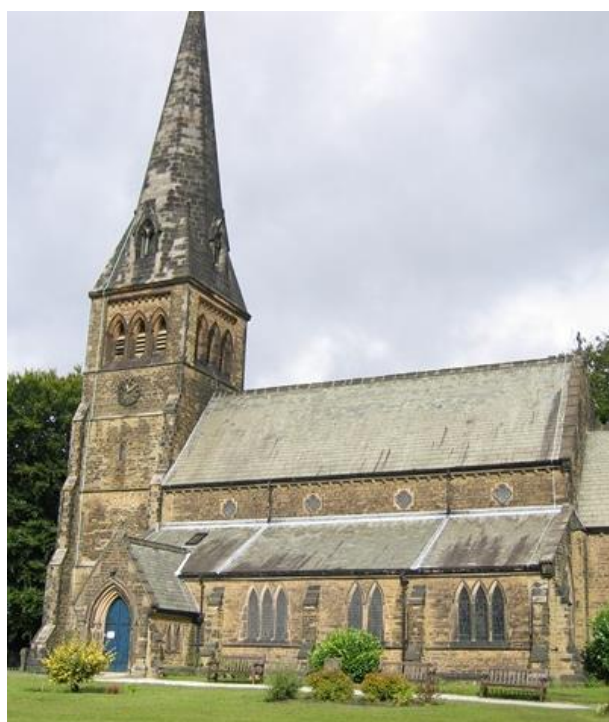


# Annual Church Reports

April 2022

For the District Church of St Bartholomew's, Clay Cross



A Team Church in the  
North Wingfield parish  
Team Ministry

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## St Bartholomew's, Clay Cross - Annual report for 2021/22

St Bartholomew's DCC has been in interregnum during 2021. The membership of the DCC in 2021/2022 was made up as follows:

Mr Rodney Leighton	PCC Churchwarden & chair	Until 2022
Mr David Green	DCC Churchwarden	Until 2022
Mrs Yvonne Haywood	Reader ex officio & Deanery Synod rep	Until 2023

### **DCC Elected Members**

Mrs Val Fenton		Until .....
Mrs Jane Kinsell	Safeguarding Link and PCC Representative	Until .....
Mr Nigel Strong	Treasurer	Until .....
Mrs Jennie Strong	Electoral Roll Officer	Until .....

Churchwardens are elected each year and can serve a maximum of six years as Churchwarden.

Deanery Synod representatives are elected for a three year term and only need re-electing when their three years have been completed. The three year terms start in 2017, 2020, 2023 etc.

## **Electoral Roll Report 2021/22**

The Electoral Roll for 2021 to 2022 ended with 30 names.

One name has sadly been removed from the electoral roll

Henry Pinney

Four names have been added to the electoral roll

David Green  
Cynthia Grainger  
Colin Gordon Morton  
Rosemary Ann Morton

This starts the Electoral Roll for 2022 to 2023 with 33 names.

Report prepared by  
Jennie Strong - Electoral Roll Officer

## Treasurer's Report 2021/22

The following tables show the details of the accounts with the last column, where relevant, showing the comparison to the 2020 accounts, but this was badly affected by the lockdown.

<b>TREASURER'S REPORT for St Bartholomew's Church, Dec 2021</b>		
<b>Main Account</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Brought forward 1st January</b>	<b>£2,768.55</b>	<b>£2,020.92</b>
<b>Income:</b>		
Covenanted giving	£6,281.36	£6,699.60
Collections	£5,636.70	£4,340.33
The tax rebate	£2,879.01	£3,200.02
Uncovenanted regular giving	£1,830.00	£1,920.00
Income from fees(Diocese) – Interregnum Fees	£1,581.00	£1,446.00
Income from fees(Church)	£1,745.00	£567.50
Income from fees(Honoraria)	£444.50	£326.50
Transfer from Reordering Account	£100.00	
<b>Donations to the church:</b>		
General	£1,050.00	£3,380.00
For external Lights	£250.00	
For Cleaner	£80.00	
<b>Donations given through the church:</b>		
Foodbank (£30 – Christmas Card Donations)	£50.00	£40.00
Social Services Presents	£40.00	
Open Doors	£85.00	
Fete Fundraising Event	£343.01	
Remembrance – H4H & British Legion	£184.52	
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>£22,580.10</b>	<b>£21,919.95</b>
<b>Expenditure:</b>		
The Parish Share	£17,312.00	£13,617.00
Clergy expenses(office)	£430.41	£403.40
Salaries and honoraria	£882.00	£182.50
Fees for PTO from sequestration	£429.00	-
Fees to the Diocese	-	£979.00
Upkeep of Services	£13.23	£83.18
Utility Bills (Electricity £533.35, Gas £1,613.76, Water £241.36)	£2,388.47	£3,044.65
Minor expenses (CCLI £336.66, Heating £255.60, Electrics £258.00)	£1,459.36	£1,326.11
Mission	£225.82	
Transfer to reordering	£350.00	
Repayment of loan to the Team	-	£200.00
<b>Money sent to charities:</b>		<b>£921.75</b>
Bell ringer Rep Fund	£3.00	
Tearfund	£300.00	

