St Alban's Church

Annual Report 2022-23



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Vicar's and Wardens' report

The last year has finally seen a return to a more "normal" pattern of church life after the two strange years of Covid. With the end of live-streaming, Sunday worship is now entirely "in-person". We are able once again to share a common cup at communion (while still providing an option of individual cups to make sure no-one is excluded). We have been able to enjoy successful Summer and Christmas Fayres again, and had a church tent at the Stuff 4 Steph community day. Collective worship is taking place in schools, and the school has held services in church again. DCC meetings are no longer held partly or entirely over Zoom.

We are grateful to all who serve the church so faithfully in many different roles and ministries, some visible, some behind the scenes, including Brian Daybell, Rachel Warner and Deb Dale who have been part of the Wardens' team for part of the year.

There have been encouraging developments in the life of the church…

- We had 20 **baptisms**, which under our new policy were all held during the Sunday service. It has been great to welcome families for the baptism services themselves, and to get to know them as they attended church beforehand in preparation for the event. And although several have not managed to continue attending church, we are still in contact with many of them in different ways.
- Sam Crosby joining the team as **Family and Children's** Worker has been a great encouragement, and transformed our work with families. We have replaced ***Who let the Dads out?*** with a monthly ***Messy Church***, which has extended our worshipping community quite significantly. We have strengthened the links with St Alban's School and been able to take on leading worship at St Thomas's School as well. TLC goes from strength to strength, with many parents commenting that it offers a uniquely welcoming atmosphere. And there have been a significant number of children present at most of our Sunday services.

- Vitally, **praying** together is now an established part of our church life. The weekly Friday morning prayer gatherings, and to some extent the monthly Tuesday evening meetings have been a source of spiritual strength and encouragement.
- Although we were disappointed that Rachel Warner resigned as **Church Administrator** in August to take up full-time employment, we have been delighted to welcome Katie Hart, who started work in November and has continued to develop the smooth administration processes that Rachel established. We are grateful to both of them for their hard work and support.
- At a wider level, it has been good to have the **Presbyterian Church of Ghana** worshipping in the building on Sunday afternoons, and to know their support for us too in prayer and fellowship.
- The launch of the **St Alban's Community Project** on the site next to the church provides us with new and stronger links into the community, and exciting opportunities for the future.

But there have been great sadnesses too.

- The deaths of **Sue Craddock** and **Betty Weaver** have, in their different ways, left big holes in our church community. Ill health is impacting a number of other people too.
- And it's not just physical health issues. We should concerned too about the **spiritual health** of a number of people. Some who were core members of the church prior to Covid have simply never returned to church, and several other key people have drifted to attend only rarely, or in a few cases left the church entirely. Sunday attendance is down significantly.
- And it has been a **difficult year** for those of us who have been involved in ministry and leadership. Things have happened that are not befitting to a healthy church, and revealed attitudes that are far from the love of Christ. They have taken a toll on a number of people, and there has been far more change in personnel within the wardens team than we would have wanted. Our sense at times has been that the church has been under spiritual attack, but only a few people seem to want to join in prayer.

As we start a new church year, we face a critical turning point. Are we going to do what we've been talking about for the last few months and truly start to rebuild the church on the strong foundation of Jesus Christ, or are we going simply to try and continue the way we are? We know which we're praying for. Will you join us?

Rev Tom, Terry Braithwaite, Barry Bishop and Tracy Yates

Lay Reader's report

I have continued to serve as a lay reader. My work includes preaching and leading services in partnership with Tom and occasionally preaching and leading at St Thomas' Church. I continue to officiate at funerals and this is an area that I feel is an integral part of my ministry. It is of the utmost importance to get alongside people at the time of their grief, meeting them where they are. I do feel that we need to develop our post funeral ministry and I think that is an area I would like to concentrate on in the year to come.

I enjoy my role, although sometimes it is a challenging one. I am grateful that Tom continues to be encouraging in terms of the roles I undertake. Some of my lay reader colleagues do not have such opportunities and have more limited roles.

There is an increasing focus on lay ministry in its widest sense within the Church of England, In Ministry Council's 2019 'Ministry for a Christian Presence in Every Community' it ''outlines the call to particular ministries that represent and enable the whole church to be disciple-making disciples that build up the whole Body of Christ in mission and ministry. Ministry for a Christian Presence points towards signs of renewal of ministry in the Church of England, where ministry is relational, missional, collaborative, adaptive and diverse."

