

**The Parish of
Sprotbrough**

**Annual Report
and
Financial Statement**

**of the Parish of Sprotbrough
for the year ended
31st December 2021**

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1. Membership

The method of appointment of members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All eligible church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC.

The following shows the membership of the PCC as 31st December 2020.

Ex officio members

Rector	Revd Amanda Barraclough	2015
Assistant Curate	Revd Robert Heaton	2011
Churchwardens	Andrea Offord	2019
	Roland Lumby	2017

Deanery Synod Representative	Derek Barraclough	2017/20	2020/23
Reader Emerita	Betty Brockman		

Elected members

Hilary Downs	2016 / 2019	2019/ 2022	
Ray Ekins (Treasurer)	2012 / 2015	2015 /2018	2018/2021
Lyn Hopson	2021/2024		
Angela Hudson	2021/2024		
James Inglis	2021/2024		
Alison Lumby	2017/2020	2020/23	
Heather Mears	2019/ 2022		
Therese Paskell	2021/2024		
Barbara Perry	2017 / 2020	2020/23	
Janet Scott	2018/ 2021	2021/2024	
Anne Smith (Secretary)	2015 / 2018	2018 / 2021	
Rachel Towers	2021/2024		

2. Aims and Organisation

The mission statement of St Mary's Church states that our purpose is to Worship God and Welcome All. The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline measures 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

The PCC operates through the following committees, which meet between full meetings of the PCC.

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC.

Vision Committee

This deals with matters relating to the ministry of the local church to the community and the world, including ecumenical links, evangelism and the support of mission and relief agencies.

Church Building and Grounds Committee

This assists the churchwardens in executing their responsibility for the maintenance of the fabric and plant of St Mary's Church, and also for the maintenance of both St Mary's and Cadeby churchyards.

Church Hall and Stable Committee

This has responsibility for the maintenance of the fabric and plant of the Hall and the Stable.

3. Rector's Report for 2021

It has been a year where the impact of COVID 19 and the gradual easing of restrictions have continued to occupy significant energy. We are in a slow phase of recovery which will take some years to emerge from, and will have reshaped both church and community.

Online worship, uploaded weekly to YouTube, continued until 25th April 2021. Between Easter Day 2020, and Mothering Sunday 2021, the date on which a sustained pattern of in person worship began, the average was 63 views across 58 services. St. Mary's closed its doors again following the service on 10th January 2021 during the third national lockdown, and reopened on 14th March 2021 (Mothering Sunday) with 2m social distancing for a maximum of 18 households/social bubbles. Between 14th March and 25th April, online worship continued, but a fall in views to an average of 22, with just 9 on the final week, led to the decision to suspend online provision. It has been necessary to use limited resources wisely, to prioritize the additional requirements involved in maintaining COVID safe space, with pre-booking required until July, and a maximum capacity of 30. We have chosen to move out of restrictions gradually, recognizing the need to show practical care for the most vulnerable. Over the summer, 2m distancing was relaxed, and limited proximity became possible. Maximum capacity was increased to 80, so pre-booking was no longer required. Throughout the entire year, masks have remained in place for all sung worship, and for most of the year were required at all times. No singing was permitted until July, and initially was by singing to recorded music. Karen Dodwell, formally appointed as Organist in August, has been playing since. September saw a return to offering refreshments, though this was suspended in December with the arrival of the omicron variant. Christmas Eve Crib Services were managed by pre-booking, and demand significantly outstripped supply.

The disruption has had a stark impact. A significant number who were habitual attenders have simply lost the habit. This is true across our traditional, All-Age and t-Time services. Our Worshipping Community (defined as those who engage in worship through St. Mary's at least monthly) currently stands at 78. Before COVID it stood at 149 (including Care home Worshippers). It is a startling and uncomfortable reality that we are a smaller congregation, and some will need significant support to re-establish the lost pattern of regular worship. Some never will.

