



## **Annual Report**

**for**

**2020**

## **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

**TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021 AT 7.00 PM  
ALL HALLOWS CHURCH**

This meeting begins with an act of worship

Mission Statement  
**Sharing God's Love:**  
**Joining together in the transforming mission of God**

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## **Agenda**

### **MEETING OF PARISHIONERS**

Apologies

1. Minutes of last meeting
2. Churchwardens Report
3. Election of Churchwardens

Closure of Meeting of Parishioners

### **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS HELD ON TUESDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2020 IN ALL HALLOWS CHURCH**

**Present:** Rev Mic Johnson, Revd Jean Lamb and Churchwardens Dorothy Ritchie and John Rigby and some 16 parishioners.

Mic welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened the meeting with a reading from John 15 v12... 'Love one another' and prayers.

**Apologies** were received from Revd Keith Williams, Noreen Burrows, John Dawn, Linda Freeman, Richard Seddon, John Tattersfield, Gillian White, Hilary Williams

Minutes of the Last Meeting: There were no corrections to be made and those present accepted the minutes.

**Churchwardens Report:** Mic thanked Dorothy and John for all the work they had done over the past year.

**Election of Churchwardens:** Dorothy Ritchie and John Rigby were nominated, proposed and seconded and with no other nominations were accepted as Church Wardens for the coming year.

This meeting closed at 7.20pm

## **CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT**

What a year we have had. A year that none of us could have foreseen! Last year's APCM needed to be postponed until October. Why? Well the COVID emergency. The first 'Lockdown' began in March and we closed the church, which meant that we were unable to hold Easter services in church. Our clergy rose brilliantly to the task of leading us in worship and prayer 'on-line' I cannot praise them too highly for the work that they have done in bringing on-line worship to us all.

The refurbishment scheme began in March 2020, for a few weeks only, as it was then stopped completely for several weeks, due to the 'Lockdown'. However, the work is now completed, and we hope to make full use of the servery and extra toilet, with real celebratory events, when we can fully reopen church again.

Due to the refurbishment work it was October before we were able to resume holding a Sunday service in church, although sadly the number attending the service needed to be limited. We don't think that any of us would have imagined, that, one day, we would need to book a place at a service! Thank you everyone for being so very patient and co-operative with this.

We continued with these limited services until the end of December when, due to the highly contagious nature of the new Covid strain, the decision was taken to again close All Hallows, from January 1st 2021.

We have been unable to celebrate so many things during this year, including the 75th Anniversary of D Day, our Patronal Sunday, and Remembrance Day

During 2020 we have also lost a few of our faithful worshippers, notably, the Revd Canon Christopher Gale, Gordon Tunnicliffe and Gladys Aspland. The restrictions on holding funerals in church and numbers attending making it especially sad for us to be unable to fully acknowledge their lives

We are so blessed by the way that everyone has united in keeping in touch with, and helping each other, by emails, phone calls, and just checking that neighbours and friends are well and coping.

We have been inspired by the variety of services that our clergy team have produced for all ages to view on-line, from Communion to 'Live at Five, and the service designed for Care Homes. The creativity involved in making these is outstanding. We must include Steve and members of the choir for their contribution to adding music to these services.

In conversations with Steve and Mic, we have been astonished by how many hours per week it takes to edit together individual contributions into a hymn or service.

The high numbers of people watching these services, not just from our parish, but from as far afield as New Zealand, is enlightening, and shows that there is a need for this form of worship, and that we should continue some on-line services even when we are able to return to being in church. The down-side is 'income' as on-line worshippers may overlook making a contribution to the work of All Hallows. As the Treasurer will explain in her report, our income has decreased substantially this year, making it impossible to satisfy our financial commitments.

Lorna, our parish administrator has recently left her post after 14 years of supporting the smooth running of our parish, in her always, friendly helpful and efficient way. Lorna has provided us with a list of her tasks, many of which we did not realise were required, for instance a nil return to the registrar, when we have no weddings.

As more of us are receiving the Covid Vaccine, our hope is that soon parish life will be able to return to a form of normality, when we will be able to resume a full church life worshipping together, as well as planning and holding social (and income raising) events.

Churchwardens

*John Rigby and Dorothy Ritchie.*

## Agenda

### ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

#### Apologies

1. Minutes of last meeting
2. Rector's Report
3. Electoral Roll Report
4. Election of Deanery Representatives
5. Election of PCC Members
6. Treasurer's Report & Appointment of Independent Examiner
7. Reports from Church Organisations: Questions may be asked
8. Resolutions to the PCC

#### Closing Prayers

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2020 IN ALL HALLOWS CHURCH

**Apologies** were received from Revd Keith Williams, Noreen Burrows, John Dawn, Linda Freeman, Richard Seddon, John Tattersfield, Gillian White, Hilary Williams  
Minutes of the last Meeting: There were no points of correction and the minutes were accepted as an accurate record.

**Rector's Report:** 2019 was a traumatic year, but the prayers, love and support Mic had received had been amazing.

**Electoral Roll Report:** There were 124 names on the roll at the APCM April 2019. The New Roll contains 118 names. 1 addition and 7 deletions at the time of closing.

**Election of Deanery Reps.** There was one nomination, Eleanor Wilson who was proposed, seconded and accepted. There were no other nominations leaving two vacancies. Janet Grinnell and Rick Wilson were thanked for their time as Deanery Reps.

**Election of PCC members.** Three people had completed their terms of office: Anthony Grove, Kathy Northern and Bev Salmon. Ex-officio members leaving the PCC were Janet Grinnell and Rick Wilson. Ted White had been co-opted in 2019 and wished to stand down. There were no nominations for PCC members leaving five members on the council from a possible total of fifteen. Thanks were given to all who had served on PCC and who had worked with dedication behind the scenes for the good of All Hallows Church.

**Treasurer's Report and Appointment of Independent Examiner:** A report and the Statement of Financial Activities and a Balance sheet for 31st December 2019 had been circulated in advance. Questions were invited from the floor. The accounts had been audited by D.H. Hollingworth Accountants and were duly accepted. Eleanor explained the situation with the new proprietors and the offer of a reduced fee. D&D Accountancy Services were recommended as the independent examiners for 2020 this was approved.

**Reports from Church Organisations:** The reports were open for questions.

Building Trust: A treasurer is required for the Building Trust

Memorial Hall: Two vacancies for Trustees and vacancies for committee members if anyone would like to join the group.

