

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1128818

**Report of the Trustees and
Un-audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended
31st December 2021
for**

The Parish of Beccles St. Michael's and St. Luke's
Part of the Parish of Beccles with Worlingham North Cove and Barnby (as of 1st July 2021)

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The Parish of Beccles St. Michael's and St. Luke's

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For the Year Ended 31st December 2021**

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**Report of the Trustees
For the Year Ended 31st December 2021**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (the FRSSE) (effective 1st January 2015).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims -

St. Michael's and St. Luke's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church buildings of St. Michael's and the surrounding churchyard and the Church buildings of St. Luke's.

In planning the Church's activities the members of the PCC kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

RECTOR'S REPORT

Report from Revd Canon Rich Henderson Rector of Beccles, Priest in charge of Worlingham, North Cove and Barnby APCM 2021

Each year the Annual Parochial Church Meeting gives us the opportunity to reflect on the previous year, to take stock and look forward. 2021 was a second year in which the pandemic dominated our lives personally and corporately, throughout the year we continued to respond to the different circumstances and restrictions in place and as we did, we continued to live out our mission statement; BEING GOOD NEWS | LIVING FAITH | SERVING BECCLES & VILLAGES.

The past year has been a year of fluidity, change and challenge, one in which through hard work, commitment and focus we have continued to see areas of growth. There has been an increased commitment to prayer and investment in relationships, all this rooted in our faith and worship of Christ.

July saw the moment when we legally became the new single parish of Beccles with Worlingham, North Cove and Barnby, this important change has simplified our structure and governance and shows a commitment to each other. We are very much stronger together and better equipped to serve our community as Anglicans in this place. There have been a number of ways already, through shared worship and mutual support, we have seen our partnership in the gospel flourish and there is much hope for the future as we live out our shared calling as disciples, as we are one Church family with five church buildings.

I would like to offer my thanks to everyone who has contributed to mission and ministry across the whole parish. Our Churchwardens have served with real dedication, and I value their support and wisdom, thank you to Shirley Newman, Sue Son, Fran Tuck, Roger Bennett, Peter Hobbs, Lynda Knights and Charles Detheridge. Thanks also to those who support the churchwardens in practical ways.

I'm incredibly grateful to our PCC members who have shaped and supported the outworking of our vision and values, we now have a large PCC that represents all of the churches and this body will play an even more important role in the future. Thank you to Karen Hall and Doreen Page who have helped with the administration of the PCC.

Finance has presented ongoing challenges for us across the whole parish, it has been vital to have consistent regular income so, thank you to all who given faithfully and generously. In the later part of the year, we saw rental income begin to return and the opportunity to resume fundraising activities, all this helped us meet our financial demands. Thanks go to our three treasurers: Jayne Hollingsworth, Mark Lowther and Judy Thacker for all their work in managing our day-to-day finances. I would also like to thank those who carry out regular banking and financial support, Doreen Page, Margaret Page, Terri Parker and Roger Bennett.

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The Parish Office has continued to be the hub of our activities and now resources the wider parish, thanks to Doreen Page, Fran Tuck, Margaret Spratt and Gill Ley for all they do to keep on top of things.

We have seen a huge variety of worship and services this year, we began online and then returned to services in church buildings, we have had to adapt on several occasions. I am grateful to all our ministry team who, have contributed to our worship through leading and preaching. Thank you to all who have welcomed others, prepared for services, served refreshments, led prayers or read from scripture. There is also space for more people to be involved so do say if there is something you would like to do.

Our music is key to our corporate worship, thank you to Ian Hollingsworth, Pippa Bridges, Peter Hobbs, Judy Thacker for ensuring there is music on Sundays, Thanks also go to the choir at St Michael's and singers at St Luke's. In the autumn we began our 'roving' Choral Evensong as the clergy at choir began to lead worship in the different churches around the parish.

I shared towards the end of the year the blessing we have been given in memory of Austin Bates to provide a trust fund for developing music in our churches. I hope in 2022, we begin to see this bearing fruit in our community.

We have across all congregations been hit by the loss of church members who have all taken a full and active part in church life, it remained difficult to hold large memorial services but we did take the opportunity at our December memorial service to name and remember each individual.

Our buildings continue to be a resource for us, 2021 saw the final stage of our internal development completed at St Michael's with the levelling of the floor at the front of the nave and new café furniture in place. We have seen throughout the year these spaces being used in creative ways. St Luke's ended the year with the much-needed resurfacing of the car park. I want to thank all who clean and maintain our buildings; our churchwardens, Phil Filer, John and Sue Bailey, Ron Tuck have all carried out work that has helped keep costs down. Thanks also go to those who maintain and care for our churchyards.

In June Revd Claire Kiddy's curacy came to an end after three very fruitful years. Claire made huge contribution to so many areas of parish life and on behalf of all of us, I thank Claire for her real dedication to the parish and we continue to pray for her and her ministry.

The past year also saw Revd Phil Cudmore licensed as Associate Priest, Revd Mark Bee ordained Priest, Faith Darch and Doreen Page have also continued to serve the parish well as Lay Ministers. It is a joy for me to serve with each and I offer my personal thanks for their commitment and service.

At the start of the year Ellie Skerratt began in our new post of Youth and Young Adults Pastor and soon made an impact in different areas of church life; designing our website, Sunday worship, co-leading Alpha, one to one mentoring and developing Youth Hub, which began in September at St Michael's. Ellie made the difficult decision in December to step back, and we honour that decision and thank Ellie for all she has giving in a short time.