Whilst this gives us pause for thought, we should not be discouraged. There is Biblical precedent for God using a small remnant to do something new. "I am the Vine; you are the branches." (John 15:5), and branches need pruning for new growth to emerge. Where has that been evident in this difficult year of 2021? We have welcomed new faces into church. There is evidence of refreshed commitment and resolve as some have returned with clearer priorities; some have a deepened faith after lockdown. Prayer Triplets have launched since autumn- one impact of the Lights for Christ learning hub completed in 2021. The Lent Course online was popular. Advent saw 15-18 people engaging in shared study – a great encouragement. We have resisted starting all we formerly did – a smaller capacity means we need to discern what is most needed and offer different engagement with a broader cross-section of the community. This will involve an outward-looking focus and the courage to experiment. The re-launch of All-Age Worship outside in the church grounds was one example, and allowed the welcome of the many youngsters baptized between May and November as we addressed the backlog built up. Re-launching anything takes time – much momentum has been lost. I am grateful to our new Administrator, Rachel Towers, who began in April and has devoted herself to the hard work of re-populating the calendar of Church Hall and Stable use from a standing start. This has also involved additional work for the Hall & Stable Committee. There is a natural desire to make up for lost time, to go into overdrive- we are determined not to do that. We do not serve God, the community or one another well by burning ourselves out. COVID has taught us that the institution is our servant, not our master. In the Mission Area we share with St. Peter's Bentley, the allocation is 1.5 stipendiary posts by 2025. COVID has only served to increase the urgency of reducing posts. Developing a confident team of home-grown leaders will be increasingly pressing as we move into 2022. Whilst this can feel somewhat stretching, I am confident that "The One who calls you is faithful, and he will do it." (1 Thess. 5:24).

Rev. Canon Amanda Barraclough 23/2/22

4. Electoral Roll Officer

The number of people on the Electoral Roll at 3rd March 2022 was 127.

Chris Davis

5. Churchwardens' Report

We thought 2020 was an unusual year and 2021 would see a gradual move back to some sort of normality. How wrong we were! A third lockdown and restrictions back on the table. The challenges have been many and varied and in some cases difficult decisions have had to be made. We were able to open the church building for services for part of the year. We are grateful to all those who helped in any way with making the building Covid safe and to those who welcomed people at the door. Throughout the pandemic, Amanda and ourselves have had regular monthly wardens meetings to not only discuss the way forward but also for us to talk about our own challenges and how we can best support each other. It has been a tough year for all the ministry team at St Mary's. At times it's felt swan-like, all calm on the surface but everyone working *really* hard under the surface to try and ensure we are going in the right direction. We believe however there is light at the end of the tunnel.

We would like to thank our team of Deputy Wardens who have carried the load when we have both been absent (through personal reasons). We couldn't have done it without you. Thank you! Thank you also to all those who support us in any way.

The appointment of our Administrator (Rachel) last year has helped in spreading the load. We must however be mindful not to overburden her. We now have a regular Facebook presence reaching more of the community (see website report), we are looking at moving the website to a new platform and, of course, we have the re-ordering project. Interesting times lay ahead!

Church Buildings and Grounds.

A lot of work has been carried out on the proposed Re-ordering of the Church. We have completed the consultation process and have set up a small team which will, with regular planned meetings, enable us to keep the project moving forward.

Also a huge thank you to Roger Offord and the SMITE (maintenance) team, who have worked tirelessly every Wednesday to smarten up the Churchyard. Removing years of ivy growth from the boundary wall, uncovering more of the grave markers and doing general maintenance in Church and the Hall and Stable. Thank you!

And finally, as you will be aware Andrea will be standing down at this APCM. I would like to thank Andrea for all she has done as Churchwarden in the last two years. For your support, your organisational skills, being a sounding board and being there when I needed you. Thank you.
Roland

Who will be the next Churchwarden? Who knows? Rest assured that if I am the only one then I will do my best to serve St Mary's to the best of my ability in my final year.

Roland Lumby. Andrea Offord.

