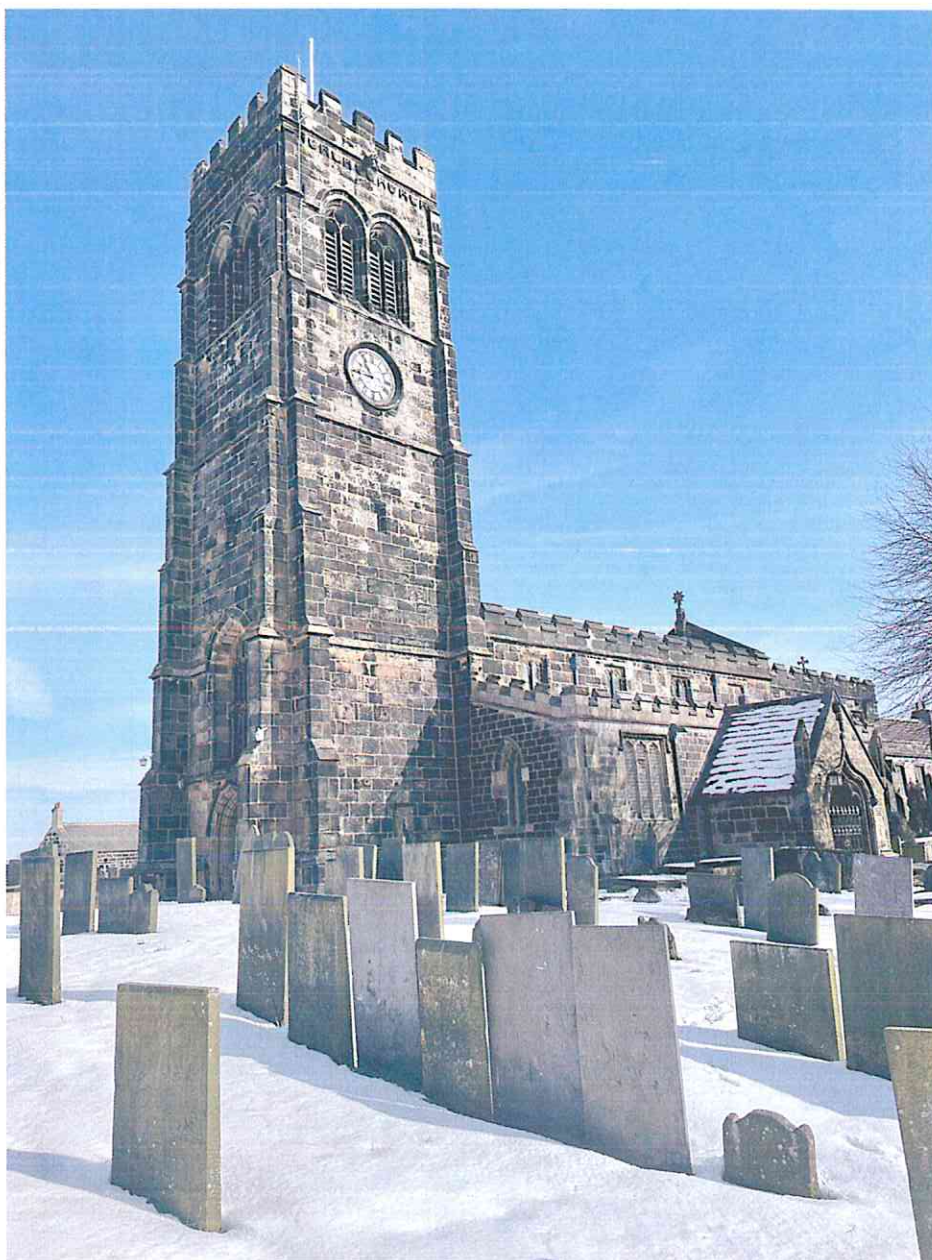


ST LAWRENCE CHURCH

NORTH WINGFIELD



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Report of the Rector-in-Charge 2022

Sue and I looked around the parish on 28th February, I was interviewed on 1st March and offered the post, however I was not licensed until 21st July. The length of vacancy was unhealthy and had had a number of adverse and negative effects on congregational size and relationships so that the church that was portrayed in the parish profile was not the one we encountered when we arrived; but this could be an outworking of John 15:2b: “every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful”. We are smaller, less active and older in average age now, all of which will need to be taken into account as we are re-envisioned for the Lord’s future.

This, is, however, a strong and active church compared to most in this diocese: we believe the bible, we share our faith, we still work with children (most churches in the diocese do not), we have a worship group, we pray, we meet in home groups, we pay our way, we minister to one another. There are so many things about the people that are St Lawrence’s that please the Lord and bring a smile to His face.

We are still in the familiarisation phase of my incumbency. This is made more challenging by the fact that I am replacing both Colin Cooper and Richard Law, overseeing not just St Lawrence’s but St Bartholomew’s church and St Barnabas church and centre as well. We changed the service pattern so that both Lynn and I could be in two morning services every Sunday, which will pay further dividends as we move into our next vacancy at the end of April. I have been grateful to all those who have explained the history and practice of the church, the liturgy, the songs we sing, what we do at Christmas, etc. I have looked at how things can work better as a team, and how we can respond to the post-Covid challenge.

