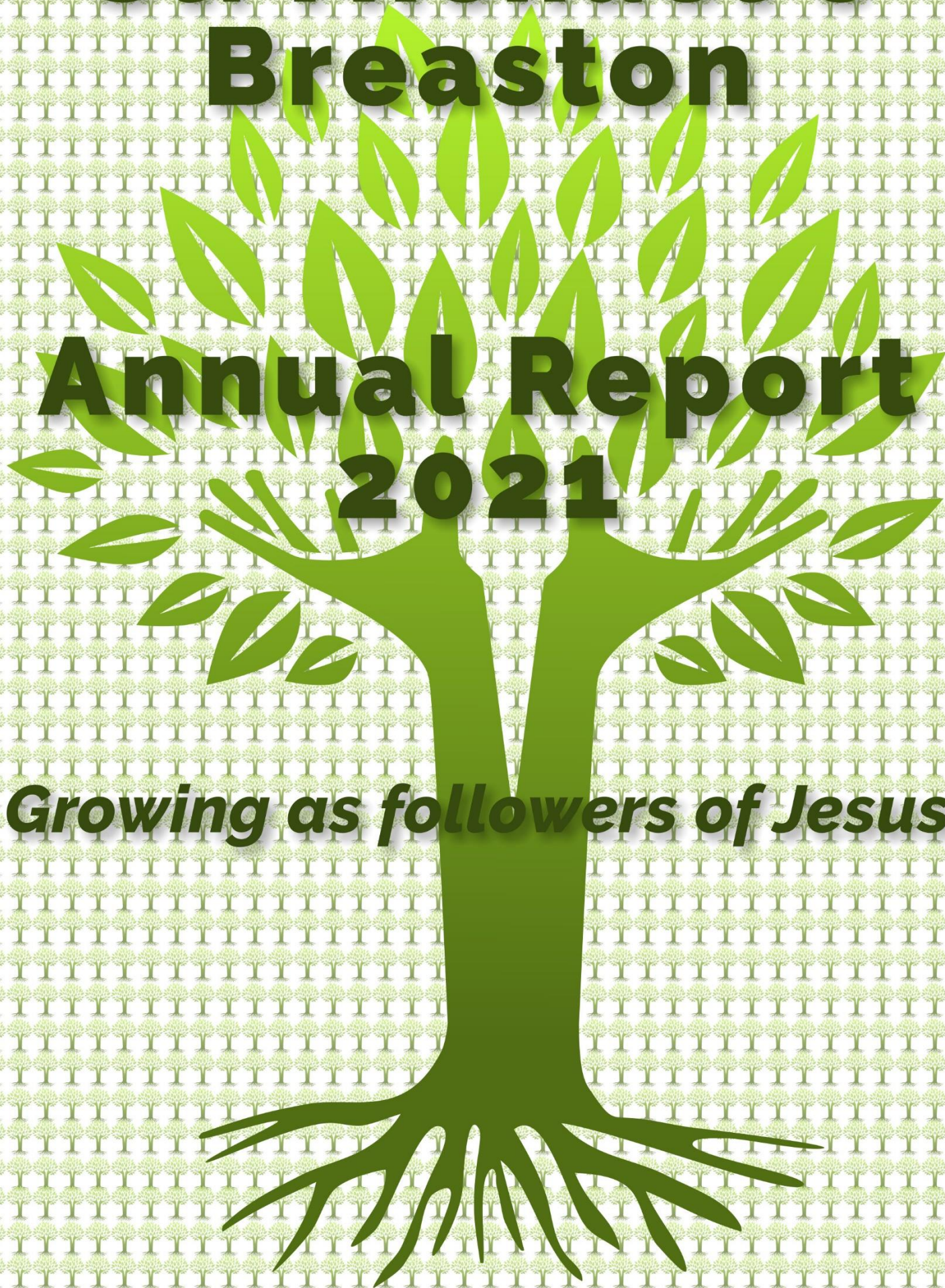


St. Michael's Breaston

Annual Report 2021

Growing as followers of Jesus



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Our mission at St. Michael's is "growing as followers of Jesus"; we do this by Loving God, ourselves and other; by experiencing the reality of God in everyday life and by serving, supporting, and sharing. This report is, as you will see, structured along those lines.

Church business

Chairman's report

It has been another challenging year with all the uncertainties and restrictions surrounding Covid. However, I am surprised by how many significant things have happened within St Michael's. I list a few below:

- Simon Bentley stepped down as our Youth, Children and Community Worker to study an MA in Theology at St Mellitus College.
- We appointed Steve Lacey as our part time youth worker. Steve commenced the role in September and has been doing a great job.
- We began the Renew Café in September. We have a great team



of people involved wonderfully led by Rachel Huskisson.

- We recommenced our children's work on a Sunday including All Age Services.
- A group from St Michael's started the Refugee Sponsorship Scheme. Although this does not come under the banner of St Michael's it is very well supported by the church family.
- We installed Wi-Fi in the church building to improve the quality of live streaming.
- Jill Bradley stepped down as our Administrator at the end of November.
- We appointed Sarah Warburton as our Communications Administrator in February. One of the aims of this role is to improve the way we communicate externally.

We have continued with services throughout as best we can, given the restrictions we have faced. I would like to thank Phil Lees for the numerous Risk Assessments we have had to carry out. I also thank the Standing Committee (Stephe Bowley, Mark Huskisson, Paul Stuttle, Jonathan Lupton and Jeanne Wilson) for taking care of many of the practicalities of church life which are often unseen but without which we couldn't function.

Jodie Kirk is in the final year of her degree course, and it has been a challenging time experientially with lockdown. However, Jodie has flourished in the last twelve months and is doing really well, with Steve Lacey's help in leading Sunbeams and our children's provision in both parishes.

