

**ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR,  
BARNSELY**

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

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2017**

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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 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 until the date this report was approved are:

<i>Priest in Charge:</i>	Revd Canon Stephen Race	from September 2017
<i>Assistant Curate:</i>	Revd Miguel Sanchez Rodriguez	from September 2017
<i>Reader and</i>		
<i>Churchwarden:</i>	Fred Thompson	
<i>Churchwarden:</i>	Tricia Adcock	from April 2017

*Representatives on the Deanery Synod:*

Fred Thompson      elected APCM 2017

*Elected members:*

Ann Wood (A)	until APCM 2017
Eileen Carr (B)	
Sarah Padgett (B)	
Margaret Cawthorne (C)	
Terry Gelder (B)	Deputy Churchwarden
Margaret Gostelow (A)	from APCM 2017

## **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 - 2020
	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 2017 there were 6 weddings, 26 baptisms and 10 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 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, on Facebook 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 2000 homes in the autumn with details of our new clergy and Christmas events and services.

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

Social events took place throughout the year, for example summer and Christmas fairs, concerts, and Lent and Harvest lunches. We are a Fairtrade church and every effort is made to ensure we use Fairtrade products at all our events.

The PCC met seven times in the year. It was proposed that our church would form part of a new benefice in Barnsley with St Mary's, St Paul's and St Thomas, Gawber. Fr Stephen Race was licenced as Priest in Charge and Fr Miguel Sanchez Rodriguez was licenced as assistant curate of St Edward's in September in preparation for the introduction of the new benefice in 2018. The PCC met in October and agreed to hold quarterly PCC meetings with actions delegated to monthly Standing Committee meetings. All lay members of the PCC and the treasurer were co-opted on to the Standing Committee, with Fred Thompson as Chair.

A Quinquennial Report, completed by our architect in February, was presented to the PCC in May. The work needed on the fabric of the building amounts to £46,325 over the next five years.

Following a site visit by the DAC in January 2016, members of the PCC had understood that application had been made for a faculty for work to be carried out in both the north and south porches and in the vestry. However, no such application was made; it is still our intention to proceed with re-ordering, in particular to provide better access and toilet facilities for disabled people.

### **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 Joanne Murray (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 the church continues to be in a generally good condition. A quinquennial inspection (QI) report was carried out in February by our inspecting architect Andrew Shepherd.

In response to the QI report and recommendations from our inspecting architect, the PCC commissioned detailed reports on the east and west windows, and on the nave roofing and guttering.

The grounds of the church continue to be well maintained on regular basis with mowing of the grass and the maintaining of the flower beds.

Internally, the church is regularly cleaned by members of the congregation on a rota basis.

Visitors to the church, including baptism and wedding parties comment on the beauty and condition of the church.

The refurbishment of the vestry and the installation of a disabled toilet in the north porch, continues to be a pressing need; both of which will need grant aid in order to be accomplished. An upgrade to the vestry will provide facilities and an environment suitable for church activities and community usage which will also provide a much needed income for the church.

## **Deanery Synod Report**

Fred Thompson attended one meeting in 2017 in Athersley in November.

This meeting was postponed from the June. At this meeting parish representatives were asked to discuss in small groups issues, events and church members involvement in their respective parishes; this concluded with sharing in the full group.

## **Financial Review**

### **Parish Share**

The PCC paid 81.5% of the Parish Share in 2017 as agreed when the budget was approved. This was paid entirely from our current account and we did not need to use any of our Fabric Fund this year.

Our Parish Share arrears now stand at £23,113 after 4 years; previous arrears were 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.

### **Fabric Fund**

Our Fabric Fund now stands at £89,696, an increase of £1,197 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. It should be noted that if the recommendations from the quinquennial report are implemented in full, this fund could be halved. As this fund diminishes there is less that we will be able to fund in terms of re-ordering and vestry improvements.

### **Giving**

There was a significant reduction in giving in 2017, and although there was a small legacy this was used to replace our loop system which had failed. Our planned giving (standing orders and weekly envelopes) decreased by £1,301 which is almost double the decrease in 2016. Our other voluntary receipts also decreased by over £400. This is something that the PCC are hoping to address with a stewardship campaign.

### **Income & Expenditure**

We spent more on repairs in 2017, because we needed to fund the quinquennial report and address a number of repairs that were not carried out in 2016.

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