
BARDWELL ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING 2024

Date: Saturday 27th April 2024

Time: 10:00am

Venue: The Tithe Barn, Bardwell Village Hall, Up Street, Bardwell IP31 1AA

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Agenda

The Chairman of Bardwell Parish Council will preside at this meeting.

1. To receive apologies for absence
2. Welcome and introduction from the Chair: Cllr David Ruffles, Chairman of Bardwell Parish Council. Update on Parish Council activities over the last 12 months.
3. To note that the Minutes of the meeting held 20th May 2023 were approved during the meeting of Bardwell Parish Council on 6th June 2023. Available at:
bardwell.onesuffolk.net
4. The format for the meeting is to receive a selection of short presentations and question-and-answer sessions from the following locally prominent organisations and businesses of interest to residents:
 - 4.1 Simon Kelly, Chairman Bardwell Sports & Community Club (BSCC)
 - 4.2 Phil Boarder, Post Office
 - 4.3 Will Wooster, Wooster's Bakery
 - 4.4 Dave Ray, Friends of Bardwell Church
 - 4.5 Emma Howlett, Em's at the Grumpy Goat
 - 4.6 Andrew Smith & Jim Fletcher, Tithe Barn
 - 4.7 Village volunteer workforce, Cllr Karen Witton
5. To note, written reports have been received from the following village organisations and are available to read online.
 - 5.1 Friends of Bardwell Church
 - 5.2 Bardwell Community Speed Watch
 - 5.3 Village Hall Committee
 - 5.4 Any other reports received since the agenda has been issued.
6. Parish Council plans for the coming 12 months, Margaret Berrill, Vice Chair
7. Questions or matters for discussion on any other parish related matters, invited from members of the public.

Please join us for coffee and cake following the meeting

Issued: 17th April 2024

Cllr Margaret Berrill

Cllr Karen Witton

Further information available at: www.bardwell.onesuffolk.net

Or contact the Parish Clerk at: bardwellpc@gmail.com tel: 01359 221934

BARDWELL COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Report for Annual Village Meeting 2024

The Speedwatch Group operates throughout the year to show a presence and encourage drivers to drive carefully through the village, within the speed limit. The long wet winter has meant that we were not able to go out as much as we hoped and several sessions were cancelled because of rain. This was not us being weak-minded! We are not supposed to do our sessions in the rain as it may not be safe for us or motorists. We have had some problems with the VAS speed sign over the last few months and the PC is looking into the possibility of a repair on the equipment, which seems to be considered obsolete by the manufacturers, but we are told there may be a spare part somewhere. The PC has also agreed to purchase a solar powered speed indicator device.

Some members of the team are considering retirement so we would be pleased to welcome new members. If you are interested and would like to learn more please contact me on 01359 252044 or email comptonmurray@btinternet.com

Ali Compton

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THE FRIENDS OF BARDWELL CHURCH

Report to the Annual Village Meeting 2024

The Friends of Bardwell Church (FOBC) seek to raise funds and provide volunteer help with repairing, maintaining, and improving the church building and church yard.

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Other assistance has been provided by Friends helping to man the church for the two Heritage weekends in September.

At the moment our plans for 2024 are a Safari Supper on Saturday 20 April, selling COTG cash draw tickets, both before and at the event on Sunday 26 May, an Open Gardens event on Sunday 9 June, and a 'Sixties Songbook' concert in the church on Saturday 28 September kindly being performed again by Chris Ingham and Joanna Eden.

Our funds are likely to be used to support 2 projects at the church this year – the ongoing repair, cleaning, and conservation of 11 notable monuments in the chancel, and the construction of a new car park at the church for which approval is currently being sought.

I would like to record my grateful thanks to the Friends committee, to the Friends members, to all those who organised, helped at, and supported our events and work parties over the last year, and to those who subscribed to, or donated generously to, our funds – without all of you much less would have been achieved.

Dave Ray

Chairman, Friends of Bardwell Church Committee

BARDWELL VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL UPDATE 2024

Works Services Completed

Portable Appliance testing, fire alarm and emergency lights Checked. Also the five year Fixed Electric Appliances was tested and recommendations were made to have the electrical sockets not fitted with a Residual Current Circuit Breaker to have them fitted however this might have to wait to be implemented and to incorporate these improvements into the rewiring upgrades. The front and side walls have been painted along with the windows to enhance the appearance of the barn and make it more attractive to hire.

