



**Pathway
Church**

at St Andrew

REPORTS

FOR

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, WHITTLESEY

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

2023

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Meeting of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting
To be held in St Andrew's Church at 7pm Wednesday 19th April 2023.

Agenda

Vestry Meeting for the election of the churchwardens (Note 1)

1. Opening Prayer
2. Apologies for absence
3. Approval of Minutes of the 2022 Vestry Meeting.
4. Nomination and Election of Churchwardens for 2023-2024.

Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting (Note 2)

1. Apologies for absence
2. Approval of Minutes of the 2022 APCM.
3. Matters arising from the 2022 APCM minutes.
4. Report on the revised electoral Roll – Electoral Roll Officer
5. Elections
 - a. PCC
 - b. Deanery Synod representatives
 - c. Churches Together representative
 - d. Team Council – 2 plus a Churchwarden
6. Appointment of Independent Examiner
7. Presentation and acceptance of the 2022 examined financial accounts.
8. Reports:
 - a. Electoral Roll Report
 - b. Churchwardens' Report
 - c. Secretary's Report
 - d. Fabric Fund Accounts
 - e. Safeguarding Report
 - f. Health & Safety Report
 - g. Deanery Synod Report & Churches Together Report
 - h. Friends' Report
 - i. Friends' Accounts
 - j. Choir Report
 - k. Team AGM report
 - l. The Thursday Club Report
 - m. The Thursday Club Accounts
9. Questions and items for discussion not covered elsewhere
(to be given to the current secretary in advance of the meeting)
10. Closing Prayer

First Meeting of new PCC (Note 3)

1. Elections
 - a. Hon Secretary
 - b. Hon Treasurer
 - c. Vice Chair
 - d. Parish Safeguarding Officer
2. Date of Next Meeting

NOTES:

1. VESTRY MEETING FOR THE ELECTION OF THE CHURCHWARDENS: Anyone on the church electoral roll of the parish or anyone who lives within the parish is entitled to attend and vote at this meeting.
2. ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING: Anyone may attend but only those on the Church Electoral Roll may vote in this meeting.
3. FIRST MEETING OF NEW PCC: Only those on the new PCC may participate in this meeting.

Minutes of St Andrew's Church, Whittlesey
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 2022

MINUTES OF VESTRY MEETING FOR THE ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS
HELD ON 11 MAY 2022

Present:	Sarah Walker, David Mason, Ann Mason, Sally Band, Lynn Palmer, Pat Marston, Roger Brown, Richard Buckler, Phil Knighton, Revd Mike Jones, Revd Andrew Smith, Joyce Rogers.
Apologies:	Chris McGowen, Cheryl Jakes, Megan Randell.
Nominations for Churchwardens:	Nominations had been received for Sarah Walker and Megan Randell, who had indicated their willingness to stand as Churchwardens. Their nominations were agreed unanimously. Sarah advised that DBS and Safeguarding matters are in hand for Megan.
Election of Churchwardens:	There having been no other nominations received, Sarah and Megan were duly elected. Revd Andrew thanked the outgoing Churchwardens for all their hard work during the past year, particularly with the Covid problems and the dry rot affecting the Church floor.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 11 MAY 2022

	Present	As Vestry Meeting.
1.	Apologies	As Vestry Meeting.
2.	Matters of business for Item 16	None.
3.	Adoption of Minutes of 2021 APCM	Proposed by Pat Marston, seconded by David Mason. Agreed unanimously.
4.	Matters Arising	None.
5.	Electoral Roll Report	Roger Brown reported that, allowing for adjustments to the roll during the year the number on the Electoral Roll stands at 57.
6.	Election of New PCC	Nominations had been received for Ann Mason, David Mason, Christine McGowen, Lynn Palmer and Phil Knighton. All had indicated their willingness to stand on the PCC and were elected unanimously. Our two Churchwardens, Sarah Walker and Megan Randell, our two Deanery Synod representatives, Pat Marston and Richard Buckler, and our Team Ministry representative are ex officio PCC members.
7.	Appointment of Team Ministry Representative - Roger Brown	Roger Brown indicated his willingness to continue as our Team Ministry Representative. Agreed unanimously.
8.	Appointment of Deanery Synod Representatives	Pat Marston and Richard Buckler are still in office.
9.	Appointment of Independent Examiner	Lynn Bell to continue as Independent Examiner for the Accounts until examined Accounts received. Appointment of Independent Examiner for the coming year to be decided at a PCC meeting after examined Accounts for 2021 received.

