

**Agendum
Of Annual Meetings
& Annual Reports for 2023**

**Alvaston Parish
In
Derby City Deanery
Of the
Diocese of Derby
To be held in
Alvaston Parish Church
12:30pm 23rd April 2023**

APM & APCM 2023 of Alvaston Parish

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23rd April 2023 12:30pm

Opening Prayer

Annual Parishioners Meeting Agenda

1. Approval of minutes of the APM 2022
2. Election of Church Wardens – Two

Annual Parochial Church Meeting Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Approval of minutes of APCM 2022
3. Statement of Electoral Roll
4. Reception of reports
5. Questions on reports
6. Elections & Appointments
 - a. Elections to the PCC,
 - i. 3 vacancies for 3 years
 - ii. 1 vacancy for 1 year
 - b. Elections to the Area Deanery
 - i. 2 vacancies for 3 years
7. Closing Prayer

Minutes of the Annual Meetings 2022

Minutes of Alvaston Parish Church Annual Meetings (APM & APCM) – Tue 17th May 2022

Date - Tuesday 17th May 2022 at 7pm

Location – Alvaston Parish Church (St Michaels)

Present – 14 (excl Incumbent) Total attended = 15 people

Apologies received from J Byrne, E Mills, S Hurst, J E Whitney, M Eames and G Belmore

The meetings were chaired by Revd. J Whitney

The minutes were taken by A Eames

	Annual Parishioners Meeting							
	Opening Prayers The meetings opened in prayer led by Revd. J Whitney.	JCW						
1	Approval of Minutes of the APM 18 th May 2021 Matters of accuracy None Matters arising None Motion to accept the minutes as a true record; Proposer C Rayson, Seconder E Nason. Approved unanimously. The minutes (page 5) were approved as a true record and signed by the Revd. J Whitney.	JCW						
2	Election of Churchwardens - two There were two vacancies for Churchwardens and a single nomination was received from E Mills in advance of the meeting. <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>NOMINEE</th><th>Nominator</th><th>Seconder</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>E Mills</td><td>J Whitney</td><td>G Belmore</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The nomination was therefore accepted without contest and Rev J Whitney said that an extraordinary meeting would be considered later in the year if a second nomination was received.</p>	NOMINEE	Nominator	Seconder	E Mills	J Whitney	G Belmore	JCW
NOMINEE	Nominator	Seconder						
E Mills	J Whitney	G Belmore						
	The Annual Parishioners Meeting closed at 7.10pm							

Accuracy: J.C. Whitney 2022 Seconder
21 June

Minutes of Alvaston Parish Church Annual Meetings (APM & APCM) – Tue 17th May 2022

	<p>Annual Parochial Church Meeting</p> <p>The meeting was chaired by Revd. John Whitney and opened at 7.10pm</p>	
1	<p>Apologies</p> <p>The following people had sent their apologies: J Byrne, E Mills, S Hurst, J E Whitney, M Eames and G Belmore</p>	
2	<p>Approval of Minutes of the APCM 18th May 2021</p> <p>Turning to the Minutes on pages 5 to 7 of the Agendum for 2022</p> <p>No matters of accuracy</p> <p>No matters arising</p> <p>Motion to accept the minutes as a true record; Proposer J Mellor, Seconder S Eames. Approved unanimously</p> <p>The minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Revd. John Whitney.</p>	JCW
3	<p>Statement of Electoral Roll</p> <p>Rev J Whitney highlighted 1 errata on the published figures on page 9 of the Agendum for 2022. One member had not been removed therefore the revised figures were:</p> <p>Option A 38 Option B 15 Option C 3 Total 56 The Agendum was corrected.</p> <p>Revd. John Whitney expressed his thanks to Judith Mellor as Electoral Roll Officer</p>	JCW
4	<p>Reception of Annual reports</p> <p>The Annual reports for year ending 31 December 2021 (pages 9-25) which had been circulated in advance were received.</p>	JCW

Scd 21 June 2022

Minutes of Alvaston Parish Church Annual Meetings (APM & APCM) – Tue 17th May 2022

