



The Churches of
**Legbourne
Woldmarsh**

**Annual Report and Accounts
for the Parochial Church Councils of
Legbourne
Raithby
Woldmarsh**



All Saints', Legbourne



St John the Baptist, Belleau



St Edith, North Reston



St Oswald, Strubby



St Peter, Raithby



St Vedast, Tathwell



St Martin, Withcall



St Nicholas, Swaby



St Andrew, South Thoresby

For the year ended
31st December 2021



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Aims and Purposes

Legbourne Parochial Church Council has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish of Legbourne the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, as well as the maintenance of the fabric of the church at Legbourne and the churchyards at Legbourne, Burwell and Muckton, and the church yard and cemetery at Little Cawthorpe.

Woldmarsh Parochial Church Council has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish of Woldmarsh the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, as well as the maintenance of the fabric of the churches and churchyards at Strubby, North Reston, Belleau, Swaby and South Thoresby and the churchyards at Gayton-le-Marsh, Aby, South Reston, Withern and Authorpe.

Raithby Parochial Church Council has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish of Raithby the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, as well as the maintenance of the fabric of the churches and churchyards at Raithby, Tathwell and Withcall and the churchyard at Haugham.

Objectives and Activities

Together the three parishes form the Benefice of Legbourne Woldmarsh, an Anglican Christian community, worshipping in - and working from - nine churches, in villages across the Lincolnshire Wolds and Marsh. We are inspired by the Bishop of Lincoln's call for 'faithful worship, confident discipleship and joyful service'. In our mission to the people here we seek particular encouragement from the mobile ministry of Jesus Christ amongst the rural communities of his homeland, as recorded in Luke 8: 'He went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God.' It is our sacred duty and joy to continue his work, aided by the Spirit, in the villages of Lincolnshire. As God's pilgrim people we move around our churches for worship, being prayerful, active and present in all of our communities. The PCCs are committed to inviting and enabling as many people as possible to worship in our church, to have access to the sacraments of the church and to become part of the Christian community.

In summary, we exist to

- communicate a comprehensive and glorious vision of God and the nature and purpose of his creation
- to help people to be formed into the image of Christ and to live out their faith as his disciples
- to nurture human flourishing and the common good according to God's will.

We primarily aim to achieve this by

- Worship, prayer and catechesis
- Provision of pastoral care
- Missionary and outreach work.

Achievements and Performance

Worship, Mission and Outreach

2021 was in many ways a year of two halves. As with the previous year, the Coronavirus pandemic had a significant impact on our common life. The year began with the announcement of a third national lockdown (January 6th). Whilst public worship could continue under strict conditions including social distancing, funeral and wedding attendance was limited to 30, where space allowed. Schools we not to reopen until March (almost a year on from the initial lockdown) and other indoor gatherings were forbidden. Indeed, it was not until May that gatherings of up to 30 were allowed, but outside only. In June restrictions on attending weddings and funerals were removed, and finally, on July 19th, all restrictions were revoked. Only then could we sing hymns again!

Of course, there was more to come, with the arrival of the Omicron variant in the autumn, which once again saw the wearing of masks become compulsory during church services, and affected much (but not all) of our Christmas programme. As this brief timeline reveals, it was only in the late summer that

we could begin to return to something like a 'normal' pattern. 'Freedom day' coincided with Fr James going on paternity leave, following the birth of Ivor. His return to duties and the lifting of restrictions made September feel like a new term and a new start for us all.

This unprecedented situation placed great strain on individuals, living under severe restraint and at a time of great anxiety, as well as on our parishes, cutting off our usual sources of fundraising and income, and limiting the ways in which our worshipping community could gather and grow. The pandemic also placed the church in a position of great responsibility, as we responded to the needs of the communities and institutions which we seek to serve.

It should not be underestimated what a great effort it was to keep public worship going in our benefice throughout that initial period. Worshippers had to be 2 metres apart at all times, washing their hands on entering and leaving, and wearing a face mask. Communion was given in one kind only, and the names of those attending recorded. There was a ban on singing hymns. It was decided that All Saints, Legbourne was the only church building suitable to host worship under these conditions, due to its size and location. It also made sense to focus on one location, where we could establish safe practice. The Sunday service was moved to the later time of 11am, due to time pressures on Fr James, and alternated between Holy Communion and Matins for the same reason (and also to offer a worshipping opportunity for those uncomfortable with Holy Communion).