Cars On The Green

Bacon butties and cakes will be served again this year. Teas, coffee and soft drinks also will be on sale. Cake makers in or around the village are asked to donate cakes for this year please. Details will be in the village magazine.

The Booking System for Hall Hirers

The Committee is implementing an online booking system which will deal with the accounts side too. It will deal with the recording of bookings and the issuing of the booking invoices. This system will be controlled by an administrator and info on how and when the new system comes into force to book will be published in the village magazine and on the village web site. The Committee would like to thank Alan Nurse at the Dunn Cow for his years as our Booking Officer and we wish him and Denise a happy and peaceful retirement when they leave the Pub, thank you very much Alan and Denise for all your commitment and support over the years to the Tithe Barn. We are also looking to update the 200 Club System ways to pay.

Theatre Groups

The Spinning Wheel group and the Common Ground Theatre group plus any others are hopefully still going to perform in the Tithe barn. Please check the village magazine and local notices for future productions.

Grants

Grants are to be sought by our grant getter Sarah. Not heard anything as yet.

Improvements to the Tithe Barn

When and if we get grants then we can hopefully finalise what the kitchen and bar areas will require along with the toilets and green room areas and how the works will be completed either in stages (most likely) or all at once, costings are also to be sought through either a Quantity Surveyor's report or by getting quotes from various contractors. Mr Ian Patterson will be asked to consider helping us with the kitchen refurbishment. Also, some good news is that we have a Project Manager who has kindly volunteered to oversee and manage the overall

planned improvements, he is Carl Ives and we have to thank him very much for his kind offer. Solar panels are also being considered and a survey will be carried out to see if it is a feasible option. After the refurbishments we will try to get the Barn registered as a Community Asset.

Bookings

The number of bookings are still down from before COVID and the Committee are now actively looking at new ideas and events that could be held in the Barn ie family bingo, beetle drives, table top sales, exhibitions and several other ideas. We have had several bookings for various parties including a Paint and Plonk evening which was very successful. The D Day celebrations will be held in the Tithe Barn in June, hopefully it will be a success. We have received grants to host the Warm space events every week which we are still doing every Tuesday at 10 am to 12.30. With free tea, coffee, biscuits and cake. These sessions started off with only a few people attending and now it's up to around twenty-five to thirty and are proving very popular. It's an event that some really look forward to as they see very few if any people between these sessions. We hope to continue these sessions up to the end of the year and if possible, into the next year too. Also, a Table Tennis club has started on a Thursday evening which attracts up to 15 people who really enjoy themselves. Now we have Broadband we have had a three-day booking from a company who teaches adults IT, the system coped well with no problems so hoping similar bookings will happen.

James Fletcher

Chairman, Bardwell Village Hall Committee

The Diocese of
St Edmundsbury and Ipswich

Annual Report
and
Summary of Accounts

of the
Parochial Church Council of

SAINT PETER AND SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH
BARDWELL
Suffolk

For the year ended 31 December 2023

GENERAL INFORMATION 2023

<u>Church</u>	St Peter & St Paul
<u>Address</u>	Church Road, Bardwell, Bury St Edmunds, IP31 1AH
<u>Benefice</u>	Blackbourne Team
<u>Deanery</u>	Ixworth
<u>Diocese</u>	St Edmundsbury and Ipswich
<u>Stipendiaries</u>	Revd. Dr Karen Burton, Team Rector The Vicarage, Commister Lane, Ixworth IP31 2HE Revd. Catriona Brinkley, Curate Glebe House, Blacksmith Lane, Barnham, Thetford, IP24 2NE

Non-stipendiaries

Revd. Lesley Norburn, Assistant Priest
Revd. Sue Nutt (PTO)
Revd. Tony Redman (PTO)
Revd. Jill Walker (PTO)

Bankers Lloyds TSB plc., Risbygate Street, Bury St Edmunds
CAF Bank, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent

Examiner Dr Stephen P Mann, The Elms, 7 High Street, Ixworth, IP31 2HH

CHURCH INFORMATION

Electoral Roll

Resident 36
Non-Resident 2
Average weekly adult attendance (all services) 8
Average weekly young persons attendance (normal services) 0

The Parochial Church Council consists of all clergy listed above plus the following elected Lay Members

Churchwardens	Dinkie Williamson (Lay Elder) Julia Steed
Ordinary Members	David Ray Tony Reeder (until the APCM 22.04.23) Eileen Russell Roberts (until the APCM 22.04.23) Andrew Smith
Secretary	Julia Steed
Treasurer	Malcolm Steed (not on the PCC)
Deanery Synod	Dinkie Williamson

Aims and Objectives

The Parochial Church Council has the responsibility for the care of the Church building and churchyard and for cooperating with the Team Rector, all the Team Ministry in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical.

Committees of the PCC

Standing Committee: This is required by law. It has power, subject to any directions given by the PCC, to transact the business of the PCC between meetings.

Finance and Buildings Committee: As its name implies, concerns itself with all financial matters and the care of the building and churchyard. It meets as business demands. All are members of the PCC.

Fund-Raising Committee: Arranges, manages and develops fund raising activities for the support of church general funds and meets as required to arrange the year's programme. Membership includes people not on the PCC.

Bardwell Grant Getting Group: As its name implies, concerned itself with seeking grants and working with our chosen architect for the major repair and reordering project.

None of the above committees met during 2023.

Associated Committees

Friends of Bardwell Church: Encourages all members of the parish to support our Grade I listed church and its surroundings. Its constitution provides that its committee is a sub-committee of the PCC and its finances form part of the accounts, but it operates independently of the Fundraising Committee. Membership includes people not on the PCC.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

This report will provide details of this past calendar year. As chair of the PCC, I am very grateful for the generous support and expertise provided by each member of this PCC, the clergy of our Blackbourn Team, especially Revd. Karen and Revd. Lesley and from the large number of volunteers who support our activities in a range of ways.

Thank you.

Dinkie Williamson,
Chair of the PCC

Worship

The church is open for worship and private prayer, every day, throughout the year.

Our Rector, Karen, and the clergy team have continued to live stream Sunday services via Facebook at 9.30am (Holy Communion –a service which is also held in St Mary's Ixworth) each Sunday.

A team of our clergy and Lay Elders have also continued to support Karen in leading daily services of Morning and Evening Prayer, through Facebook, at 9am and 8pm each day except Saturday evening and on Sundays.

Sunday Services and worship:

The pattern of services has continued as in the last few post Covid-19 years: Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month (led by Assistant Priest Revd. Lesley Norburn) with Morning Worship on the 3rd Sunday (led by Dinkie Williamson, Lay Elder). Attendance is very similar to the past year with, generally, more people attending Communion services than Morning Prayer. We have, however, welcomed three members from Ixworth Methodist Church, who live in Bardwell, join us for worship on the 3rd Sunday. Like us, Ixworth Methodist church has needed to reduce the number of Sunday services. A small number of our worshippers do enjoy attending the service at Ixworth, or other churches in the Blackbourn Team, on the weeks when Bardwell doesn't have a service. The special festival services (Easter, Remembrance, Christmas) were reasonably well attended, with a note-able increase on the previous year, at Christmas. The majority of people attending are now over 70 years of age. We have no young families or younger adults attending. This is a concern.

Home Communion was given to one resident throughout the year.

From the Registers:

We had two baptisms (a 7 year old, who attends Bardwell Primary School, and an infant) and two weddings, Three funerals were held in the Church plus 4 cremation services.

Ashes were interred for 5 previous residents including those of Canon Philip Oliver.

Ministry to Children:

Messy Church: Numbers attending this have fallen this year, in part due to the children's other commitments. We do have 2 families who come fairly regularly and they continue to be enjoyed as much by the parents as the children! I am ever grateful to Jill Harrison and Sam Elliot for their support and wonderfully creative and messy ideas!