The future will involve the discovering of the Lord’s vision, strategy and tactics; the embodiment of corporate values; making and building disciples; promoting the gifts and ministries of lay people in a way that is both spirit-led and powerful, yet under authority. We will seek to tackle the challenge of bringing back into the church community those who are wandering or who have fallen away; we will saturate the church and community in prayer, the undergirding of everything we do. We will seek to work with all gospel-preaching churches in this locality to bring Christ’s eternal message to the upcoming generations, and especially with our team churches, pooling our resources where that will help us to do things we couldn’t otherwise do. We are far stronger together than apart.

In 2023 the Church of England faces some very serious issues at national level especially in relation to gay marriage, but also in our corporate failure to reach the nation or to remain in close fellowship with the worldwide Anglican communion, from which we are increasingly marginalised. Meanwhile, our team parish is still by far the strongest and best supported part of Hardwick Deanery and there is no reason why our national, diocesan, and deanery weaknesses need affect our capacity to minister fruitfully in the power of the Holy Spirit to the glory of God the Father.

We say farewell to Lynn Hayler on 23rd April as she leaves to take up a new post. Lynn has upheld the gospel a godly approach to the bible, has promoted positive values, and seeking to build our ministry to young people and through the occasional offices while bearing the burden of ministering in the five churches alone for a long period. Lynn, in short, has been a hero and we will miss her. The parish is still suspended so as we create a profile for Lynn’s successor – who will be licensed to the team and not to any particular church – and we may review the parish boundary, some parts of which are unhelpful and way out of date. Let us also pray that the post will be filled well before Easter (31st March) 2024.

Thank you to everyone who has positively contributed to St Lawrence’s in the past year. Now is the time rise up and build as the Lord leads us to a time of fruitfulness.

WARDENS REPORT 2022

Looking back over past reports the word 'Challenge' has appeared on a number of occasions – this year has been no different and I expect next year to follow in the same vein.

Time seems to move on more quickly and the pressures we are all under come from events taking place around the world as well as those of our own making.

On a brighter note, Richard and Sue Clarke joined our Team in July of this year. Richard our Team Rector in Charge had to face some unexpected challenges on his arrival and continues with Gods Help to overcome those challenges and settle into his new role.

I am sure that his Leadership and guidance will be invaluable to us as we move forwards.

It would be nice to say that finally we have put both COVID and Interregnum behind us, but challenge is upon the whole team again. Sadly Lynne Hayler and Steve will be leaving us at the end of April. We would like to thank both of them for their support and hard work over the past 2 years in particular and wish them well for the future.

We have worked hard to future proof our buildings and continue to work towards reducing our Carbon Footprint whilst managing our utility costs as best we can – this work is ongoing.

Our thanks must go out to Dads Army who continue to do a great job of maintaining our grounds and completing loads of odd jobs especially outside of the grass growing season – More help is needed if you have spare time on your hands!

Sadly we have lost Small Wonders this year and our Worship Nights are on hold for the time being – We must continue to pray for Gods Help and guidance to bring back these valuable parts of our work at St Lawrence.

Pop In has continued and our thanks must go to John/Jackie, Andrew/Diane for all of their hard work. We do need additional volunteers to help run this activity if it is to return to a weekly spot going forwards.

We must also express our Thanks to Kath Clarke who has retired from the position of Verger after 16 years of dedicated service to St Lawrence Church.

Finally we must thank Melanie in the 'Hub' for all of the work she does, often unseen to support so many people in so many ways.

I said last year that we must be prepared for change, this year will be no different so let us keeps our minds open and our prayers strong as we face the challenges ahead.

Thank you all for your support in 2022.

John/Mick.

Treasurers Report AGM 2023

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." –
Matthew 22:37

Almost a year ago in this same report for St. Lawrence Church I spoke of adversity, caused then by the pandemic aftermath and notable drifting away of those relied upon within Church who add towards our Christian values and collective generosity to each other.

Similarly, during 2022, we encountered sorrow and bereavement, caused by the sudden departure of a few significant members within our Church – David Limb & Janet Reeves; followed not long afterwards with nationwide mourning and grief caused by the loss of our great, if not the greatest, English monarch - Queen Elizabeth II.

Such tragedies often cause us to question our Lord's grace, typically by asking why such treasured people should be taken away? *"Remember, O God, my life is only a breath; my happiness has already ended."* – **Job 7:7**

In the same year also, we have seen senseless war by Russia towards Ukraine, which again causes us to question whether the Lord does act divinely on the conscience of those involved. Surely in all circumstances any peaceful dialogue to quell the conflict is of greater importance than continued death and destruction.

