

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,
BRANTINGHAM

ANNUAL PARISH REPORT
2022



All Saints' Church, Brantingham
Annual Meeting
To be held at All Saints' Church Brantingham
on Sunday 5 March 2023
(following the Church service)

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

Agenda

Opening Prayer

- A. Any Further Nominations
- B. Election of Churchwardens

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Followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Apologies
2. Approval of the minutes of the APCM held on Sunday 3 April 2022
3. Safeguarding Statement of Compliance
4. Presentation of the Annual Accounts
5. Presentation of the Electoral Roll
6. Election of Officers
 - a. Parochial Church Council
 - b. Deanery Synod Representatives
 - c. Independent Examiner for the Annual Accounts
 - d. Electoral Roll Officer
7. Receive the Annual Reports
8. Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk – Appointment of PSO
9. Representatives of the PCC on the Village Hall Board of Trustees
10. Future dates
11. Any Other Business

Closing Prayer

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH BRANTINGHAM
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS
HELD AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH
ON SUNDAY 3 APRIL 2022
(FOLLOWING THE CHURCH SERVICE)

Present: Revd Mick Fryer, Mrs Kathleen Binnington, Mrs Joyce Branton, Mrs Julie Branton, Mr Simon Branton, Mr Philip Burt, Mrs Claire Bell, Mr David Bell, Mrs Maureen Bell, Mrs Cathie Farrar, Dr Andrew Milner, Mrs Linda Salmon, Mrs Tavish Simpson, Mr Rodney Train

1. Opening Prayers

The meeting was opened with a prayer.

2. Apologies

Apologies received from Mrs Linda Milner, Revd Mark Pickering, Mr David Potter, Mrs Karen Potter, Mr Tom Salmon

3. Election of Churchwardens

Nomination: Mr Simon Branton - Proposed by Mr Tom Salmon; Seconded by Mrs Karen Potter. Carried unanimously.

A vacancy exists for a second Churchwarden

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 1017h

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH BRANTINGHAM
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
HELD AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH
ON SUNDAY 3 APRIL 2022
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

Present: Revd Mick Fryer (MF), Mrs Kathleen Binnington (KB), Mrs Joyce Branton (JoB), Mrs Julie Branton (JB), Mr Simon Branton (SB), Mr Philip Burt (PB), Mrs Claire Bell (CB), Mr David Bell (DB), Mrs Maureen Bell (MB), Mrs Cathie Farrar (CF), Dr Andrew Milner (AM), Revd Mark Pickering from 1025h, Mrs Linda Salmon (LS), Mrs Tavish Simpson (TS) Mr Rodney Train (RT)

1. Apologies

Apologies received from Mrs Linda Milner (LM), Revd Mark Pickering (MP), Mr David Potter (DP), Mrs Karen Potter (KP), Mr Tom Salmon (TRS)

2. Approval of Minutes of the APCM held on 25 May 2021

Proposed TS Seconded SM – carried unanimously.

3. Safeguarding Statement of Compliance

All Saints' Church Brantingham Parochial Church Council will continue to comply with its "Safeguarding Statement" and have due regard to the House of Bishops Guidance on protecting children and vulnerable adults. There has been no update to the policy.

4. Presentation of the Annual Accounts

The Treasurer's report was taken as read. In the absence of the Treasurer MF suggested that any questions should be sent direct to TRS.

The annual accounts were received. Thanks were expressed to the Treasurer for his work.
Proposed CF; Seconded SB

5. Presentation of the Electoral Roll

The annual return shows that for 2021/22 there were 45 Members of whom 16 were residents within the Brantingham Parish. MF reported that David Potter is stepping down from his role in anticipation of moving to the South of England. MF expressed his thanks on behalf of the Parish for all DP's work in maintaining the Electoral Roll.

6. Election of Officers

a. Parochial Church Council (PCC)

Mrs Tavish Simpson – Proposed by Mr Simon Branton; Seconded by Mr Tom Salmon
Mr Rodney Train – Proposed by Mr Tom Salmon; Seconded by Revd Mark Pickering

Mrs Linda Milner – Proposed by Mr David Potter; Seconded by Mr Simon Branton
Dr Andrew Milner – Proposed by Mr David Potter; Seconded by Mr Simon Branton
Mrs Claire Bell – Proposed by Mr Simon Branton; Seconded by Mr David Bell
Mr David Bell – Proposed by Mrs Linda Salmon; Seconded by Mrs Cathie Farrar
Mr Tom Salmon – Proposed by Mr Simon Branton; Seconded by Mrs Tavish Simpson

All were elected en bloc unanimously.

a. Deanery Synod Representatives

Mrs Tavish Simpson with a final fourth year of her term of office to serve.

b. Independent Examiner for the Annual Accounts

Smailes Goldie – Proposed AM; Seconded RT

c. Electoral Roll Officer

Mrs Claire Bell – Proposed LS; Seconded RT
Carried unanimously.

