

Reports to APCM may 2022

Treasurers report

The treasurer Barbara Kenny had presented the accounts completed by Adam Sydall to the PCC on April 27th 2022. they had been approved in draft at this meeting

Mr Sydall had found the accounts accurate with no major issues or areas of concern .

The day to day accounts were now being recorded on Google sheets and Mr Sydall was able to share the spreadsheets remotely. He gave some advice to the treasurer as to the headings of the spreadsheet columns to help with the accounting at the end of the year. He also asked the treasurer to make clear which accounts were restricted on the Google spreadsheet.

It is intended to make all records available digitally this year using Google workspace.

Mr Sydall discussed with the treasurer the concern that not all funds were going through the church main accounts and separate records were kept by different groups in the church. Church accounts have PCC members as signatories, as they are the trustees of the church and accounts. The other accounts have non PCC members managing them. Mr Sydall suggested that the PCC needs to agree to separate funds being managed by non Pcc members and this needs to be minuted so it is clear the church and treasurer bear no liability for mis- management or errors with these separate accounts .

The parish share of £44,880 was paid in full during 2021 despite a reduction in income due to lock down and lack of activities. This was not the case for all churches so we should be proud of that.

We transferred £60,000 from an investment account to pay for the new boiler at St Annes.

The restricted St James refurbishment fund has been used to re-plaster and redecorate the church, re varnish the floor and provide a new carpet in the vestry.

The treasurer would like to thank Mr D Bonser for his management of the gift aid donations and recording to the diocese. Thanks also go to MR G Minshull for the substantial amount raised through the 100 club. I would also like to thank Mrs K Smith for her work in recording and organising payments for funerals.

Barbara Kenny May 2022

St James

There are currently no officers at St James Church apart from the church warden of St Annes who comes most weeks

Since lockdown the congregation has declined and many people who were involved as side persons etc. no longer want to be involved and are not coming to church very often, if at all. There is a small group of people who are keeping the church going and we are trying to encourage more people to get involved.

Children's worship

We have not had children's church sessions at St James since the lock down but have now started a Tuesday evening family worship which is proving popular. The children and families are involved in leading and contributing to this service.

Barbara Kenny