6. Secretary's Report

It has been another challenging year as restrictions were gradually lifted and we adjusted to a new normal. As there are only 6 members of the Standing Committee meetings could be held in the Stable. In May, June and July Parochial Church Council meetings continued to be on Zoom. In August PCC meetings moved to the Chancel with social distancing, as the Church Hall was not available. This was not ideal as the acoustics were not good and members were wearing masks. Issues discussed apart from routine matters were the Re-development Project, lease of the Barn

to the Harpham Dance Company, application for a Centenary Project Worker, a Friends of St Mary's Group, a Parish Weekend Away and a curate. Attendance of 84% was lower this year due to illness and a member who could not attend Zoom meetings.

St Mary's is a registered charity of which PCC members are trustees. Details of PCC members have been updated and the Annual Report and Financial Statement have been submitted to the Charity Commission.

Data Protection also has been observed.

Anne Smith

7. Vision Committee

The Vision Committee met 4 times in 2021, two meetings via Zoom, the latter ones in person. The year has been an uncertain landscape where forging specific action has been difficult.

Much thinking has been informed by our church involvement with the Diocesan Lights for Christ learning Hub. It has been evident we need to move from Initiative-based activity, organizing one-off invitational events for the community, to a more relational and outward-looking partnership with the community. This is a change of culture, which will be longer-term and ongoing. One expression of this has been the Christmas Tree Festival, which relied on community engagement and drew on groups including The Harpham Company, local schools and other contacts.

Our Mission Action Plan 4 was discussed, and was submitted with PCC approval in March, and identified some key aims:

- 1) Growing Small group engagement for fellowship, to increase confidence in talking about faith.

Numbers involved in small groups have grown in 2021

- 2) Developing engagement with children and young families.

PCC have applied to the Diocese for a Centenary Project Worker, to help us grow links with families and establish patterns of discipleship.

- 3) Improving welcome.

We have made progress – fewer people offer welcome at the church door, and more are starting conversation after services.

Riverside Mission Area.

What in 2018, when established, was a locally grown Mission Partnership with St. Peter's Bentley, formalized by the Diocese, has become a Mission Area, a unit of mission with an allocation of 1.5 stipendiary posts. We are currently over-staffed by 0.5 posts, and whilst we anticipated this would remain the case until either parish became vacant, the situation is now more urgent as Diocesan budgets experience greater pressure following the impact of the pandemic. With the prospect of reduced clergy capacity, we are focused on growing a confident home-grown ministry team to share in delivering ministry across the area.

We were able to deliver 'Explore Christmas' across the Mission Area, though this involved only the sharing of resources rather than people. It was not possible to deliver 'Explore Easter' because of restrictions. A pulpit swap was trialed for the first time on 31st October. We as stipendiary clergy meet regularly to support one another, as well as helping one another to cover funeral ministry when necessary. It is hoped that the appointment of a Centenary Project Worker at Sprotbrough will encourage more collaborative patterns as they work alongside their equivalent number in Bentley.

Revd Amanda Barraclough

8. Pastoral Ministers

As last year, much of what we were able to do was by phone, email; zoom at times and at a distance, prayer and limited contact where possible. Our service provision at Richmond Hill Nursing Home is still on hold, we hope and pray that this ministry can soon resume as life returns

to a more settled phase. We are now able to meet in person as ministry team and this is very fruitful with signs of new growth and enthusiasm, as this 'sleeping giant' awakes from its slumber. Food bank donations continue to be gathered at the rectory, and many thanks for the generous donations for those on the margins in our community. At the moment we are planning for the Jubilee celebrations, but are becoming more outward looking, to see what a difference we can make in the community. Salt is no good left in the salt pot, or light under a bushel. We must endeavour to be involved with those in the community around us.

Derek Barraclough

Fellowship Report

Throughout 2021, I have continued to have a large involvement in the running of the Sunday t-Time services/sessions, in the planning, preparation and delivering of the sessions. These sessions have been via email & 'Zoom' during Covid restriction times. Then in June, we branched out and held the sessions in the church grounds so that we could meet up in person – in autumn we moved into the church building. Thankfully, we have been able to maintain our 'church family' support and connections with the families, as we have continued to encourage each other to grow and develop in our Christian faith together.

