

**ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR,
BARNSELY**

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL
CHURCH COUNCIL
INCLUDING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31ST DECEMBER 2015

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Administrative information

The Church of St. Edward the Confessor is situated in Racecommon Road, Barnsley. It is part of the Diocese of Leeds within the Church of England.

The correspondence address is;-
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The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2015 until the date this report was approved are:

<i>Priest in charge:</i>	Revd Mark Poskitt	
<i>Reader</i>	Fred Thompson	
<i>Warden</i>	Fred Thompson	From APCM 2015
	Gordon Fletcher	Until 26 th January 2015
	Heather Fletcher	Until 26 th January 2015

Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

Fred Thompson	elected APCM 2014
Margaret Gostelow	elected APCM 2014

Elected members:

Margaret Gostelow	until APCM 2015
Lynette Mace (C)	Deputy Churchwarden
Ann Wood (A)	Deputy Churchwarden
Eileen Carr (B)	From APCM 2015
Sarah Padgett (B)	From APCM 2015; Deputy Churchwarden
Lorraine Taylor-Kent	until APCM 2015
Terry Gelder (B)	Deputy Churchwarden
Ray Dawes (C)	

Structure, governance and management

Currently the method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

St. Edward's PCC members are elected for 3 years with one third retiring and being elected each year. Deanery Synod representatives are elected for 3 years.

PCC term of office ends at APCM in	A - 2017
	B - 2018
	C - 2016

Objectives and Activities

St Edward's PCC is responsible for promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the church and grounds of St Edward's, Racecommon Road, Kingstone, Barnsley.

Achievements and Performance

Review of the year

In 2015 there were 8 weddings, 25 baptisms and 11 funerals. There was a communion service every Sunday at 9.15am apart from the second Sunday of each month when the service started at 10am and included Fun Church. There was a communion service on Wednesdays at 10am, and Time and Space, a service of intercessory prayer set in an Office for Julian of Norwich, on the last Friday of the month.

Easter services, a Memorial Service just after Easter, Harvest Festival and Christmas services, including Carols round the Tree, were held.

Services were advertised on the noticeboard outside church, in the Barnsley Chronicle every Friday, on the "A Church Near You" website and on the church website www.stedwards-barnsley.org.uk. A card inviting local people to our Christmas services was delivered to new homes in the parish and welcome leaflets were printed and distributed to a large estate of houses being built near church.

Information was given to the congregation on a weekly pew sheet. A newspaper, the Kingstone Community News, published in conjunction with the local Ward Alliance, was distributed to 1000 homes on two occasions during the year.

Pastoral care was given to those in hospital or unable to get to church.

Lent groups were held and followed a Church Urban Fund course.

Up to 30 members and helpers met to have lunch and share in an activity at a fortnightly Friendship Club.

The St Edward's Guild met regularly.

We continued to support our Mara link, holding a Mara Evening in September.

The PCC met nine times in the year. Preparatory plans to install a toilet in the north porch and refurbish the vestry were submitted to the DAC.

Social events have taken place throughout the year, for example coffee mornings and summer and Christmas fairs and the Barnsley Camra Beer festival in June. We are a Fairtrade Church and every effort is made to ensure that we use Fairtrade products at all our events.

Regular Activities (all held in the vestry)

Keep Fit - Held on a Monday evening from 7pm until 8pm. The group is lively & friendly and costs £2-50 for a session.

Councillors' Surgery - Cllrs Kath Mitchell, Kevin Williams and Donna Green (Kingstone Ward) hold a monthly surgery.

The Kingstone Heritage Group – meets monthly on a Wednesday afternoon.

The St Edward's Ramblers – walk regularly in our beautiful south Yorkshire countryside

Fabric and Furnishings Report

St Edward's is a well maintained church. The last Quinquennial Inspection was in Sept 2009. We are overdue a QI Inspection which the PCC have budgeted for in 2016.

A small amount of general maintenance has been carried out this year. There have been no major problems. The Church grounds have been well maintained.

The stone balustrades at the top of tower have been made safe and reinforced with stainless steel bar. This was all carried out in accordance with architects supervision.

Furnishings and Ornaments: There have been no changes to the furnishings & fittings during the year.

The PCC are continuing with plans to refurbish the Vestry Rooms and North Porch to include Disabled toilets.

We need to bear in mind that the West Window and Binns organ may need refurbishment work in the near future, and that the Nave and Chancel were last redecorated in Sept/Oct 1997

Deanery Synod Report 2015

The Deanery Synod met 3 times during 2015. On 10th June we met at St John, Hoylandswaine with presentations from Iraqi Christians who attended St George's Church, Barnsley. Mr Pouya Heidarou talked about his own faith journey and the experience of Christians in Iraq. Other members of the Iraqi community also added their own testimonies.

There was the annual Cream Tea event at Royston in August and on 10th November we met at St Helen's Church, Athersley with a presentation from our Diocesan Evangelist, Robin Gamble. He spoke about church growth with particular emphasis on the project 'Leading your Church into growth'.

Financial Review

Parish Share

The PCC paid 75% of the Parish Share in 2015 and consequentially we have depleted our Fabric Fund by a further £5330 and our Parish Share arrears now stands at £12415. The diocese is currently reviewing how the Parish Share is paid and we can only hope that the formula they come up with reflects our ability to pay.

Fabric Fund

Our Fabric Fund now stands at £88,109, down from £97,408 last year. As this fund is not restricted it is viewed by the diocese as our reserves.

It is still the intent of the PCC to save the Fabric Fund for the upkeep of the fabric of the church and to put it towards the re-ordering of the church which will enable greater use of our facilities by both the congregation and the local community. However as this fund diminishes there is less that we will be able to fund.

Giving

We are once again running at a deficit as we spent more than we received in 2015. Our planned giving (standing orders and weekly envelopes) increased by £1412 this year which is positive, however our other voluntary receipts were down by £856.

Income & Expenditure

Since our income is continually declining, we must be very diligent with our expenditure and continually look for ways in which to save money. In 2015 this is evident by the reduction in repairs and maintenance as well as other church running expenses, although this is not necessarily a good thing if needed repairs are left unattended.

We also need to consider ways of raising money for example by making grant applications.

As I have said in previous years, if we do not pay attention to this, our Fabric Fund will soon be depleted and the church will be bankrupt.