

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

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

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31ST DECEMBER 2007

Bank:-

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

**Mr A Bower
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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 benefice is suspended & vacant. The church is in Interregnum.

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

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2007 until the date this report was approved are:

<i>Incumbent:</i>	This position is vacant	
<i>Priest in Charge:</i>	Revd Jenny Barnes	(Until 4 th November 2007)
<i>Reader:</i>	None	
<i>Wardens:</i>	Mrs Patricia Adcock	Secretary
	Mr Gordon Fletcher	

Representatives on the Deanery Synod: (Until APCM in 2010)

Mr Gordon Fletcher
Mrs Heather Fletcher

Elected members:

Mrs Renée Burton(A)	
Miss Eileen Carr	(Until APCM 2007 – 15 th April 2007)
Mrs Margaret Cooper(A)	
Mr Arthur Darren(B)	
Mr John Gostelow(C)	Treasurer
Mrs Joan Moss(B)	
Mrs Lorraine Taylor-Kent(C)	(From APCM – 15 th April 2007)
Mr Fred Thompson(C)	(From APCM – 15 th April 2007)
Mrs Julie Thorpe(B)	

Structure, governance and management

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 - 2008
	B - 2009
	C - 2010

Objectives and Activities

St Edward's PCC has the responsibility of 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 74 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, 32 of whom are not resident within the parish. This is the same as last year. The average weekly attendance was 54, but this number increased at festivals. Three Christmas carol services were held for local schools.

Review of the year

The full PCC met eleven times during the year with an average level of attendance of 90%. Once again a great deal of time and thought was spent during the year on encouraging people back to church. This culminated in our second successful 'Back to Church Sunday' and Gift Day weekend.

This year saw the retirement of Colin Rowlands after 46 years as organist (plus a further 21 years as deputy organist). Tributes to Colin can be found in the Autumn Parish News. We also saw the departure of the Revd. Jenny Barnes who as 'Priest in Charge' did much to invigorate the life of the church during the interregnum.

The PCC also focused its attention on how the proceeds from the sale of the parish hall should be used. It was confirmed that these proceeds should be used for the fabric of the church and in particular the heating system. We have had a gas supply connected in readiness for the installation of a new boiler system to upgrade the heating. Unfortunately the old boiler failed before the planned installation of the new boiler which left us without heating for 2/3 months instead of 2/3 weeks. Additional problems arose with the discovery of asbestos which needed to be removed before the new installation could go ahead.

Once the new heating system is in place we will be looking at what can be done to enhance the community use of our facilities and to improve them for our own use. We will be consulting widely and there will be an opportunity for you to air your views. The state of the decoration continues to cause concern and this will also be factored into future plans for the church.

The Social Committee is again to be congratulated on their fund-raising efforts. This year our fundraising has increased considerably. This allowed us to reduce the shortfall in our income even further. This increase in fundraising was largely due to a successful Autumn Fayre held in October and has helped us to maintain our Parish Share contribution and to make donations to local and national charities. It is good that these efforts on behalf of others can be combined with opportunities for fellowship.

Activities (all held in the vestry)

Social crafts – Meets every Wednesday in the Vestry from 1.30pm until 3.30pm. The group works with parchments and make all sorts of things especially cards. Refreshments included in the price of £3.00

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

Residents Meeting – monthly business meetings.

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.

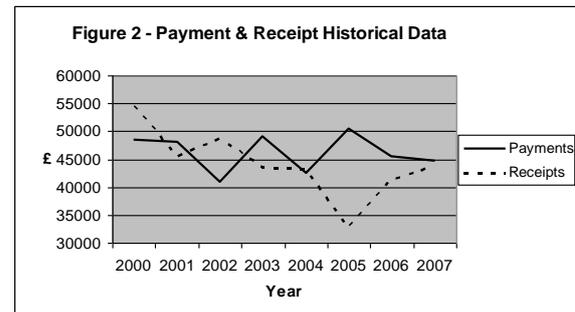
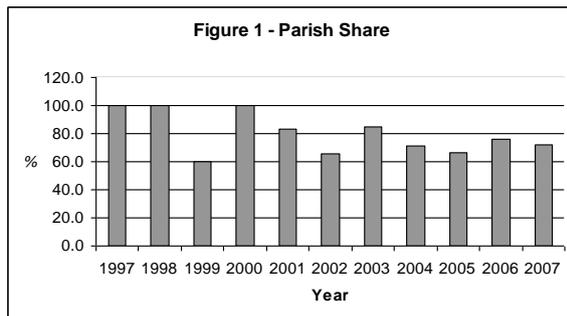
St Edwards Guild – Meets every third Tuesday at 2.30pm (except August). There is an annual subscription of £3. Meetings have a guest speaker and light refreshments are served afterwards. In January the Guild organises a lunch at Barnsley College and an AGM is held in February where donations to charities are decided.

Financial Review

Total receipts on ordinary unrestricted funds were £43713 and are detailed in the Financial Statements. The interest on the proceeds of the sale of the parish hall provided a gross income of £5824. This will need to be replaced as we spend this money.

The planned giving through envelopes and banker's order has increased this year by nearly 25% mainly due to re-introduction of banker's orders together with an effort to attract more people back to church.

£44729 was spent to provide the Christian ministry from St Edward's Church, including the contribution to the diocesan parish share, which in the main provides the stipends and housing for the clergy. The percentage of our contribution fell by 1%, but this was largely due to the increased costs in running the church. 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. A trend of our Parish share contribution is shown in Figure 1 and a trend of Payments & Receipts is shown in Figure 2.b



The net result for the year was a deficit of receipts over payments of £1011. After adding bank and deposit balances brought forward at the beginning of the year, the balances carried forward at 31st December 2007 in our Cash, Current and Deposit accounts totalled £9023.

Reserves policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance of unrestricted funds which equates to approximately six months expenditure. The balance of £9023 on these funds falls short of this target. This has now been reduced even further by the demand that we pay the balance of the 2007 share (£7852) before the Faculty to replace the boiler was granted by Wakefield diocese. As a result, we are running with a balance of only two to three weeks in our general fund.

It is our policy to invest our main funds balances with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund and Share Fund, We also have a smaller investment with National Savings Stock. The PCC have designated funds of £124744 for the upkeep of the fabric of the church, including replacement of the boiler, which is currently estimated to cost just over £30000.

Approved by the PCC on 3rd March 2008 and signed on their behalf by John Gostelow (PCC Vice Chairman)