

APCM Reports

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Vicars Report

Dan Brown

Hebrews 10:19-25

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another'

Looking Back...

Well, what a year we have had!

It has been wonderful seeing all that God's done in our Wadsley church family and to anticipate all that he has for us in the year ahead.

This time last year we were caught in the liminality of celebrating the church graft team that we had sent to St Polycarps whilst also grieving seeing those people leave our church family. It was a significant time for us as a church as we learnt what it was to be a church that resourced others as well as pressing on for all He has for Wadsley at the same time. The first part of last year was a time of recovery and you will remember (!) that I shared from Isaiah 61, that I felt God was going to *Rebuild* us as a church, to *Restore* to us things that we'd lost and that we were called to *Renew* Wadsley and the wider city.

It feels that this is certainly what we've seen God do in this past year. We have seen God rebuild our church spiritually, numerically, structurally and even financially.

It has been wonderful welcoming so many people to the church family, we have had 4 welcome lunches and have seen many people join us and quickly become embedded in the church family- if you have joined us over the last year then it's brilliant to have you with us- welcome!

We have seen many of our ministries grow and thrive over the last year as we share the good news of Jesus with our wider community, I appreciate the way that people love and serve and if you're a volunteer with one of our church ministries please be assured that even though we don't celebrate you enough from the front of church please be encouraged that you are seen and valued! Some particular highlights of the last year have been our holiday club for children, the alpha course and the continued growth of the launchpads youth group- but there are so many more that we don't have space to celebrate here.

Just as God has rebuilt us this year through new members and the growth of church ministries, we have seen Him restore many things that had been lost over the covid years. Our seasonal festivals such as Christmas, Easter, Remembrance, and our family celebrations such as the church weekend, harvest supper and the New Wine trip. God has been deepening the way that we meet with him and the way that we love and serve one another as a family.

As one of our core values as a church is mission, it has been great to see God doing so much through our church as we seek the renewal of Wadsley and the wider city, we have seen people drawn into the church family through men's fellowship, toddlers praise, schools work, alpha and many more. We have also had the incredible experience of seeing people give their lives to Jesus and letting him in for the first time- which is what the church is called to do. Some of these salvations have been particularly poignant as we have witnessed our brothers and sisters being baptised.

This year has been one of the best of my tenure so far, I love this church family and all that we get to experience together.

Team Changes

There have been a few hellos and goodbyes across the staff/PCC/leadership team over the year and it's important to honour some of the people who have served us so well and given so much!

We announced recently that Pete, Katy and Lily are preparing to move on as Pete will begin his curacy at Greystones this summer. They have been an incredible blessing to the church and will be sorely missed. In the last year Chris Nall has stepped down from leadership team after 7 years for a well deserved rest- thank you Chris for all you've done and you are in our prayers big time as you work out what's next. We have also welcomed Sara Goodman to the leadership team, Sara is with us for what may be quite a short time as we discern what is next for her and where she serves. Sara is a brilliant vicar and will bring loads to Wadsley! We also welcomed Nicole to the staff team to provide some cover for our Sunday morning children's work while Emily was on sick leave. Nicole did a brilliant job and was well appreciated!

With regards to PCC this year is a bit of a 'changing of the guard'. Sarah Luke, Ian Brookes and Josette Knowles are all standing down after putting in one heck of a shift, and Joe Fenn has let us know that he'd like to step down some time this year if we can find a new warden- we thank them all for their wonderful service.

There are a few people standing for PCC tonight, all of whom I massively appreciate, but I would like to particularly thank John Harrison for stepping in as "interim Treasurer" and to Chris Heron who will become our treasurer in due course. I have asked John to take on this role as our church finances and systems need a bit of tweaking, as the church has grown significantly over the years and the old systems that we had in place haven't quite been adequate. John brings lots of experience in this field and will help us update our operations and financial systems before handing on to Chris when things are established- thank you both in advance for what I'm sure will be a significant service to the church.

What Next?

As always, we can expect God to be on the move in the next year and I am excited about what I feel he has in store for us, I wanted to take this opportunity to highlight a few priorities for us for the year ahead from the passage from Hebrews 10.

We have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us

This year will be a year of God's presence for us, I have been struck by the oft-repeated phrase from James 4 that as we draw near to Him, He draws near to us. We will continue to make space to encounter God and to expect him to move.

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

Our hope continues to be in Jesus and in the promises that he has for us, that we can know life in all its fulness, that we can know his peace and his closeness, and that we can see him changing the lives of our friends and communities. We will continue to look to resource and serve other churches and I'm anticipating that we will be sending out a leader and another team to resource a local church in the next year.

Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another'

So what are we called to do? We are called to carry on being the church that he asks us to be. We are called to do discipleship well, to spur one another on in our faith and our lifestyles. We are called to continue meeting together, particularly on a Sunday and in our small groups, to prioritise meeting together as a church family because it's too easy for the busyness of the world or our own moods to get in the way. We are called to be the church family that encourages, that loves and that spurs on in the beautiful way that Wadsley does.