It was written in the early 20th century, that a divine apparition spoke to three child shepherds in the Portuguese hamlet of Fatima and foretold of the current conflict *"Russia will spread its errors throughout the world, raising up wars and persecutions of the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer and various nations will be annihilated."*

Our only route away from this prediction was to consecrate Russia to the immaculate heart of the Virgin Mary and all sinners to convert fully to Lord Jesus Christ. *"Those who believe are not judged; but those who do not believe have already been judged because they have not believed in God's only son."* – **John 3:18**

For St. Lawrence in 2022 our prayers were answered with the arrival of Rev. Richard Clark. This appointment helped the Church re-focus efforts on a new constitution, mission work and worship.

Our finances for 2022 ended with a healthy bank balance, given the scale of withdrawals made from the investment accounts. Parish Share was fully paid with no debts carried over to 2023. Planned giving is now done via the Parish Giving Scheme, which allows gift aid tax to be quickly recovered.

2023 will still be reliant on all of you who give so generously towards Church finances, which will allow the Church to prosper and flourish throughout the year and spread the work of God.

May the grace of our Lord God be with you and your loved ones during 2023 and beyond.

For and on behalf of:

Mick Stanley, DCC Treasurer.

John Elton, Former DCC Treasurer.

Dad's Army Report 2022

Its time for me to write my first dads army report!!

Where do I start?

I'll start with the final words from last year's report written by Dave.

"WE ARE LOOKING FOR MORE HELPERS PLEASE. Your prayers for Dad's Army please."

That said it has been a year of discovery!

Where is the? Who does? What kind do we need? Have we got? Where we get one get from?

Anyone know who used to cut the hedge along the footpath by the main road please??

The year 2022 started a mower down with a cracked sump, a smoking strimmer; hedge cutter leaking more fuel than it was burning! Any one would think the equipment was as old as the dad's army team! £1000 & 1 year later everything is ready for action! (Including the chain saw, my favorite toy)

We are best known for our efforts keeping the grave yard tidy? Although that swallows most of our efforts/time during the grass growing/hedge cutting seasons there are many other jobs we also perform. Lock repairs, cleaning, flag rising, gutter cleaning/down pipe repositioning grate clearing, Clock repair/timekeeping this is a very important job, we wouldn't want to be late for our tea breaks! Not forgetting "Jo jobs" these cause great excitement. We are moving with the times, NO Nails, Super Glue & Epoxy resin are now becoming more common words.

Greeting those who pass by, comes with the turf: a friendly word, a bit of assistance, is part of the witness of St Lawrence.

The Team spirit remains great. Working hard and working together, anticipating problems is the norm. Supporting each other is a given.

It's an enormous thank you To John Bailey, Nick Brown, John Barber Graham James and Nigel Baxter, {Rico, and Teddy of our security team}.

Special thanks go to our rarely seen team member "Sam" who weekly pushes the wheelie bin across the Bell car park and back.

I'll finish as I started

WE ARE LOOKING FOR MORE HELPERS PLEASE. Your prayers for Dad's Army please?

Mick (part of Dad Army)

Monday Home Group

The Group meet on Monday afternoon, from 1.30 – 3.00. and have been hosted by members of the group. Our numbers do fluctuate as a result of illness, other commitments and holidays. We are following the readings and the sermon on Sunday, and there has been very interesting discussions. We welcome new members, and if anyone is interested in joining us please speak to Jackie, John or Mick.



St Lawrence Church North Wingfield

Wednesday Homegroup Report

March 2023

The Wednesday Homegroup has continued over the past twelve months meeting in our home each week. Our Whatsapp group of 20 people continues and enables us all to keep in contact and share prayer requests, praise songs, encouragement and other general information relating to the group and its members. There is a core membership while others dip in and out. We average between 10 and 12 each week and over the past twelve months have grown closer in fellowship and friendship.

We have finally completed our study of Romans learning a lot about the challenge for the church today in accepting that God's word is as relevant today as it always was. We have studied The Beatitudes, some of our favourite promises of God and then a series entitled 'Promises Kept'. We then studied Colossians and followed that with a study of Philemon. We are currently going through a series entitled 'Two Cities' based on Isaiah; this has come about as one of the group wanted to study Isaiah.

One of the things we have tried to do is to encourage all the group to take part in our weekly prayer session and this has resulted in everyone taking part.

The format of our evenings is that we start with refreshments which always include 'belters', (You'll have to join us if you want to know what they are!!) Following refreshments and a time of sharing, we have a praise time, bible study and spend some time in prayer. We always try to apply what we have studied to us as individuals which helps to reinforce the relevance of the Bible today. Not all of our members attend St Lawrence and we have encouraged people to continue in the group even though they have chosen to worship elsewhere. The age range of our group is 30 to 80 which enables us to share a wide variety of life experiences.

Many in our group have faced challenging situations in their personal lives and we have endeavoured to support each other through these trials.

It is an absolute privilege to lead this group and we thank God for each and every member of it. We feel certain that the Holy Spirit is present with us when we meet and we believe that God is helping us all to grow together.

Diane and Andrew Lamb
02/03/2023

St Lawrence Pre-School 2022-2023 Report

September 2021 saw the introduction of the new Early Years Foundation stage curriculum, throughout the year we have been working hard to implement the changes. The main emphasis on the new curriculum is having more time to spend engaging with the children and less time doing paperwork.

