

ST LAWRENCE CHURCH

NORTH WINGFIELD



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORTS 2023.

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Richard thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting with prayers and The Grace Prayer was said together.

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Report of the Team Rector 2023

Lynn Haylor ended her time in the benefice on 30th April 2023, leaving us with one full-time stipendiary minister to cover the parish, a situation that has existed for all but nine months of the time since Colin Cooper retired from North Wingfield. This has given the laity a golden opportunity to grow and express themselves, but the staffing shortage has meant that ministry from ordained leadership has inevitably been lacking. Some people have found it hard to come to terms with this new reality; however, we have five churches that are active in mission, with a desire to do more.

This, is, however, a strong and active parish compared to most in this diocese: we believe the bible, we share our faith, we still work with children (most churches in the diocese do not), we pray, we minister to one another. There are many things about our five churches in one parish that can be built on as we look to the Lord's future.

The situation here is reminiscent of the situation of the church at Corinth: "Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. (1 Corinthians 1:26-27)

We are not a large church, we haven't got much money as we used to have, but we have a heart. This has been a year full of a positive desire to move forward whilst many of us have been dealing with significant personal challenges along the way. We must be careful, however, to deal carefully and sympathetically with one another, and to keep unity and positive relationships as a hallmark of our church. This will in turn give the church building a positive atmosphere that people will sense when they come inside for services, our excellent pop-in, or other meetings.

We have supported social events across the team and have contributed a cheerful and encouraging presence to St Barnabas as well. Our underlying financial health is not what it was, but we have no maintenance backlog and are looking to see how we can effectively reach out to our community in the future. This is a church that prays, and prayer is a hallmark of any successful church. The Lord sees and hears our prayer meetings, but also the prayer that is done in secret. Every successful initiative is best birthed in prayer, prepared for in prayer, and covered by prayer.

The strength of this church is its people, and I believe that we could have a very positive and powerful time together as we wait for the Lord to give us new impetus in our quest to reach North Wingfield for Christ.

In 2024 the Church of England continues to face some very serious issues at national level not only in relation to our deep and apparently irreconcilable differences regarding sexual morality, but also in our corporate failure to reach the nation or to remain in close fellowship with the worldwide Anglican communion, from which we are increasingly marginalised. We have a desire to play our part in tackling the climate emergency, but the finances of many dioceses permit a limited response. We had a rise in vocations to ordained stipendiary ministry pre-covid, but a substantial decline since then; there are an unprecedented number of vacant posts outside of the southeast of England. There is a corresponding decline in the number of benefices where there is just one place of worship. The cherished idea of one vicar per church is less and less possible; we have fewer parish priests per head of population than at any time since before the Norman Conquest. The Church in England is probably hardly shrinking at all, but our national sliver of Anglicanism, the Church of England, certainly is.

At this time, we wait expectantly for our vacant team vicar post to be filled. Let us pray that this becomes a reality before the autumn. An additional full-time leader will significantly alter the dynamics of the team and give us new momentum for the future. We have also been delighted to welcome Nigel and Ruth into our fellowship and look forward to receiving the Lord's ministry through them in the coming year. We are

2022 Income (compared with 2021):

Overall planned giving fell by £404.
Donations/ Legacies and Grants also fell by £785.
Very little activity occurred with regards to the Local Mission Fund for 2022.
There are only two notable exceptions with respect to LMF:
Wages have now ceased for Small Wonders admin.
LMF investments fell by £946.

A vote of thanks was giving to John for his work as treasurer over the last six years.
Richard also thanked Mick for his contribution to the treasurers roll over the last year.

6. Election of Officers.

Richard made the meeting aware wardens are elected for a one year term of office and that they may serve up to six consecutive terms and that John Cooper has been Churchwarden for the last six years.
However the Annual Meeting can pass a resolution to set aside this rule, all agreed that John should be allowed to stand as churchwarden for another year.

Richard thanked John and Mick for their hard work in the last year.

Parish Churchwarden

John Cooper Proposed John Pendleton, seconded Julia Gillott.

Churchwarden

Michael Stanley proposed John Cooper seconded Yvonne Hallam.

Deanery Synod Representative – automatically becomes part of the DCC

John Elton proposed Doug Kaye, seconded Sheila Kaye.

Treasurer

Michael Stanley proposed John Cooper seconded Yvonne Hallam.

Members

Mick Lowry-Fields proposed Sharon Jones, seconded Pearl Blakeley.

Marcia Bown proposed John Cooper, seconded Mick Stanley

Jonathan Barber proposed Mick Stanley seconded Julia Gillott.

All the above were dually elected to the posts.

7. Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll officer is responsible for adding and removing people from the roll and a new roll takes place every 6 years which means that everyone must come off the roll and re-apply. The next occasion for the preparation of new rolls is in 2025.

Dennis Arnold is standing down as Electoral Roll Officer and Richard thanked him for his invaluable contribution over the years to this roll and for been in charge of the Lands Trust too.

