

**ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR'S CHURCH,  
BARNSELY**

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

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2010**

**Bank:-**

**Barclays Bank  
25/27 Church Street  
Barnsley  
South Yorkshire  
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**Independent Examiner:**

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## **Administrative information**

St. Edward the Confessor's Church 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 2010 until the date this report was approved are:

<i>Priest in charge:</i>	Revd Mark Poskitt	
<i>Reader:</i>	Fred Thompson	
<i>Wardens:</i>	Gordon Fletcher	
	Heather Fletcher	from APCM – 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2010

*Representatives on the Deanery Synod:*

Gordon Fletcher  
Heather Fletcher

*Elected members:*

Renée Burton (A)	
Eileen Carr (C)	from 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2010
John Gostelow (C)	Treasurer
Margaret Gostelow (A)	PCC Secretary
Lynette Mace (C)	Deputy churchwarden
Joan Moss (B)	Deputy churchwarden

Vacancy (A)

Vacancy (B)

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Lorraine Taylor-Kent

Co-opted until APCM 2011

## **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 representatives are elected for 3 years.

PCC term of office ends at APCM in	A - 2011
	B - 2012
	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 67 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, 28 of whom are not resident within the parish. The average weekly attendance was 40, but this number increased at festivals.

### **Review of the year**

This year (to 31st December 2010) has been a year of consolidation, reflection and development for St Edward's. Revd Mark Poskitt has been with us now for a full year during which our service booklets have all been up-dated according to Common Worship, we've had good services for Mothering Sunday, the Easter period, Harvest, Remembrance and the Christmas period, 24 baptisms, 4 weddings and 8 funerals.

We were very sad to lose Zoe Glossop, our organist at Easter, but delighted that a young organist, Nick Sutton stepped into her shoes. Nick was an excellent organist with great enthusiasm and a vision to develop the choir. Unfortunately having lost his job with Wakefield Primary Care Trust, we then had to say good-bye to him as he re-located to be Assistant Verger at Chichester Cathedral. We have been extremely fortunate to have two or three competent organists who between them have covered our services and we are very grateful to them.

During 2010 a small Task Group was established to reflect on where we are as a parish and try and establish some plan for the future. This group worked together and in collaboration with the wider congregation and members of St Edward's and a report with recommendations is due in the Spring of 2011. We very much look forward to this to give us some direction into the future.

There was another well attended and interesting Lent Course. We developed the Wakefield Diocesan Advent study on 'Discipleship and Giving' for the course which generated a lot of discussion.

The Heritage Inspired weekend was again very successful. We really do have a beautiful church building, with a number of excellent stained glass windows, and the best view of Barnsley from the top of the church tower.

In October the Right Revd Stephen Platten, Bishop of Wakefield celebrated for our Patronal Festival.

St Edward's is a church where many members give their time and energy to its life. There are the Churchwardens, officers and PCC members, our Reader and Deacon, those who prepare and participate in services, those who decorate the church with flowers, the cleaners, those who make tea and coffee, those who care for the grounds, the Events Committee and its members who organise many activities for fund raising, socialising and the building up of community life, those who prepare meals for the Luncheon Club, those who prepare the magazine and no doubt many others whose service is done quietly but is gratefully acknowledged. Thank you to everyone who works so hard for the life of St Edward's.

And on a lighter note, we won the Barnsley Deanery Inter-Parish Bowling Competition. What a result!

We look forward to 2011 in which we hope that we may be able to progress with our plans.

*Revd Mark Poskitt*

### **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.

**Vestry Lunch** – Held every Thursday at 12 noon where a three course meal is served for £3-50 including tea and coffee. This is widely supported and includes non church members. There is a friendly atmosphere and everyone talks to each other.

**St Edwards Guild** – Meets every third Tuesday at 2.00pm (except August). There is an annual subscription of £5.

A varied programme with an interesting speaker is on offer most months. Outside visits to Miller's Restaurant, Barnsley College, the training centre for aspiring chefs and catering management is always a favourite and now results in four visits during the year.

The Annual General Meeting and presentation of accounts is held in February, when donations are discussed and when a share of our small amount of “free monies” to others is decided. Adrian Eggleston’s DNA talk was outstanding but not really understood (under statement) and Jean Cooper’s talk about Diabetes (part 1) was interesting - part 2 is to follow in March 2011. A highlight was the second visit by Mrs. Beryl Sanderson, then the Deputy Mayoress with another “Easter Bonnet” parade. Mr. Bob Sharpe, ex Fire Officer, gave a humorous, human view of a very difficult and dangerous job emphasising how grateful we should be for this invaluable service. Revd. Maureen Browell breezed into our lives bringing vitality, energy and much Christian love and a return visit is looked forward to in June 2011. Harold and June Pashley gave an interesting talk about their cruise including Africa – what an adventure that must have been – continual different views of a fantastic country, people and culture given with such grace and courtesy Porcelain Flowers – the skill of some people, especially making it look so easy, Val Vardy, has a terrific gift. We were all invited to have a go – some members were very good, I failed miserably, but it was a lovely cheerful afternoon, with great fun. Revd. Richard Burge - a welcome return visitor, great storyteller with a hidden message to think about – Leonardo da Vinci’s masterpiece “The Last Supper” underlying the cost of sacrifice to be paid for the FAITH. A very enjoyable time with happy memories was had by all.. Anyone in the congregation or local community will be very warmly welcomed to our meetings.