	<p>Any further matters of accuracy None</p> <p>Motion to accept the reports; Proposer I Alexander, Seconder P Kinnerley. Approved unanimously</p> <p>The Annual reports were signed by the Revd. John Whitney.</p> <p>Revd. J Whitney thanked all those for their work within the Parish; Churchwardens and Buildings/Churchyard, Group Leaders, Verger, Bellringers and all who contribute in any way.</p> <p>A Eames thanked Rev J Whitney and JE Whitney for their work, ministry and guidance during the past year.</p>																
5	<p>Questions on reports tabled</p> <p>There was one question raised by NP concerning the amount paid to the Common Fund (79%). Rev J Whitney replied that this was part of a transitional arrangement agreed with the DDF to address the incorrect Share calculation due to inflated attendance figures in 2014/5. The Parish is one of the few that have met their commitments to the Common Fund.</p>	JCW															
6	<p>Elections & Appointments</p> <p>a) <u>Elections to the PCC</u></p> <p>i. 3 vacancies for 3 years</p> <p>There were 4 nominations received in advance of the meeting:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>NOMINEE</u></th><th><u>Nominator</u></th><th><u>Seconder</u></th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>E Nason</td><td>P Kinnerley</td><td>S Eames</td></tr> <tr> <td>I Alexander</td><td>A Eames</td><td>E Nason</td></tr> <tr> <td>T Barber</td><td>J Mellor</td><td>E Sparkman</td></tr> <tr> <td>G Belmore</td><td>JE Whitney</td><td>P Kinnerley</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>An election was therefore held, and based on votes cast, E Nason, I Alexander and T Barber were elected to serve for 3 years.</p>	<u>NOMINEE</u>	<u>Nominator</u>	<u>Seconder</u>	E Nason	P Kinnerley	S Eames	I Alexander	A Eames	E Nason	T Barber	J Mellor	E Sparkman	G Belmore	JE Whitney	P Kinnerley	JCW
<u>NOMINEE</u>	<u>Nominator</u>	<u>Seconder</u>															
E Nason	P Kinnerley	S Eames															
I Alexander	A Eames	E Nason															
T Barber	J Mellor	E Sparkman															
G Belmore	JE Whitney	P Kinnerley															

J.C. White 21 June 2022

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7	Any Other Notified Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There will be a brief PCC meeting directly after this meeting 	JCW
8	Other Business No other issues were raised	
9	Closing Prayer The Revd. J Whitney closed in prayer. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting closed at 7.30pm	

Documents circulated before meeting

Item		
2 to 4	Agendum of Meetings and Annual Reports for year ending 31 December 2021	

*Seen at PCC.
on 21 June 2022*

Reports to the APCM year ending 31 Dec. 2022

Incumbents Report

2022 was another strange year, we look back and see the movement from lockdowns to our first full Christmas since 2019. We also said goodbye to Sandra our curate due to recurring health issues and give thanks that she is enjoying retirement. We ran an Alpha course which has led to a significant number of confirmations in 2023. The introduction (all be it off to a faltering start) of the open meetings between PCC meetings seems to have led to a renewed interest in running the church. In addition, with the movement of grants during COVID I want to thank everyone who has assisted with applying for funding and delivering the project commitments, as well as all the help with our ongoing activities. We look forward to more opportunities and utilising the experiences to continue loving our neighbour.

Yours in faith

John Whitney

Safeguarding Report

There have been a couple of minor safeguarding concerns this year, but nothing that needed bringing to the attention of the church. Everyone who needed to be informed was given the relevant information.

I am pleased to say that the majority of PCC members have completed their necessary safeguarding training. Please remember, especially if you are a new member of the PCC, that you must complete Basic and Foundation Safeguarding training. Each of these can be completed on-line and take approximately one hour to complete. Once they have been completed, you will receive a certificate which you need to email to the Safeguarding Link. On that note, we are still in need of someone who can take over as being Safeguarding Link from May. Please let me or John know if you feel this is something God is calling you to.

