



The Brooke Benefice

St Peter's Church, Brooke
St Margaret's Church, Kirstead
St Peter's Church, Mundham with
St Margaret's and St Remigius's Church, Seething
St Mary's Church, Thwaite St Mary

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Councils

For the year ended 31st December 2023

Priest-in-Charge
The Reverend Lynn Chapman
The Vicarage
The Street
Brooke

Dear Friends,

The time has come for my last annual letter as Priest-in-Charge of the Brooke Benefice. 2023 was a year of turmoil and change, through which we learnt and grew, and included, just before Christmas, the announcement of my new appointment as Rector of the Hethersett Benefice.

We began the year knowing that change was afoot. The consultation on the future shape of the Depwade Deanery closed at the end of 2022 and we awaited news of the way it would reshape our Benefice. This was announced in the first week in February, just after our glorious celebration of Candlemas, where St Peter's at Brooke was filled with candlelight and music. In the re-organisation the Brooke Benefice was asked to come together with the Hempnall Group of Churches to form a new benefice, served by one priest and a part-time "House for Duty" colleague.

The early part of the year was, therefore, taken up with planning for the new benefice. An Away Day to consider our vision took place in April with people from both benefices taking part in a number of activities which helped us to look at what we already do, to consider what we might do together and to listen to God's call for the future. One of the main things to arise from the day was a name for the new benefice: The Langhale Benefice.

Alongside all our planning for the future we continued to worship and witness in our local communities and, where possible, invited our friends from Hempnall to join in. Lots of people enjoyed a pancake party at the Vicarage on Shrove Tuesday which raised funds for the Bishop's Lent Appeal. We shared our Maundy Thursday service at Topcroft church and also the Easter Vigil and New Fire which took place at Brooke.

Hot on the heels of Easter came the Coronation of King Charles III. With help from the local community we organised an indoor street party in the Village Hall at Brooke, which was attended by many people. This followed a special Sunday service at St Peter's. On the Monday several local people joined in the "Big Help Out" and came along to the church to help with cleaning, weeding and other necessary jobs.

From June onwards we began a new pattern of Sunday worship, sharing the vicar across the whole new benefice and welcoming the two Authorised Worship Assistants from the Hempnall Group to lead services. It was a challenging experience and some people found it difficult to support fully, with fewer services in their local parish church and the need to travel more widely.

As we move into 2024 there are still many things to be "ironed out" for the Langhale Benefice. The appointment of a new Priest-in-Charge will take time and plans are in place so that our worship and our ministry in the local community can be lay led.

When I reflect back on my nearly ten years in the Brooke Benefice I recall lots of fun and laughter, not least the "End of the Meres Show" and other dramatic moments. I find pleasure in our faithful commitment to worship, in so many different forms, and to the way that people have participated, particularly our organists and choir and all those who read, intercede and welcome. I shall remember the way that we all pulled together during the Covid pandemic, our discovery of Zoom and the way that we were able to use it to be together. Most importantly I shall draw hope from our successful coming together as a benefice. The way that our churchwardens have worked together and our congregations have blended has been wonderful and we have shown that a group of parishes can function with one priest – and a great deal of generosity and love.

As I head for pastures new I shall be keeping the Brooke Benefice in prayer and looking forward to hearing the next chapter of your adventures together as you follow your calling.

Praying that God will bless you richly,

Lynn

Jesus said to Simon Peter:

'Feed my lambs... tend my sheep ... follow me' (John 21: 16-19)

2023: being pastoral

The Diocesan vision has three aspects: being prayerful, pastoral and prophetic, with 'pastoral' the focus and vision for 2023. Building on and continuing our prayers for the world, our local communities, our families and friends and ourselves, we have tried to live out 'being pastoral' this year, tending to spiritual needs as well as offering practical support, in our endeavours to be faithful followers of Jesus.

January

After the joyful celebrations of Christmas across the Benefice, 2023 was welcomed with a 'Quiet Communion' on **New Year's Day**. We observed **Epiphany** on 8th January at St. Peter's, Brooke, giving thanks for those brave travellers long ago who found the infant Jesus and honoured Him with their precious gifts. **Holy Communion** was offered at Thwaite on the 15th January. The week of prayer for **Christian Unity** (18th to 25th January) was marked by a special service at St. Peter's, Brooke, on 22nd January, at which we joined with friends from the Brooke Methodist Church in worship. The following week (29th January), saw St. Peter's ablaze with light from a stunning array of candles, for the festival of **Candlemas**. Processing with our lighted candles, the choir and congregation renewed baptismal vows around the font as we symbolically left Christmas behind, extinguishing our candles, and looked towards the solemn period of Lent and the joy of Easter.



'**Who is this Jesus?**' was a question that was explored and examined on four Thursdays during the month, in a study series offered to all who were curious to find out more, led by the Revd Lynn.

February

We marked the first anniversary of our **regular prayer for peace and the lighting of the peace candle** for Ukraine and for conflicts elsewhere in the world. We shall continue to do so for as long as is necessary. We prayed too for the victims, survivors and those engaged in rescue and rebuilding efforts after devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. The collection at the service on 12th February was earmarked for the **Disasters Emergency Committee** to help those caught up in the aftermath of this disaster.

We continued to nurture links with the students of the Brooke VC CofE Primary School whose first visit of the year to St. Peter's was for their own service for **Candlemas** on 2nd February. As well as visits to St. Peter's, there have been regular term-time worship meetings at the school.

On the 19th February, **Holy Communion** was held at Seething, as we continued to worship together around the churches of the Benefice.

A light-hearted '**pancake party**' on 21st February before the solemn period of Lent marked the start of the Bishop's Lent Appeal, this year for the Priscilla Bacon Hospice in Norwich. The Benefice raised a generous amount towards the appeal. The following day (22nd), **Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday** took place.

An important announcement about the re-organisation of the Depwade Deanery was made at the **Deanery Synod meeting (via Zoom) on 7th February and PCC meetings on the 9th**, launching a new chapter for the Benefice. The five churches of the Brooke Benefice and the eight churches of The Hempnall Group would begin work towards becoming a single Benefice. A 'Formation Team' was established to work on the detail of the transition arrangements.

March

Highlights included the traditional **Mothering Sunday** service, held at St, Peter's, Brooke, on 19th March. This was followed by the **licensing of the Revd Lynn as Priest-in-Charge of The Hempnall Group** on 23rd March. During the service on **Passion Sunday**, 26th March, at St. Peter's, Brooke, a **new Paschal Candle** in memory of the late Philip Strachan was blessed.

