan advanced re Restoration Costs	-	-
Trade Creditors	-	-
Accruals	-	-
Independent Examination fee	360	280
	360	280

9. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £
Tangible Assets for Church Use	4,972	25,899	30,871
Current Assets	11,780	6,291	18,071
Current Liabilities	(360)	-	(360)
Total	16,392	32,190	48,582

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10. Fund movements

	B/fwd at 01.01.22 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Investment Gain/(Loss) £	C/fwd at 31.12.22 £
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And secondly, I'd like to thank all those who have served as Church Officers or PCC members in these voluntary roles, which bring with them additional areas of responsibility and without whom this church just wouldn't be able to continue.

Thank you also to all those who have agreed today to serve as elected representatives of this church. I look forward to working with you over this next year.

**

As you are aware, we are continuing to face huge changes in the Church of England, and our Diocese is already well along the journey of exploring hopefully positive ways of ensuring

that the Church's mission and ministry continues effectively to the people of our communities.

The new Archdeacon of Stow & Lindsey – The Revd Alyson Buxton, currently Vicar of St. Botolph's In Boston and lead for Resourcing Sustainable Church – will be appointed very soon and she will hopefully be able to provide leadership and focus for our part of the Diocese as we move forward together.

There will also be Deanery Partnership Area Deans appointed including for our North Lincolnshire deaneries of the Isle of Axholme, Yarborough and Manlake, a role which will run alongside a vicar's current role in their parishes, so won't be an additional expense, and who will be able to work strategically with the Archdeacon, clergy and parishes.

This new role will be a hugely responsible and time-consuming role and having been Area Dean myself twice, I understand the workload required. However, appointments haven't yet been made.

The role of Rural Dean will remain in each Deanery.

**

In this Benefice, following consultation with the PCCs of St. Mary's and St. Pancras, we have decided to return to a consistent weekly, predominantly clergy-led pattern of worship, rather than the current alternate Sunday pattern, until discussions and decisions about clergy responsibility for the parishes and benefices are completed in this Deanery and in the proposed Deanery Mission Partnership sometime later this year. These decisions will determine where the clergy will have responsibility throughout the Isle.

**

Although the current workload is keeping me busy in this Benefice along with supporting and covering services elsewhere in the Deanery, especially the many additional baptisms, weddings and funerals, I continue to give thanks for your understanding and support during these challenging times.

**

As you know, my practice in previous parishes has always been to encourage and build teams and to facilitate and empower others to exercise their own God-given ministry, whether that's in assisting with services, or in administrative or other more practical ways.

In normal times, that process of discernment and encouraging conversations would have been well under way by now. However, it's always a good time to continue sowing seeds and I hope that some of you will be open to responding in a positive way in offering your God-given ministry in some way.

**

Prior to the pandemic you may remember me encouraging you all to 'bring one friend' with you to church. Thankfully, this was bearing fruit as some of you responded to that invitation.

Please don't forget that crucially important task that we are all called to be involved in, of drawing others into God's love and making disciples.

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**

It is clear that the world and the Church has changed and that is disorientating and causing anxiety for many.

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Other trading activities	2(b)	11,060		11,060	7,149		7,449
Income from investments	2(c)	56	B34	890	57	818	875
Income from Church activities	2(d)	3,783		3,7B3	2,885		2,885
Other incoming resources	2(e)	106		106			
Total incoming resources		S3,752	034	54,586	44,197	2,188	46,385
EXPENDITURE ON							
Church activities	3(a)	(53,6721	(564)	(54,236)	(47,694)		(47,694}
Total expenditure		(53,672]	(564)	(54,236)	(45,694)		(47,694]
Net Movements in funds		80	2 ZO	350	(3,497)	Z,188	(1,309)
Unrealised gain/(loss) on revaluation		4,333		4,333	1,969		1,969
		4413	270	4,683	(1,528)	2,188	660
Total Funds brought forward At 1 January 2021		1z,778	31,0 S1	43,8Z 9	14,306	Z8,863	43,169
Total Funds carried forward At 31 December 2021		17,191	31,8 Z1	48,512	12,778	3t,051	43,829