Richard asked if there were any questions – none.

8. Date of next meeting

AGM 2024, Monday 15th April

St Lawrence Church North Wingfield

AGM

Monday 27th March 2023

1. Welcome and worship

Richard welcomed everyone before praying for the meeting.

2. Apologies

Helen Soiris, Dennis Arnold, Margaret Tuek

3. Minutes of AGM 2022

The Annual Report had been made available to everyone.

The minutes were proposed by John Elton and seconded by Pippa Barfoot 13 in favour and 5 abstentions.

4. Matters arising from Annual Report

None

Richard thanked everyone for their reports, contributions to the Annual Report.

5. Finance Report (previously circulated in booklet)

John Elton spoke about his report

The following is extracted from the consolidated accounts for year ending 31/12/2022.

Income and Expense analysis (General fund)

2022 Income (compared with 2021):

Overall planned giving fell by £3,557.

DCC fees which includes weddings, funeral, etc., fell by £4,113.

Donations/ Legacies and Grants also fell by £3,460.

Admin charges fell by £5,418

CCLA investment income fell by £9,365.

CCLA investment value fell by £4,798.

The net effect led to an overall deficit of £32,245.

2022 Expenses (compared with 2021):

Annual parish share decreased by £10,068.

Tithed donations to charities accounted for £3,281.

Diocese fees increased by £1,949, largely due to higher volume of funeral services conducted.

Exceptional expenses relating to Schoolroom doors & windows were £24,500, which was withdrawn from the CCLA investment account.

Most other expenses were somewhat comparable to 2021.

Currently there are no major concerns with regards to the Church finances, albeit we need to closely monitor expenses and avoid unnecessary spending.

Income and Expense analysis (LMF fund)

very grateful for Marcia's contribution, especially in funerals, baptisms and weddings. Marcia has done all she can to support me through the vacancy and I am extremely thankful for all her efforts.

John has been a very hard working and effective church warden; Mick has been all over the place, in home groups, acting as treasurer, with Dad's Army, caring for our sound system and as church warden; oh, and sometimes he leads and preaches as well! Melanie has worked above and beyond the call of duty; Maggie is another one who seems to be everywhere and gives herself heart and soul to this church; John Bailey and Nick are faithful and tuneful in leading worship; the children's workers are one of our strengths; Andrew and Diane contribute so much, both pastorally and in their understanding of and communication of the truth of the bible; my grateful thanks to those who cater for others, Doug and Shelia's gift of welcome, Heather and John Pendleton's zeal and commitment, Tim and Toots involvement in pop-in... but I am in danger of running through the entire electoral roll; thank you so much, everyone!

We are still in a time of waiting but I firmly believe that the Lord will lead us towards a time of renewed fruitfulness.

Richard Clark, 220324

When sitting down (Yes I do occasionally) to write this report the first thing I had to do was ask myself if 2023 had been any different from previous years.

The answer was a resounding YES and NO - The challenges we all face were just different.

This years unexpected challenge has to be, The mystery of the missing 'Urinal' from within the grounds of the Church!

Why can't life be simple or would that just be too easy!

At the helm of our North Wingfield Team Richard ably supported by Sue are now into their second year with us and since the departure of Lynn Hayler in April of last year, Richard has had to spread his time throughout the 5 Church's in the team.

Hopefully the appointment of a new Team Vicar in the coming weeks will make that task somewhat easier to manage.

Here at St Lawrence with the limited funds that we have available we have continued the task of future proofing and maintaining our buildings where possible - Our Quinquennial Inspection has just been undertaken, and we are hoping for a positive outcome based on the fact that there was nothing outstanding from the last inspection and we were complimented by our architect on the way our Church in particular is looked after.

Once again we have to thank our 'Dads Army Team' for the work that they do in and around our buildings and especially our Grounds.

Our Home Groups are thriving, along with our prayer Groups.

We are hopeful that 'Pop In' will in the autumn return to a weekly slot, New members have joined the Team and its popularity amongst members of both the community and Church Congregation remains strong.

Our thanks go out to John and Jackie who have this year retired from Pop In duties after being ever present for a considerable length of time.

Melanie continues to keep us all in check from her administrative role and our thanks go to her for her continued support and especially in light of the ever growing workload that she manages so well.

Change and Challenge will no doubt stay with us for the future - lets make sure that we stay together support and pray for one another in times of need and see faith grow not just in our Church but also within our Community.

'Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe you have received it, and it will be yours.'

Mark11 v 24

John C.

Bell Ringing Report

Tower practice nights are held on the first and third Tuesday in the month from 7pm-8.30pm at St Lawrence Church, North Wingfield. These provide regular development opportunities for individual ringers. In addition, new ringers are always welcome, no experience necessary and separate training is worked around on a different day. Anyone who is interested in having a go, please contact via email the Tower Captain, Michael Eyre: meyre2025@gmail.com. Teaching is free and at the end, you can ring a bell!