7. Receive the Annual Reports

The annual reports were taken as read.

The Vicar took the opportunity to express thanks to everyone who is involved in undertaking work for the Church, which included all those present.

8. Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk – Appointment of PSO

Mrs Linda Milner – Proposed by SB; Seconded LS

9. Representatives from the Church on the Village Hall Board of Trustees

Mrs Linda Milner and Mr Philip Burt – Proposed AM; Seconded SB
Carried unanimously

10. Future Dates

Next PCC meeting scheduled for Monday 13 June at 1900h at Brantingham Village Hall

11. Any Other Business

AM mentioned that LM had purchased over the past 12 years The UCB Word for Today publications, copies of which placed in the Church, circulated within the Parish and beyond and wished to know if they are still required and valued. MF expressed the thanks of the PCC and it was agreed that they are still valued.

The meeting closed with Grace at 1032h

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Finance Report for 2022

With the difficulties of Covid behind us our little Church has returned to something like normality with a solid set of Finances for 2022.

Regular annual giving has surprisingly held up to similar levels of 2021 with some generous one-off gifts backed by grants for heating from the Church Of England. Wedding income has been especially high due to delayed weddings taking place. This has meant more income from fees and higher payments to York. Tax Income was lower due to a reduction in Giving in 2021.

The main fall in the Income was because of a very large family donation in 2021, although a number of good non-recurring gifts were received in 2022. Overall income was down by £12,340.55 at £38,685.90.

Parish share payments were down because of decisions to reduce the Free Will Gift. Other payments were higher due to the Cost of repairs to the East wall of the church. In carrying out this work of issues have been found on the North Wall that appear to be extensive in nature and will be a costly item to carry out. Investigations are on going and further investigation and reports will be available in the New Year. Expenditure was up £6,487.25 at, £25,915.97.

2022 was a more stable year still providing a net gain on all accounts for the year of £12,769.93.

As Treasurer I was directed by the PCC to produce a Finance Policy document. I began this work in October, and I am grateful for all your inputs on helping me producing this. The outcome of this work is in a draft document produced for the PCC meeting on 6th February 2023. At this meeting more decisions must be made on our Finance policy going forward.

A decision on what extra to pay to York Free Will Gift can be made at this PCC meeting.

All Saints Brantingham,

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Code	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2022	Total 2021 £	Movement
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT						
Receipts						
Voluntary receipts from donors						
Tax efficient planned giving (1)	1	£8,405.11	£2,116.20	£10,521.31	£9,756.60	£764.71
Other planned giving (2)	2					
Collections (3)	3	£2,367.00	£1,011.55	£3,378.55	£3,449.67	-£71.12
Other recurring giving/donations (4)	4	£105.00	£0.00	£105.00	£827.36	-£722.36
Non-recurring giving/donations (5)	5	£6,650.00	£1,271.00	£7,921.00	£540.00	£7,381.00
Income tax recovered (6)	6	£2,876.32	£1,164.59	£4,040.91	£7,854.47	-£3,813.56
		£20,403.43	£5,563.34	£25,966.77	£22,428.10	£3,538.67
Other voluntary receipts	7,8	£0.00	£53.71	£53.71	£21,013.37	-£20,959.66
Activities for generating funds	9	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
Investment income	10	£0.00	£1,302.42	£1,302.42	£38.98	£1,263.44
Receipts from church activities	11,12	£8,749.00	£2,614.00	£11,363.00	£7,517.00	£3,846.00
Other incoming resources	13	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£29.00	-£29.00
		£29,152.43	£9,533.47	£38,685.90	£51,026.45	-£12,340.55
Payments						
Church activities						
Diocesan parish share (19)	19	£5,124.00	£0.00	£5,124.00	£6,192.66	-£1,068.66
Other payments		£10,656.78	£10,135.19	£20,791.97	£13,236.06	£7,555.91
		£15,780.78	£10,135.19	£25,915.97	£19,428.72	£6,487.25
Excess of Receipts over Payments		£13,371.65	-£601.72	£12,769.93	£31,597.73	-£18,827.80
Transfers between funds		-£1,164.59	£1,164.59	£0.00	£29.00	-£29.00
				£12,769.93	£31,626.73	-£18,856.80
Bank current and deposit accounts 1 Jan		£958.15	£91,594.40	£92,552.55	£60,954.82	£31,597.73
Bank current and deposit accounts 31 Dec		£14,329.80	£90,992.68	£105,322.48	£92,552.55	£12,769.93
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES						
Cash Funds						
Bank current account		£14,329.80	£90,992.68	£105,322.48	£92,552.55	£12,769.93

Approved by the PCC on March 2021 and signed on their behalf by
(PCC treasurer) (PCC chairman)

Signed by the Examiner

Electoral Roll

Electoral Roll stands at 48 in total (45 in 2021) of whom 16 were residents within the Brantingham Parish (16 in 2021)

Vicar's report

Revd Mick Fryer

In chapters 2 and 3 of the book of Revelation, right at the end of the Bible, God gives John a report on the seven churches of the region.