I would like to pay tribute to Jonathan Lupton who has decided to stand down after twelve years as PCC Secretary. Jonathan has faithfully and proficiently carried out the role as well as taking responsibility for many other things including Wi-Fi installation, finalising the sound system and so on. Jonathan has done so much that I would struggle to list them all. We will miss Jonathan at PCC and Standing Committee for both the work he has done as well as his cheerful demeanour and sense of humour.

I would also like to thank Simon Bentley for his fruitful ministry whilst employed by St Michael's. He has built a tremendous legacy in terms of our connection with children, youth and young families. Simon is still around and involved with the group for dads that he set up. I pray that Simon would continue to grow in faith and discern where the Lord is guiding him.

Jill Bradley served as our Administrator for many years. She was so diligent and efficient and always went the extra mile. I owe a huge debt of gratitude to Jill and want to thank her on behalf of both churches in the benefice. She is sadly missed.

Claire Collishaw will also be stepping down as our Parish Safeguarding Officer due to the increased commitment of her new role at work. Claire has done a terrific job getting our policies up to

date and ensuring everybody that needs a DBS has one and that the relevant training has been carried out. A big thank you to Claire.

Rachel Huskisson has also stepped down as our Prayer Co-ordinator due to her desire to focus on the Renew Café. We are thankful to Rachel for the many prayer events that she co-ordinated with great efficiency and imagination.

I believe we live in a very different world to that which we did two years ago. We need to take the positives from the last two years and discern what God is saying to us. I think a key word is 'connection'. This is three-fold. The first is 'connection' with God individually and corporately. We are called to be a people of His presence living from a place of trust. The second is connection with each other. Jesus calls us into community. We need each other and one way we receive God's grace and grow as Christians is through learning to love our brothers and sisters. Finally, we are called to connect with people in the world. It is through connecting with people that we can share his light and love. Connection is essential to effectively sharing our faith.

I believe that we need to travel 'lightly and simply' moving forward. In the past many of us have strained to do the things we feel needs doing. We have set up groups and formulated policies whilst trying to achieve many other things at the same time. I feel that

we need to discern where the Spirit is leading and be willing to change direction and stop things if necessary. I think a key scripture is 'take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light' (Matthew 11 v 28 – 30). It's about letting Jesus take the strain and living at his pace and learning from Him.

The ancient paths have much to teach us, and I believe the UK church has so much to learn from the early Celtic church who effectively evangelised this nation. They were 'connected' and travelled 'lightly and simply' wherever the Holy Spirit led.

Thank you to all who support the ministry of St Michael's in whatever capacity you do this. We are truly blessed with amazing people.

God bless,

Rev'd Chris Smedley

Churchwardens' report

Church

There has been considerably more use of the church this year with a resumption of services, both on Wednesdays and Sundays in addition to opening for private prayer on Saturday morning and the resumption of the weekly Sunbeams provision for toddlers. The provision of video technology and an improved internet connection has enabled streaming

of the 10:30 am service each Sunday to continue throughout the year. The fitting of cameras to the internal pillars has improved the facility as well as removing the need for floor-level cabling.

The purchase of six large, round tables has provided the opportunity to introduce a café style service once a month as well as the introduction of the Renew Café (see page 14) each Thursday morning.

The quinquennial inspection took place in June. The Inspectors reported that the structure was basically sound. Most of their recommendations related to routine maintenance issues including several items affecting the grounds which are the responsibility of the Parish Council who have been notified.

In the coming year it is hoped to either refurbish or replace the main entrance gates which are showing signs of deterioration.

There is still a need to look at covering the drains and gulleys around the base of the church walls with wire mesh to prevent them becoming clogged with fallen leaves during the autumn. This will be progressed during 2022.

The church fabric is kept in good order with minor repairs being undertaken as and when necessary. Routine annual maintenance has been carried out including PAT testing and Fire Safety inspections.

The church inventory has been updated to take account of the changes made during the year. All moveable goods and chattels are recorded, and new items added as necessary.

Church Hall

We hope to carry out improvements in the hall in the coming year. It needs decorating and quotes are currently being sought. Both ceiling and floor would benefit from remedial work, and this will be progressed.

Whilst Playgroup have been the main user of the hall during the year, there has been a slow increase in the bookings for parties since the easing of Covid restrictions. A key safe has been fitted outside the main door to facilitate access for such events as we do not have the facility of a hall caretaker. Young church has also now been able to make regular use of the hall on a Sunday morning.

The church office has also become a useful addition as a small meeting room on occasion.

The Old Library

The current leaseholders continue to occupy the premises. No maintenance work has been required during the year.

Stephe Bowley and Mark Huskisson, Churchwardens

Financial review

Our total net assets (which are all held in cash, deposits and

investments) have increased to £204,386 from £169,732 mainly due to

- a) the increase in our investment value by £23,268, and
- b) income having increased whilst expenditure has been lower due to the closure of the church at points during the year
- c) Quinquennial maintenance on hold in 2020 & 2021; restarted in 2022

The CCLA CBF Investment Fund has risen to £161,542 as of 31st December 2021. Investments, as I continue to remind us all, can go

down as well as up! Nonetheless, our initial investment of £60,000 in 2016, plus a subsequent investment in 2021 of £20,000, has more than doubled in value.