There has been great support from the Wingerworth Tower who help to support with training and ringing and it is thanks to this support that we can now ring on alternative Sunday Services.

During 2023:

All 8 bells have rang out in joyful celebration for four weddings.

On the 6th May, St Lawrence came alive with the sound of chimes as the nation celebrated the Coronation of King Charles III.

On the 1st October ringers from the DDA Bell Ringing Association practiced for an 8 bell striking competition using the 8 bells at St Lawrence.

We were also able to ring out loud for some of the Christmas events including Christmas Day morning.

Our young ringer Archie is wanting to restore and use the Ellacombe apparatus, a mechanism devised for performing change ringing on church bells by striking bells with hammers. These haven't been rung for over 100 years and a specialist has visited to have a look to assess what needs to be done for this to be achieved.

Last but definitely not least, I would like to thank all our ringers for their hard work, dedication and support throughout 2023.

Michael Eyre

Tower Captain



Tuesday Zoom Prayer group report 2024 AGM

This meeting started during COVID as a way seeing each other, praying, sharing and giving thanks together at a time when we were not allowed to physically meet together.

We meet on Tuesday night 7:30 on Zoom

Meeting ID 4144832990

Password 5SVaU7

Up to 10 people log in to pray and share.

Although Zoom has its limitation, highlighted when every one decides to talk/sing at once, we don't use any of the more advanced functions, it doesn't cause us any problems.

We keep things simple, muting when we have background noise, and turning of the video while we finish a meal or down a cuppa.

A big advantage is that: those people we busy lives or don't like dark nights can join with any travelling overheads. When away from home, I can still host the meeting; others when away join from the caravan. So Zoom has some advantages.

Not being in the same room, particular when lying on of hands is needed, can feel a little strange. However back in the "day" when the disciples could not be with someone they prayed on handkerchiefs' and sent them to them, people were healed. Similarly we find that the Holy Spirit presence is not limited by a digital connector.

Watch for the post on face book at Tuesday tea time, confirming the numbers and the time.

Rejoice always, pray continually, and rejoice in all circumstances. 1 Thessalonians 5 16-18

Blessings Mick

Time has passed since I accepted the role as temporary treasurer back in August 2022. It has been a time of change. Church membership was still suffering the aftereffects of Covid, some say we are still suffering from it. Other notable events include the war in Ukraine, energy crisis, the cost of living crisis and the events in Gaza: the world has changed. Likewise the way we do business and support the work of the church has changed. Standing orders are giving way to direct debits, envelope are no longer used. Cash on the plate is being replaced by contactless giving. We no longer make any payments by cash; consequently we no longer hold a float or petty cash. Weddings & Funerals pay us by BACS, we no longer accept payment by cheque, neither do we issue any cheques want us to pay you? please be prepared to provide your bank details.

One thing that hasn't changed is that Bills Gas Electricity Insurance etc. still have to be paid.

Giving is down by £2210 compared with last year

The general Fund, which includes the school room payments & receipts, was £178 in the Black.

This was only possible because we made £4826 on the "graveyard operations"

(After Payment of fees, gardening contractor and equipment maintenance is taken into account.)

Therefor when the grave yard closes at the end of the year, we will have an annual black hole of £4826 to fill

The surplus on the school room account of £4910 may seem healthy on the surface However: if we consider:-

- The investment of £24500 in windows and doors last year.
- A further investment of £5000 for the kitchen planned this year.
- Future investment will be required for the roof and floor in the foreseeable future.
- Our 3 year gas contract ends this year, the price we pay for gas will increase

It can be seen that the income is not sufficient to provide a sustainable future of the school rooms. Room rent will need to rise by a minimum of published CPI each year, a review is held annually..

Admin work costs us £4923 last year, an overhead we are seeking to reduce in the coming year.

The LMF fund, this fund is restricted to the children's work of St Lawrence church, is virtually static. Following the loss of the children's worker; there are no outgoings and little income.

This is the last year Pop-In will produce a separate set of accounts'. In future Pop-In transactions will be shown as a "Designated fund" within the general fund accounts.

Pages 2&3 contain the numbers for the general and LMF funds while page 4 has details of the Pop-In and small wonders accounts. Please ask any question at the meeting.

So I finish with something that has not changed, a command that Jesus gave and gives to all His disciples **"Go into the world and preach the Gospel to all creation"** (Mark 16 v15)
May we use our resources wisely and fulfil our Lords command.

Blessings
Mick

The Church Council approved a total of £2500, to be used to support mission around the world. This included £400 earmarked for our sponsored little girl, Ping Ping

The Mission Group met in June and agreed to put forward the following charities to support for 2023

Compassion UK - £400 (www.compassionuk.org) We support 8 year old Pingping, who lives in a remote area of Northern Thailand. Her proper name is Khwanjai Saelee but she likes to be called Pingping. She lives with her father and grandmother. Jackie and John Pendleton took over as our link and have been writing to Pingping and gifts have been sent for Pingping for her birthday and for Christmas.

