

# Brinsley with Underwood APCM report 2019

## Editor's Summary

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### Giving Thanks

- For such a wide range of regular worship, fellowship and getting-to-know-you activities through the year
- For all of our financial needs to be met

### For Prayer

- With such major changes in 2020, for us to develop new ways of continuing to worship, have fellowship and get to know new people
- For all of our financial needs to be met

### General notes

- The Vicar's report is for the current year, all of the other reports apply to the calendar year 2019, and most were written in early March 2020 before Covid-19 affected our lives much. We need to publish these reports to record our activity through the year. Whilst that is a long time ago now, and so much has changed because of Covid-19, we have chosen not to update any of them.
- Elections will cover the six months from now until next April when we hope that the 2021 meeting will be held to review our activities in 2020.
- We will not be reading these reports out loud at the meeting this year, and are circulating them beforehand so that you can read them in advance. If you need questions, it would help us to manage the meeting if you could submit these in advance to Andy Palmer ([secretary@BrinsleyWithUnderwood.com](mailto:secretary@BrinsleyWithUnderwood.com))
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## Vicar's Report

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### Giving Thanks

- For all of the new ways of worshipping that we have found during the Covid 19 pandemic
- For all of the new people that are engaging with our worship online
- For Lee Gordon being licensed Deacon and for Paul and Rachel Lake becoming Licensed Lay Ministers (LLM)

### For Prayer

- For us to be able to maintain contact with all of those who are not able to get out, or to join in online worship
- For the church to continue to grow during this unusual time

### General notes

At the start of 2020, none of us could have envisioned what has happened as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic. It has been encouraging to see how we have pulled together and supported one another and found fresh ways still to function as the church. With so much change and uncertainty around, the Christian message that God is still in control and does love us, has never been more relevant. The lockdown has had huge implications which will have long term repercussions. As I reflect on the current situation it is clear to see that it has presented its fair share of **challenges** but also **opportunities**

**Challenges.** Despite the lockdown and the frustration of not being able to meet all together as a church we have none the less continued to worship God. It has been a steep learning curve for all of us, getting used to a different way of working, and especially adapting to new technologies. A big thank you to Paul, Rachel and Sarah for sharing all your expertise in this area.

While it has been good to be able to get back into church, understandably not everyone feels confident or able to return to church yet; and the current restrictions mean that we are still not able to do many of the things that we would like to do. So, for the foreseeable future we will continue to stream our services of Morning Prayer. The PCC has decided for the time being not to have Holy Communion services.

One of the ongoing challenges is to ensure that those who are not confident with modern technology are not overlooked. A key question that we must address is: “how can we best continue to support one another?”

**Opportunities.** We have had far more people viewing the services than would normally attend them. This should not surprise us as people struggle with their mental health, we know that God offers a real peace that even the fiercest storms cannot disturb. While this is really encouraging, going forward the challenge will be to continue to engage with these people and help them in their journey of faith so that they become lifelong disciples.

While many of our regular activities have not been able to continue, we have been able to adapt and do some different things. A team have faithfully produced Night prayer, which has proved popular; and Sarah has done story time for the Little Angels, to mention just a couple of things. It has been especially encouraging to see how so many people have engaged with different ways to pray and to hear how God has answered those prayers.

A big “thank you” to everyone who has helped in any way to support the life and ministry of the parish during this difficult time, especially the Churchwardens.

Although, unfortunately, many of us who would have liked to be present were unable to do so, it has been a real blessing that Lee has still been able to be ordained and we pray for her in her curacy with Rev Fi Shouler in Selston. And we look forward to Paul and Rachel Lake’s licensing later this afternoon (11<sup>th</sup> October) as Licenced Lay Ministers (LLM) in Southwell Minster.