10.	Election of Team Council Representatives	The two Churchwardens are on the Team Council, attending alternate meetings. Christine and Pat, having expressed their willingness to continue, were elected unanimously.
11.	Election of Churches Together Representative	Having expressed his willingness to continue, it was agreed unanimously that Roger Brown be re-appointed.
12.	Presentation of 2021 Examined Financial Accounts	The Accounts were not available due to Covid problems. Steps are being taken to get these completed.
13.	Reports	Reports had been previously circulated. Roger Brown commented that the Choir report should have included financial information, including payments in and out of monies held (weddings, funerals, etc). Agreed unanimously.
14.	Next APCM	Deferred until new incumbents in place.
15.	First Business Meeting	Following this APCM.
16.	Matters of Other Business	None.
		The meeting closed at 12.35 pm.

ANNUAL REPORT ON PCC ACTIVITIES

Meetings were held in January, March, May, July, September and November.

Matters discussed included:

Finance
 Parish Share
 Maintenance works to Church
 Church Hall
 St Andrew's Friends
 The Thursday Club
 Health & Safety
 Safeguarding
 Organisation of Church Fete
 Worship and Services
 Mission
 Parish Giving Scheme
 Items from Team Council Meetings
 Items from Deanery Synod Meetings
 Items from Churches Together
 Various correspondence received

Ann Mason
PCC Secretary

MISSION AND MINISTRY REPORT

I (Rev'd Emily Davis) joined the Benefice as Priest-in-Charge in June 2022, joined by Rev'd Lloyd Davis as Associate Vicar (Pioneer).

It has been lovely getting to know the people of St Andrew's over the latter half of 2022. I have enjoyed some of the social/fundraising events organised by the Friends of St Andrew's; particularly the Pumpkin Festival and the Fete in August.

The Average Sunday Attendance (Congregation) at St Andrew's in 2022 was 18, compared to 28 in 2019; (figures were not submitted in 2000-2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic).

The Occasional Offices held at St Andrew's are as follows:

	2022	2021
Baptisms	10	2
Weddings	4	0
Funerals	16	4

The Ministry Team continues to lead Assemblies at Park Lane Primary School twice a term and I am very grateful to John Chrisp who led these during the interregnum.

I would like to say a huge Thank You to Megan (Churchwarden) and Sarah (Churchwarden and Acting Treasurer) for all their hard work in 2022 which has been a huge blessing to St Andrew's and enabled much of the wider mission and ministry that we have been able to offer as a church. I am also very grateful to Lynn, Chair of the Friends of St Andrew's, as well as the whole Friends committee, for all their fundraising and the wonderful events they have organised this past year.

Rev'd Emily Davis
Priest-in-Charge

CHURCHWARDENS REPORT

We are delighted to be able to say that for the year of 2022 we have been able to worship within the Church, as work to the flooring has finally been completed. Built in hazard strips were placed around the choir stalls. Towards the end of last year it was noticed that the choir pews were separating slightly and Blounts were called in to see if they could fix the problem.

The lightning protection system has been tested by a company called Bacon and is in good working order as per the standard it was installed to and we have been given a Conditional Pass. This is due to the fact that our system comprises of 1 individual conductor running from the roof down to the earth electrode at ground level only. Bacon informs us that a fully compliant system in line with the current requirements of BS EN 62305 should consist of several conductors forming a grid network. They recommend installing an additional down conductor as our system has been installed for quite some time and may not perform as well compared to newer systems.

The clock has continued to be problematic throughout the year, gaining time and then when we have rectified the situation, losing time. When the clock is serviced in 2023 the engineer will hopefully be able to correct the problem.

David Mason continued as churchwarden until the APCM in 2022 and then was replaced by Megan Randall. I am extremely grateful to them both for their work and commitment throughout 2022.

The clock hammer that fell to the belfry floor was safely removed by Smiths of Derby and sent away to be cleaned and repaired. Members of the Ely Bell Restoration Fund removed the stays from the bells and replaced them with new ones. The costs for these works were taken from the money that had been gifted to St Andrew's church by the Bell Ringers Fund. The light within the Belfry was replaced and moved to a new location to avoid being used as a step. Lights within the Church were also replaced with LED lightbulbs.