This year will be a funny year, particularly with me being on sabbatical for 3 months of it, but I am convinced that if we don't give up meeting together, if we choose to spur and encourage another one, and if we look to enter that most holy place then we will continue to see God transforming us and our community.

I still believe that I have the best job in the world- I love this church and will never take for granted the privilege that it is to be vicar here.

God bless you all,

Dan

Wardens Report

Purpose of the group/ ministry

To oversee the ministry, operations and fabric of the church.

Changes this year

After 4 years of working with some of the most vulnerable children in our city, Salt.Ed closed its doors in July. The team has done an incredible job and their dedication and desire to go above and beyond has been a blessing to all involved. Thank you in particular to Emma and all the effort she has put into leading and developing Salt.Ed from the beginning.

Ian Brooks has stepped down as treasurer, and we thank him for his commitment to the role.

From January to April, Nicole temporarily took over the reins from Emily in leading the children's work at church. She has done a fantastic job of making sure our children's work stayed amazing, and we wish her every success in her new job. We are also delighted to welcome Emily back to her role!

The Board Game Cafe has begun as a social space and, for some, a context where they may be entering a church building for the first time in years (maybe ever). There have been 50-100 people attending each.

We have adjusted our projected giving to the common fund for the coming years - this will be covered more thoroughly in the financial report.

The toilets in the hall have been refurbished to make them fit for purpose, so the hall can continue to be a social hub that is used for weddings etc.

The vestry has been redecorated - thank you to the gents from Friday night football, who stepped up to the plate!

Highlights

Once again, this year has been a busy and exciting one, with many new opportunities and challenges.

New Wine

New Wine - we had an amazing time meeting with Jesus, learning from him and being shaped by him. It was also great to spend time together as a church family, with Wadsley and St Polycarps sharing a pitch.

Youth

Launchpads on Thursdays has been a wonderful safe space for some of our young people to grow together and to find out more about God.

After a year of prayer walking, detached ministry, meals & waiting on God, the Wednesday night Youth Club has sprung to life this year! We have had lots of fun, noise, food and conversation. It has been great to see the relationships growing week-on-week.

Children & schools work

It has been so exciting to hear stories of children meeting with God this year, whether it has been on Sunday mornings, toddler's praise or school assemblies. We have welcomed young people into

church who have come as a result of these assemblies, and their parents - we are so pleased you are here.

Worship

The worship teams have been amazing this year and we are so grateful for the way they lead us into the presence of our God - thank you for all you do!

Alpha

Always a fantastic way to openly discuss what we believe and invite people into a relationship with Jesus, this year's Alpha was no exception. Held at the Horse and Jockey, the team, led by Jordan, created a space where people were able to discover who Jesus is, with several giving their lives to Him.

Baptisms

There have been so many baptisms this year. It is always an honour and a joy seeing people make this commitment to a life with God and as with the others. The recent baptisms on Easter Sunday will, I'm sure, live long in the collective memory. Congratulations to all those who got baptised, and welcome to the family!

There is so much more that could be said but, as you can see, it has been a fantastic - if busy - year.

Prayer requests

- For the youth work and children's work to continue to flourish.
- For Dan as he takes a sabbatical and for Jordan as he takes on Dan's role at Wadsley.
- For New Wine, that it is another amazing time together
- For the several people at various stages of the ordination process - that God will be their support, guide and sustenance.
- For God's hand to be on the process of selecting new PCC members.

Parochial Church Council Report

Report by Katie Grindrod, PCC Secretary

Purpose of the group/ ministry

The PCC has the responsibility for managing the financial and legal responsibilities of the parish. It is also responsible for vision, staff management, building management, resources management.

Members of PCC 2022-23

Vicar: Rev. Dan Brown (chair)

Wardens: Joe Fenn (Vice-Chair), Donna Merry

Associate Minister: Rev. Beki Otieno

Curate: Rev. Jordan Betts

Treasurer: *Ian Brookes (Retired)*

Secretary: Katie Grindrod, *Rowann Nall (Retired)*

Diocesan Synod: Josette Knowles

Safeguarding Officer: Emily Kittle

Health and Safety Officer: Hannah Huddy

Lay Members: Sarah Luke, Gill Snook, Sean Grant

Both Rowann Nall (Secretary) and Ian Brookes (Treasurer) stepped down from PCC this year. Many thanks to all for all your work and wisdom throughout your service to the PCC.

PCC Meetings Held 2021-22

28th April 2022 (After APCM)

16th June 2022

15th September 2022 (Virtual)

17th November 2022

15th December 2022 (Budget Meeting)

2nd December (Budget meeting)

19th January 2023

16th March 2023

Prayer for the PCC

Lord, we ask for your blessing on our Parochial Church Council. Help its members to understand what each can contribute both during the meetings and in supporting our work between meetings. Enable us to listen to and learn from each other and give us unity of heart and mind to consider the tasks and challenges before us. May our PCC have the vision to see Your purpose in our work, and for wisdom, strength and courage to carry it out. Amen

