

St Peter's Church, Bentley

Annual Report **2020**



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Welcome

Hello and welcome to the Annual Report for St Peter's Church in Bentley. We are a Church of England Parish Church. That means that we are part of something bigger! We work with other churches in our deanery (which is called Adwick Deanery) and the Diocese of Sheffield. Our Bishops are The Right Reverend Dr Pete Wilcox (the Bishop of Sheffield) and The Right Reverend Sophie Jelley (the Bishop of Doncaster). We are a registered charity, 119023.

If you have any questions about this report, you can contact us on 0330 228 1896 or write to us at St Peter's Team Hub, St Peter's Community Hall, High Street, Bentley, DONCASTER, DN5 0AA.

The Church Representation Rules 2020 require the Parochial Church Council (the PCC) to provide the Annual Parochial Church Meeting with reports on:

- changes to the Electoral Roll since the last annual meeting;
- the proceedings of the PCC and the activities of the parish general;
- the financial statements of the PCC for the year ending 31 December;
- the fabric of the building; and
- the proceedings of the deanery synod;

This Annual report covers all these areas and includes some statutory information

about Safeguarding too. The PCC hope and pray that in reading it you will be encouraged by what God was doing amongst us in 2020.

Dave Berry

Vicar and Chair of the PCC.



Electoral Roll

At the time of the Annual Meeting in 2020, 35 names were entered on the electoral roll.

Since then, one person has died and one new name has been entered on the roll. Therefore, our electoral roll for 2021 remains at 35.

Only those entered on the electoral roll can vote for members of the PCC or attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Kate Davies

Parish Administrator and Electoral Roll Secretary.



Vicar's Report

Wow! 2020 was by far the oddest year I've ever lived through! But nonetheless, God was good to us.

The year started with sadness as we heard of the death of Rene Hornsby, our oldest member. She died on the first of January, aged 104! The church re-ordering was due to start before her funeral but had to be put back. We didn't know then just how much of a blessing this would turn out to be. So we were able to say goodbye to Rene in church.

In February though worship moved to the Community Hall as the builders moved in to the Church. We actually flourished as a church in our new surroundings and attendance was actually higher than it had been at the equivalent times in 2019. We were starting to hear about a new virus and by the beginning of March we were wondering if we would be able to celebrate Easter together. It was as quick as the following week that all our communal worship was suspended for what turned out to be 6 months.

During those six months, we learned lots about online worship and made our services available on the telephone too for those unable to connect online. We opened a temporary foodbank and passed it over to Bentley Baptist Church in August.

Covid-19 and the lockdown also slowed

our progress on the building project. However, with social distancing in place we were able to open the newly re-ordered church in September with a cover to cover reading of the Bible. This was a great way to mark our re-entry and over the week we were joined by the new Archdeacon of Doncaster, the Venerable Javid Iqbal and both +Pete and +Sophie.

We started our new midweek communion on Wednesday mornings, which has been well received and well attended. We also changed our pattern of services at 9.30 to reflect the Deanery Plan, which says we will need to share a priest with Sprotbrough at some point in the future.

In October, we were delighted to appoint Karen Jones as our CMA Bentley Centre Manager. Karen had been working in this role as a volunteer, but after a successful grant application to South Yorkshire Community Foundation, she is now paid to help people with expert and friendly money advice five days a week.

Sadly, another lockdown in November meant we moved our Sunday services back online, but our Wednesday morning service continued to take place until the end of the year.

The start of the year was marked by Rene's passing and at the end we were saddened by the loss of Jean Gray, who died peacefully at St John's Hospice on the 23rd December.

In all the challenges and changes 2020

threw at us, God remained faithful. Taking church online has enabled us to connect with new people, although many of us can't wait to be able to worship in person again.

2021 has started with some, now, sadly, familiar challenges to 2020, but there seems to be some light at the end of the tunnel and God is with us and watching over us.

Dave Berry, The Vicar



CPW's Report

CPW stands for Centenary Project Worker. These are children and families workers paid for by a grant from the Diocese for three years. We're so pleased to have one and this is Steph's report on what she's been up to in 2020.

2020 didn't turn out as I had planned, I'm guessing none of us expected that we would be living through a pandemic! Even so, I know God is with us and we have probably still reached as many families, if not more, than we would have when we physically meet! GOD IS GOOD!

Looking back to March when we had to close Little Fishes we thought it would be for maybe 6 weeks, not almost a year!

