

**ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR,  
BARNSELY**

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

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2012**

**Bank:-**

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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 Wakefield within the Church of England.

The correspondence address is:-

St. Edward's Church, Racecommon Road, Barnsley S70 6JY.

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

PCC members who have served from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012 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:*

Gordon Fletcher until APCM 2014

Heather Fletcher until APCM 2014

*Elected members:*

Eileen Carr (C)

Terry Gelder (B)

John Gostelow (C)

Margaret Gostelow (B)

Lynette Mace (C)

Joan Moss (B)

Ann Wood (A)

Pam Smailes (A)

Leslie Broadhead (A)

Lorraine Taylor-Kent (B)

from APCM 2012

Treasurer

PCC Secretary

Deputy Churchwarden

until APCM 2012

Deputy Churchwarden

## **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 - 2014
B - 2015
C - 2013

## **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

### Church attendance

There are 69 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, 31 of whom are not resident within the parish. The average weekly attendance in 2012 was 44 on a Sunday and around 12 on a Wednesday, but this number increased at festivals.

### Review of the year

In 2012 there were 5 weddings, 32 baptisms and 5 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 every Wednesday 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. In addition to regular services, special services have also taken place, for example Evensong on 14<sup>th</sup> October with the Wakefield Cathedral Choir, a Memorial Service and a well-attended Christingle on Christmas Eve. Services are advertised on the noticeboard outside church, in the Barnsley Chronicle every Friday and on the church website [www.stedwards-barnsley.org.uk](http://www.stedwards-barnsley.org.uk). Information is given to the congregation on a weekly pew sheet and in a quarterly magazine. The diocesan news sheet Awake is also distributed in church. Pastoral care is given to those in hospital or unable to get to church.

Our Lent course followed 'Handing on the Torch', a York Course written by John Young.

A fortnightly Friendship Club started on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Currently around 26 members and helpers meet to have lunch and share in an activity. Money was donated from BMBC's Community Fund to buy essential equipment for the vestry kitchen.

The PCC met ten times in the year. New policies approved in 2012 included Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults and Lone Working in Church. Peter Mulrooney (Barnsley Churches Drugs Project – now the Barnsley Churches Drop-in Project) addressed the PCC in March and six members of the congregation joined the PCC in September for a discussion and Q&A session with our architect Stephen Parry on our plans to re-order the nave. Donations of £250 each were made to Barnsley Samaritans and Embrace the Middle East (formerly Biblelands)

A new window in the Lady Chapel, funded by and in memory of George and Lillie Stone, was completed.

The congregation raised over £2000 to build a well in our link parish of Tairo in Tanzania. St Thomas Gawber has joined us in our link with Tairo.

Social events have taken place throughout the year, for example coffee mornings and summer and Christmas fairs. They are part of the church's mission to be open, welcoming and hospitable to local people and have also made a profit of £4440.

### 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.

**St Edwards Guild** - Meets every third Tuesday at 2.00pm (except August). There is an annual subscription of £5 which goes towards paying for speakers, who usually ask for their fee to be given to a charity of their choice.

Meetings start with a prayer for all circumstances in the world, the sick and the departed, our own and those known only to God, followed by the Guild Prayer, instituted by Mrs Eldred Hall. There follows a talk of about 30 minutes and then a refreshing 'cuppa' and chat. In 2012 Guild members had talks from Rev'd. Jenny Barnes, Collective Legal Solutions, Rev'd. Canon Martyn Crompton, Rev'd Maureen Browell, Rev'd Mark Poskitt, Joan & Harold Pashley, Fred Thompson and Pat Semley, as well as enjoying socials and lunches at Barnsley College.

It is a pleasant, relaxing time in company with others; many of the members live alone, myself included, so the Guild is a welcome break giving, I hope, pleasure to all.

Love in Christ, *Jean Jagger, President.*

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

**Polling Station** – the vestry was used as a polling station for the council elections in May and the police commissioner election in November.

### **Financial Review**

As can be seen from the attached financial statements once again we spent more than we received in 2012, although we were able to use some of our restricted funds to meet some of the deficit.

Although our planned giving (standing orders and weekly envelopes) was up on 2011, our total income from other collections, events and weddings was lower.

We are now £115,201 in arrears with our Common Fund payments and soon these arrears will be greater than our total assets which are now £118,630, down £16,608 on 2011. The sum that the churches in the diocese have to find is shared between the churches according to a formula that is based mainly on a head count of the congregations. In 2012 there was a reduction in our Common Fund which allowed us to pay 68% instead of the budgeted 60%. In 2013 we have budgeted to pay 65%.

We have set a budget for 2013 which is almost £2000 lower than in 2012 to match what we believe our income will be this year. If we are to meet this budget the PCC will need to keep a tight control on our expenditure and make savings where we can.

### **Reserves policy**

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance in the General Fund which equates to approximately six months expenditure. The balance of £10,204 on these funds is a reduction on 2011 and still falls short of this target. This balance will be needed this year as there are no restricted funds to fall back on.

It is our policy to save the remainder of our designated fabric Fund of £94,236 for the upkeep of the fabric of the church and to put towards the re-ordering of the church which will enable greater use of our facilities by both the congregation and the local community.

*John Gostelow, Treasurer.*

**Approved by the PCC on .....and signed on their behalf by Rev'd M Poskitt (PCC Chair)**