

The Parish Church of St Robert of Knaresborough Pannal

Annual Report 2019





**St Robert of Knaresborough Pannal
Parish Meeting & APCM for 2019
14 October 2020**

Agenda

1. Annual Parish Meeting:

To elect two Churchwardens

Proposed: Joan Adams

Ted Collings

2. Annual Parochial Church Meeting Reports:

The following reports have been presented to the meeting

2.1 Electoral Roll Report

2.2 Annual Report

2.3 Financial Statements (full copies available on request)

2.4 Fabric Report

2.5 Deanery Synod Report

3. APCM Elections:

3.1 3 Deanery Synod representatives

Proposed: Shirley Clegg

Anita Hawker

Christine Ward-Campbell

3.2 3 PCC representatives.

Proposed: Laura Dinning

Ann Howard

Rachael Stray

3.3 APCM Appointments:

3.3.1 Sidespeople (see list)

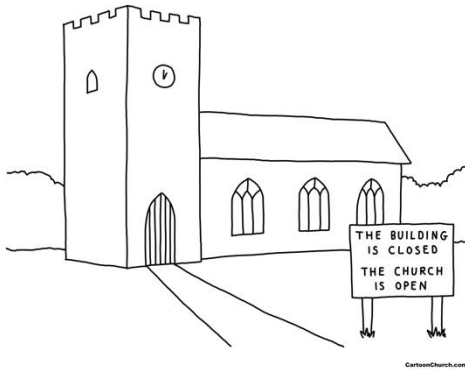
3.3.2 Appointment of Independent Examiner

Jo Thompson has indicated she is willing to continue to act and her reappointment is proposed.

4 Questions: Anyone wishing to raise a subject for discussion, resolution or recommendation at the Annual Meeting must inform the Chairman (the Vicar) before the start of the meeting via the comments box.

Vicars Comments

I am sure you will be in the same position as I am in that it is hard to remember what happened last year when so much has happened this year. We have never been in this position before, but I am constantly reminded by the cartoon below



that we don't stop being church. In 2019 that is what we did and in 2020 it will be what we do. There was much to celebrate from 2019: lots of social events; some fundraisers; new ways to worship; and opportunities and challenges for

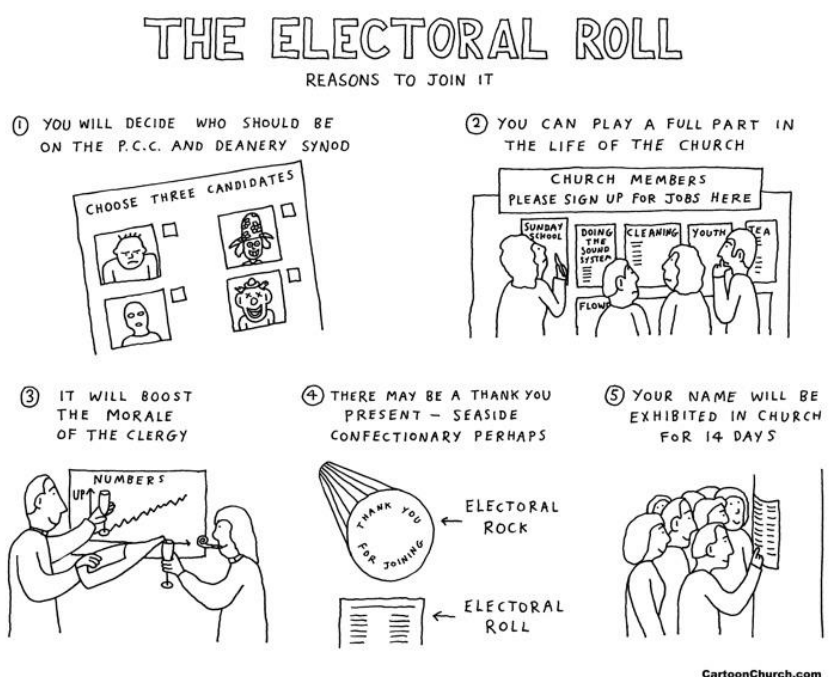
many people. One of the greatest things about the parish is the people... just amazing! It is one of the huge joys of ministering here....you. Yes, there are people that challenge us, there are



people who we find difficult but that is part of the richness and the joy, of the children and adults who make up our church. So, remember the fun and friendship we share. Remember that when the opportunities to meet socially are taken away it won't always be that way. Remember the fun we had in 2019 and let us look forward to the times ahead when we will continue to be the church that is open.

