

**ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR,
BARNSELY**

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

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31ST DECEMBER 2019

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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 2019 until the date this report was approved are:

Incumbent: Revd Canon Stephen Race

Reader and

Churchwarden: Fred Thompson

Churchwarden: Tricia Adcock to APCM 2019

Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

Fred Thompson from APCM 2017 to APCM 2020

Elected members:

Rhoda Beard	from APCM 2019
Margaret Cawthorne	
Terry Gelder	Deputy Churchwarden
Margaret Gostelow	PCC Secretary
John Gostelow	from APCM 2019, Treasurer
Dorothy Jenkinson	from APCM 2019
Lynette Mace	from APCM 2019, Deputy Churchwarden

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 2019 there were 17 baptisms, 8 funerals and 2 weddings. There was a communion service every Sunday at 9.15am apart from the second Sunday of each month when the service started at 10am, latterly 10.30am. 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 Benefice website www.barnsleybenefice.org

Benefice services were held where there was a fifth Sunday in the month.

Information was given to the congregation on a weekly pew sheet. The Kingstone Ward Alliance Newsletter was distributed to homes in the parish in the autumn with details of our 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 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.

St Edward's church is part of the Benefice of Central Barnsley. St George's church was added to the existing churches (St Mary's, St Paul's, St Thomas's, and St Edward's) in May 2019. Individual PCC meetings are held within Benefice meetings when all four PCCs come together. The PCC met four times in the year and the Standing Committee (which comprises all St Edward's' PCC members) 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 faculty to convert the north porch into a disabled lavatory was approved by the diocese in September and work started in autumn 2019
- A stewardship campaign was held during Lent 2019. Church members are encouraged to give their weekly donation by standing order; weekly envelopes were discontinued
- Charitable donations were made to Amnesty International, and Mara following concerts and events, and to the Barnsley Drop In Project
- Discussions were held about introducing a pastoral protocol to ensure no church members are forgotten

- Safeguarding is included as standard agenda item at all meetings and the appropriate policies were updated during the year. Advice on safeguarding is also on the Benefice website.
- Details of our work with schools and children were in the initial stages of discussion

M Gostelow, PCC secretary

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.

Electoral Roll Report

There were 54 people on the electoral roll at the last AGM

Fabric Report

Overall, the fabric of St Edward's continues to be in sound condition.

The west window however occasionally lets in a little water when there is heavy rain and a west wind. This is due to the 'bowing' of the window – which happens to stained glass windows over time – and to the deterioration of the cement holding the glass in the lead framework. The subsequent cracks and gaps allow rain water in.

On November 11th work began on the construction of a disabled and accessible toilet in the north porch. The work was scheduled to be completed by 9th December, but was extended when a survey of asbestos had to be carried out in the undercroft just before Christmas.

The preparation of services, the cleaning of the church and the maintenance of the church grounds are all carried out by dedicated groups on a regular basis. The results are admired by many visitors to the church as well as church members.

F Thompson, Churchwarden

Deanery Synod

The Synod met at St George's Church on 26th November.

Two speakers were on the agenda. Geoff Park, Diocesan Financial Officer, was first with a presentation on the diocesan financial position. His main focus was around the parish share and included how the Diocesan Board of Finance was able to offer financial assistance to PCCs in the form of loans, building and mission grants. Janet Edmund, Diocesan Stewardship Officer, followed with a presentation on the new Parish Giving Scheme. This is a new donation management tool being rolled out across the Church of England. It is essentially a scheme to help churches with resources to maximise their collections and support their work. Churches are able to continue to operate their own system if that works better for them.

F Thompson, Deanery Synod representative

Finance report and accounts

Parish Share

The PCC paid 60.7% of the Parish Share in 2019. 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 £38,559 after 6 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 and the Share for 2020 has reduced from £26,543 to £22,363. This is still far more than we can pay with a greatly reduced congregation.

Fabric Fund

Our Fabric Fund now stands at £54,441, a decrease of £26,158 from last year, as a result of the work to install an accessible toilet in the North Porch. This fund may increase once the VAT is reclaimed on the work.

I applied for 2 grants, but was unsuccessful in obtaining any grant funding.

However a £10,000 legacy contributed towards the cost of this important work.

The Fabric Fund is not restricted; it is viewed by the diocese as our reserves.

It is still the intention of the PCC to save the Fabric Fund for the upkeep of the fabric of the church. As this fund diminishes we will be able to fund less in terms of re-ordering and vestry improvements.

Giving

This year there was a very significant reduction in giving by the congregation. Our voluntary receipts decreased by £2,234 which is 1.6 times the decrease in 2018.

This was in spite of the stewardship campaign held in 2019. There was a slight increase in the fees for weddings and funerals in 2019, however this did not compensate for the loss in income from other sources. However individual giving in kind, by members of the congregation for example for stalls at the Fair, is very generous.

Community Account

Our current account (Community Account) has more money in it because I transferred funds from the Fabric Fund expecting to pay the cost of the North Porch toilet in December. However, the work was not completed in the 2019 financial year; the money has now been disbursed.

J Gostelow, Treasurer