Safeguarding Report

Report by Emily Kittle, Safeguarding Officer

Purpose of the group/ ministry
To ensure that all, particularly those more vulnerable, are protected from harm. To make sure all those in volunteering or paid roles have been safely recruited, including DBS checks and safeguarding training as appropriate. To ensure that appropriate policies and procedures are in place and are followed.
Changes this year
Emma Fenn covered as safeguarding officer while Emily was on sick leave. DBS checks must now be completed every 3 years not 5 years, we are on top of this. We have recently signed up to the safeguarding dashboard set up by the diocese. There is a PSO training day in June that Emily is hoping to attend, this is the first one.
Vision for the coming year
To run an in-person training for anyone who would prefer that to an online training course To move the reference and application form to a Churchsuite form and potentially set up a reminders system for DBS and safeguarding renewals through Churchsuite. To write a social media with under 18s policy along with Allison Wilkinson.
Prayer requests
Safety for all those in and around our Church Good organisation Good conversations and understanding across the church of the importance of safeguarding and that people would complete anything that is still outstanding.

Mission and Ministry Reports

Youth Work

Report by Allison Wilkinson, Youth Worker

Purpose of the group/ ministry

Young people are welcomed into the Wadsley Parish Church family no matter their background, no matter where they are at on their spiritual pilgrimage, no matter what kind of day they have had. Our heart is that of **Isaiah 61:1-4** for the young people of Wadsley! With the core heartbeat of “...they will be known as **Mighty Oaks of Righteousness, planted by Yahweh as a living display of his glory!**” We desire our youth programming and family to be a culture of **creativity, playfulness, encouragement, supportiveness, belonging** and most of all a **sacred place of discipleship**. That we would all together be raised up to be mighty oaks of righteousness---to display the heart of our Father God to the world. To offer good news to those who feel overlooked, to bind up broken hearts, to proclaim freedom to those who feel trapped, to comfort those who are sad, to offer beauty, joy and praise instead of ashes, mourning and despair. Young people are incredibly important to our world. They have zeal, courage and passion unparalleled. God loves young people and He offers them opportunities to shape and bring restoration to their cities! To be rebuilders of what’s been ruined and to renew what feels lifeless. **At Wadsley, we want to reflect as best we can Gods heart and faith in young people!**

Changes this year

This year we continued to hold Launch Pads on Thursday evenings (Ages 11-13ish/School years 7-9ish). We branched out a bit and did a Youth Alpha Course with them this past 6 weeks which has gone great! One change for the LPs is that we have started challenging them even more in Biblical literacy and exploration. We have really focused on memorizing scripture, digging deeper into Bible stories and are currently in a big season of memorizing the books of the Bible/learning to “feel at home” with their Bibles.

Our Wednesday Youth Outreach (was typically for older youth—school years 9-13) has shifted to welcoming youth ranging from 11-18 years old. God has begun to cultivate a strong core group of 3 young men who come each week to build friendships, talk about faith and now to help share the love of Christ with their neighbourhood peers. Recently, we have had up to 20+ young people from the neighbourhood start hanging around church which has posed challenges but is also incredible! We have started setting up a gazebo and lights at the end of the path on Wednesday nights as a meeting space where young people out and about can easily see us and walk up and join! We have also started being available on Sunday evenings to spend time with these youth if they come to the service as well.

Sunday morning Bible Study is still going strong for school years 7-9ish.

The Wadsley Students group began this year! It meets on alternate Tuesdays for young people ages 17-21. It is going great so far! Great conversation, games and friendships forming.

Highlights

This year has been such a blessing to me and the youth team. We love seeing God moving among the young people. We have seen 4 of our young people baptised this year! Praise Jesus! We have ran 2 youth alpha courses---one that turned out to teaching the older youth how to share their faith, and the other we ran for Launch Pads was a space for them to invite friends (we had 4 total guests attend, 2 of them came for 1 session and 2 of them have been every week!). We are seeing the young people grow in their faith and in their courage to share Jesus with their friends and family! Another highlight is how we have so many neighbourhood young people wandering up to church pretty much any time the doors are open! We really believe that it is the Lord drawing their hearts back to Him and are doing our best to steward this opportunity well.

Vision for the coming year

The vision for the coming year is to continue seeing young people come together as family, grow in their walk with Jesus and see young people step into new life in Jesus! Here are some practical stepping stones we have mapped out currently. (holding them all open handed as best we can desiring everything to be in His timing and direction)

Small Groups: my heart would be for every young person to be a part of a small discipleship group. We are in need of a small group for young people ages 14-17. It is tricky though because we currently don't have many young people attending church services that fall into that age range. Praying for leaders and the ability to begin this!

Youth Outreach: our current assignment from the Lord is sharing His love and grace and setting healthy boundaries with all of the neighbourhood young people wandering up to church. We still plan to set up our gazebo on Wednesday nights and be available on Sunday evenings. However, we know we are in need of a couple more team members to make this happen well.

Youth Church: ---continued over from last year: a future dream is to hold a Youth Church every other month. A gathering for young people ages 10-18 where we can all worship together, play big group games, have space for prayer ministry and hear a teaching from the Bible. This dream has not felt like it is time to activate it yet. We are still discerning safeguarding all the young people, integrating different groups, finding core spaces for everyone.