January we had great feedback from the gingerbread man story sacks the children received as Christmas gifts. It was lovely to receive lots of photos of Christmas celebrations.

We celebrated national story telling week, the children loved sharing their favourite story's and dressing up.

February we celebrated Chinese new year, the children took part in food tasting activities.

All the staff completed a 2 day paediatric first aid course and successfully passed.

In *March* we celebrated red nose day, the children and staff had a PJ day to raise money for the worthwhile cause. We also celebrated World oral health day and looked at how to keep our mouths healthy and the importance of brushing our teeth.

Mother's day we talked about the special people in our lives and made gifts to give to a special person.

In *April and May* we celebrated Easter and looked closely at the signs of spring. Dave supported the children to create a beautiful outdoor garden space where we planted a variety of vegetables to grow over the summer.

In June we celebrated the Queen's jubilee with a tea party.

July we held a sports stay and play where children were joined by family member to come and join in the sports fun.

Our garden area looked very green and the children had a fantastic time counting how many potatoes we had managed to grow. We ate our runner beans and carrots for snack and watered our flowers every day.

We spent a day at Matlock farm park at the end of term which was enjoyed by the children and their parents.

We were very grateful to receive a huge donation of resources from St Barnabas Pre School who sadly closed their doors in June. The children really enjoyed the new climbing equipment outside.

As we returned from the Summer break in September we have welcomed lots of new children and families into Pre School.

We have continued to provide telephone consultations to share children's progress and strengthen parent partnership. We have sent home 'home learning' packs

enabling children to enjoy some of the activities we do at Pre-School with their parents/carers at home too.

Future Planning

We will continue to strengthen our curriculum process, building on what the children already know and providing new opportunities.

We are hoping to purchase some exciting new resources to promote letters and sounds within Pre School and are really looking forward to seeing our mini garden in bloom once again.

A huge thank you goes to all the parents/carers within Pre School for their continued support. A big thank you to the staff for their dedication and hard work and a special thank you to Dave Simkins for his time and contributions to Pre School.

Small Wonders – Mum and Toddler Group

It is with some sadness that we have to report that Small Wonders closed its doors in July 2022 as Candy, our leader, decided it was time for a career change. Please pray for Candy as she begins a new stage on her life journey. We wish you well Candy.

We would like to thank everyone who has contributed over the past 16 years to enable us to provide this Mum and Toddler group for our community. Thanks be to God for his provision year on year. It's been lovely to watch our babies grow and we have been blessed to see them develop their own personalities, watching them begin to crawl then walk, talk and interact, now some are teenagers.. We pray that all who have passed through our doors will continue to be blessed as they go on their individual journeys with the Lord.

As we look back over the years we feel it is only right to give thanks to the people who have worked tirelessly to make Small Wonders so successful.

Special thanks go to Rev Charles Beresford who had the vision to employ a young families' worker and who badgered the Diocese for a grant to make it happen.

Thanks to Lesley Cooper, our first leader, who had lots of brilliant ideas as she began the task of bringing in young families in a variety of ways, Small Wonders in the Rectory Schoolrooms one morning a week was the start.

Our next leader, Vicky Rodgers took us from strength to strength, not only moving us from Schoolrooms to Church then to Hephthorne Lane Community Centre but also, seeing a need for a group for young mum's with new babies, opened up an extra group called Song and Rhyme. Vicki introduced us to Lawrence Bear and made up our welcome and goodbye song. Thank you Vicky.

Our final and longest serving leader was Candy Bagshaw, who has developed and grown the groups despite facing many challenges along the way. Candy had a special relationship with the mums and loved to encourage them in their walk with God. We have seen many of our children baptised, and we still see many each year especially at our Mothering Sunday, Easter and Christmas services.

Finally a special thanks to an army of volunteers who have faithfully served us refreshments and kept us supplied with goodies over the years. .We musn't forget our very own Santas too. We couldn't have done it without you.

During 2022, Small Wonders continued to support PingPing, our church Compassion little girl. Sending money to Compassion for her birthday.

Our final activity was an outing to Whitepost Farm, taking a coach full of excited families for a fun day out. Thanks to North Wingfield Parish Council, who gave us a grant of £250 towards the cost of the coach, we were able to subsidise the entrance cost, so that all families were able to go.

Over the years we have been truly blessed by and we are truly thankful for all the Lord has done and for the many helpers along the way.

Here's what it meant for one mum

'Small Wonders was so much more than just a playgroup to me, it was nothing short of a life-line. When I started going, when my son was less than six months old, I was welcomed to a safe friendly environment for him to play in, with thoughtful new activities every week. From Small Wonders this led to Messy Church and now Messy Extra ten years later. I can honestly say, if it wasn't for Candy and Margaret, I wouldn't be writing this now and still be part of the church family. Thank you both'. Love Sara and Reuben

As we excitedly wait to see what's next, please continue to pray for a clear vision for the way forward for reaching out with God's love to our community.

