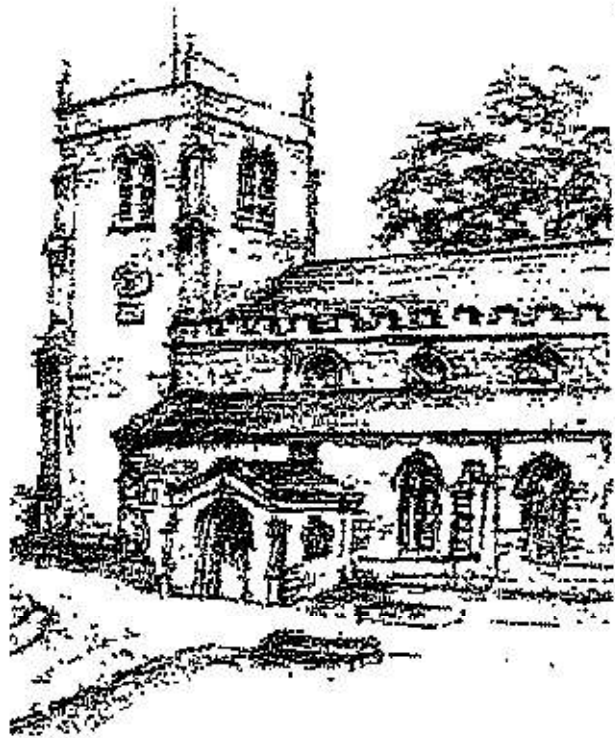


St Mary's, Arnold

Growing Disciples

Deeper, Wider, Younger



Annual Report for Year Ending December 2022

27th April 2023

St Mary's Church Arnold
Annual General Meeting
To be held on Tuesday 27th April 2023
Family Centre at 7.30pm
AGENDA

1. Welcome: Rev John Allister
2. Vestry Meeting
 - Election of Churchwardens
 - Election of people to serve on PCC
 - 4 x 3 years
 - 1 x 2 year
3. AGM
4. Apologies
5. Minutes of AGM 26th April 2022
6. Matters Arising
7. Electoral Roll Report
8. Parish Statement and Financial Report
9. Appointment of Independent Auditor
10. Churchwarden and Group Reports (recorded in the Report Booklet)
11. Any Other Business
12. Date of Future PCC Meetings (TBC):
 - 6th June
 - 5th September
 - 7th November
13. Date of next Annual General Meeting: TBC

St Mary's Church Arnold
APCM
Tuesday 26th April 2022

The Rev John Allister (Area Dean) welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened by Reading Psalm 33

There were 36 people in attendance

Vestry Meeting

Election of Churchwardens:

John Thanked David & Liz on behalf of the Bishop for all their hard work during some difficult times. Larrie presented them both with gifts of Thanks from St Mary's. David said it had been a 'interesting' time!

Candidate Name	Nominated by	Seconded by
Churchwardens		
Ian Rosillo	Larrie Thompson	Andrea Sands
Angela Davidge	David Rodgers	Liz Turley

Approved Unanimously

Elections for PCC

Thanks to Maureen, Ed, Verity and Andrew for their time on PCC.

Vacancies: 3 x 3 years and 1 x 1 years.

Candidate Name	Nominated by	Seconded by
Mary Norris	Larrie Thompson	Andrea Sands
Jake Chaplin	David Rodgers	Larrie Thompson
Andrew Sands	Larrie Thompson	Maureen Preston

Sylvia Marshall	Larrie Thompson	David Rodgers
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Approved Unanimously

AGM

1. Apologies

Mary Norris, Elaine Wyatt, Ron & Karen Price, Trevor McElroy, Ed Sands,
Margaret & Victor Holland

2. Approval of the Minutes of AGM 28th April 2021

Chris Baker Proposed and Michael Bolton seconded that we accept the minutes as an accurate record.

Approved Unanimously

3. Matters Arising

None

7. Electoral Roll Report

Michael Bolton: Only a revision this year as we don't need to renew until 2025.

APCM 28th April 2021 - 147 entries

3 RIP (Mansfield, Simpson, Simpson)

4 left Roll (Blakemore x 2, Caunt, Newsham)

Andrew Sands addition

APCM 26th April 2022 - 141 entries

Thanks to Michael for his work on this.