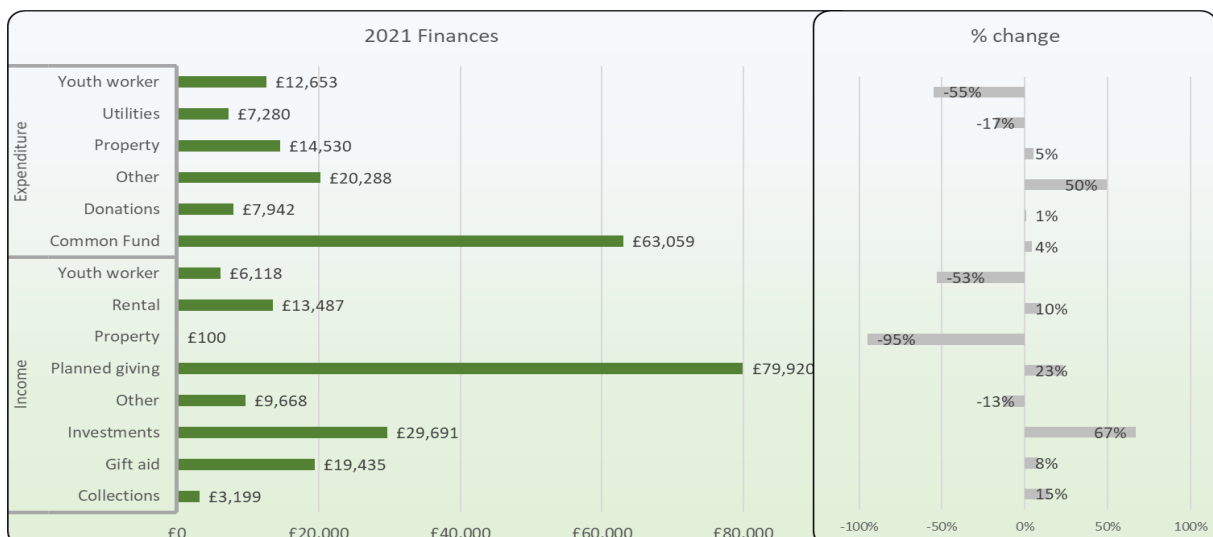
The Current and Deposit Accounts totalled £8,835 as of 31st December 2021 (2020- £8,450) and the Deposit accounts with CCLA total £34,008 (2019 - £43,008).

Please see page 19 onwards for the financial accounts.

Paul Stuttle, Treasurer

Description	2021	2020	Comment
Total Income	£161,618	£142,068	
Total Expenditure	£125,751	£132,499	
Surplus/(Deficit)	£35,867	£9,569	
Larger items of expenditure			
Parish Common Fund	£63,059	£60,413	
Youth & Community worker & costs	£9,122	£28,040	Simon Bentley part time & furloughed; Steve Lacey started Sept 2021

Summary of finances



PCC Secretary's Report

The PCC normally meets bi-monthly; there were six normal meetings during the year, including the meeting to appoint officers immediately after the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

The 16 members of the PCC in March 2022 are:

Clergy: Rev'd Chris Smedley

Churchwardens: Stephe Bowley and Mark Huskisson

Deanery Synod representatives: Phil Lees, Colin Lowe, and Jeanne Wilson.

Elected members: Treasurer Paul Stuttle, Secretary Jonathan Lupton, Adam Collishaw, Ben Gooding, Stephen Lacey, Anne Long, Diane Mansell. Matt Tovey, Sarah Warburton.

Co-opted member: Clare Collishaw (Parish Safeguarding Officer)

Jonathan Lupton, PCC Secretary

Leadership Team

The team have been formally appointed by, and are subject to, the PCC. Their role is to make proposals for the PCC to consider. They are like the Standing Committee, who focus mainly on the administrative side of church life but have no executive power beyond that delegated by the PCC. The leadership team's main role is to provide a visionary focus

The current members of the team are Peter Hampshire, Adam

Collishaw, Jeanne Wilson, Rachel Huskisson, Rev'd Maria Przeslawski, Jo Whitehead, Steve Lacey, Jodie Kirk, and Rev'd Chris Smedley.

We have spent much time in recent months praying and reflecting. We recognise that we are in a completely different 'season' in the church's life. We sense that God is calling us to a deeper 'connection' with Him, each other, and the outside world. We also feel that God wants us to live in a 'lighter' way in terms of following where we feel the Spirit is leading without necessarily putting policies, structures and plans in place.

One of the passages that we felt was God given was Zechariah 4, particularly "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit," says the LORD Almighty (v 6) and 'Who dares despise the day of small things'? (v 10).

Rev'd Chris Smedley.

Electoral Roll

The electoral roll was updated. Last year there were 111 names on the roll. Four names have been added, and four removed, so the total stays the same, at 111.

Jonathan Lupton, Electoral Roll Officer

Deanery Synod

The South East Derbyshire Deanery Synod met formally on three occasions in 2021.

In February we had to meet through 'Zoom' to keep everyone safe during the pandemic. Matt Barnes, Director of Mission and Ministry for the Diocese of Derby, gave a presentation on the diocesan vision and its ongoing development and roll out. The presentation led to a robust discussion and included questions about what distinguished this vision from earlier ones, the risk of stipendiary clergy becoming solely administrators, is the vision a challenge to the number of buildings we maintain.

We had hoped to meet in person for our June meeting, albeit in the open air. We had to revert to a 'Zoom' meeting in the light of the ongoing pandemic. Our speaker was Bishop Malcolm who told us a bit about himself and his background and answered questions from members about his thoughts on topical issues and his thoughts on life in the deanery and diocese. There followed a wide-ranging discussion on a number of topics including: positive lessons learned from the pandemic; the national church vision; the environmental issues; the Living in Love and Faith initiative; the geographical challenges of the deanery.

