THE PAROCHIAL PARISH COUNCIL (PCC) of ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR, BARNSLEY

ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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St Edward's Church is situated in Racecommon Road, Barnsley. It is part of the Diocese of Leeds, within the Church of England.

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

Registered Address:

Racecommon Road Barnsley South Yorkshire S70 6JY

PCC Members:

The following persons served as PCC members from 1st January 2023 until the date this report was approved are:

Incumbent:

Rev Phillip Maries

Lay Minister

Fred Thompson

Churchwarden:

Maggie Cawthorne (from 2023 APCM)

Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

Fred Thompson *

Elected members:

Rhoda Beard *

Deputy Treasurer; Deputy Churchwarden

Maggie Cawthorne

(until 2023 APCM)

Margaret Gostelow

PCC Secretary

John Gostelow *

Treasurer

Bankers:

Barclays Bank 10-18 Queen Street Barnsley South Yorkshire S70 2AJ

Independent Examiner:

BCVS Services, 23 Queens Road, Barnsley, S71 1AN

^{*} Bank Signatories

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a body corporate and operates under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules. The PCC is a charity exempted from registration with the Charity Commission.

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

Review of the year

The church remained open throughout 2023. Services of the Word or Parish Eucharists were held on Sunday mornings, and Communion by Extension was introduced at the end of the year. New service books were brought in for all these services and have been welcomed by members of the congregation. Benefice services were held in months where there were five Sundays, including a well-attended service at St Edward's on 29th October. Refreshments were offered to the congregation after the Sunday service.

Carol services/concerts were also held in the final weeks of the autumn term for local schools and were attended by pupils, staff and parents/carers.

There were 5 funerals, including one at the crematorium, 7 baptisms and 3 weddings in 2023. There was a Good Friday service at St Edward's and an Easter Sunday service at St Mary's.

Carols Round the Tree took place on 17th December and there were two services on 24th December, one in the morning and one in the evening. The PCC decided against holding a service on Christmas morning as the congregation preferred to attend on Christmas Eve, and because other churches in the Benefice held services on Christmas morning. There was also a special Remembrance Sunday service. A monthly service at Eboracum House (a local care home) was introduced.

A fortnightly Bible Study Group, with home-made soup, met throughout the year and has attracted members from other and no churches.

A Lent Lunch was held on February 28th and a Harvest Lunch was held in September following the Harvest Festival; a Carols and Mince Pie evening was held in December. Donations of money at these events were given to charity, for example the local Foodbank and the RNLI. A Mara Evening was held in September as a celebration of our links with Tanzania.

A weekly Coffee Club continued throughout the year attended by church members and people from the local community – and the Benefice Walking Group!

A summer fair took place in July and a Christmas fair in December. These events raised money but were also a way of connecting with our parishioners and having an enjoyable time.

In June we hosted a four day flower festival with the theme of 'New Beginnings'. Worsbrough and District Flower Group decorated the church with beautiful displays, and church members provided refreshments to visitors as well as stewarding the event. The festival was sponsored by donations from church members and friends, and managed to turn a profit for church funds.

Regular contact is maintained with members of the congregation who are no longer able to get to church. The weekly pew sheet was emailed to 40 people and was posted on the church's website and Facebook page.

Being part of a collaborative and supportive group of churches and PCCs has been hugely helpful to us in the development of our plans for mission in the parish. In May, following the departure of Fr Stephen Race to become the Bishop of Beverley, interviews were held by a panel with representatives of all four Benefice PCCs, and Rev Phillip Maries was appointed Rector of the Benefice of Central Barnsley. His installation took place on 25th June at St Edward's.

The PCC met regularly throughout 2023 to carry out its duties and responsibilities. Policies and areas of responsibility have been allocated to each member of the PCC so that monitoring and actions are carried out. Minutes of meetings are available on request from the PCC secretary.