Open Doors - £500(www.opendoorsuk.org) Open Doors, along with local church partners world wide, provide help and encouragement to Christians trying to live out their faith in dangerous and difficult situations and provide food and monetary aid where needed.
Link - Sharon Jones

Valley AIDS - £500 (www.valleyaids.co.uk) Working with Blend Youth Project to provide young people with integrated support that enables them to experience a positive change in their lives. Jonathan Brook, the director provides regular updates on what they are doing and also an invitation to join them at their monthly prayer café in Swanwick. These appear regularly on our news sheet. This year Blend have begun a new project working with young people in Grassmoor. The Lighthouse charity shop is run by this charity, so your support of the shop in Clay Cross is much appreciated. Link – Margaret Tuck

Feed the Hungry - £300 (feedthehungry.org.uk) We have been invited to their main operations hub 'The Halo Centre' in Coventry where aid is distributed both in the UK and internationally. We hope to have a speaker come to visit us during the coming year.
Link – Sharon Jones

The Bible Society - £300 (biblesociety.org.uk) Sharing God's Word all around the world. The Bible Society have distributed over 650,000 scriptures in Ukraine, Hungary, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and here in the UK as well as many other areas of the world.. Link – Dennis Arnold

The Mathetes Trust - £300 (www.rootedinjesus.net) to support the work of the Trust go out to train church leaders to deliver courses to churches throughout Africa. Link – Dennis Arnold

Jericho Road - £200 (Jerichoroad.org.uk) Established in 2000, the Jericho Road Project works in Nottingham in a variety of practical and personal ways with women who are affected by the sex industry. Speak to Sue Clarke for more information. Link – Jackie Pendleton

A further generous donation was made by a member of our congregation and this was used to continue our support of

Smile Train - £200 (www.smiletrain.org.uk) to enable children born with hair lip/cleft palate to have an operation to enable them to be able to eat and smile more easily. Link – Sharon Jones

Donations received and passed on in 2023 were,

The Children's Society Boxes £536.91

The Children's Society Christingle £52.53

Collections taken during Christian Aid week £1154 (=+gift aid £25.50)

Samaritans Purse £168.00

Please check out the websites for regular updates on our mission partners' work and speak to the church link if you would like more information

Thank you for many years faithful service are sent to Dennis Arnold and Margaret Tuck, who has asked to step down from the group this year, and to Sharon Jones and Jackie Pendleton for continuing with their links.

A new link person is needed for Valley Kids, The Mathetes Trust and the Bible Society. Could this be you?

Rev Richard has agreed to take over the group temporarily,

A Mission fortnight is planned for February 2024, when several of our mission partners will be invited to speak to us.

If you would like to be involved in supporting our chosen charities or if you have a charity you would like us to support, please speak to Richard.

INCOME	2023	2022	EXPENDITURE	2023	2022
Planned Giving					
Envelopes	290	7,975			
Standing Orders	21,451	16,239			
	21,741	24,214	Parish Share	26,784	35,968
Cashless Giving M & Mission	2,280				
Other Giving	1,913	1,464			
Income Tax Rebates	6,511	9,005			
	32,445	34,683	Upkeep	11,774	9,375
Diocese Fees					
Diocese Fees	2,095	7,561	Diocese Fees	2,095	7,561
Diocese Fees Rebate	1,785		Upkeep for Fee Services	4,953	3,333
DCC Fees	17,602	16,979	Churchyard	7,663	4,972
Donations/Legacies/Grants	5,542	2,372			
Charities/Events	168		Charities	3,172	3,281
School Rooms	16,276	17,307	School Rooms	11,366	11,054
Admin	8,008	5,565	Admin	13,932	13,372
Bank Interest	250	33	Insurance	1,994	1,846
Misc	2,576	1,550	Misc	1,050	
Increase in Value of Investments	2,099		Exceptional Items		
Decrease in Value of Investments		(4,798)	Doors and Windows		24,500
Total Income	87,061	83,037	Total Expenditure	84,783	115,282
Surplus for Year					
Deficit for Year		(32,245)			

Pop in report for 2023

It was with great sadness that Jackie and I decided that the time was right for us to hand over the reins of Pop In to Andrew and Diane, John and Mick and their teams.

It was decided that working pop in every week with the teams working week and week off was becoming too much so opening moved to the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month.

The numbers attending have increased and then have remained fairly constant.

2023 saw the introduction of a contactless card machine, by using this the church is able to claim gift aid from the government which in turn goes to the DCC as a contribution for the use of the school rooms. It was also decided that rather than have fixed prices, it would be on a donation basis.