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, EPWORTH

Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2021

	Note	2021	2020
Tangible Assets for Church use	5	Not valued	Not valued
Investment Assets	5	34,946	30,613
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors			
Short Term Deposits	6	4,669	3,835
Cash at bank and in hand	7	9,177	9,781
		13,846	13,616
LIABILITIES			
Creditors — amounts falling due in one year	8	(280]	(400)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		13,566	13,216
NET ASSETS		48,512	43,829
FUNDS			
General Funds (unrestricted)	9/10	17,191	12,778
Restoration Appeal (restricted)	9/10	31,321	31,051
Total funds		48,512	43,829

The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2021

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting Convention

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Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the Parochial Church Council. The Diocesan Parish Share is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

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Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. For anything acquired prior to 31 December 2011 there is insufficient cost information available and such assets are not valued in the financial statements. The church is currently undergoing significant restoration work. Such costs are ongoing and have been expensed through the statement of financial activities and have not been capitalised, last year and in the current period. The bulk of these are fixed additions to the Church which is not owned by the PCC. A small amount of the expenditure is portable, but has been funded with grants and so if capitalised a designated reserve with a release equal and opposite to the depreciation would be needed. Amounts are not material and would be complex in accounting terms.

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December 2021.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, EPWORTH
Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2021

Z. Income & Endowments

	Unrestricted Funds	Restoration Funds	Total 2021	Unrestricted Funds	Restoration Funds	Total 2020
2(a) Donations & legacies						
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Envelopes	22,663	-	22,663	19,011	-	19,011
Collections	6,353	-	6,353	2,962		2,962
Tourism/Donations	3,326		3,326	5,510	1,370	6,880
Heritage Lottery						
Donations						
Grants						
	38,747		38,747	33,806	1,370	35,176
2(b) Other trading activities						
Magazines (Sales & Adverts)						
Rents (Land & Wayleave)	1,381	-	1,381	3,084		3,084
Shop Sales						
Events	7,650	-	7,650	2,116		2,116
WB/Wroot re	650		650	600		600
Expenses						
Feed In Tariff	1,039		1,039	1,049		1,049
Quickline				600	-	600
Communications						
Sundries						
VAT refund						
Sale of Assets	340		340			
Stewardship						
	11,060	-	11,060	7,449		7,449
2(c) Income from investments						
Investment income		832	832	54	804	858
Bank interest	56	2	58	3	14	17
	56	834	890	57	818	875
2(d) Income from church activities						
Fees	3,783		3,783	2,885	-	2,885
	3,783		3,783	2,885	-	2,885
2(e) Other incoming resources						
Refunds and other income	106	-	106			
Transfers						
	106	-	106			
	53,752	834	54,586	44,197	2,188	46,385

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, EPWORTH

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021

	EXPENDITURE	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020
3 (a)] Parish Share		34,649	-	34,649	29,649		29,649
Clergy expenses		1,628		1,628	1,710	-	1,710
Organist		400		400	1,200	-	1,200
Maintenance		3,993		3,993	3,628	-	3,628
Insurance		4,606	-	4,606	4,734	-	4,734
Gas & Electric		4,670		4,670	4,896	-	4,896
Magazine		276		276	515	-	515
Fees re Funerals		998	-	998	432	-	432
Sundries		67	-	67	60	-	60
Altar Costs		153		153	171	-	171
Donations		1,310	-	1,310	-	-	
Website Costs				-	75	-	75
Bank Charges		16	-	16			
Hire of Hall		394	-	394			
Professional fees		232		232	204		204
Building Work		-	564	564	30	-	30
Church restoration costs					-	-	
Independent Examiner's fees		280		280	390	-	390
		53,672	564	54,236	47,694	-	47,694
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		53,672	564	54,236	47,694	-	47,694

4. Staff costs

	2021	2020
Salaries, wages and honoraria	400	1,200

During the year the Church Council remunerated the services of the organist, but no payments were large enough to attract social security costs. This equates to less than one full-time employee. No payments or expenses were paid to any other Church Council member, persons closely connected to them or related parties.

