

St. Michael's Breaston

Annual Report 2022

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

A big thank you to those who have given so much in terms of time, energy and money to St Michael’s over the last twelve months. Church life is so much more complex especially administratively in terms of health and safety, safeguarding and so forth that we need a core of committed people to keep going.

I would also like to thank the church family and particularly those who took on extra responsibility during my sabbatical, which took place between June and August 2022. It was a blessed time.

There were two things that stood out. The first was personal and came during the second week whilst on retreat, which was that I had neglected my soul. The heart



of this means letting go of activities, worries and so forth for periods of time to become wholly available to God. This is probably the greatest challenge facing Christians in our driven, guilt-ridden, fast-paced

society. If we don't do this on a regular (daily) basis, we're in danger of becoming empty vessels who have nothing to offer to others.

The second came following an overnight stay in Carlisle on the way back from Iona. I walked around the city on the Saturday evening, and it felt 'wild and raucous' and I felt judgemental about what I saw. The following morning, I read 'the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost' (Luke 19 v 10). I felt that God was speaking to me through this verse. It changed the focus of the sabbatical. I believe that the only way the church will grow significantly (in any place in our day) is by Christians embarking in the messy work of 'going and seeking and saving the lost'. This is often slow and patient and requires much prayer. Although the 'Living Hope' project and 'Renew Café' are held in our building they are examples of the church reaching out to people in need. However, we are all called to play our part 'in seeking and saving that which is lost' in our relationships with people in our everyday lives.

I was recently part of a Zoom call with the new Archdeacon (Karen Hamlin) who asked clergy in the deanery to say what they were struggling with and what they were encouraged by. The struggles were falling numbers at services post COVID, difficulties of getting volunteers for key posts and the rising cost of fuel.

We are blessed but we have seen numbers fall at the traditional services in the last few years through natural causes as well as many people being more irregular about church attendance. I believe gathering for public worship is important. We gather to declare that it's important to worship God, but we also gather to encourage one another. We have also struggled for volunteers in key roles especially our work with children and have also seen fuel prices increase extortionately. The encouragements cited were generally around new initiatives that churches were doing. I believe that God is 'doing a new thing' (Isaiah 43) and we need to continually prayerfully discern what this means for us.

Some of the key events of the last twelve months have been:

- The appointment of Anne Long as our Safeguarding Officer. Anne has ensured a smooth transition and carried out the role efficiently and fastidiously.
- The appointment of Jodie Kirk as our benefice Children and Family Worker on a part-time basis. This followed three years of Jodie being on placement with us during her degree. I thank Jodie for her enthusiasm and commitment to her role.
- Jill Bradley has been re-employed as our administrator on a three hour a week contract to work alongside Sarah Warburton

(our Communications Co-ordinator). Jill carries out her role with her usual diligence and enthusiasm.

- Hannah Knighton was appointed at last year's APCM to the role of PCC Secretary. This didn't make my report last year, but I would like to thank Hannah for her diligence and efficiency over the last twelve months.
- We had a comedy evening in June with John Archer. I was unable to attend but understand it was a great success and provides encouragement in planning events in the future. A particular thank you to Paul Stuttle who initiated and managed this event.
- Jo Whitehead led the 'Fully Alive' course in the autumn. This was a lot of work with notes for all the sessions. The material was really helpful, and we have learned principles that we will keep coming back to us we continue to think about what it means to grow as a follower of Jesus.

The church is the people of God. You are so precious to God that I want to urge us all to give attention to our souls – of its need to encounter God and be renewed by Him. May the Lord bless you and make his face shine upon you in the coming year.

Rev'd Chris Smedley

Churchwardens' report

Church

The church continues to be regularly used, both for routine services and community outreach activities. These include the weekly Sunbeams provision for toddlers, the Renew Well-being café, Explorers and regular W.I. meetings.

The 10.30am service continues to be live streamed each Sunday throughout the year. In addition, the equipment has been used, on occasion, to record wedding and funeral services.

Following the quinquennial inspection last year, some of the more urgent recommendations have been dealt with. Repairs have been carried out to the stonework, both around the window frames and externally.

The church toilet has been re-decorated as has the lychgate and the church porch area.