8. Parish Statement and Financial Report

- Parish Giving has dropped by £3K
- We've had 2 Council grants; 1 for £3k towards loss of Family Centre rents and 1 for £4,261 for the new front doors to the Family Centre.
- Recoverable Tax has also gone done – this is the tax we can recover from small donations (e.g donations at Wedding/Funerals)
- Pre-School were 1st back in the Family Centre but they aren't doing the same hours, however, heating/lightening costs are still high.
- Dogs Trust are also back on Friday evenings
- Family Centre expenses look high due to the cost of the new door.
- We have paid £62k Parish Share. This is £17k less than the Diocese requested. We couldn't meet the full amount due to loss of income. We are not the only Parish not meeting its full Share.
- Historically we have a Charity called CSC Arnold which lent £3k to St Mary's. There was still £349 in the account but the bank wanted to charge £5 a month for the account so that money is now incorporated in Church funds. It's hoped that one day the Charity maybe able to form again.
- Due to a mixture of Brian's laptop having 'died' making production of the accounts later than usual and also the Examiner being ill, the Examiner hasn't had an extensive look at our accounts this year. This will be done as soon as the examiner is well enough.

Alan Langton offered Thanks to Brian for always doing his job quietly, consistently, and effectively.

Alan Langton Proposed and Chris Baker Seconded that we accept the accounts.

Unanimously approved with 1 abstention

9. Appointment of Independent Examiner

Brian will ask Jim Thomas to continue as our examiner.

Michael Bolton Proposed and Ian Rosillo Seconded that we appoint Jim Thomas as our Independent Examiner. Approved Unanimously

10. Churchwarden Report

Family Centre

Over the year as covid restrictions were gradually lifted the groups who hire the Centre have returned. Preschool have returned to 5 mornings a week. But not Wednesday afternoon

Dogs trust have returned on Friday evening.

Table Tennis have returned to Monday afternoons and Thursday evening. Rocksolid and R2 have returned on Sunday evening.

Mothers union, Senior teas, Messy Church, Tots and Cinema are back to their monthly meetings. Church groups do not pay to use the hall.

Community Kitchen is going well on Saturday mornings. Thanks to Ron and Karen Price. Please see separate report.

The uniform groups have returned apart from Monday evening Sadly Four Seasons has had to finish. Numbers were very low and it wasn't viable. It was founded many years ago by Rev. John Banks . Sue Baxter, and Joyce Hellebaut have continued to run the group for many years with volunteers, providing a hot meal, fellowship and trips out. Thanks to all those who have supported Four Seasons over the years. Hopefully there may be an article about it's history in Compass at some point.

The hall has had its 5 yearly electrical test this year plus the usual Fire and alarm tests. PAT testing has also been carried out. Some remedial work is necessary which will be carried out in due course.

Church

Church is due for a 5 yearly wiring test next year.

Church is in a good state after the tower, roof, and rainwater goods have been tended too recently.

The interior is clean and tidy with a few minor remedial works to be carried out.

After the great covid sort out some things have not found their way back into church. This will be done ASAP

Covid guidelines have gradually been relaxed over the year along with Church and government guidelines.

Wearing of masks, sanitizing and communion in one kind is still in operation (2021).

Vicar Margaret has had time off during the year due to illness.

Towards the end of the year she decided to retire and leave St Mary's in March 2022.

At the end 2021 she was unable to work and during this absence Canon Sylvia stepped in and kept our 9am Holy Communion Sunday services going with help from a few retired priests. The monthly 10:30 Communion services were done by Sylvia and the Morning Worship by a group from the congregation organised by Larrie.

During the year we had a mixture of zoom services and meetings.

Huge thanks to Sylvia and Angela for all they have done keeping the services going.

We changed our service pattern in August for a 12 month trial.

12. Group Reports

Reports are in the booklet.

Afternoon Teas & Tots are still running, and both well attended Children Groups in Church on Sunday aren't currently running, but it's hoped to start again soon. During 2021 the children were given packs that they could do on their pew due to the restrictions.

Safeguarding

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Larrie Thompson is currently in the process of handing over responsibility to Kirsty Aplin.

We have a safeguarding, social media and photograph policy – all of which require renewed approval by our PCC in September 2022. We currently have no Safeguarding issues.

13. Any Other Business

John Allister asked that everyone take a few minutes to talk to their neighbour about what, at St Mary's, they were grateful for in 2021.