Although pastoral visiting has been very limited by Covid restrictions, the main part of the pastoral work/care that I've been involved in (alongside other members of the church family) has been carried out over the phone or by email – which has created some lovely opportunities for getting to know church family members in a much deeper way, as well as having the opportunity to offer help/support/encouragement and prayer.

Another part of my time has been involved in Fellowship Group work. As a group, we have generally met up twice a month (via 'Zoom' during the first few months of the year). Then from June time we have been meeting up in various gardens for prayer, a cuppa and Bible study – we have followed study material from 'Engage Worship', which has been refreshing and new, as many of the studies have been linked with the psalms, where the outdoor environment and a 'hands on' approach has enhanced our learning and growing. Numbers have steadily grown within the group, so we now meet in The Stable, where we have been studying, 'Biblical Women of Courage'. So far, we have been finding out about, Priscilla, Phoebe, Lydia and the Queen of Sheba, to name a few! But I think it's fair to say, that everyone within the group would agree that they have discovered and learnt a lot about these women of courage and how they lived out their everyday lives for the Lord, and were therefore instrumental in His work! (An encouragement & a challenge to us all).

Irene Heaton

9. Safeguarding

St Mary's Church takes safeguarding responsibilities seriously. To which we have appointed a Safeguarding Officer, whose role includes ensuring the training and checks required by the Diocese of Sheffield, and the Church are in place as per recommendations.

All roles have a job description, and where necessary the correct level of training for the role is identified, and the applicant trained as needed prior to starting their role.

At the same time should a role require regular contact with children or vulnerable adults a check is undertaken using the DBS service provided by Thirty One Eight. DBS certificates may be either basic or enhanced depending on the details of the post. This applies to both volunteers and employed people, and maybe either basic or enhanced dependant on the role. Even occasional helpers are required to undertake some basic safeguarding training and supply two references before they are involved. At this time all roles are filled and each person has undergone the required level of training and DBS check. Training, is renewed every 3 year, as is DBS certification. Within the Diocese of Sheffield DBS certification from other organisations is not accepted.

Janet Scott

10. Church Buildings and Grounds Committee

See Churchwarden's Report

11. Church Hall and Stable Committee

Another difficult start to the year with yet another lockdown. This meant the closure of the premises once more. We became members of Action with Communities in Rural England as they provided valuable advice on managing the premises during Covid times. Once we were allowed to open up again, bookings soon picked up. Thanks go to Rachel for being proactive in this matter. The lockdown gave us the opportunity to accomplish various tasks. The hall kitchen was improved by having new cupboard doors and worktops fitted. The hall and stable were redecorated, chairs cleaned, hall curtains cleaned and fireproofed.

The Scouts vacated the barn at the end of March. The Harpham Company signed a lease and moved in shortly afterwards. Their presence has been an asset to the building as they have invested time and money into improving the barn and making it suitable to their needs.

We decided to re-invent the Stable coffee morning which had occurred on Thursdays for many years. A regular booking in the hall on Tuesday mornings for young mums and their children led us to "Coffee, Cake and Chat". We hoped that we could attract people outside the church family and it has proved very successful.

Andrea Offord

12. Other Committees Groups and Representatives

12a Adwick- le-Street Deanery Synod Representative

Due to the ongoing Covid restrictions etc during 2021 into early 2022, there has been little Deanery synod activity. Dave Berry, Vicar of St Peter's Bentley continues as area Dean.

A meeting was held November 23rd, agenda items included elections, Living in Love and Faith, notices etc. The next meeting was held at St. Peter's Bentley, the speaker was Dr Cathy Rhodes the Diocesan Environment Officer (DEO) Cathy was passionately regarding the subject, and given a lot of information. David Franklin also spoke regarding his church St. Peter's Askern being presented with an Environmental Bronze Award for Sheffield Diocese. The talk was informative and very relevant in the present climate situation. It may be worth inviting Cathy to one of our P.C.C. meetings or a meeting open to all of the church and community, so that we can learn more of what we can do to be more environmentally friendly, aware how small changes can make a big difference.