The already depleted deanery clergy made the decision to continue on the trajectory that we had started on, and work as a united team to maintain a full weekly programme of worship and teaching, as well as pastoral care. Taking in turns to record and broadcast services online, the daily offices, including Wednesday evening compline and Saturday midday prayer, as well as two Eucharists and a homily were live-streamed or made available on the Parish of Louth website. It has been a steep learning curve regarding the use of this technology, aided by some investment at St James', Louth in an i-pad and better internet connection.

Occasional offices have been badly disrupted by the lockdown. The breakdown of these services are given below. On top of these, Fr James took 2 baptisms, 5 weddings and 17 funerals in other churches across the deanery.

Baptisms: Legbourne 2 Woldmarsh 5 Raithby 2
Weddings: Legbourne 0 Woldmarsh 1 Raithby 3
Funerals: Legbourne 6 Woldmarsh 3 Raithby 2

In January, Fr James was sworn in as Rural Dean of Louthesk. He also moved out of Legbourne Rectory and into the Rectory at Louth. This was seen as the only option to manage the situation, whereby he and Arabella, who was pregnant, were responsible now for thirty churches between them, including the Team Parish of Louth. Inevitable, many things became more centralised, such as the daily offices, which were now always held at St James', Louth. Fr James was also needed to provide ministerial support for vacant parishes, including Louth, Fotherby, South Elkington, North Somercotes and Grimoldby.

Our annual wedding preparation event for the deanery was organised by Fr James, but had to be held on Zoom, as did our deanery Lent course. Entitled 'Soul Songs', different members of the ministry team were invited to lead a session each in which they reflected on a favourite psalm. Each session ended with Compline.

Whilst only Fr James could attend the Chrism Mass at the cathedral, as the deanery's representative, and to collect the holy oils, a full Holy Week was kept, with the exception of the much-missed stations of the cross walk at Withcall. Daily communion, with a reflection, was held at St James', and Legbourne hosted the Liturgies of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day (plus the addition of a sunrise service and breakfast at St James').

On June 15th the Reverend Cameron Watt was licensed as part time interim priest-in-charge of the Team Parish of Louth. Whilst also holding a role with the national church training archdeacons, and

being based in Lincoln, Cameron's arrival has made a significant impact on Fr James' responsibilities (and well-being) and has brought with it a wealth of experience and understanding to the benefit of the deanery as a whole.

This year Fr James has also served as chaplain to the Mayor of Louth. Duties have included leading prayers at quarterly sessions of the Town Council, and a services to mark both the 100th anniversary of Louth's War Memorial in August, and the Armistice Day commemorations in November.

In early September, most of our churches took part in the now annual East Lindsey Churches Festival, for which Fr James sits on the organising committee. There was a great sense of pride and joy in being able to welcome pilgrims, who were so evidently appreciative of the unique beauty and history of our churches.

On Remembrance Sunday, we rejoiced in returning to our pre-pandemic pattern of Sunday worship, with a benefice Eucharist being at Legbourne on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, with the 2nd Sunday being hosted by Woldmarsh and the 4th by Raithby. Although we acknowledged that it will be difficult to sustain this forever, given the planned reduction of the number of clergy and reorganisation of the deanery ('Resourcing Sustainable Church' - see below), we decided that our smaller church communities needed re-engaging with, and our churches revived. This has by and large proved successful. A coffee filter machine was gifted by the Rector to improve the quality and ease of making coffee after services, which was reintroduced also at this time.

In September, and continuing our trajectory of restoring former habits, we were able to hold another concert at St Peter's, Raithby, and a gift day at All Saints', Legbourne (with refreshments and heritage display on offer to visitors) and harvest festival. Fr James addressed the Legbourne Parish Council's AGM on the current challenges faced by our churches, and the need for greater involvement from villagers. The Bishop of Lincoln hosted a garden party at Donnington Hall, at which 'pandemic heroes' were honoured, some of whom had been nominated by Fr James from our community.

A deanery All Souls' service was held in St James' on 31st October, to which all families of people whose funerals had been taken by our clergy over the past two years were invited, with a good attendance.

With the onset of the Omicron variant, masks were once again mandatory, but our Advent and Christmas programme was otherwise, unlike last year, largely unaffected: we began with Advent Carols for St Nicholas at Swaby, the Christmas Fair at Legbourne and a schoolchildren's Christingle service at All Saints' (welcoming East Wold back to church for the first in a long time!). Many of our churches organised carol singing, this year, as a sign of things to come, largely being lay-organised and led, such as at Belleau and South Thoresby. As well as the well-established village carols at Legbourne and Raithby, and the Midnight Mass at Legbourne, Fr James rejoiced in welcoming a packed-out church of families to All Saints' for the Crib Service on Christmas Eve. Christmas Day Communion was celebrated with similar joy at Tathwell.