In October, we were at last able to meet in person at St Andrew's, Langley Mill and our speaker was Jo Henderson-Merrygold who had recently been appointed at Lay Ministries Development Officer and Warden of Readers. She spoke of the effectiveness of shared

ministry-lay and ordained- to represent the church and how we can encourage each other. She said there was no restriction on who can call for information and advice or on what they can ask. She was encouraged that 2021 has the largest group of trainee readers. Jo liaises with the National Lay Ministries Network to see how our ideas and practices compare and to look at other strategies. The ensuing debate covered the role of clergy in developing various forms of lay ministry and the challenges of the licensing requirements for lay members who had a gift of preaching and leading services.

Members of the Deanery Synod were the electoral body for the representatives of our deanery at the Derby Diocesan Synod. The following were elected:

Clergy: Rev Andrew Baguley, Rev Christine French, Rev Peter Hallsworth, Father David Lawrence-March, Rev James Lee, Rev Karen Padley, Rev Phil Selby, Rev Tim Sumpter

Laity: Susan Cavill, Angela Clayton, Stella Collishaw, Ralph Homer, Rosemary Hoole, Meryl Lacey, Brian Parker, John Puxty, Jan Walker

Members of the Deanery Synod were also the electoral body for the representatives from the Derby Diocese to the General Synod. One worshipper from our deanery, Sue Cavill, was elected.

In addition to the formal work of the Deanery Synod, several other meetings and support had been offered across the deanery

Chapter meetings for clergy and readers were held regularly and had speakers including Jason Kennedy, diocesan missionary, Dwayne Engh, ordained ministries development officer and Hannah Hogg, safeguarding lead for the diocese as well as offering opportunities for discussion on how ministry was being offered around the deanery during the pandemic and sharing of ideas and advice.

Regular meetings were held for representatives of parishes without incumbents, to support and update them with worship resources and advice.

The deanery has continued to produce a newsletter approximately every eight weeks with news and individual articles and information for parishes.

As part of the development of youth work across the deanery we had planned to host a meeting with Bishop Malcom and some secondary school age young people. That had to be cancelled in the light of the pandemic but a 'Zoom' meeting was held with a number of youth leaders and

Bishop Libby met with some young people on her visit to the deanery.

Bishop Libby's visit also included a meeting at Marlpool open to everyone at which Libby was able to develop on the ideas of the diocesan vision.

On 1 December Bishop Malcolm preached at the Deanery Advent service at St Mary the Virgin, Ilkeston.

Considerable support has been provided by Angela Clayton our Deanery Administrator for the past five years. Angela retired at the end of 2021, and we were able to show our appreciation at the Advent service. Amanda Sandland was appointed as our administrator at the beginning of 2022.

*Karen Padley, Area Dean
Brian Parker, Lay Chair*

Safeguarding

As a Church we are fully committed to safeguarding and keeping our volunteers and all we come in contact with safe.

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to apply for their DBS checks and complete their safeguarding training.

*Claire Collishaw, Parish
Safeguarding Officer*

Loving God

“Loving God” encompasses all that goes on in the church to glorify God.

Choir

I took over responsibility for the choir in July 2021, following Colin’s decision to step down from the role. The choir resumed rehearsals at the end of July and began singing at services again on Sunday 1st August. On that day we marked Colin’s long service with the choir with a small celebration after the morning service.

We have eight choir members, most of whom have regularly attended morning and evening services since August, and we have sung an anthem on each occasion. We were fortunate to be able to recruit four extra voices to join us for the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols on 19th December and most of the regular members also attended the Midnight Communion service on Christmas Eve.

Although we have a large repertoire of anthems, we are sometimes restricted in what we can use because of our small number. New members, in all voices, would be most welcome.

Thank you to Colin Sanderson for his help and support and to the choir members for their loyalty and dedication.

Jan Wilkinson, Choirmistress

Music groups

2021 was another year of “rolling with the punches” as the Covid rules for what could and could not be done changed for numbers allowed, distancing, masks on, masks off etc. Simon stepped down as a group leader during the year to concentrate on his studies, but we still have four “bands” lead by Ben, Becci, Adam with Clare, and Bob. We are blessed with a wide range of talent and instruments including three drummers, three guitarists, two woodwind players, one French Horn player, three pianists and numerous singers – the number is inexact since some play instruments too! I want to thank everyone for the hard work put in over the year and the way everyone has coped with the inevitable problems of Covid.

*Bob Crockford & Ben Gooding
Music Group Leaders*

Julian Meetings

Covid hit the Julian meetings along with our other services, so for several months we could not meet in person.

The online Julian meeting did continue, and still does, twice a week on Monday & Wednesdays.

These are led by Bob Edge for the Julian Meeting organisation. You can get all details and access links

from the website
www.thejulianmeetings.net/.

We started running our own face-to-face meetings again in September, and I'm very pleased to say Maria has restarted the second meeting, which is held in the afternoon, allowing people who do not want to venture out on dark evenings an opportunity to sit in stillness and know that He is God.

For 2022, I shall be contacting leaders of local Churches to see if they'd like to join us in the Julian meetings as not many Churches offer a silent prayer/stillness group.

If you've never tried a Julian meeting, why not come along, enjoy the tranquillity, see how it

inspires you. You'd be most welcome.

John Connell

Online services

We have continued to stream our 10:30 Sunday morning service to YouTube for the benefit of the small number of people that are still shielding at home. Morning Prayer on Facebook runs three to four times a week.

We also have the ability to use Zoom – something that Breaston Women's Institute have taken advantage of, now that they are meeting in the church rather than the hall.

*Jonathan Lupton,
Online Media Team*

Loving others

Loving others – whether that is individuals or groups or the community as a whole – is a vital part of the church’s mission. The variety of contacts is amazing – from children to the “more mature”.

Children’s Work

On the 25th April we began meeting for Young Church in Chris and Fiona’s garden putting an end to our Zoom meetings. On the 6th of June we moved into St Mary’s Church Hall.