Safeguarding Link Officer - Sara Eames

Treasurers Report

See Appendix 1

Treasurer - John Byrne

Electoral Roll Report

As of the 31st March 2023 the electoral roll contains

Option A	Members of the C of E resident in parish	42
Option B	Members of the C of E, worshipping here regularly but not resident in parish,	17
Option C	Members of another Trinitarian denomination, Worshipping here regularly, also members of the C of E	3
Total		62

The changes to the electoral roll since the 2022 APCM have been:

Added 14 no

Removed 8 no (2 deceased, 6 moved/no longer worshipping at Alvaston Parish Church)

Electoral Roll Officer – Judith Mellor

PCC Secretary Report

The PCC has met regularly during the year; eight full meetings some of which were designated as 'open' designed to encourage participation and discussion with all members of the Church.

Sadly, one of the PCC members had to stand down during the year, and we thank Susan for her contribution to the PCC.

Secretary – Andrew Eames

PCC Members and Trustees

Alvaston Parish Church Council in 2022

Name	Position	First Elected	Elected until
John Whitney	Incumbent		Appointment
Ean Mills	Church Warden	2020	Annual
Jane Whitney	Deanery Synod	2017	2023
Andy Eames	Deanery Synod and PCC Secretary	2020	2023
Sara Eames	Safeguarding Link	2020	2023
John Byrne	PCC Treasurer	2020	2023
David Lucas	PCC Member	2017	2023
Judith Mellor	Electoral Roll and Publicity Officer	2021	2024
Ian Alexander	PCC Member	2022	2025
Tina Barber	PCC Member	2022	2025
Elaine Nason	PCC Member	2022	2025
Pat Kinnerley	PCC Member	2019	2024
Susan Ann Hurst	PCC Member	2021	Stood down

Facilities Report

See Churchyard Report

Church Hall

The church hall located on Elvaston Lane is used by various groups. The regular hirers are:

Derby Dance on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month 7-30 to 9-30

Yoga 6-7 every Tuesday

Brownies and Guides every Wednesday evening

Slimming World 5-30 , 7pm to 9 every Thursday

Martial Arts 10-11 every Saturday

Apostolic Church by arrangement some Friday mornings and some Sundays

Private parties by arrangement – we have had a lot less hirers this past year.

ACT Foodbank is located in the Annex and is used year round. Donations received on Tuesday 10-12.

During the year we lost 2 regular hirers – Slimming with Dianne and Festival Church - but gained 2 small hires in a regular Yoga class and a Self Defence class.

With effect from 1st October the electricity rates increased by 126% so we have had to, reluctantly, increase the hire charges in 2023 to try and mitigate our losses. However, we are now in danger of not being able to attract new hirers particularly the casual one-off bookings

2023 will be very challenging for the Hall and unless we can substantially increase the number of hires the sustainability of the Hall does not look favourable.

Jane Whitney and Gail Byrne

Publicity

Increased effort has been made to publicise our services and events to the wider community. The major focus was for Christmas 2022 where, for the first time for a long while, flyers were distributed to the whole parish (over 5000 households) with details of the Christmas Fair, Christmas Services and our regular services and events. In addition, we have been using social media regularly with Facebook events set up for all services and events on our 3 Facebook pages, and sharing these with a number of other local (Alvaston/Derby) Facebook pages. Our page on the Church Of England's 'A Church Near You' website has also been developed and all our events should be on there too. This all appears to have resulted in a greater awareness of what is going on in our church.

To find out more about what's on have a look at:

<https://www.facebook.com/alvaston.church> &

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/13430/>

Publicity Officer – Judith Mellor

APPENDIX 1 – Finance Report

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of the PCC of St Michael and All Angels, Alvaston

I report on my examination of the accounts to the trustees of the PCC of St Michael and All Angels, Alvaston for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: M R James

Name: Mr M R James

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): BSc

Address: 14 Walnut Avenue, Alvaston, Derby

Date: 5 February 2023

**Year End Financial Report
Alvaston PCC**

**To be read with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended
31st December 2022**

To be read with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended
31st December 2022

GENERAL FUND

Our total income at £38,248 was an increase on previous year of 9% and total expenditure at £36,130 a reduction of 2% resulting in a profit over the year of £2,117 compared with previous year's deficit of -£1,706. We had budgeted for a deficit of -£4,270. At the end of the year the general fund stood at £11,537.