New flags were purchased in 2022 – St Andrew's flag and a Jubilee flag for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

A Children's corner was created along the North wall of the Church and this was used quite often during weddings and baptisms which were held at the Church in 2022. A rug was kindly donated to us and it has made the area very welcoming. It has been a great addition to our Church and we look forward to sharing it with many more children in the future.

A Fire Risk Assessment was carried out by Lynn Palmer our Health and Safety Officer.

The gutters and gullies on the roof of the Church have been inspected and cleared of any debris. All vegetation growing on the outside of the Church was removed.

The roofs on the North and South aisle continue to leak when there is a heavy rain, if the wind is in the 'right' direction the rain travels under the windows and down the walls.

The Fabric Fund started the year with just £230 in the bank which doesn't even cover the cost of a fuel bill for the month. We have been extremely fortunate in that we received £3139.32 from the bellringers. This money had been sitting in the Team's bank account for a few years before it was established that it had been donated by the Bellringers for the sole purpose of maintaining and refurbishing the bells within St Andrew's and St Mary's churches. A letter of thanks was sent to Ruth Hall who had been the Church's bell captain for many years. An amount of £911.79 was donated to the Church by Lincolnshire Co-op as we had asked them to sponsor us throughout 2021. £230 was gifted to the Fabric Fund by the executors of Ruby and Clarence Hurst's Will, this was the amount donated at their memorial service. A further £268.45 was donated at the memorial service of Tom Cullup who had been our Churchwarden Emeritus for many years. After taking a small fee for themselves the bell-ringers donated a further £70 in March 2022 after playing at a wedding held at St Andrew's Church. The Whittlesey Charities very generously donated the sum of £6,000 to the Church and this has boosted our bank account considerably. At the end of 2022 the bank balance stood at £9,509.21

The grass in the churchyard is cut by Fenland District Council and we employ a gardener to weed the flower beds on a regular basis.

Annual servicing has been carried out on the roof alarms, and fire extinguishers in both church and hall.

The Remembrance Book has been kept up to date by Mrs Jackie Barnett.

During the first half of 2022 we have again been grateful for the assistance of our Rural Dean, Andrew Smith, retired clergyman Paul Bennett and our own Rev Mike Jones who together with our Readers, Roger Brown, John Chrisp and Jane Randells have ensured that services were able to continue until the appointment of our new incumbent, Emily Davis, whom we welcomed alongside her husband, Lloyd Davis, who acts as our Pioneer Minister.

As always, supplies of candles, wine and wafers have been maintained by the Churchwardens.

We are grateful to all who have supported us in maintaining the Church during 2022 which has had its fair share of ups and downs. Our thanks go to the congregation, choir and clergy and especially the Friends of St Andrew's who have ably assisted us financially during the year. Special thanks go to Sally Band and Elizabeth Ollenbittle who decorate the Church and to Joyce Rogers for continuing to play the organ for us.

Churchwardens:

Sarah J Walker

David K M Mason (from January to May 2022)

Megan Randall (from May to December 2022)

TREASURERS REPORT

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, WHITTLESEY				
		FOR THE YEAR 2022		
		INCOME	EXPENDITURE	
		£ : p	£ : p	
Gift Aid		£5,310.01	Events	£260.20
Gift Aid refund		£2,783.79	100 Club payout	£755.00
Events/Sales		£1,632.18	Water	£35.00
100 Club		£1,485.00	Gas	£3,515.56
Service Cash Collections		£2,988.59	Electric	£633.34
Service Envelope Collections		£637.00	Parish Share	£9,274.05
Donations		£904.39	Parish Expenses	£129.20
Bank Interest		£0.00	Church Bills	£7,180.70
Funeral Collections		£309.29	Church expenses	£504.52
Baptism Collections		£382.87	Donations	£10.00
Wedding Collections		£29.31	Insurance	£4,476.81
Transfer from Fabric Fund		£77.19	Thursday Club	£699.00
Team Share of Fees		£416.00	CCLI	£215.89
Church Share of Fees		£593.20		
Remembrance Book		£105.00		
Churchyard Fees		£360.00		
Wedding Fees		£732.00		
SumUp Payments		£118.81		
TOTALS		£18,864.63		£27,689.27
Opening bank account		10,385.47		
Closing bank account as at 31.12.22.				1,560.83
Checked by:			Date:	
TOTALS		£29,250.10		£29,250.10

**ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH WHITTLESEY
FABRIC FUND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT
1ST JANUARY 2022 TO 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

INCOME		£	£
6th May 2022	Ruby & Clarence Hurst Memorial donation	230.00	
6th May 2022	Lincs Co-op Community Champions donation	911.79	
6th May 2023	Donation from Bellringers (ring fenced for bells)	3139.32	
6th June 2022	Closure of obsolete account	0.58	
6th June 2022	Closure of obsolete account	1.17	
24th June 2022	Donation from Bellringers (wedding)	70.00	
24th June 2022	Tom Cullup's funeral donation	268.45	
28th September 2022	Transferred from Sarah Walker a/c - donation from Ladysmith WI	25.00	
7th November 2022	Donation from Whittlesea Charities	6000.00	
			10646.31
 EXPENDITURE			
10th June 2022	Smith's of Derby - service	254.40	
27th June 2022	Smith's of Derby - deposit against work to remove bell hammer	437.10	
22nd July 2022	AK and SJ Bull (Electricians). Light in bell tower plus 32 LED's	405.60	
28th July 2022	Cheque to Peter King for making 3 bell stays & repairing clock hammer	40.00	
			1137.10
	Opening balance		0
	Income		<u>10646.31</u>
			10646.31
	Less Expenditure		<u>1137.1</u>
			9509.21
	Represented by bank		9509.21

Prepared by Sarah Walker:

Date

02/04/2023

Checked by Kay Mayor:



Date

6/4/23.

St Andrews Church - Whittlesey - Hall
Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
INCOME		
Hall Hire - Groups	3,886.51	2,909.65
Hall Hire - Private	13,373.00	4,095.50
Event Income	-	375.84
Donations	-	4,503.32
Weddings	600.00	100.00
Sundry Income	139.09	3,118.11
COVID Grants	-	4,500.00
	<u>17,998.60</u>	<u>19,602.42</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Rates	164.00	96.00
Repairs & Maintenance	4,465.61	13,561.24
Telephone	-	78.00
Light & Heat	1,491.36	1,077.48
Event Costs	-	280.12
Insurance	357.21	675.29
Computer Costs	384.00	422.36
Cleaning	3,567.60	2,146.36
Caretaker Fee	2,607.00	744.00
Bank Charges	92.60	68.08
Advertising & Website	2,713.65	1,431.60
Accountancy Fees	50.00	50.00
Professional Fees	-	2,640.00
Sundry Costs	<u>1,581.17</u>	<u>1,238.19</u>
	<u>17,474.20</u>	<u>24,508.72</u>
EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	<u>524.40</u>	<u>(4,906.30)</u>
ACCUMULATED FUND BROUGHT FORWARD	2,145.85	7,052.15
Excess Income over Expenditure for the year	<u>524.40</u>	<u>(4,906.30)</u>
ACCUMULATED FUND CARRIED FORWARD	<u>2,670.25</u>	<u>2,145.85</u>
Represented By		
Balance at Barclays Bank	2,670.25	2,145.85
Loan Account	-	-
	<u>2,670.25</u>	<u>2,145.85</u>

St Andrews Church - Whittlesey - Hall
Accountants Certificate for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

CERTIFICATE

We confirm that we have reviewed the books and records for the year ended 31st December 2022 and that the Accounts reflect all the entries, vouchers and receipts contained therein.



25 July 2023

Hills Accountants

FRIEND'S OF ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

The "Friends" held their AGM at the end of March all the Committee and Officers were elected back into post. There were a few minor amendments voted on to change the constitution mostly to do with grammar. However it was agreed to remove the number of persons allowed to be on the committee, which now means technically if all the membership which to serve on the committee they can.

Since the last APCM have organised a variety of events including quizzes, 1940's afternoon, Pumpkin Festival, monthly coffee mornings and Sunday Lunches. The flower festival that was planned for the Jubilee unfortunately was cancelled. All the events have raised a terrific amount of money as you will see from the attached finance report. My thanks go to all those who provide refreshments, manpower, raffle prizes. Special thanks go to Bull and Son, Funeral Directors, who provided refreshments for the Pumpkin Festival and regularly donate raffle prizes for our other events.

The committee not only hold their own functions but also support the Church Wardens in theirs as well. For example the annual fete, Carols by Candlelight and the recent Frugal Lunch. This all helps to swell the Church coffers.