Derek Barraclough.

12b Bellringer's Report

As with 2020, Covid has severely restricted ringing throughout the year, though most weeks we have been able to ring on Sunday, albeit with reduced numbers.

With easing of restrictions, Sunday Service ringing returned to near normal by the end of 2021, with all but two of regular ringers returning. However, whilst we have been able to make some progress with our young learners who had already established good bell control, it has not been possible recruit new ringers, due to the need for close contact whilst teaching bell handling. As a result we are fewer in number, with only 8 regular ringers and struggle to ring all 8 bells on Sunday, due to absences. The optimum number, to ensure availability of a full band is 2 x the number of bells. Accordingly, priority for 2022 will be to recruit and train new ringers. In the meantime we continue to collaborate across towers in the district, with some of our ringers attending other practices and ringing at more than one tower on Sundays.

Tim Wheeler, Tower Captain

12c Friends of the Children's Society

Friends of the Children's Society are a small group of volunteers raising funds for the Society.

In October 2021 we were able to host Barbara's Quiz, a very popular event which raised £463.35. Letters were sent out to our Children Society box holders, boxes collected and returned raising £716.86

Our grateful thanks to the children, parents and staff of Orchard and Copley schools for once again supporting the society by filling their Christingle collection candles with loose change. Your generosity really makes a difference.

A total of £1999.81 was sent to the society in 2021. Like all charities the Children's Society has struggled with loss of income, but they are still committed helping vulnerable children. A very big thanks you to all our supporters and if you would like to join our small team of volunteers you will be very welcome.

Helen Harwood

12d Christians Together in Sprotbrough

The Christians Together in Sprotbrough activities were severely restricted by the covid pandemic in 2021. Unfortunately the luncheon club at SMC (Sprotbrough Park Methodist Church) was unable to run at all and this was also true of the Forget me not Café.

The Open the Book Group met and recorded two stories for the schools to use, one of these was sent into school and used, however the Christmas story was not formatted in time for Christmas. A joint outside Carol service was held in the Ivanhoe car park on a cold wet night and was appreciated by those who attended and those who heard the service from their cars. A lot of lessons were learnt in the organisation.

Two litter picking mornings were organised and a vast quantity of litter collected from the village and the road around The Newton.

Heather Mears

St Mary's Christians Together Representative

12e Forget-me-not Cafe

Throughout the various covid 19 lock downs and restrictions Forget Me Cafe has not been open. We are at the present time working towards re-opening this facility in the church hall as we fulfil safeguarding, food hygiene regulations required of the team and any volunteers.

Hilary Downs

Team Leader

12f Funds in Fellowship

During the pandemic our fundraising has been severely curtailed but we were glad to hold the Christmas Tree Festival in November which tied in with the switching on of the village lights. Everyone enjoyed this event and over the weekend enjoyed entertainment, refreshments and voting for their favourite tree.

The Tuesday morning Drop- in for coffee is in full swing again and we are looking for more fund raising ideas for the future.

Barbara Perry

12g Jigsaw Library and Coffee Morning

After being closed for 18 months due to Covid 19 restrictions, we welcomed the chance to consider our options, decided to change date and time and re-open once again on the 2nd Wednesday of each month 1-3pm. Members were contacted by phone, letter, facebook and notice boards and we re-opened on 8th September 2021. During the period September to December (3 months) 102 jigsaws were hired out and surplus jigsaws donated to BHF, Children's Air Ambulance, and Dr Bernardo's which allowed them to claim Gift Aid. We also took part in the Christmas Tree displays in church.

We were happy to welcome Stewart Hardy to help prepare the tables for us and were sad that John Hardwick has been unable to continue. Since June and I started in September 2012 and our team of volunteers joined us, Elizabeth, Marcia and Liz, we keep welcoming new friends and are

happy to keep going but have to admit some of us are 10 years older and getting a few aches and pains these days, so keep supporting and helping to keep this much needed social activity going. Many thanks.