Safeguarding Report 22/23

The North Wingfield Team Ministry follows Derby Diocese Safeguarding Policy which is approved by the PCC. Most churches in the team have a Parish Safeguarding Officer who is responsible for Safeguarding. The Parish Safeguarding Officers meet on Zoom throughout the year to discuss procedures and updates.

Administration for the DBS and training, either or both are required for many roles held by members of the church, is managed by Melanie Earland. It is important that this is completed and kept up to date as without them you are not permitted to continue in a role.

All church activities must be occasions when those attending feel safe and secure in the knowledge that the safeguarding policy is being followed by those who are leading the activity.

The Safeguarding Team for Derby Diocese also keeps the Parish Safeguarding Officer aware of any issues concerning people or organisations that could be of concern.

If there is anyone who would like to take on this role, please let the churchwardens know. It would be good for someone who attend church more regularly than myself to fulfil the role. My job involves working quite a lot of Sundays.

At the back of church there is information for who to contact so if you have any concerns please do so.

Pippa Barfoot
Parish Safeguarding Officer

St Lawrence Church North Wingfield ACM 2023

Electoral Roll Officer's Report

Every parish in the Church of England is required to have a completely new Electoral Roll every six years, which is revised annually.

The roll which is essentially a register of our Church Family Membership is open to anyone who is 16 or over, has been baptised and lives in the parish or anyone who lives outside the parish but attends church regularly. The parish, in our case, being the United Parish.

The current roll was established in 2019 and our District Church Roll then had 113 names on it.

At the first revision in 2020 it became 119, in 2021 it became 108 and in 2022 it was 88.

So this is the fourth annual revision of the roll.

This year, 1 new name has been added and we have taken 8 names off the roll, 1 has died, 2 have left our church, and 5 from outside the parish have no longer regularly attended.

So the no. on the Roll after this revision is 81.

Our District Church roll together with the District rolls of Clay Cross, Pilsley, Danesmoor and Tupton make up, collectively, the United Parish Roll and as such will be presented for acceptance at the United Parish A.C.M.

Signed:- *D. Arnold*

Dennis Arnold

Church ERO.

March 2023

Messy Extra Report 2022

Our group meets on the first Sunday morning of the month in the Rectory Schoolrooms.

We have five families who attend regularly and some events held during the year were -

The Easter Story – Egg Hunt in the churchyard with Crafts in the Schoolrooms held on Good Friday morning. 60 attended. Team event.

The Queens Jubilee Celebrations in the Schoolrooms in June

An Indoor Sports morning in August

Children in Need Coffee Morning with activities in November

Pumpkin Patch Activities and Story led by Yvonne in the Schoolrooms and church on 31 October early evening. 30 attended. Team event.

Welcomed 12 Beaver Scouts and 3 leaders from Whittington for Christmas themed activities in December (after a sleepover in the Schoolrooms)

Many thanks to our loyal team Candy, Diane, Luke, Melanie, Pearl, Sharon for their continued love and support.

Lynn Bailey

Music Group Report 2022

We continue to lead worship Sunday mornings and practice the songs by arriving early and running through them. Sadly, the numbers in the group have dwindled, as several singers are no longer able to attend. Jackie and John Pendleton have been the ever-present singers, with Nick Brown and myself providing the music lead. We have also had frequent help from Heather Brown, Chrissy Arthurs and Mwynen Casson. Mick Stanley has continued to improve our sound system and controls the balance throughout the service. Margaret Tuck also liaises with me for the power point presentations.

We were tasked with leading the Licensing Service for Richard Clark in July and I was grateful for Yvonne Haywood and Jo-anne Whyman's contribution from St Barnabas Church, Danesmoor.

There has been a change to the format of songs. Richard prefers to start with 2 consecutive songs followed by a video and then ending with a final song. We have also introduced a number of new songs to the congregation.

The Candlelit Carol Service was probably the best attended service of the year.

My thanks to all involved in the Music Group for their dedication.

John Bailey (Music Group Leader)

Report for Pop In 2022

"Pop In" managed to keep running during 2022, thanks to Dianne and Andrew, working alongside Jackie and I. Donna and Neil were working with us at the beginning of the year.

We have a core of regular customers which makes us determined to try and keep "Pop In"

open. However in conversation with Andrew and Dianne, we decided that working alternate Saturdays was getting too much for us to keep it up any longer. With great sadness, we decided just to open on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month.

There were no volunteers stepping forward to commit to the other Saturdays, after several attempts to attract extra teams, although there were some people who were willing to step in if needed in an emergency.

"Pop In" has held two Saturdays where the proceeds were for specific charities, (Macmillan cancer research and Children in need). We have donated over £1650 to various charities including St Lawrence DCC, and many small charities

I would like to thank all those who support us, many who have become friends as well as the occasional customers who just pop in, and we hope for more people to join the team with us.

World Wide Mission 2022

The Church Council at its April meeting approved a total of £2900, to be used to support mission around the world. This included £400 earmarked for our sponsored little girl, Ping Ping.

The Mission Group met in September and agreed to put forward the following charities to support for 2022.

