

The Holy and Undivided Trinity Lambley
Annual Report
for
2023

Annual Meeting of Parishioners
and
Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 21st April 2024

12.00 noon in Church

after the service

Agenda
Annual Meeting of Parishioners
Vestry Meeting
Meeting opened at 11.54am

Agenda

Apologies

1. Minutes from last meeting
 2. Churchwarden's report
 3. Election of Churchwardens
- Closure of Vestry Meeting

Phillip Cox opened the meeting with the Collect for 3rd Sunday of Easter, and also read from Acts 2: 41-47

Phillip was in the chair as the church is currently in vacancy.

Apologies: Nicky Taylor and David Newsham.

Present: 16 parishioners present

1. Minutes of the last Vestry Meeting April 2022

The minutes were accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Proposed by Eleanor Wilson, seconded by Jane Williams.

2. Church Warden's Report.

Phil was thanked for all he did during this difficult year without a Rector.

3. Election of Church Warden

The only nomination was Phillip Cox. He was elected unopposed.

The meeting closed at 12.00 noon.

CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT

I went to the swearing in of the churchwardens' ceremony and met Torrs, the Archdeacon for Newark and had a photo taken with our Archdeacon by his wife.

I did another unit of safe-guarding course at Jubilee House. Officiated at a few funerals and organised the Radcliffe Singers and the Salvation Army to do concerts in church attended by the village.

I helped out at the Angel Festival and remained as Parish Council Representative for the Church.

Philip Cox Churchwarden

AGENDA

Apologies

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting
2. Rector's Report
3. Electoral Roll Report
4. Election of Deanery Representative
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

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

Apologies: Nicky Taylor and David Newsham

Present: 16 parishioners present

1. Minutes of the last APCM April 2023

The minutes were agreed as a true and correct record of the meeting. Proposed by Jane Williams, seconded by Eleanor Wilson.

2. Rector's Report. There was no report as the church is currently in vacancy.

Eleanor Wilson advised the meeting that the Parish Profile is almost ready to go to advertisement - but needs to go to the Bishop for approval first.

3. Electoral Roll Report The numbers on the Electoral Roll at the end of 2021 were 29 and deducting 8 deaths during 2022 brings the number down to 21. No new additions.

4. Election of Deanery Synod Representative There were no volunteers to become Deanery Synod representative for Lambley. Eleanor Wilson - PCC Treasurer for Lambley (seconded from Gedling Parish) advised the meeting that as she was Deanery Synod representative for Gedling she was willing to share information with us and unofficially represent Lambley at the same time.

5. Election of PCC members As our electoral roll has less than 50 people on it we can have a maximum of 6 elected members in addition to the ex-officio members. (2 for each year of three terms of office). 2 nominations for 2023 had been received prior to the meeting - David Chambers, who was happy to stand for another 3 years and Linda Goldby. Nicky Taylor was proposed from the floor by Jane Williams and seconded by Frances Newsham bringing us up to 3 nominees. All 3 were elected unopposed. (2 council members for 2023 – three terms of office; 1 council member for 2022 – two terms of office)

6. Treasurer's Report & Election of the Independent Examiner Eleanor advised the meeting that we have only paid £10,000 of the £14,000 we had promised to pay for 2022. The difficulty is that we are being asked to pay an increasing amount each year but our income and therefore the amount we are able to pay each year is going down.

The Treasurer was thanked for her sterling work during the last few years. Our independent examiner was Gillian Flynn. She had examined and signed the accounts. Members of the APCM approved the recommendation by Eleanor that Gillian is approached for examining the accounts next year.

It was noted that as a PCC and congregation, outgoings should be reduced as much as possible and income increased. Eleanor pointed out that members of the PCC already fund some items themselves and this was not sustainable in the long run. Our organist only charges us for half the services he plays for, which is much appreciated.

7. Lead Recruiter & Safeguarding Officer's Report No report due to the resignation of the previous postholder.

8. Deanery Synod Report No report due to the resignation of the previous postholder

9. Children & Families' Ministry Jane and Nicky, and their team were thanked for all their hard work with Messy Church which is our main point of growth. Girl's Night Out is also bearing some fruit - there has been an enquiry about confirmation from someone who has attended Girl's Night Out.