Carole Hall

12h Mothers' Union

At the beginning of 2021, unfortunately all our meetings had to be cancelled due to the pandemic; however we kept in touch with one another by telephone, emails and socially distanced visits. Each month a small gift was delivered to our members together with a prayer and was gratefully received.

It was with sadness our very dear friend and lifelong member, Mary Parkin, passed away. She will be remembered with joy and love in our hearts for her dedication to the Mother's Union.

Our meetings were able to restart in September and in December St Mary's hosted the Deanery Advent Service during which we enrolled two new members, Anne and Julia. It was an uplifting service enjoyed with our members throughout the Deanery

Our branch is always open to new members male and female. The only stipulation is that you have to be baptised, so come along to one of our meetings. You will be made very welcome.

Helen Harwood

Branch Co-Ordinator

12 i Sunday t-Time

As in 2020, we have had the privilege of being able to continue the running of Sunday t-Time throughout the whole of 2021, despite there being major Covid Lockdown restrictions in place for the first 5 months of the year! The pattern that we followed in these first 5 months, was to email out the session's resources on the 1st Sunday of the month and then we would hold a live 'Zoom' session on the 3rd Sunday of the month – encouraging the 't-Time family' to stay connected as we journeyed along in our Christian faith together. Whether by email or by 'Zoom', we would explore a Bible verse or a passage via a PowerPoint or a 'YouTube' link and then we would expand on these themes with games, songs, prayers and fun activities.

Then with great excitement in June (when restrictions were lifted slightly) we planned and held our very first t-Time session in the great outdoors! The session was about exploring prayer, so we made the most of having the space available to us out in the church grounds & set up lots of areas to help us explore some of the many different ways we can pray – which included planting, bubble blowing, drawing & creating collage with natural materials, etc.

We continued our t-Time sessions in the outdoors until October, during which time we enjoyed using the natural environment to support our learning and understanding of the Bible stories/texts that we were exploring – on one occasion one of the mums and her children brought along 2 of their pet hens, as we explored the passage about Jesus explaining His love & care for us, as like a mother hen with her family (Matt23:37). We received many positive comments from the t-Time families about these outdoor events, which I felt were refreshing and provided a new way of exploring our faith together.

From October to December, we held the sessions within the church, allowing us more space to work compared to The Stable. We were also able to use the computer technology available to share stories, illustrations and songs, which I feel have enriched our learning/worship together. Again, many favourable comments have been received from families about this approach to t-Time and the environment.

We have maintained good numbers at t-Time during these times and to keep the wider church family informed/connected with t-Time, we have shared t-Time news/information and photos in the weekly newsletter and within the morning services.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us in prayer. It is really exciting to see children connecting together with their mums, dads, grandparents, godparents, aunts, uncles and the wider church family, as they explore and journey along in their Christian faith together.

Irene Heaton

12j Websites/Social Media

Sprotbrough Venues

The site is quite static when it comes to content, however, risk assessment, terms & conditions of use and hire charges are kept up to date. In February 2022 a new page has been added to promote 'What's on' in the Hall & Stable.

Church Website

The front page is generally updated but due to Covid and such the other content has stayed static. Over the last few months Roland has provided the detail to Rachel on how to maintain and update the site. Substantial changes have now been made to the Community, t-time and MU pages. The front page now has a Notices area that is updated weekly.

Facebook

Facebook is a very active part of St Mary's reach into social media promoting information that reflects Church but also our links to local community. Our Facebook figures are encouraging. If we look at the dates 30th Jan – 26th Feb our post reach was 2531 up 62%, post engagement was 487 up 190%. Our most engaging posts were "Dates for your Diaries" (3rd Feb) reach 118, engagements 18; "Food bank" 10th Feb, reach 216, engagements 34; "If you are wondering What's On? 14th Feb reach 1,700, engagements 125, for us that last one went viral! They may seem small figures in the grand scheme of things but crucially we are reaching different people, which is what we need.

It is interesting to note that if the above figures are an average month then over a year our potential post reach would be in the region of 30,000 and our engagements 6,000.