Voluntary Income, from regular donations and collections, at £24,970 increased by £1,827 (+8%) on previous year and was up on budget by £2,560 (+11%).

Other Income at £13,277 increased by £1,212 (+10%) on previous year which was mainly due to the increase in the level of PCC fees (funerals etc) and was up on budget by £1,562 (+13%).

Total Income increased on last year by £3,039 and was up on budget by £4,123.

Church and Ministry Expenditure at £10,970 increased by £656 from previous year but was £2,630 below budget. Significant underspend against budget on minor repairs and maintenance and the churchyard were offset by increases in the cost of gas and electric during the later part of the year.

Other Expenditure at £4,140 was similar to previous year but was up on budget by £364. Mission giving of £2,310 was paid to various local and national causes during the year.

Common Fund paid to the Diocese was £21,000, which was the same as previous year and in accordance with budget. The total paid was 84% of that requested by the Diocese.

Total Expenditure in general fund was £36,915 being £3,018 down on last year and down on budget by £2,400.

DEVELOPMENT FUND

At the end of the year the Development fund stood at £3,527, which was a net increase through the year of £1,450.

Income totalled £1,967 including Christmas fair proceeds of £1,271.

Expenditure was £517 which was all attributable to Christmas publicity costs

RESTRICTED RECEIPTS

At year end an amount of £5,305 was held of which £2,490 is attributable to the Food Bank , £2,000 grant attributable to a Hardship fund, £631 grant for the Warm Welcome initiative. Other small amounts will be paid out early in 2023.

CHURCH HALL

Income from the Hall was £11,774 an increase of £1,132 on previous year after a year when most of our regular hirers returned together with 2 new regular hirers who started during the year. Unfortunately, by the end of the year three regular hirers had decided to leave. Previous year income had included £4,000 of covid grants received which ,obviously, was not repeated in 2022.

Due to the very large increase in electricity cost from October it was reluctantly decided that rents would have to increase by 25% and our existing hirers were informed that this would be with effect from 1 January 2023.

Expenditure for the year totalled £11,829 which was a slight increase on previous year of £187. The Hall maintained its valuable contribution to the common fund at £3,600. As a result of the above Hall made a loss for the year of £53.

FUNDS BALANCE SHEET

Total funds held at year end, including Church hall, stood at £26,916 represented by £14,243 held in current accounts, £11,307 in reserve accounts and £1,366 in cash. £10,074 of the total funds is held in restricted funds.

John Byrne (Treasurer)

Statement of Accounts

ALVASTON PCC			
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE 12 MONTHS TO DECEMBER 31ST 2022			
GENERAL FUND			
ACTUAL	RECEIPTS	ACTUAL	BUDGET
2021		2022	2022
£	VOLUNTARY INCOME	£	£
12,094.33	Gift Aided (S/O and envelopes)	10,484.54	11,400.00
4,060.80	Reclaimed tax	4,582.73	3,750.00
3,706.47	Loose collections (inc SDS eligible)	5,953.78	3,960.00
3,281.45	Sundry donations	3,949.29	3,300.00
23,143.05		24,970.34	22,410.00
	OTHER INCOME		
6,033.00	PCC fees	7,996.00	6,514.00
3,600.00	Church Hall contribution	3,600.00	3,600.00
0.88	Dividends and interest	17.97	1.00
1,687.56	Miscellaneous income (inc grants)	903.00	1,500.00
743.75	Photocopying	760.20	100.00
12,065.19		13,277.17	11,715.00
35,208.24	TOTAL RECEIPTS	38,247.51	34,125.00
	EXPENDITURE		
£	THE CHURCH AND MINISTRY	£	
1,929.87	Clergy expenses & housing	1,961.30	2,000.00
4,922.27	Heat, light & insurance	6,459.41	5,350.00
1,310.00	Minor repairs, maintenance	1,120.35	2,000.00
427.86	Upkeep of services (candles, music, gifts, etc)	510.84	500.00
1,723.89	Churchyard (labour & materials)	918.38	3,750.00
10,313.89		10,970.28	13,600.00
	OTHER EXPENDITURE		
811.47	Publicity, Magazine & Photocopying	562.63	500.00
175.00	Website	175.00	175.00
1,131.40	Other Sundry Expenditure	1,092.31	800.00
2,160.00	Mission Giving	2,310.00	2,300.00
4,277.87		4,139.94	3,775.00
	TRANSFERS		
1,302.92	To Development Fund	0.00	0.00
1,302.92		0.00	0.00
	THE DIOCESE		
21,000.00	Parish Share	21,000.00	21,000.00
20.00	Diocesan Bell Repair Fund	20.00	20.00
21,020.00		21,020.00	21,020.00
36,914.68	TOTAL PAYMENTS	36,130.22	38,395.00
-1,706.44	EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS	2,117.29	-4,270.00