Little Fishes was running very successfully and new families were attending. Sue, Chris and Jan were part of our team of volunteers and we were getting to build up good relationships with the families, which allowed us to pray for them and share our faith too. Little Fishes was so successful that we were looking at limiting the numbers so we didn't become too crowded. Sadly, in March we had to close. I did continue Little Fishes online through Zoom which was attended well to start with but then as time has gone on families dropped off as they find a new way of working. I still post regular updates on our Facebook page and keep in touch with some families who are on there. I'm looking forward to reopening and sharing the Good News of Jesus again through crafts, songs and stories. Not sure when this will be but praying we can pick up from where we left off. Thanks to all those who volunteer, we couldn't do it without you and I am very grateful!

Cuppa in the car park has been on and off through the various lockdowns! We regularly serve between 25-30 cups of tea and coffee. We give out Christian flyers, booklets and info about what we get up to at St Peters and sometimes pray with people. It's an amazing opportunity to demonstrate God's love in a practical way. I'm especially grateful to

Dave Walker for his support and help and to Sue Depledge too.

I have enjoyed the freedom to be creative and felt that God has used my skills in this way. I thank God for His faithfulness to us and for my church family for your love and support over the year. I look forward to the next chapter and where God is taking us.

Steph Darbyshire

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Finance Summary

2020 was a strange year for our finances as a Church. The full financial accounts are at the back of this report and they have been independently examined by Campbell and Stenton, a local firm of accountants. Our thanks to them, but bigger and louder thanks to Alec Depledge who, through sheer dogged determination, raised most of the money for the re-ordering. He has also been our treasurer for a good number of years now (he offered to do two, but kept going), but stepped down on the 31st December. Thank you Alec for all that you've done, you're amazing!

Like most churches and charities, we faced some serious issues in 2020. The

lockdowns reduced our income from collections and hall rental and the closure of the church for the re-ordering meant we weren't able to take funerals in church. However, a number of people have started giving monthly by standing order or direct debit which has put our finances on a much more stable footing. We need to continue to pray for increased giving as we come to the end of some of our grants. We really want to keep Kate and Steph in 2022 after their funding runs out.

The other story of 2020 was the large amount of grant funding that came through the church, including £45,000 in match funding for the Flood Fund, over £100,000 for the re-ordering, £10,000 for the temporary foodbank and £48,000 for CMA Bentley. This was fantastic to see, but it must be noted that all this money was restricted, it can't be spent on keeping the Church running day to day.

Do have a look at the Financial Reports and if you have any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with Dave, Karen or Kate, our new Treasury Team.



Fabric Report

This report was made to the parochial church council under Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018

by Karen Jones as churchwarden in February 2021; and is also made to the annual parochial church meeting on behalf of the PCC.

General

The general state of the fabric is good. General maintenance, repairs and service checks have been maintained. See details below.

The general maintenance of the grounds has been possible with the support of Ann Siddle. Ann has stepped down from her volunteer role, but we give thanks and are grateful for her past service. We're thankful for Ian Hirst who cut the grass.

The church cleaning was maintained by the vergers, Janice Widdowson, prior to the re-ordering work starting. Janice has now resigned from this post and we give thanks for her many years of service.

We now have a paid cleaner Joanne, who maintains the cleaning of the church and the community hall.

The re-ordering project commenced at the start of the year and was completed by September. This has made a huge difference to the church building and many people have commented on how much lighter and welcoming it now feels.

The works completed include a kitchen and toilet inside the church building, wheelchair access via a ramp to the doors of the church and plenty of space around the font for baptisms.

The walls have been decorated and the floors carpeted. We have a welcome desk at the entrance, which also accommodates the hymn books and new notice boards at the rear of the church.

General maintenance and works during 2020:

Fire alarm and extinguisher service

Gas inspection

Karen Jones
Churchwarden



Deanery Synod

There were no significant meetings of the Deanery Synod in 2020. A new synod was elected at the Annual Meetings, many of which were delayed until later in the year. The New Synod has yet to meet.

Safeguarding

At St Peter's we want to make sure that everyone is safe. We follow the Church of England's National Safeguarding Team's Policies and Practice Guidance with due regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Training completed and outstanding at 31st December 2020.

C3 Training

The Vicar's C3 training was completed in March 2020.

C2 Training

No C2 training took place or was outstanding.

C1 Training

It is the policy of the PCC that all members complete C1 training and that they all have a valid DBS check in place in line with Charity Commission guidance for charities that work with children.