Not only do the "Friends" raise money they have spent some too. One of the CCTV cameras has been replaced. We have paid for the emergency exit doors to be user friendly and are looking at some emergency exit lighting. There has also been an amount of money ring fenced to clear the gullies and roof of the Church. This task has been previously carried out by the Church Wardens and involved them clambering out onto the roof, not a particularly safe practise.

We have a full calendar of events planned for the rest of the year including some new ideas.

Lynn Palmer
Chairperson

PCC OF WHITTLESEY ST ANDREW'S - FRIENDS ACCOUNT

Income and Expenditure Account for the period 01/01/22 to 29/12/22

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Air Conditioning adjustment	246.00	Advertising	108.00
Sale of Christmas Crackers	121.65	Sunday Lunches	1117.00
Proceeds of Raffles	910.09	Wreath Making materials	61.00
Quiz Nights	325.00	Hall Cleaning	474.00
Membership Fees	360.00	Pumpkin Prizes	50.00
Coffee Mornings	1345.16	Sundries	79.00
Sunday Lunches	1374.60		
Family Bingo	28.00		
1940's Afternoon Tea	75.00		
Wreath Making	300.00		
Pumpkin Festival	385.47		
Donation - J Barnes	50.00		
Map	5.00		
Rotary Club	50.00		
E Wade	25.50		
Excess Expenditure (Deficit/Loss)		Excess Income (Surplus/Profit)	
	<u>5601.47</u>		<u>3712.47</u>
			<u>5601.47</u>
Balance as at 01/01/22	1617.81	Cash in Hand	4.49
Add Excess Income (Surplus/Profit)	3712.47	Balance of Bank Current Account	5325.79
	<u>5330.28</u>		<u>5330.28</u>

Phil Knighton
Treasurer to the Friends of St Andrew's

ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT

The 2022 Electoral Roll report given to last year's APCM gave the total on the Electoral Roll as 57.

Joan Diana Kefford's name should have been removed as she died on 20th July 2021.

In the last year 2 members have died:

Thomas William Cullup who died on 11 May 2022

Anthony Wavell Barnett who died on 01 July 2022

During the year no new applications for membership of the Electoral Roll have been made.

The number on the Electoral Roll for Whittlesey Saint Andrew is now 54

Roger Brown
Electoral Roll Officer

SAFEGUARDING REPORT

Coronavirus

Following the Coronavirus epidemic St. Andrew's Church activities have returned to normal. I believe that all parishioners are aware of the need to be vigilant of symptoms and what to do in the event of testing positive.

Training

Safeguarding training is a requirement for anyone with any sort of role within the Church or Parish and training should be undertaken every **three** years. This includes people who do not directly work with children or adults at risk of harm. Training can be accessed on line via the Diocese of Ely Website:

Training is available at three levels:

- Basic Awareness – for all church officers and the starting point for anyone going on to complete any other safeguarding learning pathway.
- Foundation – for anyone in a role which involves work with children, young people or vulnerable adults; clergy; lay readers; churchwardens; vergers; PCC members and anyone going on to complete any other safeguarding learning pathway.
- Leadership: Lay Leaders - for those who play a lead role in shaping the culture of the church body; clergy; lay readers; licenced lay ministers; safeguarding officers.

The Basic Awareness and Foundation courses can be completed by any member of the congregation to raise safeguarding awareness and support a culture of vigilance in our church. There are ongoing discussions within the Benefice regarding other volunteers within the Church carrying out training. As far as I am aware all members of St. Andrew's PCC have completed all the necessary training. The DBS checks are all handled Sue Irls-Palmer the Benefice Safeguarding Officer and again as far as I am aware all these are up to date.

I have found my time as Safeguarding officer both beneficial and interesting however there has been a lot of reading, reporting and zoom meetings which I have struggled to keep up with. Therefore I have made the decision to step down from this post to enable someone who can give it the full attention it deserves to take my place.

Lynn Palmer
Safeguarding Officer

HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

Progress has been made on Health and Safety Issues reported since the last meeting.

The emergency exit from the Choir Vestry now has a suitable handle installed on the door to allow a better exit in the event of an emergency. However, we need to be vigilant that access to the door is not blocked by tables and chairs. I have regularly moved both away from the door. I would suggest that a working party and date is set for a complete tidy of the area.

Please can we arrange to have a working party to sort this out?