In terms of my own ministry I find it interesting that God called me back to St Alban's, the church of my youth, for me to be able to fulfil a longing that I had all those years ago. A longing that I had all but given up on fulfilling. God held on to me, He never lets us go and He brought me back, gave me renewed purpose, vision and confidence to do what I am doing today and I am so

thankful. I will also be forever grateful for the encouragement and support I receive from the congregation, it means a great deal to me.

Terry Braithwaite - Lay Reader

Fabric of the Church Building

Sadly, due to other pressures including the new Community Project area (now Caring Hearts Charity Shop & Car Storage) and several changes of Wardens, little work was done in and around the church building last year. The future projects reported in 2021 Report, including replacing the side gate, installing a bicycle rack, repainting the cross and rendering front of church, plus installing an air source heat pump in the St.Alban's Room and a heat recovery ventilator in the vestry, have all been on hold.

Not long after I took over as District Warden, in November we had our Quinquennial Inspection of the building and grounds. Summarising a lengthy report, there were 21 items where immediate remedial action was identified or recommended. A few minor items have since been dealt with, but many others still have to be actioned. If you are interested in seeing this full report, please ask me.

A few items we would like to address sooner rather than later are:

1. The front church entrance doors, which are looking increasingly dilapidated. This will be an expensive job but quotes are being obtained.
2. Damp in the vestry. We had some quotes but work didn't move forward.
3. The Cross and Tower Painting/Rendering.
4. Removal of rusty gas heaters in lobby and St. Albans room (after foodbank moves to adjacent building).

If YOU have any trade skills which can be put to good use, please do see me!!

Barry Bishop - Warden

Finance / Treasurer's report

2022 was my 6th year as St. Albans DCC Treasurer, and I would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way towards our continuing satisfactory financial position last year.

Our finances have now been Online via My Fund Accounting for 2 full years and has continued to help us maintain a more accurate picture of our financial position and making reporting figures much easier.

The Financial Review included with the Annual report gives more detailed information on our Income and Expenditure, but the following may be of interest.

Our 'Unrestricted' Income (excluding Foodbank) for 2022 was just under £60,000 and our Expenditure was just under £54,000, so our 'Surplus' was approx. £6000.

Looking forward to 2023 so far, the position is much more concerning. In the first quarter, our expenditure exceeded income by nearly £4000. This is primarily due to increased Parish Share, much higher utility bills and a drop in Congregational Giving. We continue to rely heavily on hall hire & rental income; but for the first time whilst I have been Treasurer we expect to be very much 'in the red' at year end, unless we can increase income quite substantially.

We still have good 'Reserves' in our Savings Account; approx.£18,000 at year end (including money donated for proposed Prayer Room) BUT there is a large list of things requiring work around the church following the Quinquennial Building report, which will eat into our reserves.

My thanks again to Derek (outgoing PCC Treasurer) for his help and advice in 2022. Also to Brian for handling Gift-Aid & Banking, and the Money-Counting Team for dealing with weekly donations.

In conclusion, in 2023 we will do our very best to remain financially viable to continue God's Work in this church and local community, with His and your help.

Barry Bishop - Treasurer

Gift Aid report

I would like to thank all who open the envelopes and count the money after the service. We have lost some gift aiders this year but we have also gained one or two.

If anyone is interested in becoming a Gift Aider or requires more information (which is confidential of course), or any of the present gift aiders would prefer to use a bankers order and not envelopes, please contact Rev Tom, Barry Bishop (Treasurer), or myself, Gift Aid Secretary. We will let you have the information required for your bank. The amount to be claimed back from the tax office for this year will be approximately £3900 . I would like to ask anyone who gives a donation to the church, if you are a tax payer, to Gift Aid it. For every £1 donated we can claim 25p from the tax office.

In addition to the above gift aid, there is a scheme which started in the 2013/2014 tax year known as GADS (Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme). This is a tax relief on loose plate giving and non-gift aid envelope monies. Non Gift aid envelope money and small cash donations of up to £30 maximum are acceptable but not cheques. This is without the need for a gift aid declaration. The maximum loose cash we can claim against has been increased to £8000. This would give a possible tax return of £2000. Our tax relief will be down this year by about 30% due to very little loose cash on the plate. Let us hope that things will improve.