Brunch: continued over from last year: another future dream is to hold a Brunch every other month for older youth (ages 15-18). This will be on a Saturday morning. The idea is to give a place of "reset" — knowing that sometimes Friday nights can bring things folks want to forget. A brunch where we can talk about redemption, hope, new life and fellowship together.

Sunday Bible Study: We are desiring to have a Sunday Morning Bible Study group available for every age group among the young. We currently have the Launch Pads for the younger youth and are in need of a middle and older age group. For this year I have set the goal for just being able to offer 2 groups on a Sunday morning. Older and Younger youth. But we are still in the process of finding leaders for this to happen.

Football: Sean continues to disciple a small group of young guys through the SCYL football league. One specific prayer request for him is for a few more volunteers to help out and just for more and more opportunities to talk to the guys about Jesus and mentor them!

Prayer requests

- Please pray for radical transformative encounters with Jesus for our young people. That young people whether they already feel at home in the church or they are on the streets feeling lost would see Jesus, know His love and accept His invitation of new life.
- Please pray for the ability to start up these new components when the time is right.
- Please pray for continued encouragement and energy for our team! Youth work is not easy but it is so worth it!
- Please pray for my Maternity Cover! I will be stepping back from end of May through the end of December. Pray that God would clearly call someone into this role and that the transition would be smooth.
- Please pray for more team. With me stepping back for a season, and another team member stepping back for maternity leave as well—we have some big spaces to fill. We also have more and more young people coming to church which means we will need more adults to help shepherd them!
- Please pray for this opportunity to share the Gospel with the neighbourhood youth. Pray for boldness for me and the youth team, and wisdom in how to set boundaries without seeming like we are rejecting them. Pray for healing and salvation over their lives.
- Please pray over the young people who were baptised this year. Pray that their faith roots would sink down deep and the fire of faith would stay burning strong.

Childrens Work

Report by Emily Kittle, Children's Worker

Purpose of the group/ ministry

To support the Children within our Church as they grow in their knowledge and love of God
To support the parents and carers of our Church to nurture their children's faith
To reach out to children and families in our community who are not yet part of our Church family and provide opportunities for them to be welcomed and to learn more
To support local schools through being a Christian presence and sharing our faith and God's love with the staff and pupils

Changes this year

We were able to start monthly assemblies at Marlcliffe and have just been invited to do occasional assemblies and help with a lunch time club at Shooter's Grove.
We added an extra group to our Sunday mornings – Rockets, for the older children who meet in the scout hut.
The Sunday groups now all look at the same topic on the same week at an age-appropriate level. This year they have done an overview of the big story from creation to revelation, and a topic looking at identity. They are now starting a topic going through the book of Luke.
Nicole was taken on as sick leave cover for Emily at the start of 2023 and did an amazing job!
On months with a 5th Sunday all the children gather together for a time of worship and creative prayer.

Highlights

We ran a holiday club in the summer with a mix of children we knew and children we hadn't met before – and saw children meet with Jesus!
We have had some wonderful times as a church family where it has been great to see different ages together – family picnics and meals!
Seeing children step into leading worship and serve in the kitchen on Sundays
It has been great to see children connecting with the material and learning more about who God is and who they are in the Sunday morning groups!

Vision for the coming year

To run a parenting for faith course to support adults as they help their children develop their own faith
To continue to run regular outreach events and regular school visits and build on those relationships.
To enable children to be more involved in leading the worship and serving in other ways in our family services
To start a resource library for families to be able to borrow devotionals/Christian books/parenting books.

Prayer requests

- For the children in our Church to meet with Jesus!
- For plans for this year's summer holiday club, for gathering a team and for the children who will come.
- For all those in the children's work team to grow in their own relationship with Jesus, to be excited to share with the children and for patience, energy and creativity
- For health for Emily and the rest of the team.
- For new families to the Church to feel welcomed in
- For the children and families we only see occasionally – through school visits or outreach events, that we would help them to see who God is and how much they are loved.

Toddlers Praise

Report by Jenny Smedley

Purpose of the group/ ministry
To provide a welcoming environment for children, parents and carers. To openly share Jesus love to them through bible stories and kids worship. To support families through difficulties and form real friendships over time.
Changes
Seen an increase in numbers with new families coming every week. Growing through word of mouth. Lengthened the session time to accommodate this growth. Started more socials outside of baby group to form a better sense of community.
Highlights
Seeing one of the grandmas come to faith through Alpha and invite two other people along also. Also cuddles from the children after the songs!
Vision
To be a safe place where people can come and get a sense of Jesus. Through the stories, songs but also through the people they meet and the hospitality they receive.
Prayer requests
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• More mums get involved with socials and form genuine friendships.• Another volunteer to do songs and stories so it's not reliant on me all the time. And personally energy and drive to sustain this whilst working.