Sunday 5th September saw our family BBQ held in the Goodings’ garden which saw all the children and families meet together from both Breaston and Draycott for the first time. It was a very blessed afternoon.

After this date we started meeting weekly in Breaston Church Hall during the 10:30 service. Parents can remain in church while the children join me and one other (usually Steve or one of 3 volunteers).

On the 2nd Sunday of each month we remain in church for a café style all-age family service which has received positive feedback from those who attend.

On the first Sunday of each month we meet in Draycott at 4pm with a themed service with craft, food and music themed around a bible story. This relaxed out-of-church atmosphere has seen people attend who have never been to our

church before which is great for our communities.

Numbers for all sessions are up and down. Some weeks I see only 2 children, while others I have seen 15.

The total number of children on Church Suite is 19 most of which I haven’t seen in our churches since leaving zoom and there are still several children who we see that are not registered. There are currently however 19 children I see at least once each month.

Throughout the next year I would like to see our work grow in Draycott.

Jodie Kirk, Student Children’s Worker

Sunbeams

After the lockdowns, Sunbeams started back on May 17th in Draycott. Prior booking was required via church suite to either of the two one-hour (9:30 and 11:15) sessions that were run on both Mondays and Fridays with space limited to 15 adults in each session. Masks were mandatory. There was no singing and social distance was encouraged.

This continued until restrictions eased and we merged the 1-hour

session and increased numbers per session.

On the 13th of September our sessions returned to Breaston on Mondays and remained in Draycott on Fridays and pre-booking was discontinued. Numbers were still monitored and at most we had 25 attending the session in Breaston but were averaging 18. Numbers have always been fewer in Draycott and average around eight families and is increasing each month.

The session runs at a cost of £2.50 per family. Tea, coffee, biscuits, and fruit are served during the session. A craft is also available which gives the families something to takeaway too. The session dynamics change in line with coronavirus guidelines but for the most part it is a child-led session. Toys and mats are set out around the church and hall, once the families have arrived, we will spend a short time singing together and there is time for a story if the children wish afterwards.

In Breaston we have six volunteers and in Draycott we have just one currently. Steve Lacey and I work at both sessions.

Both sessions I believe to be a great success. When we were not running, they were very much missed, evident by regular messages asking when we would be back and by the comments I have received since reopening.

Spending time with the parents each week is really starting to see some good relationships being built with them myself and the other volunteers as well as between themselves too.

Jodie Kirk, Student Children's Worker

Youth and Community

The year began with a general, country-wide lockdown that affected much of our provision and regular activities.

Young Church and Youth Home Groups continued on Zoom, but other activities, such as Sunbeams (see above) were unable to happen and were put on hold until they were allowed to continue.

When restrictions and weather allowed, Young Church and Home Groups moved outside into Chris and Fiona's garden and a gazebo in Simon's garden.

Unfortunately, due to these restrictions, it wasn't possible to have residential or summer camp trips away.

Simon Bentley left his role as Youth and Community worker in the summer after many hard years of effective and much appreciated service in order to concentrate on a Theology Master's Degree and was replaced on a part-time basis by Stephen Lacey.

Restrictions allowed many events to begin again in September and

these have included regular Monday and Wednesday Youth Home Group meetings, visits to other Youth Group events at Reach Church in Derby, Sunbeam's sessions on Mondays (in Breaston) and Fridays (in Draycott), the re-start of Young Church provision every Sunday morning during the 10:30 am service, an all-age service on the third Sunday of every month at St. Michael's Breaston and a new event at Draycott Church Hall for families on the first Sunday of every month – called 'Sunday Funday' – all of which are well attended.

An attempt was made to re-start the 'Ignite' group at Friesland School on a Thursday afternoon but many of the previous attendees were unavailable and that event has been halted for the time being.

The Youth Group will be attending a residential trip with the group from Reach Church, Derby, that will take place at Cloverley Hall, near Market Drayton, Shropshire in the Easter holiday and, dependant on numbers, a Christian summer camp will be offered to the members of the Youth Group as well.

Despite all the obstacles, the year has been a successful one, with many people – children, youth, and adults – encountering God in their situations due to the provision that has been provided.

The Children's, Youth and Community work continues to be carried out by Jodie Kirk and Stephen Lacey going forward and the future promises to be both rewarding and exciting...

Please pray for the work that is done, the people involved in this important ministry – both employed and volunteering – and of course, the people that use and attend our numerous events: that they would encounter God on a regular basis and that we would all seek, as a Church family, to befriend and support anyone who comes through our doors because of our Children's, Youth and Community ministry.

*Steve Lacey,
Youth & Community Worker*

Renew Wellbeing

Renew Wellbeing Breaston is a quiet shared café style space open to all. It was set up as part of our response to the lifting of restrictions and the feeling that there are people in the community and the congregation who would be finding life a struggle. We started the process of setting it up in April 2021, volunteers underwent the training provided by the overarching national charity - Renew Wellbeing. At the end of July, we ran two taster sessions which went well.

In September we launched with a rota of 14 volunteer host team

members from St Michaels and are open every Thursday 10-12. Using the principles of being Present, being in Partnership and being Prayerful we have made good links with local mental health teams who have been bringing people along. Whilst this venture isn't about numbers, we are seeing numbers grow and regularly have between six and 12 people visiting, with a core group of regulars now.

Since September we have had around 20 people from the community visit, 15 from the church congregations with around seven who come regularly. We are delighted with the success of this simple project. The host team get so much out of it too. As one member of the team recently said "being part of Renew is a delight and a pleasure" it is a real blessing to be part of the project and I thank everyone who has been involved, whether that was setting it up in the beginning, helping with promotional material or coming along and being available to others. We hope to reach many more over the coming year and build on the work that God is doing here.