Bardwell CE Primary School:

Michelle Boyd continues as Headteacher. Revd. Karen and the Foundation Governors (Revd Lesley and Dinkie) have supported her and the whole school in embedding their school Vision and Values. The whole school have their Collective Worship in Church in the first and last week of every term. In July, Alistair Gooderham resigned as Chair and parent governor. Another Parent governor, Stefanie Inger, was appointed Chair of the SGC in September.

Coffee Mornings:

Coffee Mornings have been held monthly with a key focus of providing an opportunity for socialising. Between 10-15 people come and we have been pleased to welcome some new faces.

The Porch Food Bank: The food bank has continued all this year. Increasing donations of warm clothing and household goods were also being received and have been much appreciated.

The PCC has continued to meet formally, every 8 weeks, to manage usual business.

Dinkie Williamson, Lay Elder

The Fabric

This was a relatively quiet year for work on the church building, with only routine and other minor work carried out, apart from laying a new drain just to the East of the porch. This now takes water direct from a downpipe and gully to the nearby manhole from where it can now be rodded (the previous drain route could not be rodded)! Unfortunately, the cover of another nearby manhole was broken by a heavy vehicle; this was replaced with a heavier duty one, but the broken one turned out to be an old gravestone which was repaired and now rests in the church porch.

The following specific routine maintenance and inspection work was carried out in 2023:

The clock was serviced in December.

The fire extinguishers were serviced in July.

Electrical portable appliance testing (PAT) (higher risk items) was carried out in December.

In addition, the groundwork has been started for future work, with the PCC petitioning two faculties. The first of these seeks to regularise the introduction of new folding tables and chairs bought in 2022, to remove the oil boiler, tank, and associated pipework, to dispose of surplus woodwork, and to extend the surfaced area for parking at the church. The other faculty sought permission to carry out repair and renovation work to the notable monuments in the chancel as recommended by a conservator's report carried out in 2018. By the end of the year, we had heard that the latter faculty had been approved and its issue was imminent. However, a decision on the former, which had been the subject of a site visit by the DAC, had yet to be made.

Environmental sustainability: we were awarded the Bronze Eco award by Rochas.

The church registered with and was open for the Heritage Open weekends in the two weeks of September. We are grateful for the three cyclists from our Bardwell, who cycled for the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust and, between them, raised £875.25 for our church.

We continue to be supported by, and very grateful to, the volunteers who continue to help look after the church. We are also very grateful to the cleaners and flower arrangers who do so much to make the interior of the church so welcoming.

Bardwell Church Record

During the whole of 2023 we have welcomed volunteers from the Bury St Edmunds branch of the Arts Society, church recording Group. The Record is now completed and will be presented to the church early in 2024.

Church Yard

Grass areas in the church yard have continued to be cut and strimmed under our contract and we are very grateful to Greg and Barry Felton for their co-operation and flexibility in this work. There were four formal church yard work parties during which volunteers carried out a lot of tidying, clearing, hedge-cutting, and some tree and re-planting work, (more detail in the Friends of Bardwell Church report). This work, together with the grass-cutting, has kept the church yard looking generally tidy. In addition, we installed a memorial bench to Sheila and Ted Ashford at the East end of the church, which had been generously funded by her family. We are grateful to all the volunteers who continued to help to look after the church yard.

Dave Ray

Bell Ringers Report from 'The Blackbourn Team Ringers' Looking back on 2023 and forward to 2024

The Blackbourn Team looks after twelve churches and seven of them have ringable bells;

Ixworth (8), Bardwell (8), Troston (6), Euston (6), Ingham (5), Great Livermere (5) and Ampton (4). Ringing is focused on a regular practice night at Bardwell on Wednesday evenings, and on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at Troston. On Sundays there is always ringing for the 9.30 am service at Ixworth and for other services at the other churches when possible. When possible, a quarter peal is rung on Sunday evenings at Bardwell. We are a team of ringers who collectively look after and ring at all the churches with bells in the group.

2023 was a big year for ringing as it was the centenary of the Suffolk Guild of Ringers and also saw the Coronation in May. A centenary peal was rung at Bardwell which included five members of the regular band, and Coronation peals were rung at Ixworth by a local band and also at Ingham. The first peal on the newly restored bells at Troston was also rung. Numerous quarter peals were also rung.