### **Resolutions to the PCC**

Anthony Grove: Asked if the main door could be closed during services. Mic offered to open the Priest door during services to allow for circulation of air so that the main door could be closed.

1. Keith Hollingworth: Asked what was going to be done with the kneelers.

2. Keith Hollingworth: Requested that focus should be on the outside of church and to look closely at the fabric of the building. It was explained that the Quinquennial report is currently being compiled and some work is already taking place.
3. Keith Hollingworth: Wanted to know what was happening about the shed. It was explained that due to numerous complications there are no plans for a new shed. The contents of the old shed have been stored away and the old shed removed.
4. Keith Hollingworth: Requested that more information should be made available to the congregation who are not in receipt of PCC minutes.
5. Rick Wilson: Asked PCC to think about an alternative way to present information to the parish as it seems likely that the Gedling Magazine will end December 2020.

Mic thanked the magazine team for all their work and understood the frustrations over the last few months at the restrictions that prevented the magazine to be produced in print, however it was good to see the editions on the church website.

**Any Other Business** – none

Mic thanked everyone for their attendance at this very unusual October APCM

The meeting ended with the Grace and closed at 7.30pm

## RECTOR'S REPORT

Philippians 4 vs 8&9b

“<sup>8</sup>Brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. And the God of peace will be with you.”

As I sat down to write this report these verses from Philippians came to mind. Paul is most likely writing this letter to the church in Philippi whilst in prison in Rome. He wrote the letter partly to thank them for their gifts and their support, partly to teach and partly to remind them to rejoice in whatever circumstances they found themselves in.

Maybe looking over the past year is the reason why this passage came to me: we've been through some difficult times together. As individuals and as a church, the certainties of life have been shaken. We have, at times, moved from hope to despair, often within a few days, but we have continued to worship together and support each other.

I would like to thank for all their help: John and Dorothy, Steve and Margaret, Eleanor and the PCC. I would like also to give a special thank you to Lorna who was the Parish admin for 14 years. Her gifts and talents kept this church running. If this church looked like a graceful swan swimming it was because Lorna was paddling, frantically, behind the scenes.

I would also like to mention John Tattersfield and Maureen Stanniford, both of whom have chosen to step back from being Readers. Maureen has been made a Reader Emeritus for years of service to churches in the diocese and is now working for Age Concern. John continues in his role of Chair for The Ark and in bringing a new service to life in “the Two's Company” phone support. The Church family will always be here for each of them and will continue to pray for them in their new ministries.

The ministry team has had to make some big changes over the last year to provide worship in so many formats. Our Readers have adapted to the digital world, providing services to our

community homes through YouTube and giving regular midweek moments to support faith. Jean has presented traditional worship online, making it feel alive and fresh. Keith's wisdom has shown through all he has done. Our Junior Church have shown gifts that provided new opportunities for us to worship together.

We now live-stream our Sunday morning service as well as our midweek service. We have made sure that each season has had its own service and the time given to recording, editing and producing these has been appreciated by so many. Steve and the choir's dedication to providing hymns and songs of worship for these has been an amazing blessing. I thank them for the time they have given to this. Our more informal worship, Live at Five, continues to gain its own regular followers.

The outcome of all of this is that, not only have members of our congregation been able to worship through Facebook, YouTube and the phone services but we have been joined by people from all over Gedling, the country and the world.

We as a Church will need to look at how worship continues over the next few months, which areas could be built on and maybe recognise where we need to change how we do things.

During times when we have been able to meet in church Rick and Eleanor and the team have done a fantastic job keeping the church clean and hygienic.

We have completed our long-term project - we now have two wonderful new facilities, our refreshment area, and our new toilets. I would like to thank Ted and the redevelopment committee who have worked so hard over the years to bring this project to completion. Despite Covid, this work has been completed to an extremely high standard. Now this has been completed we have the opportunity to look at the church building, making it a flexible space for fresh uses.

However, with the completion of this work, we'll need to turn our attention to the rest of the building. The Quinquennial has shown us a number of areas in and on the church that we need

to repair and restore and our heating system is beginning to approach the end of its useful life.

The reality is the one area where we are struggling is our income. we have been unable to do our normal fund-raising activities over the year, giving from services is down and, although we have set up other ways of giving such as Give a Little Button on the line platforms, these have not replaced the income.

Our Parish Share will need to still be paid to support your ministers, both active and retired, as well as help support the work of the diocese.

As we look into the next year and further ahead, we do need to take a moment to remember. We need to place all our concern, worries, our hopes and our plans before God remembering that the God of peace will be with us.

*Reverend Mic Johnson*

## **ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT**

Since October 2020 there have been no inclusions onto the Electoral Roll and there have been three deletions through death or relocation. The Electoral Roll number now stands at 115 as at the time of revision.

*Keith Hollingworth, Electoral Roll Officer*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

At the end of 2020 we carried forward a working balance of £3622 which was comparable to our working balance at the end of 2019.

We received income for specific projects: Tea Bar Grants £8500; legacies £2100, tea bar and audio fund raising £2341 and donations for cleaning £1018. The Building Trust transferred £38500 to PCC for the tea bar project.

Although we paid £34760 to the Diocese we were unable to pay our Giving for Ministry in full, with a shortfall of £16,000. This was due to closure of church resulting in lack of money on the collection plate and the inability to raise money for PCC funds through fund raising events. In addition the reduction of planned giving income and the Diocese asking for an increase of £1860 for Giving for Ministry resulted in our shortfall.

Throughout 2020 methods of collections for charity were diminished.

From PCC funds a total of £870 was donated which represents 1.5% of income as follows:

- Support for The Ark £710 and Malawi £60
- PCC met the running costs for hosting and helping with Christingle Service for the Children's Society. Donations amounted to £222 plus donations from collection boxes.
- PCC funds £50 to The Royal British Legion + £50 donations
- PCC funds £50 to Framework + cheques donated
- From the Gift Service new toys and vouchers for the Great Notts Christmas Toy Appeal;
- Donations for Bags of Blessings were organised and the Food bank receives on going support from donations.