APM & APCM 2023 of Alvaston Parish

DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE FUND (RESTRICTED)			
ACTUAL	RECEIPTS	ACTUAL	
2021		2022	
£		£	
232.78	Gift Aid Tax reclaimed	142.40	
791.71	Personal Donations	553.95	
604.00	VAT reclaimed on tower clock expenditure	0.00	
780.00	Sale of Pews	0.00	
1,085.07	Income from Fundraising Events	1,271.11	
1,302.92	Transfer from General Fund	0.00	
4,796.48	TOTAL RECEIPTS	1,967.46	
	PAYMENTS		
3,624.00	Refurbishment of church tower clock	0.00	
82.43	Events publicity & other event costs	517.13	
3,706.43	TOTAL PAYMENTS	517.13	
1,090.05	EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS	1,450.33	
ALVASTON PCC			
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE 12 MONTHS TO DECEMBER 31ST 2022			
CHURCH HALL FUND			
ACTUAL	RECEIPTS	ACTUAL	
2021		2022	
£		£	
148.20	Brownies	454.20	
151.00	Folk Dancing	544.00	
148.20	Guides	418.20	
4,000.00	Covid Related Grants	-	
2,019.60	Slimming World	3,284.80	
-	Infinity Yoga	622.00	
459.00	Lose Weight with Dianne	749.20	
1,402.10	Apostolic Church	2,394.35	
550.20	Festival Church	348.50	
930.00	Friendship Circle Café	-	
-	Karate Class	590.00	
823.15	Casual Bookings	2,062.00	
10.00	Other - Donations	300.00	
0.30	Interest (on Reserve a/c)	6.57	
10,641.75	TOTAL RECEIPTS	11,773.82	
1,296.00	Cleaning	1,455.08	
2,207.70	Insurance	2,268.42	
457.72	Water	689.16	
1,366.79	Electricity	1,840.86	
3,600.00	Contribution to Common Fund	3,600.00	
273.98	Internet	300.04	
902.83	Decorating & Maintenance	62.36	
-	Other Expenses	265.66	
408.00	Pest Control	408.00	
1,127.34	Refuse collection	937.35	
11,640.36	TOTAL PAYMENTS	11,826.93	
-	EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS	-	53.11

APM & APCM 2023 of Alvaston Parish

ALVASTON PCC			
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE 12 MONTHS TO DECEMBER 31ST 2022			
<u>RESTRICTED RECEIPTS</u>			
	INCOME	ACTUAL	
		2022	
		£	
	Childrens Society	155.51	
	Royal British Legion	17.20	
	Sundays at Six	260.72	
	Leaving Collection	30.00	
	Food Bank	1,866.25	
	Warm Welcome Grant	631.25	
	Hardship Fund Grant	2,000.00	
		4,960.93	
PAYMENTS			
	Childrens Society	303.40	
	Royal British Legion	17.20	
	Sundays at Six	260.72	
	Leaving Collection	0.00	
	Food Bank	819.11	
	Warm Welcome Grant	0.00	
	Hardship Fund Grant	0.00	
		1,400.43	
	EXCESS OF INCOME OVER PAYMENTS	3,560.50	
ALVASTON PCC			
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE 12 MONTHS TO DECEMBER 31ST 2022			
<u>FUNDS BALANCE SHEET</u>			
£		£	£
Total as at		Excess Receipts	Total as at
01-Jan-22		over Payments	31-Dec-22
9,419.99	General Fund	2,117.29	11,537.28
90.00	Services Provided	-	90.00
42.00	Assigned Service Fees	286.00	328.00
100.00	Wedding Deposits	-	100.00
1,192.49	Bell Repair Fund	50.00	1,242.49
2,077.13	Development Fund	1,450.33	3,527.46
4,839.76	Church Hall Fund	- 53.11	4,786.65
1,744.02	Restricted Receipts	3,560.50	5,304.52
19,505.39		7,411.01	26,916.40

