

**ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR,  
BARNSELY**

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL  
CHURCH COUNCIL  
INCLUDING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2011**

**Bank:-**

**Barclays Bank  
25/27 Church Street  
Barnsley  
South Yorkshire  
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**Independent Examiner:**

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## **Administrative information**

The Church of St. Edward the Confessor is situated in Racecommon Road, Barnsley. It is part of the Diocese of Wakefield within the Church of England.

The correspondence address is:-

St. Edward's Church, Racecommon Road, Barnsley S70 6JY.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission

PCC members who have served from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 until the date this report was approved are:

*Priest in charge:* Revd Mark Poskitt

*Reader:* Fred Thompson

*Wardens:* Gordon Fletcher  
Heather Fletcher

### *Representatives on the Deanery Synod:*

Gordon Fletcher until APCM 2014

Heather Fletcher until APCM 2014

### *Elected members:*

Renée Burton until APCM on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2011

Eileen Carr (C)

John Gostelow (C) Treasurer

Margaret Gostelow (B) PCC Secretary

Lynette Mace (C) Deputy Churchwarden

Joan Moss (B)

Ann Wood (A) from 12<sup>th</sup> April 2011; Deputy Churchwarden

Pam Smailes (A) from 12<sup>th</sup> April 2011

Leslie Broadhead (A) from 12<sup>th</sup> April 2011

Lorraine Taylor-Kent (B) co-opted until APCM 2011; then from 12<sup>th</sup> April 2011

## **Structure, governance and management**

Currently the method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

St. Edward's PCC members are elected for 3 years with one third retiring and being elected each year. Deanery representatives are elected for 3 years.

PCC term of office ends at APCM in  
A - 2014  
B - 2012  
C - 2013

## **Objectives and Activities**

St Edward's PCC is responsible for promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the church and grounds of St Edward's, Racecommon Road, Kingstone, Barnsley.

## **Achievements and Performance**

### **Church attendance**

There are 69 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, 31 of whom are not resident within the parish. The average weekly attendance in 2011 was 44 on a Sunday and around 12 on a Wednesday, but this number increased at festivals.

### **Review of the year**

In 2011 there were 9 weddings, 41 baptisms and 6 funerals. The communion service on the second Sunday of each month was moved to 10am and includes Fun Church and has reflected a higher congregation number. Butterflies, a service for infants and toddlers and their parents and carers, now takes place on the first Wednesday of the month. Time and Space, a Service of intercessory prayer set in an Office for Julian of Norwich, is on the last Friday of the month. In addition to regular services, special services have also taken place, for example a Pet Service, Memorial Service and Songs of Praise, and a well-attended Christingle on Christmas Eve.

Services are advertised on the noticeboard outside church, in the Barnsley Chronicle every Friday and on the church website [www.stedwards-barnsley.org.uk](http://www.stedwards-barnsley.org.uk). Christmas cards with details of services in December were delivered to every home in the parish.

Information is given to the congregation on a weekly pew sheet and in a quarterly magazine. The diocesan news sheet Awake is also distributed in church.

Pastoral care is given to those in hospital or unable to get to church.

Our Lent course followed 'Lentwise' by Paula Gooder, exploring five spiritual essentials for real life, and groups were held at various venues.

A sponsored reading of the Gospels took place on July 30<sup>th</sup> to mark the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the King James Bible.

Tricia Adcock and Lynette Mace stopped serving vestry lunches in July after many years. We hope that a lunch/friendship club can be set up again in the future.

Tricia Adcock was licensed as a Lay Pastoral Minister on 11<sup>th</sup> September.

The PCC met regularly throughout the year in order to scrutinise the church's finances and consider implementation of the parish plan. The PCC has agreed various policies which are available from the PCC secretary.

Social events have taken place throughout the year, for example coffee mornings and summer and Christmas Fairs. They are part of the church's mission to be open, welcoming and hospitable to local people and have also raised £5,805.

### **Regular Activities** (all held in the vestry)

**Keep Fit** - Held on a Monday evening from 7pm until 8pm. The group is lively & friendly and costs £2-50 for a session.

**St Edwards Guild** - Meets every third Tuesday at 2.00pm (except August). There is an annual subscription of £5.

### **Report on the Monthly Meetings held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in the Vestry at 2pm**

As 2011 was the 400th Anniversary of the King James Bible it was an opportunity to arrange the programme to give joy to this very special occasion - a few friends we all enjoy - different in expression but unique in giving of themselves.

January - due to the inclement weather the December lunch at Millers Restaurant was postponed and transferred to January — as usual all enjoyed this delayed Christmas Feast

February - AGM - Presentation of Accounts and Programme. Grateful thanks to Rev. Jean Naylor for her words of wisdom and comfort.

