

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1128818

**Report of the Trustees and
Un-audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended
31st December 2022
for**

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

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For the Year Ended 31st December 2022**

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**Report of the Trustees
For the Year Ended 31st December 2022**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2022. 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 2022

As I reflect back on 2022 I see another year packed with the experiences of being church in this place. We moved from the pandemic to the cost- of-living crisis and once again stepped up to support many in their daily lives. I have had so many conversations with people on the receiving end of our projects, who describe us as their church, relationships have developed, and we have seen people come to worship or ask for prayer. This is evangelism in action, love, care, and compassion expressed in very practical, biblical ways. So, to all who help and support; Parish Pantry, Foodbank, Food in School Holidays, Uniform Bank, and the countless one- to- one encounters, thank you!

The early summer saw us welcome two familiar faces to the staff team;

Claire Kiddy rejoined us as Associate Priest, taking on the pastoral oversight of North Cove and Barnby. In six months, Claire has invested time and energy in people, her efforts bearing much fruit. We have a growing relationship with Barnby and North Cove School and with the Parish Councils. We have spent time addressing building related issues at North Cove, with a small working group filling a skip, all to create a more welcoming sacred space. Both North Cove and Barnby churches are now open regularly and receive a wide range of visitors.

The second staff team member to join us was Kate Cracknell, as Youth and Young Adults Pastor. I often reflect at how blessed we are to have Kate in this role, an experienced practitioner with children and young people, who has developed our work in this area and pushed us further. The work Kate is doing is vital for our growth, we fund Kate's post ourselves and it is so important that the funding is in place for security and longevity.

Phil Cudmore has continued to oversee Worlingham Church, served as a foundation governor and a trustee of the new village hall committee, again this ministry has been about networking and building stronger connection.

As I write Mark Bee is about to be signed off at the end of his three year curacy, this has been ministry lived out in challenging times that has been anything but a normal training experience. Pray for Mark as he discerns the next stage of his ministry.

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Faith Darch and Doreen Page have continued to serve us well as Lay Ministers; leading and preaching regularly and offering pastoral care across the parish. Doreen is now in the first year of her training for ordination.

Our team of Lay Elders has increased this year and I am so grateful to all of the Elders who exercise ministry in different ways.

I am grateful to our whole ministry team and to all who enhance our worship, for all who lead and preach, read, lead prayers, welcome, sing, play instruments and ring bells. We are blessed in this place with a large and varied team, for which I thank God.

Thanks go to Ian Hollingsworth, Pippa Bridges and Anthony Issacs for playing for us Sunday by Sunday.

We have had consistent numbers in worship throughout the year and seen some growth at St Luke's and St Botolph's. All Saints Worlingham presents an ongoing challenge as we need more people to be practically involved. With housing developments in the future we need to prayerfully consider how to be church for an expanding village.

We have continued with a fruitful ministry with children and young people, thank you to all who have been involved in Junior Church, Messy Church, Wild Church, Messy Mornings, Open the Book, schools work, Toddler groups, Youth Hub, Joy Collective and the Thirst Detached Youth Hub.

Thanks go to all who have engaged in our wider mission, Keith Wragg and others co-ordinate our world links through Mission Focus, thank you to all who have generously given in support of our mission partners.

I often say that we are church seven days a week, we are and it is good to see our buildings open and with increased activity. Thank you to all who lead or help with any of our groups and to those who unlock and lock regularly. To those unseen people who make our buildings fit for purpose; cleaners, flower arrangers, those who carry out maintenance and building projects, thank you, your work is much appreciated.

We are a large parish that requires good administration and financial management, my personal thanks go to Doreen Page in her role as administrator, Karen Hall as PCC minute secretary, Margaret Spratt and Gill Ley for all the weekly printing. Jayne Hollingsworth, Mark Lowther and Judy Thacker manage our finances extremely well, assisted by Doreen Page, Margaret Page, Roger Bennett and Terri Parker. Thank you all.