Rachel Towers

Administrator

2021 Treasurer's Report for St Marys Church

Prepared by Raymond J Ekins, St Marys Church Treasurer for the April 2022 APCM

Overview

2021, another difficult year due to the continuing pandemic which affected all aspects of our church life and finances.

Restricted income was up due to rise in the value of our investments. During the year there was little chance for major fundraising or incurring major expense due to Covid. Overall its value decreased due to a "Recategorise Funds" process.

Unrestricted income was slightly up which included our receipt of Covid grants, increased fees and giving, however many income streams were down due to Covid. Overall its value increased due to a "Recategorise Funds" process.

Similar to 2020 I was able to find and secure more Government Covid Grants totalling over £16000 to help with the loss of Hall & Stable hire income. This resulted in an unplanned surplus and permitted an additional Parish Share contribution to the Diocese of £8000. This made for an increased total of £45000, against a budgeted sum of £37000 (ideally the Diocese would like £72000). Without these one-off grants, the position would have been totally different.

The PCC approved the transfer of £45209 from the Restricted Fund into the Unrestricted Fund, following a review of our Fund allocations and is described in the Financial Statement report as "Recategorise Funds".

Financially the church accounts now appear to have a healthy balance, following the receipt of £23000 in Covid grants during the pandemic, increased investment values and the "Recategorise Funds" switching. Conversely the PCC has major commitments to fund in the near & long-term;

- A new post to assist in the development of younger families
- alterations to the church to make it fit for the 21st century
- maintenance of three buildings and grounds including Cadeby Church grounds

- fund as much as reasonably practical, our Parish Share contribution to the Diocese

Restricted Fund

Total receipts were £18,318 of which £13,638.00 is from a new investment with the Church of England investment company + £1,683 from other deposits. (Please note the value of investments can fall as well as rise).

Total expenditure was £552 was spent principally spent on church maintenance.

£4,209 deemed to be "Recategorise Funds" and was transferred into Unrestricted Funds.

There has been no income as yet for the Stable Renovation Fund, via Harpham Dance Company, as the income in 2021 has covered the legal costs of setting up a new lease. From January 2022 income is being placed in this fund and in turn invested to facilitate future known repair requirements.

The net result was a reduction of £27,443 of the Fund, resulting in a fund balance of £232,162 inclusive of a HMRC debtor and no liabilities.

Unrestricted Fund

Total receipts were £14,7780, inclusive of £4,229 all voluntary donations and £8,849 Gift Aid. Hall and Stable hires were £17,698. Also included in Unrestricted income is a £1,750 deposit we hold from "The Harpham Company" for the lease of the hall and is returnable subject to lease conditions being met. Additionally £45,209 was received from the Restricted Fund. Without grants, deposits and "Recategorise Funds" receipts would have been £84,167.

Total expenditure of £90,453, which included diocesan parish share of £45,000 to financially assist the Diocese to provide the Christian ministry from St. Mary's church.

Delegated Unrestricted funds now form part of the Unrestricted fund and exist to identify funds which a PCC may wish to use for a particular project. During 2021 the PCC these were agreed and included the following; Harpham deposit monies £1750, Designated Fund Reserve £15,000 and Future Admin Costs £8,000.

The net result for the year was an excess of receipts over payments of £57,327 resulting in a Fund balance of £73,660 inclusive of approx. £3,400 of assets (2021 Gift Aid & GASDS) and £1,215 of outstanding debt (accountant fees). Without the transfer of Recategorise Funds, benefits of one-off grants and deposited monies the Fund balance would have been £10,604.

Regular donors continue with their sterling efforts, I offer them mine and the PCC's thanks for the financial support given. There has been a progressive switch from "Envelopes" to giving using the very easy operationally Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). In late June these will finish, if still required, they will be printed locally. Anyone seeking to transfer to the PGS scheme please speak to the new Treasurer.

The combination of restricted and unrestricted funds and allowing for all assets and creditors to be remedied in 2022, our total fund balance is £305,822. Its increase principally due to a successful investment and Covid grant monies received. The strong balance will help to mitigate the continued effects of Covid in 2022 and support some of the major commitments the PCC has set itself.