Lunch Club

Report by Anne Bailey

As people have become more confident of mixing again, so our numbers have started to increase. We have had lots of new people join us, slowly at first, but snowballing in numbers since the beginning of 2023. One of our conditions to join, is that the person must be fully vaccinated against covid. There has been lots of support from our members about this and only one person has been turned away, mainly for her own safety as she couldn't have the vaccine. She was a good example of the damage this dreadful virus can do to a person's state of mind as she hadn't left the house since the start of covid. She was desperate to come and mix, but I couldn't risk letting her.

Our driver problems have been partially solved. We engaged Ian to drive for us, paid for his qualifications and set him on last July. Our members loved him! After a few months Community Transport discovered a hitch with his licence and stopped him driving for us. He is still waiting for the DVLA to sort it out for him (there's a huge covid backlog). Meanwhile our original driver Louise was fit enough to come back and drive for us, and that is where we are at present. She will continue, until Ian can take over again, as she doesn't really want to do it anymore. On a couple of occasions when we couldn't have a bus at all, due to covid, Louise, Ian and their bus escort Jane, have fetched and returned folk in their own cars, or relatives have brought in their family member.

We have an excellent team of volunteers, but still need one more to join them as a cook. The cooks often get comments on how "tasty, or excellent, or beautifully cooked etc" the meals are. During last summer's heat wave, the cooks made a last-minute change to the menu to something more suitable. This was an exceptional challenge for our cooks, who cater for 35+ people each time. Our social team work hard to set up the rooms and then befriend our members making sure everyone is happy and included. This makes for a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. The small hall is very echoey and that can be a problem, especially for people with a hearing aid. We recently applied for a Small Grant from Zest and have bought a voice amplifier, which should be a big help when playing group games or with other activities. The money has also bought us some stretch exercise bands to use in chair-aerobics, an activity popular with even the most disabled members. As we expand our activities, we are finding we need more room for storage and would love another lockable cupboard if that is possible. We have encouraged exchanges of views on saving water, electricity and gas in our homes, and sympathised with those Stannington members who were affected by the dreadful water burst and subsequent loss of gas and electric last December.

We were so sorry to hear of Eve Hicks death recently. Eve had been our treasurer for almost 14 years and made a huge contribution to our Club.

Some **highlights** this year, have included free fish and chips, donated to us by Oceana at Wisewood. This was a very generous offer and a complete surprise to us. It was very popular with the members!!

We had 3 school holiday children come to help last summer, and one of them decided to give an impromptu concert on the piano and really lifted the moment for everyone.

At Christmas dinner we were entertained by Dave Markham and Elaine who performed and led a festive sing song of Carols and Christmas songs.

Also Fred showed us on another occasion what an excellent evangelist he was. He launched into a spirited explanation of why he is a Christian and why those listening should be as well. No one tried to argue or interrupt, (unheard of when someone usually tries to speak) they just seemed enthralled. It was a joy to behold and he is sadly missed.

We celebrated the Platinum Jubilee with a party and themed games. Dressing in red white and blue, making and wearing golden crowns.

When Queen Elizabeth sadly passed away, we asked everyone to write down some memory of her and made it into our Book of Remembrance.

Prayer requests:

That we can reach more people who will benefit from coming to Lunch Club and that we continue to meet the needs of those regulars who come each time.

That driver problems can be sorted out soon.

For our volunteers that they have the energy, patience and understanding to continue with the sterling work they all do.

We have a Facebook page where you can follow what we are doing.

*Google; **Wadsley Church Lunch Club on Facebook***

Church Hall Report

Report by Katie Grindrod, Hall Manager

Purpose of the group/ ministry						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a space for different church ministries to meet • Provide a community space for groups to use e.g. toddler groups, WI • Provide a space that can be hired out to individuals for family events 						
Changes this year						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I (Katie Grindrod) have taken on managing the Church Hall. • We have changed the pricing structure and reintroduced half-price fees for church members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For individual bookings we charge £16/hour which includes access to both halls and the kitchen – rather than hiring the halls separately and charging extra for the kitchen. ○ For groups we still hire the spaces individually, charging £10/hour for the lounge room (the old Salt.Ed room), £12/hour for the small hall and £15/hour for the main hall and kitchen. Groups can hire both halls for £25/hour. We continue to offer groups like guides and scouts discounted hire rates. ○ We decided to charge groups, especially business users, more so that we can continue to offer the community a slightly cheaper rate. ○ Bespoke packages are available for all day bookings and charity events. • A few long-term groups have finished – WiggleTots, Hullabaloo and Steel City Martial Arts. Dance Dynamique now only hire the hall one evening a week rather than two and will be moving to their own studio space at some point this year. • We have had a new group start – With Hannah which is a nature-based baby and toddler group on Friday mornings • As Salt.Ed finished at the end of the last academic year, the lounge room is now hired out to a few different clients each week. • The toilets are currently in the process of being refurbished and the lounge room has been redecorated 						
Weekly Hall Users (not including lounge room clients)						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Phonics Bear (Toddler Group) Lunch Club (Fortnightly) Scouts WALC (Monthly- ish)	Hummingbirds Music Group (Baby and Toddler Group) Rainbows, Brownies and Guides	Mens Fellaship Explorers WI (Monthly)	Dance Dynamique	With Hannah (Baby and Toddler group)	Ad-hoc party bookings	Children's work Ad-hoc party bookings
Highlights						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Getting to know some of the community groups we have links with. • Being able to offer a space for people to celebrate family events. • Seeing links build up between people who use the hall and Church. 						

