

**ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR,
BARNSELY**

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

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31ST DECEMBER 2014

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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 2014 until the date this report was approved are:

Priest in charge: Revd Mark Poskitt

Reader: Fred Thompson

Wardens: Gordon Fletcher
Heather Fletcher

Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

Fred Thompson elected APCM 2014

Margaret Gostelow elected APCM 2014

Elected members:

Margaret Gostelow (B)	PCC Secretary
Lynette Mace (C)	Deputy Churchwarden
Ann Wood (A)	Deputy Churchwarden
Pam Smailes (A)	resigned October 2014
Leslie Broadhead (A)	until APCM 2014
Lorraine Taylor-Kent (B)	
Terry Gelder (B)	
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 - 2015
	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

We became part of the diocese of Leeds (also known as the diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales) at Easter 2014 when the diocese of Wakefield was dissolved.

In 2014 there were 5 weddings, 29 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. Breakfast prayers took place once a month on a Saturday morning.

A well-attended Memorial Service was held just after Easter.

A commemoration of World War One was held over the weekend of 20th and 21st September and involved exhibitions, prayers and a service for relatives of the fallen of the parish.

Services were advertised on the noticeboard outside church, in the Barnsley Chronicle every Friday and on the church website www.stedwards-barnsley.org.uk. A card inviting local people to our Christmas services was delivered to homes in the parish.

Information was given to the congregation on a weekly pew sheet. An experimental newspaper, The Kingstone Community News, published in conjunction with the local Ward Alliance, was distributed to 1000 homes on four occasions throughout the year.

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

Lent groups were held and followed a Pilgrim course on the Lord's Prayer

Up to 32 members and helpers met to have lunch and share in an activity at a fortnightly Friendship Club..

The St Edward's Guild met monthly.

We have continued to support our Mara link, holding a Mara Evening, with speaker Jane Fellowes, in September. The water pump we bought has been installed and is working.

The PCC met nine times in the year. Preparatory plans to install a toilet in the north porch and refurbish the vestry were submitted and considered by the DAC in September. We were given a legacy from the estate of Bea and Harry Brown which was used to buy a chasuble, burse and veil.

Social events have taken place throughout the year, for example coffee mornings and summer and Christmas fairs and the Barnsley Camra Beer festival in July. 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.

Councillor's Surgery - Cllrs Kath Mitchell, Tom Sheard and Donna Green (Kingstone Ward) hold a monthly surgery.

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

Fabric Report and Deanery Synod Reports to be inserted here.

Financial Review

Common Fund (now called Parish Share again in the new diocese).

The PCC paid 75% of the Parish Share in 2014 and consequentially we have depleted our Fabric Fund by £6400 as well as already running up an arrears of £6157 with the diocese as we did not pay in full. 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 £97,408, down from £104,996 last year. As this fund is not restricted it is viewed by the diocese as our reserves. The fund is likely to be less than £80,000 at the end of 2015 as again the PCC will use it to 'top up' our Parish Share payment and we have significant repairs to the tower balustrade to fund.

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 2014. Our planned giving (standing orders and weekly envelopes) was down by £595 over the year; however other donations such as £460 from the St. Cuthbert's Way walk increased.

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

If we do not pay attention to this, our Fabric Fund will soon be depleted and the church will be bankrupt.