Electoral Roll Report

Since last year there have been 3 additions to the Electoral Roll. 7 names have been removed - 6 people has died and the other one has either moved away or gone elsewhere. The total has therefore decreased from 185 to 181.



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Ministry

We continue to engage in the everyday life of the parish and its people. There has been some thought and work undertaken on how we continue to engage our young people and how we build upon the work that we have. Towards the end of 2019 we had planned a new service called Crumpet Church to start in early 2020. Of course we know that was a huge success... and then Covid hit! We had built up our youth work with a core group of around 20 young people and were looking at a strategy to take that work to the next level. Our work with schools continued and we were part of a Diversity Day at Rossett High School as well as a Transition Day for Year 6 children. 'Open the Book' continued in school and 'What's the Story' was held at Christmas and Easter, bringing bible stories to children. Of course, much of the ministry of the church is unseen by many as we continue to minister to people through occasional offices (weddings, baptisms and funerals) as well as through the one-to-one pastoral encounters that occur. Abbie has continued with us as Curate although she will soon be on the move having completed her training. She has offered, and continues to offer, much in her ministry among us. We have also been blessed with Steve Palmer's ministry and he continues to plan and lead our All Age services as well as develop and encourage a large group of young lay leaders.



Mission & Outreach



One huge part of our outreach has been the way in which we enjoy being together and bringing others together. Of course our Beer Festival has become a regular fixture in the village and much looked forward too. In 2019 we started holding a Burn's Night supper which was a huge

success. Other events though the year included a Summer Barbecue, a French Music concert, Vicarage Teas (the return 2!) and a Race Night. Lunch club continues to reach out to a particular group who enjoy not only the wonderful food and beverages on offer but also a great time of fellowship. We of course continue to offer financial support to a number of organisations as part of our outreach as well as continuing our links and support of Meeting Point in Armley.



Worship & Discipleship

One thing we pride ourselves on is the quality of our worship. Music is a huge part of this and we are very blessed in this area. Kevin Paynes continues to lead the choir in an enthusiastic and encouraging way, bringing us new music as well



as some of our favourites. We are blessed with the quality of all our musicians and it forms an integral part of worship. We celebrated all the major festivals with standing room only at Easter and Christmas with over 500 people attending the crib services. Apart from carrying on the wonderful array of services, we have added a new

regular Taizé service which Adrian Cook has been planning and leading. This has been well received and has brought a new dimension to an existing extensive array of services. “Taizé at the Foot of the Cross” was a particularly poignant service. We confirmed eight people in a very moving service as our young people were confirmed alongside some of our older folks by Bishop Helen-Ann Hartley and Ben Clowes in a joint service with our Methodist friends. Steve Palmer started the Lay Worship Leaders course, developing his skills as a lay leader (not as though he needs it!).

Continuing the journey together



None of what we do is possible without the many resources required. In the latter part of the year we started looking at utilising the Parish Giving Scheme as well as looking strategically at our income. Through hard work and prudence we managed to end up with just over



£1000 deficit which was much smaller than anticipated. A big thank you to the finance and giving team who have helped achieve this. We look forward to moving forward together. During the year we achieved our Bronze Eco Church award from A Rocha; many thanks to Darren Leng for his help in achieving this. We continue to take seriously our commitment to our environment policy and the targets we have set. We ran a number of nurture courses and discipleship courses as well as continuing the bible study group during the year. We continue to look at how we can be church together.

Financial Statements - 2019 Summary of Accounts

| | Budget 2019 | To 31st Dec 2019 | % of Budget |
|-------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Income | | | |
| Planned giving (inc Gift Aid) | 105000 | 108122 | 103 |
| Other donations | 6500 | 14919 | 229 |
| Fees (weddings and funerals) | 3500 | 5477 | 156 |
| Fundraising events (gross) | 11000 | 12492 | 114 |
| Other income | 7200 | 7774 | 108 |
| Grants | 0 | 361 | - |
| Total income | 133200 | 149145 | 112 |
| Expenditure | | | |
| Charitable giving | 5500 | 5623 | 102 |
| Diocesan parish share | 109645 | 109645 | 100 |
| Ministry | 3000 | 2200 | 73 |
| Church running expenses | 16100 | 14875 | 92 |
| Church maintenance | 3000 | 3637 | 121 |
| Major repairs & replacement | 0 | 1236 | - |
| Office & admin costs | 11000 | 11219 | 102 |
| Fundraising costs | 3500 | 2011 | 57 |
| Total expenditure | 151745 | 150446 | 99 |
| Budgeted Deficit | -18545 | | |
| Year end Deficit 2019 | | -1301 | |