Vision for the coming year

- Fill gaps that have been left by groups stopping.
- Smarten up the main foyer so that it is more welcoming when you first arrive.
- Sort the back storage area so that it can be used more efficiently.

Prayer requests

- For me as I manage the hall – that I would do a good job and continue to be able to balance time between managing the hall and the church administration part of my job
- For continued links between hall users and church
- That those who use the church hall would keep coming back
- For the hall to continue to break even financially

Buildings Report

Report by Ian Robinson

Changes this year

Other than the usual running repairs of a few things, there is not much to report. The main work that has been carried out is as follows:

- Main door of church has been repainted thanks to a donation from a church member
- The annual Gas safety check showed that two of the heating units needed to have their heat exchangers replaced. It is likely that the other two will need replacing before this coming Winter as they were showing signs of failing a future test.
- CCTV has been installed in the area around the church hall.
- Continued damage to the church path lights means we have utilised any of the spare bits we had and are now left with only two working lamps. PCC are to follow up the next course of action i.e., new, stronger lamp posts.
- The hall toilets are in the process of having a full refurbishment.
- Consideration is being given to having a new carpet fitted in church and new flooring in the vestry

Wadsley Graveyard Report

Report by Tony Jordan

The graveyard has continued to be well used during 2022. More graves are being maintained and having flowers left on them.

The snowdrops, crocus, daffodils and primroses continue to give a superb display of spring colour. Most of these bulbs and all of our young trees were planted by John Adamson. This year he has planted several rhododendrons. He says they will be his legacy. Diane Thompson has continued to look after the borders at the front of church and done a superb job. Many thanks. Matt Southall has continued to be an occasional volunteer helper. Additional regular help would be appreciated, no skill required. Ladies from the WI have also improved some areas. The 3 picnic tables installed in 2020 have continued to be used far more than originally anticipated.

A stability safety check on all gravestones was made during the 2019/20 winter resulting in 112 headstones/memorials being identified as needing some remedial work. 80 have since been rectified, leaving 42 of the less serious ones still to do.

In early 2022 a silver birch on the Vainor road boundary was noticed to have died. The massive black poplar near to the shop on Prescott Road continues to annoy local residents and the shop due to its heavy white fluff drop in June. It is on a small bank and although very healthy its stability has raised questions which tree surgeons have generally dismissed. A huge branch over the road had insufficient clearance for high vehicles. Quotes of over £4500 to remove the poplar tree completely were received. A wardpot council grant of £5,000 to remove both trees was applied for but only £350 was granted due to limited council budget. It was therefore decided to accept a quote of £850 to remove the dead silver birch and remove the large branch hanging over Prescott Road. The silver birch was removed in December 2022 and the poplar branches in January 2023. If the poplar did ever fall, it would now definitely not fall into Prescott Road. During the winter the mower store roof has begun to collapse and will require extensive repairs.

From April 2015 we took over the maintenance of the 53 war graves for which we receive £500 per year from the War Graves Commission and this has made us largely self-financing. Income from grave search donations, grave maintenance and annual tour donations have again done well and we have generated an overall surplus of £668.54 during the year, although the subsequent tree work bill will effectively cancel this out.

2022 ACCOUNTS			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
War Graves Commission	£500.04	Petrol, oil	£138.76
Graveyard tour donations	£128.20	New 16" petrol mower	£279.98
Grave record search donations	£180.00	Chainsaw oil, gloves	£24.66
Grave maintenance donations	£45.00	Mower repair materials	£155.01
Donation	£100.00	Plants	£25.00
Council grant for tree work	£350.00	Wood stain, slate straps	£11.29
Total Income	£1303.24	Total Expenditure	£634.70

Surplus during 2022	£668.54
Bank balance Jan 1 st 2022	£3,692.39
Bank balance Dec 31 st 2022	£4,360.93

Finance Report

Dan Brown

Summary:

Overall Position:

Opening Balance:	£71,074.40
Incomes:	£148,433.49
Expenses:	£149,550.50
Finishing Balance:	£69,957.39
Discrepancies:	£0.00

Headlines

- We have been greatly encouraged by the incredible giving by the members of the church, in 2015 the monthly giving to church was around the £1,000 mark, but in 2022 it averaged at nearly £6,000 pcm- despite sending out the Poly's graft- so thank you so much!
- We incurred some big one off costs in 2022 which included historic architect's bills of nearly £3,000 and essential works to the church hall fire system and CCTV systems which were nearly £5,000 so it is very encouraging that there was such a small deficit for the year.
- We had also budgeted for a gift-aid income of c£10,000 for the year which was not claimed, this will now be claimed in 2023 so we can expect at least double the amount of income through gift aid this year. Many thanks to Catherine Dwight for taking on the role of Gift Aid officer!