*Love in Christ, Jean Jagger, President*

**The Sewing Guild**

The re-generated ‘Sewing Guild’ (currently consisting of 4 people) have restored an antique altar cloth – replacing the silk on the super-frontal which was completely rotten – conserving the elaborate, rich embroidery.

*Lorraine Taylor Kent*

**PCC Report.**

The PCC met eleven times in 2010. Minutes of the meetings are displayed on the notice board at the back of church and are available to read on request from the PCC Secretary.

Policies: the PCC reviewed and approved the following policies in 2010: Finance, Lettings, Memorials in Church, Environment and Child Protection.

A revised Health and Safety Policy, Vulnerable Adults Policy and Equalities Policy are still to be drafted.

The PCC approved a list of positions requiring a CRB check. This list will be amended in light of recent information received from the diocese and is likely to be further amended once the Protection of Freedoms Bill becomes law.

A diary is now kept by the churchwardens so that all events in the church and vestry can be recorded.

Friends of St Edward’s: in November the PCC met with Gemma Stancey from Heritage Inspired who spoke about setting up a Friends of St Edward’s. Such a group would organise events to raise money for the church building, or other heritage events.

Extension of Suspension of Presentation: this was agreed by the PCC in December and means that our patron cannot present a candidate to be our incumbent to the bishop. Our patron is the bishop.

Publicity: the PCC approved the purchase of a banner, three A frames and a notice board to advertise services and events to the local community. Information is given to church members via the weekly pew sheet and quarterly magazine. Leaflets are delivered to the whole parish for special services and events, which are also publicised in the local media

**Fabric report** See Separate Report

*Gordon Fletcher*

**Deanery Synod report** See Separate Report

*Gordon & Heather Fletcher*

## **Financial Review**

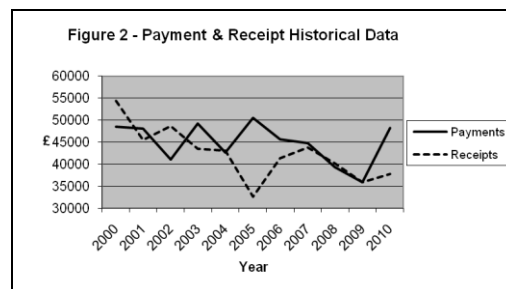
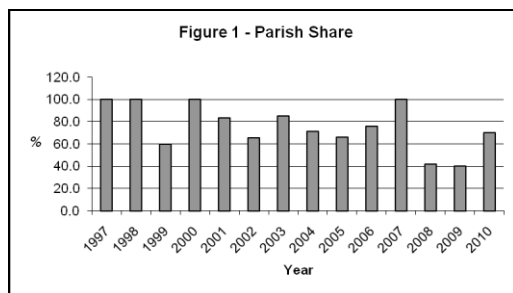
As can be seen from the attached financial statements we were not able to balance the books in 2010. This is largely due to the decision made by the PCC (4 to 2) to use our Fabric Fund, from the sale of the Parish Hall, to top the Common Fund payments up to 70%.

Our income was up from the previous year largely due to an increase in the giving from the congregation and a legacy of £2550. The legacy was designated for modifications to the sound system when we thought we would not have an organist.

Our expenditure was much higher due to the decision to pay 70% of our Common Fund and the rise in the cost of energy. However during the year we changed energy suppliers and are now starting to see the benefit of the reduced costs which should be reflected in the 2011 accounts. The cost of repairs was also higher than anticipated, although following a visit from the diocesan secretary and archdeacon we agreed to fund these from the Edward Lancaster Repair Fund. This has resulted in using 45% of the Fund in one year which will never be replaced.

We are now £95,920 in arrears with our Common Fund payments.

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, although for 2011 a simple percentage rise was used. A trend of our Parish share contribution is shown in Figure 1 and a trend of Payments & Receipts is shown in Figure 2.



We have set a budget for 2011 which maintains our income and reduces our expenditure but it is unlikely that we will be in a position to pay 100% of the Common Fund unless we are given a more realistic target or we embark on activities which significantly increase our revenue.

## **Reserves policy**

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance in the General Fund which equates to approximately six months expenditure. The balance of £9607 on these funds still falls short of this target.

Our policy to save our designated Fabric Fund of £95,151 for the upkeep of the fabric of the church and future modifications has been modified to make our Common Fund payments up to 70%. This has meant a reduction of £6648 in the fund and is likely to reduce even further this year if we continue with this changed policy.

**Approved by the PCC on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2011 and signed on their behalf by Revd. Mark Poskitt (PCC Chair)**