Alan Langton asked what the CoE ruling was regarding Communion Wine. John explained that individual churches can now re-introduce the Common Cup if they have done a risk assessment. It is the decision of the Incumbent, (or Area Dean). PCC/Standing Committee could make this decision and John would support it. Individual cups are NOT permitted; however, some churches do have 'household' cups (paper cups!).

Thanks to Larrie

14. Date of next Meeting

Tuesday 25th April 2023 (not as stated in the booklet)

There will now be a short PCC meeting.

The country was affected less by the coronavirus infection which was reducing in levels of infection. Government regulation designed to limit the spread of the disease limited activities.

Details of the main services are shown on Page 13

The church encourages groups for fellowship and outreach and these include house groups, Alpha courses and youth and children's groups.

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England .The PCC operates under the PCC powers measure. The PCC is registered with the charity commissioners.

The Parochial Church Council met on the 3 February, 26 April, 17 May, 12 July,13, September and 1 November. Additional meetings were held to process the vacancy.

Five (now four)members are elected each year to the council for a three year term at the Annual Meeting. Others may be co-opted. The appointment of PCC members is governed by and set out in the Church Representation Rules.

MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR 2022

Vicar Rev Margaret Caunt (Retired 31st March 2022)

Church Wardens Mr David Rodger (to APCM)

Mrs Liz Turley (to APCM)

Ian Rosillo (from APCM)

Angela Davidge (from APCM)

Reader Mr David Caunt (to March 2022)

Mr Alan Langton

Deanery Representatives

Mrs Larrie Thompson-also Co-opted as Secretary

Mrs Kate Lake

Ms Christine Peet

Diocesan Synod Mr Michael Bolton also Co-opted Electoral Roll Officer

Elected Members:

Ms Kirsty Aplin

Mr Christopher Baker

Verity Blakemore (resigned February 2022)

Jake Chaplin (from APCM)

Mr Andrew Fisher (Resigned Jan 2022)

Mr Alan Langton

Mrs Sylvia Marshall (from APCM)

Mr Trevor McElroy (resigned July 2022)

Mrs Lisa Middleton (resigned May 2022)

Mrs Mary Norris (from APCM)

Maureen Rodger (to APCM)

Mr Ian Rosillo

Mrs Andrea Sands

Mr Andrew Sands (from APCM)

Mr Ed Sands (to APCM)

Mr Peter Spencer (from November 2022)

Mrs Melissa Watt

Mr Brian West Co-opted as Treasurer

COMMITTEES OF ST MARY'S CHURCH ARNOLD

The PCC operates through the standing committee between full meetings of the PCC.

Standing Committee

Chairman – The Vicar (until March 2022)

The other committee members are: Church Wardens – Ian Rosillo (from APCM), Angela Davidge (from APCM) and David Rodgers (to APCM) and Liz Turley (to APCM). PCC Secretary Larrie Thompson and PCC Treasurer Brian West. It has power to transact the urgent business of the PCC between its meetings and is the only committee required by law.

Community Street Care-Arnold (CSCA)

This charity was set up in March 2012 by a group of church members. The object of the charity is youth and community work in Arnold. As a condition of receiving an initial grant from the diocese it was necessary to agree that the trustees would be appointed by the PCC. The present trustees are Larrie Thompson, Michael Bolton, Brian West David Rodgers and Peter Spencer. This has been dormant all year.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at the church and to become part of the parish community. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through

a) Worship and prayer, learning the gospel and developing their knowledge and trust

in Jesus

b) Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish

c) Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St Mary and the Church Family Centre.

SUNDAY SERVICES

09.00 am Parish Communion traditional Common Worship except one Sunday a month Book of Common Prayer. No service at this time on joint service Sundays

10.30am Morning Worship (Informal) with usually one Sunday per month a joint Communion service (usually 3rd Sunday).

ST. MARYS CHURCH, ARNOLD FINANCIAL REVIEW OF THE YEAR

The accounts are affected by the cautious approach to the relaxations now available by the government. The population continued to a large extent to avoid group meetings particularly in the early part of the year.

The Church's main source of income is the planned giving which has for many years been operated through a gift aid scheme, a full renewal of which took place in September 2017. The amount received in 2022 was £46,508. The scheme basically encourages the payment of regular giving, usually by means of bank standing order or giving envelopes, with the view that income tax is recoverable on the giving under Gift Aid. Other normal income consists of collections both at normal services and specific services such as in respect of weddings and funerals. We were able to reclaim tax on various sources of income to a total of £16,685.