### **Going forward**

The immediate future looks uncertain, as cases of the virus once again are on the rise. It is easy to allow the current crisis to get us down and to lose hope. As Psalm 121 reminds us: We need to lift our

eyes up to the mountains. Where does our help come from? Our help comes from none other than the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

While we are enormously grateful for the hard work and dedication of our healthcare professionals and continue to pray for all those working to discover treatments and vaccines, as Christians we should not be placing our sole trust in them to find a solution to this dreadful pandemic which will allow us to return to some sort of normal life. Nothing is impossible for God, I believe that we should continue to pray that God will have mercy on us and quickly deliver us from this dreadful mess that we might once again lift our voices to praise him for his goodness and love.

For all of us this has been a testing time, but this need not be a negative experience. As we prove once again that God is faithful, our faith deepens and our trust in God grows. Not only that we become much more confident to share with others what God has done for us.

My prayer for us all is that we will emerge from this pandemic both individually and as a church with a stronger faith and better equipped to reach out to our community with the love of God.

### Financial Review

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#### Giving Thanks

- For all of our expenditure to be covered by income

#### For Prayer

- 2020 is a challenging year. Our giving is down, and our bills have not reduced by the same amount. Unless we increase our giving in the next two and a half months we will make a loss in the year.

#### General notes

Receipts of unrestricted funds totalled £61,000, including Gift Aid of £4500. Gift Aid had not been claimed for 2018 so we are grateful to our new Giving Secretary for getting records and claims up to date. The house on Main Road continued to be let and provided a gross income of £6300. Our share of diocesan fees amounted to over £12000. Magazine advertising and printing services brought in £1900. Fundraising events' income was much lower than last year, but this was somewhat balanced out by more being given towards the refurbishment of St Michael's. £582 was received from the Historic Churches Trust following the Ride and Stride event. Use of both churches by a variety of commercial and voluntary groups brings in around £7000. The bulk of this is from the hire of St James following its refurbishment. We also receive a significant £3200 from the successful cafes run in both churches.

We also collected almost £1000 for charities: Tools with a Mission, Royal British Legion and Framework.

Restricted donations totalled £32,000 for St Michael's re-ordering including a legacy of £27,300, receipts at events and generous donations in remembrance of parishioners. £1040 was donated to the clock fund and small amounts totalling £50 were still being given specifically for St James' refurbishment.

Payments from unrestricted funds amounted to £58,000. We met our Parish Share of £29,000 which was a 2% increase on the year before. We did benefit from a discount given to those who pay by direct debit and we have arranged to pay as many of our service providers as possible by direct debit

to gain discounts and cut down on administration time. We also joined the Parish Buying scheme's energy basket. It took a year to get all the energy contracts changed over but we should see the benefit of the scheme's negotiating power and again it saves a lot of admin time as there were four separate contracts which had to be re-negotiated each year. Energy costs this year were down by £900.

We had a very light year as regards maintenance as most costs were routine ones. Around £1000 was spent on the clock from the restricted fund.

The net result for the year was an excess of receipts over payments of £3000 on unrestricted funds. The balance carried forward at the end of the year totalled £30,000 of unrestricted funds.

### **Reserves Policy**

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds which equates to at least three months' unrestricted payments. This is equivalent to £16,000. This is held to meet emergencies and smooth out fluctuations in cash flow. This cash balance was maintained throughout 2019.

The balance of £140,000 in the high interest account is retained towards the cost of St Michael's refurbishment, £1700 is restricted in the clock fund and £3700 towards St James' final refurbishment projects.

### Growing Disciples

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- OneLIFE mission
- Encouraging meetings with Phil Williams

### Giving Thanks

For Prayer

### General notes

We tried to develop a conversation with the village through the year. One part of that was to provide more information to people about what is happening through a quarterly news-letter. We made opportunities to invite people into church, especially during the Christmas Tree festival and the Scarecrow Festival, where we had a Prayer Corner and a Thy Kingdom Come display.