Also on Passion Sunday, the **Annual Church Meetings** were held. John Ash became Churchwarden of St. Peter's, Brooke, alongside Rosemary Sanford; Charles Wilde took over the role of Lay Chair and Stephanie Drake was welcomed as a new member of the PCC. Grateful thanks for their loyal service were expressed to outgoing members: Ken Warman (retiring Lay Chair), and members Diane Marshall (Verger) and Diana Wilde; and also to Morna Hill who stepped down from membership of the Mundham with Seething PCC. Thanks were also extended to all PCC members who were continuing in their roles. A **new service pattern** in the light of the merger of the Brooke Benefice and the Hempnall Group was outlined. The aim was to offer a range of services across the enlarged Benefice, to include all the constituent churches.

A series of **Lent talks**, organised by The Hempnall Group and held via Zoom, focussed on local initiatives, including the work of Emmaus; the development of a new pilgrim way, the Via Beata; and environmental work along the river Waveney.

Members of The Brooke Society were fascinated to hear the reminiscences of the **Brooke Chalice** over centuries of use, as told by the Revd Lynn. The Chalice and other precious objects were on display in the Church, tangible links to many generations of faithful Christians.



April

The traditional **Palm Sunday procession** took place once again at St. Peter's, Brooke, on 2nd April, marking the beginning of **Holy Week**. Compline was said via Zoom on three evenings, followed by Holy Communion for **Maundy Thursday** at Topcroft and a **Good Friday** pilgrimage around the churches of the Brooke Benefice, ending at St. Peter's, Brooke. The following evening, (8th April), an **Easter vigil** was observed, during which participants listened to Bible readings whilst



sharing a simple bread and cheese supper. This was followed by a short service, culminating in the lighting of the **new fire**, over which marshmallows were toasted and hot chocolate drunk. The glorious celebration of **Easter** took place on 9th March at St, Peter's, Brooke, amidst a wonderful profusion of flowers bringing vibrant colour after the sombre tones of Lent. The paschal Candle dedicated to the late Philip Strachan was formally lit for the first time.

The first **baptism** of the year took place at St. Peter's, Brooke, on 23rd April, at which we warmly welcomed a new member of the Christian family. We also observed the feast day of St. George during which the Saint made an appearance, thanks to John Ash!

The service on the last Sunday of the month (30th April) was held at **Thwaite**.

On 8th April, we had an opportunity to relish hot cross buns at the first of **The Friends of St, Peter's, Brooke**, fund-raising coffee mornings, kindly hosted by Ruth Dodds.

Ditchingham Village Hall was the place to 'meet and greet' members of the Brooke Benefice and The Hempnall Group on 29th April in a 'getting-to-know-you' gathering which was also an opportunity to begin to encapsulate a new vision for the new Benefice.

Photographs of the seven-sacrament fountains at St. Peter's, Brooke and at St. Margaret's and St. Remigius, Seething, were prominent in an exhibition of such fountains at Hungate Church in Norwich from April to July. In addition, the ceramic model of the Brooke fountain was loaned for display – a rare outing!

On 22nd April, the Revd Lynn and other members of the Benefice joined members of the Girl Guides and Brownies and others at the unveiling of a plaque beside a walnut tree planted by one of the Meres in memory of the late **Leslie Swindells**, founder of Brooke Brownies, life-long active member of the Girl Guide movement, active member of St. Peter's and of the gardening club.



May

This was a busy month for both church and country as on 6th May, **King Charles III was crowned** at Westminster Abbey by the Archbishop of Canterbury. On 7th May, a special 'coronation' service was held at St. Peter's, Brooke, followed by a **party at the Village Hall** to which all parishioners were invited. Quizzes, crown- and cake- competitions and a sing-a-long were held. It was back to work the following day (8th May) as John Ash had organised a **'Big Help Out' day** at St. Peter's, Brooke, during which there was a general clean-up of the churchyard, church and church room. Efforts were rewarded by an enticing array of cakes and biscuits. It was hard work but fun and very encouraging to see members of the local community 'pitching in'.



Christian Aid Week began on 14th May with a special service at St. Peter's, Brooke. A collection was taken to help farmers in Malawi grow more robust crops (specifically, a type of pea). Over £300 was raised across the Benefice, exceeding the target – a wonderful outcome.

On 18th May, an evening **Holy Communion** was held to mark Ascension Day, again at St. Peter's. It was lovely to welcome members of The Hempnall Group to the service.

Banns of marriage were read on 21st May for two couples with weddings in June at St. Peter's and prayers said for them. The following week, on 28th May, we celebrated the feast of Pentecost.

Members of the **Depwade Deanery Synod** met at Brooke on 17th May. The Revd Julia Chamberlain from the Diocesan Children, Youth and Families Team gave a presentation entitled: 'Here I am', being a new resource to help us listen to others - of particular relevance to our pastoral mission. The re-organisation of the Depwade Deanery was also a key topic for consideration.

June

On 4th June, the **new Benefice service pattern** began with a Benefice-wide Holy Communion at Bedingham. The following week, on 10th June, the first of two **June weddings** was solemnised at St. Peter's, Brooke, with the choir leading the singing. The 11th June presented an opportunity for us to participate in **Morning Worship in the Celtic tradition** at St. Margaret's, Kirstead. The



second wedding of the month was celebrated at St. Peter's on 24th June and was followed on 25th June by a service marking the **feast of St. John the Baptist** at Thwaite, in the **Iona tradition**.

A **combined PCC meeting** was held at Hempnall Church on 13th June for the PCCs of the Brooke Benefice and The Hempnall Group. This was an opportunity for the members to get to know each other.

On 15th June, the proposed name of the new Benefice was announced: **The Langhale Benefice**, named after a village, now disappeared, on land that links the Brooke Benefice and The Hempnall Group.

St. Peter's, Brooke, reverberated to the glorious sounds of the **East of England Co-op Brass Band** in concert on 17th June. A packed church was treated to a range of music and musical styles and an array of refreshments in a fund-raising evening which realised **£655** to support the continued work of St. Peter's in the community.

July

Holy Communion was held at St. Peter's, Brooke, to celebrate the **patronal festival** not only of Brooke but also of St. Peter's, Mundham. Later in the month, another patronal festival was marked at Seething Church on 23rd July, in honour of St. Margaret of Antioch. We were blessed with

bright sunshine (and a breeze) for a Benefice-wide **open-air picnic service** on 30th July in the tranquil garden of Ann and Roy Garnham at Mere Cottage, Seething. There was an opportunity for the congregation to stroll around the garden and to pray quietly at prayer stations scattered amongst the trees and flowers.