Rachel Huskisson

Local mission

In last year's report I said that in my annual newsletter sent to friends with their Christmas cards in Dec 2020, I found myself writing this:

In 2020, the church has been emptied into the community we are called to serve. Life with all its loss, challenge, illness and hardships; as well as the joys, fun and laughter is lived out amongst the lost, as we exhibit peace we don't understand. It was His plan that we have reminded ourselves of this Advent: God with us...

In 2020 we initiated and coordinated the practical support so needed for the whole community to face the Pandemic together. We facilitated the creation of a network of 'Street Leaders', to act as focal points for each street in the village during the restrictions of Lockdown #1. As the restrictions were lifted in the early summer, the same network of volunteers mobilised to coordinate street-wide contributions to a series of Village Food bank collections for those in even more need. As we moved into Lockdown #3, we sensed the major needs were changing to those of isolation and wellbeing. So we sought out resources to enable those Street Leaders able to continue in the role, to signpost folk needing help in these areas. As the programme of vaccinations was rolled out in 2021, we sought Him to guide us in His next steps through 2021. He invited you to join in with what He was continuing to do in our community in 2021.

These steps included the development of further support to those amongst us and in the villages, who benefit from sharing their relaxations and pastimes as part of Renew. COVID restrictions may have relaxed in 2021 but the Churches', BCF's and BPC's major village events were cancelled again in 2021. However, with the further recent relaxations, we are already active in working together to co-ordinate and further enhance major village events during 2022.

*Peter Hampshire
Local Mission Co-ordinator*

Men's Danger Club

The Men's Danger Club provides meetings and a great variety of interesting activities specifically designed for men. We generally meet on the fourth Friday of the month. There is no membership. Those wishing to know about our activities let us know their e-mail address and we send them information about the next event. If it's something to which they'd like to come, they simply contact us and let us know they are coming. Each event is individually priced to cover the costs, and everyone just pays for that event.

We have a new venue and now often meet at Anderson's thanks to Dean and Lynnette.

During the Summer months we plan outside activities such as woodland archery, orienteering,

pirate golf, flying model aircraft, barbeques etc.

Our September event was an Antiques and Curiosities evening. In October we visited Long Eaton Indoor Bowls Club. What better in November to have a Whisky Tasting evening in preparation for Christmas. (Thanks to Roger Brown for selecting the whiskeys and sharing his knowledge and expertise).

In January 2022 we heard a talk by Kevin Miller on the Tall Ships Trust which helps disadvantaged and disabled youngsters build their confidence and self-assurance. February and a visit to us by the Derby Mountain Rescue Team. And finally our March evening was a visit to the Lock Keepers Cottage by the canal in Sandiacre?

As you can see, we provide a diverse and very interesting events and that will continue into 2022.

If you are interested contact

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Colin Lawrence (colin.lawrence@talktalk.net) or

John Skinner (john.judy184@outlook.com,01332 874417) or chat to me in church.

John Skinner

Serving, Supporting, Sharing

Serving, Supporting, Sharing is how we act as salt and light to those around us and further afield.

Breaston & Draycott Village News

The Village News continues to sell well in both villages. We usually print about 380 copies each month, for distribution to homes and for sale in shops.

April Macintyre continues to write a monthly "Still Space" article, with a thoughtful, meditative reflection. As ever, we would welcome people who can write articles, tell us about news stories, help with artwork, photos and even help with production and distribution.

Jonathan Lupton has decided to carry on as editor for the time being, despite indicating that he wished to step down.

Jean and Jonathan Lupton

Giving to others

We gave £7,500 to the following individuals and charities in 2020:

Fr Georges (Madagascar)	£2,200
Canaan Trust	£2,200
Open Doors	£2,200
Fusion (Mark Huskisson)	£1,100
Total	£7,700

A further £2,000 has been set aside for contingencies (such as disaster relief).

Father Georges in Madagascar sends regular updates on how the funds are being used. The livestock (cattle, pigs and hens) all seem to be doing really well in providing much-needed provisions for local people. However, they have recently suffered two massive storms and cyclones, resulting in much flooding in their part of Madagascar. £1,000 of the contingency has been sent to him.

Canaan Trust (together with the Long Eaton & Sawley Food Bank) has also been supported by food collections.

Open Doors provides support for persecuted Christians across the world. Dan Gower from Open Doors was to have spoken in church on 13th of February, but a positive Covid test forced him to give his talk via video.

Fusion is a charity supporting students at university; the church in turn support Mark Huskisson in his work for Fusion.

Pastoral Care Team

The purpose of the team is to ensure that any member of the church family who requires a visit receives one. The team currently consists of Jan Wilkinson, Kathy Crockford, Jeanne Wilson, John

Skinner, Jill Fletcher and is chaired by me.

As the body of Christ, we are called to care for one another and most of the care and support that happens is through personal relationships and Home Groups.

Rev'd Chris Smedley.

Breaston Churches Together

The Churches Together committee met in October 2021 to arrange:

The Remembrance Service, which was held outside with no service in either church;

Community Quiz held in the Methodist Church on 20th November

The Village Christmas card produced by Sarah Warburton went out to every home and was a great success.

Carols outside the Co-op at 10:30 am on Saturday 18th December went ahead with a good turnout.

However, carols in The Firs residential home did not take place, nor did the Community Carol Service and the Firfield School Carol Concerts to be held in St. Michael's because of Covid concerns.

Carols at the Chequers in the evening of the 15th of December which was going to be outside was cancelled due to the rain – at least it wasn't Covid to blame!

Lunch Club has continued at the Methodist Church every other Friday.