We continue to be blessed with a team of volunteers who are committed in so many ways to serve all ages in this place. The Growing in God themes of Growing in Number, Depth, Younger and influence remain the core of what we seek to do.

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Thank you to all the team, who help us in Growing Younger through the work with children and young people across all our groups and activities, in church and schools, through Junior Church, Messy Mornings, Picnic Lunches, Messy Church, Open the Book and Assemblies. We have sown seeds into the lives of hundreds of children.

Small Group Leaders and hosts, worship leaders and preachers have encouraged our discipleship and Growing in Depth. I hope in the year ahead we will realise the vision for more Small Groups, so that each of us has the opportunity to grow more in our faith. I also pray for more opportunities in how we respond and care for each other. We are increasing the number of Lay Elders in the year ahead, they will join our existing Elders and ministers in offering pastoral care and support, but each of us can play our part in caring for other through prayer and practical help.

I began mentioning the increased commitment to prayer, one of the ways in which this has been evident is through the regular morning prayer three days a week at 8.30am, people joining in person and via zoom have faithfully prayed for the world, the church and those in need. We have also seen real dedication through Mission Focus for all our mission partners, thanks to Keith Wragg and the Mission Focus team for encouraging our prayer and support of people and projects around the world.

2021 saw our Growing in influence expand with the increased needs of individuals and families, our response has been the Parish Pantry, Foodbank, Uniform Bank and lots of support for individuals one to one. This has been a team effort, but I do want to thank Fran Tuck, Sue Son and Pam Bayliss for leading and encouraging our work in this area. Thanks also go to individuals, charities and businesses that support all that we do.

The focus across all areas of parish life this year has seen us meeting people where they are, we are Growing in Number but this might not be visible on a Sunday morning. We are church seven days a week and offer a wide range of opportunities for all ages to explore faith and spirituality, to be loved and cared for, to be blessed.

I am fortunate to have the space to begin 2022 on Sabbatical and I can only do this with the confidence in the people of this parish in not just keeping things going, but ensuring that ministry continues to flourish. Thank you for all you do to support and encourage me in ministry as Rector, it continues to be a joy and blessing to lead in this place.

I believe we are at a pivotal moment in the life of our parish, at the APCM and congregational meetings that will follow in the spring. I will share more of the direction I want us to go and how we together face the challenges of today and the future, so that **“In Him and through faith in Him we may enter God's presence with boldness and confidence” (Ephesians 3:12, NIV).**

With blessings
Rich

Canon Rich Henderson
Rector

Priest in charge of Worlingham, North Cove & Barnby

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity achieved a Surplus for the year of £13,065 (2020: Deficit £28,031). This was after taking into account a realised loss of £537 on fixed asset investments, which results in a Surplus of £13,602 on church operations.

The charity's fund balances at 31st December 2021 were £95,547 (2020: £82,481) and comprised unrestricted funds of £13,531 (2020: £23,649) and restricted funds of £82,017 (2020: £58,833).

Reserves Policy

Currently there is no reserve's policy, the majority of the unrestricted fund is taken up by the Parish Share. A reserve policy would be made if the PCC became aware of any future specific liability requiring one.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Parochial Church Council powers measure (1956) as amended and church representation rules.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are appointed annually at the Annual General Meeting. Retiring trustees are eligible for re-election. Any vacancies arising, between the AGM's may be filled by the committee. At the AGM following their appointment they will be eligible to stand for election as a trustee.

Induction and training of new trustees

Upon appointment an informal meeting with the new trustee is held to discuss the charity's history and procedures. Training for trustees is arranged as and when required.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Registered Charity Number

1128818

Principal address

The Parish Office
St. Luke's Centre,
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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Trustees

The Parish of Beccles Parochial Church Council consists of four Church Wardens, ten Elected Members, plus four Deanery Representatives and the Ex Officio Members.

During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Chair Rev. Canon Richard Henderson

Church Wardens Shirley Newman
Susan Son
Fran Tuck
Roger Bennett

Elected Members Philip Filer
Amanda Puxley
Graham Smith
Nicola Wilson
Brenda Beaumont
Janet Baker
Caroline Carvosso
Hayley Henderson
Molly Martin
Terri Parker

Deanery Synod Representatives Terri Parker
Molly Martin
Caroline Smith

Ex-officio Faith Darch (Reader)
Phil Cudmore (Associate Priest)
Rev. Mark Bee (Curate)
Doreen Page (Reader)
Jayne Hollingsworth (Treasurer)
Ian Hollingsworth (Director of Music)

Independent examiner

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Charitable Status

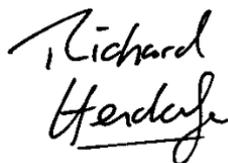
A parish within the Church of England and the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

Bankers

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 31st March 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Henderson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line under the name.

Rector

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
The Parish of Beccles St. Michael's and
St. Luke's**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021 set out on pages eight to eighteen.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act) and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, the following has come to my attention

The accounting statements prepared on pages 8 to 18 represent the accounting affairs of the Parish of Beccles St. Luke's and St. Michael's Parochial Church Council for the year ending 31st December 2021. The accounting records were compiled using a transactional Microsoft Excel spreadsheet to trial balance level and underpin the PCC's work and accounting statements for 2021.

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