Our major expenses were:- £34760 Giving for Ministry (a reduction of £14140 from 2019); £7992 for Organist and Parish Administrator; £3565 for utilities (a reduction of £1000); £4610 on insurance; £2730 on stationery, printing costs, land line and broadband (a reduction of £300) and £1985 on church

maintenance; Total decrease compared to 2019 by approximately: £15500

Our income mainly came from:- Regular Planned Giving £37896, (down by £3550 from 2019), Income Tax return £10566; Weddings and Funerals £3257; Birthday appeal £908. Collections on the plate £1059 and donations £1840 (down by £2274 from 2019) ; PCC fund raising £0 (down by £5630 from 2019) and £2000 from the proceeds of Gedling magazine. Including all PCC income a decrease of around £12500

We had been reducing our working balance year on year, this year in order to be able to carry forward a working balance of £3622 and to pay our bills, we were unable to fulfil our commitment to pay Giving for Ministry.

In the savings account we have £39876 and funds for refurbishment and repairs of £12000 in the bank account + VAT return expected of £5600.

In 2021 we are committed to the following works: Finish the tea bar £1062; Office roof £4600; Repair the WRVS window £1400; Drainage foot of tower £2850; new boilers £1400 = £11312 + VAT which clears the funds in the bank account.

Recommendation at the Deanery meeting in November to retain up to 6 months of trading, this amounts to £40,000 which is represented by the funds in the savings account. We still have the quinquennial work to carry out and so far the report suggests that the clerestory windows require attention. Funds will have to be drawn from the 6 months reserve and fund raising will be necessary before any further refurbishment projects take place.

I would recommend to you that Rachel Wright of D&D Accountancy Services (part of K2Group), Ilkeston is re-appointed to examine our books again next year. She offers an extremely friendly and helpful service at a very reasonable rate, which she sees as part of her Charitable Giving.

*Eleanor Wilson, Treasurer*

**ALL HALLOWS CHURCH GEDLING**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
<b><u>Income and Endowments</u></b>						
Voluntary income	2(a)	56563	50319	0	106882	158403
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	2456	0	0	2456	9586
Income from investments	2(c)	425	0	0	425	495
Church activities	2(d)	3257	0	0	3257	3717
Other income	2(e)	0	8345	0	8345	772
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>62701</b>	<b>58664</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>121365</b>	<b>172973</b>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>						
Church activities	3(a)	91474	67432	0	158906	87574
Fund-raising trading costs	3(b)	0	0	0	0	126
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>91474</b>	<b>67432</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>158906</b>	<b>87700</b>
<b>Net Income/(Expenditure) before Transfers</b>		<b>(28773)</b>	<b>(8768)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(37541)</b>	<b>85273</b>
<b>Gross transfers between funds</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net Income/(Expenditure) before Other Recognised Gains/Losses</b>		<b>(28773)</b>	<b>(8768)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(37541)</b>	<b>85273</b>
<b>Gains and losses on Investment Assets</b>		<b>36</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(28737)</b>	<b>(8768)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(37505)</b>	<b>85295</b>
<b>Balances brought forward 1st January 2020</b>		<b>103653</b>	<b>21689</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>125342</b>	<b>38028</b>
<b>Balances carried forward 31st December 2020</b>		<b>74916</b>	<b>12921</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>87837</b>	<b>123323</b>

**ALL HALLOWS CHURCH GEDLING**

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
<b><u>Fixed Assets</u></b>						
Investments	6(a)	1053	0	0	1053	1017
Tangible assets	6(b)	13754	11875	0	25629	12724
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		<b>14807</b>	<b>11875</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26682</b>	<b>13741</b>
<b><u>Current Assets</u></b>						
Debtors	7	533	0	0	533	524
Short term deposits		43722	775	0	44497	99089
Cash at bank and in hand	11	17789	271	0	18060	13341
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>62044</b>	<b>1046</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>63090</b>	<b>112954</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	8	<b>(1935)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(1935)</b>	<b>(1353)</b>
<b>Net Current Assets/ (Liabilities)</b>		<b>60109</b>	<b>1046</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>61155</b>	<b>111601</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	9	<b>74916</b>	<b>12921</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>87837</b>	<b>125342</b>
<b><u>Parish Funds</u></b>						
Unrestricted funds					74916	103653
Restricted funds					12921	21689
Endowment funds					0	0
<b>Total funds</b>					<b>87837</b>	<b>125342</b>

The foregoing accounts have been independently examined by ourselves without carrying out an audit, from the books and records of the Church and from information and explanations supplied to us by the Treasurer.

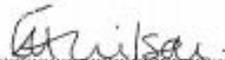
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I approve the foregoing accounts and confirm that I have made available all records and information for their preparation.



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Mrs E A Wilson  
( Treasurer , All Hallows Church )



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### Independent Examiner's Report

To the PCC of All Hallows Church, Gedling,

We report on the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 which are set out on pages 1 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the Independent Examiner

The PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. As members of the PCC you consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;

follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and

state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiners statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention

1 which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or to prepare Accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or

2 to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Miss R Wright  
On behalf of D & D Accountancy Services Ltd

1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

## REPORTS FOR 2020

### PCC REPORT

**Membership:** members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. During 2020 the following served as members of the PCC.

Incumbent	Revd. Mic Johnson
Associate Priest	Revd. Keith Williams (Retired) Revd. Jean Lamb
Licenced Lay Ministers	Mrs. Margaret Hicking Mr. John Tattersfield (until APCM 2020)
Churchwardens	Mrs. Dorothy Ritchie-Hollingworth Mr John Rigby
Deanery Synod	Mrs. Eleanor Wilson Mr. Rick Wilson (until APCM 2020) Mrs. Janet Grinnell (until APCM 2020)
Elected Members	Mr Graham Francis Mr. Anthony Grove (until APCM 2020) Mr. Steve Hicking Mrs Orla Mills Mrs. Kathy Northern (until APCM 2020) Mrs. Bev Salmon (until APCM 2020) Mrs J Seddon Mr. Ted White (until APCM 2020) Mrs. Pat Yarnall

The Secretary and Treasurer of the PCC was Mrs Eleanor Wilson

At the 2020 APCM in October, no new members were elected. This left five vacancies on the PCC from 2020, one vacancy from the 2019 intake and four vacancies from the 2018 intake. We thank Julia Seddon for coming to the end of her three-year term on the council and for the input she has given while in office. We look forward to welcoming five new members to the PCC in 2021.

There were several resolutions presented at the APCM in 2020 some of which were resolved at the meeting. Those that were taken to PCC were dealt with as follows:

## **Resolutions to PCC**

1. Keith Hollingworth asked what was going to be done with the kneelers. The kneeler project is in hand with Dorothy Ritchie.
2. Keith Hollingworth requested that more information should be made available to the congregation who are not in receipt of PCC minutes.
3. Rick Wilson wanted to know what would happen to information once the magazine ceased to be published.