Money sent to charities through church:			<i>£414.73</i>
MAF	£164.00		
Open Doors	£85.00		
Foodbank	£229.01		
<b>Total expenditure:</b>		<b>£24,271.30</b>	<b>£21,172.32</b>
<b>Total carried forward 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2021</b>		<b>£1,077.35</b>	<b>£2,768.55</b>
<b><u>Refurbishment Account</u></b>			
<b>Brought forward 1st January</b>		<b>£2,693.99</b>	<b>£2,294.14</b>
<b><u>Income:</u></b>			
Covenanted giving	£540.00		<i>£540.00</i>
Transfer from Current Account(£250 donation)	£350.00		
Grant for clock repair - Probus	£300.00		<i>£500.00</i>
DCMS – VAT claim	£536.20		
<b>Total Income:</b>		<b>£1,726.20</b>	
<b><u>Expenditure:</u></b>			
Outside Lights	£452.00		<i>£640.15</i>
Clock Repair	£1,236.00		
New Easy Worship	£129.00		
Fire Alarm	£1,569.00		
Transfer to Current Account	£100.00		
<b>Total expenditure:</b>		<b>£3,513.00</b>	<b>£640.15</b>
<b>Total carried forward 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2021</b>		<b>£907.19</b>	<b>£2,693.99</b>
<b><u>Children's Work Account</u></b>			
<b>Brought forward 1st January</b>		<b>£306.30</b>	<b>£306.30</b>
<b><u>Income: None</u></b>			
<b><u>Expenditure: None</u></b>			
<b>Total carried forward 31st Dec 2021</b>		<b>£306.30</b>	<b>£306.30</b>
<b><u>CBF Account</u></b>			
<b>Brought forward 1st January</b>		<b>£374.14</b>	<b>£372.56</b>
<b><u>Income:</u></b>			
Interest	£0.20		<i>£1.58</i>
<b><u>Expenditure: None</u></b>			
<b>Total carried forward 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2021</b>		<b>£374.34</b>	<b>£374.14</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>£2,665.18</b>	<b>£6,142.98</b>

<b>Liabilities</b>			
Church Bibles	£14.22		
Children's Christmas presents - social services	£559.29		
Interregnum Fees	£1,425.00		
Loan from the Team	£1,800.00		
Mission (from the Team)	£727.55		
Help 4 Heroes (remembrance)	£92.26		
British Legion (remembrance)	£111.27		
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>£4,729.59</b>	<b>£9,026.38</b>
<b>Assets Minus Liabilities</b>		<b>-£2,064.41</b>	<b>-£2,883.40</b>

<b>Funds 2020</b>	<b>At Jan 1st</b>	<b>At Dec 31st</b>
Current Account	£2,768.55	£1,077.35
Reorder Account	£2,693.99	£907.19
Children's Account	£306.30	£306.30
In CBF	£374.14	£374.34
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>£6,142.98</b>	<b>£2,665.18</b>

**Notes:**

Tax Back claimed up to Mar 2021, the rest being claimed in Apr 2022.

Giving to charity from church was reduced due to a lack of funds and will hopefully be back to normal soon. Utilities down but a large bill in 2022 due to paying quarterly.

We managed to pay all of the diocese part of the Parish share and most of the Team part in 2021. Expenditure was generally in line with previous years and income, despite very generous giving, still struggles to cover expenses and we are reliant on the payments for weddings & funerals.

Report prepared by  
Nigel Strong  
Treasurer

## Deanery Synod Report 2021/22

The Deanery synod have met 3 times on zoom this year. In summer there were Diocesan synod elections. Clergy representatives are now Revd Karen Bradley and Revd Alex Mann. Laity representatives are Mr John Atkin, Miss Ailsa Cooling, Mr John Cooper, Mrs Di Fretwell, Mr James Taylor and Dr Allan Voice.

Deanery newsletters have been distributed highlighting good news stories that share information ideas and initiatives across the churches in the area.

The new vision for the diocese has been an ongoing topic in meetings. Revd Karen Bradley gave an update of where Bishop Libby feels the deanery needs to aspire towards. This is much in line with the national church.

We had opportunity to explore what churches in the area are doing well within the 5 Marks of mission and how this works within diocesan vision statement.

Each parish are encouraged to decide how to implement the vision at local level. Training will be offered when needs at the “coal face” have been clearly identified.

Deployment across the deanery is on continual review. Recruitment and legal processes for a 3rd Archdeacon are underway. The date of creation for the three new Archdeaconries is planned for 6th June 2022.

Speakers at Synod this year have been

1/Revd Jason Kennedy Director of missions talked about the vision toolkit.

2/Jo Henderson-Merrygold Lay Ministries development officer presented ways laity could be more involved

3/Graham Webster head of property.

and Nigel Sherratt from the Diocesan Advisory Committee came with practical advise.

