

All Saints' Church Breadsall



**Report and Financial Statements
Year ended 31st December 2022**

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Administrative Information

All Saints' Church is located on Moor Road, Breadsall, Derby DE21 5LA. It is part of the Diocese of Derby within the Church of England. The Parochial Church Council of Breadsall (PCC) can be contacted via the secretary, Mrs L Paish (see below).

Members who have served on the PCC during 2022 are:

<i>Licensed Clergy</i>	Rev Kate Plant	
<i>Church Wardens</i>	Jacqui Eastwood Adrian Lunn	(until May 2022)
<i>Deanery Synod</i>	Jane Williams Dorreen Milner	
<i>Elected Members</i>	Chris Prior Eileen Robinson Jane Cargill Rosie Patrick Fran Monahan Sue Massie Oliver Paish Phil Patrick	(from May 2022)
<i>PCC Secretary</i>	Lizzie Paish	
<i>Vice Chair</i>	tba	
<i>Safeguarding Officer</i>	Rosie Patrick / Philip Patrick	(until Nov 2022)

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Structure and governance

The PCC has the responsibility, in co-operation with the Clergy licenced to the Parish, for the mission of All Saints' Church. The PCC also has the responsibility for the maintenance of the Church buildings, the Church Yard and the Church Car Park.

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England, operating under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is excepted by order from registering with the Charity Commission.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All those attending church services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and welcomed if they wish to stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC has the right to appoint two Trustees to the Breadsall Church Heritage Trust. This is an independent Charity established by an initiative of the PCC in October 1996.

Aims and Objectives

The principle aim of the PCC is to co-operate in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

This is achieved by a number of important on-going objectives:

- Providing a varied range of services of worship suitable for all ages
- Developing a knowledge and understanding of our faith
- Providing pastoral care for those in difficulties within the parish
- Providing the occasional services of marriage and funerals
- Maintaining contacts with those within reach of the church who are not church members
- Helping young people to develop in our faith
- Ensuring the church buildings and their environs are maintained in an appropriate condition
- Keeping all those involved in church activities, safe and secure
- Supporting mission and ministry, and the alleviation of hardship both locally and abroad

The PCC is aware of the guidance of the Charity Commission on public benefit and have regard for it in its deliberations. The PCC believes that public benefit is provided by:

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

Deanery Synod

From 2020, only 2 members of the PCC sit on the deanery synod. This enable the church to engage with the wider church in the area and to share matters of concern. Breadsall is in Derby City Deanery.

All Saints, Breadsall - Rector's Report 2022

In our awayday in 2021 we identified areas we wished to develop or continue to develop.

One aim was better engagement with the village of Breadsall. 2022 saw a group steadily committed to supporting a coffee morning with singing /games/ seated exercises etc twice a month. This has persisted and we have been glad to see it valued by those who come. Some from in and some from outside the congregation. I was also pleased that we were able to have a stall at the Gala, provide a small but cheerful event for the Platinum Jubilee and host for the wider community a fund-raising event for the playground. This was a new venture which we hope will develop going forward.

Another area for development was a look at our worship and growth as disciples. Over the year we trialled a few differently shaped services which were more informal and enabled us all to contribute to our understanding of the scriptures. The general feedback was I think, 'Yes, good, but not too often!' We also focussed, over the summer weeks, on the epistle to the Philippians which I think we all learned from. I was very pleased with the commitment to the Living in Love and Faith Lent Groups on-line and in person and really enjoyed the June enquirers course. 2022 also saw my first full Easter with you all across the 3 parishes, and following the cross with you was very precious – as was celebrating the risen Christ in the early dawn.

Although in the second half of the year we have managed to reinstate a rota for home communion – and I do know that many people do visit previous members of the congregation, some have slipped through the cracks and this is a sadness and a failing. I hope, between us, it is something we will address better together as we move forward.

I do not believe that we can know the harvest we sow and I also know that the depth of worship is not reliant on numbers. However God is gracious to us and knows our anxieties. I have been encouraged in 2022 to see the return of one or two old friends and lovely new arrivals also, helping to stabilise our 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday Congregations after the effects of Covid. The commitment to Minnows, Preschool and Funky fish has also born fruit in the growing number of people attending the All Age service on the 1st Sunday. Our 8 o'clock congregation also remains steady. Thank you to our Readers and all who plan, prepare for and lead services. Those who provide welcome, coffee, children's teaching, cleaning, readings, prayers, laying up of the altar, ordering and lighting the candles and so much more. Thank you also to our choir and Dana who lift our worship so beautifully.

Also to those who have transformed the flower beds in the church yard and planted wild flowers for 2023. Those who help with funerals, baptisms and weddings. So many people contribute to what we do as a family, which is as it should be, but still something to be very glad and thankful for. The confirmation service in July has to be a highlight of the year – a beautiful service and we are so blessed in our newly confirmed sisters at Breadsall.

I want to finish by thanking our Church Warden who is tireless in his work for our church, doing so much day by day that is unseen.

Church Warden Report

Re-ordering

A replacement glass door has been fitted after the old one shattered. Sticking of the new wooden door has been a constant problem throughout the winter and has needed regular attention. The provision of a new disabled toilet and small kitchen is progressing. Permission has been given by the PCC to begin renovating the west porch with a view to moving the choir vestry there.

Church Maintenance

All annual service contracts such as gas boilers, clock maintenance, fire extinguishers, and PAT testing were all carried out and various small electrical jobs done. Small repairs and general maintenance are carried out on a weekly basis. A big thank you to the Pay-back team for all their hard work keeping the churchyard tidy during the year. This is a big improvement on the do-it-yourself grass cutting last year.