Please stay safe.

Brian Daybell (Gift Aid Secretary)

Electoral Roll

There are 78 people on the electoral roll for St Alban's District, of whom 17 live outside the Parish. This is down 3 on last year.

Brian Daybell (Electoral Roll Officer)

DCC Secretary's report

Over the past year, the DCC has been meeting regularly with the initial plan of once-a-month meetings. However, mid-year, the decision was made to reduce the frequency to bi-monthly. The DCC has held a total of seven in-person meetings. The DCC has maintained a 65% attendance rate.

The DCC Treasurer has consistently delivered a monthly report on Income and Expenditure, as well as Balance Sheets and a Fund Movement Summary, throughout the year. Additionally, the Treasurer has provided a simplified information sheet that summarizes all the data in an easy-to-understand format.

We have appointed a new Administrator and a Children and Families Enabler since last year. The DCC would like to extend their best wishes to both of these women in their respective roles.

Rev Tom and the Wardens Team met with the Architect for the Quinquennial Inspection in November. Based on the report's findings, Barry Bishop and Brian Daybell have started working on manageable tasks, while requesting our Administrator look into contractors for more significant jobs that need to be undertaken.

Throughout the year, the DCC has discussed several essential topics, such as the 'use of the land formerly known as Ashmore Autos', 'Ashmore Park Foodbank', 'First Aid' and many others.

Bethanie Eliza Craddock

Safeguarding and compliance

We continue to take Safeguarding very seriously as a church, and are glad to report that any issues that have come up have been thoroughly addressed, and there no outstanding concerns.

However, Safeguarding has presented some challenges for us, not through there being serious actual safeguarding concerns, but through false allegations being gossiped and only later brought into the safeguarding process. As a result of this, our Safeguarding Coordinator resigned in October, and I had to make a public statement reminding the congregation of the importance of following safeguarding processes correctly.

In the circumstances it was not possible to appoint a replacement immediately, and we are very grateful to the Diocesan Safeguarding team for looking after safeguarding for us on an interim basis since then. In March, Neil Spiring, Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor, made a presentation to the DCC on Establishing Safeguarding Culture, to help the DCC understand their responsibilities in this regard. One of the first tasks of the new DCC will be to take heed of this, review our safeguarding processes and appoint a new Safeguarding Coordinator.

Rev Tom

Deanery Synod report

The Deanery Synod has met four times since the last annual meeting – twice for business, and twice for worship.

The first business meeting, at Emmanuel Church Bentley in May, focused mainly on the pressures the Deanery was facing with clergy vacancies remaining unfilled for extended periods of time. The Synod agreed to write to the Bishop and Archdeacon regarding these concerns, and following that diocesan approval was finally granted to move ahead with recruitment in two cases, and to expedite discussion on future plans in the other parish.

The second meeting, at St James's Church, Fordhouses in November, was mainly concerned with reporting back on the response to the letter, and considering how the Deanery can support Short Heath parish, where there are two churches and no clergy since October 2021.

The new Rural Dean's innovation of a twice-yearly Deanery Service, followed by a bring-and-share meal, has been a great success. In September St Thomas's hosted a communion service, at which I preached, and then in February Emmanuel Bentley hosted a Sung Evensong, at which Rev Sue Boyce preached.

The only sadness was that this service in February was the final public Deanery event for both Revd Sue, who retires this month, and Revd Andrew Lythall who moved from Emmanuel Bentley to a new parish in March. With Revd Derek D'Sousa finishing his term as interim minister at St Thomas's in May, the Deanery will have only three full-time and one half-time members of clergy, against a full complement of 8, to cover 11 churches. This critical shortage of ministers will remain the Deanery's most pressing concern in the coming year.

Revd Ian Poole has provided excellent leadership to the Deanery throughout the year, including significant support to our church and parish. Revd Sue's retirement left the Deanery with a vacancy for Assistant Rural Dean, but in March it was announced that Rev Ros Wilshire, vicar of St Stephen's Willenhall will take over that role.