APM & APCM 2023 of Alvaston Parish

<u>CASH AND BANK DEPOSITS</u>			
at 31 Dec 2022	PCC Account NatWest Bank		12,481.48
	PCC Cash		1,366.53
	PCC Reserve Account NatWest Bank		8,281.74
	Church Hall Account NatWest Bank		1,761.87
	Church Hall Reserve Account NatWest Bank		3,024.78
			<u>26,916.40</u>
ALVASTON PCC			
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE 12 MONTHS TO DECEMBER 31ST 2022			
<u>NOTES : OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES</u>			
	Debtors		
	Outstanding Gift Aid claim with HMRC for q/e Dec 22	1,367.04	
	Creditors		
	Invoices on hand at year end but not paid		
	Total GP - Church electricity bill for Nov 22	176.88	
	Total GP - Hall electricity bill for Nov 22	462.82	
	Other Negotiable Assets :		
		-	
	Liabilities :		
	Derby Diocese assigned fees for Dec 22	328.00	
	Children's Society - Christingle donations Dec 22	155.51	
	Non Monetary Assets :		
	Moveable Church furnishings (see Church property register)		
	Church car park and storage container, Church hall and curtilage		
	PCC shed and maintenance equipment/materials		
	Church hall fixtures, fittings and equipment		

APPENDIX 2 – Group & Area Reports

All Christians Together SE Derby

Please see the Foodbank report.

Jane Whitney

Bell Ringers Report

I am pleased to say our tower has been able to provide ringing for Sunday services throughout the year. However, we have had some sad as well as some wonderful times during 2022.

June ~ Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee

In June we joined the nation in ringing for Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee.



July ~ Tom Randall

Unfortunately, this was followed by the sad news that Tom, one of our ringers for 20 years and a dear friend, had sadly passed away. As a mark of respect and a thank-you for his dedicated service we rang semi-muffled bells up to and including his funeral.

August ~ Sundays @ Six

We had the opportunity to ring our bells for the 'Sundays @ Six' service in our church which was attended by members of other Alvaston church congregations. Out of all these local churches we are the only one with a peal of bells.

September ~ Death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Then more sad news with the announcement of the death of our Queen Elizabeth II, for which we joined the nation in ringing semi-muffled bells.

This was followed a day later with national ringing for the Proclamation of King Charles III.

And then semi-muffled bells for the funeral of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

October ~ Full Peal of Bells

In October a band of Derby Association ringers rang a full peal in our tower dedicated to the memory of Tom Randall.

Also in October, Tracy and her team came along to give the church a good clean, and even sent some of the team up to clean our ringing room.

November ~ Christmas Fair

We mounted a display of ringing during the Christmas Fair, hoping to encourage some interest in learning to ring.

December

Ringers from St Peter's, Derby, came along and rang our bells as part of their ringing tour of local towers.

Gail and Jeannette have continued to make good progress since starting to learn to ring at the beginning of the year, and now join with us for Sunday service ringing.

If you would like to see what it involves, then please come up and meet us in the tower ringing room any Sunday morning at 10:15am, without making any commitment.

We must also thank Rebecca, Steve and Terry for the unseen work in manually winding the tower clock each day.

2023 ~ 'Ring for the King'

Preparations are being made for national ringing for the Coronation of King Charles III in May 2023.