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 assessed during 2023 but, in the meantime, they are cleared out as required.

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. A number of chairs in the chancel have been repaired and a wooden screen has been fitted to the rear of the sound desk to box in the wiring.

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

The church hall has been re-decorated, as has the foyer area. In addition, roller blinds have been fitted to the windows in the main hall. A "Hive" system of smart thermostats has been upgraded to enable remote controlling of the heating in the hall via a mobile phone app. This should help to monitor the heating costs which have risen substantially recently.

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. Young church has also now been able to make regular use of the hall on a Sunday morning and the two youth groups now meet in the hall each week.

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 fallen from £206,124 to £200,382 mainly due to

- a) the decrease in our investment value by £14,721 (2021 – increase of £23,268) offset by
- b) a net surplus on normal activities
- c) Quinquennial maintenance on hold in 2020 & 2021; restarted in 2022

The CCLA CBF Investment Fund has risen to £146,821 as of 31st December 2022. Investments, as I continue to remind us all, can go down as well as up which they did in 2022 due to the war in Ukraine and the global recession.

Nonetheless, our initial investment of £60,000 in 2016, plus a subsequent investment in 2021 of £20,000, still shows an impressive increase.

I would hope this will improve as inflation comes under control and global stock markets recover.

The Current and Deposit Accounts totalled £19,553 as at 31st December 2022 (2021- £6,574) and the Deposit accounts with CCLA total £34,008 (2021 - £38,008).

Paul Stuttle, Treasurer

Summary of Finances

| Description | 2022 | 2021 |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Total Income | £136,534 | £161,618 |
| Total Expenditure | £142,406 | £125,751 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) | £(5,872) | £35,867 |
| Larger items of Expenditure | | |
| Parish Common Fund | £65,705 | £63,059 |
| Youth & Community worker & costs | £21,896 | £19,048 |

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 13 members of the PCC in March 2023 are:

Clergy: Rev'd Chris Smedley

Churchwardens: Stephe Bowley and Mark Huskisson

Deanery Synod Representatives: Phil Lees and Colin Lowe.

Elected members: Secretary Hannah Knighton, Treasurer Paul Stuttle, Adam Collishaw, Ben Gooding, Rachel Lacey, Stephen Lacey, Sarah Warburton.

Co-opted member: Anne Long (Parish Safeguarding Officer)

Hannah Knighton, 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, April McIntyre, Jeanne Wilson, Maria Przeslawski, Jo Whitehead, Steve Lacey, Jodie Kirk, Gary Dundas and Rev'd Chris Smedley.

We have prayed and discussed a number of things over the course of the year.

We had an Away Day at Harrison's Cottage, Risley on 3 March. One of the key things that came out of this was the need to restructure the way

we do leadership. We will be setting up a team focussed on strategy as well as setting up a regular meeting for those involved in the church in any leadership capacity. These meetings will be about support, encouragement and exchange of ideas.

Rev'd Chris Smedley.

Electoral Roll

The electoral roll was updated. Last year there were 111 names on the roll. Eight names have been added, and four removed, so there are now 115 names.

Jonathan Lupton, Electoral Roll Officer

Deanery Synod

The South East Derbyshire Deanery Synod met formally on three occasions in 2022.

In February we had to meet through 'Zoom'. Our guest speaker was Kevin Curtis from the Canaan Trust – a Long Eaton based charity that supports homeless folk. There followed a more general discussion about the best way to support homeless people who approach churches for help.

We had hoped to hold an 'open-air' meeting in June at Stanton-By-Dale but the weather forced us indoors. Two members of Synod shared their experiences. Phil Selby, Rector at Stanton-By-Dale spoke about his role as a church leader during and after the pandemic. Anne Veale from Swanwick also

spoke about the 'pandemic' experience but from the point of view of a parish in vacancy. At this meeting it was suggested that Synod discussed environmental issues and this will shape our 2023 meetings.

In October, we met at St John's, Long Eaton. We welcomed the Ven Karen Hamlin the newly appointed Archdeacon of East Derbyshire, returning to the church of her curacy. Jason Kennedy, the Diocesan Missioner spoke about Mission Action Plans.