Mere Cottage garden was also open for viewing on 9th July as part of a successful fund-raising event for Seething church funds. There were '**open churches**' too around the new Langhale Benefice on 8th and 16th July as part of the continued effort to introduce members of the Brooke Benefice and Hempnall group and their communities to each other. An added attraction for the more adventurous and agile was an opportunity to visit the tower St. Peter's, Brooke, offering lovely views across the countryside in the bloom of summer.

Sadly, the weather was not so kind on 22nd July for our '**Strawberries and Cream Tea**' fund-raising event for St. Peter's, Brooke. The wet and windy weather meant that we had to transfer the event from Maureen Kittle's lovely garden to the church room. Nevertheless, an enjoyable and convivial afternoon was enjoyed which resulted in an excellent £458 being raised for church funds.



August

A relatively quiet month because of holidays but nevertheless there was a service each Sunday in the Benefice.

September

A month of celebrations of: **Harvest Festivals** across the Benefice, a **wedding** (at St. Peter's Brooke, on 2nd September) and of the **Golden Wedding Anniversary** of John and Stephanie Ash whose family were present as they renewed their vows and cut a splendid cake baked by the Revd Lynn.

It was an active month too with the **Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored (Bike) Ride** on 9th September and a **Deanery walk followed by tea and a service** at Topcroft on 10th September. The sponsored (bike) ride raised a very welcome £540 to be shared between St. Peter's, Brooke and the Churches Trust. Also on 10th September, members of St. Peter's choir participated in an enjoyable '**Come and Sing Evensong**' at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich.

As well as traditional and well-loved harvest hymns, our Harvest Festivals also featured food as thanks were given for the bounty of God's earth. We began the month with a 'bring and share' **lunch at Hempnall** and ended it with a hearty **supper at St. Peter's, Brooke**, which raised a welcome £244 for the work of St. Peter's. Acknowledging our debt to and our gratitude for all those involved in growing, producing, preparing and distributing the food we eat, the Harvest collections, totalling **£833 were donated to YANA** (You are not alone), a charity which supports farmers and others engaged in agriculture.

October

Three of the five churches of the Brooke Benefice were the venues for services this month: Holy Communion at Kirstead (1st) and Brooke (15th), Morning Worship at Mundham (22nd) and back to Brooke for choral **Evensong for Bible Sunday** on 29th October, led by the choir. The **patronal festival of St Luke** (Patron Saint of Doctors) was marked at Hempnall on the 15th by Holy Communion with the ministry of healing. The meeting of the **Deanery Synod** at St. Mary's, Long Stratton, on the 19th was preceded by Holy Communion for the start of a new triennium. At this meeting, John Ash was elected Lay Chair.



Visitors to St. Peter's, Brooke, this month included **Brooke School's Reception Class** on 5th October **in search of angels** and members of the public keen to find out the value of treasured objects at a **Valuation Day** held by Keys Auctioneers on the 14th (raising £192 for the Tower repairs project in the process). We were hoping to welcome **Brooke School for its Harvest Festival** on the 18th but wet weather, meant that the venue had to be switched to the School. On 5th October, a presentation about the **Anna Chaplaincy**, with its focus on the elderly, was given at Saxlingham Nethergate.

With heavy hearts, we added Gaza and Israel to our regular prayers for peace following the outbreak of conflict there. We shall continue to pray for peace in this region.

November

There was an atmosphere of peace and calm in St. Peter's, Brooke, as we held a **commemoration service** on 5th November for those who had died during the past year. Members of the congregation had the opportunity to light candles in memory of loved ones, as the organ played softly and the choir sang. The Benefice's churches played their part in the nation's **Remembrance** of the fallen and the casualties of the First and Second World Wars and other conflicts on 12th November. At St. Peter's, Brooke, the names of the fallen of Brooke and Kirstead were read by some of the 80 members of the Scouts, Cubs, Beavers and Girl Guides who had gathered around the Memorial Cross, and wreaths were laid. At Seething, the names of the fallen of Mundham with Seething and of Thwaite were solemnly read out, wreaths laid (including at the US Air Force Memorial in Seething Churchyard) and two minutes' silence was observed.

On 25th November, the Friends of Seething Church organised a very successful **Christmas Fair**. Following Holy Communion at Brooke on 19th November, the feast of **Christ the King**, the end of the Church year, was celebrated at Thwaite on 26th November.

December

And so to **Advent**, the time of preparation for and anticipation of the birth of Jesus. Starting in darkness, the light of the world was brought to St. Peter's on 3rd December, as first the altar candles were lit followed by those of the congregation. The first candle of the Advent Wreath also shone for the Patriarch, Abraham.

On 7th December, **Brooke School Reception class** helped set up the crib and decorate the Christmas tree and the Wise Men appeared on the window sill to symbolise their journey to Bethlehem to worship the new-born Saviour of the World.

The Friends of St. Peter's Christmas Coffee Morning with mince pies held in the church room proved a success despite the wet and windy weather, with a wonderful £372 raised for the fabric of the church.

Quiet Communion on 10th December at Thwaite was followed by the first of the **carol services** across the Benefice: carols at Mundham on 17th December were cheerfully accompanied by the Loddon brass band; Kirstead's carols rang out in the afternoon and in the evening, the traditional and beautiful service of Lessons and Carols took place at St. Peter's in candlelight. After this service, mince pies and mulled wine were served, with donations requested for **St. Martin's Housing Trust**. A heart-warming total of £238.35 was raised.

On Monday 18th December, it was the turn of Thwaite St.

Mary, the service concluding with its joyful traditional rendition of 'The Twelve Days of Christmas'. Unfortunately, Brooke

School's carol service on the 19th had to be held at the school because of bad weather (again).

A popular place to be on Christmas Eve afternoon was the **Crib Service** at St. Peter's, Brooke. In the evening, **Holy Communion** was celebrated at Seething with carols, candles and Christmas tree lights glowing.

Happy Christmas! The Family Service for Christmas Day was led by John Ash at St. Peter's, Brooke. The final candle on the Advent wreath was lit for our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. The final service of 2023 was a Benefice-wide Holy Communion at Topcroft on the last day of the year, 31st December.