Summary

- A **deficit** budget of **£18545** was set at the start of the year, but we actually ended the year showing a **deficit** of **£1301**
- Our overall expenditure was 99% of budget, so we managed to keep within what we had forecast. However, our income was 12% more than forecast, hence the deficit being considerably better than anticipated
- Our investments did extremely well in 2019 (an increase of 22%), giving us an unrealised income of £13280, and a realised income of £1650 when we sold £10000 of investments in order to pay our Parish Share in full

Income

Our income ended the year £15945 above budget. Our general donations figure was hugely over budget, which included some substantial 'In Memoriam' donations as well as £1800 generously donated by the Lunch Club.

Fundraising has over achieved by around £1500. This included Beer Festival £4400, Summer BBQ £1400, Burns Night Supper £500, French Music concert £290, Easter raffle £282, Vicarage Teas £313, Christmas Hampers £680, Race Night £470, Music Circle £180, Junior Church cake stalls £58, Sunday coffee £223, Monday coffee £288. In addition, the 100 club raised £460.

Expenditure

The majority of the expenditure headings are below or on budget, the main exception being church maintenance, which ended up £600 over budget. This was due to a repair to the Chapter House Boiler of £430 and a repair to the clock of £1180.

Financial Situation for 2020

The Coronavirus crisis means that it is very difficult to assess the overall effect on our finances for 2020 and beyond. However, it is almost certain that our deficit will be greater than originally estimated. This makes it even more important to ask our supporters to sign up with a direct debit to our Planned Giving Scheme, in order to maximise our level of reliable income so that we can plan ahead.

Fabric Report

During the year 2019 the following notable events have taken place in relation to the fabric of our church.

- Eleven major holes in the car park surface were repaired at a cost of £1236, which was generously paid for by the parents at Pannal School.
- There was an interment of the ashes of Jenny Bentley in the Crypt with the kind permission of the Lay Rector Mr. Richard Burgin.
- The kitchen extract fan was cleaned as required by the last Quinquennial Inspection Report.
- Quotations were received from contractors interested in completing stonework repairs as required by the last Quinquennial Inspection Report. (Not actioned until 2020)
- Two areas of the Chapter House roof were repaired on separate occasions,
- The lightening conductor was tested during May.
- Main boilers, fire extinguishers, clock, organ and grass cutting equipment were all serviced at different times throughout the year.
- On change of Insurers, Smart Water for the roof lead and internal precious metal artefacts was purchased; all metal is now marked.
- A replacement ceiling light was fitted in the Foyer.
- A new thermostat was fitted to the oven, this unit is now obsolete and spares are hard to find.
- The water boiler had a new thermostat fitted.

I am grateful to Mr Tim Wilson for his continuing and invaluable help in dealing with a number of the above items. Ted Collings, Churchwarden.

Deanery Synod Meetings - 2019

During the year the Deanery Synod met on 4 occasions with the following topics and presentations.

- February – Simone Bennett - Deputy Diocesan Director of Education - Engaging with Schools: Change, Challenge & Opportunities
- May – Jonathan Gough, New Archdeacon
- July - Hayley Matthews - Lay Training
- November - Bishop Helen-Ann Hartley speaking on the diocesan strategy

Appointment of Sidespersons for 2020

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|--------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Joan Adams | Dorothy Glass | Ruth Peatman |
| Dianne Butterfield | Pat Graham | Harvey Pennell |
| Julie Butterworth | Jean Hannam | Rachael Stray |
| Rosemary Cannell | Carl Hopkins | Lucy Taylor |
| Karl Chapman | Ann Howard | Harriet Toy |
| Shirley Clegg | Jon Howard | Steve Turner |
| Chris Colbert | Angela Isted | Graham Wild |
| Judith Colbert | Julie Leonard | Liz Wild |
| Ted Collings | Dave Parratt | Peter Wilson |
| Jeremy Frearson | Joan Pearson | |