We are fortunate having Sue Cavill from Sawley as a member of our Synod. Sue also sits on the General Synod and has been able to brief us on some of the issues being considered at a national level.

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

Chapter meetings for clergy and readers were held regularly. The clergy held a quiet day at Locko Park and also discussed a variety of topics including safeguarding and 'Living in Love and Faith'.

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

On 1 December we held an Advent Carol Service at Swanwick.

Amanda Sandland joined us as our Deanery Administrator at the start of 2022 but moved to a role within Church House by the year end. Helen Bridger has been appointed as our Deanery Administrator from the start of 2023 and is available to offer a range of support to parishes.

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

Safeguarding

As a church we remain committed to keeping safeguarding at the heart of all church activities. We have been very fortunate to welcome a number of new volunteers to support activities that we have been able to reopen after the recent pandemic and we thank these and indeed all volunteers for their co-operation in obtaining the appropriate safeguarding approvals and training, to enable them to support the church in its activities.

Although the administration of DBS approvals and training continues to be the bulk of the safeguarding work undertaken, we are pleased to have also been proactive in widening our efforts in associated safeguarding areas. We have hosted a Dementia Awareness session in collaboration with Breaston Parish Council and the Alzheimer's Society and also a number of volunteers have undertaken Mental Health Awareness sessions run by Derbyshire County Council. This helps us to have a wider appreciation of possible safeguarding issues and needs.

We remain grateful to all volunteers and activity leaders for keeping safeguarding high on the agenda and to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team for advising and supporting our efforts.

*Anne Long, Parish Safeguarding
Officer*

Loving God

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

Choir

We have 8 choir members, most of whom have regularly attended morning and evening services and we have sung an anthem on each occasion. Evensong is now held on one Sunday in each month and the choir is in attendance. We have reduced our morning service commitment to one service a month.

On September 25th we held a Harvest Carol service in the evening and were joined by 3 extra singers to aid the singing. We were also fortunate to be able to recruit 3 extra voices to join us for the Service of lessons and Carols on 18th 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

We started the year with four bands, but during the year, Adam and Clare Collishaw stepped down, as the pressures of family life made it hard for them to contribute as they would wish. More recently, Bob (and Kathy) Crockford have moved away. Bob's departure is sorely missed; he was instrumental in much of the development of musical worship at the 2nd service over the last decade and more.

So we now have three bands, so on the Sundays when no band is available, we are using iSingWorship, which is a set of backing tracks, with the added bonus of words synchronised on the screen, which takes the pressure of the person on the sound desk.

Projection & Online services

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

We really need some more people to join the projection rota!

*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

The work in the area of Children, Youth & Community has been varied and widespread throughout the year 2022.

Stephen Lacey and Jodie McConnell remain the workers in this area – with Stephen responsible for Youth and Jodie for Children...However the crossover is constant and it is more accurate to report that each role is carried out jointly.

Weekly events include –

Sunbeams

We have 75 children currently registered between Breaston and Draycott and although they never all come at once, it is usual that around 30 attend on a Monday at Breaston and around 15 on a Friday at Draycott. They are lovely times, when much fun is had, whilst there are many opportunities to talk with parents and grandparents and support them in a variety of ways. The sessions are run with the help of quite a few volunteers, who are invaluable and without whom the sessions could not be run successfully. These sessions remain invaluable, rich sources of support and interaction with the community.

Explorer’s

These sessions began in September and run from 3.30-5pm in St. Michael’s Church for children of mainly 7-11 years of age. They consist of a snack and drink, games, a bible story and craft activities related to that story. There are 13 children who have attended at various points, but a weekly attendance of 7/8 is more realistic. The sessions are run by Steve and Jodie.

Youth Café

This is a more Youth Club-based session that runs from 6.30-8.30pm on a Tuesday night in the Church Hall. They are relaxed sessions, where the youngsters can come along, chat, play games, entertain themselves in other ways, buy sweets from the tuck-shop and generally ‘chill-out!’ There are 12 youngsters registered, although normally there are 7/8 at any one session. Several of the youngsters are hoping to attend our yearly Residential at Cloverley Hall in April. The sessions are run by Steve, Jodie and Clare.