March - Mrs. Jean Cooper, Specialist Nurse, explaining the dangers of diabetes if not accorded the respect and care needed to cope with a restricting condition.

April - Holy Week — what better than someone who is always welcome, in whatever capacity, Rev. Jenny Barnes - as usual her words of wisdom and comfort are a gentle reminder of who we are and to whom we should be grateful to for Grace, Mercy and Love - Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

May – Rev. Canon Martyn Crompton, Wakefield Diocesan Prayer & Healing Fellowship - a most moving and spiritually emotional afternoon and we all felt uplifted by his all-embracing love - (a further visit for 2012 has been arranged)

June - Another visit from Rev. Maureen Browell sharing her warmth and capacious “goody” bag with very meaningful contents.

July – Rev. Mark — sharing with us an important time in the beautiful Yorkshire Dales & Life in Community at Scargill House, a Christian Centre for anyone, all are equal, “full life of service to others”

August - closed - summer holiday

September - Joan and Harold Pashley — Cruising — Land of the Vikings — P&O Oriana to Norway, Arctic Circle — superb scenery — awe at the greatness of Creation bringing to mind song “What a wonderful world” and the hymn “How great Thou art”

October - Revd. Richard Burge —now Priest in Charge of parish of Hartshead, Robertown and Scholes, Priest Designate of Parish of Hightown, in Diocese of Wakefield. It is always a pleasure to have his loving guidance given with ease of warmth and comfort — unfortunately, due to his new responsibilities time is at a premium and it will be a longer period before his next visit.

November - Pat Semley — a very talented lady — her expertise at cake decorating plus other specialities. It was a lovely afternoon and greatly enjoyed by all, appreciative of the time and energy needed to achieve such perfection.

December - Again uncertain weather conditions, and only 4 days away from Christmas the meeting was postponed.

It was a successful year and I am very grateful for the support given to me by the members. Love in Christ – Jean Jagger, President.

**Councillor’s Surgery** - Cllr Kath Mitchell (Kingstone Ward) holds a monthly surgery in the vestry.

### **Fabric report**

Churchwardens are required to make an annual inspection of the fabric and furnishings of the church under the Jurisdiction Measure 1991. We try to keep St Edward’s maintained to a reasonably good standard and this is right as we have to secure our heritage for, we hope, future generations. The perimeter walls are in a good condition. Looking from Park Road and Racecommon Road the building is in good condition; the weathering of the stone work is quite normal for a building of one hundred and ten years. The roof and ridge tiles are all in good order. The Annual Report 2010 dealt with our observations concerning the West Window. Park Glass Studio have carried out a full inspection and extensive repairs and restoration will need to be carried out sooner rather than later. This will be very expensive. There is a small amount of pointing required to the tower due in part to the high winds this winter. Also the tower walkway needs cleaning, and the gullies around the base of the tower need cleaning out. Ground-based drains, where possible, I clean out. The parapets over the south porch, south transept and West Window need repointing as there are open joints; these were noted as work to be done at our last QI Inspection. Down the north side the lead flashing needs re-bedding because of the gale-force winds we have had. The damp course in the toilets and in certain parts of the vestry has failed and needs remedial work. The reredos has moved and needs monitoring. The lighting system and lightning conductor have been checked and meet current regulations. In our last Fabric Report I mentioned the Binns organ and I mention it again now. It will need some extensive restoration work shortly as age is finally catching up with it. St Edward’s is an old building, not as old as some, but any building of 110 years and over needs constant care.

Unfortunately the St George Window was damaged in December; arrangements for its repair are in hand. The first design for the Lady Chapel Window was not accepted by the DAC, however a new design was received more positively and further detail was requested.

We again bring the church paths to your attention. They were not made to take heavy motor cars and are starting to show wear.

We carry out weekly checks to avoid costly repairs. The vestry, kitchen and toilets are also in need of an upgrade and redecoration.

On the whole the church is in a reasonable condition, and provided that we keep to a reasonable maintenance programme and don't put money before maintenance this church building will stand here in Kingstone for many years to come.

Major restoration work that will be required shortly:

- West Window – installed 1936
- J Binns Organ – installed 1904.

*Gordon & Heather Fletcher (Churchwardens)*

### **Deanery Synod report**

The Synod meeting held on March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011 was at All Saints Church, Darton. Most of the meeting was taken up with discussions about the Dioceses Commission Boundary Review. A vote was taken on whether there should be a super diocese comprising Wakefield, Bradford, Leeds and Ripon; this was carried with all in favour. The Synod voted that Barnsley parishes should stay in Wakefield rather than moving to Sheffield. The Rural Dean was to inform the Bishop of our decision. Mrs Kathleen Bell reported that the Barnsley Churches Drugs Project's move into new premises would take place shortly.