2023 has been another busy and eventful year. Throughout, we have been mindful of the call to be pastoral as well as prayerful. We have continued worshipping Almighty God, through hymns, prayers, readings and reflections. We have done so together, in our churches, via Zoom, and outdoors. We have sung praises, celebrated, welcomed, remembered, mourned, walked, talked, and eaten together. We have worshipped as a Benefice, got to know our friends in the Hempnall Group, engaged with other Christians in the Deanery, generously contributed to the Food Bank, enthusiastically participated in community events and worked hard to raise funds for the Benefice and for others in need, at a local and international level.

We could not have achieved all this without the dedicated commitment of everyone involved: our Priest-in-Charge, the Revd Lynn Chapman; our Lay Minister, John Ash; our Churchwardens, our Treasurers; our Fabric Officers; our Safeguarding Officer; all members of our PCCs; our Choir Director and Organist, Brian, and Assistant Organist, Alison; our choir members; our Verger; our bellringers, led by Tower Captain Dawn Pullan; our welcomers, readers and intercessors; our Parish Magazine Team and card-writers; our cleaners and brass polishers; our flower arrangers; our refreshment providers and Food Bank co-ordinator, Dawn; our fund-raisers; our churchyard carers - and all our faithful congregations.

*Congratulations and many thanks to everyone
who contributed to making 2023 a prayerful and pastoral year.*

Safeguarding Report

All PCCs in the Brooke Benefice have complied in all respects with the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding as required by s5 of the safeguarding clergy and Discipline Measure 2016 and by facilitating the following:

- The adoption and implementation of the House of Bishops' Policy and procedures on safeguarding children and adults who may be vulnerable in line with Norwich Diocese recommendations. The policy is updated annually, signed and displayed in each church.
- A Parish Safeguarding Officer is in post (Laura Cowan) to cover the five Parishes in the Brooke benefice.
- Training and DBS checks for all PCC members, clergy, Churchwardens and Benefice Safeguarding Officer have taken place and are up to date at year end. Some DBS checks and Safeguarding Training will expire early in 2024 and plans are in place for this to be updated.
- No allegations or suspicions of abuse were reported in 2023.
- GDPR and secure storage methods are in place.
- An annual Safeguarding audit is carried out by the PSO and the incumbent.
- Safeguarding is an agenda item at all PCC meetings.
- The safeguarding dashboard has been populated for each of the parishes and was updated on 15/01/2024.

Next stages:

- Any new volunteers and PCC employees in regular contact with children and vulnerable adults to be appointed in accordance with Diocesan safer recruitment guidelines. This may involve developing a volunteer agreement and induction process, followed by a probation period.
- Dates for rechecking DBS and updating training to be monitored and implemented according to the amended Benefice record.
- Use PCC meetings to share good practice, make members aware of and more confident of procedures and reinforce Safeguarding as the responsibility of everyone.

Laura Cowan
Parish Safeguarding Officer

Licensed Lay Minister's Report

During 2023 I continued to work with Lynn as a team partnership bringing the good news of Jesus to the Benefice and our villages. In June the Benefice expanded and I was part of the enlarged Ministry Team which included Tim and Liam, both AWAs from the Hempnall Group. We all have a good working relationship with Lynn and take our part in sharing services either as assisting Lynn or on our own.

My Working Agreement with Lynn is a document reviewed annually and this was signed off in October. It is an opportunity to look at how we work together and for me to look at my life in the Church as a Lay Minister.

The following is a resume of my LLM duties undertaken during the year (2022 in brackets):

- Services taken alone – 14 (8) + 5 morning prayer.
- Services shared – 28 (38)
- Sermons preached – 18 (14)
- Funerals taken
 - o Alone – 4 (3)
 - o With Lynn – 3 (3)
- Burial of ashes – 5 (4)
- Home communion - 7

I have taken part in a number of school assemblies on Wednesday mornings.

Together with LLMs in the Diocese, I attended Bishop's Day and Wardens Day in the Cathedral.

Courses attended: "Who is this Jesus....and what's he got to do with me" January 2023, "Local but not parochial" Lent 2023, Lent Bible Study.

I have attended Deanery Synod as one of Brooke representatives and in the Autumn was appointed as Lay Chair.

In my role as Brooke Churchwarden I attended a meeting in Wymondham Abbey on 18th October with Bp Ian to discuss our roles and what help was available to us.

Although not part of my LLM work, I am a member of the Diocesan Environment Working Group assisting with the preparation of two papers on the Diocesan response to coastal erosion and to flooding. This will provide information to benefices at risk from flooding and erosion.

John Ash
Licensed Lay Minister

Depwade Deanery Synod Report:

Three meetings were held during the year: on 7th February, via Zoom; on 17th May, at St. Peter's, Brooke; and on 19th October, 2023, at St. Mary's. Long Stratton. A special Deanery Service was held on 10th September at Topcroft, preceded by a convivial walk and tea.

The main focus of the first meeting was the re-organisation of the Depwade Deanery, reporting on the current situation and providing an opportunity for general questions.

At the May meeting, the Revd Julia Chamberlain from the Diocesan Children, Youth and Families Team gave a presentaion entitled;'Here I am', being a new resource to help us listen to others - of particular relevance to our pastoral mission. The re-organisation of the Depwade Deanery continued to be a key topic for consideration.

The meeting in October began with Holy Communion to mark the beginning of a new triennium. New members were welcomed; those standing down were thanked. Elections of a Lay Chair, Deanery Treasurer and Deanery Secretary took place. John Ash, Licensed Lay Minister, Churchwarden and Fabric Officer at Brooke, was elected Lay Chair. Members were also introduced to a Diocesan initiative, the new role of 'Deanery Share Ambassador'.

Members have also considered on a regular basis financial reports from the Deanery Assessor and the Diocesan Synod meetings.

Alison Rhodes
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The Parochial Church Councils:

The Parochial Church Councils have the responsibility of co-operating with the Priest-in-Charge in promoting across the Brooke Benefice, the whole mission of the Church: pastoral; evangelistic; social; and ecumenical.