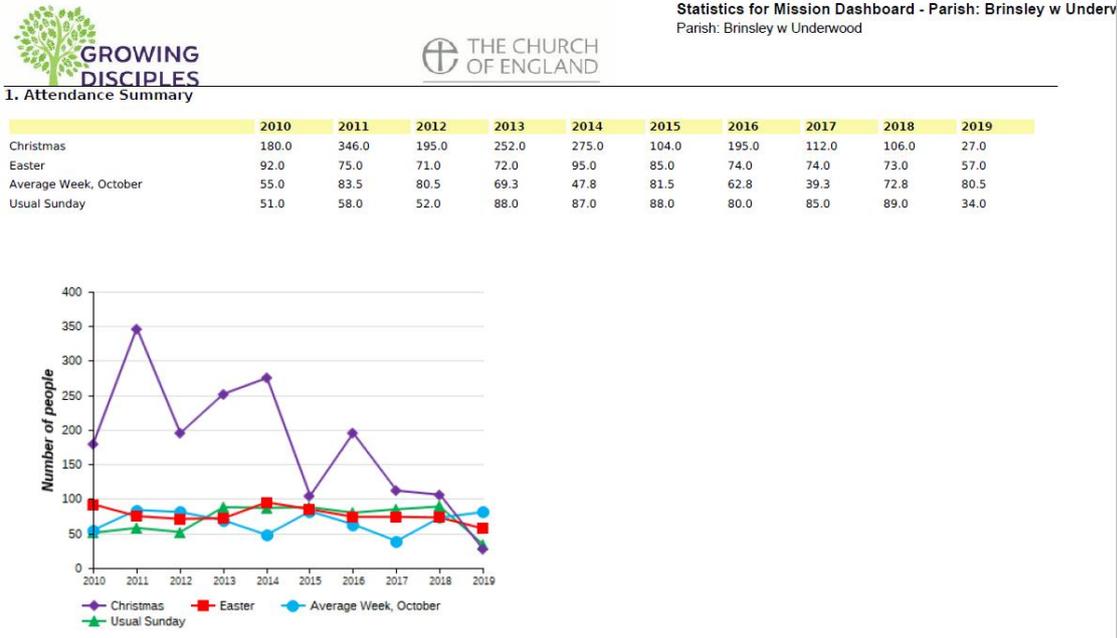
And we invited people to let us know what they value from the church and what people would like to see St Michael's building used for.

A highlight of the year was the OneLIFE mission in September when the Archbishop of York brought a team to the Diocese. We spent the year planning and supported that with a weekly prayer meeting on Wednesday mornings. We put on several outreach events, including the Showtime 2019 at the Underwood 'Stute, we invited our friends and had a great time. We did not see any new people at the Start Courses that we organised afterwards for people who would like to know more about the Christian faith.

### Statistics for mission

Note: the way that the Diocese uses our returns, they add up the total attendance reported for St James and St Michael's, this makes it appear that we have twice the attendance that we actually do...

The trends show that, whilst our regular services had maintained about the same size congregation for the last 10 years, we are not connecting with people at Christmas nearly as effectively, the trend is down for the last 10 years. This is reflected in having far fewer families and young people generally in our congregation. This is something that we need to address.



## Youth Outreach

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- Every Friday in term time 18:30-20:30

## Giving Thanks

- Archbishop's team visit & Barbeque on the Park
- So many young people regularly drop by for a chat
- Educational/Activity Session at the Mill Activity Centre
- Grants from both Selston Parish Council and Community Café

## For Prayer

- More Young People come to know Christ
- More friendly faces volunteer their time on a Friday night
- We have the right words to say when asked "What do you believe?"

## General notes

When the Archbishop of York visited the area at the end of the Summer, for the OneLIFE mission weekend, he brought along a Christian Youth Worker. She wanted to see our Outreach Project in action and then offer us some advice. At the end of the session she said: ***"Wow! You have what I have always wanted. A park full of young people, who not only accept your presence in their space but who actively seek to engage with you. They all know you, like you and respect you. They were desperate to see if you could walk on water too!"*** (I did - but I cheated!)

We have worked hard over these past eight years building relations with the **Local Council, Police** and **Community Support Officers**. Last Summer, they paid for a group of young people to visit the Mill Adventure Base near Mansfield. At the Mill we held an **"Interactive Drug and Alcohol**

**Workshop.**” We then did some supervised High Ropes Climbing and ate pizza with the Police Officers!

This year we have been blessed with £1000 from the **Parish Council** that paid for two new Table-Tennis Tables and a Pool Table. The **Community Café** also generously donated £100 which will fund outdoor equipment for our Summer Sessions. The local Council pay for the Hire of the Community Centre during the winter months. We are extremely grateful and give praise for these donations, as it means that we have never had to charge the young people.