We should like to thank our Local Lay Minister who not only leads our services of the Word, but also hosted an afternoon tea and talk on his adventures in Africa, and our clergy within the Benefice for their support and encouragement to us. Rev Phil in particular has shown his commitment to our church and a willingness to be innovative while retaining some of our established ways that remain important to us

St Edward's PCC takes its responsibilities for safeguarding children and vulnerable adults very seriously. Our policies, reviewed every year, are compliant with legislation and Church of England guidance, and are available at the back of church or via email from secretary@stedwards-barnsley.org.uk. PCC members have completed on-line training regarding child protection/safeguarding and domestic violence.

Future plans

We feel it is important to hold onto our central, classic Anglican style of worship which provides a contrast to the offer in other churches in the Benefice.

Electoral Roll Report

There were 45 people on the electoral roll at the last AGM held on March 2023.

Churchward & Fabric Report

After the QI inspection in 2022 the church was found to be in good condition. Some of the recommendations made have been implemented. The tower duck boards have been restored, the French drain has been filled in and the outer doors have been painted. The black iron work on the doors and the gates will be painted when the weather improves in Spring or early Summer. Quotations are being obtained for the high level work and then a grant will be applied for towards the cost. A grant was approved for a new kitchen boiler and hot water system and these have been installed. Maintenance has been carried out on the clock and bells, the boiler and fire extinguishers, and the organ will be serviced later this year.

Plans to update the vestry are still ongoing but a start has been made.

Many thanks to all who help to clean the church, who mow the grass and do the gardening.

Maggie Cawthorne

Deanery Synod Report

There were three meetings in 2023. The first was a joint gathering of Deanery Synod representatives in Wakefield Cathedral on Tuesday 21st February, when Rev Jude Smith, the Director of Church Revitalisation, spoke about the Barnabus initiative. This aims to encourage and enable congregations to be confident in witness, about ways to help churches to help churches to grow in an ever-changing world.

The second meeting was held on Thursday 22nd June at St Thomas, Gawber. The speaker was Jemima Parker, Diocesan Environment Officer, who spoke about the urgency for churches to deal with the Climate Change crisis; the impact of this on our lives and how churches can witness to this in caring for God's creation.

The third meeting was held at St Edward's which began with the election of officers: Lay Chair. Secretary, Treasurer and Retired Clergy representative. The speaker for the evening was Theo Sheridan-Watts from Welcome Springs Together. This is an independent charity that exists to support community centres, libraries and places of worship across the diocese to join a network where people can connect, belong and contribute to creating places of friendship and hospitality. It also aims to bring talents, experience and skills that people might be willing to share locally.

Fred Thompson

Eco Church Report

A group has been formed to look at St. Edward's Church becoming a carbon net zero church. This is in response to the urgent call for churches to reduce their carbon emissions and joining other churches striving to be carbon net zero by 2030.

Fred Thompson

ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR, BARNSLEY VICAR'S REPORT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

In my mind and heart, a special place is reserved for heroes of the faith. While Christians are certainly not to seek applause and publicity for charitable acts and contributions to the Lord's ministry, God's choice servants deserve recognition and appreciation for working well and diligently for the Lord.

I have deeply appreciated such heroes who have persistently and patiently walked the walk of service in ministry to the Lord and His people. The time these heroes give to the church is often invisible to a church congregation as they work behind the scenes much of the time. One such group of heroes are Lay Ministers. They are the special, load-bearing timbers of the local church.

According to 1 Timothy 3:13, lay leaders boldly set a good example: "For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a good standing and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus" (NKJV).

Where others stumble, Lay Ministers lead. When others falter, Lay Ministers lead. When prayer is needed, Lay Ministers lead. When times are difficult and hope is fading, Lay Ministers lead. To lead is their calling, their gift, and their responsibility. They set the example for extraordinary service.

I would personally like to say thank you to Fred for his commitment to the work and service not only to St Edwards but the benefice as well in his role as Lay Minister.