- A handrail has been fitted to the spiral staircase the tower.
- The lighting to the spiral staircase has also been upgraded to LED's.
- Some of the pendant lights in church have been changed to LED.
- Reflective material has been put behind radiators.
- Draft proofing and sealing to windows and doors have been done.
- Curtains have been fitted to the screen in an effort to use less heating by using only the top or bottom boiler.

In an effort to cut down on heating costs church groups have been consolidated into three days per week and the choir practice moved to Mondays.

Churchyard

Everything is going smoothly now. A few problems have been experienced during the year. I tried to leave areas of the churchyard wild but this didn't prove to be successful. Jacqui and her daughter have seeded a small area and it is hoped that will be a successful wildflower area. New plants have also been planted in the memorial garden.

- The trees will need trimming back in the future and a stonewall is needing attention.
- The north gate has been refurbished and installed.
- The kissing gate has been repurposed to enable better access for the disabled and prams.
- The remaining Tarmacing to the main path and disabled area has been finished.
- Two new noticeboards have been installed including the main church one.
- Our stonemason has enlarged the memorial wall, this was paid for by a generous donation.
- New floodlights to the outside of the church have been fitted and paid for by a generous donation.
- Work has been done on the main roof.

Quinquennial Inspection

All the jobs have been completed that were required to be dealt with within six months. The remainder of the jobs are on-going.

We have had many special services throughout the year including an increased number of gathered services with our sister churches. These have proved to be special occasions. My thanks go to our incumbent, readers, treasurer, secretary, vergers, sacristan, the choir, bellringers and everyone from cleaners to welcomers for all the valuable work during the year.

Adrian Lunn Churchwarden 6 April 2023

Financial review

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £28656, of which £21564 was unrestricted planned voluntary donations; and a further £8115 was from Gift Aid. More donors have switched to using the Parish Giving Scheme which is being promoted across the Diocese. A legacy of £1000 was also received during the year. A grant from the Heritage Trust of £15788 was also received, covering costs associated with the churchyard path, noticeboards and roof repairs. A donation of £4200 to cover the cost of replacing the floodlights was received. The expenditure for this will be in 2023. The Diocese also made a special payment of £450 to help defray the increased cost of energy.

Fees received from weddings and funerals was broadly the same as the previous year. The DBF investments had a similar yield to the previous year.

The total income received by the church from all sources was £67759, compared with £37498 the previous year. The increase was primarily due to the grant from the Heritage Trust, the donation for floodlights and the recovery of tax paid from HMRC which was not claimed in 2021.

The amount of money paid to the Diocese for the provision of clergy (previously known as Parish Share, now designated 'Common Fund) was reassessed a couple of years ago. The amount was based on the average attendance at the time, and was increased slightly in 2021. The share now accounts for almost all the regular income, leaving very little for church running costs or for charitable giving.

Expenditure on running of the church has had to be kept under control. The community payback team provided services for most of the year. No fee was paid for this due to changes in their method of operation. We continue to benefit from this provision but may find ourselves having to contribute to the work at some time in the future.

The church has continued to use the energy basket negotiated by the Parish Buying Group on behalf of many hundreds of churches. Unfortunately, despite the Church of England hedging on gas supply, the costs increased dramatically for the latest contract with an increase of around 350% being applied. This has led to the drastic action to reduce heating costs noted in the Churchwarden report. The repair of the glass door was completed and final payment made. Most of this cost was covered by an insurance claim.

If the items of income and expenditure associated with maintenance of the buildings and churchyard are excluded, the total income received was £47771 and expenditure £50480. This indicates a further erosion of the church's reserves. Total deficit for the year including building works and revaluation of investment was £18429.

The investments revalued last year have depreciated in value during the year. The decrease is £13616. The investment noted above has been considered as providing for a source of income for the PCC. As such, it has not been included in the calculation regarding reserves. This will continue to be the case unless some of the funds will be needed to carry out some of the work being evaluated for the building (provision of disabled toilets).

Reserves

The Organ Fund has not changed during the year and the Flower Fund has reduced a little. A sum of £4200 is reserved for the floodlight replacement.

The PCC has an established policy of maintaining a reserve of unrestricted funds of no more than 'ten months' of total receipts. Reserves have reduced significantly during the year.

With the work for level access and provision of disabled toilets expected in the next few years, the reserves are expected to be reduced even further and the PCC will need to consider methods to replenish them in future years.

Investments

The PCC continues to invest reserves to maximise both income and capital growth from these resources. However, the PCC attempts to minimise the risk to the funds by investing in low risk funds. Accordingly, excess funds have been invested with the Central Board of Finance (CBF) Church of England Funds. The rates offered by the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund are slowly increasing, but to find more competitive rates which are totally secure is difficult. The Church of England Investment Fund has an encouraging long-term performance record and has maintained dividends. The balance between current, deposit and investment account is regularly reviewed. Money was withdrawn from deposit to cover the cash flow associated with the churchyard repairs and general deficit of income. Capital growth in 2022 was above average but the increase in interest rates had a (short term) impact of the value of the investments resulting in the deficit shown.

Rev K Plant

On behalf of the PCC of Breadsall

Independent examiner's report to the Parochial Church Council of Breadsall

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2022 which are set out on pages 10 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility 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 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.

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 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 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 statements below.

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.

Andy Smith
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Derby