10 Seniors Ministry and Pastoral Care Frances was thanked for her ongoing work at Nottingham Care Village and the linking work with the Church Gardening group. Frances was also thanked for her work as Secretary to the PCC.

11. Fabric Report David was thanked for the many hours he spends at the church dealing with issues that crop up.

Linda Goldby had taken over responsibility for cleaning the church and was thanked for taking this on as we cannot afford to pay a cleaner.

Linda has also started doing flowers in the church beginning at Easter. She will be given any monies put in the church flowers donation box for to assist with her costs.

The meeting was advised that the PCC is looking to replace the current carpet runners on the pews with proper cushions.

The meeting was also advised that there are plans underway for the replacement of the worn out notice board at the bottom of the church path.

12 Resolutions to the PCC

- Engaging more children and families in worship. There are plans to offer the 10:10 course for teenagers - hoping to start this in September. Resources for this have been donated to Jane.
- Putting on some kind of enquirers course and/or a nurture course for adults.
- Outreach - we need to do more to help the community make connections with the church and feel welcome. Girl's Night Out and the Wine Tasting are starting places but more will be needed.

The meeting was closed by sharing the Grace at 12.53pm.

Rector's Report – none as in vacancy

Following two rounds of advertising and no response, the advert for a new Rector will be published again from January 2024

Electoral Roll Report

At the end of 2022 there were 19 people on the roll. During 2023 there have been five deletions (4 moved away and 1 deceased) and 4 additions bringing the numbers on the roll to 18 at the end of 2023.

Treasurer's Report and appointment of Independent Examiner

Mission and evangelism

Service in church held on behalf of The Royal British Legion and sale of poppies raised £150 for the Royal British Legion.

Financial review

At the end of 2023 we carried forward a working balance of £7863

Income came mainly from receipt of: Planned Giving £8029; Gift Aid £1909; Weddings and funerals £1767; collection plate and donations £1129; fund raising £415; VAT return £424

With a total income of £15114 and total expenses of £17754 we were left with a £2640 deficit at the end of 2022.

We paid all our bills but with a deficit balance of £2640 we were only able to commit £6300 (31%) of our Giving for Ministry leaving a shortfall of £20513 owing to the Diocese. The Diocese has requested that we pay £13734 by the end of 2024

Other expenditure: Utilities £1960; Insurance £2141; Building maintenance £1050 and minor repairs and renewals £2003; Organist £805; Sanctuary supplies £98; Messy Church £47.

Thank you to those who do not ask for fees for funeral services and music in worship and to everyone who has contributed to the costs of running Holy Trinity in whatever way they can. Thank you to Frances who organised fund raising events Wine Tasting £82 and the Angel Festival £173. To Philip for organising the Radcliffe Singalong concert £92 and to Jane for organising Luncheon Club Christmas Party £93 (Inc room hire).

In 2024 we are being asked by the Diocese to think carefully about our planned giving. Eleanor was asked to meet with Katrina Proctor the Diocesan Financial Director to discuss our current situation. A programme of Planned Giving will have to be organised to keep up with the demands of rising bills and ministerial costs.

Thank you.

Eleanor Wilson PCC Treasurer

Reserves Policy

For the past few years the PCC has retained reserves representing the balance of the designated (Fabric Fund), restricted and endowment funds. The PCC considers that unrestricted reserves equivalent to four months normal expenditure, is the minimum required to meet any emergency costs as they arise

Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity Church, Lambley
Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ending 31 December 2023

	Note	(Unrestricted)				Total Funds 2023	2022
		Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £		
INCOMING RESOURCES							
Voluntary receipts	2(a)	11,215	1,350			12,565	15,129
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	435				435	275
Income from investments	2(c)	671				671	268
Church activities	2(bd)	1,873				1,873	1,394
Other incoming resources	2(e)	799				799	607
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		14,993	1,350	-	-	16,343	17,673
RESOURCES EXPENDED							
Church activities	3(a)	16,602	2,921			19,523	18,675
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		16,602	2,921	-	-	19,523	18,675
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		(1,609)	(1,571)	-	-	(3,180)	(1,002)
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS	4					-	-
NET MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS		(1,609)	(1,571)	-	-	(3,180)	(1,002)
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY 2023	4	18,322	14,880	-	-	33,202	34,204
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2023	4	16,713	13,309	-	-	30,022	33,202