We do not charge the young people to attend. The sale of soft drinks and chocolate bars just about covers the cost of replacing the table-tennis balls. £1000 from the Parish Council and £100 from the Community Café are the major incomings that we have received this year. (In order to pay for the hire of the Community Centre, the Parish Council simply transfers the money from the appropriate Community Awards Gant.)

Our numbers fluctuate week-to-week. If it is God’s will we are keen to continue. We simply ask that you pray that we are there for the young people who are looking to find Jesus’s love. A girl who attended Youth Club a couple of years ago recently dropped in and said: **“Thank you for being there for me when everyone else thought I was a w\*nker! I’m not anymore. I’ve grown up and matured loads. But you never judged me!”** - These are the sort of young people we would like you to pray for!

If anyone feels that they would like to give up just one Friday night a month, we would really appreciate it. No training or experience necessary. We just talk to young people, if they want to talk. Often they don’t though, which is also fine! We pray that we find the right words to say. It can be daunting to be out on the fringes of the Church, publicly declaring your faith. (On one occasion a young man was walking around shouting and punching people, when he saw us he screamed: **“You lot can F\*ck Off! This is my park! Get lost!”** We simply offered him a smile and a handshake. On seeing the **Ichthys** embroidered on our T-Shirts he then said: **“Do you consider yourselves Old Testament or New Testament then?”** Within five minutes he had put down his can of lager and apologised for swearing. He then stood and talked to us. He was simply an angry young man, who didn’t know why he felt that way. He just wanted to be listened to. We have no doubt that in that moment we were given the right words to say – We really needed them too!

**Youth Outreach** is an “Open Access” project and everyone is welcome to come and go as they please. During the Summer we meet each Friday night on Underwood Recreation Ground, including in the Summer Holidays. Next Winter, God willing, we hope to be back in Underwood Community Centre again - term-time only though.

## Churchwardens’ Reports

Contact:

Giving Thanks

- The increased numbers attending Remembrance Sunday and Carols at St James.
- The continued community use (pre-covid-19).
- Continuing to develop connections with primary schools, also now with Brinsley School.
- The large numbers attending the Chatterbox and Community Cafés.

For Prayer

- That all we do in our buildings and our grounds would be a part of our worship. This often results in the same few people doing it all. For a few more people to help us.
- That the changes due to Covid-19 would lead us to more, and better use of our buildings as

activities are able to start again

## General notes

### Through the seasons:

- Summer garden Party at St Michael's was well attended as usual.
- St James Weekend was spread over 2 weekends due to unavoidable circumstances. The Annual Coffin Walk was on Saturday 20 July. At the Celebration Service on Sunday 28 July we welcomed Rev'd Francis Wainaina as guest speaker, followed with a 'bring and share' lunch.
- Sponsored Ride and Stride, 13<sup>th</sup> September, was less well attended this year – probably because it was the same weekend as the OneLIFE mission. Our thanks to David Hammond for cycling, Mary and Gayna for walking and Carol Brett who travelled by car. This is a key fundraiser for us as we receive a proportion of the sponsorship to use for buildings work, and we regularly apply for grants from Notts Historic Churches Trust.
- St Michaels weekend: a few of us walked to Southwell again. We had good weather, arriving dry and in very good time at Southwell having managed to be in various pubs when it rained! Dean Nicola led a short service in the Pilgrims Chapel concluding with a lovely blessing.
- Harvest thanksgiving service, Underwood Allotments. Heavy rain led to a sparse attendance.
- Children's light party, October 31st, was great fun for all helpers and participants.
- All Souls service held at St Michaels, was well attended. David gave a very thoughtful talk
- Remembrance Sunday Services in both churches were very well attended with around 100 people in each church. Congregations included Parish Councillors, representatives from various local groups, the Royal British Legion, and a number of young people. In Brinsley we also had a bugler.
- The 3 schools (Brinsley, Bagthorpe and Underwood) all held Christmas services or presentations in the churches.
- Carols with the Huthwaite Prize Band in St Michael's was well attended, but with fewer people than in previous years. Haydn Cooper, their conductor for many years, was too ill to attend and who later died.
- 'Carols at St James', extremely well attended by 111 people, included items by Sarah Harker and a small group from SingSation
- Christmas Eve Midnight Communion: attended by only 27 people this year
- Underwood School used the Church on January 6th for their workshop, Spirituality in schools. Paul and Rachel, Mary and Gayna supported this.
- Experience Easter (2020), a 'Time Travelling' type day led by Gayna was to host 56 children from Underwood and 64 from Bagthorpe. However, this was cancelled due to the onset of the Coronavirus. The text and illustrations were displayed in the Lytch Gate Porch through Holy Week instead, so people can see and read the Easter Story even if they cannot enter the church.