Membership in 2023

Brooke:

Priest-in-Charge	Reverend Lynn Chapman	
Licensed Lay Minister	Mr John Ash	Fabric Officer; and Churchwarden from March 2023
Churchwardens	Mrs Rosemary Sanford Mr John Ash	(from March 2023)
Representatives on Deanery Synod	Mrs Rosemary Sanford Mr John Ash Ms Alison Rhodes	
Elected Members	Mr Keith Joad Mrs Stephanie Drake Mrs Christina Jones Mr Brian Orland Ms Alison Rhodes Mr David Sanford Mrs Patricia Strachan Mr Charles Wilde	Treasurer (from March 2023) Secretary Chair, Friends of St Peter's Lay Chair (from March, 2023)

Kirstead:

Priest-in-Charge	Reverend Lynn Chapman	
Churchwarden	<i>Vacancy</i>	
Elected Members:	Mr Andrew Behagg Miss Gillian Green Dr Christopher Kemp Mr Cliff Whatrup	Treasurer

Mundham with Seething:

Priest-in-Charge	Reverend Lynn Chapman	
Churchwardens:	Mrs Gillian Balls Mrs Ann Garnham	
Elected Members	Mrs Judy Baldwin Mrs Laura Cowan Mrs Ann Rudd	Secretary and Treasurer (To July, 2023)

Thwaite St. Mary:

Priest-in-Charge	Reverend Lynn Chapman		
Churchwarden	Mrs Mavin Shulver		
Elected Members	Mr Tom Edwards	Treasurer and Fabric Officer	
	Mrs Su Mahon	Secretary	

Benefice Statistics:

	Brooke	Kirstead	Mundham with Seething	Thwaite St. Mary
Number of Parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll at the Annual Meeting in 2023	68	13	14	14
Average attendance during 2023	30 (Rising to 60 for special services)			
Baptisms in 2023	1	0	0	0
Marriages in 2023	3	0	0	0
Funerals (including cremations) in 2023	8	2	4	1

During the year the worshipping community of the Benefice continued to worship Almighty God, to build up faithful Christian witness and to proclaim the Gospel to the community.

Secretaries' Reports

Brooke:

The PCC met on five occasions during the year: in February, March, June, July and December. All meetings have been held in person. The meetings in February, March (following the Annual Parochial Church Meetings), and July were held concurrently with the other PCCs in the Brooke Benefice. The meeting in June was a joint one with all PCCs in the Brooke Benefice and the Hempnall Group as a 'getting to know you' shared meeting (see below). The meeting in December was for Brooke St Peter's alone. The 'concurrent' meetings, pioneered in 2021, retained the format in which some topics are considered in common after which each PCC holds an individual meeting.

A major focus during the year has been on the re-organisation of the Depwade Deanery arising from the Clergy Redeployment Project. A decision was taken to create a new Benefice – The Langhale Benefice.– from a merger of the existing Brooke Benefice and The Hempnall Group. This has called for vision, a willingness to be open to change, hard work, commitment and patience. A new body, the Langhale Council, chaired by the Revd Lynn Chapman, was formed to take forward a range of issues arising from the transition to the new Benefice. This Council comprises one or two members from each PCC in the enlarged Benefice plus two members from the Hempnall Group Joint Council. The two members from Brooke are: John Ash (Licensed Lay Minister, Churchwarden and Fabric Officer) and Rosemary Sanford (Churchwarden).to whom we are very grateful. There have been three meetings of The Langhale Council to date, in September, November, and January. A fourth meeting (scheduled for March) has been cancelled in the light of the Revd Lynn's move to Hethersett.

The PCC has remained mindful of the Diocesan vision of being 'prayerful, pastoral and prophetic'. In this year of being 'pastoral', St. Peter's and members of the wider community have continued to work hard to provide practical help for people in need in our local communities (via contributions to the Foodbank) and to raise funds to support others in need both locally and internationally via collections for the Bishop's Lent Appeal (for the Priscilla Bacon Hospice), 'You are not alone' (a charity supporting agricultural workers), the St. Martin's Housing Trust (for the homeless), the Disasters Emergency Committee (for Syria and Turkey) and the Christian Aid appeal for Malawian farmers. We have enjoyed meals together and with the wider community and ensured that God's word has continued to be heard and shared across the Benefice/Group. We have continued our endeavours to reach out to our local communities and schools and to support one another as we move through a period of change.

We have discussed, reviewed and updated policies and procedures, prepared for the Annual Parochial Church Meetings, given careful consideration to finances, fund-raising and the Parish Share, fabric and churchyard issues, Friends of St. Peter's and the Deanery Synod and been updated about safeguarding, (noting that no incidents have been reported in 2023).

It is pleasing to report that a number of successful fundraising events have been held during the year: a brass band concert given by the East of England Co-op Brass Band; our third Strawberries and Cream Tea; a Valuation Day (for the Tower repairs project) and Friends of St. Peter's Easter and Christmas Coffee Mornings. The PCC is very grateful to all who supported these events in any way and helped make them both successful and enjoyable. Financial challenges for the future continue to be fund-raising for the necessary repairs on the Church Tower; the reduction in the amount of Diocesan support towards our Parish Share and the financial implications of the new service pattern, with a reduced number of services at St. Peter's.

A generous legacy bequeathed to St Peter's by the late Mr Philip Strachan has been very gratefully received. We hope that the legacy will support new lighting in the nave and north aisle and the Tower repairs project, subject to relevant approvals. (See also the Fabric Officer's report below).

In discharging their responsibilities, PCC members are up to date with regard to DBS certification and Safeguarding training.

Alison Rhodes

Kirstead:

The PCC met six times during 2023, joining other PCCs in the Benefice on three occasions for shared agenda items followed by a separate meeting to discuss matters specific to St Margaret's Church and the parish of Kirstead.

Shared agenda items included: accepting accounts and reports in preparation for the APCM, the election of officers and approval of policies, updates on Safeguarding and matters linked to Deanery Reorganisation.

Items specific to the PCC included finance, the payment of Parish Share and arrangements for paying the new "Benefice Quota". Other matters were linked to the provision of services. The main addenda items were concerned with the maintenance and upkeep of the church and churchyard (please see the fabric report).

The PCC continued to discuss the future of St. Margaret's church and the possibility of succession planning. They are represented on the Benefice Council by their Lay Chair.

Revd Lynn Chapman

Mundham with Seething:

The PCC has met four times during the year and three of these meetings were joint PCC meetings with the other churches in the Brooke Benefice where items that involved all of the churches were discussed and then the Churchwardens and members of Mundham with Seething PCC discussed items which were relevant to their PCC.

There are two churchwardens and two members on Mundham with Seething PCC, and there were fourteen people on the Electoral Roll for 2023.

All the PCC churchwardens and members are up to date with their Safeguarding training.

During 2023 at the PCC meetings there had been updates on the progress of the Langhale Benefice and in June there had been a joint meeting between the Brooke Benefice and the Hempnall Group.

