**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL COUNCIL
(St Ann with Emmanuel APCM 2021 report by the PCC)**For the year ending December 2021

1. **Aims and Purposes**The PCC in cooperation with the incumbent seeks the promotion of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England.

We hope to lead the congregation in itsaim to proclaim the gospel in all its aspects: helping people in our geographical parish and beyond to experience the saving grace of God through Jesus Christ. We are an Anglican church, a group of people who are “believing in St Ann’s”. We aim to “receive God’s love and share it with others” – which we try to do through our words and actions, helping all in our community through practical partnerships as well as prayer and outreach.

Our mission statement is:

**Receive God’s love and Share it with others.**

As part of the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham, we are committed also to the vision of:

**Growing Disciples: wider, younger and deeper**

The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church complex of St. Ann with Emmanuel, Robin Hood Chase, St Ann’s, Nottingham NG3 4EY.

**2. Objectives and Activities**The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St Ann with Emmanuel. The church family welcomes visitors from within and outside the parish boundary. Visitors attend by personal choice, and it is our great pleasure to welcome anyone from all walks of life to take part in the life of the church. We believe that voluntary attendance to worship is a major demonstration of the public benefit of our activities.

When planning our activities for the year, the PCC have considered the Commission’s guidance on public benefit and the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

* Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
* Promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, social, evangelistic and, ecumenical
* Provision of pastoral care, occasional offices and practical support for people living in the parish.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church complex of St. Ann with Emmanuel.

The council has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, fully recognising its duty to have due regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

**3) Achievements and Performance –**

**3.1 Worship and Prayer –**

**Services**

All are welcome to attend our regular services. We offer a variety of service types to meet the needs of different members of our congregation and community. We have been pleased to see new faces joining our church this year, and also people joining our online services on YouTube or through our website:
Church website: [www.stannwithemmanuel.com](https://www.stannwithemmanuel.com)
Find us on Facebook : [St Ann with Emmanuel Church](https://www.facebook.com/stannwithemmanuel/?ref=bookmarks)
You Tube Channel: [www.youtube.com/channel/UC4tF-sOVw6UwPUyfRp8adug](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4tF-sOVw6UwPUyfRp8adug)

2021 has been another year of first online worship…
then indoors but socially distanced with masks on and no singing worship…
then finally back to some semblance of normality.

We continue to provide live-streamed services on YouTube for our own members who are unable to attend, as well as anyone who would like to join our services – from near or far: they are open to all. We have used our outside space more: singing outside after services, creating a beautiful Easter Garden for ourselves and our community and having Good Friday activities outdoors. We made a labyrinth in our car park, which was very popular with local children and adults. We put up an Easter trail around the area, which families and school children were invited to explore.
We also had regular ‘Quiet Communion’ services, and a weekly ‘Open Church’ (during lockdown) for prayer, reflection, and chat. Special services have been held at Easter and Christmas (including a make your own Christingle), Memorial, Remembrance, and the National Day of Reflection (March 23rd).

**Music/Tech**nology

Music remains an important part of our worship. We are blessed with and grateful to our experienced

4-part choir led by Peter Cook. Membership, though, has unfortunately dipped a little during Covid. In addition, we have a small worship group led by Sean Collins. As the pandemic took hold, we built up a good library of virtually recorded hymns and songs which we put to good use during services when we were unable to worship in church. As restrictions eased, live singing was reintroduced. This meant that key festivals were able to be held in church including our Carol Service. The choir sang suitable anthems (either recorded or live) at each festival.

Services continue to be streamed live via YouTube. We use a combination of 2 cameras, several microphones and sound and video mixing desks to achieve this. Recordings of all streamed services are available on YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4tF-sOVw6UwPUyfRp8adug> *Peter Cook*