S. Investment Assets

	2021	2020
Market value at 1 January 2021	30,613	28,644
Revaluation gain/(loss)	4,333	1,969
Market value at 31 December 2021	34,946	30,613

The holding at 31 December 2021 was 1,494 shares in the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England's Investment Fund (2020: 1,494 shares). The market value at 31 December 2021 represents investments for unrestricted funds.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, EPWORTH

Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2021

6. Short Term Deposits

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
CBS Deposit Fund		4,669	4,669	3,835
	-	4,669	4,669	3,835

7. Cash at Bank and in Hand

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020
HSBC PCC	8,327	-	8,327	6,327	-	6,327
Account Restoration		622	622		1,186	1,186
Appeal Account						
Money Manager	97		97	2,137	-	2,137
Acctiant						
Money Manager		130	130		130	130
Restoration						
Account						
	8,424	752	9,176	8,464	1,316	9,780

8. Liabilities

Amounts falling in one year

	2021	2020
Loan advanced re Restoration Costs		
Trade Creditors		
Accruals		
Independent Examination fee	280	400
	280	400

9. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021
Tangible Assets for Church Use	9,046	ZS,900	34,946
Current Assets	8,425	5,421	13,846
Current Liabilities	(280)		(280)
Total	17,191	31,321	48,512

Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2021

10. Fund movements

	B/fwd at 01.01.21	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Investment Gain/(Loss)	C/fwd at 31.12.21
Restricted Funds						
Restoration Appeal	31,051	834	(564)			31,321
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	12,778	53,752	(53,672)		4,333	17,191
Total Funds	43,829	54,586	(54,236)		4,333	48,512

The restricted fund comprises of funding received for the restoration of the Church together with substantial funds moved from unrestricted funds.

St Andrew's Parochial Church Council (Epworth)

Registered Charity No: 252324

Financial Accounts for
the year ending 31
December 2021



ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, EPWORTH
Annual Report for the year ended 31 December

202 1 Administrative Information

Trustees	Reverend Paul Wilson (Rector) Mrs P Birks (Churchwarden & Treasurer) Miss S Storey (Churchwarden) Mrs J B rewster Mr D Cooper Mrs J Cozens Mr D Higginson Mrs P Higginson Mrs W Kitson Mrs K Liddell Mrs J Matthews Mr J Oliver Mr M Rose Mrs S Usztan
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Number Independent	Yorkshire DN9 1ER

Examiner	252324
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Bankers	Mrs Katie Sausage FCCA Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire 4-6 Robert Street Scunthorpe North Lincolnshire DN15 6NG
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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, EPWORTH

Aims and purposes

St Andrew's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Paul Wilson, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become or remain part of parish community at St Andrew's Epworth. When planning our activities, we try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our community: in worship and prayer, provision of pastoral care and in missionary and outreach work.

To enable us to more fully undertake this work, over the last 3 or so years a major scheme of restoration and improvements to the Church of St Andrew's, with the substantial help from grant funding, has taken place.

Achievements and Performance

We offer a range of services each week and in the course of the year. Following an 18 months period in which due to the substantial building works, in which we could not worship in our Church, it has been pleasing to return, in May 2013, to our restored Church and to welcome growing numbers into our services and other activities. We continue to be grateful to all those who have played their part in ensuring St Andrew's and its' worship and other activities have continued elsewhere and in our restored Church. We also assist many to mark the milestones of their lives, in baptism, marriage and funerals.

Members of our PCC sit on the deanery synod and this provides us with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. We continue to provide opportunities for social activities and visit and care for members of our parish whom are sick, frail, in hospital or housebound.

Our parish magazine keeps parishioners and the wider community of Epworth and District informed of important matters affecting our Church, with details of our services, contact details of our clergy and others and articles of interest about our activities and faith.

Financial Review - year end 31 December 2021

Volunteers

We wish to put on record all the volunteers who have worked so hard to make our Church the welcoming, beautiful, historic place of worship and community life it is. In particular, our churchwardens, Mrs Birks and Miss Storey, all other members of our PCC and the many others who help in so many ways to keep our parish active, welcoming and witnesses of their faith.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of our PCC members is as set out in the Church Representation Rules. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The

membership consists of the incumbent, churchwardens, the reader and members elected by those on the electoral roll of the Church.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on how all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are spent. The Trustees consider the Public Benefit when making decisions.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, EPWORTH

Independent Examiner's report to the PCC for St Andrew's Church, Epworth Parish,

I report on the annual report and accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 1 to 11, in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

Respective responsibilities of PCC and examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, and you consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and the Regulations) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of the Regulations, that is to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission in the 2011 Act, and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Whilst there is no concerns and I am happy to sign off the independent examination, I would recommend that the separation of restricted and unrestricted accounting recording is made clearer to allow easier analysis of the organisations accounts.