### Buildings

- All the usual annual servicing took place i.e. the boilers organ, alarm, etc.
- Wood worm was found in the organ in St Michael's, report awaited
- Unfortunately, we have experienced some vandalism to St Michael's: a window was broken by a large stone. Repairs have been completed during the Covid-19 lockdown.
- St Michael's quinquennial inspection has been updated to ensure that the planned work in the refurbishment will include everything necessary.
- Four new notice boards are approved - for both entrances at St Michael's and St James.
- War Graves notice at St Michael's – now posted on the Lytch Gate
- Additional kitchen wall tiling and stainless-steel splashback in St James provided by the Community Café.

- Grass Cutting – closed Churchyard, St Michael’s – the previous contract managed by Ashfield District Council has been passed to Selston Parish Council, this appears to be leading to a reduced frequency of cutting. Vaughan Price has cut the new churchyard grass, St James.
- Both churchyards have been tidied by volunteers from the community. Our thanks to all who have helped with this.

### Bookings

- Until the Covid-19 lockdown in March 2020, St James continued to benefit from regular community use for a wide variety of events including parties, line dancing, musical theatre workshops, as well as the weekly Brinsley Community Choir, Community Café and the 1<sup>st</sup> St James Brownie Group.
- Rock ‘n’ Soul singers continue to use St Michael’s for rehearsals weekly.

### Help needed please

Your help with small things is always really appreciated. Could you help by joining a team to:

- Make refreshments after services.
- Cleaning – dusting, vacuuming – the churches
- Arrange flowers for Sunday services
- Tidying and simple gardening in the churchyards, including cutting the hedges

### Pie Club

Contact: Bob Tyers, 07971 134794

#### Giving Thanks

- Pie Club met through the year with a regular attendance of 6 or 7 people
- Monthly Codelife breakfasts at Morrisons had a regular 7 attendees

#### For Prayer

- For more local people to drop in for a chat during our meetings

#### General notes

There are 16 of us on the email list and, despite several illnesses during the year, 14 have appeared at least once. Four of our members are from other churches or none and 3 live outside the parish.

Our most frequent event is the PieNight on a Thursday at the Miners Welfare where for about 2 hours we have open and free discussion on all matters, spiritual, political and sporting.

Once a month we take over the lounge at the Durham Ox Brinsley where we cook and serve supper to around 10 Piemen and often 4 locals. This is also where we raise our funds from which this year, we have made donations to good causes totalling £235

We have held 2 open-to-all evenings at the Ox, probably the largest and noisiest being when the Bishop of Durham visited us at the Durham Ox.

Once a month on a Saturday morning 7 of us meet at Morrisons in Eastwood for our Codelife (New Kind of Man) Breakfast where good food is mixed with good teaching and letting our light shine in the community.

We have provided manpower at several church and community activities, building things and burning things.

A growing number of us have also joined in with local and national men's ministry events including Bishop Tony's Man Alive breakfasts, enjoying powerful worship and testimonies.