Judy Baldwin

Thwaite St. Mary:

We have had a fairly quiet year. We had two group services at Thwaite and celebrated Harvest Festival. The Remembrance Sunday service was held at Seething church and then at the War Memorial. Our Carol Service held on the Monday before Christmas was very well attended and afterwards "The Twelve Days of Christmas" was sung. This always goes down well. It was followed by mulled wine and plates of food. Thanks to all who provided the eats and wine. We celebrated Christmas Day with Holy Communion.

Meetings: Benefice Joint meetings at Brooke were held in February, July and October with joint discussion on items, after which we held our own PCC meeting. The Brooke Benefice and Hempnall Group had a combined PCC meeting in June. Langhale Council meetings were held in September and November, with two more scheduled for January and March.. The APCM was held in March followed by a Benefice Joint PCC meeting. We have three members on the PCC.

I would like to thank all our volunteers who sign up by rota who keep our churchyard so tidy and our flower arrangers who make our small church look lovely. We thank them all for their work.

Sadly Josephine Bassingthwaite passed away in September. She was a stalwart member of the village.

Su Mahon

Fabric Reports:

Brooke:

I am pleased to report that generally the Church is in good order.

With regard to the maintenance of the Church building the following has been undertaken:

- May – Gravestones checked
- August – Heaters serviced
- August – Fire extinguishers checked
- August – visual inspection of the inside and outside of Church building
- August/September – Nave west wall lime plastered and lime washed. Fillet between pews and South nave wall repaired
- December – cracks in tower measured; no appreciable change from last year.
- Throughout year:
 - o keeping dry area around building weed free
 - o removing dead flowers, old wreaths, etc. from graves

The lighting conductor was not tested this year as this is now only required every two years. In December, I met with lighting contractors to get prices for the augmentation to the lighting in the Nave and North Aisle (part of Philip Strachan's legacy). An Archdeacon's certificate has been applied for. I have also contacted the sound engineer as the radio microphones are not working satisfactorily. He will be visiting Church in January.

In November, a leak in the bell chamber was noted with water leaking from the weather cock support. Discussions were held with the architect and although not urgent, a replacement support (which was included in the tower repointing project) will be actioned when time and funds allow.

With regard to the Churchyard, regular mowing was undertaken by Dick Seaman. The conservation areas were mown by JA and Geoff Harrison in August. Grass was removed later that month with additional help and opportunity taken to remove ivy from the churchyard wall adjoining Dovecote Close.

No further fund raising has been undertaken for the tower repairs. Most funding organisations do not give grants for maintenance and grants for capital works are becoming more difficult to get, but I will start trying again in 2004.

Preliminary discussions have been held with Dr Jonathan Newman, Chairman of Brooke Parish Council, regarding the possibility of funding repairs to the Suckling Tomb and Tower repairs through a Community Fund. Discussions are ongoing.

John Ash

Kirstead:

The church was unlocked between 1st May and the end of September. It will be re-opened in May, 2024, for visitors.

During the year the usual contractor was engaged to cut the churchyard grass and keep the paths clear, and it is planned that the contract will continue in 2024.

The gutters and tower hopper were scheduled to be cleaned in January using our usual contractor, to reduce the risk of water ingress. It is intended that this work will continue annually while funds permit.

The five year electrical inspection took place in the autumn and recommendations were followed up.

The churchyard gate, which was damaged by wind, was refurbished in May. Thanks are due to Gillian Green for supervising the project. Repair to the lamp case was undertaken by the

Poringland Men's Shed, while David Dick provided new oak posts and painted the arch. The gate was re-erected and re-wired by a team of local help.

It was decided that the deterioration of the church porch could no longer await the raising of funds to do the work at the same time as the chancel roof. Builders were consulted and following recommendation from a local retired civil engineer, Tyrell and Sons builders, who specialise in listed buildings, provided an affordable quote, which did not include the cost of scaffolding as he would be able to work from his own platforms. The PCC, therefore, commissioned the work. Over several months the main supporting beams and rotten woodwork were replaced, the foundations and brickwork at the bottom of the porch repaired and repainted and, most importantly, the roof supports were tied into the building. Various other minor associated works were undertaken including checking drainage and removing the slippery stone at the church entrance. The refurbished porch now makes a smart entrance to the church. The noticeboard was moved inside the church.

Inside the church Mr Tyrell also removed the problematic non-lime wash paint previously applied in error to the North Chancel Arch wall (and believed to be the cause of damp staining the walls) and replaced this with approved lime wash based paint, colour matched to the wall and arch. This has removed the water stains from the wall.

Thanks are due to Cliff Whatrup who oversaw the project and, as treasurer, applied for and managed the associated grants, this included a successful application to re-claim the VAT.

Further work needed includes the re-slating of the chancel roof and attention to the south nave window next to the chancel and the repair of railings in the churchyard which were hit by a vehicle in September 2023. The railings have been made safe and plans are in place for these to be repaired free of charge by Roy Barmby from Kirstead Ling to whom thanks are owed. These projects will be discussed in 2024 and funds will be sought to make the repairs if affordable.

Revd Lynn Chapman/Cliff Whatrup

Mundham:

The inside of the church is in reasonably good repair except the damage that the bats are doing, ie stains on the floor tiles and wall brasses.

Unfortunately, in the summer when we had high winds, several roof tiles have either shifted or lifted up resulting in some rain coming in the church. Philip Cook kindly inspected the roof but came to the conclusion that unless a cherry picker or scaffolding is employed nothing can be done.

The churchyard has been maintained with the help and hard work of a few local people.

Gillian Balls

Seething:

Plaster which has fallen from above the South East Chancel Window and also above the South West window of the Nave has been inspected by two builders. We are currently waiting to hear from Will Tyrell for a starting date.

A damp patch has appeared in the ceiling above the font after very heavy rain and strong easterly winds. This is something we need to keep a watch on.

The organ is still very temperamental but lack of use does not help the issue.

The fire extinguishers have been serviced again this year.

The church is cleaned regularly .

The Churchyard is cut regularly and the gravestones checked for safety. Any which are thought to be unsafe are laid flat.

Ann Garnham

Thwaite St. Mary:

At the start of the year the PCC had some saplings removed from the east boundary before they became any bigger and posed a safety issue with adjoining properties. This had been highlighted

in the Quinquennial report.

The PCC felt that the church path was starting to become unstable and worn out, so in October a new Tarmac path was laid over the old one. The new path looks neat and tidy and should last for several more decades.

A Thwaite resident very kindly donated new LED lights for the Nave and Chancel, for which the PCC is immensely grateful. While fitting these lights the PCC had all the electrics tested and an up-to-date Certificate issued, again this had been a requirement of the Quinquennial report.