At the end of 2020 all members of the PCC had up to date training and DBS checks in place.

All team members working with children and young people have completed their training and have DBS checks in place.

Gillian Genders

Parish Safeguarding Officer

About Us

St Peter's Bentley is a Parish Church in the Church of England. We are part of a mission area with St Mary's Sprotbrough.

Our Vicar is Revd Dave Berry.

The church is governed by the Parochial Church Council (PCC). The members of the PCC are elected by the members of the church and serve for three years, one third being up for re-election each year.

Before the elections at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on the 9th March 2021 the members of the PCC are:

Revd David Berry (ex officio. Chair)

Catherine Berry (ex officio, member of Deanery Synod)

Gillian Genders (Parish Safeguarding Officer)

Ann Gray (ex officio, member of Diocesan Synod, and Deanery Synod)

Karen Jones (Churchwarden and member of Deanery Synod)

Anne Siddle

Alec Depledge served on the PCC in 2020 and retired on the 31st December.

Julie Hurst served on the PCC in 2020, but retired at the APCM on the 25th October.

Catherine Berry served on the PCC until the APCM on the 25th October, she was elected to Deanery Synod and became an ex officio member on the 17th November 2020.

The church is on Bentley High Street and
the office is in St Peter's Community Hall.
Our postal address is

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CMA Bentley, our debt advice centre, is
authorised and regulated by the Financial
Conduct Authority.

The Parochial Church Council of the
Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter Bentley
is a registered charity and our charity
number is 1191023.

Financial Statements: Summary and Income

Church Accounts to 31 December 2020

These accounts are prepared on an accruals basis.

2020 was a strange year for us all. At St Peter's we saw a huge increase in the amount of money passing through our accounts.

	2020	2019
Income	£	£
Unrestricted Funds	35,598	57,881
Restricted Funds	275,278	48,558
Total Income	310,876	106,439
Expenditure		
Unrestricted Funds	46,907	50,142
Restricted Funds	300,275	2,210
Total Expenditure	347,182	52,352

We include more detail below.

The General Fund

We hold money for the day to day running of the church. This is called our General Fund. Our income and expenditure for the general fund is shown below.

	2020	2019		
INCOME	£	£	£	£
Giving			13,993	16,021
Planned Giving		12,861		
Loose Plate Collections		1,132		
Donations			3,834	2,298
Tax Recovered on Gift Aided Donations			4,157	4,176
Fundraising			998	116
Church Activities			1,949	7,523
Weddings		39		
Funerals/Garden of Remembrance		1,703		
Little Fishes		207		
Church Hall Lettings			4,206	7,841
Legacies			0	12,345
Grants			6,055	7,112
Other Income			406	449
Total Income			35,598	57,881

Financial Statements: Expenditure and Summary

EXPENDITURE

Adoration		917	980
Church Supplies	854		
Children's Group	63		
Belonging		714	1,202
Hospitality and catering	658		
Church Groups (eg Little Fishes)	56		
Compassion		1,372	3,643
Away Giving	1,187		
CMA Bentley	185		
Discipleship		98	113
Evangelism		752	1,460
Alpha and Evangelism	177		
Publicity	575		
Fabric and Finance		6,770	14,301
Finance Costs	55		
Church Insurance	3,996		
Church Maintenance	823		
Church Utilities	1,896		
Governance		960	497
Independent Examiner	960		
Hall Running Expenses		4,015	5,088
Hall Maintenance	1,974		
Hall Utilities	2,041		
Staff Costs		7,007	2,487
Verger	175		
Parish Administrator	6,038		
Centenary Project Worker	794		
Other Costs		27,373	20,371
Common Fund	15,456		
Deanery Contribution	0		
Parsonage Water Bill	884		
Staff expenses	87		
Parish Administration	2,535		
Other Costs	549		
Non Flood Fund Flood Relief	4,791		
Transfer to Re-ordering Fund	3,071		
Total Expenditure		49,978	50,142
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(14,380)		
Brought Forward from 2018	27,586		
Funds carried forward to 2021		13,206	19,847

Financial Statements: Restricted Funds

Restricted Funds

As well as our general funds, we hold money that was given for specific purposes and can only be spent on those purposes. The Building Fund, the Carpet Fund, the Vicar's fund for mission and the Re-ordering fund. In 2019, we opened the St Peter's Flood Fund, in response to the flooding at Town End. These are shown below:

Building Fund

The building fund was transferred to the re-ordering fund to meet the costs of the project.

