

**ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR,  
BARNSELY**

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

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2016**

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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;-  
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 2016 until the date this report was approved are:

<i>Priest in charge:</i>	Revd Mark Poskitt	until August 2016
<i>Reader</i>		
<i>Warden</i>	Fred Thompson	

### *Representatives on the Deanery Synod:*

Fred Thompson	elected APCM 2014
Margaret Gostelow	elected APCM 2014

### *Elected members:*

Lynette Mace (C)	until APCM 2016, Deputy Churchwarden
Ann Wood (A)	Deputy Churchwarden
Eileen Carr (B)	
Sarah Padgett (B)	Deputy Churchwarden
Margaret Cawthorne (C)	
Terry Gelder (B)	Deputy Churchwarden
Ray Dawes (C)	until APCM 2016

## **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 - 2019

## **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 2016 there were 4 weddings, 18 baptisms and 14 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](http://www.stedwards-barnsley.org.uk).

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 three occasions during the year.

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

One Lent group was held in the parish.

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 eleven times in the year. Plans to refurbish the north porch and vestry were submitted to the DAC in August 2015; no final decision regarding these plans was forthcoming, although we were told in February that there was no real objection to what we were planning

Social events took place throughout the year, for example coffee mornings and summer and Christmas fairs. We are a Fairtrade Church and every effort is made to ensure that we use Fairtrade products at all our events.

After the priest in charge left the parish in August the Parish Profile was updated and negotiations to become part of a united benefice with two other parishes were started.

### **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 report**

The fabric of St Edward's Church is in good condition for its age (consecrated in 1902). This is due to the care and regular maintenance by church members over the years.

Regular cleaning of the church by church members is organised on a rota basis and together with mowing of the grass and care of the flowers, all help towards keeping the church looking in a good condition for worship and receiving the admiration of visitors.

The floodlights in the church grounds have had bulbs replaced where necessary and the light fittings at the east end have been replaced. The internal lights have been checked and bulbs replaced where necessary. Now all internal and external lights are in working order.

Early in the summer old lead piping in the boiler room was replaced with copper piping and old taps replaced.

In December '16, Mr Andrew Shepherd was appointed inspecting architect for the church. In February he attended our PCC meeting and scheduled to carry out an inspection of the church fabric, which is required every five years.

The refurbishment of the vestry has been a long running process. The PCC is keen for the project to go ahead to enable fuller and developmental use of the vestry. To this end, Wi-Fi has been installed in the church and a computer course was very successfully launched in February after the Friendship Club.

With a building of its age, it is to be expected that structural problems with the church fabric will regularly occur and need attending, but with immediate attention to problems when they arise may, in some cases, minimise overall expense.

## **Financial Review**

### **Parish Share**

The PCC again paid 75% of the Parish Share in 2016 but as our income was better than budgeted we did not need to use our Fabric Fund to top it up to the 75% this year. Our Parish Share arrears now stand at £18784 after 3 years since it was written off when the new diocese was formed.

The diocese has reviewed how the Parish Share is paid, but the formula still does not reflect our ability to pay; however it does now reflect that we do not have a full time priest. Consequently our Share has reduced for 2017 and we are budgeting to pay 81.5%.

### **Fabric Fund**

Our Fabric Fund now stands at £88,499, an increase of £390 over last year, as a result of an increase in value of our shareholding. 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**

For the first time in several years we spent less than we received in 2016, which was largely due to the fact that our expenditure was contained and we received an unexpected legacy. Our planned giving (standing orders and weekly envelopes) decreased by £731, however our other voluntary receipts increased by £1423 which compensated for this, largely due to generous donations from the congregation.

### **Income & Expenditure**

We were diligent with our expenditure in 2016, because of a reduction in repairs and maintenance as well as other church running expenses. However these repairs have to be done this year. We are now overdue for a quinquennial inspection which is likely to identify several additional necessary repairs.

In order to meet these expected costs, we need to consider ways of raising money for example by making grant applications.