Compassion UK - £400 (www.compassionuk.org) We support 8 year old Pingping, who lives in a remote area of Northern Thailand. Her proper name is Khwanjai Saelee but she likes to be called Pingping. She lives with her father and grandmother. Candy and Emily have been writing to Pingping and gifts have been sent for Pingping for her birthday and for Christmas. Our mum and toddler group sent gifts too. Link – Jackie Pendleton.

Open Doors - £500 (www.opendoorsuk.org) Open Doors, along with local church partners world wide, provide help and encouragement to Christians trying to live out their faith in dangerous and difficult situations and provide food and monetary aid where needed We asked for this to be earmarked for the flood victims in Pakistan.
Link - Sharon Jones

Valley CIDS - £500 (www.valleycids.co.uk) Working with Blend Youth Project to provide young people with integrated support that enables them to experience a positive change in their lives. Jonathan Brook, the director provides regular updates on what they are doing and also an invitation to join them at their monthly prayer café in Swanwick. These appear regularly on our news sheet. This year Blend have begun a new project working with young people in Grassmoor. The Lighthouse charity shop is run by this charity, so your support of the shop in Clay Cross is much appreciated. Link – Margaret Tuck

Feed the Hungry - £500 (feedthehungry.org.uk) We have been invited to their main operations hub 'The Halo Centre' in Coventry where aid is distributed both in the uk and internationally. We hope to have a speaker come to visit us during the coming year. Link – Sharon Jones

The Bible Society - £500 (biblesociety.org.uk) .Sharing God's Word all around the world, The Bible Society have distributed over 650,000 scriptures in Ukraine, Hungary, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and here in the UK as well as many other areas of the world.. Link – Dennis Arnold

The Mathetes Trust - £300 (www.rootedinJesus.net) to support the work of the Trust go out to train church leaders to deliver courses to churches throughout Africa. Link – Dennis Arnold

Jericho Road - £200 (Jerichoroad.org.uk) Established in 2000, the Jericho Road Project works in Nottingham in a variety of practical and personal ways with women who are affected by the sex industry. Speak to Sue Clarke for more information. Link – Jackie Pendleton

A further generous donation was made by a member of our congregation and this was used to continue our support of

Smile Train - £200 (www.smiletrain.org.uk) to enable children born with hair lip/cleft palate to have an operation to enable them to be able to eat and smile more easily. Link – Sharon Jones

Donations received and passed on in 2022 were,

The Children's Society Boxes £632.40

The Children's Society Christingle £162.88

Collections taken during Christian Aid week were passed on to Christian Aid ..

Please check out the websites for regular updates on our mission partners' work and speak to the church link if you would like more information. If you would like join in with our world mission work please speak to Margaret in the first instance.

Please remember to pray for these charities throughout the year, that God will use them to bring relief from suffering and hope for the future.

Prayer Group Report

2Chronicles 7 vs 14 - 14

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

We meet on Tuesday nights, on zoom @ 7:30.

When lockdown prohibited us gathering together in church we moved to zoom. Although a little strange at first it worked. We met together and prayed, the lord blessed us and continues blesses us. Zoom has its problems; it also has its advantages, not going out on a winter's night, people with a busy diary find it easier, so why not give it a chance?

When Jesus was with the disciples, he took time out to pray to his father; Jesus also gave a template to guide their/our prayers. God also gave Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived, an instruction to pray and how to go about it.

James 4:2 says you have not, because you ask not?

So how do we pray, silently or out loud, no pressure?

What do we pray for, what is on our heart?

We take time to say sorry and give thanks.

Gods world, our country, our parish our leaders, friends, family e.t.c.

We all pray in private. It is also good to share time with each other in prayer

Think of the joy or sharing answered prayer?

Want to join us, the details are in News for you and on the church face book page alternately speak to Mick

Mick (Zoom prayer meeting lead)

Bell Ringing Report

During 2022, it was good to see our ringing activities emerging and increasing. Tower practice nights are currently the first and third Tuesday in the month 7pm – 8.30pm at St Lawrence Church, North Wingfield. New ringers are always welcome. No experience necessary as teaching is available. Anyone who is interested in having a go, please contact via email the Tower Captain, Michael Eyre: meyre2025@gmail.com.

Starting with the highs we say, 'Well done Archie'. The Duke of Edinburgh Award is well known for introducing young people to new challenges in life and 13 year old Archie Lewis is no exception. He took up the challenge and started bell ringing at St Lawrence Church, North Wingfield from late February 2022. From doing so well in training he was also involved in ringing the bells out loud for the Licensing of the new Team Rector, the Revd Richard Clark of North Wingfield Team Ministry which took place on Thursday 21st July. He has since obtained his award and wants to carry on ringing with the team of which we are highly delighted.

It was with great sadness that on the 18th September, the bell ringers paid a personal tribute to Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect and this continued to be so until after the state funeral.

We were also able to ring out loud for the Christmas events taking place at St Lawrence's from the Crib Service to Christmas Day morning service.

From sharing the news of when we were ringing and why we were ringing on various face-book sites, the local community were able to listen out, to be involved and gave lots of thumbs up. This has been very encouraging and something we will continue to do.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our ringers for their hard work and dedication and who have continued to support me throughout 2022.