Monday Night Home Group

This is a weekly session run for the 11-18 year olds and consists of eating together, playing

games, chatting and then studying the Bible together before a time of prayer. It is a lovely time of fellowship, where numbers vary – we currently have 13 children on the register, of whom 11 are regular attendees. The sessions are run by Steve, with the support of Noah, Richard and Joan – without whom, the sessions would not be possible.

Young Church

This is a session that runs in the Church Hall, alongside the 10.30am Service at St. Michael's, Breaston for youngsters that are better served by being in their own session rather than the full Church Service. It consists of games, chat, Bible stories, discussion and craft work – as well as other activities. During the year, 19 children have attended, with a normal session attracting 7/8 children. The sessions are run by Jodie and Steve, with the invaluable help and support of a number of volunteers.

As well as these weekly sessions, there are many other events that have taken place during the year – these include –

Experience Easter

With 6 classes from Draycott and Firfield Schools.

Experience Christmas

With 2 classes from Firfield School.

Messy Church

A monthly session for all children, run jointly with Draycott Methodist Church, in their building.

Carol Services

A day of services in Church for various year groups from Firfield School and their parents.

Crib Services

One in Breaston, one in Draycott on Christmas Eve, which were both very well attended.

Residential

With 'Reach' Church, Derby and their Youth Group – just before Easter. 8 of our youngsters joined around 45 other youngsters.

All-age/Café Style Services

Every third Sunday of the month at St. Michael's, Breaston and every first Sunday at St. Mary's Draycott.

Summer Picnics

For members of the Sunbeams group, during the summer holidays.

There are others!

In summary, the Children's and Youth work has been greatly varied and remains an integral part of the vision and mission of the Church, that interacts with upwards of 300 children and their parents and families throughout the year.

Renew Wellbeing

Renew Well-being – Breaston is in its second year now. As a

quiet shared space, we endeavour to serve, both members of the congregation and the community by providing a regular, cafe style area within the church building. Activities are provided and visitors are encouraged to bring and share their own hobbies. Working in partnership with local mental health support, we aim to signpost our regulars to outside support when necessary. We also offer a prayer space for those who wish to use it and simple, led prayers are offered twice within the session. We currently run 10-12pm every Thursday.

This last year has seen a core group of regulars of around 12 coming along most weeks. We have had over 45 different people visit over the year on top of these regulars.

The positive impact on our visitors is difficult to measure but every week people comment on the welcoming, warm space.

"I've made more friends, it's building my confidence. I feel more at peace through prayer and chatting, laughter and knitting!"

"I feel better after socialising, its helped my faith"

"I like how friendly and calm it is"

"Coming here has changed my life, I have been very isolated"

We have a fantastic, dedicated team of 10 host team volunteers, who despite leading busy lives, offer up their time to support and listen to our visitors, make endless cups of tea and do all of the heavy lifting. We often agree, it is the highlight of our week, being able to connect with others and have a real sense of God's presence in the space.

Looking ahead to the next year, we intend to welcome more people by regularly promoting Renew and continuing to develop our partnerships with Erewash Voluntary services, local GP surgeries and the Parish Council.

Rachel Huskisson

Local mission

Local Mission in 2022 – let's redefine it:

In 2020 we navigated our way through the first lockdowns of the pandemic. As the programme of vaccinations was rolled out in 2021, we sensed God inviting us to join in with what He was continuing to do in our community. These steps included ongoing support to those amongst us and in the villages, who benefit from sharing their relaxations and pastimes as part of *Renew*. In 2021, the major village events were cancelled again. We

also established the Food Collections and expanded to Toys for Christmas. With the further relaxations in 2022, we were actively working together once again to co-ordinate and further enhance the Churches', Breaston Community Forum's and Breaston Parish Council's major village events during 2022.

I was struck only last week when a long standing member of the church family said something along the lines of: maybe I need to re-define my work of mission to... my family and neighbours... those I spend most of my time with. When we ask Him to help us grasp His priorities and His definitions, then perhaps we will begin to see things from His bigger perspective and realise just how much we are already doing in this area.