Everybody is welcome including dogs with well behaved owners. The team would encourage more of the congregation to come and join in the fun. The more Christians that attend then the greater the variety of gifts that God gives us will be revealed

Jackie and I would like to thank Andrew and Diane for their support and hard work that they have given us over the time they have worked with us. We would also like to thank all the customers we have had the pleasure of serving, we have made many friends and do not intend to stop coming ourselves. So we hope to see you there.

Pop in was never intended to be a fundraising event, but a means of introducing non-Christians to Christians, and give us all the opportunity to meet in a more community driven and welcoming environment.

May God bless you all. John and Jackie and the Pop In team

INCOME					EXPENDITURE		
Bell Tower Fund							
Balance b/w/d		403	403		Balance c/w/d		403
		403	403				403
LOCAL MISSION FUND							
INCOME		2023	2022		EXPENDITURE		2023
Planned Giving							
Envelopes		70	505		Wages & Training costs		2,877
Standing Orders		770	720				
		840	1,225		Other Outreach		
Income Tax Rebates		230	457				
Grants & Donations			100				
Admin			413				
Bank Interest etc			47				
Increase in Value of Investments		1,310					
Decrease in Value of Investments			(946)				
Total income		2,430	1,296		Total Expenditure		Nil
Surplus for Year		2,430					2,877
Deficit for Year			(1,381)				
RECONCILIATION AND STATEMENT OF OPENING AND CLOSING BALANCES							
Opening Balances							
Deposit Accounts - Reserve Funds							
CBF Investment Fund - General Fund						16,593.16	
CBF Deposit Fund - Building Fund						11.86	16,605.02
CBF Investment Fund - General Reserve						9,433.34	
CBF Deposit Fund - General Reserve						3,623.97	13,057.31
Current Accounts							29,682.33
General Fund						16,118.81	
General Fund Ear Marked Balances						402.80	16,521.61
Local Mission Fund						5,230.47	21,752.08
Cash in Hand							
Petty Cash							80.00
Total Funds as at 1st January 2022							51,484.41
Acid Surpluses Accrued during the year							
General Fund						2,278.42	
Local Mission Fund						2,429.51	4,707.93
Total Funds as at 31st December 2023							56,202.34
Closing Balances							
Deposit Accounts - Reserve Funds							
CBF Investment Fund - General Fund						16,692.21	
CBF Deposit Fund - Building Fund						12.24	18,704.45
CBF Investment Fund - General Reserve						10,626.67	
CBF Deposit Fund - General Reserve						3,740.12	14,366.79
Current Accounts							33,071.24
General Fund						16,297.80	
General Fund Ear Marked Balances						402.80	16,700.60
Local Mission Fund						6,390.90	25,051.10
Cash in Hand							80.00
Petty Cash							80.00
Total Funds as at 31st December 2023							56,202.34

Music Group Report 2023

Pop In Accounts foOr the year ending December 2023

The Music Group consists of 8 members but illness and other reasons mean that there are usually only 4 or 5 each week. Nick and I are the instrumentalists and we have at least 2 singers per week.

One important feature is the projection of the songs onto the screens. The choice of a week's songs depends on the theme and the leader and once the songs have been chosen I pass them to Margaret Tuck who then produces the Powerpoint Presentation. This is an important aspect as many of the modern songs are complex in arrangement and it is important that Margaret and I liaise over this so that what is projected is in the correct order. A video song is now included most weeks. Mick Stanley operates the sound desk and is also involved in the electrical upkeep of equipment, - microphones, amplifiers, etc can be temperamental. A yearly PAT test is required on these devices.

I am pleased that Sheila Cregg has been willing to join the group as a singer. She is happy to step in when we are short of vocalists.

All the Christmas Services were all very well attended. It is a busy time for us with around 6 services in quick succession.

My thanks to everyone who plays any part in the success of our group.

John Bailey

Small wonders Accounts for year ending 32st December 2013

	2023	2022	2023	2022	EXPENDITURE	2023	2022
Food Stiles	1,489.43	1,416.08	Food etc		650.96	434.04	
Donations/Grants etc		6.00	Equipment/training etc			25.94	
Special Events - Macmillan & Children in Need		372.00	Charitable Giving		380.00	1,520.00	
Total Income	1,489.43	1,794.08	Total Expenditure		1,030.96	1,988.98	
Increase in Funds during Year	462.47	(195.90)					
			Charitable Donations				
			Church on the Bus			180.00	
			North Wingfield DCC		100.00	200.00	
			Tessie Trust			80.00	
			Macmillan			325.00	
			Save the Children			80.00	
			Compassion			100.00	
			Ermaas			110.00	
			Caring Matters Now			75.00	
			Seile Train UK			75.00	
			City Cross Foodbank			75.00	
			Children in Need			180.00	
			Christian Aid			50.00	
			Uganda Charity		180.00		
					100.00		
					380.00	1,620.00	
BANK RECONCILIATION							
Opening Balance - Bank	319.59	525.22	Closing Balance - Bank		749.39	319.59	
- Cash	142.88	32.35	- Cash in Hand		214.75	142.38	
Add Increase in Funds during Year	462.47	(195.90)					
	924.14	461.67			924.14	461.57	