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

	Note	(Unrestricted)				Total Funds 2023	2022
		Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £		
Cash Funds							
Community Account		2,719				2,719	6,139
Business Premium Account		5,356	1,309			6,665	7,050
S&N DBF		8,123	12,000			20,123	19,498
Float in Covenant Account		500				500	500
Petty Cash		15				15	15
Cash in hand						-	-
TOTAL		16,713	13,309	-	-	30,022	33,202

Approved by Parochial Church Council on 28.03.24 and signed on its behalf by:

E A Wilson PCC Treasurer

E.A. Wilson

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Rector vacancy

p.p. *P Cox*

Churchwarden

P Cox

Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity Church, Lambley							
Notes to the Financial Statements							
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH 31.12.23							
1	ACCOUNTING POLICIES						
	The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.						
1(a)	Funds						
	<p>Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the PCC's discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.</p>						
	<p>Designated funds are general funds set aside by the PCC for use in the future. Project funds are designated for particular projects for administration purposes only. Designated funds remain unrestricted and the PCC will move any surplus to other general funds. These funds have been designated towards the upkeep of the fabric of the church and towards the mission of the church.</p>						
	<p>Restricted funds represent (a) income from endowments which may be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor, and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific PCC activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.</p>						
	Incoming Resources						
	Planned giving, collections and similar donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is entitled to the use of the resources, their ultimate receipt is considered reasonably certain and the amounts due are readily quantifiable. All other income is recognised when it is received. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.						
	Resources Expended						
	Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share expected to be paid over is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.						
1(b)	Fixed Assets						
	Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.						
	Movable church furnishings held by the incumbent and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory (The Terrier), which can be inspected.						
1(c)	Current Assets						
	Short - term deposits is cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.						

Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity Church, Lambley
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

		(Unrestricted)				Total	
		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Funds 2023	2022
		£	£	£	£	£	£
2 INCOMING RESOURCES							
2(a) Voluntary receipts							
	Planned giving	8,027				8,027	10,403
	Collections and other giving	1,021				1,021	1,334
	Income tax recovered	1,909				1,909	3,198
	Donations	108				108	84
	Legacies & grants	-	1,350			1,350	-
	Restricted collections	150				150	110
		11,215	1,350	-	-	12,565	15,129
2(b) Activities for generating funds							
	Fund raising events	415				415	225
	Card and publication sales	20				20	50
		435	-	-	-	435	275
2(c) Income from investment							
	Interest received	671				671	268
		671	-	-	-	671	268
2(d) Church activities							
	Fees - Weddings & Funerals	1,848				1,848	1,394
	Junior Church	-				-	-
	Sundry income	-				-	-
	Community Space Hire	25				25	-
		1,873	-	-	-	1,873	1,394
2(e) Other incoming resources							
	VAT Return LPOW	424				424	380
	Casual duty fee SNDBF	375				375	147
	All Hallows paid for organist	-				-	80
		799	-	-	-	799	607
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		14,993	1,350	-	-	16,343	17,673

Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity Church, Lambley
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

3 RESOURCES EXPENDED

	(Unrestricted)				Total Funds 2023	2022
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment		
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
3(a) Church activities						
Secular charities	150				150	110
Diocesan Parish Share	8,300				8,300	10,600
Church running exps	-				-	-
Sanctuary supplies	98				98	38
Copyright	-				-	-
Utilities	1,960				1,960	1,783
Insurance	2,141				2,141	1,947
Organist	805				805	1,025
Cleaning & supplies	-				-	41
Clergy expenses / fees	-				-	-
Training	-				-	-
General maintenance	662				662	1,565
Building maintenance	2,234				2,234	1,375
Postage & stationery	-				-	-
Coffee mornings, Fayres and Christmas card costs	-				-	-
Junior Church	-				-	38
Independent Examiner	-				-	-
Casual duty fees	252				252	154
Other costs	-	2,921			2,921	-
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	16,602	2,921	-	-	19,523	18,676