As always, the PCC are most grateful for all the hard work which the residents of Thwaite put into keeping both the Churchyard and Church neat and tidy throughout 2023.

Tom Edwards

Treasurers' Reports:

Brooke:

Due in part to a reduction in the number of church services, the income from collections, planned giving and the resultant Gift Aid claims reduced by almost £6,000. This figure was reflected in the General Fund deficit of £5,702. Fee income also reduced by nearly £1,000.

The Parish Magazine costs showed an increase but this was entirely due to the printers, Norse, charging direct debits erratically and instead of passing six payments, seven were taken, during the year, one being missed in 2022. There were 40 payments from advertisers outstanding at the year end.

Fundraising proved successful again during the year with the brass band concert and strawberry tea contributing over £1,700.

Overall expenses were well contained showing an increase of £1,000, which was in line with the increase in the Parish Share, which once again was paid in full.

The Fabric Fund benefitted by £20,000 from a very generous bequest from the late Philip Strachan. This money will be utilised towards the cost of improving the lighting in the church and a contribution towards the Tower Restoration Fund.

The bank balances at the year end totalled £52,676 an increase of £13,303, thanks to the substantial donation referred to above.

To summarise the end of year position:

Current Account: £7,288

Deposit Accounts: £45,388

Represented by:

General Fund: (-£2,523), a reduction of £5,702

Fabric Fund: £52,676, an increase of £13,30. This fund includes £3,682 for Tower Restoration and the Strachan bequest of £20,000.

Thanks are due, once again, to Lesley Hanner for auditing the accounts and Maria Andrew for administering the Parish Magazine advertising.

Keith Joad

Kirstead:

The 2023 budget forecast a deficit of £630 assuming full payment of the parish share. In the event, we achieved a deficit of £11550. This included full payment of the parish share requested by the Deanery.

Income:

Total receipts were £7174 in 2023, 7% down on 2022 and 17% higher than budgeted, mainly due to a £1000 grant towards the costs of porch repairs (see below and fabric report) and higher than expected Gift Aid tax refund. Giving and donations were down by almost £1000 on 2022.

Fees were down on 2022 at £970, and there were no legacies as with previous years.

Fund-raising for the replacement chancel roof and porch raised a £1000 grant from the Geoffrey Watling Trust. A condition of this grant was that work had to be completed in 2023. At year end, following expenditure of £11992 (£2000 of which is expected to be reclaimed as a VAT refund in January), leaving a target of £28000 still to be raised including VAT based on the original target for the outstanding chancel roof.

Expenses:

Total expenses were £18755. If the one-off Porch costs are excluded, £6733, this is exactly as budgeted and a 1% increase over 2022.

Parish share paid was £3286, 100% of the level set by the Diocese and Benefice for 2023. Other expenditure was comparable to 2022, the only outlier being the 5-year electrical inspection cost of £360.

A deficit of £740 is forecast for 2024 based on 2023 levels of giving and expenditure and including full payment of parish share.

Cliff Whatrup

Mundham with Seething:

After another challenging year the finances of the church remain much the same as last year. Once again we are disappointed at not being able to pay our share of the Parish Share in full. The insurance for the churches has increased slightly this year and this is a large part of our expenses being £3.5k.

We are very grateful to Ann and Roy Garnham for opening their garden to raise funds for the church and also the ladies who run the Community Lunches and donate the money raised to Mundham, Seething and Thwaite churches.

Judy Baldwin

Thwaite St. Mary

The PCC embarked on three projects this year which increased the expenditure over last year. £1275 was spent on tree work, £2172 on a new church path and £567.48 on installing new lights (these having been donated) and electrical circuit testing. These costs were slightly offset by increased amounts of donations at £1080, an increase of roughly £300 on last year.

Through negotiations with Intouch (Wispire) they increased their annual payment by £540.33 to £846.33 to help with increased energy prices.

Collections have remained at the same level as last year, while standing orders have decreased by £180. This was due to the suspension of direct debits while the Brooke and Hempnall Benefices were merged.

Closing balances as of December 31st, 2023, were: Current account £872.80, business account £5743.66.

Tom Edwards

Brooke:**Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December, 2023****Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31 December 2023**

	2023		2022	
Current Assets				
Barclays Bank				
Current Account		7,288		4,369
Deposit Accounts		45,388		35,004
		£ 52,676		£ 39,373
Represented by:-				
General church fund				
at 1 January 2023 (2022)	3,179		445	
Add Income over expenditure	(5,702)		2,734	
		(2,523)		3,179
Church Fabric Fund				
at 1 January 2023 (2022)	36,194		36,775	
Add Income over expenditure	19,007		(581)	
		55,201		36,194
		£ 52,678		£ 39,373
Receipts				
Incoming resources from donors				
Planned giving	1	22762	22762	28,223
Collections and other giving	2	3215	3215	3,728
Income tax recovered			0	-
		25977	0 25977	31,951
				- 31,951
Other voluntary incoming resources				
Donations	3	1236	20,452 21688	2,067 832 2,899
Fundraising	4	1730	1,207 2937	1,123 1,154 2,277
		2966	21659 24625	3,190 1,986 5,176
Income from investments				
Bank interest		385	0 385	10 - 10
Income from charitable and ancillary trading				
Magazine advertising		3973	3973	4672 4,672
Donations for use of church rooms		1115	1115	875 875
Fees		3911	3911	4894 4,894

		8999	0	8999	10,441	-	10,441
Other ordinary incoming resources							
							-
Contributions from other parishes, Parish Council	5	985		985	875		875
Social events	6	284		284	727		727
		12690		1269	1,602	-	1,602
Total receipts		39,596	21,659	61,255	47,194	1,986	49,180
Payments							
Grants							
Charitable giving		1256	0	1256	1,456		1,456
Activities directly relating to the work of the Church							
Parish Share		29580		29580	28,440		28,440
Church Running Expenses	7	969	2652	3621	1,964	2,567	4,531
Clergy expenses		594		594	712		712
Cost of cleaner		991		991	1,116		1,116
Cost of services		0		0	42		42
Printing the magazine		4777		4777	4,154		4,154
Buildings maintenance		2299		2299	1,504		1,504
Upkeep of churchyard (2022)		1500		1500	1,500		1,500
Churchyard Maintenance				0	-	-	-
Choir & Organist, Copyright licence		830		830	800		800
Sundries		1788		1788	2,159		2,159
		43328	2652	45980	42,391	2,567	44,958
Fund-raising & publicity							
Cost of fund-raising & social events	8	646	0	646	489	-	489
Church management & administration							
Printing & stationery		68		68	124		124
Bells Restoration							
Bell foundry, electrical, architect, sundries		0	0	0			-
Total payments		45,298 2	2,65 950	47, 47,	44,460	2,567	47,027
surplus receipts over payments		£(5,702) £	19,007	<u>£ 13,305</u>	£ 2,734	£(581)	<u>£ 2,153</u>