There is a growing band of ringers and teaching good basic skills is at the heart of our practices, using the Learning the Ropes scheme. There are at least twelve ringers at various stages of the Learning the Ropes scheme and congratulations to everyone who achieved something in 2023. Advanced practices are also held once a month at Bardwell to offer opportunities for progression to ringers at other towers.

Several visiting bands came to Bardwell during the year and the Blackbourn team band enjoyed their own outing to Cambridgeshire in the early part of the year. Plans are underway for another outing to Norfolk on Easter Monday. The Suffolk Guild will be holding one of their monthly meetings at Bardwell in April.

Ruth Suggett (Tower Captain)

The Friends of Bardwell Church

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Dave Ray
Chairman, Friends of Bardwell Church Committee

Ixworth Deanery Report

The Deanery Synod met 3 times across this year. The theme of the non-business part of the evenings was on increasing our environmental awareness.

16th February, All Saints Stanton: The Topic was "Making a Difference where we are". Speakers were David Bonnett from the Bury Food Cooperative & representatives from Local Churches: helping the homeless, advising those who are struggling financially, caring for the church environmentally, through the 'Drop in Centre', 'Still Good Food' (reducing food waste and Feeding our Community), 'Coffee Caravan' and 'Eco Church'.

It was agreed to have a Deanery Environment Champion

Tuesday 21st June - St Mary's, Pakenham. The Revd Mark Haworth, Diocesan Environment Officer gave a local progress report on churches who have or are achieving of Eco church awards. His talk was followed by an Eco walk around Pakenham churchyard.

14th November - St Mary's Ixworth. Vocations Roadshow presented by Revd. Stuart Batten, Gavin Bultitude, Diocesan Secretary & new DBF Chair, Edward Creasy.

The business section of this meeting stressed that PCCs and Churchwardens and everyone who has a designated role in the church whether paid or voluntary, Licensed, or Lay are required to do both the Basic and Foundation Safeguarding Course. Details of course were provided, both on line and in person.

A Deanery Confirmation Service was held on 23rd October with Bishop Mike, at All Saints Church, Hopton Church, with 7 candidates being confirmed.

Dinkie Williamson, Deanery Representative

Treasurer's Report

As in last year's report, I want to explain to anyone who is new to viewing church accounts, as well as a reminder to everyone else, that whilst the figures can sometimes appear quite healthy, a substantial proportion of the funds held, can only be used for specific purposes. I have therefore explained the difference between the 3 types of funds shown below:

Unrestricted funds- General funds: These are available for us to use for whatever purpose, without restriction

Designated Funds: These are funds the PCC has set aside for a specific purpose, and once designated cannot be used for another purpose, unless undesignated or redesignated for another purpose, by the PCC

Restricted Funds: These are funds whose purpose is specified by the donor or grantor and cannot be used for any other purpose, to do so would be illegal.

Income

- **Interest Income**

Whilst interest rates remained low in 2023, we have increased interest earnings from 47p in 2022 to £140.75 in 2023.

- **Fundraising**

Through the continued efforts of a small group this area has continued to generate a further increase in funds this year, with particular reference to:

Tower Tours	£ 307.30
Suffolk Historic Churches Trust "Ride and Stride"	£ 875.25
Christmas coffee morning with stalls.	£ 532.38
Coffee & Pancakes	£ 417.80
Saxophone Concert	£1050.53
Harvest Concert led by the Suffolk Church Singers	£ 732.50

In total net of costs, funds raised amounted to £4807.17

- **Donations**

Whilst we have received a similar total of regular donations to last year the overall total received in donations was down by, in round figures, £1500. This also has the effect of reducing the amount of Gift Aid received. This is why making a regular donation to the church, is so helpful, as even just £5 per month (and if a UK taxpayer who qualifies) by authorising us to reclaim gift aid from HMRC, this would increase this donation value to £6.25, (or a £20 donation to £25). The importance and benefit derived from a regular donation provides us with an element of certainty of income, making it easier to plan, and allowing any larger one-off donations to be used on specific projects.