4 The movements in designated and restricted funds during the year were

Designated Funds

	Balance 1/1/23	Income/ Income Tax	Interest	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance 31/12/23
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fabric Fund	12,000					12,000
Refurbishment fund	2,880	1,350		(2,921)		1,309
	14,880	1,350	-	(2,921)	-	13,309

The Fabric Fund is from a legacy and is designated for the fabric of the church building

The refurbishment fund arose from donations to enhance the church plus donations for new pew cushions

TO THE PCC OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH LAMBLEY

Report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023

Basis of the Independent Examiner's Statement

An examination was carried out which reviewed the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records.

A consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts was met by seeking explanations from the treasurer 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

Audit Certificate

The foregoing accounts have been independently examined by myself without carrying out an audit, from the books and records of the Church. I certify that the summary of receipts and payments relating to the year 2023, are in accordance with books and vouchers presented to me with the information and explanations given by the Treasurer.

The statement of the year end balances has been verified by:

Name Mrs Gillian Flynn

Address: 9 GLEN ROAD, BURTON JOYCE, NOTTINGHAM

Postcode NG14 5BQ

Signed Gillian Flynn

Date 31/3/24

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

Mrs E. A. Wilson Signed: E. A. Wilson

(PCC Treasurer, Holy Trinity Church, Lambley)

REPORTS FOR 2023

PCC Report

Membership: members of PCC are either ex-officio or elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. During 2023 the following served as members of the PCC.

Incumbent:	Vacancy
Licensed Lay Minister:	Mrs Jane Williams Mrs Frances Newsham
Churchwarden:	Mr Phillip Cox
Deanery Synod:	Vacancy
Safeguarding Officer:	Mrs Jane Williams
PCC Secretary:	Mrs Frances Newsham and Mrs Eleanor Wilson
PCC Treasurer:	Mrs Eleanor Wilson (seconded from All Hallows)
Elected Members:	Mr David Chambers (from APCM 2023) Mrs Linda Goldby (from APCM 2023) Mrs Nicky Taylor (from APCM 2023)

Leaving potentially 3 vacancies on the PCC for election at the 2024 APCM

Resolutions from 2022 APCM

- *Engaging more children and families in worship.* – See the Children & Families Ministry Report
- *Putting on some kind of enquirers course and/or a nurture course for adults.* - See the Children & Families Ministry Report
- *Outreach - we need to do more to help the community make connections with the church and feel welcome.* Jane - Girls' Night Out; working with the Parish Council at Christmas and through the local media. Frances - Wine Tasting; providing refreshments for the churchyard gardeners; providing refreshments in church for the Reed Pond event; Angel Festival; information in Lambley News. Phillip - Royal British Legion service. David - venue for Christmas lunch for the Elderly.

Other business throughout 2023

There were eight PCC meetings and as we are in vacancy were chaired by churchwarden Phillip.

PCC received reports from various groups as documented on the following pages.

We thank our Licensed Lay Ministers Jane and Frances for officiating at services and our churchwarden Phillip for being on hand to open up church and cover where necessary. With thanks to Jane Williams for her work with families at Messy Church with support from Nicki

and Linda. For Jane's hospitality with the ladies of the village through 'Girls Night Out'. Thanks to Frances Newsham for her visits to the Care Home and people in the village wanting home visits. Thanks to David Chambers for keeping the building in good repair and making sure the heating is on for events and to Linda for taking on the cleaning and providing flowers to brighten up church.

Other PCC matters included decisions about disposal of old registers (now in the hands of the Nottinghamshire Archives), books, paperwork and other items of clutter.

On our quest for a new Rector, PCC were involved from January to July finalising the Parish Profile document, agreeing the wording for the advertisement and selecting representatives for the interviewing panel. The advert was published in September and October but no one came forward for interview. We will re-advertise in January 2024.