Another group of heroes are the PCC members, who again give their time without reward so that St Edwards can function week by week. My thanks also go to this group, and by no means least a big thankyou to Maggi who look on the role of Church Warden and has done an excellent job over this last year.

Revd Phil Maries

Financial Review

Parish Share

The PCC paid 32.1% of our Parish Share in 2023 (cf 29.9% in 2022), this slight increase reflected the increase in income from events.

Our Parish Share arrears now stand at £96002 after 10 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 at our church. The Share for 2024 is £21,286 compared to £22,106 in 2023. This is still far more than we can pay with a greatly reduced congregation, although we are budgeting to pay 34.1% of the share.

Fabric Funds

Our Designated Fabric Fund now stands at £52,473 following an increase in share value. This fund is not restricted; it is viewed as part of our reserves. We also have a Restricted Fabric Fund of £3266 after consolidating the West Window and Lillian Deighton/ Pam Stimpson funds.

It is still the intention of the PCC to be prudent and save the Fabric Fund for the upkeep of the fabric of the church which will fall into disrepair if this was not the case.

Income

Although there was a slight decrease (£611) in planned giving by the congregation, our total income, ignoring legacies, was up by £2085 this year. This was largely due to the fact that we held a flower festival as well as two fairs and a gift day.

Legacies

We received two legacies totalling £15001 during the year which were restricted for use on refurbishing the vestry.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the PCC of St Edward's Church, Barnsley to hold unrestricted reserves to cover the running costs of the church for a 6-month period (*), plus £5,000 to provide additional support for planned repairs. The PCC estimate this to be a total unrestricted reserve of £17,000.

The actual reserves at the year-end are £7882 (£6722 in 2022) which is below our policy of £17,000. This is lower than our policy because our income is insufficient to greatly increase the reserve. With the current energy costs this is unlikely to improve in 2024, however if necessary the PCC can make a transfer from the designated Fabric Fund to meet any unexpected costs.

The PCC believe it is also prudent to hold a designated Fabric Fund as part of its reserves to be used to meet anticipated costs to the building over the next five years as the quinquennial inspection in 2022 has identified possible costs of over £50,000.

* The Association of Church Accountants and Treasurers recommend a period of between 2 and 6 months depending on the size and financial standing of the church. The 6-month period for St Edward's is because we are unable to raise funds quickly from donors and because we have a small congregation.

John Gostelow (Hon Treasurer)

ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR, BARNSLEY INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT **YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

I report on the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 10 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date: 15/2/24

Stephanie Tolson **Community Accountant BCVS Services** 23 Queens Road, Barnsley, S71 1AN

ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR, BARNSLEY RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Receipts and Payments

		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2022
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Voluntary giving	2a	14866	0	17886	32752	24953
Receipts from activities generating funds	2b	3707	1439	5518	10664	5120
Receipts from Investments	2c	1889	1715	89	3693	-1651
Receipts from church activities	2d	1963	0	0	1963	3562
Total Receipts		22424	3154	23493	49071	31984
Payments						
Fundraising Costs	3a	367	1315	3701	5383	1275
Cost of church activities	3b	8027	0	1033	9060	1273
Church Expenses	3c	15692	0	3099	18791	15944
Major Capital expenditure	3d	0	0	0	0	6119
Total Payments		24087	1315	7832	33234	36070
Excess of receipts over payments		(1663)	1838	15661	15837	-4086
Transfers between funds	13	2823	0	(2823)	0	0
Net movement in funds		1160	1838	12838	15837	-4086
Total funds brought forward		6722	50912	4272	61906	65991
Total funds carried forward	:	7882	52751	17110	77743	61906

ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR, BARNSLEY STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Monetary Assets

	2023		2022	
Barclays Community Account				
General fund	7693		6259	
Friendship Club	0		37	
Coffee Club	258		87	
Cheques not cashed	(50.00)		0	
Lillian Deighton / Pam Stimpson Fund	0		800	
Mara	2	7903	0	7184
Barclays Business Premium Account		13842		1006
CCLA Deposit				
West Window	0		1885	
Lillian Deighton / Pam Stimpson Fund	0		581	
Fabric Fund (Restricted)	3266			
Fabric Fund (Designated)	32534	35800	32534	35000
CCLA Shares Fabric Fund		19938		18223
Petty Cash				
General Fund - Cash not banked	0		223	
General Fund - Float for Fairs	240		240	
Coffee Club	20	260	30	493
Total		77743		61906

The PCC declare they have approved the accounts above.