Small wonders Accounts for year ending 32st December 2013

	2023	2022	2023	2022	EXPENDITURE	2023	2022
Grants		250.00	Rent			420.00	
Subscriptions		457.70	Equipment			46.00	
			Refreshments			89.33	
Outings		215.00	Consumables			28.30	
			Outings			983.90	
Miscellaneous		80.44	Gifts etc			31.78	
			Charity - Compassion			50.00	
Total Income	Nil	1,003.14	Total Expenditure		Nil	1,629.71	
Increase in Funds During Year		(626.57)					
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS							
Opening Balance - Bank		1,872.84	Closing Balance - Bank			1,428.62	
Cash in Hand		245.04	Cash in Hand			98.63	
Paypal Balance		33.94	Paypal Balance				
Change in funds during Year		(626.57)					
		1,525.25				1,525.25	
Note.							
There hasn't been any activity over the last year							

Messy Extra Report 2023

Our group meets on the first Sunday morning of the month in the Rectory Schoolrooms at 9.30am. We have crafts, games, a video bible story, songs, prayers, drinks and biscuits. Children are accompanied by parents and there are 6 families who regularly attend.

Some of the special events have been -

We joined up with other churches of our team on Good Friday, for an Easter egg hunt in our churchyard followed by crafts in the Rectory Schoolrooms. Over 50 attended.

August – We organised a sports event in the Schoolrooms.

September – On Michaelmas Day 30th Saturday we made angels, swords and shields. The angels were displayed in church.

October - the Harvest Service was well attended by all ages. The children brought dried produce which was donated to the local Foodbank.

The December meeting was cancelled due to snow. The Christingle and Crib Services were well attended.

Many thanks to Andrew, Diane, Candy, Melanie, Pearl and Sharon for their loyal support.

Lynn Bailey

Dad's Army Report 2023

My second Dad's Army Report

It's a privilege to be part of this team, of comrades. The visionary members, the ones who can predict what you need before you can utter the words. The ones who can spot what needs and do before being asked. The member who give up using their favorite toy, because it's not required to complete the most important task in the bigger picture. "I wana use the chain saw now !" O we can spit the dummy out at times, after all we are Human.

This year we have taken to servicing and doing more adventurous mower repairs. The mowing season has started one mower down the bank and in the hedge already!!

Rewinding to last year, it was a wet year and visits the roof to unblock gutters were boringly common, Failure resulted in a new carpet, and the church getting a good clean.

Raising flags and visits to the clock room are becoming more common. A repair to the school floor was undertaken last summer. A second area requires patching, hopefully over Easter holiday and before a "pot hole" develops. New LED Lights have been fitted to the brackets where the halogen ones hung drinking energy in the church.

We tend the church yard twice weekly, after putting the world to rights over a brew in the kitchen then, after checking that we've closed the fridge door, we start work!

We welcome our customers, the living ones, and provide helpful, stimulating, spiritual conversation. The guy with black dog has become as friendly. All part of the St Lawrence whiteness.

The resident Army team, John Jonathan Nick Mick Graham Nigel Rico & Teddy, Supported by our back stage helpers Sam, Nick 2 & David who move the Bin, cut and collect fallen trees and litter Pick. Have an opportunity for a new resident team member. After checking the above picture pleases contact myself, letting me know which team member would best suit you personality, and an interview will be arranged.

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Do not store up treasures on earth but store up treasure in heaven Matthew 6 v19-20

Blessing Mick

(Part of the Dads Army team)



Monday Home group report 2023

Monday's home group normal meets at Doug and Shelia's –

19 Longshaw close North Wingfield

1:30 for tea coffee biscuits and CAKE!

Doug and Shelia provide all visitors with a warm welcome and refreshments.

Currently we use the planned reading for the previous Sunday as a starting point.

Having listened to the Sunday morning talk/sermon, A WhatsApp is sent out Sunday pm Confirming the location, reminding every one of the relevant readings and posing a number questions.

A discussion follows.

A better understanding of what was spoken about on Sunday is achieved.

As thoughts are shared we find ourselves digging a little deeper. A wider understanding of God's word and how it can be applied to our lives today to-day results.

Everyone gets the opportunity to express an opinion.

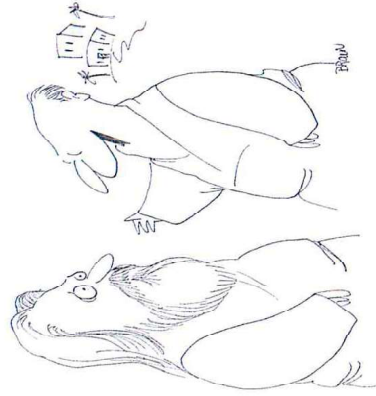
We finish with a time of prayer.