PCC approved the use of church for refreshments for the Reed Pond Group Garage Sale, for a venue for Wine Tasting, for The Radcliffe Singalongs concert, the annual Salvation Army Carol Concert and the OAP meal. Thanks to Frances for organising the Angel Festival and getting the schools involved and to Linda for helping set up the angels and support Frances over the weekend.

Decisions were made about the Memorial Book as to whose names were eligible to be entered in the book, the typeface to be used and general upkeep and display of the book. This was worked on by Frances and David with permission from the Savidge family.

Frances asked for PCC approval to purchase pew cushions. She carried out research for an appropriate cushion company, type of pew cushions, fabric and colour. PCC were involved in the decisions and funds were raised through donations £1350 and £1414 from designated funds for refurbishment of the church building. The cushions were in place by the Christmas services with thanks to Frances for ordering them.

Eleanor Wilson Acting PCC Secretary

Lead Recruiter and Safeguarding Officer Report

Since taking over the role of PSO (Parish Safeguarding Officer) last April I have attended online courses to complete the relevant diocesan training throughout the year. My role is to check that Safeguarding training is up to date for PCC members and that any new volunteers are DBS checked.

Jane Williams LLM

Deanery Synod Report

Synod met three times during 2023. At each meeting, news from around the Deanery and from Diocesan Synod was shared. Discussions are held in small groups and we pray for each other. We receive regular reports from Diocesan and General Synods.

Across the Deanery, we were able to meet just 63% of our share allocation based on each Parish offering what they felt they could afford to contribute.

The 2024 budget is challenging with expenditure exceeding income even after allowing for the current level of clergy vacancies. The amount requested of the Deanery by the Diocese is £676667 which is allocated across 18 parishes.

The Diocese decided that the trial to apportion Parish Share on an 'offer based' approach was not satisfactory. The Parish Share for 2024 is to be based on how many clergy (or proportion of clergy) each Parish should have. The cost to the Diocese of each clergy member is in the region of £85,000 which covers training, wages, housing costs and contribution to pension.

It has been recognised that some Parishes have been struggling to meet the share expected of them and support will be offered to assist them in reaching 100% Parish Share over the next few years.

Eleanor Wilson, Deanery Representative.

Children and Families' Ministry

The work of Messy Church has gone from strength to strength led by Jane and Nicky. We are grateful to volunteers like Linda Goldby who help with the crafts and refreshments.

We have on average 15 children and 15 adults who attend on the second Saturday of the month. We continue to provide craft activities, games, videos and songs based on a theme from the Bible. We also provide a hot meal for the children.

This year we have held two Messy Church Sunday services which have been well attended and well received. The services have taken place around the tables in the community space and all ages have participated in the worship and activities followed by coffee and croissants.

All age services continue to be held once a month and we regularly have 2 or 3 families that attend and the children participate in leading the services.

Jane Williams (Licensed Lay Minister) with responsibility for Outreach to Children and Families

Senior Care Ministry

During this year the monthly services at Nottingham Care Village on Spring Lane have taken place on 9 occasions. The 'congregation' has varied in number from 4 residents plus occasional staff members up to 10 residents.

The services have been either a Service of the Word or Holy Communion using the reserved sacrament. The portable speaker has improved the sound and enabled more people to join in singing the hymns in particular. Frances has been joined by Jean Judson to provide these services which has been a great support.

It has been sad to lose some of the worshippers over the year, but good to welcome others who have moved into the Care Village and have really appreciated the opportunity to worship God as they have done in the past while living in their own home.

Whilst providing worship for the residents is rewarding, it also presents some challenges, due in part to the cognitive limitations of the residents, but also due to the lack of awareness shown by some of the staff in regard to the impact of their radio communications and noisy domestic activities which occur in the room where the services take place whilst the service is ongoing.

Frances Newsham (Licensed Lay Minister) with responsibility for Outreach to older people and the Pastoral Care of older people within the congregation and village community

Outreach

Girls' Night Out continues to flourish. We hold events every 8 weeks on a Friday night and it is open to women of all ages. This year our themes have been Friends (the TV series), a 70's night, Country and Western, Christmas Special and Après Ski.