Each report carries the same opening phrase 'I know your deeds'! God goes on to highlight some strengths and weaknesses of each church

There is something of that process going on as we write our various reports covering the life and witness in our parish. This process takes on a bigger significance as the Benefice moves into a vacancy.

As a benefice we will have to write a 'Parish Profile' this will involve looking back and saying, this is where we have come from, this is what we are doing well and this is where we are struggling.

We will then need to say what our collective hopes are for the future and what sort of person might be best equipped to lead us – the Archangel Gabriel is unavailable!

As I read the various reports, there is much to celebrate across the Benefice.

Thank you to everyone who has taken time to produce a report, across both parishes, and to everyone whose time and energy gives something to write about!

Once again, I want to name our three churchwardens, Simon Branton; Derek Reynolds and Geoff Ogden, the three of them have continued to serve faithfully and effectively despite each one of them facing their own personal challenges, gentlemen I salute you.

I am also grateful to those who have stepped up to the plate when our wardens have needed help.

The financial situation still offers the greatest challenge to the future of our churches locally.

Although we are not paying our way [funding a vicar's post] the Diocese have seen enough to agree to replace me when I retire this summer. That appointment may well come with conditions and be time limited as the Diocese cannot continue to subsidise our ministry at the rate they are doing – funds are running out.

We will only be able to overcome the financial challenge by increasing our income. This will probably only happen if one or all of the following happens:

1. Our regular congregation gives more money to the church as a regular, prayerful, committed offering.
2. Our buildings are able to be used to draw in an income stream that more than covers our costs.
3. That we see more people coming to faith and joining our active, worshipping, serving community – that is, to make disciples.

For sustained growth the most effective option is the third one!

It is not only effect for securing the churches future it also meets the challenge given to each one of us by Jesus himself as recorded on Matthew 28

*Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **Therefore go and make disciples** of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'*

Making disciples begins with us. Still the most effective way of bringing people to faith is through personal invitation and example. For your friends and family, you are probably the only advert God has!

Looking forward, perhaps do three things:

1. Draw up a short list of people you would like to see come to faith in Jesus and begin praying regularly for them.
2. Look for opportunities to share your faith story with them
3. Look for opportunities to invite them to something church is putting on or even a Sunday service.

In truth this action has been going on for some of you and doesn't need to wait for a new vicar to come in, why couldn't our church grow during a vacancy?

If every one of you were joined by just one person in the coming year, the congregations would be doubled! If the same were to be repeated in the next year you would soon have a problem of how to fit them all in! Now that's something worth praying for.

Church Wardens Report 2022-23

The past year's weekly Sunday and usual festival services, have all taken place as scheduled. With the first and third Sundays being Holy Communion presided by Mick Fryer, the fourth Sundays being Holy Communion presided by Mark Pickering and the second Sundays being Morning Prayer presided by the Brantingham lay team. On fifth Sundays a combined benefice service was rotated between the parishes.

Covid is still having a limited effect on communion, with the sacraments being taken as a wine tintured wafer only. It is uncertain how long it will be before we can all share the cup again.

There have been seven Baptisms, five of which were taken out of the regular Sunday worship however they are now back as part of the normal Sunday morning service.

Weddings again have been popular this year with eleven from April to December, probably still catching up due to the previous years' cancellations.

In the last year we have had three funerals and one services of remembrance.

From the 11th June through to the end of August the church was opened for visitors on Sunday afternoons. With the opening of the church in mind, various discussions have taken place throughout this last year with regard to the church building's financial viability. One key aspect of this is the need for more people to visit, use and support our church. To that end the PCC have agreed in principle to leave the church open and unattended at certain times (TBA) through the week. Costed action and management plans are currently being produced to support this change in public access.

The repairs on the wall stone work around east window and roof coping stones have now all been completed by Pinnacle (the company that recently carried out the works at "St Mary's"). They appear to have done a very good job and the east wall is now drying out.

Further repairs are required to the northern side of the church (initially noted during a damp survey for the above works) in particular two of the stone windows. A site meeting/survey with the church Architect (Ian Hayton) and church Warden (Simon Branton) took place on the 5th October 2022. It was agreed that two Windows need attention now to repair the stone work. These are both on the north side of the building, one in the Transept (behind the Organ) and the other at the east end of the Nave. The Architect will produce a report with specifications/ drawings for the repairs which will be needed by a contractor to compile a works estimate, to support a

Faculty and as evidence for grant claims that may be made. This report will cost £1500 - £2000. In order to repair the transept window it is expected that the organ will need to be partially dismantled and protected during the works, at another additional cost. A Glazing Survey is also needed to establish what is required to remove the glass prior to stone works and the following reinstatement. This survey was carried out by Barley Studio on 14th November at a cost of £630.