If all members are able to attend – there would be 13 of us

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2 v15

Blessings

Mick



So Jesus, what denomination are you?

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Safeguarding Report 2023/2024

The North Wingfield Team Ministry follows Derby Diocese Safeguarding Policy which is approved by the PCC. Most churches in the team have a Parish Safeguarding Officer who is responsible for Safeguarding in their church.

The requirements of Safeguarding for church members are dependent on the role a member holds in the church. Without the training being completed the individual is not be able to fulfil the role.

The training is available in the Safeguarding section of Derby Diocese website. Administration for the DBS and training is managed by Melanie Earland. If further assistance is required please ask.

The Safeguarding Team for Derby Diocese keeps Parish Safeguarding Officers aware of any administrative changes, issues that may affect churches and church members, and also provide assistance in managing safeguarding concerns.

Church activities will be occasions when those attending can feel safe in the knowledge that Safeguarding training has been completed by leaders as required, and awareness by everyone present of the importance of Safeguarding in the society of today.

If anyone would like to take on the role of Parish Safeguarding Officer, please let the churchwarcens know. I would like to retire from this position – and let someone who can give more time to being a Parish Safeguarding Officer take on the role.

Pippa Barfoot
Parish Safeguarding Officer

Conversations with all concerned in different parishes have planted such idea that could have lots of different benefits - to individual parishes and for us as a deanery.

The idea led to involving A Rocha UK a charitable partnership with Christian Aid towards creating our Church as an Eco-Church in order to express our care for God's world in worship and teaching. Part of this is how we engage with our local community towards supporting the Church buildings and land and how this could embrace the personal lifestyles within our congregation.

A Rocha UK has created three different awards, Gold, Silver and Bronze, depending on the criteria that has to be satisfied, by way of a survey.

The survey covers Worship & Teaching; Management of Church buildings; Management of Church land; Community and local engagement; Lifestyle.

For St. Lawrence, we already meet some of the Eco-Church objectives. We encourage wild-life on our Church land and reduce any impact on the surrounding habitat. In addition, we have reduced our carbon footprint by our net zero activities. On this basis we consider that we would satisfy the survey in order to achieve Bronze Award. Currently our Church application is being processed by our Church Wardens.

Church attendance- post Covid

Church attendance was examined by Derby Diocese as part of their analysis on matters concerning the Common Fund.

Part of the analysis included details about the demographic change within the Diocese area and the worshipping trend patterns over the last 10 years since 2002.

Notably, out of the population total of 1.06 million inside the Derbyshire region 88% are white British, 46% are Christian faith, 43% are declared as no faith.

The total average weekly attendance is 9,900 (0.9%) of the total population. 45% of which are aged 70 or older.

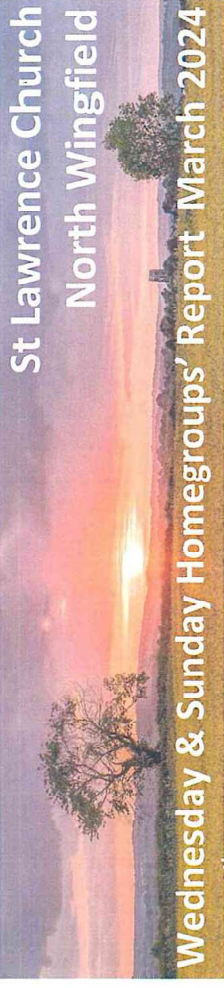
It is accepted that the pandemic had a significant effect on reducing Church attendance, primarily due to the Government policy of individual isolation to avoid the risk of spreading the infection. However, since that time Church attendance throughout the UK has fallen by 32%.

Discussions have subsequently taken place to suggest new methods of encouraging Church worship and attendance. Some good ideas have been made towards appealing to the wider community and the younger generation who perhaps have not yet considered spiritual devotion.

Certainly, our Church is dependent on the spiritual generosity and accompanied giving that helps sustain continuation of the Church under the auspices of the key vision in action that of "The Kingdom of God, Good News for All".

Best wishes to you all.

kindest regards,
John Ellon
Deanery & Synod representative.
St Lawrence Church



The Wednesday Homegroup that meets in Coppice Close, Hasland has continued over the past twelve months meeting in our home each week. Over the last twelve months the numbers grew to a potential of nineteen and so a decision was made to split the group as some were keen to meet in a smaller group and so the Sunday evening group was formed. Both groups have now grown in size so that we have a regular fifteen on a Wednesday and eleven on a Sunday. Both groups study the same passages which helps with preparation each week. The two groups are quite different and most of the Sunday Group do not attend St Lawrence but attend elsewhere or have no firm root in one particular church. We now have two Whatsapp groups that help us all to keep in touch and are used for a variety of purposes from requests for prayer, encouragement, fellowship and worship songs. The two Whatsapp Groups currently have a combined total of thirty-two people.