Taking Keith and Rick's resolutions, at the November meeting it was agreed that a communication group should be set up to look at ways that information can be gathered and passed on to the community. The group agreed that church information that had previously been published in the magazine relating to church could be found on the All Hallows website. PCC minutes once approved would be published on the website. It was also agreed that once Covid restrictions were lifted and with Revd Mic Johnson's input, the website, facebook and pew leaflet could be redesigned for easier access to information.

## **Other business throughout 2020**

There were eight PCC meetings throughout the year. Five in person and three via Zoom. Seven meetings were chaired by Mic and one by John Rigby. PCC were extremely pleased to receive reports that Mic's eye health was steadily improving.

PCC meetings at the beginning of the year were dealing with church being in upheaval for the works about to start on the tea bar and toilets. With health and safety concerns over the use of church, the Memorial Hall was to be used for services and Wednesday open day.

The newly formed Social Organising group was starting to plan for the Pilgrim Fathers anniversary, for VE Day, the Easter coffee morning, having a stall at Gedling Gala and a Gordon Giltrap concert. Keith Hollingworth had offered to research into the installation of solar panels on All Hallows roof and Julia Seddon reported that Junior Church leaders had dwindled and support was needed in helping to run Sunday morning sessions.

At the May Zoom meeting there was little to report, all events had been cancelled and church had been closed since 22nd March – Mothering Sunday. Online services had been running with thanks to Mic, Steve and technology and by the end of the summer, plans were being made to follow Government guidelines on the safe opening of public buildings.

PCC met in person for the September meeting at Holy Trinity church as the slow progress of the refurbishment work prevented All Hallows being open. PCC gave the builders a deadline of the end of September to enable reopening of church, albeit with Covid restrictions and a capacity of 40 congregants. By October, following a professional clean, church was open for Sunday services and the use of the much-awaited new Audio system. The postponed APCM also took place in October. Junior Church were unable to meet due to restrictions and concern was expressed that families were not being catered for. A decision was made to cancel plans for the Remembrance service to be held at the War Memorial because of concerns over large crowds gathering, then the planned church services were also cancelled following the second lockdown being put in place.

Back to Zoom meetings again and it was decided that following Diocesan guidance, church could be open for a couple of hours on Wednesday and Saturday for private prayer and members of PCC joined a rota to help manage the sessions. Services continued to be streamed live online and church had permission to reopen at the beginning of December. Over the Christmas period Covid rates were rising again and PCC voted to close church from the first Sunday in 2021 until it was deemed safer to reopen.

### **Standing Committee**

The Standing Committee met three times: to approve a telephone service for congregants to access a weekly sermon; to receive information about opening church safely and making a decision about keeping church closed due to health and safety concerns; to consider several matters regarding the works progressing on the tea bar and other maintenance issues.

*Eleanor Wilson, PCC Secretary*

## **ASSOCIATE PRIEST REPORT**

2020 has been a year like no other for the Church of England from mid March with a series of lockdowns in the COVID19 Pandemic. We can therefore look back to the beginning of the year until 18th March with some Schade Freude.

On 1st January I took the New Year's Day Eucharist which launched our Parish walk to the Ferry Boat Inn at Stoke Bardolph, where we had an enjoyable pub lunch. Our Sunday patterns of worship were composed of 8am BCP, followed by 9.30am Parish Communion and 6pm Evensong: thus providing a mix of contemplative quiet prayer, a praising communal family service and thankful praise in the evening.

I led a Quiet Day at Costock Convent for 9 people on 29th February; a joyful foundation for COVID times to come. We had a Clergy Study Day on 10th March and my MDR was helpful and encouraging. Thank you for all who supported me.

By the end of March I was recording services in my Chapel at home. I walked The Way of the Cross through Gedling in Holy Week and celebrated the Easter Triduum, lighting the fires of Easter. After Easter I set up a new device to capture our Lockdown creativity on the Practising Platform, for an exhibition after the Pandemic is over.

We have lost friends; Claire Bower, David Moreton, Gordon Tunnicliffe, Ruth Shelton (100), Gladys Aspland (99), Yvonne Thompson, Alan Bolton. Prayer walks have been a lifeline for many; pastoral telephone calls, Pew Leaflets delivered: our friends remembered: I said Holy Communion in peoples' homes. In the last lockdown Mic and I have said Holy Communion every Sunday together in Church.

Finally, I have been indebted to Lorna for her tireless administrative excellence and practical support, applied through a spiritual wisdom. Lorna, thank you.

*The Reverend Jean Lamb Associate Priest All Hallows Parish Church and Holy Trinity Church Lambley.*

## **LAY MINISTERS' REPORT**

During the year 2020 there is one thing (among many) that I have learnt and that is there are many lay ministers in our Parish. Many are recognised (LLM's) where as, others working just as hard, go about doing all manner of ministerial things.

So, I would like to thank them all, on behalf of us all for providing pastoral care, prayers, readings, drawings, videos, bible studies and encouraging us all in this very difficult time of COVID illness and lockdown.

At the beginning of the year, we started out thinking that things would be pretty much the same but as numbers became more serious, we had to learn a new way of working. Technology playing a greater part and flexibility being a byword for all our planned worship. Maureen Staniford has moved on to taking a greater part in pastoral care of older folk in the community by joining the support team of Age UK'. John Tattersfield has taken time out to focus on the work of the Ark, a support for the community at Phoenix Farm and an evangelical outreach.

Thank you once again for your continued support,  
Every blessing,

*Margaret Hicking and John Rigby.*

## **GROWING DISCIPLES 'WIDER'**

### **MUSIC IN WORSHIP REPORT**

The choir at present has fourteen regular members and there are other singers in church who we can call on to augment for special services.

Firstly, a tribute to Gladys Aspland, who for over thirty years has been a member of the choir and continued to sing soprano with us in her ninety-ninth year, may she rest in peace. Gladys had a bright and clear soprano voice; she was a great supporter of the choir and its choral tradition and will be missed by us all.

The choir has continued to record and transmit hymns during closure, and I am very grateful to choir members who have wrestled with technology to bring our congregation weekly hymns. Special thanks too for our new virtual members, Elaine Camenisch and Richard and Sarah Potts also occasional soloists Kate Hodgkinson, Chris Satterley and John Rigby. All our members have expressed a desire to keep on singing, I value their support and of course the support of members who do not have the special equipment to record themselves.