Ian Webb - Tower Captain

Churchyard

It doesn't seem 5 minutes since the last annual report on the Churchyard.

We are still asking people to comply with the Churchyard Regulations, this is mainly to improve access and maintenance but more importantly to minimise the risk of injury to visitors and volunteers.

Maintenance of graves continues, and we have been fortunate during 2021 to have donations of topsoil and other materials to allow this to progress and fortunately part of this is still available into 2023.

The additional waste bins provided by Derby City Council have proved very beneficial but sadly we are still having to monitor them to ensure that the correct materials are in the correct bins.

As 2021 came to an end work started on managing the regrowth on the trees that were pollarded earlier in the year and this will continue into the spring of 2023.

We continue to manage the regrowth on the trees and be vigilant for disease and decay through into the autumn.

This ensures that the risk of injury to our visitors and volunteers is kept to a minimum.

This work is part of a rolling five year programme to maintain and manage our tree stocks.

The planted area behind the Memorial Garden has been cleared, this was due to the area being used for toilet facilities, once settlement has been completed this area will be seeded with the long term hope that it can be used as part of the Memorial Garden,

Also a yew tree was removed from the east end of the churchyard, this in turn created six additional burial plots for parishioners each capable of multiple interments.

We continue to look for ways to extend the life of the churchyard for burials as we have no problem in meeting requests for the interment of cremated remains.

Sadly, 2022 did not see any significant progress on any of our projects, funding again being the main issue.

In 2023, when the weather permits, it is hoped to improve the paving from the meeting room towards the Memorial Garden and also across the east end of Church.

Ongoing work is being done to deal with pot holes in the car park and we are actively looking for the best method for long term repairs, ideally this would be to provide a kerbed edge to the west and north sides of the car park and to lay tarmac over the existing limestone base potentially this could cost some £35000+.

We are also looking at option to improve parking arrangements.

The Churchyard remains open for full burials and the interment of cremated remains but the space available for new full burials is still limited with the availability of new graves for full burials expected to last for only about three more years.

Settlement of the existing graves remains a challenge and regular inspections are carried out to identify problems with not only settlement, but also memorials, edgings and other placements that are not permitted under Church Regulations or create a potential for injury to visitors and volunteers as mentioned earlier.

The problem of the disposal of litter and waste is still with us, with such materials (ranging from grass cuttings, dead flowers, to kerbs and chippings) being thrown into the hedge line and down the embankments, in some cases covering existing graves in the lower Churchyard. But there has been some improvement.

This of course creates additional work to maintain the churchyard.

Visitors are encouraged to use the wheelie bins located in the car park or to take their waste home for recycling if preferred.

Visitors to the Churchyard have remained high, both families of loved ones and casual visitors which is very encouraging.

Once again may I thank those visitors who “do their bit” to help with the maintenance of the Churchyard, a number that appears to have again increased over the year.

It is hoped that 2023 will allow more time to deal with the maintenance issues (weather and volunteers permitting) especially mowing, maintenance of the car park, footpaths and our other fences

Chris Rayson

Coffee Mornings

We have continued to organise this event with just one host to provide the safest method of hand hygiene in order to best protect all our guests, even though we are no longer officially in a pandemic. This enables each guest to be the only person touching their own crockery as they serve their own drinks and cakes. We continue to hold this event on the first Saturday of every month from 10.30 to 12.00 noon except for January and August.

Those who attend this hospitality event can enjoy both the social interaction between our church family and with the wider community. It also provides an opportunity to welcome families into the church building for their children's baptism preparations when they meet with Revd John Whitney.

My thanks to everyone who has attended; to those who have baked and brought the delicious cakes, biscuits and savouries. Also my grateful thanks to all who clear away, put away and tidy up.

I look forward to continuing with this event this year and everyone of any age is welcome to the coffee mornings so please come.

Margaret Foster

Foodbank

The headline Statistics for ACT Foodbank in 2022

Total parcels given out 1,395

Adults 1,795

Children 2,354

Each parcel contains 3 meals per person for 3 days which means that we provided 37,341 meals for our community.