**Fellowship**

* **Table Talk at Saturday breakfast** meets every two months, from March to November in the church lounge and hall and on Zoom for Zoom Table Talk and coffee in the month when we don’t meet at church. Members of this church and invited guests attends. We prepare a full English breakfast, prepared and cooked by a team of committed volunteers. As a church, we have continued to engage with the Diocesan and Bishop’s vision of Growing Disciples: Wider, Younger and Deeper. We have continued to use Table Talk resources ([www.table-talk.org](http://www.table-talk.org)) as the after-breakfast conversation tool, to help us to engage in meaningful conversations, as we explore the big and not so big questions of life. It’s always uplifting to hear how the Lord has moved amongst us, as we listen to each other’s opinions and reflection from their life journey’s. If you have not sampled the breakfast and table talk, you are most welcome. It’s a safe space to talk about your faith and share your experience of the Lord’s touch on your life. *The team: Dennis Dixon, Keith Adam, Densel Davy, David Alderson, and Maisie Harris*
* **Small Groups**: Some groups have met online, and some in person as we have explored some important aspects of faith and life together: Hosting Real Life for the diocese, The Wellbeing course in Lent, and Pastoral Principles Course. All are encouraged to join when we run these groups.
* **Renew Place of Welcome** Our Tuesday morning ‘Tea and Toast’, became “Coffee & Chat” (no Toast because of Covid!) when it reopened in June. We also became a Renew wellbeing space, where all are welcomed in to attend to their well-being by chatting, belonging, activities and optional quiet prayer times. We welcome people of all faiths & none, and seek to work with the community to alleviate loneliness and isolation.
* Tuesday **Afternoon Fellowship** began again in September and is a real support and strength to it’s members, who are mainly church people who enjoy spending time to worship and socialise together, but we are welcoming to all. There are usually 15/16 of us gathering for friendship & support. The first meeting of each new session is a service of Holy Communion. We start our weekly meetings with a period of prayer, Bible reading, hymns and Choruses, followed by our program - which is planned by all involved. The program this year has included various speakers, games and quizzes, sausage sizzle, afternoon tea party and a few outings to garden centres and Cods Scallops to enjoy a lunch of fish and chips! The last meeting of the year is our Christmas anthology which Sue organises. Many thanks to Sylvia Raven who organises the dates and plays the piano for each session. *Debbie*
* Our plans for a ‘**Family Church’**/messy church type event were put on hold due to COVID and we have not had capacity to begin again yet.

**3.2 Statistics –**

2021 Electoral Roll: **67**

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| **WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY** Sunday Church  | *Dec 2017* | Dec2018 | Dec 2019 | 2020 | **2021** |
| Children (0-10 years) | *12* | 20 | 17 | 19 | **12** |
| Young People (11-17 years) | *4* | 9 | 9 | 10 | **10** |
| Adults (18-69 years) | *30* | 35 | 50 | 55 | **51** |
| Adults (70+ years) | *31* | 33 | 31 | 28 | **30** |
| TOTAL | *77* | 97 | 108 | 112 | **103** |

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| **JOINING CHURCH** | **LEAVING CHURCH** |
|  | **Age 18+**  | **Under 18**  |  | **Age 18+**  | **Under 18** |
| Total  | 18 | 11 | Total  | 7 | 11  |

We enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life and commitment to Jesus Christ, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God’s blessing, and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and commend the deceased into God's keeping.

This year we have conducted 3 funerals in church, and 6 at local Crematoriums or Burial grounds. We saw 3 adult members confirmed at Southwell & Lenton. Planned baptisms are still on hold because of COVID.

**3.3 Children and Youth –**

* **Sundays:** We continued to deliver bits and pieces to the children during lockdown, including an Easter countdown calendar. The Sunday school leaders and helpers continued to let the children know they are loved and part of our church. Some children have moved away, and new families have joined. We are using the Scripture Union materials.
We advertised for Children and Families ministry assistant, and were pleased to appoint towards the end of the year Laura Redmond (2 hours: Under Fives) and Jerome Edwards (15 hours: Youth & Children). We look forward to seeing what God will do through them!
* **Little Hearts:** resumed in June, but we were very saddened that one of our leaders: Pastor Lynette Baxter from Heart Church died over the summer, so the team had to resume without Heart Church for a while. Local parents support has been essential and much appreciated. The group really helps many young families from our area, and is a significant connection with the community.

**3.4 The Church Building –**

* **Fabric**
We want our church to be open to our community for prayer and community activities. At the start of 2021 we went into a third lockdown which lasted several months. As a church we slowly started to welcome people back in June when the toddler group started up again.

Then in July the House of Pain wrestlers came back. The Ethiopian church and the Seventh Day Adventists started using our church in November.

The building remains in a generally satisfactory condition internally and externally. The furniture remains serviceable with a few chairs having cosmetic deterioration. The audio-visual system continues to work well. We are still live streaming our services on YouTube which seems to be popular.

The annual checks have been carried out on the lightening system. The portable appliances have been a PAT tested and the fire extinguishers are all fit for purpose. This year we have had 11 windows either replaced or refitted to the front and side of the building.