Mrs Katie Sauvage FCCA
Voluntary Action North
Lincolnshire Limited 4-6 Robert
Street
Scunthorpe
North Lincolnshire, DN15 6NG



Date:

The attached notes form part of these financial statements,

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EXPENDITURE ON							CURRENT ASSETS
Church activities	3(a)			(53,6721	(564)		Debtors
Total expenditure				(53,6721	(564)		Short Term Deposits
							Cash at bank and in hand
Net Movements in funds				80	2 ZO		
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Unrealised gain/(loss) on revaluation				4,333			Creditors – amounts falling year
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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, EPWORTH

Balance Sheet
As at 31 December 2021

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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, EPWORTH

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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, EPWORTH
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for the year ended 31 December 2021

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Transfers						

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**Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2021**

4.	Staff costs	202	2020
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	Salaries, wages and honoraria	400	1,200

S. Investment Assets

Investment Assets	2021	2020
Market value at 1 January 2021	30,613	28,644
Revaluation gain/(loss)	Market value at 31 December 2021	

<u>4,333</u>	<u>1,969</u>	<u>34,946</u>	<u>30,613</u>
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ST AND REW'S CHURCH, EPWORTH

Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2021

6. Short Term Deposits

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Total Funds	2021	Total 2020
CBS Deposit Fund				
		4,669	4,669	3,835
	-	4,669	4,669	3,835

7. Cash at Bank and in Hand

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020
HSBC PCC	8,327	-	8,327	6,327	-	6,327
Account						
Restoration		622	622		1,186	1,186
Appeal						
Account						
Money	97		97	2,137	-	2,137
Manager						
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Money		130	130		130	130
Manager						

8. Liabilities

Amounts falling in one year

Loan advanced re Restoration		
Costs Trade Creditors		
Accruals	280	400
Independent Examination fee	280	400

9. Analysis of net assets
between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021
Tangible Assets for Church Use	9,046	25,900	34,946
Current Assets	8,425	5,421	13,846
Current Liabilities	(280)		(280)

Total

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021

10. Fund movements

	B/fwd at 01.01.21	Incomin g resourc es	Resourc es expende d	Transfe rs	Investme nt Gain/ (Loss)	C/fwd at 31.12.21
Restricted Funds						
Restoration Appeal	31,051	834	(564)			31,321
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	12,778	53,752	(53,672)		4,333	17,191
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CHURCH ESTATE

England & Wales - Charity number 252324

Accounts

Prior to the awful pandemic you may remember me encouraging you all to

‘bring one friend’ with you to church. Thankfully, this was bearing fruit as some of you responded to that invitation.

Then of course we were required to do things differently for a time due to social distancing measures.

However, please don’t forget that crucially important task that we are all called to be involved in, of drawing others into God’s love and making disciples.

When conditions allow, I will be asking you again to ‘bring one friend’ and to begin growing our church once again. There will always be room around the table.

I hope also that we will be able to enjoy each other’s company once again with the social events and other occasions where we will be able to come together and enjoy being part of the church family.

It is clear that the world and the Church has changed that is disorienting and causing anxiety for many. We will have decisions to make, as individuals and as a Church.

Will we choose to keep doing the same things we’ve always done, are comfortable with and used to, in the hope that the future will be like the past? Will we choose to ignore the challenge and hope that it will go away?

Will we choose to let someone else make the decisions for us, so we won’t have to?

Or will we choose to head out together into the sometimes-scary uncharted territory for many, encouraging and supporting each other in search of new opportunities, with more people giving generously financially, taking on roles and responsibility locally and using their God-given skills and experiences to help grow the church and fulfil our calling to share God’s love with everyone?

Let us never forget that with God leading us we will have no need to fear. I do hope that you will choose to join with me in that exciting adventure together.

Thank you.

Rector’s Address - APCM 2021

I want to begin with thanking those who have helped and supported the ministry of this church over the last year, those unseen hours of work carried out quietly behind the scenes in order that this church is able to function and offer ministry and worship to this parish and community, those who do the readings and assist with setting up and tidying away after services, those who help to maintain this building and keep it clean and tidy, and those who work with me to ensure that good church governance is embedded, and essential decisions and activities are carried out properly and according to Charity Commission and Church law.

So, thank you to all those to whom this applies. You know who you are.

And secondly, I’d like to share with you the reality of what, as the Anglican Church here in this place, we are facing over the next few years.

We are currently facing huge and momentous change in the Church of England, and our Diocese is already well along the journey of exploring hopefully positive ways of ensuring that the Church’s mission and ministry continues effectively to the people of our communities.