Most referrals are needed now because of the rising costs of living.

I would like to pay tribute to the foodbank team who work amazingly hard either behind the scenes filling in applications for funding, packing parcels, or face to face contact. We are all working together to enable the work of the foodbank and without each other we would not be able to function.

My sincere thanks to Derby Food for Thought Alliance (Df4t) for providing much of the food we need.

To all the fellowships that make up ACT for their support.

To Sarah Fowler and DCM for the provision of the Jubilee Debt and welfare clinics.

To the Children's Centre for the provision of the building to distribute from and the generous giving of more space so we now have a welcoming space for the people to use during our opening hours.

ACT Foodbank opening hours

Tuesday 10-12pm at St Michael's Church Hall

Wednesday 1-3pm at St Michael's Church Hall

Thursday 11:30-2pm at the Children's Centre

Thanks be to God our provider and saviour.

Jane Whitney Act Foodbank Co-ordinator

Thursday Evening Small Group

We continued to meet weekly generally in 2022, except for a few pauses for summer holidays etc., meeting online on Thursday evenings for about an hour. Being online means that it's accessible for anyone not able to get out to a meeting – and great on wet/cold dark nights!

As a small group of 6 or so, we normally start after a chat (!) with recapping the reading/s from the previous Sunday and then discuss these with the aid of questions which have, hopefully, been provided by the preacher from Sunday – if not then questions are rapidly drafted by the group leaders!! We've had some great discussions in 2022 and all learn from each other. We finish with prayer requests from each member, for all to pray on during the week. The great thing is that then we get updates from each other on our online chat group, so we can see how God is answering our prayers. Please do ask either Andrew Eames or Judith Mellor (the group leaders) if you're interested in joining us, and definitely don't let any worries about technology put you off.

Judith Mellor

1st Alvaston Brownies

2022 – the first year since 2019 when we didn't have to spend any time on Zoom. Although the girls and leaders (and parents in the background) did enjoy our weekly sessions, it was amazing to be able to get back in the church hall every week! Unlike a lot of units across the country, we were lucky enough to retain our membership throughout covid and so spent 2022 with 35 girls and 6 leaders, and determined to make the most of every opportunity!

During our weekly meetings, we follow the Girlguiding programme, which is based on 6 different and varied themes, and the girls can earn Interest Badges, Skills Builders and Theme Awards for 'Be Well', 'Know Myself', 'Express Myself', 'Take Action', 'Skills For My Future' and 'Have Adventures' leading to the most challenging award in Brownies – the Gold Section Award, which we were very proud to have several girls complete in 2022. We also spend our time playing games, making crafts, singing, having theme nights and generally having fun! We loved taking part in the Church window decoration at Christmas.

We always encourage the girls to think of others and so supported several charities in 2022. These were a raffle in aid of the Baby Unit at the Royal Derby, a Quiz and Cake Sale for the Butterfly Ward at the UCLH, and collecting items for the Food Bank. Jane and John visited us one evening to talk to the girls about this, which the brownies thoroughly enjoyed.

Our favourite times though are when we can go out and about together. We had the best time in June when we had a sleepover at the Big Playbarn in Tamworth, where we played and slept on the soft play on the Friday night, then had a tour around the farm on the Saturday. In December, we had our Christmas outing to Clip 'n' Climb where we had a party meal, followed by an hour's climbing. Some of us really overcame our fears that night!

If you know anyone who is interested in joining in the fun with us, they need to register on the Girlguiding website.

Thank you.

Janet Herbert

Vergers Report

During the year from January to December 2022 we had one summer wedding held in our church with Verger support. There were thirteen funerals in all and several baptisms.

We have a team of three trained Vergers who are willing and able to attend these important Occasional Offices in church, so my I give my thanks to my team and my gratitude that we have been able to collectively fulfil our responsibilities. This has been in spite of our own health and family constraints which continue to affect ourselves even we are no longer in the grip of the pandemic. The resulting health and social issues continue to affect all of us.

We are looking forward to other such events in the future and continue to hope and pray for further opportunities to welcome the public into our lovely church building.

Margaret Foster

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