Rev Tom Fish

Worship and teaching

In our Sunday services we have had teaching series on:

- Psalms, and our emotions
- A thematic series on our use of words
- Job – Suffering wisely and well

Our all-age / hands-on services have continued monthly, with services on

- Martha and Mary ("Only one thing…"),
- The meaning of Baptism (from "I'm ok" to "He's ok")
- A father who knows what we need (for Harvest, with a baptism)
- The first shall be last and the last shall be first
- Building on firm foundations
- Prayer and worry
- The joys and tears of motherhood (for Mother's Day)
- Easter

Our September all-age service was replaced by a focus on the life of HM Queen Elizabeth II, following her death on September 8th.

Seasonal services have included an outdoor service for Ascension Day at the highest point in the District, an Ash Wednesday 'ashing' service, and a Maundy Thursday meal and communion.

John Miller, our organist, and Barry have continued to provide a great lead to our **musical worship** throughout the year, with Laurence on guitar until December. Since February, we have also been blessed with contributions from Kemsi and OJ Okeke, on keyboard and drums respectively, at some services.

We stepped back our online worship presence to focus on meeting together in person. St Alban's Thought for the Day did not restart after our Easter break, and in June we stopped live-streaming our Sunday services.

Rev Tom Fish

Sound and Vision

The basic role of the team is

- To operate the sound desk for our worship services, making speakers, readers, musicians and singers comfortably audible to everyone.
- To run the laptop, projecting song words, sermon slides and occasionally videos.
- As required, to stream services on YouTube. We stopped routinely streaming Sunday morning services in June 2022; since then, at the request of bereaved families we have made a few funerals available for mourners who weren't able to attend in person.
- To make an audio recording of the service, and publish it on the church website for those who are not able to join us on Sunday mornings.

Recently, some of the equipment seems to have developed intermittent faults. We are hoping to arrange for a review of our setup and how it meets the needs of the church now and in the future.

Active members of the team during this past year include Mark and Tracy Yates, Jack Weaver, John Billau and Helen Fish.

Helen Fish

Facebook

St Alban's Facebook Page now has 583 likes and 773 followers (up from 513 likes and 671 followers last year, despite stopping St Alban's Thought for the Day). Our Facebook page is updated weekly by Katie Hart and others with to publicise events and other notices, make suggestions for Foodbank donations, advertise our prayer areas etc.

Pop-In

Pop in is open once a fortnight on a Tuesday, and is a place where there is a selection of second hand clothing, bric-a-brac and other goodies. The team serve hot breakfasts, hot drinks and toast, and there are great opportunities for conversation and fellowship.

Pop-in suffered a great blow in December with the passing of Betty Weaver, for many years a leading light in the team, and since February her former co-leader, John Edwards, has also been unable to attend for health reasons.

It is a great credit to the team that they have been able to continue to open every two weeks, pausing only for Betty's funeral in January. We are very grateful to Wendy and Jen at the "check-out table"; Robert, Josie, Rose and Phyllis sorting and setting out clothes etc; Gladys, now ably assisted by Helen and Trevor in the kitchen; Reuben for help setting up; as well as assistance from Barry, Arch and others from time to time.

There are some concerns about the impact on Pop-in of the Caring Hearts charity shop next door, so we are working with them to see how the two initiatives can work together and support each other in fulfilling Pop-in's original vision of supporting and blessing the local community.

Summer and Christmas Fayres

We held successful fairs, one in the summer and one at Christmas, and are grateful to the large number of people who ran stalls and help set up and run the fairs. They were fruitful both in terms of the money raised and the friendly atmosphere that fostered many great conversations.

Children and families

Kids Church

Firstly, I would like to thank all that have helped in kids church in the last 12 months especially Mandy for leading the children for several years. I would also like to thank Loretta, Tony and Andrew for their help in kids church the last few weeks.

We have had 3 new families join us since October, two of which have toddlers. The upper chapel is open for the families to take their younger children, where they can still listen to the service.

Kids Church has moved back into St Albans room, however due to the room being used by the foodbank space is tight. As the weather get warmer, we can move into the garden where all children will be able to take part in activities.

Our numbers can be quite inconsistent. Some weeks we can have 10 children and others we can have 1.

The children have been taking a more active role in our All-age services, from being on the welcome team, prayers, performing Bible passages and taking the elements to the altar. The children took the lead in the Christingle last year, which was lovely to see, even if the snow did stop some from attending.

If anyone would like to volunteer to be a leader or helper for kid's church, please come and have a chat with me.