Assets:

<u>Account</u>	<u>1st Jan 2022</u>	<u>31st Dec 2022</u>	<u>Difference</u>
CHURCH - CCLA Fabric	£1,114.21	£1,121.49	£7.28
CHURCH - CCLA Main	£425.57	£428.35	+£2.78
CHURCH - CCLA Mission	£3.69	£3.71	+0.02
CHURCH - Fabric Account (HSBC)	£5,407.32	£5,347.32	-£60.00
CHURCH - Main Fund (HSBC)	£23,310.35	£10,125.87	-£13,184.48
CHURCH - Mission Account (HSBC)	£3,169.24	£3,109.24	-£60.00
HALL - Business Account (Yorkshire Bank)	£8,632.48	£21,363.09	+£12,730.61
HALL - Cash Tin	£271.14	£323.14	+£52.00
HALL - Church Hall Fund (CCLA)	£27,881.10	£27,881.10	0
SALTED Cash Tin	£100.95	£100.95	0
CHURCH Cash Tin in Safe	758.35	74.82	-£683.53
Total	£71,074.40	£69,879.08	-£1,195.32

<u>Shares</u>	<u>Value 1st Jan 2022</u>	<u>Value 31st Dec 2022</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Repair Fund	£2,913.68	£2,644.87	-£268.81
Margaret Booth Share Fund	24,403.30	£22,151.60	-£2,251.70
Wadsley Church Endowment Fund (Restricted)	10,772.33	£9,504.25	-£1,268.08
Total	£38,089.31	£34,300.72	-£3,788.59

Incomes:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
CRI 02 - SaltEd	£50000	£33,601.73	-£16,399
CRI 10 - Wedding & Funeral Fees	£3000	£6,454	+£3,454
CUI 01 - Direct, Planned Giving	£60,000	£73,302.76	£13,302.76
CUI 02 - Collection Plate	£4,000	£3,322.71	-£677.29
CUI 03 - Other, Planned Giving	0	£725	+£725
CUI 04 - Other Donations	£2,000	£5087.15	+£3,087.15
CUI 05 - Gift Aid	£10,000	0	-£10,000
CUI 06 - Dividends, Interest, Property Income	0	£10.08	+£10.08
CUI 07 - Fundraising	£1,000	0	-£1,000
CUI 09 - Insurance payouts	0	0	0
HALL - Key Deposits Received	0	£2,963.93	+£2,963.93
Room Hire	£15,500	£19,936	+£4,436
Misc Income (eg specific gifts for alpha, thankyou gifts, bibles etc)	0	£3,753.13	+£3,753.13
Total Income	£145,600	£148,433.49	+£2833.49

Expenses:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Giving	Parish Share	£26,000	£22,560.00	-£3440
	Charitable Giving		£645	+£645
	Giving Total:	£26,000	£23,555	-£2445
Fabric	Church utilities	£5,000.00	£4,328.28	-£671.72
	Insurance	£6,500	£6,739.83	+£239.83
	Cleaning	£2000	£2,447.78	+£447.78
	Practical running costs	£2,000	£3,365.82	+£1,365.82
	Major building work	£2,000.00	£3000	+£1000
	Fabric Total:	£17,500	£19,881	+£2,381
Admin	Copyright licence renewal	£1,200	£1,031.28	-£168.72
	Software renewal	£250	£479.41	-£229.41
	Internet	£780	£747.48	-£32.52
	Historic Architects bills	£2,280	0	0
	Bank Charges	0	£150.88	+£150.88
	Wedding/Funeral admin fees		£2,330.40	+£2,330.40
	Office supplies; photocopier; administrator expenses	£600.00	£600.55	+£00.55
	Admin Total:	£5,110	£5,442.53	+£332.53
Publicity	Posters, flyers, website etc.	£750	£403	+£789.00
	Total Publicity:	£750	£403	-£347
Sunday worship	Sound desk and tech	£2,000	£333.68	-£1666.32
	Hospitality	£300	£558.66	+£258.66
	Other	£500	£701.85	-£201.85
	Sunday worship Total:	£2,800	£1,320.87	-£1,479.13

<u>Category</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Mission and ministry	Community work	£100	£19.70	-£80.30
	Youth work	£800.00	£969.85	+£169.85
	Children's work (including baptisms)	£600	£578.20	-£21.80
	Christmas Services	£1000	£4,331	£3,331
	Men's Group	£500	0	-£500
	Women's ministry	0	£78.81	+£78.81
	Holiday Club	0	514.48	+£514.48
	SaltEd	£500	£95	-£405
	Toddlers Praise	£500	£66.00	-£444
	Estate Outreach	£500	0	-£500
	HOTS	£500	0	-£500
	Other Mission	£1000	£691.50	-£308.50
	Alpha	0	0	0
	Board Game Café	0	£134.77	+£134.77
	NWDY	0	£1280	+£1280
Mission and Ministry Total:	£2,100	£8,812.06	+£6712.06	
Staff Costs	Administrator	£5000	£9,091.42	+£4,091.42
	Youth/Childrens workers' salaries	£24,000	£23,656.04	-£344
	Book keeping and payroll	£3000	£3,317.00	+£317
	Vicarage water	£1000	£1,107.11	+£107.11
	Vicar expenses	£2,000	£364.97	-£1,635.03
	Curate expenses	£1,000	£673.40	-£326.60
	Ordinand Expenses	£500	£100	-£400
	Staff Hospitality	0	369.56	+£369.56
	Staff Training	£2000	£1,888.84	-£111.16
	Thank you presents	0	£527.46	+£527.46
	Staff expenses Total:	£37,800	£41,141.40	+£2,998.17