Signed on behalf of the PCC:-

Signed

Date:

15/2/24

John Gostelow (Hon. Treasurer)

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1. Accounting policies

Basis of the preparation of the accounts

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts & Payments basis, and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the requirements of the Charity Commission.

Receipts & Payments Accounts

Receipts & Payments Accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the charity during the financial year. In this context 'cash' includes cash equivalents, for example bank accounts where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due.

Funds Structure

Unrestricted funds

Represents funds which are expendable at the discretion of the members in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

Designated Funds

These are unrestricted funds that have been designated for specific use.

Restricted funds

Those funds that have been provided to the charity for particular purposes and which may only be spent for the purposes for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on the fund, unless permission is given by the funder to remove the restriction on the balance outstanding.

Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are recognised when they are received and are accounted for gross.

2. Analysis of Receipts

		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2022
Note		£	£	£	£	£
_	Receipts					
2a	Voluntary Giving		_			
	Planned Giving	6384	0	0	6384	6995
	Collections at Services	3384	0	0	3384	4322
	Other giving and voluntary receipts (Excl. Gift Day)	981	0	1035	2016	3745
	Gift Day	1104	0	0	1104	635
	Tax Recovered	3013	0	0	3013	2655
	Legacies	0	0	15001	15001	0
	Grants	0	0	1850	1850	6600
	Total	14866	0	17886	32752	24953
2b	Receipts from Activities Generating Funds					
	Coffee Club	0	1439	0	1439	1019
	Special Events	3707	0	5518	9225	4101
	Total	3707	1439	5518	10664	5120
2c	Receipts from Investments					
	Bank Interest	5	0	89	94	0
	CCLA Dividends	545	0	0	545	542
	CCLA Interest	1339	0	0	1339	238
	CCL change in share value	0	1715	0	1715	(2431)
	Total	1889	1715	89	3693	-1651
2d	Receipts from Church Activities					
	PCC Fees	1493	0	0	1493	3192
	Vestry Bookings	470	0	0	470	370
	Total .	1963	0	0	1963	3562
	Total Receipts	22424	3154	23493	49071	31984
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3. Ana	lysis of	Payr	nents
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		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2022
Note		£	£	£	£	£
3a	Fundraising Costs					
	General fundraising costs	367	1315	3701	5383	1275
	Total Receipts	367	1315	3701	5383	1275
3b	Cost of Church					
	Activities Mission giving &	366	0	1033		
	donations				1399	966
	Diocesan Parish Share	7100	0	0	7100	6600
	Honoraria	525	0	0	525	1500
	Expenses of Clergy	37	0	0	37	216
	Fuel Grant	0	0	0	0	3450
	Total	8027	0	1033	9060	12732
3c	Church Expenses		· 			
	Mission and Evangelism	0	0	0	0	26
	Running Expenses					
	Insurance	5453	0	0	5453	5072
	Subscriptions	135	0	0	135	71
	Worship resources	318	0	0	318	420
	Churchyard	50	0	0	50	1463
	Repairs	520	0	0	520	889
	Administration	59	0	0	59	152
	Maintenance	642	0	3099	3740	2032
	Support	534	0	0	534	1054
	Telephone and Internet	247	0	0	247	239
	Website costs	78	0	0	78	96
	_	8037	0	3099	11136	11515
	Utility Bills					
	Gas	5380	0	0	5380	2979
	Electricity	1676	0	0	1676	899
	Water	240	0	0	240	226
	_	7296	0	0	7296	4104
	Governance costs	350	0	0	350	325
	Cost of trading	0	0	0	0	0
	SumUp Costs	9	0	0	9	0
	Total	15692	0	3099	18791	15944
	Major Capital expenditure					oder warden
	Major repairs	0	0	0	0	7413
	New building work	0	0	0	0	(1294)
	Total =	0	0	0	0	6119
	Total Expenditure	24087	1315	7832	33234	36070

4. Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.10(2) of the Charities Act 2011.

Other tangible assets:

Printer

4 Laptop computers

Cooker

Dishwasher

Fridge/Freezer

Lawn Mowers & Strimmer

Crockery & other Kitchen equipment

Candlesticks and other movable furnishings (a list is held in church)

5. Trustees' remuneration, benefits and expenses

Clergy expenses were paid to Revd Phillip Maries (£37) during the financial year. Other than reimbursement for items purchased on behalf of the charity, there were no further payments or remuneration made to members of the PCC.

6. Related party transactions

No payments were made to any persons connected to the members of the PCC or to any related parties.

All gardening, cleaning, fund raising, community activities, support for services, secretarial support, financial support and minor maintenance is undertaken by volunteers from within the church community.

7. Wedding and Funeral fees

The fees for vicar, organist & verger for weddings and funerals are not part of the PCC's income. For one funeral the organist was paid (£75) from the PCC's income as the fee was not submitted to the funeral director. There is £4.50 brought forward for travel expenses for one funeral held in 2022.

8. Children's Society Boxes

In addition to the restricted payments and receipts listed, the Children's Society boxes collected in the parish raised £620 (cf £510 in 2022). This does not form part of the PCC's income. There was no door to door collection for Christian Aid in 2023.

9. Investment Income

The PCC agreed to transfer the interest and dividends from the Fabric Fund to the General Fund in order to keep the Parish Share shortfall to a minimum. The capital is designated for the upkeep of the fabric of the church. Interest from the Premium Business Account to be retained in the account.

10. Cash reserves

The PCC keeps £240 of the General Fund as a cash reserve in a safe to be used as cash floats for events such as fairs.

11. Business Premium Account

The PCC used the Business Premium Account for restricted Flower Guild payments and receipts until the flower festival. The profit (£2823) was then transferred to the general fund and the Business premium Account then used for the Vestry Refurbishment fund. The interest from the Barclays Business account now being transferred to the restricted fund for the vestry refurbishment.

12. Movement in Funds

	Opening Balance	Receipts	Payments	Fund Transfers	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	6722	22424	(24087)	2823	7882
,	6722	22424	(24087)	2823	7882
Designated Funds			•		
Fabric Fund	50758	1715	0	0	52473
Friendship Club	37	0	0	(37)	0
Coffee Club	117	1439	(1315)	37	278
:	50912	3154	(1315)	0	52751
Restricted Funds					
West Window	1885	0	0	(1885)	0
Lillian Deighton plus	1381	0	0	(1381)	0
Fabric Fund	0	0	0	3266	3266
Flower Guild	1006	5518	(3701)	(2823)	0
Vestry Refurbishment	0	16940	(3099)	0	13842
Christian Aid week	0	255	(255)	0	0
Christian Aid Appeals	0	381	(381)	0	0
Rector Installation	0	222	(222)	0	0
Lifeboats RNLI	0	50	(50)	0	0
St George Food Bank	0	40	(40)	0	0
Mara jar and evening	0	2	0	0	2
Fr Jay leaving	0	70	(70)	0	0
Peter Townley Leaving	0	15	(15)	0	0
-	4272	23493	(7832)	(2823)	17110
Total funds	61906	49071	(33234)	0	77743

13. Funds Transfers

In addition to the consolidation of the reserved fabric fund the profit from the flower festival was transferred to the general fund.