

**ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR,
BARNSELY**

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

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31ST DECEMBER 2018

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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 1st January 2018 until the date this report was approved are:

Incumbent: Revd Canon Stephen Race

Assistant Priest: Revd Miguel Sanchez Rodriguez

Reader and

Churchwarden: Fred Thompson

Churchwarden: Tricia Adcock

Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

Fred Thompson from APCM 2017 to APCM 2020

Elected members:

Eileen Carr until January 2018

Margaret Cawthorne

Terry Gelder

Deputy Churchwarden

Margaret Gostelow PCC secretary

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 one year. Deanery Synod representatives are elected for 3 years.

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 2018 there were 12 baptisms, 6 funerals and one wedding. 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, on the church website www.stedwards-barnsley.org.uk, and subsequently on the Benefice website www.barnsleybenefice.org

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 Christmas events and services. Five hundred Christmas cards were also delivered to the new estates in the parish.

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 25 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. Several events were organised in partnership with other organisations, for example Friends of Locke Park, Amnesty International and the U3A. We are a Fairtrade church and every effort is made to ensure we use Fairtrade products at all our events.

The PCC met four times in the year and the Standing Committee met five times. Policies, including compliance with new data protection regulations, were reviewed and updated and are available from the PCC secretary on request.

- A new service booklet was introduced
- A faculty to convert the north porch into a disabled lavatory was approved by the diocese in September and work on tenders for the project has been requested from the architect
- The Diocesan Stewardship Advisor attended the PCC meeting in October and it was agreed to hold a stewardship campaign during Lent 2019.
- Charitable donations were made by the PCC to Amnesty International and the Barnsley Drop In Project

The Benefice of Central Barnsley came into being in January 2018. The PCC supported the holding of Benefice-wide services in months where there are five Sundays; these services have been popular and well-attended by members of all five churches.

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 good condition.

The church and grounds are regularly maintained with great care and attention with regular mowing of the surrounding grassed areas and the cultivation of the flower beds.

The interior cleaning of the church and vestry continues to be carried out on a planned regularly scheme by a small but dedicated team.

Baptism parties, as well as new and occasional visitors to the church comment how well the church looks and is cared for. However, the maintenance and keeping the church in good condition is now noticeably falling on fewer people as the congregation grows older.

During June, in response to the QI report and the architect's advice, high level work on the roof and guttering was carried out to ensure they remain in good condition well into the future.

The church sign and external doors are now in need of a repaint to ensure longevity.

The pressing need for installation of a disabled toilet in the north porch is currently in progress.

The upgrade and refurbishment of the vestry continues to be raised, for it will meet community needs and provide an important income for the church.

Deanery Synod

The Deanery Synod met in St. Edward's on November 19th '18, when parish representatives were given a presentation by DIAL, a community project based at McLintock's Building, Barnsley.

DIAL provides a help and advocacy service to the people of Barnsley. It also offers volunteering opportunities and a hOurbank scheme, where members 'deposit' and 'withdraw' a hour of their time. It is a way for local people to come together and help each other.

Financial Review

Parish Share

The PCC paid 79.3% of the Parish Share in 2018 (i.e. the same amount as in 2017), down from 81.5% in 2017. This was paid entirely from our current account and again we did not use any of our Fabric Fund.

Our Parish Share arrears now stand at £28,115 after 5 years; previous arrears were written off when the new diocese was formed.

Although the diocese has reviewed how the Parish Share is paid, 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 £80,599, a decrease of £9,097 from last year, as a result of the high level work undertaken in the summer. As this fund is not restricted, it is viewed by the diocese as our reserves. The remainder of the high level work was funded from our current account which has also reduced significantly.

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 we will be able to fund less in terms of re-ordering and vestry improvements.

Giving

Again there was a significant reduction in giving by the congregation in 2018. Our planned giving (standing orders and weekly envelopes) decreased by £1,380 which is almost similar to the decrease in 2017. Our other voluntary receipts (i.e. Gift Day and other donations) also decreased by over £350. This is something that the PCC are hoping to address with the stewardship campaign in 2019. Additionally there were far fewer weddings and funerals in 2018 which are another source of income.

Income & Expenditure

We had an in year deficit of £18235. Of this £14096 can be attributed to the remedial high level work and payment for the report on stained glass which was carried out in 2017.

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