<u>Category</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Other Costs	Church Hall/room hire	£5,000	£9,830	+£4,830.00
	Salted	<i>£50,000</i>	£31,207.94	- £18792.06
	Other Costs (new sound desk c£5700)		£5,205	+£5,205
	Other Costs - Total	£55,000	£46,242.94	-£8757.06
TOTAL		£150,960	£149,550.50	-£1410

BUDGET 2023

BUDGET CATEGORY	BUDGET ITEM	2022 BUDGET	2022 PROJECTION (in November)	2023 Proposal
Income	Church Hire	£0	£2,408	
	Collection Plate	£4,000	£3,863	£4,000
	Direct, Planned Giving	£60,000	£66,488	£67,000
	Other Donations	£2,000	£6,285	£2,000
	Wedding & Funeral Fees	£3,000	-£73	£5,000
	Gift Aid	£10,000	£0	£13,800
	Fundraising	£1,000	£0	0
	Non-budgeted Items	£0	£5,303	£5,000
	Church Hall including church hire	£15,600	£23,553	£25,000
	SaltEd	£50,000	£42,575	0
	Total Income	£145,600	£150,402	£121,800
<u>Giving</u>	Giving costs		-£350	-0
	Charity Giving		£645	-0
	Parish Share	£26,000	£22,560	£29,550
	Total Giving	£26,000	£22,855	£29,550
<u>Fabric</u>	Church Utilities	£5,000	£4,411	£5,000
	Insurance	£6,500	£6,740	£6,800
	Cleaning	£2,000	£2,145	£2,200
	Other Practical Running Costs	£2,000	£2,749	£2,000
	Major Building Work	£2,000	£720	£2,000
	Total Fabric	£17,500	£16,765	£18,000
<u>Admin</u>	Copyright license renewal	£1,200	£1,238	£1,200
	Bank Charges		£230	£250
	Software renewal	£250	£512	£250
	wedding/funeral fees			£2,000
	Architects Bills-historic	£2,280	£0	
	Internet	£780	£851	£850
	Office supplies; photocopier; administrator expenses	£600	£722	£600
	Total Admin	£5,110	£3,553	£5,150

BUDGET CATEGORY	BUDGET ITEM	2022 BUDGET	2022 PROJECTION (in November)	2023 Proposal
<u>Publicity</u>	Posters, flyers, website etc.	£750	£356	£700
	Total Publicity	£750	£356	£700
<u>Sunday Worship</u>	Sound desk and tech	£2,000	£5,798	£2,000
	Hospitality	£300	£480	£500
	Other	£500	£859	£600
	Total Sunday Worship	£2,800	£7,137	£3,100
<u>Mission and Ministry</u>	Family & Community	£100	£24	£0
	Mens group	£500	£0	£500
	Salted	£500	£0	£0
	Toddlers Praise	£500	£379	£500
	Estate outreach	£500	£0	£500
	Healing on the Streets	£500	£0	£0
	Youth work	£800	£1,150	£1,500
	Women's ministry	£0	£79	£500
	Childrens Work inc Baptisms	£600	£921	£1,000
	Christmas	£1,000	£218	£2,000
	All other mission	£1,000	£922	£1,000
	Total Mission and ministry	£6,000	£3,693	£7,500
<u>Staff Expenses</u>	Administrator	£5,000	£7,766	£11,266
	Y/C worker Salary	£24,000	£21,367	£24,480
	Bookkeeping & Payroll	£3,000	£2,918	£3,060
	absence cover (sickness/maternity leave)			£6,200
	Vicarage water	£800	£1,145	£1,000
	Vicar's Expenses	£1,500	£447	£1,500
	Curate Expenses	£1,000	£678	£1,000
	Ordinand Expenses	£500	£120	£500
	Staff Hospitality	£0	£127	£500
	Staff Training	£2,000	£1,260	£2,000
Total Staff Expenses	£37,800	£35,828	£51,506	
<u>Other Expenses</u>	Unapplied expenses	£0	£15,133	
	- Thankyou presents		£435	£600

BUDGET CATEGORY	BUDGET ITEM	2022 BUDGET	2022 PROJECTION (in November)	2023 Proposal
	Church Hall including church hire	£5,000	£8,618	£8,000
	Unexpected costs			£4,000
	Hall toilets			£5,000
	SaltEd	£50,000	£33,242	
	<u>Total Other</u>	£0	£57,428	£17,600
<u>Total Income:</u>		£145,600	£150,402	£121,800
<u>Total Expenditure:</u>		£95,960	£147,615	£133,106
<u>Grand Total:</u>		£49,640	£2,787	-£11,306
<u>Faith Gap:</u>		£0	£0	£11,306