Finance is a challenge, but we have kept our heads above water, thank you to all who have given to support mission and ministry this year. I would also like to thank all who have planned and delivered a range of fundraising activities and all who have supported these events.

The Friends of St Michael's have continued a range of activities during the year with the funds they raise being vital to the maintenance, upkeep, and development of the church building, thank you to all involved.

I couldn't carry out my role day-to-day without the valuable support of our churchwardens, they give of their time and energy regularly for us all. Thank you to Sue Son, Shirley Newman, Phil Filer, Fran Tuck, Roger Bennett, Peter Hobbs, Lynda Knights and Charles Detheridge and all who assist the wardens in their duties.

As a parish we remain committed to the diocesan vision of Growing in God. Towards the end of the year we revisited our priorities and came up with the following areas of focus for our 2023 Growth Plan **GROWING IN NUMBER** Build on connections with Baptism families, Wedding couples, the bereaved and user groups of our buildings. Be invitational.

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GROWING IN DEPTH increase the number of Small Groups we have, promote widely. Also offer seasonal courses / worship.

GROWING IN DEPTH /NUMBER /YOUNGER Through outdoor services and events including; Wild Church, Pet Service, Walking group, Reflective spaces in churchyards, Parish pilgrimage, Churchyard services. Plus continue to develop Eco Church across all five churches in the parish.

Some of the above is already happening and other areas need investment of time and resource.

So, this will be my final annual report to the people and parish I love dearly, I will soon be leaving to take up the post of Archdeacon of Suffolk, a post you have helped shape and equip me for. I am so thankful for the ten years of ministry I have spent in this place, it has been tough at times, but we have faced the challenges together. I have always felt supported, encouraged, and prayed for. I thank God that Beccles, Worlingham North Cove and Barnby will still be part of my new ministry and I look forward to helping you find the right person as Rector in the near future. Thank you for your partnership in the gospel, I encourage you to continue to be a people who live out the parish mission statement of BEING GOOD NEWS, LIVING FAITH, SERVING BECCLES AND VILLAGES.

I end by thanking Sarah and my children for their unstinting support in the background and above all, I thank God who calls me to live and experience life in all its fullness.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations , for ever and ever!
Amen.

Ephesians 3.20- 21

With my sincere thanks, prayers, and blessing

Revd Canon Rich Henderson
Rector of Beccles, with Worlingham, North Cove & Barnby

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity achieved a Surplus for the year of £114,876 (2021: Surplus £13,065). This was after taking into account a realised loss of £6,769 on fixed asset investments, which results in a Surplus of £121,644 on church operations.

The charity's fund balances at 31st December 2022 were £210,422 (2020: £82,481) and comprised unrestricted funds of £21,520 (2021: £13,531) and restricted funds of £175,838 (2021: £82,017).

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,
61 Rigbourne Hill,
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Suffolk
NR34 9JQ

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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	Phil Filer (STM) Susan Son (STM) Fran Tuck (STL) Roger Bennett (STL)	Peter Hobbs (W) Lynda Knights (W) Charles Detheridge (NCB)
Elected Members	Amanda Puxley John Rutter Brenda Beaumont Janet Baker Caroline Carvosso Sharon Hobbs Mark Lowther Karen Hall (Minute Secretary) Joan Pryce Judy Thacker Kathy Owen	
Deanery Synod Representatives	Doreen Page Terri Parker Molly Martin Lynda Knights	
Ex-officio	Faith Darch (Reader) Phil Cudmore (Clergy) Mark Bee (Clergy) Doreen Page (Reader) Claire Kiddy (Clergy) Jayne Hollingsworth (Treasurer) Kate Cracknell (Youth & Young Adults) Serena Emberley (Parish Safeguarding Officer)	

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

and signed on its behalf by:

Churchwardens

**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 2022 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 2022. 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 2022.

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