The principal item of expenditure is the parish share. This is an apportionment of the costs of the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham based on their actual and potential Church membership and ability to give. The amount finally apportioned to Arnold by the Gedling Deanery for the year to 31 December 2022 was £86,252. We paid £60,000 leaving £26,252 unpaid. The amount requested for 2023 is £87,456.

The PCC is responsible for the maintenance of the church building and for clergy expenses. The church was insured for fire during the year for some £11,180,000.

The other main items of income and expenditure relate to the Church Hall (or Family Centre). This is now insured for fire during the year in the sum of some £3,000,000

This is mostly let to church related organizations and receipts from this are shown at some £12,758 for the year. The cost of maintaining the building was £16,109.

Group meetings have not returned to normal. .

The total church expenditure for the year was £101,768 and the total income was £114,010 leaving a surplus of income over expenditure of £12,242

The PCC own a property at 22 St Mary's Close for church use. It was donated to the parish for use by a curate and is now being rented as no curate has been allocated by the diocese. It is insured for rebuilding costs of £238,645

Grateful thanks must be offered to the many members who do unpaid work to enable the church to function so effectively.

These accounts have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and in accordance with the Charities SORP 2005 (FRS 102) and applicable accounting standards

Signed on behalf of the PCC

Ian Rosillo Churchwarden

26 April 2023

ST MARY'S CHURCH, ARNOLD, NOTTINGHAM
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2022

<u>INCOMING RESOURCES</u>	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
<u>from Donors</u>				
Planned Giving	46,508		46,508	51,683
Collections	5,239		5,239	1,795
Grants		650	650	7,261
Tax Recoverable	16,685		16,685	9,232
Wedding Collections	185		185	15
Funeral	125		125	155
Legacies				1,000
Tower/Roof Appeals				700
Thanksgiving Appeal	5,815		5,815	-
Donations	10,599		10,599	2,647
	85,156	650	85,806	74,488
<u>From Operating Activities</u>				
Compass Magazine	2,317		2,317	1,360
Wedding & Funeral Fees	4,610		4,610	2,973
Sundry	708		708	1,333
Letting of Family Centre	12,759		12,758	10,383
Sunday Grps/Activity Week	1,148		1,148	514
	21,542		21,542	16,563
<u>Activities Generating Funds</u>				
Summer/Christmas Fairs	653		653	
<u>Income from Investments</u>				
Rent – Parish House	6,000		6,000	6,000
Bank & Building Soc. Int	9		9	-
	113,360	650	114,010	97,051
Expenditure per schedule	101,118	650	101,768	103,098
Deficit of Income over Expenditure	12,242		12,424	(6,047)
<u>Allocation to funds</u>				
General Fund	12,242		12,242	(4,888)
Tower				(1,159)
	12,242		12,242	(6,047)

ST MARY'S CHURCH, ARNOLD, NOTTINGHAM
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST
DECEMBER 2022

<u>RESOURCES EXPENDED</u>	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
<u>Activities directly relating to the work of the Church</u>				
Diocesan Parish Share	60,000		60,000	61,487
Church Repairs	2,321		2,321	1,028
Clergy Working Exp.	262		262	1,772
Church Admin.	2,268		2,268	2,528
Church Heat & Light	4,071		4,071	3,735
Church Insurance	3,684		3,684	3,563
Service Requisites	375		375	167
Printing & Religious Lit.	1,040		1,040	843
Choir Expenses & Organ	1,853		1,853	1,645
Magazine Costs	2,180		2,180	1,456
Tower Repairs				1,859
<u>Family Centre Expenses</u>				
Repairs & Maintenance	5,444		5,444	11,570
Insurance	1,856		1,856	1,794
Light & Heat	4,142		4,142	4,540
Caretaker	4,667		4,667	3,483
Family Centre				
Sunday Grps/Activity Wk	637	650	1,287	643
Sundry Expenses	656		656	30
St Mary's Close	5,662		5,662	1,905
Donations & Gifts				50
Total Resources Expended.	101,118	650	101,768	104,098

No employee earned £50,000 or more.