Looking to the future, a lot has been learnt during closure, and as a choir we will be grasping what technology has now to offer. The new audio system in church will enable the choirs' voice to be heard, our mission is to lead our congregation in glorifying the Lord with songs of praise.

Thank you Keith Hollingworth for preparing our accounts and to all choir members and all our supporters who have been so complimentary of our efforts. We look forward to singing in church and using our newly refurbished vestry soon and we welcome new members to join us.

*Steve Hicking, Organist & Choirmaster/video editor*

<b>MUSIC IN WORSHIP Keith Hollingworth</b>	<b>IN</b>	<b>OUT</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
Opening Balance			1398.05
RSCM music books		108.80	
<b>Total Income</b>			0.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>			108.80
<b>Excess Expenditure</b>			108.08
<b>Total Balance</b>			<b>1289.25</b>

### **Note to Accounts**

Due to the Covid Restriction prevalent in 2020 causing difficulties, the account has not been audited. I have been unable to retrieve any bank statements within time for this report.

I can state that from 1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020 there has only been one cheque issued for £108.80. There has been no income. The balance in the bank account as at 26th February 2020 (last statement obtained) stood at £1289.25 with £82 cash in hand.

*Keith Hollingworth*

### **BELL RINGERS REPORT**

What a year 2020 has been for all of us!

On Sunday 22nd March – Mothering Sunday – we rang for the last time before ‘lockdown’. The ringing of church bells ceased all over the country. We weren’t able to ring again until early October, when Church services were able to take place for a short time. Even then we could only ring 4 of the 8 bells, as we had to be ‘socially distanced’ and wear masks. Then came another ‘lockdown’ in November. However, we did ring for Christmas Day.

Sadly our friend and fellow Chorister at All Hallows, Gladys Aspland, passed away on 19th November so I went up the tower and chimed the Tenor bell 99 times (her age) for her and the family. My thanks to Phil Wild who tolled the Tenor bell on the day of her Funeral – called ‘The three Taylors’ 3x2 then 99 for her age and another 3x2 to signify a lady of the Parish.

During the year I have kept in touch with all the ringers each Wednesday by phone message. Thankfully most of us have had our first Vaccination and we will be able to return to some kind of normality for everyone this year, including ringing the bells once again.

My thanks to all the ringers and I look forward to meeting you all in person in the not too distant future and being able to ring the bells once again.

God Bless

*John R Rigby, Tower Captain*

<b>BELLRINGERS 2020</b>	<b>IN</b>	<b>OUT</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
<b>John Rigby</b>			
Opening Balance			1155.10
Bank Interest	2.41		
<b>Total Income</b>			2.41
<b>Total Expenditure</b>			0.00
<b>Excess Income</b>			2.41
<b>Total Balance</b>			<b>1157.51</b>

## **THE GEDLING MAGAZINE REPORT**

2020 was a year that was expected to be a celebration of 150 years of continual publication of the Magazine with the hope that a new editorial group would take it forward into the future but unfortunately this was not to happen. The production started well with a new firm of printers, Anchor Press, who received digital copy and generated magazines with better quality pictures than had previously been achieved and with a 98% take up of advertising space.

The outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic caused the aborting of the April edition and the Magazine was published as a PDF version becoming available online through the All Hallows website. There was too much risk involved in creating hard copies as this would have involved putting our distributors into a vulnerable situation, our retail outlets were likely to close and church sales were unable to happen due to closure of the building. The online version gave more flexibility for the editorial team as deadlines became flexible but I have to apologise to our local readership who were unable to access the internet. The regular contributors continued to produce monthly articles which enabled the Magazine to maintain much community news and updates as well as giving general interest articles, quizzes, church updates and a directory of local business and services. We thank all those who provided material.

As nobody was willing to take up the work of the magazine the last edition was published online with the December 2020 edition. My grateful thanks go to the editorial team, Janet, Joan & Keith and Eleanor for their excellent support and advice throughout a very difficult year. The group of distributors did their usual great job at the beginning of the year and we thank our advertisers for their support. Remaining funds will be used for works within the Church including updating the floodlights on the tower and spire.

It is hoped that a display outlining the 150 years of the Magazine will be put into church when normal activities resume. In the meantime all available editions will be archived in church and can be made available for public viewing on request.

*Rick Wilson, Editor*

<b>THE GEDLING MAGAZINE Janet Grinnell</b>	<b>IN</b>	<b>OUT</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
Opening Balance			4608.39
Subscriptions	1945.20		
Adverts	1500.00		
Printing		480.00	
Expenses		180.23	
Transfer to All Hallows		2000.00	
<b>Total Income</b>			3445.20
<b>Total Expenditure</b>			2660.23
<b>Excess Income</b>			784.97
<b>Total Balance</b>			<b>5393.36</b>

## **ALL HALLOWS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP REPORT**

The Fellowship held its last AGM on February 1st 2020, reviewing an eventful year, culminating in the creation of the Gedling Nativity Stall featuring Reverend Jean Lamb's poignant painting of the nativity scene. A number of events were planned for the forthcoming year, beginning with an ever-popular Men's Breakfast held on 7th March. A visit to the Daybrook Men in Sheds workshop on Tuesday 10th March sadly was to be the last Fellowship event before the restrictions brought on by the pandemic. Particularly disappointing was the inevitable cancellation of the AHMF Parish Christmas Lunch.

Members of the Fellowship have remained in touch with each other during 2020, although no formal events or meetings have been possible. We all look forward to returning to our monthly Men's Breakfasts in the Willowbrook as soon as it is able to reopen without restrictions. We will then be able to hold our 2021 AGM and plan for the future.

As I am stepping down as Chair of the Fellowship as from the next AGM, I would like to take this opportunity to thank members, and in particular: Bill Cox, John Dawn, Tony Harrison, Steve Hicking, Andy Morley and Rick Wilson, for their steadfast support during my tenure.

With every good wish and blessing

*John Tattersfield*

<b>MEN'S FELLOWSHIP</b>	<b>IN</b>	<b>OUT</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
<b>Andy Morley</b>			
Opening Balance			1061.27
Membership Fees	105.00		
AGM Breakfast	85.00	88.90	
Gift for Brian Goodliffe		20.00	
<b>Total Income</b>			190.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>			108.90
<b>Excess Income</b>			81.10
<b>Total Balance</b>			<b>1142.37</b>

## **WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK REPORT**

*[www.allhallowsgedling.co.uk](http://www.allhallowsgedling.co.uk)*

The website is provided by Weebly and our version is free. The need for the website has been crucial this year. It is proving to be a most valuable medium for sharing our services and keeping us updated. The website now is shared with Lambley Holy Trinity and this partnership will continue to grow. The website is closely linked too with our Facebook account and a new edition to our church, a YouTube account which is called All Hallows Gedling Holy Trinity Lambley.