Going forwards we plan to celebrate King Charles III Coronation in May 2023 and look forward to marking this significant national event.

Michael Eyre

Tower Captain

St Lawrence Church North Wingfield

AGM

Monday 28th March 2022

1. Welcome and worship

John Cooper, Parish Churchwarden welcomed everyone and read from Isaiah 65 before praying for the meeting.

2. Apologies

Candy Bagshaw, Doug and Sheila Kay, Jackie Pendleton.

3. Minutes of AGM 2021

The Annual Report had been made available to everyone.

The minutes were proposed by Denis Arnold and seconded by Sharon Jones 12 in favour and 5 abstentions.

John thanked everyone for contributing no matter how small over the last 18 months and for standing together. He continued by saying that we have had challenges and no doubt will have more but hopefully the new Team Rector will be with us early in July which will allow us to move forward.

4. Matters arising from Annual Report

None

5. Finance Report (previously circulated in booklet)

John Elton spoke about his report

The following is extracted from the consolidated Church accounts for year ending 31/12/2021:

Income and Expense analysis (General fund):

2021 Income (compared with 2020):

Overall planned giving fell by £6,583.

DCC Fees which includes weddings, funerals, etc., increased by £7,594.

The nett effect of the increased DCC fee receipts meant that the Church was able to offset the fall in planned giving.

Donations, legacies and grants increased by £3,801 a portion of which was as a result of claiming back the VAT portion relating to the capital expenses (trench arch toilet in 2020).

CCLA Investment income grew by £4,419.

Final result was that total income was £108,379, compared with £98,990 in the previous year.

Notably otherwise all other income activities were as could be expected.

Surplus for the year left the Church with a £3,770 balance. This compares with a deficit of £10,091 from the previous year.

It must be stressed that as we operate the Church Accounts on a receipts and payments basis then it is crucial that the accounts are balanced equally (Assets and Liabilities to equal).

This year 2 new names have been added and we have taken 20 names off the roll, 1 has died and 2 have asked to be removed, 7 have left the church and 7 who live outside the parish no longer attend church regularly.

Number on the Roll after revision is 90.

Our District Church roll together with the District rolls of Clay Cross, Pilsley, Danesmoor and Tupton make up, collectively the United Parish Roll and as such will be presented for acceptance at the United Parish ACM.

John Elton said that to be on the electoral roll people needed to be baptised and he wondered if there were any checks. Dennis said that when people sign the form he asks if they have been baptised.

John thanked Dennis for his invaluable contribution.

8. Date of next meeting

AGM 2023, Monday 27th March

DCC Monday 4th April 7pm

John thanked everyone for attending and Mick closed the meeting with a prayer.

St. Lawrence District Church Council Accounts for the Year Ending 31st December 2022

| INCOME | | 2022 | 2021 | EXPENDITURE | | 2022 | 2021 |
|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--|----------------|----------------|
| Planned Giving | | | | | | | |
| Envelopes | | 7,975 | 12,104 | | | | |
| Standing Orders | | 16,239 | 16,985 | | | | |
| | | 24,214 | 29,089 | Parish Share | | 35,988 | 46,056 |
| Other Giving | | 1,464 | 645 | | | | |
| Income Tax Rebates | | 9,005 | 8,506 | | | | |
| | | 34,683 | 38,240 | Upkeep | | 9,375 | 7,731 |
| Diocese Fees | | 7,561 | 5,612 | Diocese Fees | | 7,561 | 5,612 |
| Diocese Fees Rebate | | 1,785 | 1,206 | Upkeep for Fee Services | | 3,333 | 3,760 |
| DCC Fees | | 16,979 | 21,092 | Churchyard | | 4,972 | 6,006 |
| Donations/Legacies/Grants | | 2,372 | 5,832 | | | | |
| Charities/Events | | | 591 | Charities | | 3,281 | 3,920 |
| School Rooms | | 17,307 | 15,257 | School Rooms | | 11,054 | 11,509 |
| Admin | | 5,565 | 10,983 | Admin | | 13,372 | 13,296 |
| Bank Interest | | 33 | 1 | Insurance | | 1,846 | 1,771 |
| Investment Income | | | 9,385 | InvestmentnValue | | | |
| Misc | | 1,550 | 180 | Misc | | | 1,350 |
| Non Operational Deficit | | | | Exceptional Items | | | |
| Reduction in Value of Investments | | (4,798) | | School Rooms | | | |
| | | | | Doors and Windows | | 24,500 | |
| | | | | LED's | | | 3,598 |
| Total Income | | 83,037 | 108,379.00 | Total Expenditure | | 115,282 | 101,011 |
| Deficit for Year | | (32,245) | (7,368) | | | | |
| EAR MARKED FUNDS | | | | EXPENDITURE | | | |
| INCOME | | | | EXPENDITURE | | | |
| Bell Tower Fund | | | | Balance c/fwd | | 403 | 403 |
| Balance b/fwd | | 403 | 403 | | | 403 | 403 |
| | | 403 | 403 | | | 403 | 403 |
| LOCAL MISSION FUND | | | | | | | |
| INCOME | | 2022 | 2021 | EXPENDITURE | | 2022 | 2021 |
| Planned Giving | | | | | | | |
| Envelopes | | 505 | 769 | Wages & Training costs | | 2,677 | 3,514 |
| Standing Orders | | 720 | 860 | Other Outreach | | | |
| | | 1,225 | 1,629 | | | | |
| Income Tax Rebates | | 457 | 562 | | | | |
| Grants & Donations | | 100 | 885 | | | | |
| Admin | | 413 | | | | | |
| Bank Interest etc | | 47 | 2 | | | | |
| Investment Income | | | 1,549 | | | | |
| Non Operational Deficit | | | | | | | |
| Reduction in Value of Investments | | (946) | | | | | |
| | | 1,296 | 4,627 | | | 2,677 | 3,514 |
| Deficit for Year | | (1,381) | | | | | |
| Surplus for Year | | | 1,113 | | | | |