Week of Christian Unity Service will be held on 23rd January 2020 at 10:30 am in the Methodist Church.

The committee will meet (or have already met) on Wednesday the 9th of February 2022.

Jean Lupton

Homegroups

We currently have five Home Groups plus the Youth and Young Adult groups. Most groups will be running the 'Be Still' (24/7 prayer) course during Lent. We intend to run the Emotionally Healthy Spirituality Course in the autumn.

We are aware of the need to raise the profile of Home Groups and seek to increase the number of groups. We may do this in conjunction with the Emotionally Healthy Spirituality course.

If you are interested in being part of a group, please speak to Chris.

Rev'd Chris Smedley

Financial accounts

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2020 which are set out on pages 7 to 11.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name:

YVONNE JACKSON BSC FCA

Signed:

Yvonne Jackson

Date:

14/4/22

Address: Clayton & Brewill Chartered Accountants, Cawley House, 149-155 Canal Street, Nottingham, NG1 7HR.

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	£105,900	(£438)	—	£105,462	£93,790
Activities for generating funds	£4,587	—	—	£4,587	£3,351
Investment income	£29,691	—	—	£29,691	£17,777
Incoming resources from charitable activities	£15,760	—	—	£15,760	£13,979
Other incoming resources	£6,118	—	—	£6,118	£13,171
Total income	£162,056	(£438)	—	£161,618	£142,068
Resources used					
Cost of generating funds					
Cost of generating voluntary income	£1,005	—	—	£1,005	—
Charitable activities	£124,363	(£247)	—	£124,116	£131,881
Governance costs	£630	—	—	£630	£618
Total expenditure	£125,998	(£247)	—	£125,751	£132,499
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	£36,058	(£191)	—	£35,867	£9,569
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	£12,564	—	—	£12,564	—
Gross transfers between funds - out	(£11,274)	(£1,290)	—	(£12,564)	—
Other recognised gains / losses					
Net movement in funds	£37,348	(£1,481)	—	£35,867	£9,569
Total funds brought forward	£170,168	—	—	£170,168	£160,689
Total funds carried forward	£207,516	(£1,481)	—	£206,036	£170,257
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
Designated	£20,000	—	—	£20,000	£20,000
General fund	£180,111	—	—	£180,111	£149,390
Designated					
Church improvement & maintenance fund	£7,405	—	—	£7,405	£8,285
Youth Children and Community Fund	—	—	—	—	(£7,507)
Restricted					
Agency collection	—	(£1,481)	—	(£1,481)	(£1,290)
Restricted	—	—	—	—	£1,290

Balance sheet

Class and code	Description	This year	Last year
Fixed assets			
	Computer Equipment	—	—
	Office Furniture	—	—
	Total Fixed assets	—	—
Current assets			
	Barclays current account	£8,369	£7,674
	Barclays deposit account	£101	£101
	Lloyds Bank Current Account	£365	£675
	CBF deposit account No 1	£34,008	£43,008
	CBF Deposit No 2 Church Improvement Fund	—	—
	CBF Deposit No 3 Legacy Fund	—	—
	1723609 Nominal Treasury Stock	—	—
	CBF - Investment Fund CBF/612191003D	£161,542	£118,274
	Accounts Receivable	—	—
	Total Current assets	£204,386	£169,732
Liabilities			
	Agency collections	—	£(525)
	Accounts Payable	—	—
	Total Liabilities	—	—
	Net Asset surplus(deficit)	£204,386	£170,257
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	£(1,739)	£9,569
	Starting balances	£206,125	£160,689
	Total Reserves	£204,386	£170,257
Represented by funds			
	Unrestricted	£198,342	£169,390
	Designated	£7,435	£778
	Restricted	£(1,481)	—
	Endowment	—	—
	Total	£204,297	£170,168

Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Barclays current account -	£21,821	£(12,146)	£(4,033)	—	£5,642	£7,585
Barclays deposit account -	£(9,924)	£10,025	—	—	£101	£101
Lloyds Bank Current Account -	£(928)	£637	£1,034	—	£743	£675
CBF deposit account No 1 -	£38,008	—	—	—	£38,008	£43,008
CBF Deposit No 2 Church Improvement Fund -	£9,820	£(9,820)	—	—	—	—
CBF Deposit No 3 Legacy Fund -	£(26)	£26	—	—	—	—
Totals	£58,770	£(11,278)	£(2,999)	—	£44,493	£51,368
Current assets - Investments						
CBF - Investment Fund CBF/612191003D -	£148,359	£13,183	—	—	£161,542	£118,274
Totals	£148,359	£13,183	—	—	£161,542	£118,274
Liabilities - Agency accounts						
Agency collections -	—	—	—	—	—	£(525)
Totals	—	—	—	—	—	£(525)
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year						
Accounts Payable -	£1,518	—	£(1,518)	—	—	—
Totals	£1,518	—	£(1,518)	—	—	—

Grand total	£205,611	£1,905	(£1,481)	—	£206,036	£170,168
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Analysis of income and expenditure