Ian Rosillo (Churchwarden) is employed at £1,000 per annum.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, ARNOLD, NOTTINGHAM

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	2022		2021	
Buildings				
<u>Church Hall/Family Centre</u>				
Historical Cost 1 st January 2000	12,179		12,179	
Less Depreciation	12,179	-	12,179	-
<u>Family Centre Rebuilding Costs</u>				
Costs to 1 st January 2003	148,131		148,131	
Less Family Centre Rebuilding Fund	148,131	-	148,131	-
<u>House – 22 St Mary's Closes</u>				
Cost to 31 st December 2013		130,132		130,132
<u>Current Assets</u>				
Debtors	973		-	
Prepayments	312		298	
Income Tax Recoverable	10,656		3,200	
Bank Balances & Cash	23,348		6,044	
	35,289		9,542	
<u>Less Current Liabilities</u>				
Loan Repayable 6 April 2023	10,000			
Sundry Creditors	18,059		14,554	
Community Street Care	3,450		3,450	
	31,509		18,004	
Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)		3,780		(8,462)
		133,912		121,670

Note: For current value of buildings see financial review page.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, ARNOLD, NOTTINGHAM
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022 (Continued)
REPRESENTED BY:-

	2022		2021	
General Fund				
Balance as at 1 st January 2021	(11,070)		(6,182)	
Deficit Surplus for the year	12,242	1,172	(4,888)	(11,070)
<u>Family Centre Rebuilding Fund</u> <u>(Restricted Fund)</u>				
Balance as at 1 st January 2012	148,131		148,131	
Less Cost of Rebuilding	148.131		148.131	
<u>Housing Fund</u>				
Balance as at 1 st January 2012	130,132		130,132	
Cost of House		130,132		130,132
<u>Appeal Funds (Restricted)</u>				
<u>Tower/Roof Repairs</u>				
Contributions Rec. to 1 st Jan 2022	3,847		3,147	
Contributions	-		<u>700</u>	
	3,847		3,847	
Tower Repairs	<u>1,859</u>		<u>1,859</u>	
	1,988		1,988	
<u>Organ</u>				
Contributions Received	<u>620</u>	2,608	<u>620</u>	2,608
		133,912		121,670

ST MARY'S CHURCH, ARNOLD, NOTTINGHAM

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCC's together with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC.

Restricted Funds comprise revenue donations and grants for a specific PCC activity intended by the donor. The appeals in respect of work on the tower/roof and the organ are restricted funds. Three small items have to be completed on the tower which although started early in the year had to be halted for a period in the spring to meet government regulations. One donation by agreement has been used to meet the shortfall on the house at St Marys Close when acquired.

Designated funds are general funds set aside by the PCC for use in the future.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body or those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and similar donations are recognized when received. Tax refunds on gift aid donations are recognized when the donation is received.

Other Income

Rental income from the letting of church premises has been recognised when the rental is paid

Resources expended

Diocesan parish share is accounted for when paid

FIXED ASSETS

Consecrated property and Movable Church Furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are inalienable property listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost the church more than £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2022

Church

As we said in our Parish Profile, the last few years have not been easy for our church, but I think we can now say that 2022 has been a year of coming together and moving forward with expectation.

We are hugely grateful to Sylvia Griffiths who has not only continued to prepare, lead and hold together our services, but has also conducted all of the baptisms, weddings and funerals, of which there have been many! For us as churchwardens and for all of us in church she has enabled us to grow together and move forward, and we are sure that we speak for the whole church in saying that we are immensely grateful to God for the gift of Sylvia during this past year. We also want to say a big thank you to Alan Langton who has continued to lead some of our 9am. services as well as some of the 10.30am worship. Huge thanks too to Larrie and Brian who have also helped to lead some of the 10.30 worship.

During the year we have maintained a regular pattern of services and our monthly Joint Service has brought the two congregations together and we have experienced a variety of styles of worship. As a church we responded really generously to our Advent Challenge to bring an item for the Foodbank each week and this is ongoing. In addition, support for Christian Aid and the Leprosy Mission has continued. We have had opportunities for social events to enjoy fellowship together, Lent lunches, an Afternoon Tea and an Advent lunch – these have all been well attended and a further opportunity to be together as a whole church family.

As a church we are blessed in having so many people doing different jobs in the church, often behind the scenes but who help enhance our worship, the beauty and the smooth running of our church building, and our activities and make life much easier for Sylvia and for us as churchwardens! No task or role is more important than any other and we each have different gifts, but what we have seen this year is all of us working together as the Body of Christ and we want to say a huge thank you to each and every one of you.

Church and Family Centre Fabric

The Church and Family Centre's fabric has remained in good order during the year with no quinquennial inspection due, however we have invested in both to make the experience of using them better. We continue to be grateful to the Hammond family for their work in maintaining the church and vicarage grounds so well.