Here's praying you find your new definition of local mission in 2023

*Peter Hampshire
Local Mission Co-ordinator*

Men's Danger Club

The Men's Danger Club continues to provide a wide variety of events and activities for men in the church and also men in the surrounding area. We have no annual fee so those men who wish to come only pay for each individual event. Some have been free, some £3.50, most £5.00 and one at our maximum of £15.00.

During the last year we have held these events....

2022

March We learnt about the Sandiacre Lock Keepers' cottages. Built in 1779 for the Lock Keeper to collect the tolls and the Length's Man responsible for keeping the tow path clean (from horse poo!) and cutting the hedges back to ensure horses had the space to walk; the purchase of the cottages and their restoration.

April Derby Golf Range at Spondon. A chance to practice teeing off. Some had done it before, some for the first time and one even encouraged to take the sport up again so an evening enjoyed by everyone.

May Roger Allen, who's back garden includes the ruins of the Monastery, took us on a very interesting and informative tour of Dale Abbey, the Hermit's Cave, the 12th. century church, the ruins of Dale Abbey and the artefacts found there.

June Our now annual barbecue held at the Scout Hut, Breaston. An easy informal evening relaxing in the warm June sunshine.

July East Midlands Aero-park contains many historical and rare aircraft. The tour guides informed us about the one-off experimental aircraft to the secrecy, even on board, of the spy plane. If the pilots and crew needed the toilet at the

back of the plane they were blindfolded past all the spy equipment!

September Woodland Archery. After a training session we set off on a fine sunny morning walking through woods firing arrows at a variety of objects. A very easy and exhilarating event.

October Sarah's Quirky Quiz. A quiz like no other. Three tools from her dad's garage... which one has the longest lead, even dad had a problem with this one; which floats and which sinks, a kiwi fruit, a conker, a pear, a small pumpkin; animals and activities from children's drawings and many quizzical questions.

November Whisky Tasting evening. Six Scottish single malt whiskies from a variety of distilleries each with their own distinctive flavour. Roger, with his wonderful expertise advised us about tasting and guiding us on the qualities of each whisky.

2023

January Indoor bowls. Thankfully there are three separate lanes, well apart from the experts, so that we could enjoy our successes, near misses and oops!

February Curiosities with Bob and Del Neill. They brought their "Men's Box" mainly objects used by men in their work, at home or their leisure activities.

March Rail Accident Investigation Branch. A talk by Simon Lomax, the Principal Inspector of Rail Accidents which informed us about the wide variety of aspects covered by any investigation.

As you can see, we provide a great variety of activities for everyone and anyone.

Coming up

April, Friday 28th. Sarah's Second Quirky Quiz. An extremely interesting quiz like no other. Thankfully we are in groups to help each other. St. Mary's Church Hall. 7.30pm. £5.00

May Friday 26th. The intriguing and devious game of croquet. A chance to try it without commitment. The croquet club have their Lawns at the West Park Leisure Centre. 7.30pm. £4.70.

June Friday 23rd. Barbecue. A relaxed and easy evening. The Scout Hut, Breaston. 7.30pm. £5.00

July Friday 28th. Molky, skittles without boundaries. Interesting, challenging and fun. Duffield Close, Breaston. 7.30pm.

Reports, future events and contact details are always in the Breaston and Draycott Village News.

All men in the area are welcome to join us at any of these events but they do need to let us know so that we can cater for everyone.

Many thanks to Adrian Young, John Bowley and Colin Lawrence for being a part of the team to make the Men's Danger Club unique.

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. Many thanks to the team of distributors who take the magazine to over 170 subscribers. 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. We welcome anyone who would like to get involved – the more, the merrier!

Jean and Jonathan Lupton

Giving to others

We gave £10,100 to the following individuals and charities in 2022:

| | |
|----------------|----------------|
| Father Georges | £2,200 |
| Canaan Trust | £4,200 |
| Open Doors | £2,200 |
| Renew | £500 |
| Teen Challenge | £1,000 |
| Total | £10,100 |

We also gave additional amounts at other times during the year.