To remain in the same place, doing the same things in the same way unfortunately won’t see a return to things as they were. That time has gone. The world has changed significantly, and the Church must respond appropriately in order to have a valid and relevant voice to the millions of people searching for spiritual meaning and purpose in their own lives.

And I use the phrase ‘respond appropriately’ deliberately, as some church people fear that their own worship will be turned into something like a pop concert in order to be relevant.

However, this isn’t always the case.

Worship of whatever kind which is done well and where people are able to experience something of God is what we aim to provide. And that could be modern, traditional or something in-between. However, it will need to be worship that is appropriate for the mission of this church. And that mission is '*to know Jesus and to make him known*', and everything we do, all the decisions and choices we make must align with that mission. As a church community and family there are many things that each of feel is an important part of belonging here, those things which perhaps are a precious part of our continuing commitment.

And whatever it is that is important to each of us, we must continually ask ourselves, does this help me to know Jesus better, and does it help to make Jesus known to others?

If the answer to that question is no or we're not sure, then perhaps we need to prayerfully reflect on why we continue to do those things or expect to see them restarted again once restrictions allow.

I really do want us to have these words embedded in our hearts, that our mission as members of the Christian Church here in this place is 'to know

Jesus and to make him known'

There will inevitably be the need to revisit our pattern of weekly worship and consideration given to where I'll be able to best serve you in this church. This will most likely mean that I'll not be able to be with you every Sunday and some services may need to be led by trusted Laity.

However, a consistent pattern will be discussed and agreed beforehand in plenty of time in order that these can be publicised in our community. It certainly would not be appropriate to be arranging church services on a week-by-week basis.

The Church is also having to deal with a generation of clergy who will be retiring, (you're already aware of the retirement in August of the Revd Graham Lines from Crowle, a post which will not be filled) and although there are many new clergy being trained and appointed, including curates, they simply won't fill the gap. This

will inevitably require existing clergy being expected to take on responsibility for more worshipping communities.

Having trained two curates previously the responsibility and time commitment is considerable, particularly in the first year as they are learning the practical aspects of parish ministry and needing the crucial time to reflect on that ministry regularly with their training incumbent.

Therefore, curates tend to be more able to exercise a ministry as part of a team following priesting and into their second year. Then it is only a matter of time into their third year that they will be considering a post of their own and will soon be leaving their curacy.

Therefore, I believe that receiving a curate is a valuable part of giving back to the Church in providing a valuable experience as a training parish and training incumbent to further the Church's mission by preparing priests who will exercise a fruitful ministry into the future, rather than being an additional minister as part of the deanery ministry team, although of course that extra pair of hands can be most helpful for a period of time.

There will also need to be conversations with some of you about local roles that you may be able to take on, supporting ministry and helping manage and look after your church here, as there's only so much that I can realistically achieve.

My practice in previous parishes has always been to encourage and build teams and to facilitate and empower others to exercise their own God-given ministry, whether that's in assisting with services, or in administrative or other more practical ways.

In normal times, that process of discernment and encouraging conversations would have been well under way by now. However, it's always a good time to continue sowing seeds and I hope that some of you will be open to responding in a positive way in offering your God-given ministry in some way.

The Church, like many other organisations, is also facing urgent financial challenges in raising sufficient income to fund the Church's mission and ministry into the future.

Many of our church members have been, and continue to be, extremely generous in their level of regular giving to the mission and ministry of the church. However, more will be asked of us if we are to see our church thrive into the future.

The current level of giving in our Diocese leaves an annual shortfall of around £3m per year, which is being taken from historic reserves and once those are depleted there will be nothing left.

In a way to help us understand this, the latest Diocesan report from the Resourcing Sustainable Church planning states that, *"In 2019, it may be useful to know the average individual weekly planned gift was £8.10 in this diocese, compared with £14.10 nationally."*

Now, of course, there are many who are giving at a level which is appropriate for their own situation and no one should feel pressured into giving further than what is affordable for them.

And perhaps there are some who just aren't aware of the critical financial situation the Church finds itself in and are in a position to do more.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, EPWORTH**Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2020****10. Fund movements**

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Restricted Funds						
Restoration Appeal	28,863	2,188	-	-	-	31,051
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	14,306	44,197	(47,694)	-	1,969	12,778
Total Funds	<u>43,169</u>	<u>46,385</u>	<u>(47,694)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,969</u>	<u>43,829</u>

The restricted fund comprises of funding received for the restoration of the Church together with substantial funds moved from unrestricted funds.