Opening Balance	3,447
Transferred to Church Re-ordering	(3,447)
Closing Balance	0

Carpet Fund

The carpet fund was transferred to the re-ordering fund to meet the costs of the project.

Opening Balance	2,973
Transferred to Church Re-ordering	(2,973)
Closing Balance	0

Re-ordering Fund

Opening Balance	30,045
Transferred from Building fund	3,447
Transferred from Carpet fund	2,973
Transferred from General Fund	3071
Fundraising Income	0
Donations and grants	162,422
Project Costs	(201,958)
Closing Balance	0

Vicar's Fund for Mission

This money has been given to enable the Vicar to spend small amounts at his discretion on things that will forward the mission of the Church.

Opening Balance	137
Donations	60
Closing Balance	197

St Peter's Flood Fund

This fund was set up in response to the flooding in Town End and across Bentley in November 2019. The final balance of the flood fund 31 December 2019 was correctly reported in our last accounts, but the income and expenditure was not. So the full information is recorded here

Opening Balance 1 November 2019	0
Donations in 2019	36,459
Expenditure in 2019	(1,722)
Donations in 2020	9,297
Government Match Funding	43,541
Expenditure in 2020	(77,659)
Closing Balance	9,916

Financial Statements: Restricted Funds

Bentley Temporary Foodbank

We started a temporary foodbank in April 2020 as a response to the Covid-19 epidemic. We received a grant from DMBC and donations from the public. We opened as a stop gap until Bentley Baptist Community Foodbank was up and running which happened in August. We then passed on our stock of food and remaining funds to them

Opening Balance	0
DMBC Grants	10,000
Other Donations	1,022
Grants returned	(3,000)
Expenditure	(6,998)
Cash passed to BBC Foodbank	(1,024)
Closing Balance	0

South Yorkshire Community Foundation Flood Relief Grant

We applied for a grant to fund our Money Advice Centre, CMA Bentley. SYCF awarded us funding over three years, of which this is the first.

Opening Balance	0
SYCF Grant	48,936
Expenditure	(9,636)
Closing Balance	39,300

Endowment Funds

The Estate of Lieutenant Atkinson-Jowett made an endowment to the church which is invested for the benefit of the parish. The money has to be spent on a stipend for the incumbent, so any proceeds are paid directly to the Diocese

Liabilities

We hold money in our bank account for people who have paid towards their wedding, but haven't got married yet. We can't spend it because we will have to give it back to them if they decide not to marry. Similarly, we have 'deposits' on grave spaces that is not ours to spend until the ashes are interred. At the 31 December 2020 we held £420 in such funds.

Financial Statements: Balance Sheet

Statement of Assets and Liabilities for St Peter's Bentley as at 31 December 2020

Current Assets	31-Dec-20	31-Dec-19
NatWest Current Account	687	42,192
CAF Bank	65,132	1,000
CCLA Deposit A/c	4,167	56,074
CCLA Shares A/c	5,263	5,263
Petty Cash in safe	100	89
Debtors	911	0
Total Assets	76,260	104,618
Liabilities		
Wedding Fees	150	100
Garden of Remembrance	270	330
Accruals	1177	0
Creditors	6781	0
Total Liabilities	8,378	430
Net Assets	67,882	104,188

This is represented by our funds as previously listed

General Fund (including designated funds)	13,206	27,586
Building Fund (restricted)	0	3,447
Carpet Fund (restricted)	0	2,973
Vicar's Fund for Mission (restricted)	197	137
Church Re-ordering Fund (restricted)	0	30,045
St Peter's Flood Fund (restricted)	9,916	34,737
Foodbank Fund	0	0
South Yorkshire Community Foundation Flood Response	39,300	0
Jowett Bequest (restricted)	5,263	5,263
Total Funds of the Church	67,882	104,188

Financial Statements: Independent Examiner's Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Peter's, Bentley

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 1-6, in respect of an examination carried out under Regulation 3(3) of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 to 2001 ('the Regulations') and s43 of the Charities Act 1993 ('the Act').

Respective responsibilities of PCC and examiner

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 3(3) of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and section 43(2) of the Charities Act (the Act) do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of Regulation 25 of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and Regulation 7 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995.

Basis of my independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43 (7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2001 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. The examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare the accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Act, as also contained in the Church Accounting Regulations 1997
 have not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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