TLC

TLC celebrates its 10th birthday this year. We are as popular as ever; we currently have over 30 families attend. After several months our waiting list is empty, but it won't stay that way for long. It is lovely to witness the children grow in confidence and for the parents/carers to build up friendships. TLC is a free stay and play but we do have a pot for donations on the snack table.

We would like to say a big thank you to..

- our lovely ladies, Pat, Marg and Von, who are there each week serving drinks, food and chatting.
- Robert and Reuben for setting out and putting away each week.
- Tony for being there every week, playing with the children, chatting to the families and for tidying up.
- and to the Coop next door for providing us with our fruit and snacks each week.

We have some more volunteers in the form of parents whose children have moved onto nursery or school but still wanted to be a part of the group.

Since September we have had many celebration weeks, the most memorable being Christmas, where Father Christmas made a special visit, our Valentine's Day and more recently Easter, where we were talking about Easter, what Jesus went through, we did Easter craft, and the children went on an egg hunt.

Messy Church

Back in October we rebranded 'Who let the dads out' into Messy Church, and the response has been amazing. We have Messy Church the last Saturday of the month. Our numbers have grown considerably over the months. We provide a 'breakfast', bacon, sausage etc also cereals and juice. We start with a messy job, which is usually something that needs to be baked, then worship takes place, where Rev Tom leads. Breakfast is served for everyone, then the children go do the different tables for the different crafts. There are also toys for anyone who doesn't want to take part in the crafts.

In December we held a crib service, the numbers were lower than we expected, we will need to rethink when it is held for this year. In February we teamed up with Ashmore Park Brownies for a Pancake party. It was very well received with over 50 children and their families in attendance.

Another big thank you to Tony, who is always there to offer help whenever it is needed. We had to reschedule our Easter messy church due to illness. However, I did take it into St Albans school for nursery and reception. The

children and teachers enjoyed the experience and u have been invited to come back and provide messy church for the other year groups.

I am looking forward to growing these three groups over the next 12 months. If you want any more information about anything that is mentioned, please come and speak to me.

Sam Crosby (with Rev Tom and Helen F)

St Alban's School

Two significant events have marked the life of the school this year. First, in December, Mr Darren Jones, who had been headteacher since the school became an academy 5 years ago, retired. He was replaced by Mrs Jo Robinson, previously head at St Andrew's CofE School in Netherton, who is keen to strengthen further the links between the school and church.

In January the school's long-expected Ofsted inspection took place, with the school receiving its first-ever Good rating. The school made a video celebrating this historic achievement, which we showed in church the following Sunday morning. Congratulations are due to Mr Jones and the whole team who worked so hard to transform the school over the last few years.

Local Governing Board

At the start of the year, the church's representation on the Local Governing Board comprised Rev Tom and Sue Craddock as Foundation Governors, and Sam Crosby, who had been elected as one of the Parent Governors. After Sue's untimely death we now have a vacancy for Foundation Governor.

There are six Governors' meetings each year, one interim meeting each term of just the St Alban's Board, and then a full meeting each term where the boards of three schools in the Trust – St Alban's, Hateley Heath and East Park – meet together to allow us to exchange ideas and see how other schools work.

Collective Worship

I have continued to lead Collective Worship in school every Tuesday afternoon, jointly with Sam since she started in her role as Children and Families Worker. This school year we have been doing an overview of the whole Bible, using the "Jesus Storybook Bible". We often involve the children in reading or acting out the Bible incident with us, sing together ("God is good, all the time" has been our theme song this year), and look at the significance of the passage for the children's lives.

Since January, in the absence of a Rector at St Thomas's we have also been leading worship most weeks at St Thomas's School, at the invitation of the Headteacher there.

School Services in church

For the first time since Covid, the school came and held Christmas and Easter services in church – each one twice, once for the younger children and once for the older ones. We are grateful to Mrs Passey for putting together such engaging and Biblical services and look forward to developing them further

Messy Church

In March, Sam led an Easter Messy Church with Nursery and Reception classes, which was very well received by children and teachers. She plans to do one or two of these each term, so that more of the children can experience it.

Rev Tom

Ashmore Park Foodbank

At the time of the last annual meeting, Ashmore Park Pantry had recently started operating twice a week, a schedule that we have maintained throughout the year. Our foodbank is open on Tuesdays from 9.00am to 11.00am and on Fridays from 4.00pm to 6.00pm. On average, we serve eight people per session, although we have had a maximum of 24 people attend a single session. In August 2022, the DCC allowed Ashmore Park Pantry to rename itself to comply with the Wolverhampton Council's guidelines, and it is now officially known as Ashmore Park Foodbank.