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6. Short Term Deposits

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	8,464	1,316	9,780	11,918

8. Liabilities

Amounts falling in one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Loan advanced re Restoration Costs	-	-
Trade Creditors	-	-
Accruals	-	-
Independent Examination fee	400	410
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Current Assets	8,464	5,152	13,616	14,935
Current Liabilities	(5,400)	-	(5,400)	(410)
Total	7,778	31,051	38,829	43,169

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Maintenance	3,628	-	3,628	4,019
Insurance	4,734	-	4,734	4,903
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5. Investment Assets

	2020	2019
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Market value at 1 January 2020	28,644	24,130
Revaluation gain/(loss)	<u>1,969</u>	<u>4,514</u>
Market value at 31 December 2020	<u>30,613</u>	<u>28,644</u>

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Donations	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-
	33,806	1,370	35,176	35,415
2(b) Other trading activities				
Magazines (Sales & Adverts)	-	-	-	1,415
Rents (Land & Wayleave)	3,084	-	3,084	1,552
Shop Sales	-	-	-	142
Events	2,116	-	2,116	7,709
WB/Wroot re Expenses	600	-	600	170
Feed In Tariff	1,049	-	1,049	2,581
Quickline Communications	600	-	600	-
Sundries	-	-	-	-
VAT refund	-	-	-	-
Sale of Pews	-	-	-	-
Stewardship	-	-	-	-
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2(c) Income from investments				
Investment income	54	804	858	832
Bank interest	3	14	17	33
	57	818	875	865
2(d) Income from church activities				
Fees	2,885	-	2,885	8,118
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2(e) Other incoming resources				
Refunds and other income	-	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	44,197	2,188	46,385	57,967

**Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2020**

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP FRS102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, (effective January 2016) and other applicable accounting standards. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Parochial Church Council is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

1.2 Funds

Restricted funds represent donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the Parochial Church Council for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. However substantial funds have been transferred last year and this year from unrestricted to restricted funds for the purposes of the Church restoration.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for Parochial Church Council ordinary purposes. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the Parochial Church Council are also unrestricted.

1.3 Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the Parochial Church Council is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

1.4 Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the Parochial Church Council. The Diocesan Parish Share is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

1.5 Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. For anything acquired prior to 31 December 2011 there is insufficient cost information available and such assets are not valued in the financial statements. The church is currently undergoing significant restoration work. Such costs are ongoing and have been expensed through the statement of financial activities and have not been capitalised, last year and in the current period. The bulk of these are fixed additions to the Church which is not owned by the PCC. A small amount of the expenditure is portable, but has been funded with grants and so if capitalised a designated reserve with a release equal and opposite to the depreciation would be needed. Amounts are not material and would be complex in accounting terms.

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December 2020.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, EPWORTH

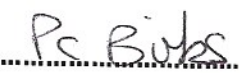
Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
Tangible Assets for Church use	5	Not valued	Not valued
Investment Assets	5	30,613	28,644
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors		-	-
Short Term Deposits	6	3,835	3,017
Cash at bank and in hand	7	9,781	11,918
		13,616	14,935
LIABILITIES			
Creditors – amounts falling due in one year	8	(400)	(410)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		13,216	14,525
NET ASSETS		43,829	43,169
FUNDS			
General Funds (unrestricted)	9/10	12,778	14,306
Restoration Appeal (restricted)	9/10	31,051	28,863
Total funds		43,829	43,169

Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on its' behalf by:

Churchwarden:  Miss S Storey (Churchwarden)

Lay Chairman:  Mrs P Birks (Treasurer/Churchwarden)

Dated:  6 April 2021

The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, EPWORTH
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

		Unrestricted Funds	Restoratio n Appeal	Total 2020	Total 2019
INCOME & ENDOWMENTS					
Incoming Resources from generated funds					
		£	£	£	£
Donations & legacies					
	2(a)	33,806	1,370	35,176	35,415
Other trading activities					
	2(b)	7,449	-	7,449	13,569
Income from investments					
	2(c)	57	818	875	865
Income from Church activities					
	2(d)	2,885	-	2,885	8,118
Other incoming resources					
	2(e)	-	-	-	-
Total incoming resources		44,197	2,188	46,385	57,967
EXPENDITURE ON					
Church activities					
	3(a)	(47,694)	-	(47,694)	(59,528)
Total expenditure		(45,694)	-	(47,694)	(59,258)
Net Movements in funds		(3,497)	2,188	(1,309)	(1,561)
Unrealised gain/(loss) on revaluation		1,969	-	1,969	4,514
		(1,528)	2,188	660	2,953
Total Funds b/ forwards At 1 January 2020		14,306	28,863	43,169	40,216
Total Funds c/forwards At 31 December 2020		12,778	31,051	43,829	43,169