Church services have been relayed live on Facebook, are embedded on the YouTube account and shared on the website.

At present we are streamlining the website and it is being updated almost daily. We now have a team of website editors, Revd Mic Johnson has been posting services and announcements, Eleanor Wilson is posting events and news items, Ted White has created a weekly update on church refurbishment and Dorothy Richie is now posting the weekly pew leaflet.

Our best wishes and thanks to Lorna Gilbertson who was regularly updating services, the pew leaflet and calendar on the website.

For the future we see the website as the link to all our multimedia tools, we welcome new editors and contributions as we move forward sharing our faith on the internet.

*Steve Hicking website editor.*

## **PASTORAL CARE TEAM REPORT**

The purpose of the Pastoral team is to support and nurture members of our congregation and community who are at a time of their lives where they need not only the love of God but also help from the church. Please let us know if someone you know would welcome a visit or phone call.

Before the COVID-19 restrictions our team were regularly visiting the local nursing homes and offering a visit to those who are sick and in need, in our community. A small team also visited and took communion as part of the hospital chaplaincy team.

With the curtailment of our individual freedoms, we have been making the most of technology to continue sharing the love of God in our regular monthly broadcasts to the care homes. This, I am happy to report, has been welcomed and we have managed to continue the links we have.

In addition, using our discretion and social distancing we have continued to circulate, in person, the pew leaflet and other publications to those who do not have access to the internet.

We look forward to the lifting of lockdown and we thank God for the vaccine programme which in the future, will help enable us to safely continue our ministry.

God Bless you all,

*Margaret Hicking, John Rigby and team.*

## **FRIENDS OF ALL HALLOWS REPORT**

At the AGM of The Friends January 2020 there were a total of 55 paid up members and 7 life members with a committee of twelve people whose remit was to organise events to raise funds for projects directed by PCC. Unfortunately, when it came to electing officers no nominations had been received despite the posts of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer being advertised widely in church. Without any officers to run the Friends and to organise fund raising events, the Friends of All Hallows as a group was unable to function.

The Friends had been commissioned to raise funds for the tea bar and toilet refurbishment project. As this was almost complete it was suggested that the Friends could go into "hibernation" for a while. This had also happened after Friends fund raising for the Spire until Friends was re-formed in 2013.

In lieu of a fund raising group, it had been agreed at a PCC meeting that a new "social organising committee" should be set up to coordinate all social activities within the church, including coffee mornings and other fund raisers.

It would seem appropriate that when we can eventually meet together, an official opening of the tea bar and toilets should take place. All those who have had a part to play in the raising of funds and installation of the tea bar and toilets should be invited to the opening, after what has been a very challenging year.

*Eleanor Wilson, Ex-Chair*

<b>FRIENDS OF ALL HALLOWS Ted White</b>	<b>IN</b>	<b>OUT</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
Opening Balance			2732.04
Subscriptions	34.00		
Ride and Stride	35.00		
Ted's Talks	50.00		
Transfer to AH Building Trust		2500.00	
<b>Total Income</b>			119.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>			2500.00
<b>Excess Expenditure</b>			-2381.00
<b>Total Balance</b>			<b>351.04</b>

## **PHOENIX FARM OPEN DOOR PROJECT 'THE ARK' REPORT**

Due to the impact of the pandemic, the work of The Ark has been disrupted over the last year with face to face meetings, community and social groups and the café being disrupted due to the various 'lockdowns.' However, we have kept our advice services running via telephone and electronic media. Our volunteers have been in regular contact with our regular café and service users who non the less have felt the impact of not being 'up close' to friends at The Ark.

In response to the pandemic, The Ark was successful in gaining grants specifically intended for expanding community support for people impacted by the Covid crisis. As a result, we were able to appoint Jenni Cragg to the post of Job Coach and Mentor. Jenni quickly set up a Job Club based in the Phoenix Farm Methodist Church in order to allow for 'social distancing', kindly supported by the minister, Deacon Helen, and the church committee. Jenni also began personal support for a number of job seekers. However due to the latest restrictions further limiting face to face meetings, we needed to furlough Jenni, although this will result in us being able to extend her role with us beyond the initial year enabled by the funding.

The Ark has also been able to provide support for vulnerable people through the Gedling Borough Council food voucher scheme and continues to help supply the Carlton Foodbank. Recently, The Ark has become part of the Linking Lives – Two’s Company telephone befriending scheme offering support for isolated and vulnerable people via our five link Churches.

Without the goodwill of our local community The Ark would not exist, and we would like to thank everyone for their personal and financial support – in particular our family of five supporting churches, Gedling Borough Council and all those generous folk who contribute their time as trustees and volunteers, or financially.

Finally, without the firm faith foundations that underpin the Ark, it would not thrive, and I leave the final words to Holy Scripture from the Book of Micah: ‘He has told you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?’

*John Tattersfield, Chair of Trustees*

## **LUNCHEON CLUB REPORT**

We started the year with six regular diners, but for various reasons the numbers dropped to four some weeks.

Unfortunately by March due to Covid-19 we had to stop meeting, we hoped to be able to meet later in the year, but due to lockdowns this wasn’t possible.

After speaking to the members it was decided that we would not reopen, which is a shame as the club had been running for over 20 years. The bank account was closed in October, the balance was paid to the Memorial Hall.

Thanks to everyone who has been involved over the years as members or helpers.

*Pat Yarnall*

<b>LUNCHEON CLUB Pat Yarnall</b>	<b>IN</b>	<b>OUT</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
Opening Balance			234.75
Meals	432.00	534.60	
Rent	118.50	120.00	
Miscellaneous		20.31	
Gedling Memorial Hall		110.34	
<b>Total Income</b>			550.50
<b>Total Expenditure</b>			785.25
<b>Excess Expenditure</b>			-234.75
<b>Total Balance</b>			<b>0.00</b>

## **GROWING DISCIPLES 'YOUNGER'**

### **JUNIOR CHURCH REPORT**

In normal times our remit is to facilitate the spiritual development of the children and adults who attend Junior Church sessions, and to support the worship at the regular church services including All Age Worship.

Unfortunately, our activities have been severely limited in the last year due to the pandemic and most JC involvement has been online. The last activity session we held in the Memorial Hall was for Mothers' Day last year.