### Home Groups

Contact: Nicky Smith, 01773 811980, Jane & Peter Fletcher, 01773 7155819

#### Giving Thanks

- We learn so much from discussing the Bible, sharing and praying together

#### For Prayer

- It's harder to share together over Zoom as we are isolated from each other

#### General notes

### Wednesday Nights at Nicky Smith's

We have maintained a nucleus of 9 people; one is from another church which adds an interesting dimension to our discussions. We have used a diverse set of Bible Studies that has led to some great discussions and some practical side-tracks as we think about how the Bible applies to our real situations. It is amazing how God speaks to us through these precious times. These are precious times for those who attend – we strongly recommend anyone not currently in a Home Group to consider joining one. It is a great help in understanding and growing in faith together in a supportive environment. Thank you, Nicky, for continued wonderful and generous hospitality!

### Thursday Night at Peter and Jane's

Regularly attended by 6-8 people. We have covered a variety of topics in our Bible Studies and Start Course around the time of OneLIFE. The real, pleasing development of this group is the way people have grown in confidence in expressing themselves and praying within the group.

### Alpha and Start Course

Contact: Jane Fletcher, 01773 715819

#### Giving Thanks

- 8 people attended the START course in September

#### For Prayer

- To have the wisdom to know whether to run Alpha or START again this year (2020) or any other basics course
- To find the right venue and helpers for whatever course is run
- How and who to invite to future courses

#### General notes

We have been running the Alpha Course in a variety of different venues and formats for over 10 years and the course has generally been well attended by people from both our churches and other churches.

In 2019, following the oneLIFE Mission in mid-September led by the Archbishop of York, we used the START Course instead. Peter and Jane Fletcher led the START Course in their home on Plainspot Road, Brinsley and anyone was welcome to attend. The course started on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 7.30pm with 8 participants. As with any other newly introduced courses it is always interesting to receive feedback. Positives about the course include:

- Short course with each session being about one hour only

- Easy to commit to as it is only six sessions
- Easy to understand with a mixture of easy listening video clips, no pressured discussion and time for reflection.
- An enjoyable opportunity to explore and share the Christian Faith in the comfort of a home

### Living with Loss

Contact: Jane Fletcher, 01773 715819

### Giving Thanks

- This group provides a valuable support for many

### For Prayer

- To continue to provide moral and spiritual support to those who come

### General notes

Living with Loss is a fellowship group for anyone who has suffered any form of loss in their life. The group meets in the meeting room in St James Church, Brinsley, on the first Thursday in every month from 2.00 until 4.00pm and enjoys participating in a variety of different “crafts” whilst enjoying a “cuppa” and a “chat”. We are normally a group of between 12-18 people each month. Both ladies and gents are most welcome to come along, although currently we do only have one gentleman regularly attending.

Many positive comments have been received from those taking part:

- “I love coming to Living with Loss and am always disappointed when I can’t make it for some reason”.
- “I am joining in with crafts and having a go at things I thought I would never try or couldn’t do and have been pleasantly surprised by the results. We all encourage each other to ‘have a go’.”
- “Living alone following a bereavement can be so lonely and I look forward to Living with Loss as everyone is so friendly, caring and encouraging”.
- “It is so good to be able to be ‘yourself’ in your own grief without anyone judging you”.

Thank you to Nicky Smith who, after taking up the voluntary role of craft co-ordinator, continues to resource new ideas for us and brings along all the necessary resources for each participant to carry out the chosen craft activity. We are so lucky to be able to share her time and talents every month.

The group are self-supporting, any donations given towards the cost of providing materials are normally kindly handed back by Nicky towards buying Church flowers for Brinsley and Underwood.