The key has been found for the Priests door and work has been done to ensure that the door can be easily opened and used as an emergency exit.

“The Friends of St. Andrew’s Church” have agreed to fund the above work and the placing of Emergency exit signs above the appropriate doors which is yet to be done.

“The Friends” have also agreed to purchase Fire Extinguisher holders which will stop them from being knocked over and injuring anyone using the Church. This will also allow the appropriate labels to be displayed on them.

A complete PAT test of all appliances in the Church still needs to be carried out, as does some other work mentioned in the safety report i.e. the electric junction boxes.

Our Church Wardens have been clambering onto the roof to clear debris and dead birds from the gullies. As they have no safety equipment I believe that this is a totally unsafe practise and have asked them not to do it again. “The Friends” have earmarked an amount of money to have this maintenance carried out by a professional company on an annual basis.

Risk Assessments are written for functions held in Church, this does not cover general or special services within the Church. "Friends" functions also have assessments written. All are available for inspection.

Health and Safety is an important part of our Church community and should not be taken lightly. I am happy to continue in this post for another year should you wish me to do so.

Lynn Palmer
Health and Safety Officer

THE THURSDAY CLUB

During the last year our guest numbers grew reaching fifteen in December – just one short of our maximum number of sixteen. We had nine helpers with a schedule that ensured there were always a minimum of three additional helpers to the five committee members. This makes our helper to guest ratio of 3 : 1:9. Once we have sixteen guests the ratio will be 2 : 1 which will be more than satisfactory to meet the safeguarding regulations of working with vulnerable adults.

The Committee is indebted to our helpers as amongst their duties is the very important one of listening to our guests and engaging them in conversation. Our Committee members have remained the same throughout the year and meetings are held each month to review the previous month's dinner gathering and plan for the upcoming one.

During the year we have provided a short entertainment lasting fifteen to twenty minutes for our guests – the brevity to allow time for conversation which, living alone, they all value very much.

Colin, at The Falcon, has given us a warm welcome every month and served meals which have been much appreciated by all. There is a joke amongst us about rhubarb crumble – but we do have to admit to having it once and it was really delicious.

The Whittlesey Community Transport Scheme continues to provide transport for most of our guests and we are grateful to Anne Hogan for all her organisation.

We are immeasurably thankful to all the local groups that responded to our October request for grants/donations which brought in a sum of £2,175 – sufficient to fund the cost of guests meals and transport for the 2023 year. The following organisations all contributed: The Whittlesey Charity, The Masons' Bowling Club, The Round Table, The Rotary Club, The Lions' Club, and Sandra and Martin Green.

A project in which we all participated was raising money to plant a tree in the Platinum Wood at Yarwells Headland – part of our late Queen's Green Canopy. The Thursday Club's tree is a small leaved lime – number seventeen of more than one hundred trees planted in December. Now we look forward to another successful year ahead in our attempt to reach out to our local community, to those members who are lonely and socially isolated.

We would be grateful to take any further referrals for guest places from the church PCC and congregation and ask you please to continue to pray for all members of The Thursday Club.

Chris McGowen
Thursday Club

FOR EXAMINATION

The Thursday Club – St Andrew's Church, WhittleseyAnnual Accounts to 31st December 2022

12 Monthly Lunches were held during the year - at which 119 Lunches were provided to Guests. Note: The cost of a Lunch increased from £10.50 to £11.00 from May onwards and the Christmas Lunch cost £12.50.

INCOME

Funding Organisations' Donations	£2100.00
Speakers' & Supporting Visitors' Donations	£109.00
Other Supporters' Donations	£41.50
Guests' Donations	£122.50
Whittlesey 'Queen's Green Canopy' (special collection – dedicated for purpose)	£50.00

INCOME 2022 **£2423.00**

EXPENDITURE

Carry-over, Guests' Lunches for December 2021 Lunch	£73.50
Carry-over, Speakers' Lunches for December 2021 Lunch	£21.00

2022

Guests' Lunches	£1307.00
Lunches (No-Shows)	£23.50
Speakers' & Supporting Visitor's Lunches	£144.00
Transport (Whittlesey Community Car Scheme)	£347.20
Whittlesey 'Queen's Green Canopy' sponsorship (dedicated collection)	£50.00

EXPENDITURE 2022 **£1966.20**

BALANCE – FUNDS AVAILABLE

EXCESS 456.80

At 31/12/2021 **£1390.09**

At 31/12/2022 **£1846.89**

Held In: Bank **£1752.00**
Float **£94.89**

Details of major donations, as follows:

Funding Organisations' Donations		
04/01/22	Whittlesey Rotary Club	£200.00
19/01/22	Whittlesey Lions	£300.00
27/09/22	Cambs Masonic Bowling Association	£300.00
24/10/22	The Whittlesey Charity	£750.00
28/10/22	St Andrew's Masonic Benevolent Fund	£200.00
09/11/22	Whittlesey Round Table	£250.00
20/12/22	Bicycle Jumble Sale (Mr & Mrs Green)	£100.00
	TOTAL	£2,100.00

I have examined the above Statement of Accounts and confirm they are in accordance with the records produced to me.

R. H. H. ACCOUNTANT 9 MARCH 2023

CHOIR REPORT

St. Andrews church choir, in its present form, has provided choral leadership since 1979 and although we are a small group we will continue to do this to best of our ability.

However, due to Covid we have not been having regular practices but we have now resumed our practices on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at 10a.m. This seems to work very well. We also provide our voices for weddings, funerals, joint services and festivals when we can.

We are very grateful to our organist for all she does and hope this may continue but due to some ill health we sometimes have to use the CD's to accompany the hymns. During a Communion Service we gown, process and recess and try to include a choir item whilst the congregation are receiving communion. At Morning Praise we now wear our more relaxed red sweatshirts and T shirts.

The friendship we enjoy through the choir is our mainstay and we hope to continue with this.

On behalf of St. Andrews Church Choir I thank everyone for their support.

Susan Taylor
Choir Mistress.

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

The main emphasis this year has been on working on the Deanery Development Plan for the future progress of the churches within the Deanery. A copy of the Plan was voted for at the Synod meeting and passed. The Standing Committee is now working on the Mission Action Development Plan and their findings will be submitted in the summer.

Our speakers this year have been Peter Leech, Deputy Director of Diocesan Mission and Ministry Department who spoke on Education, Mission and Ministry within a Local Context; The Rev Julie Norris, Diocesan Director of Lay Ministry, who spoke on Lay Ministry, Lay Vocations and Developing Lay Ministry and the training opportunities available; the Ven Richard Harlow, Archdeacon of Huntingdon and Wisbech who introduced himself and shared his views on how to move the church forward; and Geoffrey Hunter (Diocesan Advisory Committee) who gave a presentation on the REACH Ely Project.

Discussions were also held on the Deanery Share 2023 which is to increase by 4%. It was decided that for the present the same formula would be adopted for the allocation of costs. Whittlesey, Pondersbridge and Coates Benefice will therefore be requested to give £64,685.00.

Throughout this year the Deanery Synod has been without a secretary and Stephen Tooke, the Lay Chair has been coordinating minutes. It is hoped that a new secretary can be elected for the next Synod.

Fiona Heaysman
Deanery Synod Representative
for Holy Trinity, Coates

CHURCHES TOGETHER REPORT

Since some new members joined Churches Together this year there has been an enthusiasm to become more proactive and this has been seen in the number of services and activities held with increased participation from all the churches in the group.

In April many people attended the Procession of the Cross followed by the Service at the Buttercross and refreshments afterwards. In March (2022) a service was held for the Women's World Day of Prayer where members from our churches contributed to the readings and prayers.

Christian Aid fund raising activities took place throughout the year, including a coffee morning, cake stall at the Buttercross and a Quiz Night at St Jude's.

In June, a joint service was held to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee and in December a prayer area was set up near the Buttercross with opportunities to write a prayer at Whittlesey Christmas Extravaganza. Books and children's poems were given out and many of the Churches Together members took part in manning the area and speaking to people. In January we held a service for the Week of Christian Unity followed by refreshments. Churches Together members took part in the readings and prayers.

Mr Ian Cornall has worked hard producing a Churches Together leaflet to be distributed to people in the new developments around Whittlesey. A limited leaflet drop has happened and we are reviewing the information contained in the leaflet for further distribution.

The Rev Langley Mackrell-Hey has opened a Churches Together Facebook page which provides thoughts and reflections as well as encouraging others to contribute.

Roger Brown, our treasurer, continues to ensure that we are covered for public liability insurance and paying for advertising in Discovering Whittlesey magazine.

Fiona Heaysman
Churches Together Representative
for Holy Trinity, Coates