Total Funds

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy fund has been created in 2021.

Volunteers

Thanks to the many people which support me with counting, fees and advice etc. etc.. At the end of the APCM I retire and I trust the new post holder will find it as interesting as I have.

Over the years one problem I have never had, are your regular voluntary contributions, so a "big thank you" again to everyone for continuing to be so financially generous.

Raymond J Ekins
Treasurer

April 2022

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPROTBROUGH

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

CHARITY NO:- 1133069

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPROTBOUGH

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Date:- 18-Mar-22

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Restricted Funds				
Other voluntary		247		28
Fundraising		546		1,062
Investment		15,321		1,279
Gift Aid & GASDS recovered		62		-
Grants		2,142		-
Gross Income		<u>18,318</u>		<u>2,369</u>
Resources expended				
Church maintenance	385		13,694	
Other	167		312	
Recategorise Funds	45,209			
		<u>45,761</u>		<u>14,006</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	-	<u>27,443</u>	-	<u>11,637</u>
Funds balance b/fwd		259,605		271,242
		<u><u>232,162</u></u>		<u><u>259,605</u></u>

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**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
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UNRESTRICTED	notes	31.12.21	31.12.20
		£	£
Unrestricted Funds			
Collections		2,804	1,746
Collections - Baptism		1,270	122
Collections - Funerals		1,151	375
Collections - Weddings		151	-
Money given under gift aid		28,529	27,180
Money given without gift aid		9,110	9,997
Gift Aid and GASDS recovered		8,849	9,998
Church activities		17,698	9,573
Other voluntary		1,215	3,904
Statutory fees retained by the PCC		8,103	3,027
Legacies		2,000	8,220
Grants		17,097	16,032
Fundraising		1,653	5,426
Other Receipts/Income not listed		2,384	4,415
Donations to Other Charities not SDBF		557	215
Recategorise Funds		45,209	
Gross Income		147,780	100,230
Resources expended			
Diocesan Parish share	45,000		49,000
Salaries, Wages & Honoria	4,880		5,024
Clergy and staff expenses	800		890
Mission & Evangelism costs	600		93
Church running expenses	16,880		19,980
Church utility bills	4,618		6,590
Charity donations	-		6,647
Church maintenance	1,846		-
Costs of Trading	14,972		3,003
Fundraising costs	300		-
Donations to Other Charities not SDBF	557		215
Other	-		5,178
		90,453	96,620
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		57,327	3,610
Fund balance brought forward		16,333	12,723
		73,660	16,333

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**BALANCE SHEET
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Investments		-		-
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Short term investments (CCLA)	170,638		7,000	
Debtors (HMRC)	52		63	
Bank	61,227		252,283	
	<u>231,917</u>		<u>259,346</u>	
Current liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year				
Creditors	-		-	
	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
Net current assets		<u>231,917</u>		<u>259,346</u>
		<u>232,162</u>		<u>259,605</u>
Parish Funds				
Restricted		232,162		259,605
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Short term investments	-		7,000	
Bank	132,714		265,933	
	<u>136,154</u>		<u>276,869</u>	
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Creditors	1,215		1,190	
	<u>1,215</u>		<u>1,190</u>	
Net current assets		<u>134,939</u>		<u>275,679</u>
		<u>135,184</u>		<u>275,938</u>
Parish Funds				
Total funds		305,822		275,938
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Investments		-		-
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Debtors (GASDS)	1,320		376	
Bank	71,487		13,650	
	<u>74,875</u>		<u>17,523</u>	
Current liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year				
Creditors	1,215		1,190	
	<u>1,215</u>		<u>1,190</u>	
Net current assets		<u>73,660</u>		<u>16,333</u>
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Parish Funds				
Unrestricted		73,660		16,333
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Collections and planned giving are recognised when received, tax recoverable on gift aid is recognised when the donation is received. All other incoming resources are sufficient reliability. All Incoming resources are accounted for gross, recognised once the PCC has entitlement to them, it is virtually certain that they will be received and the monetary value can be measured with certainty.

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The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred and is accounted for gross.

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Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

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