## Chatterbox Café

Contact: Mary Simpson-Eyre, 01773 719404

### Giving Thanks

- We have registered as a “Place of Welcome”
- For new helpers

### For Prayer

- Sharing our faith in a way that our customers appreciate

### General notes

We have successfully registered as a Place of Welcome. If you have never heard of places of welcome it is an organization that is there for vulnerable people and people that have hit hard times. We are not allowed to charge for refreshments but are still allowed to accept donations. Most of our regulars do donate anyway because they want our grass cut and the clock to go on ticking. We are very grateful to a number of our helpers who regularly donate refreshments to the café (we do remind them regularly that they can claim for the things they buy,) it is their way of showing appreciation for what we are doing and being allowed to help. Penny Fell and I now have quite a few helpers: Joan, Diane, and Sonia. All our helpers have had problems themselves and needed something in their lives to do. Penny keeps us well supplied with Chatterbox café helper badges. Helen comes to wash up for us most weeks.

We welcome everyone no matter what age into our tea/coffee morning from babies and toddlers to old folk. I often find myself childminding while mums enjoy a drink! We also welcome well behaved dogs – we have yet to experience a unruly one. Numbers vary from week to week and we do look forward to opening again after our termly closures.

## 3.16 Community Café

Contact: Bob Tyers, 07971 134794

### Giving Thanks

- People continue to find their way to the café
- New people have joined the team and cover for others who are not available
- Giving away a lot of money to local charities

### For Prayer

- How we keep sharing the Good News with our customers

### General notes

The café, which started 5 years ago as a Lent sacrificial project, continues to grow with a community now of around 100 which includes occasional visitors from America, Australia, Holland, Nuneaton, Selston, Arnold and Newthorpe.

The atmosphere is always warm, welcoming and several customers use the phrase spirit filled.

The year was not without its difficulties, starting with the loss of the main cake baker’s oven followed by staff turnover and more recently John “The Griddleman’s” illness. The café community rallied, and several new volunteers have joined the team to steady the ship. This has however meant less opportunity to be on the floor sharing the good news. We are

happy however to see people continuing to find their way via the café into broader church life.

A side effect of a growing participation and despite deliberately low prices has been the generation of surplus funds. The team took the decision that after making correct physical and financial contributions to the church of £2400, the funds should be offered initially to other community activities in our area. To this end 17 groups have benefitted across all ages of the community along with several animal welfare charities to an amount of £2600.

We have now introduced periodic Generosity Days where the tills are closed, and donations accepted in favour of The Month's Chosen Charity. The recipients so far have been, Spring's Day Care, Friends of Brinsley Headstocks, The Salvation Army who led our Christmas celebrations and The Christmas Toy Appeal.

Our thanks go to Peter Fletcher who helps us by setting out the tables and Christine Smith who is there at the end to help the weary tidy up.

### Church and Community Magazine

Contact: Bob Tyers, 07971 134794

#### Giving Thanks

- For more people joining the editorial, production and distribution teams
- That we produced 10 magazines in the year

#### For Prayer

- Holiday cover for the production team

#### General notes

The magazine has had a traumatic year in 2019. At the start of the year Andy Fell was carrying all the pressure of Editing and Publishing. Bob Tyers was organising Production, Distribution and Delivery along with Advertising. The situation was untenable. Nicky Smith joined in to Take on the Centre Page diary until a suitable permanent Diarist could be found and we are happy to say that Anne Steel has now picked up that role. It soon became apparent that the Editorial/Production team needed to be strengthened and we were blessed by Helen Broomfield joining us as Editor along with Lyn Dejewski as a proof-reader allowing Andy to concentrate on artwork and design. There have been some changes in the delivery team, and we thank all those who are continuing and those who have found it necessary to 'retire'. The production group is working well but we do need at least holiday cover for production organisation and bulk distribution.

### The Blessings Course and Local Houses of Prayer

#### Contact

- Bob Tyers, 07971 134794

#### Giving Thanks

- 16 people attended the first Blessings Course in the autumn
- We expect that this will lead to setting up 4 or 5 Local Houses of Prayer in the area in early 2020
- 30 people started the second course

#### For Prayer

- That we would see the promised powerful movement of God in 2020

#### General notes

none

#### Messy Church

Contact Sarah Harker, sarahe.harker@gmail.com

#### Giving Thanks

- Continued attendance of 7 or 8 families
- New leaders joining the team

#### For Prayer

- To continue to support the families who join us regularly
- For a few more families to join

#### General notes

Messy Church met monthly on the third Sunday afternoon. After joining in with craft activities we had a short Bible story, a song and shared food together. It is great to have some regular families joining us every month. Whilst the service is aimed to engage children, its message is for families and everybody is welcome to join us.