Sound system

During the year we have had a detailed investigation of the sound system in Church with the help of the Electric Bear company from Mansfield. The sound desk has been replaced by a smaller digital control unit and the wiring and connections have all been checked. Additionally, the sound engineers have helped us position the microphones in church more effectively so that readers can be heard more clearly. We were very fortunate in that an anonymous benefactor paid for most of this work.

There is still more work to be done. The hearing loop system has been affected by the new sound desk and needs further adjustment and one speaker at the front is not working, an investigation is in hand to try and repair that. Overall, it is now much easier to hear people participating in services. We are also investigating the possibility of installing more electronic screens in church, the difficulty is connecting these up without wiring disfiguring the ancient stonework. Thank you to Michael Bolton and Andy Sands for technical help with this.

Negus Window

A new cover has been provided for this window to protect it from damage from outside.

Wi-Fi

Robert Pearson has kindly upgraded the Wi-Fi provision in church so that we can introduce a Contactless giving machine in 2023, free of charge, courtesy of the diocese.

Electrics

The electrical circuits in church were tested during the year, but unfortunately a wiring fault was found high up in the north isle of the nave necessitating the circuit to be isolated. When the electrician can get specialist lifting equipment it will be fixed.

Donations

The church has benefitted from donations of a new altar frontal for our small Nave altar and another matching wooden lectern to aid readers and those leading intercessions and two new lectern falls.

N.B The old eagle lectern is very unstable and consequently dangerous, and so it is stored safely in the side chapel.

Family Centre

During the year we have introduced an online booking system. This also enables intending users to have a look on the website to check availability. We have had a visit from Gedling Borough's environmental health team and were fortunately given a 5-star rating. A huge thanks to Karen and Ron for all their work in maintaining the kitchen. A new washing machine has been installed, paid for by the pre – school and a new dishwasher and microwave has been installed, paid for by the Community Kitchen which continues to distribute free cooked meals every Saturday. The church has paid for a new freezer. A new simple water stop control has also been fitted in the kitchen in case of a water leak and we await the fitting of a thermostat in the small hall so that its temperature can be regulated more easily. Unfortunately measures involving Severn Trent to install a water meter that is readily accessible to be read have all failed so far, but we keep trying!

22 St. Mary's Close

This is the house owned by the church that formerly housed a Youth Worker and is now rented out. In the early part of the year a considerable amount of money was spent changing the gas boiler, oven and fire and making it safe. Additionally, large amounts of mould started to appear on the inside walls. The churchwardens were concerned about the high cost of maintaining this property and so with the support of our Archdeacon we asked the diocesan surveyor to look at the property to assess its future. He stated that the house was still a good investment opportunity for the church and so we continue to rent it out. However, the PCC have decided to let a property agent look after it on our behalf from now on, an arrangement that seems to be working well.

As churchwardens we are grateful for all the support given to us and the people who have advised us during our first year! A great big thank you to everyone, we truly couldn't have done this job without your help and support.

Ian Rosillo & Angela Davidge

AGM Reports

Church Choir

Now that church is using a nave altar more, we are experimenting where the most effective place is for the choir to be placed so that they can safely give to a good lead to the music. Use of the choir stalls in the chancel is difficult because it is hard for the congregation to hear the choir from that position. Also, it is difficult for the choir to feel involved in the service whilst sitting behind the chancel screen (which also blocks a lot of sound). At the moment it seems the best place for the choir is in the North aisle.

That leads to another problem, whether to use the piano or organ. Sitting at the organ it is impossible to hear anything and I feel very lonely by myself! However, I realise from comments made to me that the sound of the organ is missed, so I think the solution is to use both, which is what we will do.

The choir is a very friendly, welcoming group. During the winter we met in the warmth of our house, and that was welcomed by all. We would love to have some new members; no musical experience is required.

Ian Rosillo

Mothers' Union

As part of a global movement, we continue to be concerned with all that supports and upholds family life. Along with other branches in the diocese and Deanery we raise money to give holidays to families who haven't been able to go away for several years. We have also supported the Bags of Blessing charity which gives Christmas presents to disadvantaged children in Nottingham.

It is also part of our work to pray for members throughout the world.

At the end of 2022 we had 15 members and 2 indoor members (those who can no longer attend meetings but support our work through prayer). We had an average attendance at meetings of 10 members. We would love to welcome new members who share our objectives, and we are happy to welcome visitors to our meetings, who would like to find out more about us.