All of the lights in the main body of church were replaced with LEDs. It is much brighter - a big thanks to Densel, Sean, Peter and Leo.

I would also to thank Marcia and her gardening team who created our beautiful Easter Garden. The plan for next year is to finish off our painting project which includes the corridor, Choir vestry, Vicar’s vestry and the disabled toilet. Dave Staples

* **Lettings:** Closed because of COVID, in 2021 we began to gradually reopen, but only to trusted groups and with extra restrictions. SSBC, NHS services, House of Pain Wrestling resumed. We also acquired a new Ethiopian Evangelical fellowship who meet on a Sunday afternoon. The Central Nottingham 7th Day Adventists are also using the building on Saturday mornings while their building is being repaired.

**3.5 Pastoral Care –**

People continue to care for each other on an informal basis, and there are still groups which PCC and other church members have a responsibility to keep in contact with. This is of variable success, and we have sadly lost contact with a few people during COVID lockdowns. There is still a lot of care within the church, and reaching out into the community with regular collections for charities.
We enjoy opportunities to share together, and have celebrated birthdays of members in their 90’s, enjoyed Vicarage Tea parties, and a BBQ at the Davy’s, and were delighted to be able to hold our Thanksgiving supper again.

**Safeguarding**Kat Osborn continues to hold the post of Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO).
We have adopted the Church of England Promoting a Safe Church Safeguarding policy; the key information is displayed in the church and is available on the website. We try to make sure we are up to date with appropriate training and DBS checks for those working with children and PCC members.
Diocesan Safeguarding Officer is Julian Hodgson safeguarding@southwell.anglican.org or 01636 817205

**3.6 Partnerships –**

**Nottingham Citizens**The church has been working with Sycamore and St Ann’s primary schools, along with Nottingham citizens, on improving the Robin Hood Chase area. During May this year we joined the schools, with the support of Nottingham City Council, to renew the planter outside church, and decorate the area with hand shapes representing our hope and dreams for St Ann’s. This cheered up the area considerably – although unfortunately the weeds have grown through.

We continue to support work Citizens work on Fair wages, Mental Health and Anti-racism.

In the latter part of the year, we helped raise money for and then distributed a selection of Diverse books for all the schools in Nottingham.

**Charitable Support**As part of living out our life as disciples of Christ Jesus, we seek to help those in need.
Donation Points
Church members collect items for the St Ann’s & Sneinton Food Bank and for Mellor’s Lodge. We encourage everyone to regularly bring items of (non-perishable) food and toiletries to boxes on the porch. We have continued to collect during lockdown – when it has been greatly needed.
At Harvest we have a special collection of foodstuffs, which was donated to the Food Bank.

Bags of Blessings
We collect items for this charity in our December toy service, at Easter and other times when it is needed.

Mission Abroad
We also support Juan Carlos and Penny Marcés working for a Christian charity in Lima, Peru. We are planning to support TEAR fund, a Christian Aid agency as well.

Safe Families for Children
Kat Osborn is CEO of Safe Families East Midlands. This charity is active in our area and have helped us support families in church and Mellor’s Lodge. We continue to explore how we can support them more, and encourage church members to get involved with volunteering and helping children and families

* **Community Engagement**

We have kept up our good relationships with the Chase centre, the Food Bank, Renewal Trust, SSBC, the local schools and local councillors. We have helped with projects including delivering Christmas meals and packages. We joined in Carnival on the Chase, a fundraiser for Jo Brodsky, Christmas Light switch on, and we hosted the Nottingham Enclosure walk. We are delighted to be getting back in contact with the schools as restrictions cease, and plan to start our Experience programme again in 2022.

* **Ecumenical**

Some of our contacts did not really operate during the pandemic, although Chasewood Baptist and Church@Community joined in our Easter Sunrise service in the garden. In Lent we joined St Christopher’s, Sneinton using Wilderness materials and we shared a Zoom Maundy Thursday service.
Maureen met with Father Joe from the Roman Catholic parishes, and our first event together was carol singing round St Ann’s in December. We look forward to more joint events in the future.

* **Nottingham City Prayer**

The monthly city-wide prayer meetings have continued on Zoom. All are welcome to join with other Christians around the city – each third Thursday 7-8am. We also joined in ‘Thy Kingdom Come’ activities in Church, online and with the City prayer. NCT also promotes Christians getting involved in fostering with the 100 Homes campaign.