St. Lawrence District Church Council Accounts for the Year Ending 31st December 2022

| RECONCILIATION AND STATEMENT OF OPENING AND CLOSING BALANCES | | | |
|--|---------|-----------|-------------------|
| Opening Balances | | | |
| Deposit Accounts - Reserve Funds | | | |
| CBF Investment Fund - General Fund | | 62,891.76 | |
| CBF Deposit Fund - Building Fund | | 11.71 | 62,903.47 |
| CBF Investment Fund - General Reserve Local Mission Fund | | 10,379.21 | |
| CBF Deposit Fund - General Reserve Local Mission Fund | | 3,576.92 | 13,956.13 |
| | | | 76,859.60 |
| Current Accounts | | | |
| General fund | | 1,615.87 | |
| General Fund Ear Marked Balances | | 402.80 | 2,018.67 |
| Local Mission Fund | | | 5,712.61 |
| | | | 7,731.28 |
| Cash in Hand | | | |
| Float | | | 450.00 |
| Petty Cash | | | 80.00 |
| | | | 530.00 |
| Total Funds as at 1st January 2022 | | | 85,120.88 |
| Less Deficits Accrued during the year | | | |
| General Fund | Deficit | | -32,245.51 |
| Local Mission Fund | Deficit | | -1,380.96 |
| | | | -33,626.47 |
| Total Funds as at 31st December 2022 | | | 51,494.41 |
| Closing Balances | | | |
| Deposit Accounts - Reserve Funds | | | |
| CBF Investment Fund - General Fund | | 16,593.16 | |
| CBF Deposit Fund - Building Fund | | 11.86 | 16,605.02 |
| CBF Investment Fund - General Reserve Local Mission Fund | | 9,433.34 | |
| CBF Deposit Fund - General Reserve Local Mission Fund | | 3,623.97 | 13,057.31 |
| | | | 29,662.33 |
| Current Accounts | | | |
| General fund | | 16,118.81 | |
| General Fund Ear Marked Balances | | 402.80 | 16,521.61 |
| Local Mission Fund | | | 5,230.47 |
| | | | 21,752.08 |
| Cash in Hand | | | |
| Petty Cash | | | 80.00 |
| | | | 80.00 |
| Total Funds as at 31st December 2022 | | | 51,494.41 |

St. Lawrence Church Council - Pop In Accounts For The Ending 31st December 2022

| | INCOME | | | EXPENDITURE | |
|---|-----------------|---------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| | 2022 | 2021 | | 2022 | 2021 |
| Food Sales | 1,416.08 | 780.32 | Food etc | 434.04 | 280.76 |
| Donations/Grants etc | 6.00 | 10.00 | Rent | | |
| | | | Equipment/training etc | 25.94 | 54.88 |
| Special Events - Macmillan & Children in Need | 372.00 | | Charitable Giving | 1,530.00 | |
| Total Income | 1,794.08 | 790.32 | Total Expenditure | 1,989.98 | 335.64 |
| Increase in Funds during Year | (195.90) | 454.68 | | | |
| | | | Charitable Donations | | |
| | | | Church on the Bus | 180.00 | |
| | | | North Wingfield DCC | 200.00 | |
| | | | Trussel Trust | 80.00 | |
| | | | Macmillan | 325.00 | |
| | | | Save the Children | 80.00 | |
| | | | Compassion | 100.00 | |
| | | | Emmaus | 110.00 | |
| | | | Caring Matters Now | 75.00 | |
| | | | Smile Train UK | 75.00 | |
| | | | Clay Cross Foodbank | 75.00 | |
| | | | Children in Need | 180.00 | |
| | | | Christian Aid | 50.00 | |
| | | | 1,530.00 | | |
| BANK RECONCILIATION | | | | | |
| Opening Balance - Bank | 625.22 | 161.22 | Closing Balance - Bank | 319.59 | 625.22 |
| - Cash | 32.35 | 41.67 | - Cash in Hand | 142.08 | 32.35 |
| Add Increase in Funds during Year | (195.90) | 454.68 | | | |
| | 461.67 | 657.57 | | 461.67 | 657.57 |