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, Jeanne Wilson, John Skinner, Ruth Pechey 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

Breaston Churches Together organises events that are jointly sponsored by St. Michael's and Breaston Methodist Church, sometimes in collaboration with Breaston Parish Council. During 2022 the following took place

- A United Service to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.
- Good Friday “Walk of Witness” around the village
- Running the Tea Tent (in collaboration with Breaston W.I.) at the Royal Celebration on Duffield Close on 2nd May

- Open Air “Songs of Praise” on Duffield Close on the Sunday of the Jubilee Weekend
- Remembrance Service on the Green (although as in 2021 we did not move to a service in either of our churches)
- Producing the Christmas Booklet that was delivered to every home in the village (brilliantly designed by Sarah Warburton)
- Carols in the Chequers and Carols outside the Co-op
- The Lunch Club continues in the Methodist Church (alternate Fridays).

Jean Lupton

Homegroups

Home groups are a vital part of our church’s life. They enable friendships to be developed and issues to be explored in detail in a non-threatening environment. We also frequently link courses to sermon themes which enables reflection on what has been taught in our services. If you don’t belong to a Home Group and would like to discuss the possibility of joining one please speak to Chris or a Home Group leader.

We have Home Groups meeting on Monday afternoon and evening (youth), Tuesday afternoon, and Wednesday and Thursday evenings (young mums and dads). We also are currently running an Alpha Course on a Monday

evening. Many of the groups are getting towards capacity so we need to start new groups soon.

Our preferred way of doing things is to allow groups the flexibility to do their own thing but at the same time giving the option of following a certain course. In the autumn most of the groups joined in with the Fully Alive course which was run in St Michael’s.

Rev’d Chris Smedley

Financial accounts

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Michael, Breaston

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2022 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: Y. JAMESON RSC FCA

Signed: 

Date: 30/12/23

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

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Growing as followers of Jesus

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 | 113,328 | — | — | 113,328 | 105,462 |
| Activities for generating funds | 5,280 | — | — | 5,280 | 4,587 |
| Investment income | (7,844) | — | — | (7,844) | 29,691 |
| Incoming resources from charitable activities | 21,132 | — | — | 21,132 | 15,760 |
| Other incoming resources | 4,638 | — | — | 4,638 | 6,118 |
| Total income | 136,534 | — | — | 136,534 | 161,618 |
| Resources used | | | | | |
| Cost of generating funds | | | | | |
| Cost of generating voluntary income | — | — | — | — | 1,005 |
| Charitable activities | 141,708 | — | — | 141,708 | 124,116 |
| Governance costs | 699 | — | — | 699 | 630 |
| Total expenditure | 142,407 | — | — | 142,407 | 125,751 |
| Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer | (5,873) | — | — | (5,873) | 35,867 |
| Transfers | | | | | |
| Gross transfers between funds - in | — | — | — | — | 12,564 |
| Gross transfers between funds - out | — | — | — | — | (12,564) |
| Other recognised gains / losses | | | | | |
| Net movement in funds | (5,873) | — | — | (5,873) | 35,867 |
| Total funds brought forward | 206,124 | — | — | 206,124 | 170,257 |
| Total funds carried forward | 200,251 | — | — | 200,251 | 206,124 |
| Represented by | | | | | |
| Unrestricted | | | | | |
| Designated | 20,000 | — | — | 20,000 | 20,000 |
| General fund | 172,846 | — | — | 172,846 | 178,719 |
| Designated | | | | | |
| Church improvement & maintenance fund | 7,405 | — | — | 7,405 | 7,405 |
| Restricted | | | | | |
| Agency collection | — | — | — | — | — |

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Balance sheet

| Class and code | Description | This year | Last year |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Fixed assets | | | |
| | Computer Equipment | — | — |
| | Office Furniture | — | — |
| | Total Fixed assets | — | — |
| Current assets | | | |
| | Barclays current account | 9,464 | 5,730 |
| | Barclays deposit account - closed Jan 20 | — | 101 |
| | Lloyds Bank Current Account | 10,089 | 743 |
| | CBF deposit account No 1 | 34,008 | 38,008 |
| | 1723609 Nominal Treasury Stock | — | — |
| | CBF - Investment Fund CBF/612191003D | 146,821 | 161,542 |
| | Accounts Receivable | — | — |
| | Total Current assets | 200,381 | 206,124 |
| Liabilities | | | |
| | Agency collections | 130 | — |
| | Accounts Payable | — | — |
| | Total Liabilities | 130 | — |
| | Net Asset surplus(deficit) | 200,251 | 206,124 |
| Reserves | | | |
| | Excess / (deficit) to date | (5,873) | 35,867 |
| | Starting balances | 206,124 | 170,257 |
| | Total Reserves | 200,251 | 206,124 |
| | Represented by funds | | |
| | Unrestricted | 192,846 | 198,719 |
| | Designated | 7,405 | 7,405 |
| | Restricted | — | — |
| | Endowment | — | — |
| | Total | 200,251 | 206,124 |

