

**ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR'S CHURCH,  
BARNSELY**

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

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2006**

**Bank:-**

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

**Mr A Bower  
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### **Administrative information**

St. Edward the Confessor's Church 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 benefice is suspended & vacant. The church is in Interregnum.

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 2006 until the date this report was approved are:

<i>Incumbent:</i>	This position is vacant	
<i>Priest in Charge:</i>	Revd Jenny Barnes	
<i>Reader:</i>	None	
<i>Wardens:</i>	Mrs Patricia Adcock	Secretary
	Mr James Corbett	(Until APCM 2006 – 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2006)
		(Treasurer until 31st March 2006)
		(Vice chairman until 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2006)
	Mr Gordon Fletcher	(From APCM 2006 – 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2006)
		(Vice chairman from 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2006)
<i>Representatives on the Deanery Synod:</i>	Mr Gordon Fletcher	
	Mrs Heather Fletcher	
<i>Elected members:</i>	Mrs Marie Bates	(Until 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2006)
	Mrs Renée Burton	
	Miss Eileen Carr	
	Mrs Margaret Cooper	
	Mrs Sharon Corbett	(Until APCM 2006 – 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2006)
	Mr Arthur Darren	(From APCM 2006 – 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2006)
	Mrs Heather Fletcher	(From APCM 2006 – 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2006)
	Mrs Joan Moss	(From APCM 2006 – 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2006)
	Mrs Julie Thorpe	(From APCM 2006 – 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2006)
<i>Co-opted members:</i>	Mr John Gostelow	Treasurer (from 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2006)
		(Chairman from 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2006)

### **Structure, governance and management**

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.

### **Objectives and Activities**

St Edward's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the priest in charge, the Revd Jenny Barnes, in 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 is a new Church Electoral Role this year, in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. There are 74 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, 32 of whom are not resident within the parish. This compares to 65 names on the previous role. The average weekly attendance was 54, but this number increased at festivals. Three Christmas carol services were held for local schools.

### **Review of the year**

The full PCC met eight times during the year with an average level of attendance of 90%. A great deal of time and thought was spent during the year on encouraging people back to church. This culminated in our very successful 'Back to Church Sunday' and Gift Day weekend.

The PCC has also focused its attention on how the proceeds from the sale of the parish hall should be used. With the retirement of Professor Murta, we have recently appointed Helen Price as our church architect. Once the new PCC is in place we will be setting up a working group to look at various options to use these funds. We will be consulting widely and there will be an opportunity for you to air your views. The state of the decoration has been causing concern for some time and this will also be factored into future plans for the church.

A new photocopier was purchased to replace the old one which was 10 years old and continually giving problems.

The Social Committee is to be congratulated on their fund-raising efforts. This year our fund raising has increased considerably and it has allowed us to reduce the shortfall in income, maintain our Parish Share contribution and make donations to local and national charities. It is hoped that we will be able to raise our giving to 10% of this income. It is good that these efforts on behalf of others can be combined with opportunities for fellowship.

The planned giving through envelopes and banker's order has decreased by nearly 13%, mainly due to decreasing numbers attending services. It is hoped that the re-introduction of banker's orders will help improve the situation together with an effort to attract more families back to church.

A new Church website came into operation in August at [stedwards-barnsley.org.uk](http://stedwards-barnsley.org.uk)

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

**Social crafts** – Meets every Wednesday in the Vestry from 1.30pm until 3.30pm. The group works with parchments and make all sorts of things especially cards. Refreshments included in the price of £3.00

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

**Residents Meeting** – held monthly where they conduct their business meetings.

**Vestry Lunch** – Held every Thursday at 12 noon where a three course meal is served for £3 including tea and coffee. This is widely supported and includes non church members where there is a friendly atmosphere and everyone talks to each other.

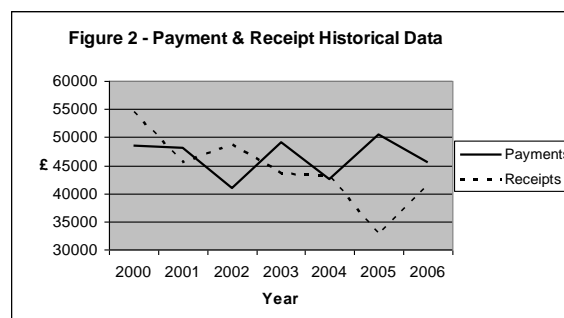
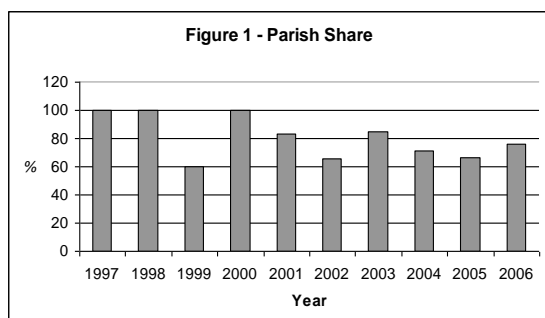
**St Ted's** – This was held monthly until December, but has now ceased due to lack of support.

**St Edwards Guild** – Meets every third Tuesday at 2.30pm (except August). There is an annual subscription of £3. Meetings have a guest speaker and light refreshments are served afterwards. In January the Guild organise a lunch at Barnsley College and an AGM is held in February where donations to charities are decided.

## **Financial Review**

Total receipts on ordinary unrestricted funds were £41279 and are detailed in the Financial Statements. The interest on the proceeds of the sale of the parish hall, provided a gross income of £5824. This will need to be replaced if we spend this money.

£45559 was spent to provide the Christian ministry from St Edward's Church, including the contribution to the diocesan parish share, which largely provides the stipends and housing for the clergy. The percentage of our contribution increased by 12%, but this was largely due to the reduction in the amount required by the diocese as a result of us not having an incumbent. 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. A trend of our Parish share contribution is shown in Figure 1 and a trend of Payments & Receipts is shown in Figure 2.



The net result for the year was a deficit of receipts over payments of £4279. After adding bank and deposit balances brought forward at the beginning of the year, the balances carried forward at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2006 in our Cash, Current and Deposit accounts totalled £10383.

### **Reserves policy**

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible), which equates to approximately six months unrestricted payments, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. The balance of £10383 on these funds falls short of this target, especially if the full parish share is taken into account.

It is our policy to invest our main funds balances with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund and Share Fund, We also have a smaller investment with National Savings Stock.

The PCC have designated funds of £45,000 for the upkeep of the fabric of the church, including replacement of the boiler.

**Approved by the PCC on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2007 and signed on their behalf by Revd Jenny Barnes (PCC chairman)**