Special thanks are owed to our Lay Reader Helen Marsden and benefice Safeguarding Officer for her dedicated ministry, and to Liz Marshall for enhancing our worship greatly with her organ playing. We are also grateful to Keith the tower captain at Legbourne and our team of bell ringers for announcing our worship so wonderfully; our flower arrangers and church cleaners, who help enhance the beauty of our churches and our worship, and our committed volunteers who cut and maintain the church yards. Fr James would also like to thank his colleagues who stepped in to provide cover during his paternity leave.

Deanery Synod and Resourcing Sustainable Church

The benefice is currently represented on Deanery Synod by 1 member of Legbourne PCC, as well as the incumbent and reader.

After a long pandemic-enforced lay-off, the deanery synod returned to meeting in September, when Fr James called a special 'Deanery Day', open to any who might be interested, to reflect on the deanery vision for the future, in the light of Resourcing Sustainable Church.

At this meeting, a Eucharist was celebrated, to mark our reunion for the first time since a Zoom meeting in November 2020. Fr James then gave a presentation on what Resourcing Sustainable Church is and began to suggest ways in which we as a deanery might best respond. The rest of the day was given to work both in small groups and as a whole, in discussing these ideas.

This was not the first time that we have had the opportunity to be consulted on RSC: the bishops had hosted zoom meetings for East Lindsey earlier in the year. Prior to this meeting, each PCC had been asked to decide upon what their church might look like in the future, by putting it into one of 5 church 'types'. The Deanery Day was a chance to report back on these decisions and bring everybody up to speed, and to share ideas and concerns for our own particular situation. In a nutshell, a financially-necessitated reduction of the number of stipendiary priests (to 3), along with the difficulty in attracting clergy, and the need to more effectively draw new people into the church, necessitates us to reimagine how we best deploy ministers and how equip our smaller churches to be more self-sufficient and locally-organised.

Follow up meetings were held in November between Fr James and the vacant benefices, to continue this conversation and preparation.

Given the low amount of parish share raised, a new method of giving is also being rolled out as part of RSC, whereby parishes are asked to pledge what they can (as generously as possible), rather than be given a bill. In October, representatives of each church met with our allotted 'covenant pastors', who explained this process more fully, and churches were instructed to get their pledges in to the diocese by the year's end.

A second meeting of the deanery synod was held in November. As well as approving the budget, voting to increase the parishes contributions to the running costs of the deanery office, and being updated on RSC, we welcomed Sarah Spencer, the diocese's environmental officer, to address the synod on how the church might respond to the environmental crisis.

This year Diocesan Synod elections were also held, with Reverends Cameron Watt, James Robinson and Patrick McEuen being elected to the House of Clergy, and Jenny Ballantyne, Steve Woodcock, Paul Hill and Rhona McEune being elected to the House of Laity.

In September, the Bishop of Lincoln paid a valedictory visit to the deanery, meeting with the wider ministry team for prayer and reflection, ahead of his retirement at the end of the year. We wish him and his wife Susan well for the next chapter of their life.

Pastoral Care

The lockdown restrictions have severely limited what visiting and face to face pastoral care could be offered, as well as at times making it for the most-part impossible to visit hospitals or care homes. Every effort has been made to keep contact with parishioners. A significant mailing list has been collated, with a weekly 'Worship at Home Newsletter' being emailed out to 70 addresses, containing readings, a sermon, notices and prayers. Fr James has offered his support to any who might be struggling, including local businesses and schools.

Following the gift of a tabernacle from the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament, a tabernacle has been installed in the chancel of All Saint's, Legbourne, so that the sacrament can be properly reserved for the sick and housebound.

A collecting box for the Community Larder, based at the Trinity Centre in Louth, is kept by the church entrance and regularly filled through donations and delivered to those who need it. During the lockdowns, the Trinity Centre became a focus for our pastoral work as a deanery, with food packages and medical deliveries being organised. A special collection was made from church members and schools as part of our harvest festival celebrations.

Helen's dedicated chaplaincy work at Ash Tree House care home in Withern has continued this year, albeit under difficult circumstances. She has expanded the number of care homes under her pastoral care, taking a lead on this important ministry for the deanery.