Notes to the Accounts		2023		2022	
		General Fund	Fabric Fund	General Fund	Fabric Fund
1	Planned giving				
	Envelopes	550		850	
	Other covenants & Gift Aid				
	Donations	22212		27373	
		22762	0	28,223	-
2	Collections				
	General collections	2044		2371	
	Special collections	1171		1357	
		3215-		3,728	-
3	Donations				
	General	846	20,020	1,815	8322
	Tower Restoration		432		
	Church box	190		227	
	Sundries	200		25	
		1236	20452	2,067	832
4	Fund-raising				
	Quiz, concert, Christmas festival / wreaths	1730	1,207	1,123	1,207
	/summer lunch, coffee morning, FOSP subs				
		1730	1207	1,123	1,207
5	Contributions				
	Other parishes	235		125	
	Mowing (Brooke Parish Council)	750		750	
		985-		875	-
6	Social events				
	Harvest supper	284		727	
		284-		727	-
7	Church Running Expenses				
	Light Heat & Power	969		1,964	
	Insurance		2652		2,567
		969	2652	1,964	2,567

8	Cost of fundraising & social events				
	Harvest Supper, concert	646		489	
		646	0	489	-

Notes to the Accounts

	Fabric Income £	Costs £
9	Friends Subs	415
	Easter coffee morning	419
	Christmas Coffee Morning	373
	Donations & Grants	20,020
	Insurance	2652
	Tower Restoration	432
	TOTAL	21,659

Kirstead:Kirstead Parochial Church Council
Receipts and Payments Account
for the year ending 31 December 2023

<u>2021</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
3775	Gift Aid and GASDS	3950	2886
723	Donations	1022	782
13	Fund Raising	60	1070
955	Tax Recovered	772	969
2	Bank Interest	29	166
0	Legacy	0	0
441	Fees	1859	970
133	Sundries	0	150
<u>6041</u>		<u>7693</u>	<u>6993</u>
	<u>PAYMENTS</u>		
2807	Parish Share	3120	3281
440	Rectors Expenses	509	443
806	Insurance	870	942
180	Light and Heat	129	144
443	Upkeep Church fabric/organ	876	11992
938	Upkeep of Churchyard	482	722
0	Fund Raising Expenses	0	0
255	Apportionment of Fees	650	514
0	Special Causes	215	0
213	Sundries	401	717
<u>6082</u>		<u>7252</u>	<u>18755</u>
<u>-40</u>	Total Receipts in excess of payments	<u>440</u>	<u>-11762</u>
<u>31.12.23</u>	<u>BALANCES TO DATE</u>	<u>31.12.23</u>	<u>31.12.23</u>
24767	General Fund as at beginning of year	24727	25167
-40	Plus/less payments over receipts	440	-11762
<u>24727</u>		<u>25167</u>	<u>13405</u>
19149	Cash at Bank Capital Reserve	19178	7706
5885	Cash at Bank Current Account	6047	5744
2	Cash in Hand	2	2
33	Credits not yet cashed	0	0
-342	Less unrepresented cheques	-60	-47
<u>24727</u>		<u>25167</u>	<u>13405</u>

Mundham with Seething

Balance Sheet 01.01.23 – 31.12.23

Income		Expenses	
Giving	1792.00	Parish Share	3150.00
Collections	469.05	NDBF	613.00
Joint Service Collections	77.10	Joint Collections	172.53
HF Collection	60.00	HF Collection Donated to YANA	60.00
Remembrance Day Collection	105.30	Remembrance Day Coll to RBL	105.00
Shared Collections from B/T/K	402.50	Vicars Expenses	443.24
Funerals etc	2534.00	Copier Rental (Brooke)	160.80
Verger/Organist Funerals	440.00	Verger/Organist Funerals	440.00
Donations	266.00	Norfolk Church Trust	30.00
Refund Hydro Elec	518.71	Electricity	244.74
Community Lunch	575.00	Community Lunch (Thwaite)	185.00
Open Garden Fund Raising	930.00	Fire Extinguisher Service	105.90
Wall Safe	15.66	Insurance Mundham	1173.21
HMRC Gift Aid	836.44	Insurance Seething	2374.64
Bequest Mrs Le Coq	1000.00	Income over Expenses	943.70
Donation Milo Hill (Church)	100.00		10201.76
Donation Mundham PC (C/Y)	80.00		
	10201.76		
Balance B/Fwd 01.01.23			
	1124.24		
Plus Income	10201.76		
Less Expenses	-9258.06	Community Account	3987.94
	2067.94	BPA Account	5602.71
Plus O/S cheques	500.00	Interest On BPA Account	52.58
Plus BPA Transfer	1500.00	Less BPA Transfer to Community	-1500.00
Less O/S lodgement	-80.00	Less O/S Cheque	-500.00
	3987.94	Plus O/S Lodgement	80.00
			7723.23
Bank Statement 31.12.23	3987.94		
Balance	7723.23	Legacy Restricted Funds	1042.78
Less Restricted Funds	-1864.88	Legacy Restricted Mrs Le Coq	1000.00
Amount Available to PCC	5858.35	Less Notice Boards Mundham	-177.90
			1864.88

Balance sheet for St Mary's Thwaite 1st January to 31st December 2023.

Income		Expenditure	
Closing balance 2022.	£8634.26	Parish share.	£2875.00
Standing orders.	£1578.00	Insurance (New DD)	£82.78
Wispire.	£846.33	Photo copy.	£160.80
Collection.	£1146.36	Electricity.	£617.21
Church box.	£11.00	Collection share.	£108.75
Donations.	£1080.00	L. Chapman's Expense.	£443.24
Tax refund	£656.25	Norfolk Churches Trust.	£30.00
Gazebo hire.	£40.00	Tree work	£1275.00
Community lunches.	£185.00	Path work	£2172.00
Interest.	£60.02	Electric testing & Lights.	£567.48
Brooke income share.	£320.50	Children's Society.	£80.00
Funeral fees.	£471.00	Closing balances	£872.80 (current)
			£5743.66 (business)
	£15028.72		£15028.72