There is always a three course meal, a quiz, sometimes even dancing and always a lot of laughter. At the Christmas special we also sing carols and there is a short message about our Christian faith.

We mostly have between 30 to 36 women with only 6 from the congregation and the rest are Lambley friends.

As a result of these friendships we started an Alpha course in February at the rectory in order to explore the Christian faith together.

Jane Williams (Licensed Lay Minister) with responsibility for Outreach to Children and Families

Outreach events

Wine Tasting. In February 2023 we held our first Wine Tasting in the church. It was attended by 18 people, the majority of whom were not church attendees. The evening included tutoring from a 'Master of Wines' in the best way to 'taste' wine, what to look for in a good wine, and a great deal of laughter!

We tasted 7 different wines and learnt a lot about the wine growers and the production of the various wines. A second tasting was planned for February 2024.

Easter. A small group of ladies gathered in the weeks leading up to Easter to create painted scenes to represent the various events of the Passion narrative - Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

There was a great deal of painting and laughter whilst the 4 scenes were created - with varying degrees of skill and none. Everything took much longer than expected - so a lesson learnt for future. The scenes were placed outside the church opposite the porch and were well received.

Angel Festival for Advent. Following discussions with the Head Teacher the children of Lambley Primary School were invited to make angels to decorate the church - forming a 'heavenly host. Each class had a talk about the angels we hear about in the Christmas story and the children were shown sample angels to give them ideas for making their own.

People living and working in the village were also invited to create angels to join those made by the children. The children made approximately 160 angels in total and we also had 20 freestanding angels of various sizes and made from different medium. Notably a 'green' angel made of wood and plant materials and a large 'Angel Gabriel' to suspend on the Rood Screen over the chancel steps.

Thank you to all the people who helped put the display together. Over the 2 days that the church was open we had over 100 visitors to the church, many of whom had never been inside the church before, as well as some from Gedling parish and others from wide afield. This was a real village effort supported by many people outside the regular worshipping congregation.

Lambley Life. Each month there is information about church services and events included in the 'News from the Pews' article in the monthly village magazine 'Lambley Life'.

We include streets, organisations and businesses in the village that we ask prayers for each month. We also publish the names of those who are recorded in the Memorial Book in the church for each month.

This year the family that originally donated the book and its cabinet kindly agreed to widen the criteria for inclusion in this book. The book will be updated in early 2024 and applications will be invited to add the names of those eligible for inclusion in the book.

The criteria for inclusion all relate to the individual at their time of death, and are as follows:-
1) To be on the Electoral Roll of the church; or 2) To be a member of the worshipping community; or 3) To be resident in the parish; or 4) To die in the parish.

Church Gardeners We are fortunate to have a group of people who work in the church gardens for 2 hours on the first Saturday morning in the month - weather permitting. They weed, plant, rake and generally maintain the church gardens in a good state and ensure that the beck is kept clear.

Although Gedling Borough Council is responsible for the churchyard since its closure to burials, their input is only to mow periodically and to collect up large bundles of the garden waste as and when needed. They also manage the pathway, which is a public footpath and deal with tree maintenance.

The work of the gardeners is much appreciated and refreshments are provided each time they come. This is another instance of the village supporting the church although many of the group are not regular worshippers.

Frances Newsham (Licensed Lay Minister) with responsibility for Outreach to older people and the Pastoral Care of older people within the congregation and village community

Fabric Report

All routine maintenance has been completed with the exception of the boiler service which has been delayed due to the none availability of the local engineer. Minor items have been dealt with as required.

A full survey of the roof is still outstanding is planned for 2024. The security system has again been problematic. An investigation was carried out by the installer who implemented an upgrade.

A rain water pipe from the nave roof has been extended to discharge directly into a ground level gully instead of onto the boiler house roof.

Two trees, one adjacent to the south east corner of the chancel and the other southwest of the porch, have been removed as recommended by the Architect to prevent damage to the structure of the building. This work was undertaken by Gedling Borough Council who are responsible for the maintenance of the churchyard.

No progress has been made on the repairs to the tower stonework. The building remains in a generally good state of repair.

David R Chambers (Building Co-ordinator)