Statement of assets and liabilities

| | General | Designated | Restricted | Endowment | This year | Last year |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|------------|-----------|----------------|----------------|
| Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand | | | | | | |
| Barclays current account | 9,464 | — | — | — | 9,464 | 5,730 |
| Barclays deposit account | — | — | — | — | — | 101 |
| Lloyds Bank Current Account | 10,089 | — | — | — | 10,089 | 743 |
| CBF deposit account No 1 - | 26,603 | 7,405 | — | — | 34,008 | 38,008 |
| Totals | 46,156 | 7,405 | — | — | 53,561 | 44,582 |
| Current assets - Investments | | | | | | |
| CBF - Investment Fund CBF/612191003D - | 146,821 | — | — | — | 146,821 | 161,542 |
| Totals | 146,821 | — | — | — | 146,821 | 161,542 |
| Liabilities - Agency accounts | | | | | | |
| Agency collections - | 130 | — | — | — | 130 | — |
| Totals | 130 | — | — | — | 130 | — |
| Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year | | | | | | |
| Accounts Payable - | — | — | — | — | — | — |

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| | | | | | | |
|-------------|---------|-------|---|---|---------|---------|
| Totals | | | | | — | — |
| Grand total | 192,847 | 7,405 | — | — | 200,251 | 206,124 |

Analysis of income and expenditure

| | Unrestricted | Designated | Restricted | Endowment | Total | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------|------------|-----------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | This year | Last year |
| INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS | | | | | | |
| Incoming resources from generated funds - Voluntary income | | | | | | |
| Gift Aid - Bank | 81,372 | — | — | — | 81,372 | 76,087 |
| Gift Aid Collection | 971 | — | — | — | 971 | 2,007 |
| Other planned giving | 2,501 | — | — | — | 2,501 | 1,826 |
| Loose plate collections | 5,809 | — | — | — | 5,809 | 3,140 |
| Church Re-Ordering Project | — | — | — | — | — | 100 |
| Flower Festival & Easter Journey Income | 50 | — | — | — | 50 | — |
| Gift Aid | 15 | — | — | — | 15 | — |
| Young Church & Sunbeams | 1,260 | — | — | — | 1,260 | 1,854 |
| Casual Gift Aid | — | — | — | — | — | 59 |
| Tax recoverable on Gift Aid | 20,887 | — | — | — | 20,887 | 19,435 |
| Non-recurring one-off grants | — | — | — | — | — | 2 |
| Other funds generated | 463 | — | — | — | 463 | 952 |
| Total | 113,328 | — | — | — | 113,328 | 105,462 |
| Incoming resources from generated funds - Activities for generating funds | | | | | | |
| Magazine income - advertising | 3,040 | — | — | — | 3,040 | 2,313 |
| Parish magazine sales | 2,240 | — | — | — | 2,240 | 2,274 |
| Total | 5,280 | — | — | — | 5,280 | 4,587 |
| Incoming resources from generated funds - Investment income | | | | | | |
| Dividends | (14,721) | — | — | — | (14,721) | 23,268 |
| Bank and building society interest | 227 | — | — | — | 227 | 43 |
| Rent from lands or buildings | 6,650 | — | — | — | 6,650 | 6,380 |
| Total | (7,844) | — | — | — | (7,844) | 29,691 |
| Incoming resources from charitable activities | | | | | | |
| Renew Wellbeing donations | 123 | — | — | — | 123 | — |
| Fees for weddings and funerals | 4,331 | — | — | — | 4,331 | 2,273 |
| Church hall lettings - objectives | 16,678 | — | — | — | 16,678 | 13,487 |
| Total | 21,132 | — | — | — | 21,132 | 15,760 |
| Other incoming resources | | | | | | |
| Youth Worker | 4,638 | — | — | — | 4,638 | 6,118 |
| Total | 4,638 | — | — | — | 4,638 | 6,118 |
| INCOME TOTAL | 136,534 | — | — | — | 136,534 | 161,618 |