- **Grants**

Two Grants have been received during the year:

Bardwell Parish Council, the which assisted with the cost of grass cutting,
Bardwell Charities, to assist with the costs for the restoration, repair and conservation of 11 Chancel monuments.

- **Gift Aid**

By being able to reclaim tax from the HMRC in relation to UK qualifying donors through Gift Aid, together with Gift Aid Smaller Donations scheme (GASDS) can make a significant difference to the amount of income that the church can benefit from. If the original donation is "restricted" for a particular purpose, then the Gift aid reclaimed is also restricted.

- **Friends of Bardwell Church (FOBC)**

The Friends of Bardwell Church raise funds to help with the cost of repairing, maintaining, or improving the church building and the graveyard. During 2023 the FOBC raised additional funds of £2478.01 by subscriptions and a concert. These funds are included in our accounts and "income from Charitable activities" having been generated from fundraising activities.

The FOBC was originally set up as a sub-committee of the PCC and whilst funds raised are not directly held by the PCC. These funds can only be used for Bardwell Church and churchyard as per their constitution. They are, therefore classed and shown as 'restricted' funds, as the FOBC committee control when funds are released and for what purpose.

Expenditure

- **Parish Share**

In 2023 Bardwell paid £5,500 to the Diocese towards the Parish Share as it is only through contributing to the Diocese and wider church that the PCC can show its commitment to maintaining a Rector at Bardwell. The PCC also made an additional voluntary payment of a further £700 to contribute towards the Diocese shortfall.

- **Insurances**

Being a Grade 1 listed building the church is regarded as a building of exceptional interest, and of the highest significance, however that puts an additional responsibility on the PCC to ensure the building is adequately maintained and insured, £2303 was the cost of insurance until renewal in October 2023. However during the year a refund of premium was achieved and renewal premium also reduced but appropriate cover has been maintained. The maintenance of this building is further complicated by the residency of bats, who are a protected species, and cannot be removed.

- **Utilities**

This figure has increased further due to the cost-of-living price rises and with the addition of the water charge (not previously paid); however it is not that far from the level expected. We are fortunate that we have a 3-year Fixed Price Energy Plan which fixes the unit rate charged for electricity until April 2025.

We now have a range of ways to donate to the work of Bardwell church: 'Cash in plate on service days', Blue envelopes in the pews where donations can be gift aided.

Using our webpage -www.bardwellchurch.org - where on line payments can be made via 'Give a Little' Log on to [My PGS - Parish Giving Scheme](#) - where regular payments to our church can be set up NEW – make a card donation via our CollectIn device, which can be accessed every day in the church building and make a contactless donation in seconds.

It is through your support of the fundraising events and the funds you donate, together with the efforts of the PCC to stage these events, whilst controlling costs, that enable the PCC to support the ministry and maintenance of Bardwell Church. In addition to the Sunday services, monthly Coffee mornings and "Messy church" our Assistant Priest and Lay Elder take regular weekly services at Bardwell School, together with Pastoral visiting and offering communion to those unable to attend at the church.

On behalf of the PCC I would like to thank you, and the hardworking volunteers who organise and run these events for your continued support.

Malcolm Steed, Treasurer

Other Interests of the PCC:

The Tithe Barn

The PCC, with the Diocese, is the beneficial owner of the Bardwell Village Hall (the Tithe Barn) and has granted a lease to the Tithe Barn Committee for a small annual ground rent, which may be subject to periodic review as specified in the lease. The PCC reserves, in the lease, rights of use without charge under certain circumstances.

Other Responsibilities of Church Members

The Rector and Churchwardens are, *ex officio*, trustees of the three Bardwell Charities.

The Rector and Churchwardens are, *ex officio*, managing trustees of Bardwell School and House (currently 'leased' to the Tilian Academy).

Dinkie Williamson (Churchwarden and Lay Elder) is Co-chair and the PCC's appointed member of the School Governance Committee of Bardwell CE Primary School, acting, locally, as a 'Foundation Governor'.

Andrew Smith (PCC member) represents the PCC on the Tithe Barn Committee

Dave Ray (PCC member) is the elected Chairman of Friends of Bardwell Church.