Sadly we have been unable to run the usual programme of social events that do so much good in maintaining well-being, such as the Strubby Lunch Club. Legbourne Friendship Club was able to restart in September

Work with schools and young people.

Fr James serves as *ex officio* school governor at East Wold Church of England Primary School, Legbourne, North Cockerington Primary School, and of St Margaret's, Withern. The church is further represented on this governing body by Diana Stovin, church warden of Belleau. Don Martin stepped down from his role of governor for St Margaret's and was thanked heartily for his service. Patricia Broadley joined the governing body for Legbourne and North Cockerington schools as the PCC's foundation governor, which is a wonderful thing for both the church and the schools.

The link between church and schools is to be treasured and nurtured. Every class room now has a cross on display in it, and the Christian identity of the schools is clear to any visitor through the display boards. Fr James takes responsibility on the governing boards for 'Church School Distinctiveness', and has met with both heads to discuss ways in which this might be developed.

Fr James had been going into all three schools of which he is governor at least once a fortnight to lead worship, as well as welcoming them to their respective local churches for services at Christmas, harvest, Easter and at the school year's ending. Sadly this has not been possible, because of Covid, with the schools being closed for long periods, or operating under tight safety restrictions. Fr James has worked hard to support children and staff under these trying circumstances. A considerable success of this year has been the provision of a weekly worship video, made by Fr James and his wife Arabella, which now gets sent out to around 10 schools across the deanery. This was watched by children when they were being homeschooled, and collectively in classrooms when schools were open again, and has kept the link alive between us. In fact it may well have grown our connections, and has certainly allowed for some creative ways of sharing the faith. This has meant that when restrictions began to ease, he has been invited into more schools to lead worship than he was before the pandemic! Harvest and Christmas services were taken at East Wold, Legbourne, St Margaret's Withern, North Cockerinton and North Somercotes, with others planned but cancelled due to the virus at St Michael's, Louth, Greenwich House, Louth and St Bernard's, Louth. As well as re-establishing the in-school pattern of worship at Legbourne and North Cockerington schools in the later half of the year, a highlight for Fr James has been the blessing of a special outdoor prayer space at Withern School.

Links with Red Hen Nursery, in Legbourne have also grown stronger. He was able to visit outdoors at Easter and Harvest time, when he was presented with a beautiful bread sheaf made by the children. For Christmas he welcomed the older children into All Saints' Church, to help him set up the nativity scene.

Church Fabric and Finance Reports

General note: two things to set out before the individual church reports. The first is to record that, with enormous effort and some heaviness of heart, we collected all our churches wedding registers,

some of which went back to the nineteenth century, and sent them to the County archives. This was a government requirement, following a change to a digitalised form of registering marriages.

Secondly, a significant piece of work was undertaken by our PCCs in placing our churches into a 'type'; an exercise intended to help with future clerical deployment and mission planning. The results are included below (and are not set in stone), but to explain, a key might be useful:

Type 1 - Key Mission Church

A large, flourishing, confident church, strategically located to serve a significant population and act as a resource/hub for a wider catchment area within the Local Mission Partnership (LMP). Capable of significant growth, multiple congregations, well resourced for worship, with high quality music, youth and family work, social action, area gatherings, teaching and mission. Able to cover its ministry costs and to contribute towards the cost of mission across the wider diocese. Good, accessible building and facilities. Spiritual reservoir for a large area, and an appetite to fulfil its role as a Key Mission Church for a wider area, working in partnership and collaboration with all other church types in its wider catchment area.

Type 2 - Local Mission Church

A flourishing, confident and well used church embedded in a specific village, town or area of a larger town, adequately resourced in skills and lay involvement. Everyone should have easy access to such a church. A clear sense of mission to a particular locality or a community, and a keen, prayerful and able active lay team with a commitment to growth and mission. Excellent and attractive welcome, regular worship and nurture, meeting diverse interests and stages of faith, social action and work with young people. Flexible and attractive buildings and resources. Commitment and ability to contribute financially to at least their share of the ministry they receive from the LMP collegial team, whose main focus such churches will be.

Type 3 - Community Church

A church whose community or active worshippers cannot support the full parish church role of Types 1 and 2, but is keen to keep open with some regular prayer and worship, with a good lay team to help deliver this, and to serve as a focus for the community, and for baptisms, weddings and funerals, and celebrations at key points of the liturgical year where possible. Able to cover the cost of stipendiary ministry received from the LMP, with a team of lay people able to fulfil all that is needed to enable the life of the church. The immediate worshiping community will have as rich a spiritual life as they want, locally led, and gaining wider engagement and worship opportunity through links with nearby mission churches, and other community churches, maybe in a rich, collaborative network.