The JC Whatsapp group has helped us all to keep in touch and approximately 35 families have contributed photos and videos to the recorded services.

Highlights in the first lockdown included John Rigby's funny hats, drawings of hands for Palm Sunday, Easter hats and pictures of 'helpers and heroes'.

Many families have also sent cards with messages and pictures to some of the members of our church who are not online and/or are isolated.

Lots of families visited church before Christmas to contribute toys for the gift service. JC families and helpers have also helped Rev Mic to produce JC online services for Advent, Christmas and Christingle (100 Christingle kits were given to JC families and All Hallows primary school). All Government Covid-19 guidance was followed carefully on the few occasions when families have briefly been into church.

We are continuing with monthly recorded services until we are able to meet in person again.

Long term we hope to set up our own monthly 'Messy Church' and we will need lots of helpers to make that possible.

Please contact us or Reverend Mic Johnson if would like to help us with online services, or with Messy Church in the future.

*Julia Seddon, Annette Satterley and Anna Stapleton*

<b>JUNIOR CHURCH Eleanor Wilson</b>	<b>IN</b>	<b>OUT</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
Opening Balance			138.06
<b>Total Income</b>			0.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>			0.00
<b>Excess Income/Expenditure</b>			0.00
<b>Total Balance</b>			<b>138.06</b>

## **GROWING DISCIPLES 'DEEPER'**

### **FELLOWSHIP GROUP REPORT**

To say this has been an unusual year for the Fellowship Group is the understatement of the Millennium! Like everyone, it has been a year of huge change and challenge – not least of how to stay close and connected to each other during these unprecedented times.

We started the year by meeting together once a week on a Tuesday afternoon as usual. We completed the course called “The Case for Christ”, which was really interesting and helped us to strengthen our understanding of who Jesus is. And then came March 23rd.... Lockdown!

Like everyone, we spent many hours on our phones supporting and encouraging one another. As soon as we were allowed, we met in each other’s gardens and had some lovely times of simple Bible meditation and prayer – as well as lots of tea, coffee, biscuits, chat and laughter! As the weather grew colder, we walked around the cricket field for an hour each week and continued to share our struggles and our joys.

Now of course it is lockdown again, so it is back to the phones, and a Whats App Bible study each week. In 2021 we are preparing to look at one chapter of Mark each week and sharing our thoughts with each other.

Very sadly we lost two of our members this year. Chris Frymann died after a long illness, and Janet Samuels is now living in a Nursing Home. We miss them both very much. That leaves 10 of us – from All Hallows and Phoenix Farm Methodist Church.

We are unable to plan anything at the moment, but pray that this group, which has been a lifeline for some, will continue to flourish as restrictions are lifted and we can, at last, meet together again.

*Linda Freeman and Susan Cox*

## **BUSINESS REPORTS**

### **REFURBISHMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

After about five years of planning and fund-raising, on 10th March ARC the appointed contractors began the project to build the tea-bar and toilets under the supervision of our architect Bruce Bradley.

First the wooden medieval parciose screen was removed from the choir vestry, restored and secured to the east wall of the south aisle. The contractors had just started to dig a trench across the church from the toilets to the tea-bar area when the project was shut down due to Covid-19 on 24th March.

Work resumed on 10th June and the drains, water supply and electric cables were laid in the trench and the floor was reinstated. The stone sarcophagus was moved from the west end of the south aisle to join the screen at the east by Skillingtons, a specialist sub-contractor on 25th June.

The structure of the toilets was completed during July with plumbing, plastering and decorating in August. The sanitary fittings were then installed and the toilets were handed over to us by ARC on 25th September. The wardrobe where choir members hang their robes was repositioned and a new door fitted to the under-stairs storage cupboard.

The chair storage cupboard and the hymn book shelves in the south aisle were built at the beginning of October whilst the kitchen units were being built by a sub-contractor. The kitchen was assembled at the end of the month and the worktops added in November. We received the Certificate of Completion from, Bruce Bradley on 21st November.

A series of weekly reports with photographs is displayed on the CHURCH REFURBISHMENT page of the All Hallows website.

*Ted White*  
*Chair Refurbishment Committee*

## ALL HALLOWS CHURCH BUILDING TRUST REPORT

The All Hallows Church Building Trust is a Registered Charity which receives funds from the Friends of All Hallows and other sources and holds them until they are required by the PCC to pay for work on the church building and its furnishings.

The Trust received £2500 from Friends of All Hallows and bank interest in 2020. In September a grant of £38,500 was made to the PCC for part of the cost of the tea-bar and toilets. The amount was calculated to be the proportion of the Trust's assets that resulted from fund-raising for the tea-bar and toilets project.

*Ted White.*

<b>ALL HALLOWS CHURCH BUILDING TRUST Ted White</b>	<b>IN</b>	<b>OUT</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
Opening Balance			42092.37
Received from Friends of All Hallows	2500.00		
Grant to AH Church		38500	
<b>Total Income</b>			2500.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>			38500.00
<b>Excess Expenditure</b>			36000.00
<b>Total Balance</b>			<b>6092.37</b>

## BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

This year saw major refurbishment work as well as ongoing maintenance. The completion of the new toilets and Tea Bar project was scheduled to be completed around Easter but the complications caused by the Covid-19 pandemic caused a delay in the work. This is reported in detail by Ted White in his Refurbishment Report and we thank Ted for his monitoring,

negotiating and published updates. The only remaining consequence of the work is to construct a new soakaway to take rainwater away from the base of the tower.

The Quinquennial Report was due this year and our architect has made a start on the work which will be a review and update of the previous report. Some initial comments have pointed to some immediate work to secure leaded windows and repair the office vestry roof. Further work that will need to be addressed is the decay of materials which are the inevitable consequences of a building having been exposed to the elements for over 800 years. The architect's report will prioritise the order for works to be undertaken. Most work will require the faculty process and the need to find skilled crafts people to restore stonework.

After protracted negotiations between the planning authority and the diocese the joint faculty of a replacement shed and office steps handrails was dropped in favour of continuing with the handrails only. The Registrar is expected to accept the change and give consent for the work. The old shed was disposed of and the contents which were worth keeping have been stored in the cellar.

Routine maintenance work has continued and we thank our usual volunteers for their efforts. We particularly thank Steve Hicking for revarnishing the Priest and the Office doors. Our resident carpenter also replaced the worn out sill at the West door which will also need some treatment to repair shrunken timbers.