* **Social & Fundraising**

2021 was a mixed year for socialising as we still had to wear face masks, sanitise and maintain distance.

Our first fundraising event was via Zoom. This Easter event consisted of raffling hampers, naming the chick, and naming the rabbit. It went really well raising a good amount!

The church also collected gifts and Easter eggs, Christmas gifts and selection boxes for Bags of Blessing.
As a church this year we had a Christmas meal out at the Starting Gate, which we enjoyed. Our Christmas Fayre was very successful-as we were able to be together and socialise face-to-face. We had our usual tea, coffee and cake, tombola stalls, and Christmas hamper. There was also a chance to guess the name of the husky and Santa Claus was there with a sack full of goodies. We raised over £500.

I would like to thank Rose Davies and the ladies of the Toddler group who helped to set up, serve and sell from the stalls. Thank you also to Lauren who made her home-made gifts and Maureen for the craft table and everyone else who helped on the day. It was very successful with many of the community coming into church to enjoy the afternoon. *Debbie Staples*

3.7 **Nottingham South Deanery**

This year we have said goodbye to Rev’d Henry Curran (Wollaton Park), Rev’d Mike Forsyth (Chilwell), Rev’d Hannah Hall (St Saviour’s), Rev’d Naomi Hill (Sneinton St Christopher), Rev’d James Pacey (Carrington), Rev’d Dr Megan Smith (Lenton) and Rev’d George White (Trinity). We have welcomed Rev’d Toby Artis (Attenborough) and curates Rev’d Beau Brumley (Trinity), Rev’d Lynda Blakeley (Sneinton St Stephen) and Rev’d Amy Hughes (Trinity) to our Deanery. We were also pleased to congratulate Rev’d John Blakeley and Rev’d Naeem Bahadur on their appointments as Priests in Charge in Sneinton St Stephen with St Matthias and Radford All Souls and St Peter respectively. Rev’d Colin Bourne also retired as Vicar of Toton but remains as Area Dean.

The Deanery Leadership Team has continued to meet during the year to plan Synod and to discuss ways to support parishes in the Deanery – particularly those in vacancy.

Due to the COVID restrictions two of our Deanery Synod meetings were held online and one in person. On 9 February we met remotely with the aim of encouraging one another to look outwards in mission. We exchanged ideas and experiences, looking honestly at things that encouraged and discouraged us and then prayed together.

On 14 July we again met remotely for our Synod. We were joined by Rev’d Peter Huxtable who shared about his role as Bishop’s Advisor Urban for Estates Mission and how he could work with our parishes. Rev’d Dr Megan Smith and Rev’d Dr Richard Davey then shared about their work as University Chaplains.

On 18 November we met at Christ Church, Chilwell and were joined by Rev’d James Halstead who, as Diocesan Lead for the Church of England’s Living in Love and Faith initiative, explained the best ways of engaging with the range of resources which are available to parishes and facilitated discussions around experience of using these.

At this meeting we also confirmed the re-appointment of the following members of the DLT:

* Ex-officio Members:

Rev’d Colin Bourne (Area Dean), Kirsty Cowley (Deanery Administrator)

* Lay Chair: Elaine Hinchliffe
* Deanery Secretary: Peter Horne
* Deanery Treasurer: Gary Stephenson
* DLT Members: Rev’d Clive Burrows and Rev’d Tom Gillum.

This leaves two lay vacancies on DLT. In accordance with our local Rules, Synod also voted to allow DLT to co-opt two further lay and two further ordained members.

The Deanery has again paid a large percentage of its giving for ministry allocation (94.9% in 2021, compared to 87.9% in 2020). Every parish is to be thanked for their faithfulness in paying for the ministry received in this deanery, particularly in these difficult times.
*Rev’d Colin Bourne (Area Dean) and Elaine Hinchliffe (Lay Chair)*

4.) **Financial Review**

See Appendix 1: report and 2021 accounts from our treasurer *Stephen Allcock*

5.) **Volunteers and Staff**

As a church we want to include everyone and believe that *all of us* have a part to play in the church family life – so thank you to everyone who has done anything this year!

We are also grateful to all who have given financially over this year. It has been great to see such support for God’s work in this place, and we hope to do more and develop more as our capacity builds – thank you. Thanks to Stephen Allcock and Lindsey for their support as treasurers, as well as the Finance Team who count and pay bills (Maisie Harris, Susan & Ron Barkes and Densel Davy), and Peter Cook who administers our Gift Aid.