We have covered a variety of subjects and books. We spent some time on the subject of 'Forgiveness', something which seems to blight so many Christians today. We had a series of studies in Isaiah and then we looked at the Letter to the Hebrews. We also studied the Letter of Jude before completing a series of studies in Jeremiah. For the past couple of weeks we have studied the seven things that Jesus said on the cross under the title of 'Six Hours that Changed the World.' After Easter we hope to start on a series in Esther.

One of the things we have tried to do is to encourage all the group to take part in our weekly prayer session and this has resulted in everyone taking part.

The format of our evenings is that we start with refreshments which always include 'belters'. (You'll have to join us if you want to know what they are!!) Following refreshments and a time of sharing, we have a praise time, bible study and spend some time in prayer. We always try to apply what we have studied to us as individuals which helps to reinforce the relevance of the Bible today. The age range of our group is 30 to 80 which enables us to share a wide variety of life experiences.

Many in our group have faced challenging situations in their personal lives and we have endeavoured to support each other through these trials; we try to support those in the groups pastorally as time permits.

It is an absolute privilege to lead these groups and we thank God for each and every member of them. We feel certain that the Holy Spirit is present with us when we meet and we believe that God is helping us all to grow together.

Diane and Andrew Lamb
25/03/2024

St Lawrence Pre-School January-December 2023 report

We have started visiting all the children at home, before they started Pre-School, this has enabled us to start creating relationships with the children and families as well as support families with the transition into Pre-School.

We had fun with Bluey for Red Nose Day, to raise funds for a worthwhile cause, we wore blue and had lots of blue activities throughout the day.

We held our stay and play sports day in June, the children took part in various activities around pre school and parent's were invited to come and join in the fun. All the children received special medals and certificates for their hard work.

Our little garden was in full bloom over the summer months, the children did a fantastic job caring for the plants and vegetables they sowed in the spring. A special thanks goes to Dave Simkins who volunteers his time to support the children in planting and harvesting all the wonderful things. The children loved digging up the potatoes in the autumn and it was a great surprise to find so many which they have enjoyed tasting at snack time.

In the summer we had our annual trip, this year we went to the butterfly house, children and their families had a great day.

We have created a curriculum to meet the needs of the children, and we say it's EPIC!

- Experiences
- Physical
- Independence
- Communication and language

We have been working hard behind the scenes to adapt our routine to ensure it supports the current cohort of children.

In December we held our nativity play for the children who will leave for school, the staff and children put lots of hard work into preparing for the show and they did not disappoint, they were absolutely fantastic and made us all very proud.

For our Christmas party we invited the children and a parent/carer to join us for Breakfast/Brunch or Afternoon Tea with Santa. This gave parents/carers the opportunity to meet and the children had a visit from Santa, received a gift and had fun on the bouncy castle/physical apparatus.

Annual General Meeting

St. Lawrence Church

***The LORD is good to all, and his tender mercies are all over his works.
Psalms 145:9 KJV***

Deanery Synod

Our Church belongs to Hardwick Deanery, which consists of around 14 parishes.

Our parish, the benefice of North Wingfield, includes the Church of St Lawrence, St Bartholomew's, St. John's, St. Mary's and St. Barnabas, all which collectively make up the North Wingfield Team Ministry.

Each Church has an elected Deanery member and throughout 2023 I have represented St. Lawrence Church as lay-member on Deanery matters for both District Church and Parochial Church Councils.

Hardwick Deanery is part of the Archdeaconry of East Derbyshire, led by the Archdeacon – Karen Hamblin, and her supporting team notably, Area Dean – Karen Bradley, Secretary and Administrator – Alisa Cooling, Treasurer and Assistant Warden of Readers– Di Fretwell and Lay chair-person – John Atkin.

The Deanery forms part of the structure of Derby Diocese an inclusive member of the Church of England.

The Synod meets several times per year and generally discuss topics that emanate from the separate Diocesan Synod meetings, also held periodically.

During 2023 the major topics discussed, both at Diocesan and Deanery meetings were:

2030 Net Zero Carbon action plan

The goal to achieve Net Zero Carbon is a commitment made as part of the Strategy and Vision policy towards "The Kingdom of God, Good News for All". The aim is to reduce carbon emissions caused by inefficient energy consumption and corresponding pollution, whilst also being considerate of the environmental legacies that would be passed to our future generations.

St. Lawrence has addressed some of the local causes and has sought and implemented solutions that provides a direct benefit towards reducing carbon emissions. These are most notably obtaining energy supplies (Gas & Electricity) from renewable sources (who themselves commit to carbon net zero), changing electrical lighting for more efficient LED versions.

Whilst some of these changes may not be obvious to many who attend Church, they are in fact being gradually introduced by our Church Wardens.

Forming an Eco-Deanery

In 2023, Karen Bradley, our Area Dean proposed a commitment to do something as a deanery to unite all parish Churches. Something positive and life-giving by joining together collaboratively across the deanery that would help invigorate us all.

The proposal is to become an Eco Deanery.