There were also some other works items discussed which should be considered at the same time, these being replacing additional weather/damp damaged stones around the windows, a small section of roof and some stone within the Chancel at the outer Vestry door lower hinge (this door needs to be made secure i.e. lockable for opening the church for unsupervised visitors).

At this time the above mentioned reports have not been received.

A final message

As a result of the York Diocese Living Christ's Story initiative, that is basically the need to make our churches more sustainable, it has become apparent to the PCC that in our current situation the maintenance of All Saints Brantingham church building is no longer financially viable. In addition we cannot afford to pay our full third of the annual benefice offering to York for an incumbent.

It is envisaged that we have a few years to turn this situation around and therefore it is the opinion of the PCC that in order to keep our Church building and our vicar things need to change.

As always it's about money, there is no point in hiding this reality. So to improve our revenue we need to increase the use and access of our beautiful church building and not just as a place of worship but as a community resource. Now our regular congregation is small and aging, we can't do this alone. Hence the PCC intend to start their own initiative looking at setting up a charity/society run by the community for the community based around the church building which should free up the congregation to fund a vicar. The first steps for this, as previously mentioned, is to open up the church to unsupervised access and plans for this are currently ongoing.

To reiterate, without a Vicar we have very limited services and virtually no revenue and the church will fall into decay and close.

Any offers of help and/or suggestions will be gratefully received.

Simon Branton.

Health and Safety Report for 2022/23

No injuries or incidents to report for the past year.

Risk assessments continue to be valid.

Health and Safety Policy has been recently reviewed and updated.

Fire equipment maintenance is up to date.

Electrical installation and portable appliance testing is up to date

General condition of the church and churchyard continue to be of a good standard, keeping risks associated with slips, trips and falls to a low level.

Inspection of monuments has continued during the past year. One stone has recently been laid down due to its unsafe condition. There are no safety concerns, however, some action is

considered necessary on two monuments. There are five monuments that require their condition to be monitored during quarterly inspections in case of further deterioration. See quarterly report for details.

The first aid kit requires replacement of some out of date items.

David Bell

10th February 2023

Brantingham Village Hall Report 2022

The level of activity at the village hall has been recovering gradually following the lifting of the Covid restrictions. We are hoping and expecting activity to increase further during 2023. In addition to our regular weekly and monthly hirers we have a number of parties and at least one wedding reception booked for 2023. We are also seeing various church groups hiring on a regular basis. Rudolph's Romp Charity Run returned in 2022.

Our planned maintenance programme has continued in 2022 with our biggest project so far. The village hall roof has been replaced along with much needed repairs to gables. With a total cost of approximately £55,000 we were fortunate in receiving a FCC Communities Foundation Fund grant of £35,000, a Big Lottery Communities Grant of £10,000 as well as generous financial and in-kind support from local residents and organisations. This means that despite the scale of the work undertaken there has been minimal impact on the village hall reserves. We are very grateful for the support we received from the PCC and Parish Council with our grant applications.

We continue to seek advice and support from the East Riding Village Hall Network and both Andrew and Linda Milner have attended the regular meetings.

Philip Burt and Linda Milner have been the PCC representatives on the village hall management committee.

A huge thank you to the whole team involved in maintaining and running the village hall as it can be difficult when people are so busy with their many commitments.

Linda Milner

All Saints' Church PCC Representative

Chair Exercise Report

The class continues to meet weekly. Sadly, we lost a few members during the year due to ill health and poor mobility. Several new members joined following invitations from the group. Average attendance is around 20 with 30 on register.

The group continues to be well supported and shows a need for fellowship. Jill Barker invites members to attend songs and scones at the Methodist Church in Brough. A network of churches provides coffee mornings which some members attend and make new friends.

Emma and her team provide a regular monthly lunch and we are thankful for her generosity and kindness. Oh, and super food!

Membership comes mainly from Stockbridge Park and St Mary's village hall is within easy walking distance. Unfortunately, in January, St Marys Hall suffered a collapsed ceiling in the toilets. As a temporary measure we are meeting in the United Reform Church meeting room.

We enjoyed our Christmas celebration, and guests from Brantingham village contributed to the entertainment with singing, humorous poetry, and readings.

Members attended Brantingham Church Harvest Service Supper, and the Nine Lessons and Carols. The later service start times appeal to our older members, and they always comment on the warm welcome they receive.

Giving

March 2022 Ukraine	£150
September 2022 Harvest wine and soft drinks	£64
October 2022 Bodmin Road Church	£100
February 2023 Turkey/ Syria earthquake appeal	£100

Total Giving	£414
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Linda and Cathie