

# All Saints' Church Breadsall



**Report and Financial Statements  
Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

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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 2023 are:

<i>Licensed Clergy</i>	Rev Kate Plant
<i>Church Wardens</i>	Adrian Lunn Vacancy
<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 (until April 2023)
<i>PCC Secretary</i>	Lizzie Paish
<i>Vice Chair</i>	tba
<i>Safeguarding Officer</i>	Vacancy

## **All Saints' Church Breadsall**

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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.

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## All Saints, Breadsall - Rector's Report 2023

In a community which appears to be materially self sufficient and with such a range of theologies and perspectives within our own congregation, it is hard to know how best to articulate a vision for our Church life at All Saints. This is something the PCC is aware of. However, when God's will is honestly sought, sometimes it is worth looking to see what is already given and to find there the seeds of what our direction might be going forward.

The last year has continued to see us together provide opportunities for people to worship God and encounter his Gospel. From BCP to Taize, and Funky Fish to Lent groups and the Triduum, we have together sought to meet the needs of different spiritualities with Jesus Christ as our centre. Both the congregations of All Age Worship and Taize have grown, children have been baptised from Funky fish and regular congregations have, on the whole, remained steady and strong. Pleasingly for me, different members of the congregation have contributed to or led worship and I look forward to this building in 2024. The prayer group continues to be a blessing to us all, as does the choir and strong musical direction. The church is warm, clean (!) welcoming, with coffee and interested conversation after services. Minnows, engagement with pre-school and YPIG seek to be there for children and young people and the Warm Wednesday group has provided opportunities for friendship and the building of the community as well as the sharing of talents and gifts amongst older people in the community.

Engagement in the Village Gala and a super concert held in December were important in building further connections with the community, as are the occasional offices.

The focus of the PCC has been upon the fabric of the building, responding to the Tower's exciting plans for two new bells, making sure the church and surroundings are safe and increasingly building an understanding of how the church can better meet the C of E's commitment to 'Net Zero' as well as plans for the provision of toilets and a kitchen. This has been steady, step by step work.

As we begin to line up the different ways in which we might allocate resources in 2024, it will be helpful to us to have some guiding principles/ some priorities by which we can make decisions about how best to serve God at this time and in this place. But what has been achieved and given already is good and we have much to be thankful for.

## **Church Warden Report**

### Re-ordering

The provision of a new disabled toilet and small kitchen is progressing. Provisional preliminary plans have been provided by architect Matthew Wilde of Lathams.

A quotation has been obtained for the provision of secondary glazing of the church windows. A quotation has also been obtained from the Electricity Board to change our single-phase electricity input to three phase. Ongoing investigations into various alternative forms of heating have been carried out. My thanks go to Adrian Miller, Chris Prior, and Ollie Paish, the team working on these projects.

### 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. The five-year wiring test has also been done. Small repairs and general maintenance are carried out on a weekly basis.

- Carpet glides have been fitted to all heavy furniture.
- A loose stone was refitted to the battlements of the spire.
- Ease off the badly fitting south door on numerous occasions and this is still problematic.
- There was a problem with gas smells in the vestry and toilet, remedial work was carried out.
- Supervision of the work for provision of new bells in the bell tower.

### Churchyard

The main problem in the churchyard currently is the Pay Back Team. They last came on a regular basis in September since then after numerous phone calls they have only attended once. The sticking point seems to be that the service is short of leaders. With the mowing of the grass becoming an urgent problem, I will continue to try and resolve this issue. Some trees in the churchyard will need attention this coming year.

The major project during this year has been the rebuilding of the stone wall on Moorway. Repointing of the wall on Church Lane.

All roof gutters, gullies and drains have been cleaned out as part of routine maintenance.

After providing facilities for Breadsall Brownies they have now moved to the new school. Breadsall School continue to use the church for seasonal events. The church has had many special services and events throughout the year. Shared services and events with our sister churches continue to flourish. The shared supper on Maundy Thursday, the Good Friday Walk of Witness and the Sunrise Service on Easter morning are now firmly established. There was a memorable Christmas concert organised by Dana and a special emotional sung service on Palm Sunday evening. We were able to welcome Becky as our Curate during Lent. My thanks go to our incumbent, readers, treasurer, secretary, vergers, sacristan, Dana and the choir, bellringers and everyone from cleaners, flower arrangers to welcomers for all their valuable work during the year. I would also like to thank Phil Killar for assisting me with the maintenance of the church and to Phil Kilpatrick for lightening my load at services.

## **Financial review**

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £28148, of which £22551 was unrestricted planned voluntary donations; and a further £3304 was from Gift Aid. More donors have switched to using the Parish Giving Scheme which is being promoted across the Diocese. A legacy of £500 was also received during the year. A grant from the Heritage Trust of £7959 was also received, covering costs associated with the churchyard wall repointing. Additionally, donations and gift aid refund totalling £19366 were given for the bell tower project,

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 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 requested amount was slightly higher than the previous year. However, in view of the continued shortfall in income compared with this expenditure, the PCC determined to reduce the amount paid to the Diocese with a view to make a further donation if the funds permitted. The revised amount was £21600 compared with a requested £32827, about 66% of the total. At the end of the year, the actual deficit for the year precluded any further payments.

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. The impact of the massive increase of 2022 was still in place until October 2023, when a new price level became effective. The rates were reduced significantly at this time but still remain well above previous levels. Total gas bills were £7318 and electric £1085. Major repairs to the wall around the churchyard were undertaken. Total expenditure in 2023 was £7521 but this was covered in full by a grant from the Heritage Trust. A report on heat efficiency for the church cost £780. The final payment for the replacement of the glass door was made during the year (covered by insurance claim received in 2022)

The contract for the church photocopier expired during the year, and the opportunity was taken to seek alternative suppliers. Once quotations were received and negotiations held, our existing supplier was able to match the rates quoted by the church purchasing group. This has enabled the church to benefit from an A3 copier for a much reduced cost compared with previous years. The contract is fixed price for 4 years, an additional benefit to the PCC.

In total, income for the church (excluding the bell tower project) was £45898 and expenditure £53325, resulting in a deficit of £7427, lower than the previous year, but would have been substantially higher if the payment of the full Common Fund had been paid.

The investments revalued last year have appreciated in value during the year. The increase is £9624. 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 and Flower Funds have not changed during the year. A sum of £4200 is reserved for the floodlight replacement. This should now be released as the work has been completed.

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



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

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 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.

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