At the next meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup> at St John the Baptist, Penistone the elections of lay chairperson, secretary and treasurer of Synod for 2011-2014 took place. Mr Paul Neville was elected as lay chairperson and secretary with Mrs Josephine Wiles as treasurer. Discussions took place about women bishops, about joining Monk Bretton with Lundwood and about the priest for St Peter and St John the Baptist having responsibility for education at Barnsley College. All this has now taken place.

The November meeting took place at the parish church in Grimethorpe when the rest of the business held over from the AGM was concluded and each parish gave a report on its achievements. Deanery Synod fees were to remain unchanged at £20 a parish. The boundaries report was discussed and the Archdeacon made a surprise visit to the meeting and spoke about the Parish Share. He asked that every parish pay as much as possible before the end of December and thanked everyone for their effort and hard work.

Meetings for 2012 have yet to be arranged.

*Gordon & Heather Fletcher*

### **Fun Church Report**

Messy Church has been renamed Fun Church as the previous name was felt inappropriate.

- approximately five children per session aged between 4 and 11 years
- children have access to varied Bible-based activities and crafts which are based around the seasons of the church year
- whilst this has been very successful we are still struggling for numbers
- we have tried canvassing for new members through local schools, baptisms, church fairs and services throughout the year
- children are well-motivated and appear to get a lot from it
- we have a positive outlook and will continue strongly throughout the course of 2012

*Ann Wood and Sue Poskitt*

## Financial Review

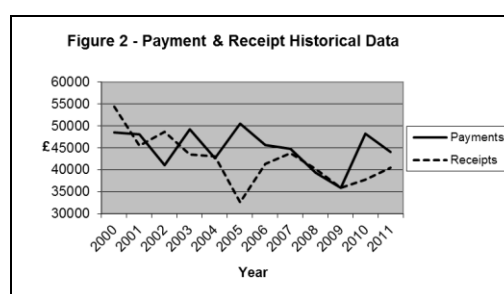
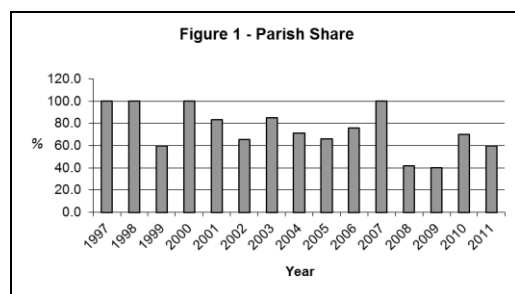
As can be seen from the attached financial statements we again spent more than we received in 2011. The only reason that the General fund is still healthy is that the Edward Lancaster fund was used for repairs to the church (mainly heating, tower fabric and major electrical work). There is now nothing left in the Edward Lancaster fund and we will not have the same cushion in 2012.

Our income was up from the previous year largely due to an increase in the giving from the congregation and the remainder of legacy from 2010. The legacy is still designated for modifications to the sound system.

Our expenditure was lower this year due to fact that the PCC agreed to pay 60% of our Common Fund as opposed to 70% in 2010 and the fact that benefits from changing our energy supplier in 2010 are now coming through. Again the cost of repairs was higher than budgeted, although as in 2010 we agreed to fund the bulk of these from the Edward Lancaster Repair Fund.

We are now £107,448 in arrears with our Common Fund payments.

The sum that the churches in the diocese have to find is shared between the churches according to a formula that is based mainly on a head count of the congregations. For 2012 there has been a slight reduction in our Common Fund, which is a combination of the drop in attendance at our services and the removal of the diocese cap on the Common Fund. A trend of our Common Fund contribution is shown in Figure 1 and a trend of Payments & Receipts is shown in Figure 2.



We have set a budget for 2012 which slightly increases our income and reduces our expenditure but it is still very unlikely that we will be in a position to pay 100% of the Common Fund unless we are given a more realistic target or we embark on activities which significantly increase our revenue.

### **Reserves policy**

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance in the General Fund which equates to approximately six months expenditure. The balance of £12171 on these funds is an improvement on 2010, but still falls short of this target. This balance will be needed this year as there is no Edward Lancaster fund to fall back on for any repairs.

It is our policy to save the remainder of our designated Fabric Fund of £94,593 for the upkeep of the fabric of the church and to put towards modifications to the church which will enable greater use of our facilities in the community.

*John Gostelow (Treasurer)*

**Approved by the PCC on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2012 and signed on their behalf by Revd. Mark Poskitt (PCC Chair)**