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EXPENDITURE**Cost of generating funds - Cost of generating voluntary income**

| | | | | | | |
|------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------------|
| Other Restricted | — | — | — | — | — | 1,005 |
| Total | — | — | — | — | — | 1,005 |

Charitable activities

| | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------------|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------------|----------------|
| Giving to missionary societies | 5,915 | — | — | — | 5,915 | 4,445 |
| Giving - relief and development agencies | — | — | — | — | — | 24 |
| Home mission | 5,548 | — | — | — | 5,548 | 3,473 |
| Mission projects - expenditure | 554 | — | — | — | 554 | 100 |
| Renew Wellbeing | 854 | — | — | — | 854 | 790 |
| Ministry Common Fund | 65,705 | — | — | — | 65,705 | 63,059 |
| Salary of parish administrator | 4,495 | — | — | — | 4,495 | 2,595 |
| Working expenses of incumbent | 414 | — | — | — | 414 | 103 |
| Funeral, wedding and other related costs | 2,039 | — | — | — | 2,039 | 964 |
| Rectory - water | 546 | — | — | — | 546 | 497 |
| Youth Worker and costs | 15,093 | — | — | — | 15,093 | 12,653 |
| Young Church & Sunbeams | 6,803 | — | — | — | 6,803 | 6,395 |
| Church running - insurance | 2,166 | — | — | — | 2,166 | 2,100 |
| Church maintenance | 5,139 | — | — | — | 5,139 | 3,171 |
| Cleaning | 3,399 | — | — | — | 3,399 | 2,578 |
| Upkeep of services | 2,047 | — | — | — | 2,047 | 1,770 |
| Upkeep of churchyard | — | — | — | — | — | 20 |
| Administration | 1,171 | — | — | — | 1,171 | 1,700 |
| Computer Hardware & Software | 1,569 | — | — | — | 1,569 | 1,496 |
| Church running - electric | 5,411 | — | — | — | 5,411 | 5,447 |
| Church running - water | 95 | — | — | — | 95 | 32 |
| Magazine expenses | 2,881 | — | — | — | 2,881 | 2,740 |
| Hall Management | 788 | — | — | — | 788 | 60 |
| Hall running - electricity | 703 | — | — | — | 703 | 963 |
| Hall running - gas | 604 | — | — | — | 604 | 731 |
| Hall running - insurance | 1,160 | — | — | — | 1,160 | 1,113 |
| Hall running - maintenance | 6,485 | — | — | — | 6,485 | 2,511 |
| Hall running - water | 123 | — | — | — | 123 | 107 |
| Hall + major repairs - structure | — | — | — | — | — | 750 |
| Library upkeep | — | — | — | — | — | 650 |
| Re-ordering Project - Church | — | — | — | — | — | 1,080 |
| Total | 141,707 | — | — | — | 141,707 | 124,116 |

Governance costs

| | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------------|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------------|----------------|
| Governance costs examination/audit fee | 699 | — | — | — | 699 | 630 |
| Total | 699 | — | — | — | 699 | 630 |
| EXPENDITURE TOTAL | 142,406 | — | — | — | 142,406 | 125,751 |
| GRAND TOTAL | (5,872) | — | — | — | (5,872) | 35,867 |

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- **Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2022**

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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.

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.

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 2022.

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.

VAT

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

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

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.

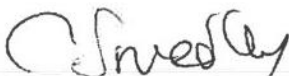
Restricted funds relate to donations and grants which are specified for a particular purpose. Income is included in incoming resources of restricted funds when received. The relevant expenditure is then matched as restricted expenditure.

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 2022 there was one such fund designated:

- Buildings and Maintenance fund – for the repair and improvement of the church and church hall

Approval

Approved by the Parochial Church Council for the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Michael, Breaston on xxxxxx 2023 and signed on its behalf by Rev'd Chris Smedley, Rector and PCC Chairman.



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