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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, EPWORTH

Independent Examiner's report to the PCC for St Andrew's Church, Epworth Parish,

I report on the annual report and accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 1 to 9, in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

Respective responsibilities of PCC and examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, and you consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and the Regulations) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of the Regulations, that is to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission in the 2011 Act, and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Whilst there is no concerns and I am happy to sign off the independent examination, I would recommend that the separation of restricted and unrestricted accounting recording is made clearer to allow easier analysis of the organisations accounts.

Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire Limited
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Date: 8 April 2021

Aims and purposes

St Andrew's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Paul Wilson, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become or remain part of parish community at St Andrew's Epworth. When planning our activities, we try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our community: in worship and prayer, provision of pastoral care and in missionary and outreach work.

To enable us to more fully undertake this work, over the last 3 or so years a major scheme of restoration and improvements to the Church of St Andrew's, with the substantial help from grant funding, has taken place.

Achievements and Performance

We offer a range of services each week and in the course of the year. Following an 18 months period in which due to the substantial building works, in which we could not worship in our Church, it has been pleasing to return, in May 2013, to our restored Church and to welcome growing numbers into our services and other activities. We continue to be grateful to all those who have played their part in ensuring St Andrew's and its' worship and other activities have continued elsewhere and in our restored Church. We also assist many to mark the milestones of their lives, in baptism, marriage and funerals.

Members of our PPC sit on the deanery synod and this provides us with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. We continue to provide opportunities for social activities and visit and care for members of our parish whom are sick, frail, in hospital or housebound.

Our parish magazine keeps parishioners and the wider community of Epworth and District informed of important matters affecting our Church, with details of our services, contact details of our clergy and others and articles of interest about our activities and faith.

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Volunteers

We wish to put on record all the volunteers who have worked so hard to make our Church the welcoming, beautiful, historic place of worship and community life it is. In particular, our churchwardens, Mrs Birks and Miss Storey, all other members of our PCC and the many others who help in so many ways to keep our parish active, welcoming and witnesses of their faith.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of our PCC members is as set out in the Church Representation Rules. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The membership consists of the incumbent, churchwardens, the reader and members elected by those on the electoral roll of the Church.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on how all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are spent.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, EPWORTH
Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2020

Administrative Information

Trustees

Reverend Paul Wilson (Rector)
Mrs P Birks (Churchwarden & Treasurer)
Miss S Storey (Churchwarden)
Mrs J Brewster (Lay Chairperson)
Mrs L Burnham
Mr D Cooper
Mrs J Cozens
Mr D Higginson
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1.1 Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP FRS102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, (effective January 2016) and other applicable accounting standards. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Parochial Church Council is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

1.2 Funds

Restricted funds represent donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the Parochial Church Council for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. However substantial funds have been transferred last year and this year from unrestricted to restricted funds for the purposes of the Church restoration.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for Parochial Church Council ordinary purposes. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the Parochial Church Council are also unrestricted.

1.3 Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the Parochial Church Council is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

1.4 Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the Parochial Church Council. The Diocesan Parish Share is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

1.5 Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. For anything acquired prior to 31 December 2011 there is insufficient cost information available and such assets are not valued in the financial statements. The church is currently undergoing significant restoration work. Such costs are ongoing and have been expensed through the statement of financial activities and have not been capitalised, last year and in the current period. The bulk of these are fixed additions to the Church which is not owned by the PCC. A small amount of the expenditure is portable, but has been funded with grants and so if capitalised a designated reserve with a release equal and opposite to the depreciation would be needed. Amounts are not material and would be complex in accounting terms.

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December 2020.