Type 4 - Festival Church

Churches that want to continue as places of worship, but don't have the personnel, resources or regular congregation to have the level of worship and prayer of a Community Church. They will still need enough budget to pay a share contribution to be part of the active church family of the diocese, and they will need lay officers of their own or shared with other churches. They may be open for private prayer, used for a variety of community purposes, offer baptisms, weddings and funerals as part of their LMP, and may be a location for special "festival" events – harvest, carols, songs of praise, mission activities. The status is not permanent – if resources and will and need increase they can return to a fuller life. Local people may seek worship and fellowship in other nearby churches.

Type 5 - Churches exploring closure

A few communities will decide they can no longer sustain the responsibility of caring for a church building. Though this is sad and painful, unsustainable churches cannot be artificially kept alive. Some of these churches have huge architectural, historic, landscape and spiritual significance. There is a process involving wide consultation, and a search for alternative uses. What happens to a church depends on its importance and condition, what provision can be made, with partners, to keep it for public enjoyment, and how well it is suited to new uses. Closure cannot be allowed to create a new burden on the diocese, but if you have no lay officers and no money to maintain and insure a church, closure may be inevitable.

Parish of Legbourne: **All Saints' Church** was designated a type 3 (community) church.

Repairs to the church include repointing and replacing stones on the tower. Taking off the plaster on the west wall inside behind the font and replastering. Also replastering above the side altar. Extensive work was done to the drains on the North and West sides of the church with new soak-a-ways being constructed. Repairs and repainting of the rainwater goods was carried out. Annual services to fire extinguishers, lightning conductor, organ, heating boiler and PAT testing were all carried out.

We received two legacies. Cecily Davy £66,993.70 which was put in the fabric account and £1,000 from Joy Wallin which was put in the Churchyard Account.

The Walling legacy was used in part to buy a new heavy duty lawn motor for the church yard. The Davy legacy was used to help pay for repairs to the church (there is still £56,218 in the fabric account).

Collections from the group services held every week was paid to Lincoln for Parish Share for the benefice.

We are grateful to the ladies that have cleaned the church once a month and to Eric for winding the church clock. A huge thank you must also go to the group of men who keep the churchyard and especially the wildlife area well maintained.

Parish of Woldmarsh

St John the Baptist, Belleau was designated a type 4 (festival) church. No serious work was carried out on the church fabric, although issues raised by our last quinquennial inspection are planned to be addressed in 2022 (realigning of gutters, replacement of damp plaster. A wooden bench was installed in the churchyard in memory of Ruth Mason, a former resident of Belleau. This was donated by villagers. The wardens would again like to thank Geoffrey King for his hard work in cutting the grass at Any church yard, and to the volunteers who do similarly at Belleau. A push test on headstones was carried out in April at both churchyards, with no issues discovered.

St Nicholas, Swaby was designated a type 4 (festival) church.

St Andrew, South Thoresby was designated a type 4 (festival) church.

St Oswald, Strubby was designated a type 4 (festival) church. The decision was taken to no longer allow sheep to be kept in the churchyard. The electric organ has become faulty and needs replacing. It was with great sadness that we lost Arthur Farrow this year, a pillar of Strubby church for many years, both as church warden, congregant and benefactor. May he rest in peace.

St Edith, North Reston was designated a type 5 (to be closed) church. With no church wardens or resident worshipping community, dwindling funds and limited opportunity to grow, an initial meeting has been held with the diocese to begin the closure procedure. This involves two rounds of public consultation and could take as long as two years.

Parish of Raithby

St Peter, Raithby was designated a type 4 (festival) church. our finances are quite healthy and certainly for the time being we should be able to continue to pay our quota. Tony replaced some of the lights with LED ones and the clock has just been repaired. All in all, the fabric is sound. A new gate replaced one in poor condition and this was able to be done thanks to a generous donation from Jane Dickinson. Thank you to Tony for his weekly winding of the clock, to Rachel and Robert Wood for providing the mower, and to Theo's services in mowing the church yard.