					<u>Total</u>	
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Incoming resources from generated funds - Voluntary income						
Gift Aid - Bank	£75,787	£300	—	—	£76,087	£61,818
Gift Aid Collection	£2,007	—	—	—	£2,007	£1,354
Other planned giving	£1,826	—	—	—	£1,826	£1,710
Loose plate collections	£3,130	—	£10	—	£3,140	£2,786
Church Re-Ordering Project	—	£100	—	—	£100	£2,070
Young Church & Sunbeams	£1,216	£638	—	—	£1,854	£2,732
Casual Gift Aid	£59	—	—	—	£59	—
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	£19,435	—	—	—	£19,435	£17,974
Legacies	—	—	—	—	—	£1,025
Non-recurring one-off grants	—	—	£2	—	£2	—
Other funds generated	£1,402	—	(£450)	—	£952	£2,321
Total	£104,862	£1,038	(£438)	—	£105,462	£93,790
Incoming resources from generated funds - Activities for generating funds						
Magazine income - advertising	£2,313	—	—	—	£2,313	£1,210
Parish magazine sales	£2,274	—	—	—	£2,274	£2,141
Total	£4,587	—	—	—	£4,587	£3,351
Incoming resources from generated funds - Investment income						
Increase in Investments	£23,268	—	—	—	£23,268	£10,977
Bank interest	£43	—	—	—	£43	£189
Rent from lands or buildings	£6,380	—	—	—	£6,380	£6,610
Total	£29,691	—	—	—	£29,691	£17,777
Incoming resources from charitable activities						
Fees for weddings and funerals	£2,273	—	—	—	£2,273	£1,698
Church hall lettings - objectives	£13,487	—	—	—	£13,487	£12,281
Total	£15,760	—	—	—	£15,760	£13,979
Other incoming resources						
Youth Worker	£3,848	£2,270	—	—	£6,118	£13,082
Total	£3,848	£2,270	—	—	£6,118	£13,082
INCOME TOTAL	£158,748	£3,307	(£438)	—	£161,618	£141,979

					<u>Total</u>	
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
EXPENDITURE						
Cost of generating funds - Cost of generating voluntary income						
Other Restricted	£1,005	—	—	—	£1,005	—
Total	£1,005	—	—	—	£1,005	—
Charitable activities						
Giving to missionary societies	£4,445	—	—	—	£4,445	£4,380
Giving - relief and development agencies	£24	—	—	—	£24	£500
Home mission	£3,473	—	—	—	£3,473	£3,000

Mission projects - expenditure	£100	—	—	—	£100	£45
Renew Wellbeing	£790	—	—	—	£790	—
Common Fund	£63,059	—	—	—	£63,059	£60,413
Assistant staff costs	—	—	—	—	—	£36
Salary of parish administrator	£2,595	—	—	—	£2,595	£2,818
Working expenses of incumbent	£103	—	—	—	£103	—
Funeral, wedding and other related costs	£964	—	—	—	£964	£771
Water rates - vicarage	£497	—	—	—	£497	£514
Youth Worker and costs	£9,122	£3,531	—	—	£12,653	£28,040
Young Church & Sunbeams	£5,478	£1,163	(£247)	—	£6,395	£3,243
Church running - insurance	£2,100	—	—	—	£2,100	£2,690
Church office - telephone	—	—	—	—	—	£427
Church maintenance	£3,171	—	—	—	£3,171	£1,110
Cleaning	£2,578	—	—	—	£2,578	£2,651
Upkeep of services	£1,770	—	—	—	£1,770	£1,105
Upkeep of churchyard	£20	—	—	—	£20	£1,140
Administration	£1,700	—	—	—	£1,700	£1,179
Computer Hardware & Software	£1,496	—	—	—	£1,496	£798
Church running - electric	£5,447	—	—	—	£5,447	£6,495
Church running - water	£32	—	—	—	£32	£100
Magazine expenses	£2,740	—	—	—	£2,740	£2,955
Hall Management	£60	—	—	—	£60	—
Hall running - electricity	£963	—	—	—	£963	£764
Hall running - gas	£731	—	—	—	£731	£928
Hall running - insurance	£1,113	—	—	—	£1,113	£1,102
Hall running - maintenance	£2,511	—	—	—	£2,511	£1,722
Hall running - water	£107	—	—	—	£107	£100
Hall + major repairs - structure	£750	—	—	—	£750	£429
Library & Office upkeep	£650	—	—	—	£650	£723
Re-ordering Project - Church	—	£1,080	—	—	£1,080	£1,706
Total	£118,588	£5,774	(£247)	—	£124,116	£131,881

Governance costs

Governance costs examination/audit fee	£630	—	—	—	£630	£618
Total	£630	—	—	—	£630	£618
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	£120,223	£5,774	(£247)	—	£125,751	£132,499
GRAND TOTAL	£38,525	(£2,467)	(£191)	—	£35,867	£9,480

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December

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ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities and applicable accounting standard FRS102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law.

2. Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings:

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the financial statements by section 96(2) (a) of the Charities Act 1993.

3. Tangible Fixed Assets for use in the charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,000. There were no such assets at 31st December 2020.

No value is placed on movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the Parochial Church Council and which require a faculty for disposal since the Parochial Church councillorship consider this to be an inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities and separately disclosed.

4. VAT

The charity is not registered for VAT and all irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

5. Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

6. Fund accounting

The Parochial Church Council has both unrestricted and restricted funds.

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes of the PCC.

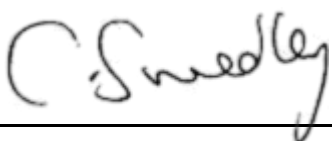
Restricted funds relate to donations and grants which are specified for a particular purpose. Income is included in incoming resources of restricted funds when received. The relevant expenditure is then matched as restricted expenditure.

Designated Funds are general funds set aside by the PCC for use in the future. Designated funds remain unrestricted and the PCC will if appropriate move any surpluses not ear-marked for current purposes to other General Funds. As at 31st December 2016 there 2 such funds designated:

- Buildings and Maintenance fund – for the repair and improvement of the church and church hall
- Youth, Children and Community fund – to support the work Youth, Children and Community activities and employees in Breaston.

Approval

Approved by the Parochial Church Council for the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Michael, Breaston on 8th March 2022 and signed on its behalf by Rev'd Chris Smedley, Rector and PCC Chairman.



8 March 2022