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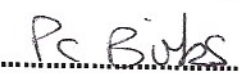
Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
Tangible Assets for Church use	5	Not valued	Not valued
Investment Assets	5	30,613	28,644
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors		-	-
Short Term Deposits	6	3,835	3,017
Cash at bank and in hand	7	9,781	11,918
		13,616	14,935
LIABILITIES			
Creditors – amounts falling due in one year	8	(400)	(410)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		13,216	14,525
NET ASSETS		43,829	43,169
FUNDS			
General Funds (unrestricted)	9/10	12,778	14,306
Restoration Appeal (restricted)	9/10	31,051	28,863
Total funds		43,829	43,169

Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on its' behalf by:

Churchwarden:  Miss S Storey (Churchwarden)

Lay Chairman:  Mrs P Birks (Treasurer/Churchwarden)

Dated:  6 April 2021

The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

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		Unrestricted Funds	Restoratio n Appeal	Total 2020	Total 2019
INCOME & ENDOWMENTS					
Incoming Resources from generated funds					
		£	£	£	£
Donations & legacies					
	2(a)	33,806	1,370	35,176	35,415
Other trading activities					
	2(b)	7,449	-	7,449	13,569
Income from investments					
	2(c)	57	818	875	865
Income from Church activities					
	2(d)	2,885	-	2,885	8,118
Other incoming resources					
	2(e)	-	-	-	-
Total incoming resources		44,197	2,188	46,385	57,967
EXPENDITURE ON					
Church activities					
	3(a)	(47,694)	-	(47,694)	(59,528)
Total expenditure		(45,694)	-	(47,694)	(59,258)
Net Movements in funds		(3,497)	2,188	(1,309)	(1,561)
Unrealised gain/(loss) on revaluation		1,969	-	1,969	4,514
		(1,528)	2,188	660	2,953
Total Funds b/ forwards At 1 January 2020		14,306	28,863	43,169	40,216
Total Funds c/forwards At 31 December 2020		12,778	31,051	43,829	43,169

The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, EPWORTH

Independent Examiner's report to the PCC for St Andrew's Church, Epworth Parish,

I report on the annual report and accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 1 to 9, in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

Respective responsibilities of PCC and examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, and you consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and the Regulations) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of the Regulations, that is to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission in the 2011 Act, and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Whilst there is no concerns and I am happy to sign off the independent examination, I would recommend that the separation of restricted and unrestricted accounting recording is made clearer to allow easier analysis of the organisations accounts.

Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire Limited
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Date: 8 April 2021

Aims and purposes

St Andrew's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Paul Wilson, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become or remain part of parish community at St Andrew's Epworth. When planning our activities, we try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our community: in worship and prayer, provision of pastoral care and in missionary and outreach work.

To enable us to more fully undertake this work, over the last 3 or so years a major scheme of restoration and improvements to the Church of St Andrew's, with the substantial help from grant funding, has taken place.

Achievements and Performance

We offer a range of services each week and in the course of the year. Following an 18 months period in which due to the substantial building works, in which we could not worship in our Church, it has been pleasing to return, in May 2013, to our restored Church and to welcome growing numbers into our services and other activities. We continue to be grateful to all those who have played their part in ensuring St Andrew's and its' worship and other activities have continued elsewhere and in our restored Church. We also assist many to mark the milestones of their lives, in baptism, marriage and funerals.

Members of our PPC sit on the deanery synod and this provides us with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. We continue to provide opportunities for social activities and visit and care for members of our parish whom are sick, frail, in hospital or housebound.

Our parish magazine keeps parishioners and the wider community of Epworth and District informed of important matters affecting our Church, with details of our services, contact details of our clergy and others and articles of interest about our activities and faith.

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Volunteers

We wish to put on record all the volunteers who have worked so hard to make our Church the welcoming, beautiful, historic place of worship and community life it is. In particular, our churchwardens, Mrs Birks and Miss Storey, all other members of our PCC and the many others who help in so many ways to keep our parish active, welcoming and witnesses of their faith.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of our PCC members is as set out in the Church Representation Rules. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The membership consists of the incumbent, churchwardens, the reader and members elected by those on the electoral roll of the Church.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on how all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are spent.

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Administrative Information

Trustees

Reverend Paul Wilson (Rector)
Mrs P Birks (Churchwarden & Treasurer)
Miss S Storey (Churchwarden)
Mrs J Brewster (Lay Chairperson)
Mrs L Burnham
Mr D Cooper
Mrs J Cozens
Mr D Higginson
Mrs P Higginson
Mrs W Kitson
Mrs K Liddell
Mrs J Matthews
Mr J Oliver
Mr M Rose

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