The weather at the end of the year highlighted the ageing floodlighting set up and the need to update the light fittings. The PCC have agreed to replacement LED floodlights and this will happen after the tower, which is a protected nesting site for peregrine falcons, has been deemed accessible after the 2021 breeding season.

The reorganising of the interior of the church as a result of the refurbishment has been affected by the need to comply with social distancing restrictions but this has given the opportunity to rationalise furniture and fittings that will be required in the future.

*Rick Wilson, Chair, Building Committee*

## **SEXTON'S REPORT**

During the course of the year it was discovered that the records for the Original Garden of Rest were incomplete and a plan was drawn to identify all the plaques and sites of unmarked plots. A comprehensive data base was devised and by the end of the year 402 interments had been recorded along with the links to joint plots. The plan and database will be put into the public domain via the All Hallows website. A few planned interments have been delayed due to families shielding as a result of Covid-19 concerns.

The New Garden of Rest and Book of Remembrance are being used but some families have expressed concerns over the restrictions imposed.

We would like to express our thanks to volunteer, Brian Hemmings, for his efforts in looking after the Gardens of Rest, strimming the grass and planting the rockery.

*Rick Wilson, Sexton*

## **DEANERY SYNOD REPORT**

Deanery representatives Janet Grinnell and Rick Wilson completed their term of office in October, Eleanor Wilson accepted a further three year term as Deanery representative for All Hallows. Two out of three meetings had been held and at a Zoom meeting in November John Allister was welcomed as the new Area Dean.

Meetings were mainly taken up with financial issues over the ability of parishes to pay, especially with the annual increases and 2020 proving to be especially challenging for raising funds.

Points were raised that the Diocese should consider reductions on spending, but the Area Treasurer had already been told this would require cuts to clergy as this cost represents 85% of the Giving for Ministry spending. The answer would be to encourage growth in numbers and in giving.

The final receipts from Gedling Deanery to the Diocese was £644,853 which was 88% of the amount allocated by the Diocese.

A question was raised as to the use of reserves in order to pay 2021 Giving for Ministry. It was explained that the government states that charities should have a policy explaining their approach to reserves. Good practice is usually understood to have between 3-6 months of essential running costs in reserves.

At the end of the year there were three vacancies for clergy, one being the parish of Daybrook as Sally Baylis was retiring. Donations from the parishes were organised in order to give Sally a leaving gift.

Funds for the new Mission Link in Malawi had received approx. £450 from 14 out of 18 parishes. The money is being held in the UK until Covid restrictions are lifted. Synod agreed to collect the same amount again in 2021.

*Eleanor Wilson*

## **GEDLING MEMORIAL HALL REPORT**

Following on from extensive building work in 2019 when the Blackburn Room was altered and a new accessible toilet created, it was planned for the summer to address the perennial damp. However, hiring the Hall became restricted in April as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic so we were able to bring in builders to start the work early which coincided with a period of warm dry weather.

Permission was given to access the land at the rear of the Hall and along the footpath at the side of the Hall and these areas were excavated down to the footings of the walls. Vent pipes were installed, a bitumen waterproof layer painted on, brick work repointed, untidy brickwork rendered, soil retaining walls built and a shingle drainage layer established and the soil replaced.

The 'garden' area at the rear of the Hall was tidied up with a surrounding fence and tree roots removed. After some discussion it was agreed that Rick and Eleanor would take on the responsibility of maintaining the area. Plans are in place to work on the removal of perennial weeds and to establish a planting scheme to help absorb moisture, provide stability to the sloping site and encourage flowering plants for bees and wildlife.

The drains from the ladies toilets had deteriorated and regularly became blocked. The builders dug these up and replaced broken pipes and at the same time an Aco drain was installed along the Arnold Lane wall. The purpose of this was to deal with surface water running towards the kitchen wall from the footpath. The road junction was altered several years ago and the raising of the footpath has resulted in the dampproof course of the wall being breached causing problems.

The lack of use of the hall also gave an opportunity to have the hall floor refurbished and the old boilers replaced. Covid-19 measures were put in place to make the building conform to government usage regulations. The Hall was able to be used on and off by the Gedling Ballet School until another lockdown stopped all activity. At this points some groups decided to disband namely the All Hallows Luncheon Club and the Parent and Toddler Group. We would like to thank them for their association with the Hall for over 20 years.

Without income from hiring the Hall, the bank balance was getting very tight, but support from the Government's Small Business Grant Scheme enabled the Hall to cover its ongoing service charges for which we are very grateful.

The management of the Hall is the responsibility of the Church as appointed trustees but volunteers are in short supply. Our thanks to Pat Ward who has retired as Administrator after 19 years in the role. Eleanor Wilson has now taken on the bookings and managing the budget as well as co-ordinating keeping the Hall clean.

*Rick Wilson, Chair of Management Committee*

<b>GEDLING MEMORIAL HALL Eleanor Wilson Independently examined by J Pickard</b>	<b>IN</b>	<b>OUT</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
Opening Balance			41739.34
Lettings	8956.04		
Deposits	120.00		
Interest from Investments	73.72		
Other	13751.91		
Utilities		2790.88	
Admin, Cleaning		2820.00	
Annual Fees and Inspections		1551.03	
Repairs & Maintenance		48829.58	
Consumables		380.17	
Deposits		416.00	
Miscellaneous		104.30	
<b>Total Income</b>			22901.67
<b>Total Expenditure</b>			56891.96
<b>Excess Expenditure</b>			-33990.29
<b>Total Balance</b>			<b>7749.05</b>

<b>BOOKSTALL Restricted Funds Eleanor Wilson</b>	<b>IN</b>	<b>OUT</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
Opening Balance			793.36
Transferred to CCLA savings account Restricted.		700.00	
Restricted Purchases Lent course		42.85	
<b>Total Income</b>			0.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>			742.85
<b>Excess Expenditure</b>			742.85
<b>Total Balance</b>			<b>50.51</b>

(Balance of Restricted funds in current account for the purchase of baptism books and outreach materials).

<b>BOOKSTALL SALES Eleanor Wilson</b>	<b>IN</b>	<b>OUT</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
Opening Balance			195.63
Card sales	24.85		
To PCC funds		170.48	
<b>Total Income</b>			24.85
<b>Total Expenditure</b>			170.48
<b>Excess Expenditure</b>			50.00
<b>Total Balance</b>			<b>50.00</b>

(Designated funds in current account for card purchases)

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