#### Little Angels

Contact: Gayna Hall, gayna.hall@ntlworld.com

#### Giving Thanks

- Continued attendance of around 10 families
- New leaders joining the team

#### For Prayer

- To continue to support the families who join us regularly
- For a few more families to join

#### General notes

The Little Angels tots and toddlers group has another successful year in 2019.

With only Lee Gordon and Helen Smith running the group, and Lee needing time away for Clergy training, new helpers were needed, so Gayna Hall, Mary Simpson-Eyre, Penny Fell and Sarah Harker undertook to help out, so the group had good Church support, and were able to interact more with the parents and children, resulting in some of them attending Messy Church.

At Easter we were able to give the children a gift of an egg, and an Easter story book, and at Christmas they were given a hand-crafted stained-glass St Michael's Angel.

We made a Little Angels Christmas tree, decorated with Glass Angels, which was subsequently bought, and the proceeds donated to the Re-Ordering fund.

We were sorry to lose Lee, owing to pressure of study, but were very happy to Welcome Rachel Lake, who has brought with her a fund of youth work experience.

## Appendix

PCC OF BRINSLEY WITH UNDERWOOD CHURCH  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019

Howard Jones  
AAT Qualified

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### TO THE PCC OF BRINSLEY WITH UNDERWOOD CHURCH

The report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2019, which are set out on [the following] pages, is in respect of an examination carried out under Regulation 3 (3) of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993

#### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 3 (3) of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and section 43 (2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of Regulation 25 of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and Regulation 7 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995.

#### **Basis of Independents Examiners Report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43 (7) (b) of the Act and to be found in the guidance from the CBF. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items of disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view of the accounts.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter comes to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Act, as also contained in the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 have not been met; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Howard Jones

AAT Qualified

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**General Fund Receipts and Payments Account**

Receipts	£
Planned giving - Covenants	15349
Collections - St James	2560
Collections - St Michaels	3533
Gift Aid reclaimed	4467
Service fees	12172
Chatterbox Café	1711
Community Café	1500
Little Angels	232
Donations - St Michael's reordering	2929
Legacy - St Michael's reordering	27276
Donations - sundry	1909
Donations - charities	978
Magazine income	1645
Printing	1231
Events	1465
Events - St Michael's reordering	1651
Room hire - St James	5227
Room hire - St Michael's	849
Rent - Main Road	6300
Grants	
Miscellaneous	
Interest	417
<b>Total</b>	<u><u>93401</u></u>
Payments	
Parish share	29304
Officers' fees	2824
Clergy expenses	781
Organist stipend	1000
Energy/water	7959
Insurance	4766
Music licenses	376
Maintenance	2599
Main Road	808
Printing/stationery	6500
Charities	993
Events	579
Mission	394
Miscellaneous	
Bank charges	
<b>Total</b>	<u><u>58883</u></u>
Excess of Receipts over payments	34518
Cash and Bank Balances b/fwd.	137263
Cash and Bank Balances as at 31 December 2019	<u><u>171781</u></u>

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**Designated Funds**

**Community Hall Fund**

Balance b/wd	3680
Donations	52
	52
Payments - Renovations	
	3732
<b>Bank Balance as at 31 December 2019</b>	<b>3732</b>

**Clock Fund**

Balance b/wd	1778
Interest	2
Grants	0
	1780
	<b>1780</b>

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**Statement of Assets as at 31 December 2019**

	Legacy Fund £	Clock Fund £	Comm. Hall Fund £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total £
<b>Monetary assets</b>					
<b>Barclays Accounts</b>					
Acc 90197505	139011				139011
Acc 70694851			3732	22321	26053
Acc 30694843				4937	4937
				170001	
<b>NatWest Accounts</b>					
Clock Current Account		526			526
Clock Reserve Account		1254			1254
	139011	1780	3732	27258	<b>171781</b>