St Vedast, Tathwell was designated a type 4 (festival) church. With Covid continuing to dominate proceedings, we sadly had another year without the Arts Festival. We did however hold two successful coffee mornings, raising money for Macmillan nurses and the Church. Sadly we lost Christopher Rolph, a former, long-standing church warden and supporter. He was largely responsible for setting up the annual arts exhibition, and raised funds for the roof, both of which safeguarded the church of today. On the fabric front, we have installed a staircase in the tower, thus responding to a need highlighted in our surveyor's report, ensuring safe and easy access for maintenance. Looking ahead, we will be exploring modest heating facilities for the building. Churchyard maintenance is an ongoing and considerable effort, taken on largely by our few volunteers, with contractor work called in for heavier jobs and tree surgery, the latter of which was gratefully funded by our local landowners.

St Martin, Withcall was designated a type 4 (festival) church. For the first time that we remember we made a small loss for the year, and this would have been more if we had paid the parish share in full.

Communication

The benefice website is regularly updated. Funded by the Diocese and managed by Fr James, it provides a necessary point of contact for people seeking information about our life and worship. It contains all service information as well as celebrating events and achievements.

One response to the lockdown was our 'Worship at Home Newsletter', which is emailed out to around 70 addresses every week.

The monthly notices, as well as a letter from Fr James and reports on church activities are included in Legbourne and Little Cawthorpe Newsletter, and the Gayt Post (village newsletter for Gayton-le-Marsh) which is widely distributed every month (lockdown allowing).

The Woldmarsh Parish Magazine has not yet been restarted since the first lockdown pressed pause on it, but it is hoped to make a return in 2022.

Financial Review

The unprecedented and unexpected outbreak of the Coronavirus pandemic has had a detrimental effect on our finances. Fundraising events have been often impossible, and service collections down due to reduced services and reduced numbers of those attending. The decision was made that it was only right and fair to use what collections were taken in services (now all held at All Saints', Legbourne) towards the benefice parish share. Certain legacies have been life-savers, but parishes have been cautious in the amount they have decided to pledge for 2022's parish share (in the manner explained above under 'Deanery Synod/Resourcing Sustainable Church'); with Legbourne pledging £6000, Woldmarsh £7000 and Raithby £4140, giving a total contribution of £17,140. Given that the 2021 request from the diocese from the benefice was £27,267.49 (of which we paid £16,687.74) and that a stipendiary priest costs £55,000 a year, it is easy to see why we are a long way from being able to afford a priest 'of our own' going forward. However, we can see from these figures that we have pledged and budgeted for 2022 to pay slightly more than we managed to give in 2021, which will be appreciated by the diocese as a step in the right direction, and perhaps as a vindication of the new covenant system.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. Membership of the PCCs consists of the incumbent (our rector Fr James), churchwardens, the reader and members of the electoral roll who have been elected by fellow members. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and consider standing for the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern to the parish, including deciding how the PCC funds are spent. New members will receive any necessary training and guidance.

Administrative Information

The parish of Legbourne is situated on the eastern edge of the Lincolnshire Wolds, south of the country market town of Louth. It is in the deanery of Louthesk and the Diocese of Lincoln, within the Church of England. The correspondence address is: The Rectory, Westgate, Louth, LN119YE. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956) and a charity currently excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served at any point in the calendar year ending December 2021 are:

Ex Officio members:

Incumbent: Fr James Robinson

Reader: Helen Marsden

Wardens: two positions, both vacant.

Elected members:

Hilary King (Treasurer)

Trish Broadly (Secretary)

Margaret Tointon

Janice Willrich

John Davenport

Glenys Gray

Daphne Rogers

Sheila Johnson

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Ex Officio members:

Incumbent: Fr James Robinson

Reader: Helen Marsden

Wardens: Diana Stovin and Michael Lamb (Belleau); Strubby - vacant; Swaby - vacant; Rebecca Morgan-Chan and Sandy Walpole (South Thoresby); North Reston – vacant

Elected members:

Beth King

The parish of Raithby is situated on the eastern edge of the Lincolnshire Wolds, to the south of the country market town of Louth. It is in the deanery of Louthesk and the Diocese of Lincoln, within the Church of England. The correspondence address is: The Rectory, Westgate, Louth, LN119YE. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956) and a charity currently excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

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Ex Officio members:

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Wardens: Mark Pocklington and Jeanette Dale (Raithby); Russell Howard (Tathwell); Henry Smith and David Martin (Withcall)

Elected members:

Barnie Canter (Secretary)

All Wardens and PCC members are sincerely thanked for their invaluable hard work and dedication.