Lay Chairman

Dinkie Williamson

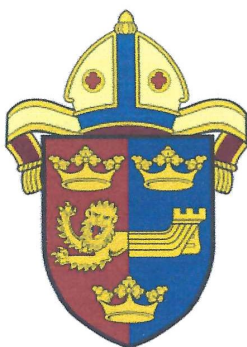
March 2023

On behalf of the PCC

Parochial Church Council of Bardwell
Analysis of Receipts and Payments
Selected period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
Receipts						
Donations and legacies						
1 - Regular Giving	3,753.41	-	60.00	-	3,813.41	1,730.00
3 - Collections at Services	329.50	-	-	-	329.50	300.02
4 - All other recurring & one off Giving/Donations	4,866.31	-	879.20	-	5,745.51	8,530.65
6 - Gift Aid recovered	2,730.62	-	231.16	-	2,961.78	1,882.46
7 - Legacies	-	-	-	-	-	250.00
Donations and legacies Totals	11,679.84	-	1,170.36	-	12,850.20	12,693.13
Income from charitable activities						
9 - Fundraising gross income	3,565.47	-	-	-	3,565.47	1,165.00
Income from charitable activities Totals	3,565.47	-	-	-	3,565.47	1,165.00
Other trading activities						
11 - PCC Fees	1,891.00	-	-	-	1,891.00	2,273.75
12 - Trading Income	117.60	-	-	-	117.60	64.00
Other trading activities Totals	2,008.60	-	-	-	2,008.60	2,337.75
Investments						
10 - Property, Investment Interest Income	70.47	-	-	-	70.47	0.12
Investments Totals	70.47	-	-	-	70.47	0.12
Other income						
13 - Other Income	471.32	-	2,838.96	-	3,310.28	3,051.91
8 - Grants recurring and non recurring	-	-	4,001.93	-	4,001.93	3,281.91
Other income Totals	471.32	-	6,840.89	-	7,312.21	6,333.82
Receipts Grand Totals	17,795.70	-	8,011.25	-	25,806.95	22,529.82
Payments						
Raising funds						
17 - Fundraising costs	103.49	-	-	-	103.49	86.25
Raising funds Totals	103.49	-	-	-	103.49	86.25
Expenditure on charitable activities						
18 - Mission Giving, Charitable Grants /Donations	149.87	-	-	-	149.87	15.00
22 - Mission/Evangelism costs	-	-	-	-	-	104.00
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	149.87	-	-	-	149.87	119.00
Other expenditure						
19 - Parish Share	5,500.00	-	-	-	5,500.00	7,300.00
20 - Salaries/Honoraria	480.00	-	-	-	480.00	255.00

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
21 - Clergy Expenses	1,145.88	-	-	-	1,145.88	806.75
23 - Regular running expenses	4,922.40	-	2,122.66	-	7,045.06	8,860.45
24 - Utility bills	1,102.01	-	-	-	1,102.01	412.31
25 - Trading costs	229.03	-	-	-	229.03	-
27 - Major repairs/ redecoration of church	-	-	2,725.00	-	2,725.00	1,737.60
28 - Major repairs /redecoration of church property	-	-	-	-	-	-
29 - New Building work	-	-	-	-	-	-
99 - Other Payments/Expenditure not already listed	-	-	800.00	-	800.00	-
Other expenditure Totals	13,379.32	-	5,647.66	-	19,026.98	19,372.11
Payments Grand Totals	13,632.68	-	5,647.66	-	19,280.34	19,577.36



**Report to the Trustees on Examination of the
Accounts of the Bardwell PCC for the Year
ending 31st December 2022**

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Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity trustees of the Trust the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act") and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006.

In reporting my examination of the Trust's Accounts. I have followed to the best of my ability all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commissioners.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention, in connection with the examination, that would give me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters, in connection with this examination, to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to Enable me make this declaration.

I would like to make two comments

I am unclear about the legal status of Friends of Bardwell PCC (FOBPCC) controlling money in the Church Accounts and the lack of detail on the sums deposited in Bardwell PCC bank accounts by the FOBPCC. I understand that these are restricted in application to the Church fabric and church yard. Perhaps the PCC could explain.

I would like to ask why so little money is kept in the deposit account c. f. the current account

Signed:

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