During our previous annual meeting, the food bank implemented two regulations that imposed certain limitations on its use. These rules were as follows:

1. Foodbank can only be utilized during one of the weekly sessions.
2. If your postcode does not fall within the WV11 area, you will be allowed up to four visits before being referred to other services.

After implementing the aforementioned guidelines, we identified some flaws in our system that caused discontent among users of the foodbank. We took this feedback into account and established a new procedure, wherein clients are required to consult with Rev Tom Fish to discuss their individual circumstances before receiving foodbank aid. Rev Tom Fish will then issue a voucher if the client's situation warrants assistance.

This new system has allowed for greater flexibility in the use of the service, and has enabled volunteers to serve clients more efficiently. Although not perfect, it has shown promise thus far.

To ensure sufficient stock levels, the foodbank relies on various sources for donations. We receive a significant weekly donation from Sainsbury's, which is collected by Mandy and Barry Bishop. In addition, we regularly receive donations of microwavable meals from Hub For Grub. During our opening

hours, we also receive donations from members of the community, as well as monetary donations which can be used to do 'top up shops'.

This year, we experimented with sourcing meat for the foodbank from a local butcher on a fortnightly basis. This approach proved successful and helped foster a positive relationship with the local community. However, more recently we have opted to use Farmfoods to supplement our frozen offerings as it has proven to be more cost-effective over the long term.

Ashmore Park Foodbank Team: Bethanie Craddock, Susan Kennedy, Sharon Peake, Kerry Akins, Mandy Bishop, Helen Fish, Maz Begum, Susan Davis, Katie Hart, Maryna Mizhehodtsera, Mark Onions, and Tracy Yates.

With help from: Barry Bishop, Tony Beardsmore, Emma Carless, Jackie Hazel, Rachel Warner, Jack Weaver, Arch Palmer, Libby Pearsons, Katie Squire, Carmen Woolridge and Jonathan Jones.

Bethanie Eliza Craddock

St Alban's Community Project

Up to last year, the plot of land between St Alban's Church and the Co-op was rented to Ashmore Autos, but in November they told us that they were closing down the business.

For some time, Sarah Rutter, a local resident and the Brownie leader here at St Alban's, who also runs an informal foodbank from her home and a uniform bank at the Hub, had been looking for a place that would allow her to expand her support to the community by offering clothes, furniture and more. So the PCC agreed to let us work with her to see if we could come up with a plan to use the vacant site for that purpose, including moving our foodbank there so that we could free up the St Alban's Room.

The long term vision, which we're calling the **St Alban's Community Project** is to have the whole site used for church and community purposes, by offering affordable space to a variety of charities and social enterprises.

There is also the potential to put an extra building there for church use, and/or extend the Memorial Garden.

But in order to maintain some income to the parish, and give us time to develop plans, we are taking it in stages. The old office building is being renovated and Sarah has opened a charity shop there – Caring Hearts. Once the final renovation is completed, we will move the foodbank store into that same building. And we have rented most of the rest of the land to some car importers, on a 2 year contract.

Where do we go from here?

Over the next two years we will be looking for other organisations interested in using some of the space. And as a church we need to decide whether we'd like to use any of the land ourselves, and raise the money to do this.

Rev Tom

Annual Meeting

The **Annual District Church Meeting** for St Alban's District will start after the 10am service on Sunday 30th April 2023, at St Alban's Church.

Agenda

1. Nomination of Parish Warden
2. Election of District Wardens
3. Apologies for absence
4. Approval of minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting
5. Electoral Roll report
6. Elections
    a. DCC Secretary and Treasurer
    b. Lay members of the PCC
    c. Lay members of the DCC
    d. Electoral Roll Officer
7. Finance
    a. Presentation of the Financial Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022
    b. Appointment of Independent Financial Examiner
    c. Charitable giving
8. Annual Report and vision for the future
9. Any other urgent business – notified prior to start of meeting
10. Closing prayer and worship

The Annual *Parochial* Church Meeting (for the Wednesfield Team Ministry) will take place at St Thomas's Church, on Sunday 14th May, 2023 at 6:30 pm.