Our theme for 2022 was Transformation Now, and our Diocesan President came to speak to us on this topic.

We also had speakers from the Nottingham Refugee Forum and a very interesting, illustrated talk on Lesotho.

Rev Michael Broadley came and led a Lent Reflection, and we had a couple of do-it-yourself meetings.

We held a coffee morning on the Jubilee Bank Holiday.

I am grateful to my committee for all their support and encouragement throughout the year.

Mary Norris

The Bell Tower

John Broome and I tolled the bell for the death of Prince Philip. We also rang 8 bells for the funeral of the late Queen, with support from other ringers.

The bell tower has continued to host both full and quarter peal events, over the past year. We've also had 2 groups of ringers, who were on ringing weekends. Currently, we're hosting a group of learners from Leodegarius in Basford. At Christmas, we hosted a Diocese ringing meeting. We rang for several weddings, with support of ringers from the Diocese. We've recently replaced one of the ropes, as it was starting to fray. The flooring in the Bell tower is rotten and unsafe to walk on!

Sue Baxter

Community Cinema

This continued in 2022 and our audience is steadily building up again. Thanks so much to everyone that volunteers to keep this outreach going. If you would like to help with this in anyway please contact

Andrea Sands

Christian Aid

With very generous donations from church, friends and family, our cake sale plus delivery only envelopes as well as a few street collections St Mary's raised the grand total of £2,311.00. This does not include the gift aid which will add another £225 to the total.

This money will be life changing for so many. Thanks to all who donated or helped in any way.

4U Christmas Shoeboxes

This year St Mary's collected, packed, checked and sealed 151 shoeboxes which were delivered to Wendy Willan who coordinates the Nottingham appeal. From there they were sent on their journey to Moldova and Romania. Thank you to all knitters, people who donated money or items for the boxes and to those who sent in ready packed shoeboxes. Special thanks to those who helped with packing and checking our boxes. Sue Dickenson, Maureen Rodgers and Margaret Burgess.

Summer Activities for Children and Youth in our Community

Last Summer holidays we ran various events for the children and young people in the Community.

We had three sessions of Open play for parents with children nought to eleven years. A Fun Day for the five to elevens and a Youth Event with Inflatables for the year six and above. All were very well attended and very much enjoyed.

Men @ St Mary's

There is still a small group (around 6) who meet occasionally at the Robin Hood and Little John.

Website: www.stmarysarnold.org.uk

St Mary's has had a website for over 20 years and it is now on its 5th iteration.

Website: <https://www.stmarysarnold.org.uk>

In 2022 Andy Sands completely updated our website and it's now more user friendly and easier to navigate.

It is essential that we have a presence on the web if we are to be relevant in today's world. If anybody would like to be involved in maintaining the website please have a word with Andy Sands.

Facebook

During 2022 we have continued to post at least 3 or 4 times a week. These were a mixture of general posts around prayer or uplifting/funny pictures. We also use this site for announcements of forthcoming events. We have 335 'followers' and are getting more traffic as we continue to advertise Community Kitchen every Saturday. This post along with those that include pictures of our events receive the most interaction

Larrie Thompson

The Rock Solid Club

Rock Solid is a small but loyal group who meet from 6.30 to 8pm on a Sunday evening. It is open to anybody aged from 11 to 14 years. Each week consists of a different theme including games, discussion topics and Christian teaching related to that topic. This year we have enjoyed a Summer BBQ and awards evening, Ready Steady Cook, a trip to Red Kangaroo, socials, a Christmas party and an Easter egg hunt. In September we sent three members up to the older R2 group and welcomed three new members into Rock Solid.

Please pray that these young people can understand how special and unique they are to God and the importance of him being part of their lives. Many thanks to my dedicated co-leaders, Chris Healey, Holly Walker, Dianne Yeatman and Sarah Lewis

Andrea Sands

Messy Church

Messy Church continues to be popular with our families. We currently have twenty two families on our register consisting of thirty one adults and thirty seven children most who come along regularly. We meet together on the second Saturday of the month from 3.45 to 5.30pm. Messy church is a mixture of bible teaching, songs, video clips, crafts and activities followed by a shared meal together. It is lively and fun but with emphasis on bible teaching, relevant crafts and building relationships. We were thrilled when two of our Messy Church members, Lisa and her son Blaise were baptised in a Sunday service.