Bishop Libby held two events for the deanery in October where congregations could have informal Q and A with officers from Church house. St Bartholomew’s Clay Cross hosted one of these evenings. Bishop Libby also has an open Invite to join a community of prayer in the lead up to the Diocese centenary in 2027.

The Safeguarding strategy 2022-25 has been presented with the aim that everyone involved with church will take responsibility and have appropriate training in care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in church.

The Diocese of Derby has adopted the House of Bishops’ Safeguarding Policy, ‘Promoting a Safer Church’.

Report prepared by:  
Yvonne Haywood & Val Fenton

## **Safeguarding Report 2021/22**

The Team as a whole, and St Bartholomew's church, continue to promote safeguarding in our churches.

Melanie Earland is co coordinating DBS checks and training, with many of our church officers renewing their basic or foundation training, this has to be completed every 3 years. St Bartholomew's is currently on level 2 on the safeguarding dashboard. We have approved policies, ensured the relevant information re reporting allegations is easily available and need to work through the social media policy. We also need to ensure we are compliant with Natasha's Law regarding allergies if refreshments are to be provided.

I can conclude that St Bartholomew's DCC has complied with the duty to have "due regard" to the House of Bishops' guidance in relation to safeguarding.

Report prepared by:

Jane Kinsell

Parish safeguarding officer for St Bartholomew's and St Barnabas Church  
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## **The Open Door Report 2021/22**

Due to the pandemic, there were no meetings until the Autumn of 2021

We had planned to have a Christmas party at the beginning of December but unfortunately there were new outbreaks of the virus so we decided the safest thing would be to cancel the party until a later date.

We resumed the meeting at the beginning of April. Everyone was delighted to be back and the afternoon was very enjoyable. Our aim is still to try and reach the lonely and isolated no matter what age they may be.

Report prepared by Janice Greatorex

For the Open Door

## **Housegroup Report 2021/22**

After a break for Covid the housegroup has been meeting weekly on a Tuesday afternoon at 2.30pm. We start with a cup of tea and a short time of sharing. After a brief Bible reading/study we pray for the World, needs of the Church and each other. If you are interested in joining a housegroup please speak to Rod Leighton.

For those who are unable to make Communion at Church we have a monthly service (said) starting at 2.30pm usually on the first Wednesday of the month led by Rev Michael Fenton. For details see Rod or Michael.

Report prepared by:

Chris & Rod Leighton

## **Music Group Report 2021/22**

We are still soldering on, and with the addition of Joanne, we have a bit more on the vocal side. Viv and Tony joined us for a while, hopefully they will return when things improve for them. Big thanks to Marilyn for staying with us through thick and thin. Her and Joanne make a good team.

Report prepared by:  
Dave Green

## **Clay Cross Bellringers Report 2021/22**

Unfortunately, the struggles which started with Covid restrictions seem to be continuing. This has meant we have rarely rung all six bells, except for one wedding and one service since Covid began. We have been mainly concentrating on between one and three bells for most Sunday services, (when regular helpers can assist). We do also try to continue to practice regularly even if we only have three or four ringers available.

At present masks are still encouraged, due to the poor air flow in the ringing chamber: so apologies to everyone on the tea and coffee rota, whilst we continue to have the back door open a little longer.

We rang for one wedding last year and have one booked for this June.

### **So what did else we achieved**

We have managed to ring most permitted Sundays, even if we only tolled due to the restrictions in force.

In April 2021 we managed to join the national ringing, (ringing two bells) following the death of HRH Prince Phillip, we also managed to ring for Remembrance Sunday, remembering those who had died during the Pandemic Remembrance Service, Christmas morning, plus more recently Mothering Sunday and Easter Sunday in 2022.

November saw us ring for Remembrance Sunday, half muffled as usual. Our muffles are starting to show signs of age, so if you know anyone who decides to replace their carpet, (where there is still some pile left in parts of their old one), please let us know .... just in case we need it for implementation of 'Operation London Bridge'... hopefully not this year, with all the Jubilee celebrations to look forward to.

Looking forward, I would hate the bells to become silent due to a lack of ringers; so, we really do need new recruits. If you would like a new hobby, (especially if you can persuade a friend / family to come as well), then please contact me to discuss this further, or simply turn up to our Friday night practice 7:30pm, we are a friendly bunch: it's fun, cheap and there is no age limit. You don't have to be musical, it's good for your mental and physical health: gentle stretching, once you have learnt the basics, though it may feel like a workout initially and memorising the patterns plus listening for your bell helps with mental well-being.

Karen Jeffrey  
(Ringing Master)



## **Secretary's Report 2021-2022**

The DCC met six times this year via Zoom and at St Barts church as COVID-19 rules were followed.

We, the DCC have tackled the challenges of COVID-19 and being interregnum with the help of all the Church Family helping as and when required.

Thanks to strong leadership of Rod, Dave and Yvonne we have offered Holy Communion on a regular basis. Thanks to Nigel who as treasurer keeps us from sinking into the red, and Jane who steers the Safeguarding policies through to completion.

Most of the other reports acknowledge the endeavours of individual groups concerned so I won't go into further details.

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