We were very sad to see Revd. Naomi Hill, our part time associate priest, leave us in September. We enjoyed a farewell picnic and pray for her in her new position in Slough.
We rejoiced with Edith Iheama when she was accepted to train for ordination but were deeply sad that this journey took her (and her lovely girls) to Clifton – but we pray for her as her training continues there.

Thankfully we still have Densel Davy as our Reader (LLM), and he continues to help lead the church with wisdom and the respect of the congregation. Rev Sonia Barron blesses us as a member of our church and shares in ministry when she can. We are also grateful to others who speak from time to time, as well as everyone who reads or prays or makes our music in services, and all who help behind the scenes in so many ways. Thank you to sacristan, welcomers, refreshment makers, technicians, children’s leaders and helpers, cleaners etc.

We enjoyed having students with us for placement during October: Kate Hough (ordinand), and Fola Sowunmi (LLM placement) who spent time learning, and assisting in ministry.

We are grateful to Peter Cook for leading our choir, and Sean Collins for our Worship group. Peter also manages the technology wonderfully, ably assisted by Sean, Tom Barron & a variety of camera operators (but we still need more people to join the ‘tech team’ please!)

Marcia Davy leads a wonderful informal gardening group who created an amazing Easter Garden (which got attention from Radio Nottingham and Notts TV) as well as generally keeping the church grounds neat and tidy – for us and our community.

Thanks to our Church Warden Kevin Redmond, and the many who help him, for keeping things in order during the year.

The Members of the Parochial Church Council wish to record their appreciation and thanks for the leadership of the Revd Maureen Collins. The Council and the whole church family are grateful for Maureen’s continuing commitment in helping us to receive God’s love and sharing it with others and for her encouragement and support.

6.) **Structure and Governance**

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Ann with Emmanuel the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (vicar), Churchwardens, the Licensed Lay Ministers, Deanery Synod members, and those elected by members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All of our congregation members are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll, and consider standing for election to the PCC. The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds are to be spent.

The full PCC met 6 times during the year, mostly on Zoom. The PCC groups (Finance, Worship, Fabric & Safety, Social & Fundraising, Youth & Children, Community & Mission) are encouraged to meet in-between, so the work of the PCC may be carried on and led by these working groups. The Standing Committee met as and when required and are responsible to the PCC, reporting back with their agreed recommendations.

7.) **Administrative Information**

St. Ann with Emmanuel Church is situated on The Chase, in St. Ann’s, Nottingham.
It is part of the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham within the Church of England.
The correspondence address is 17 Robin Hood Chase, St Ann’s, Nottingham, NG3 4EY.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity exempt from registration with the Charity Commission.
PCC Members are elected for a term of 3 years maximum. The APCM can decide to put a limit on the number of years elected members can serve on the PCC without a break and determine the length of that break.

PCC members relate to: Members of the church who they represent; The Vicar; Deanery Synod (Nottingham South); The Diocese (Southwell and Nottingham)

PCC members who have served from 25th October 2020 (because the date was late) then at our Zoom APCM in May 2021, Susan Barkes & Edith Iheama were re-elected, and there were no other changes.

***Ex Officio members***

*Incumbent:* Revd Maureen Collins
*Associate Priest:* Revd Naomi Hill
*Reader:* Densel Davy – Vice Chair
*Wardens:*  Kevin Redmond

***Elected members: 11***

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| **PCC Members** | **Elected until** |
| 1. Susan Barkes
 | 2024 |
| 1. Peter Cook
 | 2023 |
| 1. David Staples
 | 2022 |
| 1. Rebecca Anglin
 | 2023 |
| 1. David Alderson
 | 2022 |
| 1. Val Knowles – Deanery Synod Rep
 | 2023 |
| 1. Edith Iheama
 | 2024 |
| 1. Kat Osborn
 | 2022 |
| 1. Tom Barron – Deanery Synod Rep
 | 2023 |
| 1. Debbie Staples
 | 2022 |
| 1. Sean Collins – PCC Secretary
 | 2022 |
| *Co-opted:* Stephen Allcock, Treasurer |  |

We are grateful to each and every member of our Church

for the contribution they make to our Church family,

and to our communities,

as we receive God’s love and then share it with others.

May God help us ALL to be Salt and Light for Him

as we live our daily lives.