I particularly want to thank Viv Pearson who has helped me prepare the crafts, and the regular team, Ralph Bedrock, Kirsty Aplin, Melissa Watt, Brian Dickenson, Ken Wykes, Patrick Fleming, Sarah Lewis, Sylvia Marshall. Thanks as well to our kitchen teams Ron and Karen, Gill and Graham and Larrie and Mike as well as those who cook food for us. It takes a dedicated team to run Messy Church and we appreciate all those who help occasionally or regularly as Messy Church reaches out into our community.

Andrea Sands

Seniors Teas

Seniors Teas has grown in popularity this year and we regularly have around thirty five people coming along. We meet on the first Saturday of the month in the Family Centre at 2.30pm. As well as lots of good food and conversations we have occasional special events. Our Christmas tea with sing along and present game and gifts for each member. Our four course New Years meal with bingo and a raffle.

Thanks to the dedicated team who run Seniors Teas. Mary Norris, Carole Chambers, Sarah Lewis, Sue Packman, Alan Langton, Jackie Mansfield and Andrea Sands.

Andrea Sands

ST MARY'S COMMUNITY KITCHEN



Community Kitchen continues to provide hot meals every Saturday lunch time from 12.00 – 1.00pm to take away or eat in for anyone that wants them.

- We have a team of volunteers for either cooking or delivering meals
- The number of meals provided have averaged at 40
- We collect free food items from Olio which customers can take
- We are actively applying for funding when available

We organised three special events during the course of 2022:-

9th April – Easter Celebration Meal

4th June – Platinum Jubilee Celebration afternoon tea

17th December – Christmas Carvery

These events gives us the opportunity for all the teams and customers to socialise together.

In September we were nominated to be part of the ASDA green tokens scheme in which we came second and were awarded £400.

With the funding we have secured, we will be able to continue offering takeaway and sit in meals during 2023/24. We also have funding to purchase a new dishwasher and microwave.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have given up their time to either cook or deliver meals for the Community Kitchen during 2022

Karen Price
Community Kitchen Manager

Gedling Deanery Synod Annual Report

Synod met via zoom on March 9th, but we were thrilled to resume in person meetings on June 22nd and November 16th. In addition to our focus on Mission, we were visited by Robert Cleave, Diocesan Environment Officer, who gave a presentation about the importance of caring for creation. 2022 saw the launch of the Parish Refresh process to discern the next steps in our strategy for growing disciples. At each meeting, news from around the Deanery and from Diocesan Synod is shared. We hold discussions in small groups, and we pray for each other. We receive regular reports from Diocesan Synod with Revd. Sam Hustwayte still in post as Chair, as well as our lay representatives Michael, Peter, David and Muriel continuing to serve alongside Revd. John Allister. We also circulate regular reports from General Synod.

Revd. Margaret Caunt retired from St Mary's Arnold and Revd. Mic Johnson from All Hallows Gelding and Holy Trinity Lambley; Revd. Debs Moyet went to Canada to be Associate Minister at The Church of Our Lord, Victoria in Canada and Outreach Director at Street Hope, Victoria. Lay Chair Tony Mellor stepped down and we thank him for his work. The post of Lay Chair is currently still vacant.

Churches in vacancy- Netherfield continues in vacancy, joined by Carlton, Colwick, Lambley, Gedling and Arnold. Our churches in vacancy have continued their commitment to church life, with support from retired clergy and hardworking lay teams.

The post of Deanery Treasurer is still vacant. Please consider prayerfully whether you know anyone suited to this role. Encourage them to talk to our Area Dean, John Allister.

Across the Deanery, we were able to meet just 67.8% of our share allocation, with three churches managing 100% despite recent difficulties, which was greatly appreciated. After significant discussion and consultation, we continued to trial apportioning Parish Share for 2023 on an 'offer based' approach. Changes were made to the 'suggested' figures, using a formula based on 'agreed principles'. We recognise that this system was fair, while not perfect, and that many churches would not be able to meet their allocation.

2022 also saw the return of the popular Deanery Quiz. John made a demanding quiz master, and £190.20 was raised for Ukraine. There were teams from St Paul's Carlton le Willows, St Jude's Mapperley, St John's Carlton, St James' Porchester, St Paul's Daybrook, and St Mark's Woodthorpe. There were 17 teams, and approx. 100 people had a very enjoyable, if taxing, evening! We plan to hold another very soon!

